



## Matthews State Forest Deer Hunting Workshop and Mentored Hunt

**Have you ever wanted to experience the thrill of watching the woods wake up and observe wildlife in their natural setting while hunting Virginia's favorite game animal, the whitetail deer?**

This is your chance! Join us to learn basic deer hunting skills and have a chance to go on a mentored deer hunt with an experienced deer hunter at the Matthews State Forest in Galax. This workshop and mentored hunt are for beginner youth hunters from 13 – 15 years of age, or any new hunter 16 years of age or older who plans to hunt for the first time with an apprentice license.

At our Deer Hunting Workshop on September 16, 2023, we will discuss and learn about deer biology and habits, scouting and hunting techniques, game laws, tree stand and firearm safety, as well as what to do after you harvest an animal. A small number of attendees will be drawn in a lottery to have the opportunity to participate in a mentored deer hunt at the Matthews State Forest on September 30, 2023. Participants under the age of 18 years of age that are selected for the mentored hunt will be required to have a parent or guardian present with them on the day of the hunt. Our afternoon session will be mostly outdoors, so dress appropriately for the weather.

Space is limited! Preregistration is required.

**Register Now:** <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/202642>

### **Deer Hunting Workshop**

September 16, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Matthews State Forest Office Building (106 Forestry Lane, Galax, Virginia 24333) **FREE LUNCH PROVIDED**

### **Mentored Deer Hunt**

September 30, 2023 – Matthews State Forest

(Students selected from the workshop to participate in the hunt will have a range day to be announced prior to the hunt.)



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