



# CLINTON DEVON ESTATES

## CONDUCTED DEER STALKING– CLINTON DEVON ESTATES

### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The Clinton Devon Estate is situated within the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and includes sections of the Jurassic Coast World heritage site. The Estate's woods and farmland produce a diverse habitat that is ideal for Roe Deer. Deer benefit from the benign weather enjoyed by the South West of England with associated high winter survival rates. Deer quality is steadily improving.
- 1.2 Estate deer management is primarily concerned with limiting damage to our young native broadleaved trees and protecting the native flora. Deer stalking should be regarded as sport and not as a trophy hunt and will include both on foot and high seat shooting. The stalker will be under the control of the Ranger and will be expected to shoot as directed by the Ranger.

### 2. CONDITIONS

2.1 The Permit will authorise the Holder:

To shoot specified deer in a part of Clinton Devon Estates on a certain date or between certain dates. Times and dates will be agreed by Clinton Devon Estates. Stalking will not take place at weekends or Bank Holidays.

2.2 The Conducted Stalker will be required to:

- a) Be accompanied by and act under the direction of the Clinton Estate Ranger.
- b) Use a rifle of a calibre not less than .240 inches/6.1mm and soft or hollow-nosed bullets with a published muzzle energy of not less than 1,700 foot pounds;
- c) Fire a group of sighting shots – on request – to within 10cm at 100 metres range to the satisfaction of the Estate Ranger or other authorised person;
- d) Produce – for inspection on request by the Estate Ranger or other authorised person – a valid Firearm Certificate, and third party insurance cover to the value of at least £5,000,000.

- e) Indemnify Clinton Devon Estates against any loss, injury or damage arising from the exercise of the permit.
- 2.3 Shooting from any vehicles or by artificial light is prohibited. At his own risk the Conducted Stalker may use any stands and seats provided by Clinton Devon Estates.
- 2.4 If an injured deer is encountered, it will be shot irrespective of the effect on the stalk. If, during shooting, the outing is spoilt as a result, the stalking fee may be waived and the Conducted Stalker offered another outing.
- 2.5 If a deer is wounded, stalking will stop until it has been despatched or otherwise accounted for. Dogs are kept for this purpose and the Conducted Stalker will not normally use his own dog.
- 2.6 The carcass will be the property of Clinton Devon Estates. Weight and other measurements of interest will be recorded officially. The Conducted Stalker will be free to purchase the carcass gralloched, at the current price from the Estate's larder covered by a Game Dealers' licence and he must then make his own arrangements for its removal.
- 2.7 The fees and charges are given in Section 3. They will be paid to the Estate Ranger or other authorised person and a receipt will be given.
- 2.8 While all the arrangements for satisfactory outings will be made in good faith, Clinton Devon Estates will give no guarantees of quality or numbers.
- 2.9 Clinton Devon Estates reserves the right to suspend or withdraw permission to stalk at any time and its decision in any matters arising from the granting of a conducted stalking agreement will be final.
- 2.10 Clinton Devon Estates reserves the right to vary these conditions and the charges.

### 3. CHARGES

#### Conducted Deer stalking outings

SPECIES	½ WEEK (5 STALKS)	FULL DAY (2 STALKS)	PER STALK & MON pm / FRI am
ROE DEER	£335	£135	£75

A ½ week stalking will comprise of a maximum of 5 stalks beginning after midday on the first day and finishing after the evening stalk on the third day

Prices are inclusive of VAT @ 20%

### 3.1 Success Charges

Roe Bucks will be charged according to the weight of the prepared head 24 hours after preparation. Weight will be assessed with the lower jaw removed and with the allowance of a 90 gram deduction for preferred cut.

<b>Weight</b>	<b>Success Charge</b>
From 0 to 199 gr	£75.00
From 200 to 249 gr	£160.00
From 250 to 299 gr	£250.00
From 300 to 350 gr	£350.00
From 351 to 399 gr	£450.00
From 400 to 449 gr	£580.00
From 450 to 500 gr	£680.00
Over 500 gr	£5.00 / gr

Roe Does                      £30.00

### 3.2 Other Charges

- a) If a Conducted Stalker wounds a deer, he will incur a penalty charge of not less than £30.
- b) If a deer is slightly wounded. (Hair is found but the animal goes away strongly without leaving a blood trail and will presumably recover). Pursuit is useless and the minimum penalty will be appropriate.
- c) If a deer is severely wounded (it is crippled and losing blood and a second shot is required). Pursuit is essential and any extra time spent in searching over and above the standard outing fee will be added to the penalty charge.
- d) If a deer is mortally wounded, but falls out of sight in dense cover, water or broken ground. A penalty is not appropriate, but any extra time spent in searching will be charged. If through darkness, rain or other contingencies the carcass cannot be recovered within 12 hours, the Conducted Stalker will be charged for it.

- e) If a deer is shot by the Permit Holder in such a way that the amount of usable venison is substantially reduced (or the carcass cannot be recovered within 12 hours) Clinton Devon Estates reserves the right to charge him the market price for the carcass, which then becomes his property.

#### **4. FIREARMS CERTIFICATES / FIREARM SECURITY**

It is now a legal requirement that all stalking clients entering Britain must be sponsored by an individual or an organisation. The sponsor is responsible for obtaining the client's firearm certificate.

Clinton Devon Estates will obtain certificates for their clients and the stalking clients should provide the following:

- a) Copies of the European Firearms Pass.
- b) The application must be made at least 12 weeks prior to the stalking date.
- c) The fee for issue of the permit is £25. Fees should be sent with the application at least 12 weeks before the stalking date.
- d) Overseas clients firearms will be kept overnight in the Clinton Devon Estates Safety Cabinet.

#### **5. BOOKING FEES / CANCELLATION**

- 5.1 The booking fee is £59, the balance to be paid at least 2 weeks before the stalking date.