

Scent Mistakes Bowhunters Make

One of the common mistakes hunters make is to leave their vehicle running while they walk to the back of the truck to get their bows and their backpacks. They fail to realize that all those exhaust fumes from their vehicles have been loaded into their scent-free suits.

Another mistake that hunters often make is riding their four-wheelers close to their tree stands, getting off the four-wheelers and then walking to their stands. They don't realize that all the odors from that seat and the four-wheeler also get loaded into the hunting suits.

Whenever you're ready to enter the woods, go to a spot 10 to 15 yards away from either your truck or four-wheeler, take your scent-free bag with your hunting clothes in it, and put on your fresh, unscented hunting clothes. Now your body is clean, your clothing is as clean and as scent-free as it can possibly be, and I'm ready to go hunting. If you don't change into scent-free clothes before you go to your hunting site, you are drastically increasing your odds for not seeing a deer.

Don't wear rubber boots. Have you ever wondered, "Why can your bird dog find me when I have on rubber boots? Why can I walk across an alfalfa field in rubber boots and a deer still smell me? Why will an older buck hit your trail when I've worn rubber boots and get spooked?" Deer have learned to associate the smell of rubber with hunters. For this reason, don't wear rubber boots, but instead wear Goretex Scent-Supprescent boots. But boots can still pick up odor that you haven't generated and leave it on the ground for the deer to smell.

Don't put your pants legs inside your boots. Putting your pants legs inside your boots will keep you from getting your pants leg wet, however, your pants leg will wick human odor up from your feet and put that odor into your pants where the deer can smell it. Even if you have a pair of Goretex Supprescent Boots on, you'll still dispense a tremendous amount of odor.

Having Goretex Supprescent in boots prevents odor from getting out of the boots. However, when you put your pants leg inside those boots, the odor from your feet come up the pants leg and go out into the environment. So in effect, you have cancelled out the Supprescent advantage that the Goretex boot gives you if you tuck your pants leg inside your boots. If you have Supprescent outerwear on, and you wear that outerwear over the boots instead of in the boots, any odor coming up from your feet will be suppressed.

Use the right coon urine on your boots when you go out in the woods. I always spray coon urine on your boots as a masking scent when I'm walking to a tree stand. Coon urine is a natural smell in the wild, and even if the outer part of your boots has picked up some odor, you can mask and replace that odor by spraying your boots thoroughly with coon urine. Coons walk everywhere the deer walk. Coons also climb trees. So if you spray your boots with coon urine, even if a deer smells it and follows it up to the tree that you are in, it won't get alarmed.

However, all coon urine is not created equally. The coon urine that is used to train coon dogs has a much stronger, ranker smell than the coon urine that is used by hunters. I prefer the Hunter's Specialties coon urine because it doesn't have as strong a smell as the coon urine that is used to

train coon dogs. I've actually seen deer spook from the extremely strong smell of coon urine that is used for training dogs.