



## OCTOBER WHITETAIL PROPERTY CHECKLIST

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**Access:** Be strict on entry/exit routes along with scent control and leave the ATV parked in the shed.

**Only Grab SD Cams to and From a Sit:** No unnecessary trips. It is far better to reduce the pressure on your land. Take does early, but on the edges and being more judicious as the month ticks on. If you put one down near a core area, go get it after dark.

**Save the Good Stuff:** Don't go into your best spots until later in the month. The fall shift is on now, and you don't want to bump that buck that is settling in on your land.

**Hunt the Cold Fronts:** Any drop of 10-15 degrees will spur activity in the woods. Going in on the tail end of rain is a great way to get in quietly and be there when the action starts.

**Hunt Your Natural Food Sources:** Acorns, apple and other fruit/soft mast trees can be a great hunt in early October.



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**Hunt When the Crops Come Off:** Keep an eye on the adjacent ag fields. Not only are they a source of food, but are also a lot of cover in the case of corn. Hunting timber edges around the area after the crops are gone is a great way to intercept a buck.

**Anticipate Prerut Activity:** About the last 10 days of October in the north. This is our favorite time to capture predictable buck movement as they work our mock scrape lines. Look for a cold front during this time and it is a must-hunt situation.

**Reach Out to an Aspiring Hunter:** Ask them to join you for a hunt or take them on a sponsored hunt. Maybe they are the one behind the trigger, or maybe they just watch. Either way, you are helping the next generation carry on the sport and hunting is always more fun with others.

**Relax and Enjoy:** The beauty of the month. It's easy to let the grind get to you, but take pause, look around and enjoy the sights and sounds of fall.

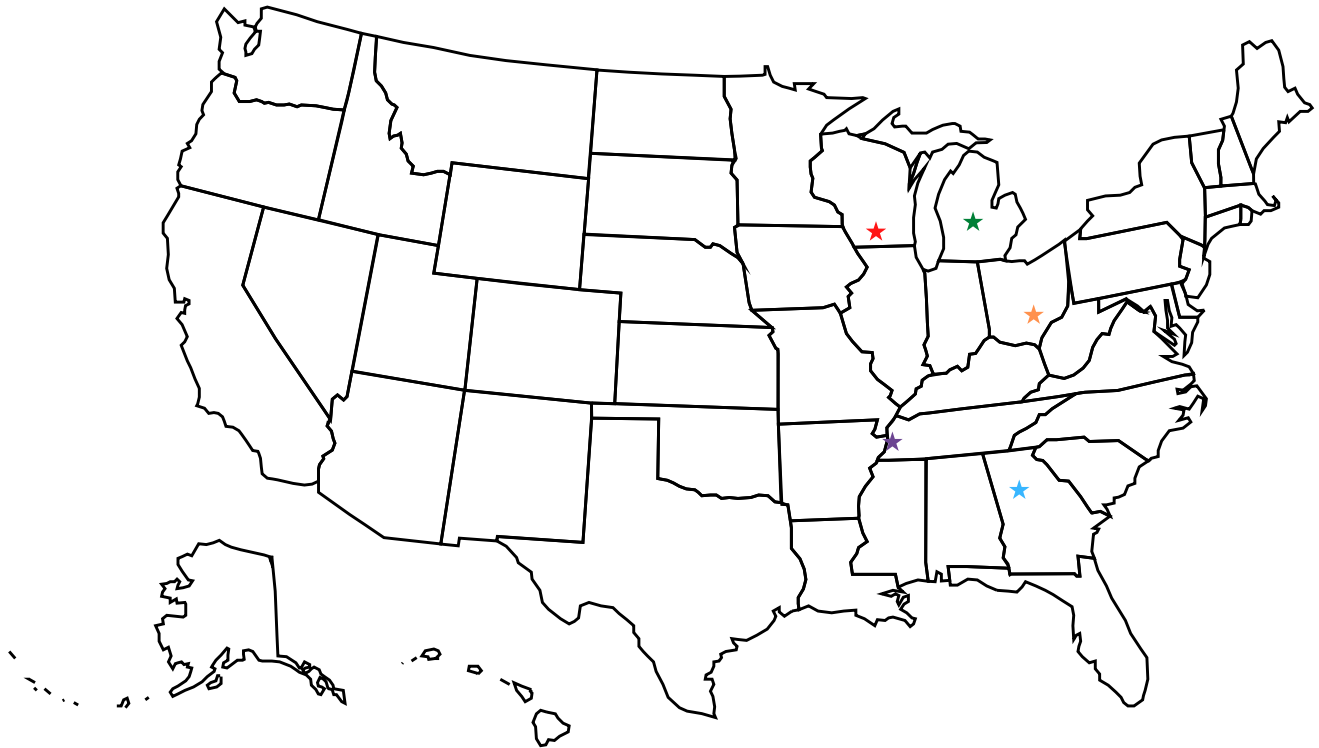


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Plan: Schedule your planning needs with one of our regional experts. Anything from a few hour Q&A session to a full on-site review and plan. Our calendars are quickly filling up!



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