



Using the Tree Stand Notice



1. Make sure you are on APPA land before proceeding. For tree stands (aka, deer stands) on private land adjacent to APPA, place a conspicuous "NO HUNTING" sign on APPA land.
2. If immediate law enforcement response is needed, call 911 or contact dispatch at 1-866-677-6677 and a ranger will call you back promptly.
3. Document and photograph the tree stand. Take GPS coordinates if possible.
4. Post one of the following notices, based on circumstances and your discretion, in a clear plastic bag and attach it to the tree the stand is attached to.
 - Abandoned Notice
 - Impound Notice
5. Hang a piece of flagging tape from the tree stand to make it easier to find.
6. Once out of the field, send in report to ranger staff and include photos, comprehensive information on the tree stands' location, appearance, and orientation to the boundary. It is best to include a copy of the completed encroachment report with your email. Email: APPA_Administration@nps.gov, use subject line "Tree Stand".
7. Wait a minimum of 30 days before revisiting the stand to remove (stand can be disassembled and left on site the day it is detected). If immediate removal is warranted, contact a ranger. The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) prescribes that the item need only be left unattended for 24 hours to be considered abandoned.
8. If the tree stand was removed, coordinate storage with a ranger. It will be held for a total of 60 days. After 60 days, it will be destroyed in accordance with the National Park Service policy on abandoned property.
9. Removal of anything other than a simple tree stand (e.g., game camera, tent, or other "camping" items) should be discussed with a ranger prior to any actions.
10. Carefully evaluate whether a tree stand can be safely removed (e.g., rotten structure, dead tree, etc.). Do not remove unless safe to do so.
11. Maintain situational awareness while removing and transporting the tree stand. If possible, have at least two people involved in the removal. Keep in mind that a confrontation with the tree stand owner is possible.
12. Under no circumstances can you sell or otherwise profit from the tree stand.



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