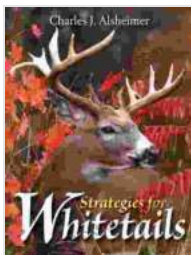


Strategies For Whitetails: Charles Alsheimer's Proven Techniques for Hunting White-Tailed Deer

Charles Alsheimer is one of the most respected whitetail hunting experts in the world. He has spent decades studying white-tailed deer and developing proven strategies for hunting them successfully. In his book, *Strategies For Whitetails*, Alsheimer shares his knowledge and experience with hunters of all levels.



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Habitat Selection

One of the most important factors in successful whitetail hunting is habitat selection. White-tailed deer are creatures of habit, and they tend to stay in areas that provide them with food, cover, and water. Alsheimer recommends scouting potential hunting areas thoroughly before the season starts to identify areas where deer are likely to be found.

When scouting, pay attention to the following factors:

- **Food sources:** White-tailed deer are primarily browsers, and they feed on a variety of plants, including acorns, twigs, leaves, and fruits. Look for areas with abundant food sources, such as oak forests, agricultural fields, and clearings.
- **Cover:** White-tailed deer need cover to hide from predators and the elements. Look for areas with dense vegetation, such as thickets, brushy draws, and swamps.
- **Water sources:** White-tailed deer need water to drink and to wallow in. Look for areas near water sources, such as streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes.

Stand Placement

Once you have identified potential hunting areas, the next step is to place your stands. Alsheimer recommends placing stands in areas where deer are likely to travel, such as trails, crossings, and feeding areas. When placing stands, pay attention to the following factors:

- **Wind direction:** Deer have a keen sense of smell, so it is important to place your stands downwind from where you expect deer to come from.
- **Thermals:** Thermals are rising currents of warm air. Deer often travel along thermals, so it is a good idea to place your stands in areas where thermals are likely to occur.
- **Cover:** Make sure your stands are well-concealed from deer. Use natural cover, such as trees, brush, and rocks, to hide your stand.

Scent Control

Scent control is one of the most important aspects of successful whitetail hunting. Deer have a keen sense of smell, and they can easily detect human scent. To avoid spooking deer, it is important to practice good scent control.

Here are some tips for scent control:

- **Wash your clothes in scent-free detergent:** Regular detergents contain chemicals that can attract deer. Wash your hunting clothes in scent-free detergent and let them air dry.
- **Use scent-free deodorant and soap:** Scented deodorants and soaps can also attract deer. Use scent-free products when hunting.
- **Cover your skin:** Deer can also detect human scent on your skin. Cover your skin with scent-blocking lotion or clothing.
- **Be aware of the wind:** As mentioned above, deer have a keen sense of smell. Be aware of the wind direction when hunting and avoid moving in a way that will blow your scent towards deer.

Other Hunting Techniques

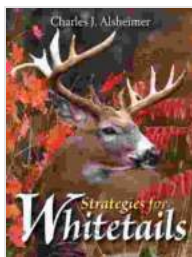
In addition to habitat selection, stand placement, and scent control, there are a number of other hunting techniques that can help you increase your chances of success. These techniques include:

- **Still-hunting:** Still-hunting is a technique that involves moving slowly and quietly through the woods in search of deer. Still-hunting is a good way to get close to deer without spooking them.

- **Stalking:** Stalking is a technique that involves following deer at a distance until you get close enough for a shot. Stalking is a challenging technique, but it can be very rewarding.
- **Calling:** Calling is a technique that involves using a deer call to attract deer. Calling can be an effective way to get deer close enough for a shot, but it is important to use it sparingly.
- **Rattling:** Rattling is a technique that involves using antlers to mimic the sound of two bucks fighting. Rattling can be an effective way to attract bucks during the rut.

Whitetail hunting is a challenging but rewarding sport. By following the strategies outlined in this article, you can increase your chances of success in the field.

Good luck and happy hunting!



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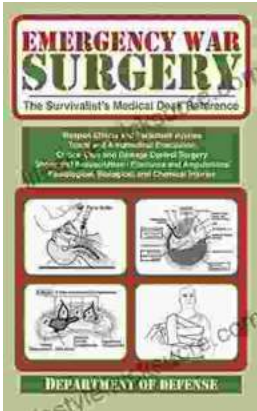
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