



GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS FOR USE OF THE WESTERN SLOPE

WHO IS PERMITTED TO USE THE WESTERN SLOPE?

- Gold Card & MPOA property owners (current) and up to three guests.
Guests must be accompanied by the property owner while using the Western Slope.
- Full-time employee passholders (IRS dependent privileges).
- Part-time employee passholder (no guest privileges).
- RCI exchange, non-gold card owners, and their guests (during week of stay only).
- Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) members with a current Western Slope pass.

WHEN CAN THE WESTERN SLOPE BE USED?

- **Hunting** (muzzleloader, bow, & rifle season) No firearms allowed until start of muzzleloader season.
View hunting season dates @ dwr.virginia.gov/hunting/regulations/deer
- **Wilderness Camping**—Register at Security Office.
- **Hiking**—Strongly discouraged during hunting season (except on Sundays).
- **Biking**—Available from approximately the second week of January until the last week into October.
No biking on Mondays - Saturdays from 30 minutes before and after sunset during muzzleloader or rifle season. Open on Sundays during hunting season.
- **E-bikes**—Class 1 (pedal assist under 20 mph) e-bikes are permitted on Western Slope trails.
E-bikes of any classification are not permitted on National Forest Trails, which includes Kaylor's Knob trail past intersection H and Laird's Downhill past intersection G.

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- No firearms allowed until the start of muzzleloader season.
- Great Eastern Resort Management does not permit hunting on Sundays.
- State hunting permits are required.
- All state and local laws apply.
- Permits and identification must be carried on person at all times and must be presented if requested by Great Eastern Resort Management Security/Property Agent, local law enforcement, or a representative of Great Eastern Resort Management.
- Persons without proper permits and identification will be asked to leave the property and could be charged with trespassing.
- Guests of property owners not accompanied by a property owner will lose all Western Slope privileges.
- Absolutely no vehicle access of any kind is permitted (includes vehicle and ATV).
- Horses are not permitted on the Western Slope.
- Access is at the discretion of Great Eastern Resort Management and may be restricted, withheld, or terminated at any time without notice.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Parking for use of Western Slope is available on the Keezletown side of the mountain.
Valid vehicle pass must be visible.
- Western Slope maps are available at the Concierge Desk, Mountain Bike Shop, Family Adventure Park, or online @ www.massresort.com/play/mountain-biking/western-slope/
- Hunting permits issued at Resort Security Office.
- **Biking/hiking**—have your owner, employee or special use pass on you.
- Hiking & mountain bike day permits are available for purchase at Western Slope parking area, Mountain Bike Shop, or online @ svbcoalition.org/our-riding/mountain-biking/massanutten/
- All dogs must be on a leash and owners must pack out their dog's waste.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONT.

- Please close all gates.
- No open fires (unless authorized by Resort Security Office).
- Bag your trash (pack in, pack out).
- Great Eastern Resort Management does not own all land on Western Slope. Be aware of your location.
- No trespassing on posted property within Western Slope. Please observe posted signs.
- “Field dressing,” “gutting” and “skinning” are prohibited on the Western Slope and all Massanutten Property (unless responsibly disposed of). Please refer to our list of local meat processors for further info.
- Great Eastern Resort Management Security and local law enforcement patrol property.
- Questions may be answered by the Resort Security Office: 540.289.4054.

WESTERN SLOPE: COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: HOW DO I GO ABOUT CAMPING ON THE WESTERN SLOPE?

A: As long as you are a property owner or employee, register at the the Security Office and let them know that you would like to camp. Bring your Property Owner ID (current) or Employee ID (current) with you. You will be asked to fill out a camper information form letting us know who will be camping and for how long. There is no fee for camping, but be aware that everything is primitive—no electricity or running water on the Western Slope. All open fires must be approved through the Security Department. Hunting season may be limited or a consolidated location.

Q: IS THERE A PLACE FOR ME TO SHOWER WHILE CAMPING?

A: There is no running water on the Western Slope, however, as property owners, you are to use the resort recreation facilities with your Gold Card Owner ID (current)—including the showers, pools, etc. You must have your Gold Card to gain entrance to these facilities. There is a guest fee if outside of your normal week of stay on the Resort.

Q: CAN I CAMP DURING HUNTING SEASON?

A: Camping is strongly discouraged during hunting season for your own safety, but hunters may camp at their own risk. It is recommended that tents be pitched at the bottom at the western slope, near the parking area. This area is the least likely to have active hunting. Hunting season may be limited or a consolidated location.

Q: WHO IS ALLOWED TO HUNT ON THE WESTERN SLOPE?

A: ****see ‘WHO CAN USE’ forms for information on this matter****

Q: WHEN IS HUNTING SEASON?

A: We follow normal Virginia State guidelines for hunting seasons with only one exception—we do not allow firearms of any kind on the property before the start of muzzleloader season. We understand that this may cut out a few early or late seasons, however we allow hiking and mountain biking outside of these dates and we would like everyone to keep safe. “Firearms in Use” signs will be posted the evening before muzzleloader season starts. The trails are closed everyday from the start of muzzleloader season through the first weekend of January, except Sundays for hiking and biking. SUNDAYS - Hunting is NOT permitted on property! Permits to hunt on the Western Slope usually start to be issued around the end of September in preparation for the early archery season.

Q: CAN I BRING MY 4-WHEELER WITH ME ON THE WESTERN SLOPE?

A: No. Absolutely no motorized vehicles are allowed. There are two parking locations—one at the bottom gate in Keezletown and one at the top gate at the Del Webb Overlook (directions available at the Security Office). You must hike everything you need in with you.

WESTERN SLOPE: COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONT.

Q: IF THERE ARE NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED ON THE WESTERN SLOPE, HOW CAN I RETRIEVE A LARGE KILL OBTAINED WHILE LAWFULLY HUNTING?

A: We encourage the use of game carts. However if you harvest a large kill that is too large for a game cart, drag it as close as you can to the side of the gravel road (ready to load). You then may contact the Security Office (540.289.4054). If a Security Officer is available, they can assist you by opening a gate to access the gravel road going through the Western Slope to pick up the harvest. You must have your own vehicle and load the harvest yourself.

Q: IF I AM NOT AN OWNER AT MASSANUTTEN RESORT, BUT AN OWNER AT PRESIDENTIAL WILDERNESS RESORT (MASSANUTTEN'S SISTER RESORT) DO I HAVE ACCESS TO THE WESTERN SLOPE?

A: Yes. You have the same privileges as a Massanutten Owner. You must provide your owner ID card when applying for the hunting permit.

Q: I AM A CURRENT GOLD CARD OWNER, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LARGE GROUP (FAMILY REUNION, SCOUTS, CHURCH) CAMPING WITH ME ON THE WESTERN SLOPE. IS THIS POSSIBLE?

A: Although as an owner you have access to the Western Slope, special permission is required for anyone other than your immediate family or other owners to camp or even be on the Western Slope. If you are planning for a large group to camp on the Western Slope, you MUST contact the Security Manager and get prior approval before arrival. Insurance liability proof and latrine approval must be secured and approved prior to the selected date(s).

Q: CAN I USE THE WESTERN SLOPE FOR TARGET PRACTICE (BOW OR FIREARMS)?

A: No. Even if there are no hikers, bikers, or campers on the Western Slope the discharge of a weapon for any reason other than lawful hunting is prohibited.

Q: WHERE CAN I PARK TO ACCESS THE WESTERN SLOPE?

A: There are two different ways to access the Western Slope. You may take Del Webb Drive to the overlook to access the Western Slope from the top. There is a gated gravel road that you may follow (on foot) to the Western Slope trails. If you wish to enter the Western Slope on the bottom, take a right onto Route 33 west. Follow 33 west for approximately 10 minutes, and then take a right onto Route 620. Keep following Route 620 for approximately 2.7 miles. The road will veer to the right after the railroad tracks - veer to the right to stay on Route 620 and continue to Happy Valley Road (Route 758). Access to the Western Slope is 1.5 miles on Happy Valley Road. You will see an old guardhouse and the parking area is immediately after that on your right.

Q: I HAVE MADE A KILL, AND NOW I NEED TO FIELD DRESS THE HARVEST. WHERE CAN I DO THIS?

A: Field dressing, "gutting", and "skinning" are prohibited on the Western Slope and all Massanutten Property. You may dress your harvest only if you properly discard animal remains. Please refer to our list of local meat processors for further information.

Q: WHO DO I CALL WITH FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE WESTERN SLOPE?

A: The Resort Security Office (located in Hotel 6)
Phone: 540.289.4054

