

# CAUTION:

**People in this area may be participating in hunting activities.**

## **Tips to stay safe when hiking during hunting season:**

**Wear bright clothing.** Make yourself more visible by choosing colors that stand out, like red, orange, or green, and avoid blacks, browns, earth-toned greens, and animal colors.

**Make noise.** Whistle, sing, or carry on a conversation to alert hunters to your presence. Sound carries well across mountain basins, and hunters are listening for any sounds of animal movement.

**Make yourself known.** If you do hear shooting, raise your voice and let hunters know that you are in the vicinity.

**Know hunting season schedules and locations.** Continue to hike, but learn about where and when hunting is taking place. Bear season begins September 1st, followed a couple weeks later by grouse, deer, and several other species. November is the high point of hunting season.

**Know your own comfort level.** If the idea of hiking during any hunting season makes you uneasy, choose a hike in a location where hunting is not allowed.

**If you hike with a dog,** keep the dog on leash and consider having the dog wear a brightly-colored pack, coat, or an orange t-shirt.