

Step Outdoors

Some of the key points when constructing a natural blind;

- They are usually built in a circular or rectangular shape.
- There is an opening providing access into and out of the blind.
- The sides need to be high enough to obscure most of the hunter's body, but not too high that you can't see and shoot over them.
- It is more comfortable when you make the blind big enough to accommodate a folding chair.

Some points to consider;

- When you cut branches to form part of the blind, the scent of the cut leaves and branches helps to mask your own scent
- Taking some camo netting with you can quickly convert some branches into a natural blind. The netting has almost no weight and helps provide additional cover

ACTIVITY

Create a Ground Blind:

In a wilderness area, choose a location where you can identify an animal trail. A short distance (15-20) meters away start to build a small blind using available materials. The blind should offer concealment and still allow ample shot opportunities and clearance for equipment. Understory and noisy turf should be cleared away as to allow quiet movement.

If they are available, consider using evergreen trees as a blind as they usually have more cover than the hardwoods. Conifers such as Spruce also provide excellent cover as often the branches grow right to the ground



EXTENSION

Make a note of the varied terrain and the visibility offered by the blind location. Construct natural barriers to funnel animals towards the selected blind site. Make a note of how the blind changes as the season progresses. Utilize lightweight Camouflage cloth material to construct a ready made blind. All blinds should be in place well before the season to allow animals to become accustomed to the changes.

REFERENCES

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