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Subject: HUNTING at ORDWAY.

Each year at this season there is the annual movement of hunters into the fields and forests in quest of game birds and animals. In the past the land which comprises Ordway has been rather heavily hunted for pheasants and deer. Hunting is not permitted now.

It is a regrettable annoyance that there are still those who intrude onto the property for the purpose either of hunting or of exercising their dogs and guns. It is difficult to appeal to such persons and signs are almost meaningless to them for either they do not see them or they blast them apart with their shotguns or they do not understand that they are also included in the No Trespassing admonition. To such persons the most understandable measure is constant surveillance and the possibility of being cited for a breach of hunting and trespassing laws.

While it should be self-evident that hunting is not compatible with "natural history study" nevertheless it seems necessary to point out frequently that hunting is strictly forbidden at Ordway (this includes such "innouous" implements as slingshots and air rifles). This rule is in accordance with our policies, which are based upon the most sensible use of the property for the purpose of furthering our students' learning in biology and the other natural sciences.

It is not our purpose here either to support or to castigate the ancient institution of hunting; it is not a simple matter and there is no obvious answer to "solve" all the problems implied from it. What is obvious, though, is the incompatibility between hunting and nature studies.



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