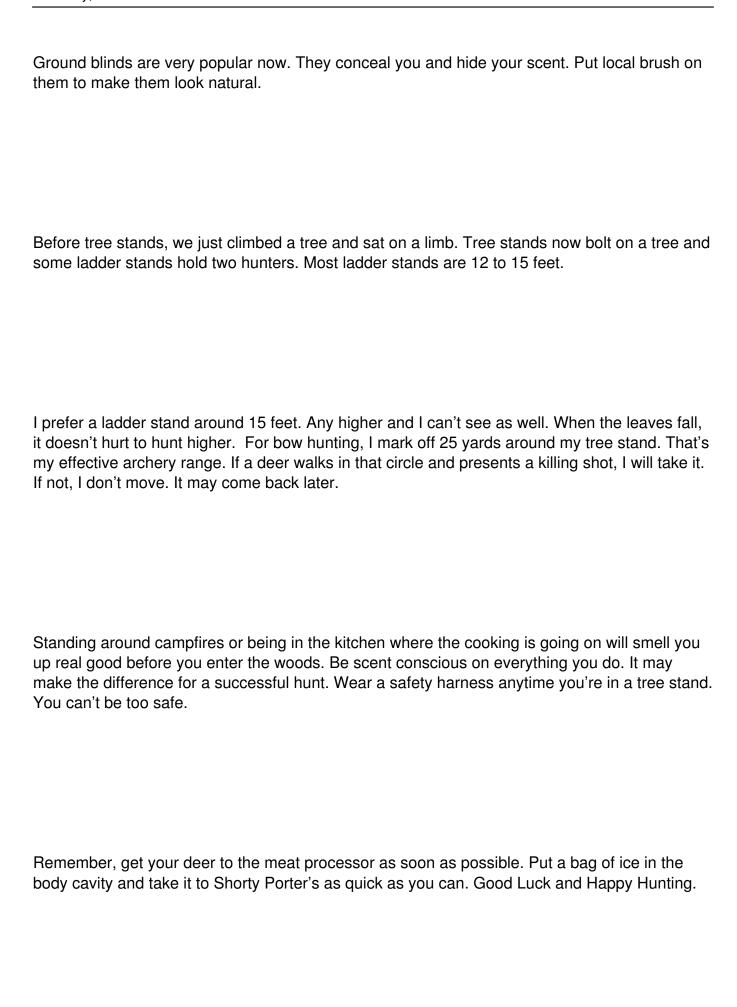
My first introduction to using a deer scent was hunting the McAlester Navy Ammunition Depot in the late '60s. It was Pete Rickard's Doe Lure. It definitely worked; I never saw so many deer check it out during the two-day hunt. That made a lasting impression on me. I have been using deer lure and scent-control products ever since.

Millions of dollars of scent-free clothing is sold today. You can also do everything to stay as scent-free as you can. I put my hunting camo clothes in a plastic bag with a pine bow to give them a natural flavor. Watch about gassing up the truck on the way to the woods or stepping on gasoline around the pump. Mike Cowling always drags a heavily scented rag on the way to his stand. It works and he has killed several deer that way.

I always place scent near a scrape or trail 20 yards or less from my tree stand. Lately, I have been using Active Scrape, a scent dripper that will keep it fresh for two weeks. I also use Trail's End Doe in Heat scent on a drag rag or by hanging it off a tree limb. Hugo's Wal-Mart has a whole wall of Tink's and several varieties of scent-attractant lures.

You can also find spray scent remover and soap that will leave no detergent smell on your hunting clothes. A twig stuck in your hat won't hurt anything, either. Check the wind. I use a puff bottle to check the wind. Always approach your stand walking into the wind. Every time I see a deer or hear a shot, I check my watch for the time. It gives me an idea when deer are moving. The best times to hunt are sunrise, mid-morning, noon and dusk. A deer can show up at any time – always be ready.



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