



# NI Deer Stalking Training Course

## At a glance...

### Assessed Customised Provision

Duration Notes:	Two day training course with prior study of online training manual.
Delivery Method:	Practical observation and assessment
Recognised by:	Police Service for Northern Ireland and Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland.

### Introduction

The Country Sports Ireland NI Deer Stalking Training Course has been developed by leading experts to specifically meet the training needs of those people who wish to participate in deer stalking in Northern Ireland. Course content covers all relevant aspects of Northern Ireland's firearms, wildlife, animal welfare and food safety laws. There is also substantial content on safe and accurate shooting, deer biology, species identification, common parasites and diseases found in wild deer species in Northern Ireland.

### Overview in brief

The Country Sports Ireland NI Deer Stalking Training Course is accepted by the Police Service for Northern Ireland as part of the criteria for issuing a firearms certificate to enable possession a deer legal calibre rifle for hunting purposes. The Country Sports Ireland NI Deer Stalking Training Course is also accepted by the Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland as meeting the requirements of EU regulations relating to training of persons who hunt wild game, with a view to placing it on the market for human consumption. Therefore successful learners will be able to supply wild deer carcasses to an Approved Game Handling Establishment.

### The finer details

Every learner receives free access to a unique online training manual upon booking and also attends a two day training course which includes detailed presentations and practical demonstrations, covering all relevant aspects of deer stalking and management of wild deer species in NI.

There are three aspects of assessment:





1. Written Assessments – multiple choice written assessments
2. Shoot Assessment – using a deer legal calibre rifle
3. Safety Assessment – a simulated stalk under supervision of instructor

Successful learners will receive a certificate of competence.

## Who should attend?

Those who:

- Wish to substantially develop their knowledge of wild deer and deer stalking.
- Intend applying to the PSNI for a firearms certificate to enable possession of a deer legal calibre rifle.
- Intend to supply deer carcasses to an Approved Game Handling Establishment.

## What will be covered?

The Country Sports Ireland NI Deer Stalking Training Course will cover the following:

- Basic deer management
- Deer species, identification anatomy, physiology and behaviour
- Legislation - firearms, wildlife, animal welfare
- Safety
- Ballistics and factors contributing to shooting performance
- Trained hunter – game meat hygiene rules
- Inspection, transportation and storage of carcasses
- Identification of notifiable diseases and parasites in deer

## Other areas of interest

[Large Wild Game \(Deer\) Meat Hygiene](#)



For further information or to make a booking please visit the 'Deer Stalker Training' section of the Country Sports Ireland website [www.countrysportsireland.org](http://www.countrysportsireland.org)



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