



White-tailed Deer: Interesting Facts

- Deer in Pennsylvania were almost gone from the state by the late 1800s due to over-harvest and destruction of habitat. Deer at Valley Forge were reportedly observed in small numbers by 1939.
- Well nourished bucks' antlers start to sprout in April and can grow more than ½” per day. Antlers fall off between January and March and re-grow each year.
- Their large ears can rotate 180 degrees and pick up high frequency sounds.
- Deer are very good swimmers and can easily swim across rivers and lakes at a pace of 10 mph.
- The white-tailed deer is a ruminant, like cows and goats. Its stomach has four chambers for digesting food.
- Once a deer has established his/her territory they will generally not leave.
- Deer can live up to 11 years of age in the wild.
- Deer population under good conditions can double in size annually.
- Deer can scent humans for days after we leave the woods.
- Deer can run up to 35mph with a stride length as much as 25 feet.
- Deer can hear a predator making noise from over 100 yards away.