

Hamburger Hill

We all seem to have it, the “go to” spot around our hunting grounds and at our Camp. Ours is known simply as Hamburger Hill

We have a spot on our property that seems to be the perfect place. When you are down or need a change, you switch up and you go to the “hamburger hill”. This spot consist of a stand in a tree and a box blind on the ground in an area where we have taken a few deer and almost always seems to produce sightings of deer at the very least.

During the rifle season of 2007, I was sitting on stand in another part of the property and my cousin Bryan was in the Hamburger hill spot and had shot a 5 point at 8 am. My spot was not doing so well, and we had limited time left to hunt, so when I got back to camp and helped him get his deer hung he said I should take the spot for the afternoon hunt. I did and at 3 pm I shot another 5 point that had a broken rack!

Just a few years back it was the last day we would be hunting and I wanted to fill a doe tag. I knew right where I wanted to go. The “Hamburger hill” spot. As the darkness fell, sure enough, a doe stepped in and I filled that tag! My brother Terry did the same thing. He hunted that stand on the last evening he had to fill a tag and right before dark he too connected on a doe.

This spot also has produced many firsts at the camp. I was sitting there in a box blind with Chris, a friend of mine that I introduced to hunting, when he shot his first spike! Now that was a good feeling to be able to pass onto a new hunter the feelings you get when you have a good hunt. This was also the place where I shot a doe while my daughter was with me and she saw for the first time what hunting was all about. As for another first time... Andrew had never hunted the UP of Michigan and he connected on a 3-point from that very spot.

These are just a few of examples of how our “go to spot’ has produced doe’s and bucks and so far, always seem to come through for our camp. As I write this and list a few examples of our times at the Hamburger hill spot the memories of great hunts and the thoughts of future hunts fill my mind.

So I have to ask you. Do you have your special go to spot?

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