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8 Worst States to Bowhunt This Fall (Even with a Crossbow)

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If you live in one of the worst states to bowhunt, you might want to think about an out of state lease.

First off, I'm sorry for the crossbow jab. **Truth be told, you could probably hunt with a hand grenade and still strike out in one of these below states.** Of course, nothing beats time in the stand, but if you are hunting in one of the worst states to bowhunt, odds just are not on your side.

A lot of states are doing things right when it comes to deer and deer hunting. However, a few states are on a stark downward trend. So let's get down to it. Sharpen your knives, craft your witty social media jabs, and get ready to get angry.

Fortunately, the QDMA put out a lot of stats to back up what you are going to read and the trending numbers don't lie. Deer declines are a real thing in a lot of places for a variety of reasons. The trends also speak loud and clear as well. With that in mind, just look below to see what we predict will be the worst states to bow hunt in 2016, not just by the trends, but mostly our gut.

Pennsylvania

Good old Penn is the unanimous winner as the worst state to not only bowhunt, but just really hunt in general. With the highest population of hunters in the country, averaging about 20 per square mile, finding a place just to bowhunt can be a challenge. On top of that, there are a lot of political motivations at play too with more hunting rules than most states. Public land can be a madhouse and private land is only getting more and more expensive. **To make matters worse, CWD is only spreading.**