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Antler rattling is a technique used to attract whitetail deer during the rut. It involves using antlers to create a sound that imitates the sound of two bucks fighting. This sound can trigger a territorial response in bucks, causing them to investigate the source of the sound. Antler rattling can be an effective way to call deer in close, especially during the peak of the rut.

How to Antler Rattle

To antler rattle, you will need a pair of antlers. You can use real antlers or you can use a set of rattling antlers that are made of plastic or metal. If you are using real antlers, be sure to clean them thoroughly before using them. You can also use a rattling bag, which is a bag filled with antlers or other hard objects that you can shake to create a rattling sound.

Once you have your antlers, you can start rattling. There are a few different ways to rattle antlers, but the most common method is to hold the antlers in your hands and shake them together. You can also use a rattling bag by holding it in your hand and shaking it. The sound of the antlers hitting together will create a rattling sound that will attract deer.

When to Antler Rattle

The best time to antler rattle is during the peak of the rut. The rut is the time of year when bucks are most active and aggressive. During the rut, bucks are looking for does to mate with, and they will often fight with other bucks for the right to mate with a doe.

You can also antler rattle outside of the rut, but it is less effective. During the off-season, bucks are less aggressive and less likely to respond to the sound of antlers rattling.

Where to Antler Rattle

The best place to antler rattle is in an area where deer are known to travel. You can find these areas by looking for deer trails, tracks, or droppings. You should also try to find an area that is relatively open, so that the sound of the antlers rattling will carry.

Tips for Antler Rattling

Here are a few tips for antler rattling:

- Be patient. It may take some time for a buck to respond to the sound of antlers rattling.

- Be persistent. Keep rattling the antlers until you get a response from a buck.
- Be quiet. Do not make any noise other than the sound of the antlers rattling.
- Be still. Do not move around while you are rattling the antlers.
- Be prepared to shoot. If a buck responds to the sound of the antlers rattling, be prepared to shoot it.

Antler rattling is a technique that can be used to attract whitetail deer during the rut. It is an effective way to call deer in close, especially during the peak of the rut. If you are looking for a way to increase your chances of success when hunting whitetail deer, then you should consider using antler rattling.



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