

Jack's Trees

In the fall of 2009, about the middle of the second week, the guys hunted in the area between the old road and river. The last watch situated on the trail to the river and located just a few hundred metres from the river is called Father Hass' runway. Jack was watching in the middle of a clearing just a couple of hundred metres north of that. A doe and two fawns came out to Mike Madigan and Hugh Perry who were watching at Fr Hass'. However, before the deer got to the trail, they stopped in the bush and Mike and Hugh couldn't get a good look at them. Then, the deer turned and started moving off towards Jack. Mike whispered on his radio, "Heads up Jack!" Knowing Mike's reputation for teasing and joking, Jack figured, "Yah! Right, Mike!" Then Mike fired a shot to give even further warning. The doe and fawns went racing along the edge of the clearing like they were thoroughbreds at the Woodbine. Jack knew then that "reindeer really do know how to fly" and there was no chance of hitting one in the head. So, rather than risk a body shot, or worse, wounding one of them, he fired a few shots into some trees.

This watch will be a good one if chasing down from the Horse Trail and Basswoods area. However, if chasing up from Big Bay, the deer are more likely to come out at Fr. Hass' watch.