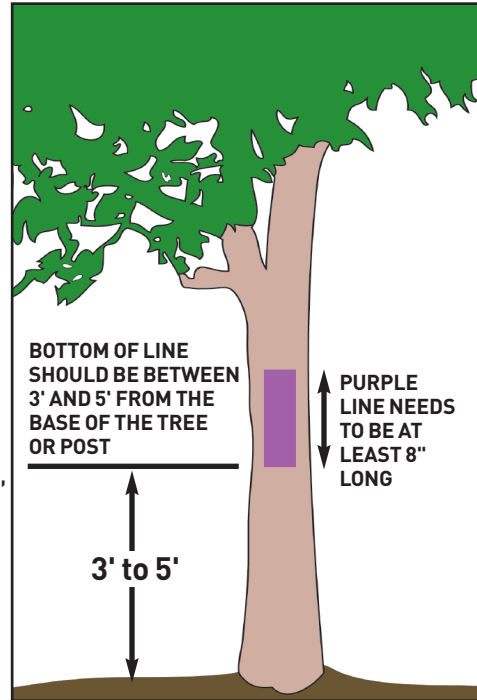


## LANDOWNER PROTECTION ACT

The new Landowner Protection Act provides two ways for landholders to post their lands to allow only hunters, trappers and anglers with written permission to legally enter their property:

- As permitted in the past, the landholder can place notices, signs, or posters on the property boundaries at a distance of 200 yards apart or closer.
- A new way for landholders to post their property is with purple paint. The landholder can paint a vertical line of purple paint on trees or posts around property boundary, or areas intended to prohibit trespass. The paint line needs to be at least 8" long and the bottom of the line should be between 3' and 5' from the base of the tree or post. The paint marks need to be placed 100 yards apart or closer.



Sportsmen need written permission, dated within the past 12 months, signed by the landowner or lessee, to hunt, fish, or trap on lands posted with signs or purple paint. You must carry written permission on your person. If a hunting club has leased the land, hunters must have a copy of their hunting club membership and a copy of the landowner permission given to that club. Wildlife officers will enforce the Landowner Protection Act.

The Landowner Protection Act does not change general trespass laws nor have any effect on lands which are not posted. It does not repeal any local acts currently in effect that require written permission to hunt, fish or trap.

North Carolina law encourages owners of land to make property available for recreational use. The law states that a landowner who allows someone, without charge, onto their land for recreational purposes owes them the same duty of care they would owe a trespasser.

### LANDOWNER PERMISSION FORM

This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ (and \_\_\_\_\_ guests) is/are authorized to enter upon the property of \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_

*(full name)* *(landowner)*

**FORMS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.NCWILDLIFE.ORG](http://WWW.NCWILDLIFE.ORG)**

Permission is valid for the dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Participants assume the risk of entering the land and of taking part in above activities and release the landowner from liability.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of landowner / lessee

As a public service, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission provides this as a sample permission form. Landowners are not required to use this form and this is not the only allowable format for landowner written permission.

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact number

