The October lull isn't in the data

You know your hunting and your audience. This sheet gives you the research and a few angles. The post is yours.





Your topo screen

Your notes

Weekday

Your take

Photo slots show real FDR map screens from the FDR pricing page, captured Oct 17, 2026. Parcel lines removed. Blank slots are for your own photos. Each tool in this album is on every FDR plan.

BUILD THE ALBUM FROM THE FDR MAP

1 Leaf-off imagery — Every plan

FDR site: "Find the bench and the creek crossing inside a timber block before you hang a stand there."

Hunting task. Screenshot one timber block on leaf-off for the first photo in your album. Circle the bench or crossing you'd sit on a weekday and ask your group if they'd pick the same spot.

Site line from the FDR features page, Oct 17, 2026

2 Waypoints — Every plan

FDR site: "Mark a fresh scrape line on the way out of the woods and note the date."

Hunting task. Save a waypoint for every stand and camera you hunt this cycle. Jot the day and the time in each note. Once the cycle ends, post a screenshot of your notes and ask the group to check their own weekday logs.

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3 Topographic maps and shaded relief — Every plan

FDR site: "Find the draw that leads from a bedding ridge down to a crop field."

Hunting task. Add a topo screenshot with shaded relief as the next photo. Mark the draw you'd use to slip in without crossing the weekend crowd's path.

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WHAT THE COLLARS SHOWED

"Pressure has a lag." In one Alabama collar study, daylight movement dropped on Sunday. That's the day after the Saturday crowd.

Daylight movement dropped 17% from Friday to Sunday and stayed low until Wednesday. Night movement didn't change.

SAMPLED 32 collared deer in the Auburn study, 2014 to 2016 seasons

> **Caveat.** One Alabama study, measured from mid-November on (before the rut there). Grouping the weekend days together showed no effect. It measured movement. It did not count sightings.

Source: Deer Move Less by Day on Sunday Than Friday: An Alabama Collar Study

Story prompt. Ask your group which day of the week they see the most deer moving in daylight.

MUST-HAVES

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