



AT THE BLACK POWDER SHOOT area at Sappa Park, east of Oberlin, Nakita Bose, 15, practiced shooting a black powder rifle. She's been hunting since she was 12.

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Women

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Hunting, traditionally a male sport, isn't all guys any longer, with women of all ages taking part in the experience.

Although there might still be a small population, women hunters are an active part of the tradition, getting up early in the morning, dressing in orange and camouflage, loading and cleaning their own guns, buying hunting licenses, bagging their animal, taking it home, skinning it and processing the meat.

Kala Bose, who lives north of Oberlin, said she started hunting deer when she was 14. She learned how to hunt from her parents, who have always hunted. As a kid, she said, she used a high-powered gun, but since she married her husband Dave, she's used a black-powder rifle.

She said when she was a kid, the family hunted for meat.

"That's how we ate," said Mrs. Bose. "My family believes you don't shoot it unless you are going to eat it."

Mainly, said Mrs. Bose, she hunts deer. She has hunted for doves and pheasants, she said, but deer is all she has time for now.

She and her husband have two daughters,

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