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Firearms Deer Hunting on DEC- managed Lands in Suffolk County

DEC provides deer hunting opportunities on several properties in Suffolk County. These opportunities are made available on lands owned by DEC and through agreements on lands owned by other state agencies, local governments and private landowners. Properties included in this program are shown at the bottom of this brochure. Detailed maps can be found at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/40399.html>.

The demand for deer hunting makes it necessary for hunters to follow specific procedures to assure equal hunting opportunity for all. This brochure is intended to serve as a guide to obtaining permission for deer hunting on DEC-managed lands in Suffolk County. Information on deer hunting on private lands in Suffolk County may be found in the brochure *Special Deer Season in Suffolk County*.

Properties: Properties with a firearms season include:

- **Rocky Point Natural Resources Management Area (Town of Brookhaven)**
 - Parking Spots: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26(2), 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50
- **Otis Pike Preserve (Towns of Brookhaven and Riverhead)**
 - Parking spots (Brookhaven): 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34(2), 35(2), 41, 42, 44, 45, 47
 - Parking spots (Riverhead): 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 17, 39, 40, 48, 49, 50, 52
- **East Hampton Cooperative Area (Town of East Hampton)**
 - Hither Hills parking spots: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11(2), 12, 13(2), 14(2)
 - Montauk parking spots: 1(2), 2, 3
- **David Sarnoff Pine Barrens Preserve (Town of Southampton)**
 - Parking spots: 3, 5(2), 7, 8, 9, 10(2), 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
- **Barcelona Neck State Lands (Town of Southampton)**
 - Parking spots: 1, 2, 3
- **West Hampton Management Area (Town of Southampton)**
 - Parking spots: 1(2)
- **West Tiana Cooperative Area (Town of Southampton)**
 - Parking spot: 1
- **Noyak Preserve Cooperative Area (Town of Southampton)**
 - Parking spot: 1

Season Dates: The January firearms deer season begins on the first Monday following the first Saturday in January and ends on the last weekday of January. No firearms deer hunting is allowed on weekends.

Manner of Taking: Shotgun, using a single ball or slug; or a muzzleloading rifle, shooting a single projectile with a minimum bore of .44 inches. Shotgun barrels may be rifled, and telescopic sights may be used. Muzzleloading pistols and archery equipment is NOT permitted.

Valid Tags: Hunters must have a valid big game tag to participate in the drawing and to hunt. Valid tags include the Regular Season deer tags, Deer Management Permits (DMP) for Unit 1C, Archery tags, Muzzleloader tags and Bonus DMP's for Unit 1C.

Procedures for Hunting DEC- managed Lands

Step 1: Enter drawing for DEC-managed lands
To hunt for deer on DEC-managed lands, you must enter a drawing. This drawing is always held on the first Tuesday of December. All entries must be received by 4:45 p.m. on the day before the drawing.

There are no applications for this drawing. To enter send a No. 10 legal-size envelope (4 1/8" x 9 1/2") to:

**NYSDEC - Deer Drawing
P. O. Box 659
Ridge, NY 11961-0659**

This envelope must contain a self-addressed, stamped legal-size return envelope (4 1/8" x 9 1/2"). You must write your back tag number on the back of the return envelope. Applicants not sending correct envelope sizes will be rejected.

You may only send one entry. Any individual who sends more than one entry will have all of his or her entries removed from the drawing. Each member of a two-hunter party may send one entry.

Step 2: Receive a drawing number

Within two weeks of the drawing date you will receive a drawing number in the mail. This drawing number will indicate the day in which you are to make a reservation to hunt. You must make your reservation at the Ridge Hunter Check Station during the last full week (Monday-Friday) before December 25.

The sheet listing your drawing number is the only record of your selection and will be needed to select a reservation.

Step 3: Make a hunting reservation

When making a reservation, you must have each of the following items with you:

1. Drawing Number & Instructions sheet with completed Application for Town Permit
2. Big Game License
3. Valid Big Game Carcass Tag

Reservations must be made in person at the Ridge Hunter Check Station at the time indicated by your drawing number or anytime thereafter. You may send another person to represent you but your representative must know your preferred area and date.

You may make only one reservation. A hunter who makes a reservation with a partner holding a number must forfeit his or her own number. Two hunters may not sign up as each other's hunting partners to hunt on different days. Upon making a reservation, you will be issued a Landowner's Endorsement and a Town Permit for the property and town that you have made a reservation for.

The Ridge Hunter Check Station is located north of Route 25 on Randall Road (1/3 mile west of the William Floyd Parkway, L.I.E. Exit 68 North) in the Hamlet of Ridge, Suffolk County.

Step 4: Appear to hunt on reservation day

On the morning which you are to hunt, you must first report to the appropriate hunter check station to receive an access permit for the property.

Check stations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise, except for the Ridge Check Station which will open 45 minutes before sunrise for those hunting Sarnoff and Westhampton. You should arrive one hour before sunrise.

To hunt you must have the following items with you:

1. Landowner's Endorsement form issued by DEC
2. Town Permit from DEC or Town Clerk
3. Big Game License
4. Valid Big Game Carcass Tag

You must arrive at the check station by 8 a.m. to claim your reservation unless you notify us (631-924-3156) that you will be arriving late. At 8 a.m., unclaimed reservations will become available to others who have the proper paperwork. After hunting, *you must return to the check station no later than 30 minutes after sunset.*

For more information on hunting call:

DEC Bureau of Wildlife

(631) 444-0310
50 Circle Road,
Stony Brook, NY 11790-2356

Ridge Hunter Check Station

(631) 924-3156
484 Randall Road
Ridge, NY 11961

The check station is open from Nov. 1 - Dec. 31 and for each day of the January deer season.

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- ★ NYS DEC Hunter Check Station
- Daily access permits are required for all properties during the January shotgun season

