

Hunting Rules & Procedures

Bonavista State Park Golf Course

All Hunting at Bonavista is bow ONLY. No guns allowed at any time

Bow Hunting will be open during regular archery, regular gun, and will be open for late archery season.

Check with NYSDEC for dates on the seasons

1. No hunter sign-ins will be allowed prior to 1 ½ hours before sunrise
2. Each hunter will **sign for themselves** and record their specific hunting zone
3. All hunters must sign out when leaving the park property **for any reason** and by doing so will forfeit their zone and zone will become available to other hunters. Openings are first come first serve
4. All hunters will park at the maintenance shop (sign in area) and leave for their zones from there. NO special parking privileges will be considered for correction employees
5. One hunter per zone at a time will be allowed. Maximum of 5 for the facility
6. This is a first come, first served hunting opportunity. Any available zone can be hunted – no reservations or signing for other hunters
7. All DEC rules, regulations, and times apply
8. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE SIGN IN/OUT PROCEDURES SET FORTH ABOVE WILL AFFECT THE HUNTING PRIVILEGES OF THOSE INVOLVED. WALK IN REGISTRANTS WILL BE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED**

Portable tree stands only are allowed at Bonavista, there will be no cutting of shooting lanes, damaging trees, or placing any screws, nails, or other devices into the trees

Tree stands may be erected and left up during the hunting season. No stands may be placed in the park before September 1st. New 2016 Rule: A limit of 5 stands per hunter will be allowed. **All stands must be removed from the park no later than March 1st following the termination of the hunting season.** All placed tree stands must be registered at the Sampson Park office to include contact information and placement on map. Registration must be submitted in person during office hours:

- Each stand will be issued a laminated permit with a designated stand number.
- This permit must be affixed to the tree stand for the remainder of the season.
- Any change in stand location must also be reported to the office and your map updated.

When a stand is removed the laminated permit must be returned to the park office to verify removal. Stands not registered, stands not compliant with this agreement, and stands left from the previous season will be immediately confiscated, and transferred to park police. No permanent built tree stands or permanent blinds are permitted. **Stand placement does not give the owner any right over any one else coming and placing stands; it is still first come, first served.** Having a tree stand located within any of Bonavista's hunting areas does not prohibit others from being in zones for purposes other than hunting

We accept NO responsibility for any stands left at Bonavista at any time

Hunters must have a valid NYS hunting license

Hunters must provide license plate # and description of vehicle(s)

Hunters must report all deer taken per DEC regulations and must accurately record all harvested deer on sign in/out sheet

ASK ANY ALL QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU HUNT

**Any questions call Sampson State Park @ 315-585-6392
For emergencies all Park Police @ 1-800-255-3577**