

STATE PARKS ANNOUNCES PHEASANT HUNT LOTTERY

The Niagara Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has announced that the annual permit lottery for the 2023 pheasant hunting season will take place Monday, October 9th, this will include the drawing for both the Youth Hunt and the Regular Season Hunt.

Youth Hunt Permits will be required for the two days of the special youth hunting weekend on Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th. The Youth Hunt this year will allow for a second hunter on the permit. For the Regular Season Hunt, permits will be required for the three days expected to draw the heaviest hunting traffic on October 21st, 28th & November 4th.

There will be two separate hunts each day. The first hunt will be from sunrise to 12:30 p.m. The second hunt will be from 12:30 p.m. to sunset.

Hunting throughout the regular pheasant season, from October 21st to December 31st, is allowed at three State Parks: Golden Hill, Joseph Davis, and Wilson-Tuscarora; Except, No Hunting is permitted during the open firearm season for deer. Permits, however, are required on October 14th, 15th (youth hunt) and on October 21st, 28th and November 04th (regular season).

As in the past, stocking will be done by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. No hunting is allowed on the following Friday release days: October 20st, 27th and on November 03rd. There is no fee for the permit and hunters awarded permits will have the option of naming one additional hunter on their permit.

Hunters interested in entering the Permit Lottery should mail in a separate, standard-size 3 x 5 file card or postcard for each date and park you would like to hunt. Only one permit will be issued to each hunter per day. Cards may be put into one envelope for each respective park and mailed together to the appropriate address listed below:

Golden Hill State Park
Renee Campbell
9691 Lower Lake Rd.
Barker, NY 14012
(716) 795-3885

Wilson Tuscarora State Park
David Giambra
3371 Lake Rd
Wilson, NY 14172
(716) 751-6361

Joseph Davis State Park
Jasper Reese
300 Portage Rd.
Lewiston, NY 14092
(716) 754-7766

The file card should include the applicant's name, address, telephone number, email address, hunting license back tag number, hunt date, AM hunt or PM hunt, and desired park location. Entries will be computerized to avoid duplications. All your lottery entries must be received by noon on Friday, September 30.

For more information or questions, please call individual parks for more information.

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