

White-tailed Deer

Hunting Rules and Regulations

Sampson State Park

Please practice QDM at all times.



See Office for Details Concerning

- Seasonal hunting pass
- Tree Stands
- Special zones
- Shotgun Lottery
- Waterfowl Hunting
- Small Game Hunting

Registration

- All hunters MUST register at the Park Office and obtain a daily hunting permit to include an accurate phone number that you can be reached at while hunting.
 - You are to have your hunting permit and valid New York State Hunting License in your possession at all times.
 - Daily hunting permits must be returned to the Park office before leaving the park.
 - You are required to accurately record all game taken on the hunting permit and to office personnel
- Hunters may apply for a Seasonal Hunting Permit that allows for a stream lined check in/out

Hunting Boundaries

- Hunting is permitted in designated areas ONLY (see hunting map)
- Park Boundaries, Restricted Areas, Bow Only, Special Archery Zones, and adjoining lands are posted to insure the safety of other park patrons, park personnel, and our neighbors
 - Entering into restricted areas with a hunting permit or a weapon is strictly prohibited and is a park violation.
 - DO NOT shoot in the direction of these areas, as they may be occupied by patrons or park staff
 - Violators will be prosecuted and their hunting privileges will be subject to revocation
- If a wounded animal enters a restricted area the hunter must report it to the
 - Park Office 315-585-6392 OR
 - Park Police Non-Emergency 1-607-387-7081
 - Once reported you may be escorted into or allowed to enter the restricted area WITHOUT a weapon to track and retrieve the wounded animal
 - You must then immediately report out with your end results to the Park Office or Park Police (IF OFFICE IS CLOSED)

General Hunting Rules

- Driving/pushing deer is prohibited everywhere in the park, with or without a weapon.
- Moving, harassing, pushing deer from one zone/area to another is strictly prohibited and is a major park violation.
- Access to gun hunting areas through "Bow Only" areas is strictly prohibited.
- Handguns, rifles and crossbows are prohibited, and are not permitted on park property.
- All shotguns equipped with a magazine must have the waterfowl plug inserted. Limiting the weapon to a maximum of 3 rounds
- When parking your vehicle, DO NOT block any of the roads or gates
- Check the posted Sampson Hunting Calendar for opening and closing dates of the game you wish to hunt (this may vary from NYSDEC seasons)
- Hunting is permitted from sunrise to sunset ONLY
- The wearing of blaze orange is required for all gun hunters. Bow hunters are required to wear orange when moving during late archery/muzzleloading season in gun areas.
- Abide by ALL sections of the New York State Environmental Conservation Laws and New York State Rules and Regulations
- In case of an emergency or to report any incident of suspicious activities, contact the
 - Park Office 315-585-6392
 - Park Police Non-Emergency 1-607-387-7081
 - Park Police Emergency 1-800-255-3577

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SEASONAL HUNTING PERMIT

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Seasonal Hunting Permits may be applied for starting **September 1st**. You must have all your information including a valid phone number on which you can be reached at while hunting, your vehicle information, an accurate address, and emergency contact **BEFORE** you will be issued a permit. This permit is valid for big game, fall turkey, and small game. (Waterfowlers are still required to obtain a daily permit) This permit allows hunters who hunt at Sampson on a regular basis to streamline the daily check in procedure. With this permit all rules, regulations, hunting boundaries, and tree stand requirements, still apply. This permit does not apply to the Special Zones. Hunters wishing to hunt in any of the zones will have to apply for a separate special zone permit which is on a first come first serve basis.

Seasonal Hunters will be required to use sign in and out sheet at the Park Office by listing their Seasonal Hunting Permit Number and Time in/out. **ALL HUNTERS MUST CHECK OUT NO LATER THAN 30 MINS AFTER SUNSET. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CHECK IN/OUT POLICY MAY RESULT IN REVOCATION OF YOUR HUNTING PERMIT.** Failure to comply with check in/out procedures or violation of any hunting regulation will result in termination of this permit and will affect your hunting privileges at Sampson.

Special Archery Zones 1-4 Hunting Regulations

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Special Archery Zone Permits may be applied for starting September 1st, only after you obtain a seasonal hunting permit. The special archery zone hunts are from Wednesday to Monday. Tuesdays are in/out days intended for set up of incoming hunters and takedown/removal for departing hunters. Reserved zones are exclusive to those that have secured a hunt week, and Tuesdays exclusive to in/out hunters. Zones 1 & 2 scouting and camera removal must occur prior to the start date of Oct. 1st. Zone 3 and 4 scouting and camera removal must occur prior to the start date of November 1st. Once the zones become open for hunting, **ONLY** those with reserved dates and **ONLY** on those dates will hunters be allowed to be in their respective permitted zones. Zone hunting is strictly for that intended use and not for "pushing" into a zone or out of a zone or intentionally disturbing game or other hunters for that reason. Violation of permitted zone activities will immediately void a zone permit and may affect future hunting eligibility at Sampson.

With this permit all rules, regulations, hunting boundaries, and tree stand requirements still apply. Zones 1-4 are BOW ONLY! The possession of firearms of any kind is strictly prohibited in these areas. Hunters must follow standard check in and out procedures each day. Hunters will only be allowed to sign up for one zone and date at a time. **FAILURE TO OCCUPY THE ZONE DURING YOUR RESERVATION WILL RESULT IN TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE TO MAKE FURTHER ZONE RESERVATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON AND THE FOLLOWING SEASON.**

Zones 1 & 2 & 4 are open Oct. 1st – Dec. 21st. Limit 3 hunters per zone each week

Zone 3 are open Nov. 1st – Dec. 21st. Limit 2 hunters per zone each week

Special Archery Zone hunters will be required to use sign in sheet at the main gate to sign in before morning office hours by listing Seasonal Hunting Permit Number and time in. Check outs still need to be done at the park office. Failure to comply with check in/out procedures or violation of any hunting regulation will result in termination of your permit and may affect future hunting eligibility at Sampson. Use good hunting etiquette at all times.

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TREE STAND AGREEMENT

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No stands may be placed in the park before September 1st. No stands may be placed prior to obtaining a Seasonal Hunting Permit.

- **All stands must be removed from the park no later than March 1st following the termination of each hunting season**
- All placed tree stands must be recorded at the park office with a mark on the park map and a valid tree stand tag attached
- **2021 ---Hunters will be limited to 3 stands (not including special archery zones)**
- Initial 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 with its designated permit number on your map.
- The same day a stand is removed, the laminated permit must be returned to the park office to verify removal. All stands must be removed no later than March 1st
- Hunters not returning tree stand tags and/or verifying removal to park office, may lose or limit their privilege to maintain a legal stand at Sampson
- 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.
 - Temporary ground blinds will be allowed during **archery season ONLY** and must be removed during the gun season. Temporary ground blinds must be registered just like tree stands but noted as blinds.
 - The use of screw in foot pegs is prohibited. Stands with screw in pegs will be immediately confiscated and possession transferred to park police.
 - No person shall injure or destroy any trees or tamper with any park or personal property in any way.
- Practice good hunting etiquette when placing stands not to encroach on others.
 - Placement of tree stands does not entitle any hunter exclusive use of this area.
 - A minimum 80-yard rule between stands will be enforced. During gun season, please insure greater distances between stands.
 - DO NOT use other hunter's tree stands without specific permission to do so.
 - Be respectful of hunters and non-hunters alike.

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2021 Shotgun Lottery Hunting Rules

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Sampson's Lottery Shotgun Season is 5 days long, starting on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Open lottery application dates are Sept 1 – Oct. 15. You must be at least 18 years of age to apply. Drawing will be conducted publicly at the park office on Oct. 15. Hunters may apply ONCE for each day of anticipated hunting. There will be a total of **20 hunters** drawn for each hunt day. Successful applicants will be informed the day of drawing. An acceptance confirmation must be received by phone or in person within 7 days of notification. If you are unable to be contacted or do not respond within seven days, your days will be forfeited. If you cannot hunt on a particular day please make sure not to apply for that day!

- Any hunter found abusing the lottery in any way will not be eligible for future draws.
- Only successful lottery drawn participants will be allowed into the gun hunting areas. You cannot, under any circumstance, bring anyone else with you. Those found in violation, and all those associated will be eliminated from future lottery draw considerations.
- Gun hunting is permitted in designated areas only. No hunting in "Restricted", "Bow Only", or "Reserved Zone" areas. Access to gun hunting areas through "Bow Only" areas is strictly prohibited.
- "Bow Only Areas" will be entirely closed during the 5-day lottery Gun Hunt.
- Moving, harassing, pushing deer from one area to another is strictly prohibited and is a major park violation.
- If a wounded deer enters either a "Restricted", "Bow Only", or "Reserved Zone" area you must first notify park staff or Park Police for confirmation then, and only then, can you enter the area without a weapon to retrieve the animal.
- Shotguns equipped with a magazine must be plugged and limited to a maximum of 3 rounds.
- All hunters are required to wear blaze orange while hunting.
- Ground blinds are not permitted during the shotgun portion of our deer season.
- Rifles, Handguns, and Crossbows are prohibited from all park property.
- While we encourage the harvest of adult doe we strongly urge you to allow our yearling bucks to see another season. Most every antlered deer inside the ears is a yearling, and should be considered a pass even if it carries 4 points on one side. Voluntary restraint in harvesting allowable yearling bucks will help achieve our QDM (Quality Deer Management) goals, offering hunters increased opportunities for mature buck harvest for seasons to come.
- Abide by ALL sections of NYS Environmental Conservation Law and NYS Parks special Rules and Regulations.
- Please practice good hunting etiquette. Be respectful of your fellow hunter, and practice gun safety at ALL times

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