

Schunnemunk State Park

2023 Deer Hunting Permit Terms and Conditions

Schunnemunk State Park is open for hunting to address the loss of forest biodiversity and the lack of tree regeneration due to an overabundant deer population. OPRHP strongly encourages hunters to take antlerless deer.

1. Hunters shall comply with all applicable sections of the Environmental Conservation Law; Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation Law and their implementing regulations and shall hunt in the manner prescribed by the Department of Environmental Conservation, except as modified by the dates, times and hunting styles specified in this permit. This permit confers only those rights indicated herein.
2. **Permits are valid only for hunting deer during the NYS DEC Deer Season excluding September. Read dates on your permit carefully!**
3. Hunters must carry their permit, hunting license and photo I.D. while hunting or scouting in the Park and produce them on request to any law enforcement officer or park employee. Any unauthorized alteration will void your permit. **The permit is non-transferable.**
4. **Each** hunter who arrives in a vehicle **must** display the vehicle stub portion of their permit in that vehicle.
5. Hunters shall obtain a Park Map which indicates where hunting is permitted. This permit is valid only in the hunting area indicated on the map. Notify the Park Office at (845) 351-5907 if wounded game enters restricted areas or when game will need to be retrieved after hours. If you get voicemail, leave a detailed message including name, contact phone #, permit #, and area of park. You may be contacted for more information. While tracking wounded game in restricted areas, do not carry firearms or bows with you.
6. Hunters may not walk through restricted areas to access hunting areas, even if their gun is unloaded.
7. The Park may be closed to hunting during periods of severe forest fire danger. Area newspapers and radio stations will be notified and signs will be placed at major access points. Call (845) 351-5907 for current information.
8. Motorized vehicles of any kind are not permitted on any trails or interior roads. Vehicles blocking gates or other vehicles will be towed at owner's expense and will cause permit revocation.
9. Cutting, placing nails or screws into, or otherwise damaging trees or other vegetation is prohibited. Portable tree stands are permitted October through December provided they do not damage trees. Tree stands may be placed in September while scouting. Building, or using, a permanent tree stand is prohibited and may result in revocation of hunting privileges and restitution for damages.
10. Promptly report any and all unusual incidents directly to the Park Office at (845) 351-5907 or Park Police at (845) 786-2781 after 4:30pm. For emergencies, dial 911.

Failure to follow these terms and conditions may result in the revocation of the permit.

Reporting Requirements

Attached to your permit is a self-addressed reporting form (see example below). **All hunters, including hunters that did not take any deer, are required to complete and return this form by 4:30 pm on January 15, 2024.** This form is necessary to fulfill the State Park reporting requirements and to help us evaluate the deer management program.

Hunters are also required to report their deer to DEC within 7 days of take. Please see <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8316.html> for DEC reporting requirements. Also see <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8305.html> for additional DEC regulations on big game hunting.

The completed survey gives us an accurate count of deer taken and provides the information to properly manage the Schunnemunk State Park hunting program.

Example hunter report form:

Grid	Days Hunted	Hours Hunted	Total deer taken by grid location				Other wildlife seen
			Adults		Fawns		
			Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	
E3	3	12	1	1	1		1 bear, 3 turkeys, 1 red fox
E4	1	4		1			1 bobcat

This hunter took a total of 4 deer: 1 adult buck, 2 adult does, and 1 buck fawn.

Be sure of your target and beyond.