



Sterling Forest State Park HUNTING GUIDE



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Sterling Forest® State Park
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We appreciate all our hunters who report violators and help enforce our rules. Reporting violators to the Park at (845) 351-5907 or Park Police at (845) 786-2781 after office hours helps maintain a safe and enjoyable experience for all our patrons including hunters. Rule enforcement helps safeguard the future of our hunting program.



Sterling Forest State Park HUNTING REGULATIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. Hunters are responsible to understand and obey these regulations. Violations may result in revocation of park hunting privileges and/or legal prosecution.

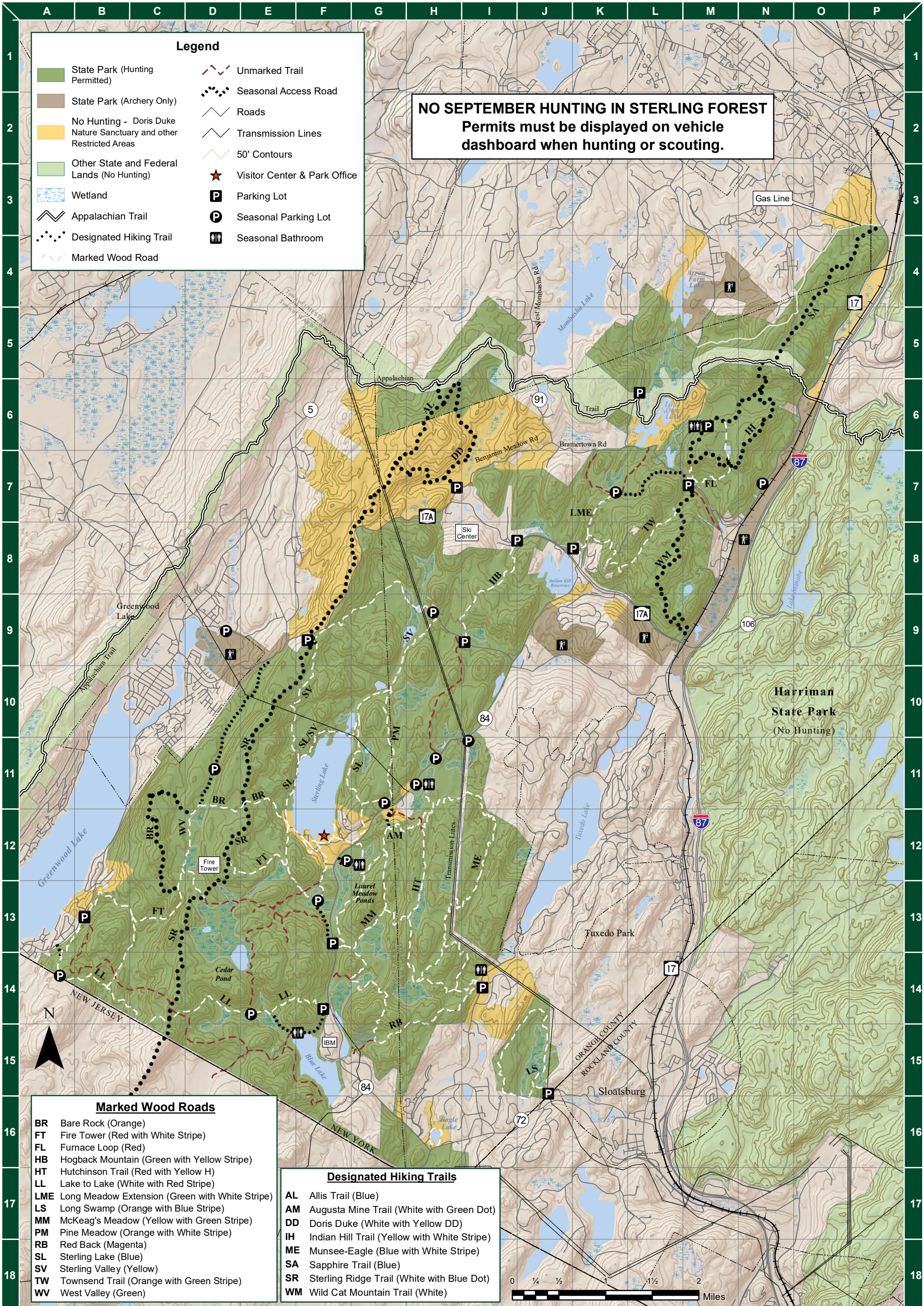


1. A valid NYS Hunting License and a Sterling Forest State Park Hunting Permit are required to hunt in the Park.
2. Park may revoke hunting privileges when it has reasonable cause to believe violations, or unsafe acts, have occurred.
3. **Permits are valid only on the specific dates printed on them. Read dates carefully!**
4. Hunters must carry and produce on request, their permit, hunting license, and photo I.D. while hunting or scouting in the Park. Any unauthorized alteration will void your permit. The permit is non-transferable.
5. **Every hunter arriving in a vehicle must display the vehicle stub portion of his or her permit on the vehicle dashboard with the permit number visible. Example: If two hunters come in one vehicle, two permit vehicle stubs must be on the dashboard.**
6. One non-hunter without a weapon, who has not had his or her hunting privileges revoked, may accompany a permit holder.
7. **NO SEPTEMBER HUNTING IN STERLING FOREST.**
8. **All other NYS Fish and Wildlife Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission apply.**
9. **Trapping is not permitted in all NYS Parks.**
10. Scouting for big game and turkey is permitted September through November and April. Vehicle permit stub must be on dashboard and permit carried with you when scouting.
11. Hunting is not permitted in the Doris Duke Wildlife Sanctuary, the Appalachian Trail corridor, and any other restricted zones. Make sure you are in areas posted by signs saying it is open to hunting or bowhunting. Notify the Park Office at (845) 351-5907 if wounded game enters restricted area or game will be retrieved more than 1 hour after sunset. 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 area, do not carry firearms or bows with you.
12. Respect our neighbor's property lines and never discharge weapons within 500 feet of homes and other buildings.
13. The Park may close hunting during periods of severe 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.
14. Vehicles are not permitted on any trails or interior roads unless specifically designated by a sign or by written permission from the Park. Special access privileges will be considered for non-ambulatory hunters. Requests must be received in writing at least 30 days in advance.
15. **ATV's are prohibited in all New York State Parks.**
16. Wood roads leading to interior parking areas may be closed due to weather or road conditions.
17. Cutting, placing nails or screws into, or otherwise damaging trees or other vegetation is prohibited.
18. Portable tree stands are permitted October through December, provided they do not damage trees. **Building or using a permanent tree stand is prohibited** and may result in revocation of hunting privileges and restitution for damages.
19. No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall hunt in the Park.
20. No person may carry or possess alcohol or drugs in the Park.
21. Vehicles must not block roads, gates, or another vehicle, and will be towed at the owner's expense.
22. Hunters may not walk through restricted areas to access hunting areas, even if their gun is unloaded. The only exception is the parking area on the west side of South Gate Road in the Maplebrook area. Stay on the marked wood road. Do not load your weapon until you reach the "Hunting Area" signs. This is the only restricted no hunting area in the Park that you may walk through.
23. Camping, fires and littering are prohibited in the Park.
24. Use only biodegradable paper tape or toilet tissue to mark blood trails etc. and collect it after use.
25. Target shooting or indiscriminate/reckless shooting will result in immediate permit revocation.

Legend

- State Park (Hunting Permitted)
- State Park (Archery Only)
- No Hunting - Doris Duke Nature Sanctuary and other Restricted Areas
- Other State and Federal Lands (No Hunting)
- Wetland
- Appalachian Trail
- Designated Hiking Trail
- Marked Wood Road
- Unmarked Trail
- Seasonal Access Road
- Roads
- Transmission Lines
- 50' Contours
- Visitor Center & Park Office
- Parking Lot
- Seasonal Parking Lot
- Seasonal Bathroom

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 Permits must be displayed on vehicle dashboard when hunting or scouting.



Marked Wood Roads

- BR** Bare Rock (Orange)
- FT** Fire Tower (Red with White Stripe)
- FL** Furnace Loop (Red)
- HB** Hogback Mountain (Green with Yellow Stripe)
- HT** Hutchinson Trail (Red with Yellow H)
- LL** Lake to Lake (White with Red Stripe)
- LME** Long Meadow Extension (Green with White Stripe)
- LS** Long Swamp (Orange with Blue Stripe)
- MM** McKeag's Meadow (Yellow with Green Stripe)
- PM** Pine Meadow (Orange with White Stripe)
- RB** Red Back (Magenta)
- SL** Sterling Lake (Blue)
- SV** Sterling Valley (Yellow)
- TW** Townsend Trail (Orange with Green Stripe)
- WV** West Valley (Green)

Designated Hiking Trails

- AL** Allis Trail (Blue)
- AM** Augusta Mine Trail (White with Green Dot)
- DD** Doris Duke (White with Yellow DD)
- IH** Indian Hill Trail (Yellow with White Stripe)
- ME** Munsee-Eagle (Blue with White Stripe)
- SA** Sapphire Trail (Blue)
- SR** Sterling Ridge Trail (White with Blue Dot)
- WM** Wild Cat Mountain Trail (White)



Sterling Forest State Park
HUNTING SEASON REGULATION MAP

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