Schunnemunk Mountain State Park
2016 Hunting Permit Terms and Conditions

Schunnemunk Mountain 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. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) tags are available on request and hunters may obtain an additional tag if they successfully harvest an antlerless deer, if additional tags are available. To receive an additional tag, hunters must report their take of an antlerless deer to the Sterling Forest Park Office, 116 Old Forge Rd., Tuxedo, N.Y. 10987. Phone 845-351-5907. (See below for additional reporting requirements)

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. 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 Park Staff if wounded game enters restricted areas or when game will need to be retrieved after hours. Call the Park Office at (845) 351-5907. If you do not get a person there, call the Park Police at (845) 786-2781.
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 only during October, November, and 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.
10. Promptly report any and all unusual incidents directly to the Park Police at (845) 786-2781 or park manager at (845) 351-5907. Unusual incidents include, but are not limited to, damage to park property, accidents, personal injuries, and emergencies involving medical personnel.
11. Wounded deer that cannot be tracked should be reported to the park manager at (845) 351-5907 immediately to arrange possible assistance with locating the deer.

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 December 31, 2016.** This form is necessary to fulfill the DEC DMAP reporting requirements and to help us evaluate the deer management program. In addition, any hunter that requests a DMAP tag must return any unfilled DMAP tags by this date.

At the park, there is a self-check station to be used at your convenience. The check station includes a park map with the designated hunting zones, scale to weigh deer, a deer harvest survey card (**not a substitute to the mandatory reporting form, you must still complete and return the reporting form on your permit**), and other related deer information. **The self-check in station is located off Taylor Road, at the seasonal parking area.**

Failure to return the reporting form attached to your permit or unfilled DMAP permits by 4:30 pm on December 31, 2016 will result in the denial of a 2017 hunting permit.

Example hunter report form:

			Total deer taken by grid location				
Grid	Days Hunted	Hours Hunted	Adults		Fawns		Other wildlife seen
			Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	
E3	3	12	1	1	1		1 bear, 3 turkeys, 1 red fox
E4	1	4		1			1 bobcat
Number of the above deer taken with a DMAP tag				1	1		

This hunter took a total of 4 deer: 1 adult buck, 2 adult does, and 1 buck fawn. Two of the four deer were taken with DMAP Tags: One adult doe and a buck fawn.

Be sure of your target and beyond; always wear orange.