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## STATE PARKS ANNOUNCES PHEASANT HUNT LOTTERY

The Niagara Frontier Region of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has announced that the annual permit lottery for the 2019 pheasant hunting season will take place Tuesday, October 1. 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 – Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13. 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 – October 19, October 26, and November 2.

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 pheasant season, from October 20 to December 31, 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 12, 13, 19, 26 and November 2.

As in the past, stocking will be done by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. No hunting will be permitted on the following release days: October 11, 18, 25 and November 1. 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 email Bethany Fay at <a href="mailto:Bethany.Fay@parks.ny.gov">Bethany.Fay@parks.ny.gov</a> and include the following information: The day(s) and parks you would like to hunt, applicant's name, address, telephone number, email address, hunting license back tag number, and AM hunt or PM hunt.

You may also mail your information on a standard-size 3 x 5 file card or postcard with the above stated information. 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 Josh Bodie 1 Maintenance Ave. Youngstown, NY 14174 (716) 745-7273

Only one permit will be issued to each hunter per day and all lottery entries must be received by noon on Monday, September 30. For more information or questions, please call individual parks for more information.