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Wilson Tuscarora State Park (716) 751-6361

STATE PARKS ANNOUNCES PHEASANT HUNT LOTTERY

The Niagara Frontier Region of New York State Parks today announced that the annual permit lottery for the 2025 pheasant hunting season will take place Monday, October 6th, 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 11th and Sunday, October 12th. 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 18th, 25th & November 01st.

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 regular pheasant season, from October 18th to December 31st, 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 11th, 12th (youth hunt) and on October 18th, 25th and November 01st- (regular season).

As in the past, stocking will be done by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. No hunting is allowed on the following Friday release days: October 10th, 17th, 24th and October 31st. 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 mail in a separate, standard-size 3 x 5 file card or postcard for each date and park you would like to hunt. Only one permit will be issued to each hunter per day. Cards may be put into one envelope for each respective park and mailed together to the appropriate address listed below:

Golden Hill State Park	Wilson Tuscarora State Park	Joseph Davis State Park
9691 Lower Lake Rd.	3371 W. Lake Rd.	300 Portage Rd.
Barker, NY 14012	Wilson, NY 14172	Lewiston, NY 14092
(716) 795-3885	(716) 751-6361	(716) 754-7766

The file card should include: Applicant's name, address, telephone number, email address, hunting license back tag number, hunt date, AM hunt or PM hunt, and which desired park location. Entries

will be computerized to avoid duplications. All your lottery entries must be received by noon on Monday, September 30. For more information or questions, please call the individual parks for more information.

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