



New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation

Western District – Genesee Region, One Letchworth State Park, Castile, New York 14427

585-493-3600

SELF ISSUE PERMIT
Keep with you at all times
LETCWORTH STATE PARK
ARCHERY/MUZZLELOADING/CROSSBOW
BIG GAME HUNTING PERMIT
2025 SEASON

ARCHERY/CROSSBOW DATES:

East Side: October 1 – December 16, 2025 & December 26 – January 1, 2026
West Side: October 14 – December 16, 2025 & December 26 – January 1, 2026

MUZZLELOADING SEASON

EAST & WEST

Monday, December 8 – 16, 2025 & December 26 – January 1, 2026

Park Office: 585-493-3600 Park Police: 585-658-4692

1. ALL activities on State Park lands are regulated. Please check with the park office if you have any questions.
2. Each person must obtain and possess a permit while archery hunting on State Park Lands.
3. Before hunting in the park, you must obtain a permit at the park office or on-line. **You need to obtain this permit only once for archery/muzzleloading/crossbow season. This is your actual Permit.**
4. This permit is valid from October 1, 2025 through January 1, 2026 in accordance to East and West side opening dates listed above.
5. Archery/Muzzleloading/Crossbow is permitted during appropriate DEC Hunting seasons.
6. All forms of target shooting, including sighting in guns, bows, or crossbows, are prohibited.
7. NO permanent tree stands are permitted. Temporary tree stands are allowed **1 week** prior to season but must not damage trees and must be removed by dusk January 5th. Tree stands not removed by this date will be removed and destroyed.
8. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on trails and closed areas.
9. Letchworth State Park lands are within WMU 8M.
10. To better manage Big Game population ALL hunters are required to return a completed survey as a condition of your permit. Failure to return survey will result in you not being eligible to receive a permit next year.
11. **NOTE: HUNTING IN THE SPECIAL SOUTHERN ARCHERY ZONE REQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL PERMIT. PLEASE VISIT <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/letchworth/details.aspx> FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

This **permit** is issued to: (Print legibility)

First and Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State & Zip code: _____ DEC ID Number: _____

Permit holders signature: _____ Date: _____

ARCHERY/CROSSBOW HUNTING 2025

East

October 1 – December 16, 2025 & December 26 – January 1, 2026

West

October 14 – December 16, 2025 & December 26 – January 1, 2026

Hunting Area—WEST of the Genesee River (see attached map)

1. Both sides of the Main Park Road from Castile to Hogsback. EXCLUDED are posted safety zones.
2. Southeast of 19A, South of Finn Rd, Northeast of Griffith Road.
3. North of the Dam Overlook to Upper Mt. Morris Road. Both sides of road.
4. Keep 500 feet from structures. (Note: The Safety Zone has been expanded near the Gibsonville Road and “C” Cabin areas. Please refer to the map for changes).
5. Follow DEC Rules for hunting distances from structures. (See safety zones on map)

Hunting Area—EAST of the Genesee River. The eastern side of the park east of the Genesee River, as far North as the Damsite Road, EXCLUDING the Parade Grounds and Cabin Area D which are south of Trail 7 and west of the park Rd; also EXCLUDING the park land south of Route 436 which is NOT in Wildlife Management unit 8M.

Archery Only areas are open during regular season for archery.

MUZZLELOADING SEASON

EAST & WEST

December 8 – December 16, 2025 & December 26 - January 1, 2026

**Archery, Muzzleloader and Crossbow Hunting allowed in all
SHOTGUN Hunting areas (see hunting map)**



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2025/2026 Letchworth State Park Hunter Survey

NAME: _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated as we assess and monitor our wildlife and hunting seasons. Failure to return the survey will result in permit ineligibility for the following season. (ONLY ONE PERSON PER SURVEY FORM)

1. *How would you rank your hunting experience in Letchworth State Park?*

Please circle (1-very dissatisfied to 5-very satisfied)

1

2

3

4

5

2. *Where did you hunt in the park? (Please see attached map)*

Area 1 ☐ Area 2 ☐ Area 3 ☐ Area 4 ☐ Area 5 ☐ Area 6 ☐

3. *When did you hunt in the park?*

☐ early archery ☐ regular season ☐ late archery/muzzleloader

4. *Approximately how many hours did you hunt in the park?* _____

5. *How many bear/deer did you harvest? Where did you harvest bear/deer?*

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	Area 6
# of bucks harvested				No antlered deer to be taken		
# of Does harvested						
# of male bears harvested						
# of female bears harvested						

6. *What implement did you use?*

☐ bow

☐ crossbow

☐ shotgun

☐ muzzleloader

7. *Did you have to track a deer/bear (please circle one) onto private property? _____*

8. *Did you shoot a deer/bear that you were unable to locate? _____*

9. *Did you see many deer/bear in the park (bucks, does, fawns, cubs)? How many of each?*

10. *What other wildlife did you see in the park (Bobcat, fisher, turkey, etc.)? Where? If so, how many of each?*

12. *Did you experience any problems with hunting season? (If so, please explain):*

13. *Do you have any future recommendations for the hunting season? (If so, please explain):*

14. *Any additional comments (other wildlife sightings, camping experience, etc):*

Please return survey by January 5th:

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Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD): CWD remains a serious threat to NY deer populations. DEC conducts disease surveillance to look for CWD. We encourage hunters to reach out to their local DEC to have their deer harvests tested. Report suspected sick deer to your regional DEC office 518-402-8013 or the Park office (585) 493-3600.