

2025 Regular Big Game Season Hunting Information/Application
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
LETCWORTH STATE PARK

REGULAR SEASON

EAST & WEST

NOVEMBER 15, 2025 – DECEMBER 7, 2025

Hunting Area – West of the Genesee River

1. **West of the Main Park Road:** North from Castile Entrance Road to Gibsonville Road at the top of Gibsonville Hill. See Map for changes.
2. **East of the Main Park Road:** North from Castile Entrance Road to old Schenck Road as it goes from Highbanks Camping Contact station southeast to the Genesee River (this area will be posted). North from Silver Lake outlet to the Hogsback Overlook parking area. EXCLUDED are the posted safety zones around Camping Area, Cabin Area C and Parker's Hideaway.

Hunting Area – EAST of the Genesee River. The eastern side of the park east of the Genesee River as far North as the Visitor Center Road, EXCLUDING the Parade Grounds and Cabin Area D which are south of Trail 7 and west of the park road; also EXCLUDING the park land south of Route 436 which is NOT in Wildlife Management Unit 8M. Northeast of the intersection of River Rd. and Route 436, selected Park property has been changed to Archery Only. **See map for changes.**

- **ALL HUNTING REQUESTS AND PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED BY MAIL ONLY –**
NO PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED IN PERSON

- **Legal Implements include Bow, Crossbow, Shotgun, Pistol and Muzzleloader in accordance with DEC regulations unless otherwise specified in Park Permits. Rifles are not permitted. No limitation on permits issued. Bow, Crossbow and Muzzleloader are a separate self-issue permit.**
 - Gates fees are collected from 9a-5p daily until October 19, 2025.
 - Hunting in Letchworth & Silver Lake State Park is by permit only.
 - Letchworth State Park is Wildlife Management Unit 8M.
 - Vehicles are allowed on public roadways only. Off road operation is prohibited. Park within one vehicle width off the road if parking on the lawn. **In the event of snow, park roads may be closed.**
 - 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 5, 2026. If found after this date, they will be removed and destroyed.
 - Be aware, there are many visitors in the park who may be hiking, biking or snowmobiling in designated areas. Please look out for their safety as well as your own at all times.
 - 400 square inches of florescent orange is mandatory during shotgun season (equivalent to a vest, front and back).
 - Be absolutely sure of your target & beyond.
 - Consider ALL firearms loaded.
 - Hunters may enter the park at 5 a.m. and hunt from ½ hour before Sunrise to ½ hour after Sunset ONLY.
 - 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.

There have been confirmed incidents in Livingston County of Rabies in deer. Take adequate precautions to avoid direct contact with fluids and raw meat.

TO APPLY FOR REGULAR BIG GAME HUNTING PERMITS

Applications will be processed as they are received in the mail. No postmark date limitation. You **MUST** provide a legal Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.

Failure to include a SASE will exclude your application until one is received.

Your results will be mailed, **only ONE application per envelope.** Applications will not be taken by phone.

Mail application to: Hunting Permit, One Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY 14427

PERMIT MUST BE CARRIED ON PERSON AT ALL TIMES.

REPORT violations to the NYS Park Police at 585-658-4692. Dial 911 for emergencies. ANY DEC OR REGIONAL VIOLATION MAY RESULT IN YOUR PERMIT BEING REVOKED, TICKETS, AND/OR YOUR ARREST. PLEASE PRINT!!!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

DEC ID #: _____