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## **FINGER LAKES STATE PARK ANNOUNCES 2020-2021 HUNTING SCHEDULE**

(September 2020, Trumansburg, NY...) Fred Bonn, Regional Director of the Finger Lakes State Parks, announced the 2020-2021 hunting schedule for the region's state parks.

Hunters must check with park office to obtain a self-issue permit for any hunting.

### **BIG GAME – DEER**

Deer – Archery

*Reference the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for archery hunting in the following parks:*

Bonavista, Buttermilk Falls, Chimney Bluffs, Connecticut Hill, Fair Haven Beach, Fillmore Glen, Ganondagan, Harriet Hollister Spencer, Juniper Pond, Keuka Lake, Long Point, Mark Twain, Newtown Battlefield, Pinnacle, upper Robert H. Treman, Sampson, Stony Brook, Taughannock Falls, Two Rivers, and Watkins Glen State Parks.

Note: Hunters at Bonavista State Golf Course must pre-register at Sampson Park Office. They need to sign-in/out daily and record their harvest at Bonavista.

Note: Hunters at Buttermilk Falls State Park must sign in each day at the park office or upper contact station. Hunting is allowed in designated sections as indicated on the park hunting map at the sign-in station.

Note: No hunting at Chimney Bluff State Park until after Columbus Day.

Note: Fair Haven Beach State Park will NOT be open for early archery.

Note: A separate park hunting permit is required at Fair Haven Beach State Park. Contact the park office for details. Permit reservations will be taken starting September 19, 2020 at 8:30am.

Note: At Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area, there will be no hunting after the regular gun season concludes with any implements after December 13, 2020.

Note: At Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area, there will be NO hunting in the Reynolds Gull area.

Note: Archery deer hunting is allowed at Ganondagan State Historic Site from dawn to 9:00 a.m. only. A separate hunting permit may be obtained from the Seneca Art & Culture Center the afternoon of the day prior to hunting.

Note: Separate park hunting permit is required for deer hunting at Mark Twain State Park.

Note: Hunters at Newtown Battlefield Reservation State Park must sign in and out each day at the park office or at the gate if closed at the entrance.

- Note: Hunters at Robert H. Treman State Park must sign in each day at park office or upper contact station. Hunting is allowed in designated sections as indicated on the park hunting map at the sign-in station.
- Note: Archery hunters at Sampson State Park must register at the park office prior to hunting, check out in person, and report their harvest. Contact the park office for details.
- Note: Archery deer hunting is allowed on the east side of the gorge only at Stony Brook State Park. A separate park hunting permit is required. Contact the park office for details.
- Note: Hunters at Taughannock Falls State Park must sign in each day at the park office.
- Note: Hunters at Two Rivers State Park must sign in each day at the Romtek bathroom on Banzhoff Road.

#### Deer – Cross Bow

*Reference the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for cross bow hunting in the following parks:*

Buttermilk Falls, Chimney Bluffs, Connecticut Hill, Fillmore Glen, Harriet Hollister Spencer, Keuka Lake, Long Point, Newtown Battlefield, upper Robert H. Treman, Stony Brook, Taughannock Falls, Two Rivers, and Watkins Glen State Parks.

- Note: Hunters at Buttermilk Falls State Park must sign in each day at the park office or upper contact station each day. Hunting is allowed in designated sections as indicated on the park hunting map at the sign-in station.
- Note: No hunting at Chimney Bluff State Park until after Columbus Day.
- Note: At Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area, there will be no hunting after the regular gun season concludes with any implements after December 13, 2020.
- Note: At Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area, there will be NO hunting in the Reynolds Gull area.
- Note: Hunters at Newtown Battlefield Reservation State Park must sign in and out each day at the park office or at the gate if closed at the entrance.
- Note: Hunters at Robert H. Treman State Park must sign in each day at park office or upper contact station. Hunting is allowed in designated sections as indicated on the park hunting map at the sign-in station.
- Note: Hunters at Taughannock Falls State Park must sign in each day at the park office.
- Note: Hunters at Two Rivers State Park must sign in each day at the Romtek bathroom on Banzhoff Road.

#### Deer – Shotgun and Muzzleloading Rifle (**No gun hunting during the Columbus Day Youth Season**)

*Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for shotgun and muzzleloading rifle hunting in the following parks:*

Chimney Bluffs, Connecticut Hill, Harriet Hollister Spencer, Juniper Pond, Long Point, Keuka Lake, and Sampson State Parks.

- Note: No hunting at Chimney Bluff State Park until after Columbus Day.
- Note: Harriet Hollister Spencer does not allow hunting during late special season (reference the DEC guidelines).
- Note: At Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area, there will be NO hunting in the Reynolds Gull area.
- Note: Shotgun is allowed at Keuka Lake State Park in area B only. Contact the park office or the park website for map and additional information.
- Note: Sampson State Park will conduct a five-day regular shotgun season hunt by lottery draw. Contact the park office for details.

Note: Rifles are NOT allowed in or on any State Park property with exception of muzzleloading rifles in designated areas during designated season.

Deer – Muzzleloading only (no shotgun or rifle) allowed during regular shotgun season and special late season

*Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for muzzleloading hunting in the following parks:*  
Fillmore Glen, Pinnacle, and Two Rivers State Parks.

Note: Hunters at Two Rivers State Park must sign in each day at the Romtek bathroom on Banzhoff Road.

Note: No muzzleloading during the Columbus Day Youth Season at Fillmore Glen State Park, or Pinnacle State Park.

## SMALL GAME

Duck– Early and/or Late Seasons

*Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for waterfowl hunting in the following parks:*  
Cayuga Lake (including Lewis’s Point), Chimney Bluffs, Dean’s Cove, Fair Haven Beach (Sterling Creek), Juniper Pond, Keuka Lake, Long Point, Sampson, and Seneca Lake State Parks.

Note: No hunting at Chimney Bluff State Park until after Columbus Day.

Note: Federal Pier at Fair Haven Beach State Park is open for late season only. Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules.

Note: Duck hunting at Sampson State Park is late season only. All hunters must sign in and out at the park office. All harvests must be recorded.

Note: Cayuga Lake State Park (including Lewis’s Point), Dean’s Cove State Marine Park, and Seneca Lake State Park is **late season ONLY**. All hunters must be in boats at all times.

Note: Keuka Lake State Park is **late season ONLY**. Hunters may hunt from shore but ONLY BETWEEN HIGH WATER MARK AND LAKE.

Canada Geese

*Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for goose hunting in the following parks:*

Cayuga Lake (including Lewis’s Point), Chimney Bluffs, Dean’s Cove, Fair Haven Beach (Sterling Creek & Federal Pier), Juniper Pond, Keuka Lake, Long Point and Seneca Lake State Parks.

Note: Chimney Bluffs State Park and Federal Pier at Fair Haven Beach State Park is open for **late season ONLY**. Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates.

Note: No hunting at Chimney Bluff State Park until after Columbus Day.

Note: Cayuga Lake State Park (including Lewis’s Point), Dean’s Cove State Marine Park, Keuka Lake State Park, and Seneca Lake State Park is **late season ONLY**. All hunters must be in boats along shoreline.

Snow Geese

*Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for snow geese hunting in the following parks:*

Cayuga Lake (including Lewis's Point), Chimney Bluffs, Dean's Cove, Fair Haven Beach (Sterling Creek), Juniper Pond, Long Point, and Seneca Lake State Parks.

Note: Cayuga Lake State Park (including Lewis's Point) and Dean's Cove State Marine Park is late season ONLY. All hunters must be in boats along the shoreline.

Note: No hunting at Chimney Bluff State Park until after Columbus Day.

Note: No hunting at Seneca Lake State Park until November 28, 2020.

#### Brant

*Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for brant hunting in the following parks:*

Cayuga Lake (including Lewis's Point), Chimney Bluffs, Dean's Cove, Fair Haven Beach (Sterling Creek), Juniper Pond, and Long Point State Parks.

Note: Cayuga Lake State Park (including Lewis's Point), and Dean's Cove State Marine Park is late season ONLY. All hunters must be in boats along the shoreline.

Note: No hunting at Chimney Bluff State Park until after Columbus Day.

#### Turkey

*Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for turkey hunting in the following parks:*

Bonavista, Chimney Bluffs, Connecticut Hill, Juniper Pond, Keuka Lake, Pinnacle and Sampson State Parks.

Note: No hunting at Chimney Bluff State Park until after Columbus Day.

Note: Spring turkey hunting at Keuka Lake State Park in on park property south of West Bluff Road (Area B) only.

Note: Spring turkey hunting at Sampson State Park is zone specific for gun and bow. Zone reservations begin April 1, 2020. Contact park office for details.

Note: Fall turkey hunting at Keuka Lake State Park is **bow and cross bow only.**

Note: Fall turkey hunting at Bonavista State Golf Course and Sampson State Park is **bow only.**

#### Other Small Game

*Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for small game hunting in the following parks:*

Chimney Bluffs, Connecticut Hill, Long Point, Juniper Pond, Keuka Lake, Mark Twain, Pinnacle, and Sampson State Parks.

Note: No hunting at Chimney Bluff State Park until after Columbus Day.

Note: Small game hunting is allowed at Keuka Lake State Park in Area B only from October 1 – 31, 2020 and December 14, 2020 – February 28, 2021.

Note: Small game hunting is not allowed during any deer season at Mark Twain State Park and Sampson State Park.

Note: There is no small game hunting at Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area at any time.

#### Park Specific Rules and Regulations:

- A separate special park permit is required for all hunting at Sampson State Park along with blaze orange hat or vest during the five-day shotgun hunt and also during the late muzzleloader season. A separate special park permit is required for all hunters at Buttermilk Falls State Park and Robert H. Treman State Park.

- At Bonavista State Golf Course, deer hunting will be by bow only and will be limited to one hunter per zone by first come, first serve basis (5 zones available). Hunters must sign in and out daily at the maintenance barn and indicate their zone. Harvests must be recorded. No reservations can be made. Contact Sampson State Park office for details.
- On the Catharine Valley Trail, a one-mile section of the trail near the Village of Montour Falls will be closed for approximately four (4) weeks during regular gun season. Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for regular gun season.
- At Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area, there will be NO hunting in the Reynolds Gull area.
- At Long Point State Park, special DEC permits for big and small game hunting are required from the check station at King Ferry (315-364-7777) from October 1 – January 15.
- All portable tree stands must have the owner's name, address, and phone number and must be removed at the end of the season. At Long Point State Park, tree stands must be removed daily. At Ganondagan State Historic Site, no tree stands are permitted.
- At Stony Brook State Park, a separate park hunting permit is required. Contact the park office for details or visit <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/stonybrook/details.aspx> to download a copy of the 2020 hunting permit.
- At Watkins Glen State Park, bow hunting on the west side of the railroad is open during DEC regulated archery seasons. The east side of the railroad opens November 1 through the end of DEC regulated archery seasons.
- Safety zones and restricted areas are posted to ensure the safety of other park patrons and regional personnel. Signs will be posted at all parks during hunting season to notify patrons of this activity. Handguns will not be permitted in any of the parks.
- No trapping is allowed at any of the State Parks in the Finger Lakes Region.
- Note: A valid New York State hunting license with the proper hunting stamps must be carried with all hunters at all times.
- **No Hunting Allowed At:**  
 Allan H. Treman State Marine Park  
 Beechwood State Park  
 Black Diamond Trail  
 Canandaigua State Marine Park  
 Catharine Valley Trail  
 Honeoye Lake State Marine Boat Launch  
 Indian Hills State Golf Course  
 Jennings Pond  
 Lodi Point State Park  
 Sonnenberg Gardens State Historic Site  
 Springbrook Greens State Golf Course

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