Minnewaska State Park Preserve 2017 Hunting Regulations

Hunters are responsible to understand and obey these regulations. Violations may result in revocation of park hunting privileges and/or legal prosecution.

1. A valid NYS Hunting License is required to hunt in the Park. Hunting is permitted in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations and hunters must present a valid hunting license upon request.
2. All hunters must hunt in designated hunting area ONLY.
3. DEER HUNTING ONLY on all Minnewaska lands, no small game, birds or bear hunting is permitted.
4. No discharging of any firearm within 200’ of any road, carriage road or trail or across any road, carriage road or trail.
5. Hunters must report any deer hunting success by calling the Park Preserve office at (845) 255-0752.
6. Entry upon any private land adjacent to the general hunting area shall be by permission of the landowner. It is the hunter’s responsibility to know the park preserve boundaries.
7. The Park may be closed to hunting during periods of severe forest fire danger. Area newspapers and radio stations will be notified and signs will be placed at major access points. Call (845) 255-0752 or (845) 647-7989 for current information.
8. Vehicles are not permitted on any trails or interior roads unless specifically designated by a sign or by written permission from the Park. ATV’s are prohibited in all New York State Parks at all times.
9. Cutting, placing nails or screws into, or otherwise damaging trees or other vegetation is prohibited.
10. Portable tree stands are permitted only provided they do not damage trees. Building, or using, a “permanent” tree stand is prohibited and may result in revocation of hunting privileges and/or restoration for damage. No screw-in tree stands are permitted.
11. No vegetation may be cut, removed or destroyed.
12. No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall hunt in the Park, and no person may carry or possess alcohol or drugs in the Park.
13. Parking is allowed in designated parking areas.
14. Vehicles blocking gates or another vehicle will be towed at the owner’s expense.
15. Target and promiscuous shooting is not permitted in the Park.
16. Camping and fires are prohibited.
17. Please remove spent cartridges.
18. Littering is prohibited. Use only biodegradable paper tape to mark blood trails etc. and collect it after use. Plastic ribbon lasts a long time and degrades the natural beauty of the forest.
19. All applicable provisions of NYS Fish and Wildlife Laws are in effect, as well as applicable sections of the Rules and Regulations of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.
20. All hunters must return a completed questionnaire to the Park Preserve Office by 1/15/18. Mail forms to MSPP, POB 893, New Paltz, NY 12561 Attn: Terri McNeill or email them to Terri.McNeill@parks.ny.gov
21. To obtain a hunting permit application you can call 845-255-0752 or email Terri.McNeill@parks.ny.gov or call Sam’s Point at 845-647-7989.

We strongly suggest:
Be sure of your target and beyond; always wear orange.

WARNING – DANGER
Carriage roads, trails, and overlooks throughout the park are adjacent to steep descents and cliffs. Exercise extreme caution in all areas. Keep away from cliff edges.