



TACONIC REGION – Rockefeller State Park Preserve
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2018 Controlled Bow Hunt at Rockefeller State Park Preserve

Rockefeller State Park Preserve will conduct a controlled bow hunt this fall. To participate, hunters must commit to a minimum of five days of effort. Applications and the conditions of the hunt may be obtained in person at the Preserve office, on the park website (<http://www.nysparks.com/parks/59/permits-applications.aspx>), or via e-mail to rebecca.policello@parks.ny.gov.

Questions can be directed to Rebecca Policello at the Preserve office [914-631-1470 ext 106]

Qualification and Selection Process – *Selection will be based on safety, experience, and success.*

- Only hunters who possess a valid **2018-2019 NYS Bow Hunting License** may apply. Licenses go on sale August 2018.
- **Applications must be received in the Park Office by 5:00PM on Monday, August 20th, 2018.**
- Hunters' bow skills will be tested at the Preserve on Sunday, September 16th, 2018. Notification will be by phone & e-mail. An arrival time and the location of the qualification event will be provided.
- Testing order will be based date applications are received.
- At the time of qualification test, hunters must be in possession of and **present** their new 2018-2019 NYS License.
- Hunters selected will be required to attend orientation on Sunday, September 16th.

Hunt Schedule

- The hunt in RSPP is limited to non-holiday weekdays.
- October is Incentive Month for hunters who harvested 3 or more does in RSPP between 2015-2017.
- The regular season extends from Thursday, November 1nd, 2018 through Monday December 31st.

Hunt Rules (Partial)

- Hunters must follow all NYS DEC hunting regulations including tag limits.
- An antlerless deer must be taken before a buck. Preference points are given for multiple antlerless deer.
- The hunt is limited to a specific management area which will be clearly defined at orientation. Trails are open to park visitors during the hunting season, therefore, only still hunting is allowed from tree stand.
- All hunters will be required to leave phone message with the park office when starting their hunt for the day and check out when they have finished.