

Minnewaska State Park Preserve Property 2016 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 Preserve. Hunting is permitted in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations and hunters must present a valid hunting license upon request. Minnewaska State Park Preserve's WMU is 3J, which requires that any buck taken must have at least one antler with 3 or more points which are at least one inch long. Hunters under 17 are exempt from the three point requirement. This restriction applies in all deer hunting seasons.
2. All hunters must hunt in the designated hunting area ONLY.
3. **DEER HUNTING ONLY** on any Minnewaska State Park Preserve property, no small game, birds or bear.
4. No discharging of any firearm within 200ft of any road, carriage road or trail or across any road, carriage road or trail.
5. Hunters must report any deer hunting success. To report your success call the Minnewaska 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 Preserve Manager. 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 restitution for damages. No screw-in tree steps are permitted.
11. No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall hunt in the Park Preserve, and no person may carry or possess alcohol or drugs in the Park Preserve.
12. Parking is allowed in designated parking areas.
13. Vehicles blocking gates or another vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.
14. Target and promiscuous shooting is not permitted in the Park Preserve.
15. Camping and fires are prohibited.
16. Please remove spent cartridges.
17. Littering is prohibited. Use only biodegradable paper tape to mark blood trails & collect it after use. Plastic ribbon lasts a long time & degrades the natural beauty of the forest.
18. All applicable provisions of NYS Fish & Wildlife Laws are in effect, as well as applicable sections of the Rules & Regulations of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.
19. All hunters must return a completed questionnaire by 1/15/17 to:
Minnewaska State Park Preserve, POB 893, New Paltz, NY 12561 Attn: Terri McNeil

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.