Westchester County Parks

2019 WESTCHESTER COUNTY ADAPTIVE DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Westchester County will open sections of Muscoot Farm, Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Mountain Lakes Park, Hilltop Hanover Farm, and John E. Hand Bald Mountain Park to hunting this autumn following the recommendations of the Citizen’s Task Force on White-tailed Deer and Forest Regeneration and the completion of ten successful seasons. The program is focused on the health of our forests and safety of park patrons. Participants are expected to comply with the following guidelines:

Applications can be submitted at the proficiency test. A valid driver license is required to submit an application. Applicants must pass a proficiency test by hitting a 6-inch target at 30 yards, three out of four tries, using compound bows and arrows with field tips only, at Blue Mountain Sportsman Center in Peekskill on Thursday, June 13, Saturday, June 22 or Sunday, June 30 between 10:00 am and 3:30 pm. Reservations must be made in advance. Call (914) 864-7326 to reserve a test time.

Of those who pass the proficiency test, participants will be selected by lottery to hunt. There is no fee for applying; however, those selected will pay an administrative fee of $40 to cover the costs of testing and administering identification cards.

The 2019 Westchester County deer hunting program will run from October 1 to December 31. Days and hours for hunting will vary depending on park location. John E. Hand Bald Mountain Park will only be open to select hunters. Details will be covered in the mandatory hunting orientation.

The safety of our patrons is a top priority; all hunters should be aware that the parks will remain open to the public. Hunters must comply with all federal, state, county, and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s laws and regulations for the hunting of deer in Westchester County.

Hunters chosen by lottery must also:

- Attend a mandatory orientation meeting on either Tuesday, July 23 or Thursday, August 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River;
- Complete application and provide copies of NYS hunting license, NYCDEP access permit;
- Sign waivers of qualifications and assurances and liability, release, defense and indemnification (to be distributed at the orientation meetings);
- Check in and check out by phone each day of hunting;
- Pin chosen Deer Management Unit at designated hunters kiosk;
- Report all harvested deer to program managers;
- Use portable tree stands with full body harness;
- Record hunting information on Parks Hunter Log Slips each hunt;
- Be prepared to produce the county-issued hunter ID;
- Invest at least 45 hours in stand or harvest antlerless deer within the program for their first season. Program veterans are retained through harvest statistics;
- Comply with all guidelines. There will be zero tolerance for non-compliance. Non-compliance will result in the revocation of privilege to hunt on Westchester County park property.

Please visit http://parks.westchestergov.com/deer-management for a full list of the program requirements.
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Last Name ____________________________________________
First Name, MI _________________________________________
Mailing Address _________________________________________

Cell Phone* (___) _________________________________

May we share your cell phone and email address with other program participants?  ___ Yes  ___ No

Home Phone (___) _________________________________

Email**                                               _________________________________

* A cell phone is required for safety and communication with program managers while on site.

** Email is our main form of communication to program participants and therefore it is required to have access to a valid email address to partake in this program.

Emergency contact information
  Name: ____________________________________________
  Phone: __________________________________________

Vehicle
  Make: ________  Model: ________  Color: ________

License Plate
  State: __________________________________________
  Plate #: _______________________________________

Driver’s License ID # _______________________________________

Back Tag ID # _______________________________________

Date of birth _______________________________________

How many years have you been bow hunting? ____________

How did you hear about the program? Please specify _________________________________
(Radio, bow shop, press release, NYS DEC, Westchester County website, online, word of mouth, program participant)

I agree to abide by and understand the guidelines of the 2019 Westchester County Deer Hunting Program.

Print Name ____________________________________________

Signature ___________________________________________  Date ____________

Completed application may be submitted at Proficiency Test.

Hunters accepted into the program will be charged a $40 program fee when the hunter ID is made. Hunter IDs must be made and copies of a valid NYS hunting license and NYCDEP access permit must be submitted before October 1

For more information, call (914) 864-7326