

**2023 BIG GAME REGULAR SEASON OPENING DAY HUNT LOTTERY
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 02ND, 2023 AT 06:00 PM AT VICTOR CONSTANT SKI LODGE**

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The Opening Day Hunt Lottery returns in 2023! The Lottery is to secure a hunting spot on opening morning of Regular Firearm Big Game Season. No Lines. No Rush. Lottery scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd @ 06:00 PM Victor Constant Ski Area Lodge. Hunters call the Outdoor Recreation Area to register (845) 938-2503. No day-of registration.

Eligibility priority in the lottery will be: Priority I - Active duty military personnel. Priority II - Retired military personnel, Drilling Reserve and Guard personnel, and West Point Civilian Personnel

Group Chip.

Chipper group - One Chipper group, no matter the size of the area, if space available. One chipper group of hunters may elect to enter the lottery as a group. A group will receive a single chip, and may sign out an area as a unit, provided the area has open capacity. A chip drawn during the Priority One round of selections must have all Priority One hunters. A chip drawn during the Priority Two round may be a mixed priority party.

LOTTERY PROCESS:

1. Hunters may begin calling Round Pond to register for a lottery number on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. A priority number and lottery number is given to each hunter.
2. Hunters attend Lottery on Thursday, November 2, 2023. Pre-registered hunters must check in with MWR Staff. Hunters assume responsibility to have all proper licenses / permits by Opening Day.
3. Priority one hunters are drawn first then priority two. Chips are drawn out bucket by chosen hunter. MWR staff calls number and places chips on table in order they are drawn.
4. When their number is called the hunter proceeds to chart to choose a hunting area for opening day. MWR marks "x" on chosen area.
5. Hunter prints and signs name in Record book next to chosen area.

DAYS AFTER LOTTERY:

1. On the following day after the lottery, Hunters not at the lottery may register for open areas & Hunters at the lottery may change existing areas at Round Pond during business hours. In the Record Book.
2. On the Friday before opening of Rifle/ Big Game season, Hunters may check in for Opening Day using paper sign in procedures at Hunt Control. Hunters initial pre-selection line "Signing themselves out" to hunt.

OPENING DAY:

1. Hunters who have pre-signed out may head directly to their hunting area on opening morning. Reserved areas not claimed by 0900 opening day are then made available to anyone. All must sign back in when done hunting their area in person at Hunt Control.
2. iSportsman will display all areas CLOSED. All check in/out procedures will be manual at Hunt Control.

REST OF SEASON

1. All check in and out will be through iSportsman as it is on every other hunting/fishing day of the year.
2. All Game check will be at Hunt Control.

**** HUNT CONTROL & HARVEST CHECK STATION HAS MOVED!**** In 2022, the Hunt Control & Harvest Check Station (where all deer and bear must be brought throughout the Regular Firearm Season) has relocated to Bldg 1666 (Snake Pit) on the corner of Route 293 and Mine Torne Road where it remains in 2023. The CLEO (Game Warden) building remains located at Bldg 1670 on Mine Torne Road.