

2025-2026 WEST POINT HUNTING NOTICE

**** LICENSE & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:** To hunt any land or water at West Point, all hunters need an active 1) NYS Hunting License and 2) West Point Hunting Permit (or be with a guest sponsor /w an active Guest Pass) ******

SMALL GAME		
SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT
Gray Squirrel	SEP 01 – FEB 28	6 squirrels/day
Cottontail Rabbit	OCT 01 – FEB 28	6 rabbits/day
Coyote	OCT 01 – MAR 29	No Limit
Raccoon, Skunk, Fox, Opossum	OCT 25 – FEB 15	No Limit
Bobcat	OCT 25 – FEB 15	No Limit

UPLAND BIRD		
SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT
Ring-Necked Pheasant	OCT 01 – FEB 28	2 birds/day
Wild Turkey (Fall)	OCT 18 – OCT 31	1 bird of either sex (1 bird/season)
Wild Turkey (Spring)	MAY 01 – MAY 31	1 bird/day (2 bearded birds/season)
Wild Turkey Youth Hunt	APR 25 – APR 26	1 bearded bird (may take 2 nd bird in Spring Season)
Woodcock	OCT 01 – NOV 14	3 birds/day
Ruffed Grouse	OCT 01 – FEB 28	4 birds/day

WATERFOWL		
SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT
Canada Goose	SEP 01 – 25; OCT 25 – JAN 12	SEP 01 – 25: 15 birds/day; OCT 25 – JAN 12: 5 birds/day
Ducks & Mergansers *	OCT 11 – OCT 19; NOV 08 – DEC 28	6 birds/day
Duck Youth & Military Hunts	YOUTH: SEP 27-28, MIL: SEP 27-28	6 birds/day
Waterfowl Hunt: * For scaup, brant - see NYSDEC regulations. 2025-2026 Migratory Bird Hunting & Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) needed to hunt ducks, mergansers, coots, brant and geese (age 16 years and older). Hunters pursuing migratory bird species must register annually with the Harvest Information Program. Call: 1-888-427-5447.		

BIG GAME		
DEER		DEER
SEASON	SEASON DATES	Deer harvest regulations, specific to West Point, are as follows: In 2025, an eligible West Point hunter with the appropriate tags or licenses may take deer with the following restrictions: - No more than three (3) deer total for the entire hunting year (DMAP tags may be exempt from this regulation). - Of which, hunters may take no more than one (1) deer of each sex per season (Youth, Early, Regular, Late) ANTLER POINT RESTRICTION In 2025, West Point continues its Antler Point Restriction (APR) deer hunting regulation. Deer hunters age 16 and up in selected APR areas pursuing antlered deer must limit themselves to antlered deer with no less than three (3) one inchpoints (incl brow tines if present) on at least one antler. APR AREAS consist of hunting areas east of Route 293 incl. Areas A3 Bow, Constitution Island Cadet Bow, CS, CS2 Bow, D1, D2, D3, E1, E2, G1, G2 Bow, H, J1 Bow, J2 Bow, J3 Bow, J4 Bow, J5 Bow, T1, T2, U1, U2, X, Y, Z1, Z2, Z4, Z5, & Z6. NON-APR AREAS consist of hunting areas west of Route 293 incl. Areas A1, A2, B, Buckner Bow, C, F, I, K Bow, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, R-Disabled, RP Bow, and S. Note: In 2025, junior hunters under age 16 are APR exempt and may take any antlered buck with proper tag in either an APR or non-APR area.
Deer – Early Bow & Crossbow	OCT 01 – NOV 14	
Crossbow may be used only in non-bow areas. Bow areas are reserved for compound, recurve, longbow.		
Deer – Regular Season	NOV 15 – DEC 07	
Deer – Late Bow/Muzzleloader	DEC 08 – DEC 16, DEC 26 – JAN 01	
Deer – Youth Firearms	OCT 11 – OCT 13	
BEAR		
SEASON	SEASON DATES	
Bear – Early Bear	SEP 06 – SEP 21	
Bear – Early Bow & Crossbow	OCT 01 – NOV 14	
Crossbow may be used only in non-bow areas. Bow areas are reserved for compound, recurve, longbow.		
Bear – Regular Season	NOV 15 – DEC 07	
Bear – Late Bow/Muzzleloader	DEC 08 – DEC 16	
Bear – Youth Firearms	OCT 11 – OCT 13	

**** NO UNAUTHOTIZED STOCKING OF FISH/WILDLIFE OR PLANTS **** The stocking of any fish or wildlife or release/planting of any non-native plants is prohibited at West Point.

OTHER REGULATIONS
Shooting Hours: For most species: sunrise to sunset (check daily for exact times). For Big Game and waterfowl: half hour pre-sunrise to a half hour post-sunset. Spring & Youth turkey: half hour pre-sunrise to 12 noon (0900 in Area J3 Bow). For Night Hunting of coyotes, raccoons, and foxes, check area both day area availability if hunting past midnight.

**** COMPLIANCE WITH NYS REGULATIONS:** For species not listed, New York State regulations apply. All West Point regulations shall comply with New York State regulations insofar as West Point restrictions may compliment but shall not violate New York State regulations.

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