

2026-2027 WEST POINT HUNTING NOTICE

**** LICENSE & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:** To hunt at West Point, all hunters need an active 1) NYS Hunt License and 2) West Point Hunt Permit (or be with a guest sponsor /w Guest Pass) **** HARVEST REQUIREMENTS:** All hunt harvests must be reported on iSportsman and Regular Season Big Game harvests taken to Hunt Control for Harvest Check.

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 28	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 17 – OCT 30	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 24 – APR 25	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 – SEP 25, OCT 24 – JAN 11	SEP 01-SEP 25:15/day; OCT 24-JAN 11: 5/day
Ducks & Mergansers *	OCT 10 – OCT 18; NOV 07 – DEC 27	6 birds/day
Duck Youth & Military Hunts	YOUTH: SEP 26-27, MIL: SEP 26-27	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 2026, an eligible West Point hunter with the appropriate tags or licenses may take deer with the following restrictions: • No more than five (5) deer total for 2026-2027 hunt year • At most, one (1) antlered buck per season (Bow, Regular, Late) • At most, two (2) antlerless deer per season (Bow, Regular, Late) • Early Antlerless, Youth harvests will not count against Bow or Regular Season sex limits, but will against 5 deer per year limit ANTLER POINT RESTRICTION In 2026, 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, 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: As of 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 Antlerless Season	SEP 12 – SEP 20	
Deer – Early Bow	OCT 01 – NOV 20	
Deer – Crossbow	OCT 01 – NOV 20	
Deer – Regular Season	NOV 21 – DEC 13	
Deer – Late Bow/Muzzleloader	DEC 14 – DEC 22, DEC 26 – JAN 01	
Deer – Youth Firearms	OCT 10 – OCT 12	
BEAR		
SEASON	SEASON DATES	
Bear – Early Bear	SEP 12 – SEP 27	
Bear – Early Bow	OCT 01 – NOV 20	
Bear – Crossbow	OCT 01 – NOV 20	
Bear – Regular Season	NOV 21 – DEC 13	
Bear – Late Bow/Muzzleloader	DEC 14 – DEC 22	
Bear – Youth Firearms	OCT 10 – OCT 12	

**** 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.