

REMINDER - Mandatory Check In/Out: To ensure safety prevent and military mission interference, all individuals incl. guests and walkers in any area must be checked in/out when going hunting or doing any hunting related activities game harvest, scouting, etc.

HUNTING HOURS

REGULAR BIG GAME SEASON

HUNTING HOURS: SUNRISE - SUNSET *

CHECK IN/OUT HOURS: 0500 TO SUNSET + 1 HR

OUTSIDE OF REGULAR BIG GAME SEASON

Hunting hours at West Point follow NYS hunting hours regulations on a species by species basis except for situations when West Point has enacted stricter regulations i.e. spring turkey hunting hours ending earlier for hunting areas on Cantonment. All hunters must know and comply with all NYS and West Point hunting regulations. Please see the annual Hunting Notice on the [Regulations Page \(Resources > Regulations\)](#) of the iSportsman website.

CANTONMENT (POST) HUNTING

- All Cantonment hunting areas - Areas G2, J1, J2, J3, J4, and J5 Areas are Bow Only Hunting areas and are off-limits to Guests and General Public.
- All Cantonment hunting areas will be closed on Army Football home game days as well as for graduation weekend to accommodate crowds on Cantonment.
- In winter, Cantonment hunting areas adjacent to ski areas including J2 Bow and J3 Bow may also be closed as needed for ski operation and maintenance.
- NOTE: All privately owned firearms must be registered with the Provost Marshall before being brought on to Cantonment, regardless of use at West Point.

SAFETY & REGULATIONS

- Safety is the highest priority as well as the personal responsibility of all West Point hunters. All individuals must review the Safety & Regulation Brief annually.
- All individuals must abide by [USMA Regulation 215-5 - Hunting, Trapping, Fishing & Boating](#). See the [Regulations Page](#) on the iSportsman website.
- Individuals involved in any hunting activity during any hunting season at West Point must wear blaze orange except for waterfowl and spring turkey hunters at rest.
- Season dates, bag limits, and other local regulations for game species are found in annual [West Point Hunting Notice](#) posted on the iSportsman website

REMINDER - Hunting Rules and Regulations - All of the hunting at West Point shall be in accordance with all New York State, federal, and local West Point regulations. For state regulations, see the NYSDEC website. For West Point regulations, see the West Point iSportsman website.

BLINDS & TREE STANDS

- Hunters may erect portable, removable blinds and tree stands provided no permanent damage is done to trees or the environment. (i.e. no spikes, screws, etc.)
- These may be deployed between September 1st and March 31st and must be labeled with owner name and phone number. Stands in violation will be seized.
- Note: Erecting a blind/stand in an area does not automatically confer rights to that area. Late arriving hunters should always yield to hunters already afield.

DISABLED HUNTERS

- The 23-acre "Area R - Disabled" is reserved only for disabled hunters and includes a ground blind.
- The Huntmaster, a hydraulic, lift blind - relocated every few years - is available only to disabled hunters.
- Non-hunting assistants may accompany disabled hunters afield without need of permit.

GUEST HUNTERS

- A **Guest Hunter** is an individual who hunts with a sponsoring hunter in possession of a valid hunting permit and either an Annual or Daily Guest Pass.
- Guests must possess a NYS license, check in/out and remain in same hunting area as sponsor and report all harvest on iSportsman thru sponsor at check-out

GENERAL PUBLIC HUNTERS

- A **General Public Hunter** does not meet other Customer Types eligibility criteria and may only hunt Big Game under very restricted conditions during the Regular Big Game Season.
- General Public individuals may register for accounts only in October and November and on a first-come, first-served basis may purchase one of **limited number** of **General Public Hunting Permits** offered annually.
- For General Public Restrictions, see [Hunting Page \(Activities > Hunting\)](#) on the iSportsman website.

CONTACTS

Natural Resources Branch: For fish and wildlife game and management issues; forestry issues; hunting, trapping, fishing or woodcutting issues; or to report injured wildlife or nuisance wildlife, call (845) 938-2314 or (845) 938-7122

Outdoor Recreation Division (MWR): For iSportsman accounts issues, West Point hunting and fishing permits and guest pass issues, and boat/equipmental rental questions, call (845) 938-2503 or (845) 938-8810.

Provost Marshall's Office (PMO): For issues incl. medical emergencies, fires, spills, vehicle accidents, etc. call Sgt's Desk at (845) 938-333 For game violations, call West Point Game Wardens (CLEOs) at (845) 590-1345.

HUNTING

ON THE WEST POINT

MILITARY RESERVATION





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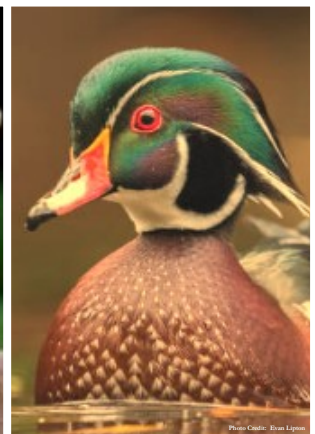


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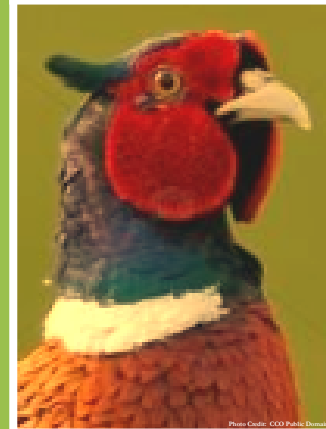


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HUNTING AT WEST POINT

West Point is a 16,000 acre U.S. Army installation located in southern New York State. Located almost entirely in Orange County, it lies about 40 miles north of New York City. As a military installation and service academy its primary goal is the education and training of U.S. Military Academy cadets as well as serving as a training facility for visiting military personnel.

Though the main mission of the West Point Military Reservation is a military one, West Point's natural resources also provide a host of excellent recreational opportunities, including hunting. Military and civilians alike have hunted on what is now West Point since before its inception. Today, that tradition continues as over 9800 acres are available for eligible individuals to hunt.

This brochure seeks to inform readers about hunting on the West Point Military Reservation including access and eligibility; types of game, permits, and hunting available; safety and regulations and more.

However, this brochure is by no means a comprehensive guide. For more information on hunting in New York State, please visit the website of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at: www.dec.ny.gov. And for more information on hunting on the West Point Military Reservation please visit the West Point iSportsman website.

West Point's iSportsman website can be found at:

<https://westpoint.isportsman.net>

This site is now the ONLY place to purchase West Point hunting permits. In-person sales have been discontinued.

ISPORTSMAN

iSportsman is the website for fish and game at the West Point Military Reservation. This site lets its users:

- 1. Purchase Permits** - eligible, approved individuals can register accounts and buy hunting and fishing permits.
- 2. Access Important Info** - see notices on Home, News pages; see Regulations, Maps etc. throughout the website.
- 3. See Area Availability, Check In/Out** - users can see what areas are open, comply /w mandatory check in/out.
- 4. Report Harvest** - Hunting harvests must be reported at check-out. Additional requirements exist for deer and bear.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to ensure safety and sustainability as well as to prevent an overexploitation of natural resources, West Point only permits users to hunt that meet specific criteria and qualify as one of a number of different eligible Customer Types. For more information on Customer Types see the **New Users Page (Accounts > New User Registration)** on the iSportsman website. New users are automatically directed through this page before filling out their application when registering for a new account.

ACCESS

To gain access to the West Point Military Reservation to hunt, an individual should follow the steps below:

1. REGISTER AN ACCOUNT on iSportsman (Accounts > New User Registration). Once vetted and approved, a user is automatically given a Background Check Validation.

** In order to confirm eligibility under a given Customer Type, it may prove necessary for some individuals to visit the office of an iSportsman administrator and produce documentation.*

2. REVIEW THE SAFETY & REGULATION BRIEF - Once approved, a user must log on and complete a mandatory Safety & Regulation Brief, granting a one year validation.

** The Safety & Regulation Brief is available as a presentation on iSportsman and must be reviewed annually. Failure to do so will prevent permit purchases and checking in/out to hunt.*

3. PURCHASE A HUNTING PERMIT - Once approved and with a Safety Brief validation, a user may purchase any available permit on a list populated based on Customer Type.

** When a Background Check expires, an account is placed on hold until eligibility is confirmed and the account reapproved. Permits are not pro-rated or refunded for expired accounts.*

WEST POINT HUNTING PERMITS

The following permits are available to all users except General Public users. See "General Public" section of this brochure.

- **ANNUAL HUNTING PERMIT:** allows hunting, for 365 days.
- **ANNUAL SPORTSMAN PERMIT:** hunting/fishing, 365 days
- **MONTHLY HUNT/FISH PERMIT:** hunting/fishing, 30 days.
- **WEEKLY HUNT/FISH PERMIT:** hunting/fishing, 7 days.
- **DAILY HUNT/FISH PERMIT:** hunting/fishing, day of purchase

REMINDER - License & Permit Requirements: All hunters 12 years old or older require 1) a NYS license and 2) a West Point permit to hunt alone at West Point. Guests need a sponsor to remain with them and a NYS license. See "Guest Hunters" section of this brochure.

NEW YORK STATE HUNTING LICENSES

West Point does not sell NYS licenses. Licenses can be purchased in town clerk offices as well as sporting goods stores and also online via the NYSDEC's DECAL system at: <https://decals.licensing.east.kalkomey.com/>

Military and their families stationed in New York qualify for state resident hunting licenses rates. For more on licenses and offers available to military, veterans, cadets, & college students, visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6097.html>

TYPES OF HUNTING AVAILABLE

With any West Point hunting permit a NYS license, and the proper tags/stamps, a non-General Public hunter may take part in the following types of hunting.



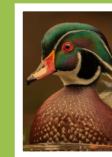
1. BIG GAME HUNTING - includes white tailed deer and black bear. In addition to the mandatory harvest report on iSportsman of all game, all Regular Season harvests must also be processed at Hunt Control.



2. SMALL GAME HUNTING - includes squirrels, coyotes, cottontail rabbits, foxes, raccoons, bobcats, and other non-big game mammals. See below for upland bird and waterfowl hunting.



3. UPLAND BIRD HUNTING - includes ring necked pheasants, turkeys, ruffed grouse, woodcocks, and crows. Pheasants are annually stocked by Natural Resource staff in late September and October.



4. WATERFOWL HUNTING - includes wood ducks, Canada geese, mallard ducks, black ducks, and mergansers frequently seen here as well as bufflehead, teals, mergansers, and other waterfowl species.

HUNTING AREAS

- To accommodate hunting, West Point is divided into 50 or so hunting areas varying in size, occupancy, implement and activity allowed and other regulations.
- **[Regular] Hunting Areas** - describes most areas, permits rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, crossbow, & bow.
- **Bow Hunting Areas** - permits compound, recurve & long bow. Other hunting implements are prohibited.
- **Waterfowl Hunting Areas** - permits shotgun only and permits the pursuit of waterfowl game only.
- Areas may be closed for mission, weather, or other reasons at any time at the discretion of the Garrison, Range Control, or other land managers.

REMINDER - Mandatory Game Harvest Reporting - All hunting harvests, including Guest harvests must be reported via iSportsman at checkout. All Regular Big Game Season harvests of deer and bear must also be processed in person at Hunt Control by Natural Resources staff.