

2024 ANTLER POINT RESTRICTION (APR) UPDATE NOTICE

The Original APR Regulation

In 2019, in response to interest among a segment of West Point deer hunters, West Point implemented an Antler Point Restriction (APR), a regulation pertaining to the hunting of antlered deer. The APR implemented here is called a “three-on-one-side” regulation and means that hunters pursuing antlered deer in select portions of the installation where this regulation is in effect (i.e. APR areas) may only harvest an antlered buck if that buck has at least three, one-inch points (incl. brow-tines if present) on at least one antler. For hunters not wishing to participate in this initiative, other portions of the reservation (i.e. non-APR areas) remained exempt from this regulation. This regulation was initially implemented on a five-year trial basis from 2019 through 2023.

The Update

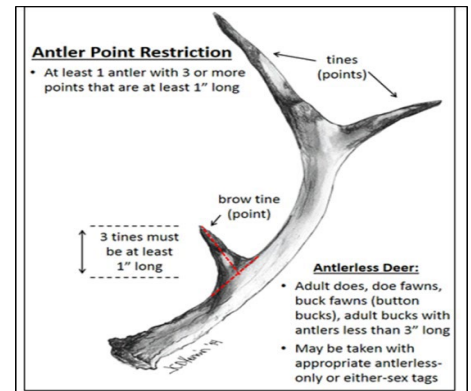
At the conclusion of the initial five-year trial the West Point Natural Resources Section (NRS) reassessed the regulation in light of evolving program management goals. Factors considered incl. ecological issues (i.e. herd size, health, and its corresponding impact on the landscape, etc.); cultural aspects (i.e. hunter satisfaction in terms of preference and opportunity, etc.); and program features (i.e. regulation simplicity, clarity, enforceability, etc.). As a result, West Point is updating and indefinitely extending the APR with the following updates:

- 1) Adjustment of the APR/non-APR area boundary to Route 293 (all areas east of Route 293 remain APR areas, while all areas west of Route 293 are now non-APR areas)
- 2) Consistent NYS WMUs where APRs apply, junior hunters under 16 years old are now exempt from this regulation and with legal tags, may take any antlered buck. All other state, local regulations apply.

The Updated APR Regulation

The language of the regulation is now:

“All antlered deer harvested by hunters aged 16 and older from Hunting Areas included in the table below must display no less than three, one-inch points (to include the brow-tines if present) on at least one antler. This regulation shall be in effect for all NYS Big Game Seasons (Early, Regular, and Late), all customer types, and all hunting implements. All other New York State and local procedures and bag and season limits will remain in effect. Failure to comply will result in the suspension of hunting privileges for the remainder of the current hunting season as well as the successive seasons.”



APR Areas now include all hunting areas east of Route 293. These hunting areas include:								
A3 Bow	Cons Isl. 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	V/W Bow	X	Y	Z1	Z2	Z4
Z5	Z6							

Table 1. West Point hunting areas regulated by the Antler Point Restriction (APR) following the 2024 APR update.

Non-APR Areas now include all hunting areas west of Route 293. These hunting areas include:								
A1	A2'	B	Buckner Bow	C	F	I	K Bow	L
M	N	O	P	Q	R	R Disabled	RP Bow	S

Table 2. West Point hunting areas not regulated by Antler Point Restriction (APR) implemented following the 2024 APR update.

** See the next page of this notice for the updated West Point Antler Point Restriction Map. Areas colored in green indicate APR areas whereas areas colored in purple indicate non-APR areas.

West Point Deer Hunting Map /w Updated 2024 Antler Point Restrictions

Legend

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| Hunting Area | Intermittent Streams |
| Off Limits/UXO Danger Area | Permanent Streams |
| Waterfowl Area | Gates |
| Bow Hunting Only Area | State Roads |
| Cadet Bow Hunting Only Area | Roads |
| Disabled Hunters Only Area | Lakes & Ponds |
| | Trails |



Antler Point Restrictions

- APR
- Not APR

Please Note

1. All ranges, range buildings, facilities, vehicles and equipment are off limits to all unauthorised personnel. Hunters may not hunt on nor from within such facilities.
2. Hunters may not carry weapons in the ASP, Morgan Farm, Camps Suokner & Natural Bridge. In Lake Frederik and Round Pond Recreation Areas, golf course or other developed areas.
3. Lusk Reservoir, Round Pond, Lake Frederik, The Cragston Lakes, and Long Pond are not Waterfowl Areas. At those waterbodies, fishing is permitted, but all hunting is prohibited.

Contacts

- Fire Department.....(845) 938-3001
- DES Conservation Law Enforcement.....(845) 590-1345
- Range Control.....(845) 938-3930
- Natural Resources Branch.....(845) 938-7122

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, DIAL:
Military Police at Provost Marshal Office (PMO) at (845)-938-3333 or 911

West Point Hunting Areas

