

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Deer Hunting

Welcome to Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service established the refuge in 1958 primarily for migratory birds. Public hunting is a priority public use and can provide a quality recreational experience when pursued responsibly. We allow hunting of deer in accordance with State laws and the following refuge specific regulations.

Deer hunting is permitted during the state of New York archery, shotgun, rifle, and muzzleloader seasons starting October 1.

New Changes

HQ Trail has been added to the No Hunting Zone.

Hunters are not required but are strongly encouraged to wear blaze orange during the hunting season.

Permits

The refuge is currently reviewing our hunt program and information may change year to year. Please check back periodically to make sure you are in compliance.

The refuge specific deer hunt permit has been suspended. Although possession of a refuge permit is not required, hunters are still required to know and follow all refuge specific regulations.

Harvest reports are optional: yet the information is valuable and we would appreciate receiving the report. Obtain harvest reports from the refuge office in person or by mail, at the hunter kiosks, or from our website at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Iroquois/visit/deerhunting.html>.

Hunters with Disabilities

We issue a non-ambulatory hunt permit which allows the use of two off-road parking sites.

This permit is available to hunters with disabilities who possess a New York State non-ambulatory hunting license. Contact the refuge office for locations. You must apply in person and show proof of disability.

No Hunting Zones/Closed Area

No Hunting Zones include but are not limited to: the immediate area around the refuge office; around refuge residences; the vicinity of the Iroquois Job Corps Center; HQ, Swallow Hollow, Kanyoo and Onondaga Nature Trails and safety zones around private residences adjacent to the refuge.

Permission must be obtained from refuge personnel to enter a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area" for the purpose of tracking and/or retrieving legally taken game animals.

Scouting

Scouting is allowed from September 16 to the end of the deer hunting season. Dogs are prohibited during scouting.

Tree Stands

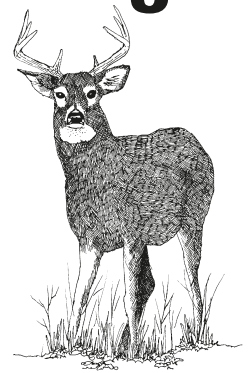
We allow portable tree stands only. All equipment must be removed from the refuge at the end of the day. Hunters cannot use screw-in steps or the use of nails, spikes, wire, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree.

Vehicles

Vehicles are only allowed on established roads marked open for vehicular travel. Vehicles must be parked off the lane of travel and clear of gates. ATVs and snowmobiles are not allowed.

Boats

Canoes, kayaks and other non-motorized boats may be used on Oak Orchard Creek only, from Knowlesville Road to Route 63. You may launch boats from Route 63, Sour Springs Road and Knowlesville Road. As you pass through wooded swamp, expect obstructions and variable water levels.



Prohibited Activities

- The distribution of bait, or hunting over a baited area.
- Using illuminating devices, including automobile headlights, for the purpose of spotlighting game species.
- Camping, overnight parking, open fires and littering.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Weapons may not be discharged within, into or across a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area"; or from, on or across any refuge road or designated foot trail. Hunting from within 500 feet of any residence or refuge building is prohibited.
- Hunters may not possess axes, hatchets, saws, nails, tacks, paint or flagging for the marking of trees and shrubs.

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Hunt Map

