



HIGHLAND FOREST BOW HUNTING SEASON

October 1-November 30

Hunting in December will be based on snowfall

Open Seven Days

Cross Bows are permitted November 7-20 only

- 1. Permits:** A Highland Forest Hunting Permit is necessary to hunt in the park during the fall season. To obtain a permit card, present your big game license while registering at the Skyline Lodge. The fee for the permit is \$10.00. Permits are issued between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily, beginning approximately four weeks prior to the opening of the bow season for deer in October. A limited number of permits (**150**) will be available each season. Renewals will be honored first and then the remainder will be placed on a wait list if necessary.
- 2. Park Entry Fee:** Individuals who have purchased a Highland Forest Hunting Permit are exempt from paying the daily park entry fee.
- 3. Sign In/Sign Out:** Once in possession of their Highland permit, hunters need not stop again at the Skyline Lodge park office, unless you are reporting that you took a deer or any other game. You must, however, sign in and sign out at the daily register station located at the Information Booth adjacent to the main parking lot of the Skyline Lodge. You are required to do this each time you visit the park to hunt.
- 4. Hunter Access:** Hunting is permitted at Highland Forest from sunrise to sunset. All hunters must enter the park on the service road near the daily register station located next to the trailheads adjacent to the Skyline Lodge. This is the only area in which the park may be accessed for the Hunting Program. All hunters will be given the code to the gate in order to gain entrance to the park and are asked to close the gate behind them after entering. Hunting permits will only allow hunters to drive on the Main Park Road. All side roads and trails are strictly prohibited to vehicular traffic and parking. Hunters will not be permitted to drive any further south in the park than the gate at Valley Camp. At this point, the remainder of the park must be traveled by foot. Exceptions will be made for Handicapped Hunters who possess a valid 2015 Special Access Permit. These permits are available at the Skyline Lodge. Overnight camping is prohibited and areas that are marked in red on the Highland Forest hunting map are closed for hunting. Violation of these program policies will result in the suspension of hunting privileges at Highland Forest County Park.
- 5. Park Boundaries/Posted Land:** The perimeter of Highland Forest Park is completely marked with metal boundary markers and posted signs. Please be alert for these signs so as not to encroach on neighboring landowners.
- 6. Firearms Policy:** Guns are NOT permitted in the park for any reason during the Fall Bow Hunting season.
- 7. Hunting Laws:** Hunters must abide by all New York State Conservation and Game Laws while at Highland Forest Park. Highland Forest is located within Deer Management Unit (DMU) 7M.
- 8. Small Game:** Bowhunting for small game is permitted in season with proper license. However, small game may be taken only during the special Highland Forest Bowhunting Season and at no other time. The Highland Forest Hunting Permit is valid for either small or big game provided that your small game license and other necessary permits are shown at the time you register.
- 9. Park Records:** Please report any deer or other game taken to the Skyline Lodge Park Office.
- 10. Tracking Devices:** Use of "game tracking" type string or other game trailing devices are prohibited at Highland Forest Park.
- 11. Tree Stands:** Temporary and/or portable tree stands are permitted provided they are taken down each day. Tree stands are not to be left up for the duration of the hunting season. Individuals who leave their tree stands unattended do so at their own risk. No nails, bolts, screws, etc. are to be attached to or through any trees. Tree stand locations are determined on a first come basis.