



(as of 10/30/09)

2009 HIGHLAND FOREST BOW HUNTING SEASON

Special Bow Season	Oct. 19 - Nov. 20	Monday - Friday (closed weekends)
Regular Deer Season	Nov. 21 - Dec. 13	Monday - Sunday (open every day)
Extended Bow Season	Dec. 14 - Dec. 22	Monday - Friday (closed weekends)

- 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 (with archery stamp affixed) at Highland Forest Park Office. The fee for the permit is \$5.00. 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.
- 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. You must, however, sign in and sign out at the daily register station located at the Information Booth in the old parking lot. You are required to do this each day you come to the park to hunt.
- 4. Hunter Access:** Hunting is allowed from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the Highland Forest Bowhunting Season. Your hunting permit allows you to drive only on the Main Park Road. All side roads whether locked or unlocked are closed to all hunters vehicles. Exceptions will be made for handicapped hunters who possess a valid 2009 Special Access Permit (available in the Skyline Lodge). There is no access to Highland Forest from the Schlict Road. Please do not attempt to enter the park from this location. Hunters may use the park on a day use basis only. Overnight camping is prohibited. Areas marked in red on the map are closed to hunting. These primarily include cabins shelters and service areas. Use of ATV's or off-road vehicles is prohibited.
- 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 may NOT be carried into the park or possessed at any time during the fall season, whether you have a permit or not.
- 7. Hunting Laws:** Hunters must abide by all New York State Conservation and Game Laws while at Highland Forest Park. During the gun season, archers must comply with gun hunter's rules. 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. Individuals, who leave their tree stands unattended while hunting for the day, do so at their own risk. No nails, bolts, screws, etc. are to be attached to or through any trees. Trees stand locations are determined solely on a first come basis.