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Sterling Forest® State Park 2005-2006 Hunting Regulations

Hunters are responsible to read, understand, and obey these regulations. Violations may result in revocation of park hunting privileges for one or more years and/or legal prosecution.

1. A valid NYS Hunting License, and an officially issued Sterling Forest® State Park Hunting Permit, signed by the permit holder, are required to hunt in the Park.
- 2. Permits are valid only on the specific dates printed on them. Read dates carefully! Only permits issued on or before September 12, 2005 will be valid November 19- 20, 2005.**
3. Hunters must carry their permit, along with a hunting license and photo I.D. on them while hunting or scouting in the Park. They must be produced on request. Any unauthorized alteration will void your permit. The permit is non-transferable.
4. One non-hunter may accompany each permit holder. The non-hunter does not need a permit as long as they are without a weapon and stay with a hunter with a permit.
5. The vehicle stub portion of the permit **must** be displayed on the dashboard with the permit number visible. When more than one hunter arrives in a vehicle, they all must display their vehicle stub portion of permits in that vehicle..
- 6. Scouting without weapons is permitted September 15 - October 31, 2005, April 1 – 21, 2006, and April 24 – 30, 2006. Permit vehicle stub must be displayed on dashboard and permit carried with you when scouting or hunting.**
7. Only areas posted with "Hunting Area" signs are open to hunting. Hunters shall not hunt in the Doris Duke Wildlife Sanctuary, the Appalachian Trail corridor, any other established restricted zones, or within 500 feet of any building. Notify Park staff if wounded game enters restricted areas or when game will need to be retrieved after hours. Call the Park office at (845) 351-5907. If you do not get a person there, call the Park Police at (845) 786-2781.
8. The Park may be closed to hunting during periods of severe forest fire danger. Area newspapers and radio stations will be notified and signs will be placed at major access points. Call (845) 351-5907 for current information.
9. Vehicles are not permitted on any trails or interior roads unless specifically designated by a sign or by written permission from the Park. Special access privileges will be considered for non-ambulatory hunters. Requests must be received in writing at least 30 days in advance. ATV's are prohibited in all New York State Parks at all times.
10. Wood roads leading to interior parking areas may be closed due to weather or road conditions.
11. Cutting, placing nails or screws into, or otherwise damaging trees or other vegetation is prohibited.
12. Portable tree stands are permitted provided they do not damage trees. Building, or using, a "permanent" tree stand is prohibited and may result in revocation of hunting privileges and/or restitution for damages.
13. No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall hunt in the Park, and no person may carry or possess alcohol or drugs in the Park.
14. Tuxedo has parking restrictions on shoulders of town maintained roads. Parking is allowed in designated parking areas and off the pavement on most road shoulders in the Park which are not posted "No Parking" by the local governments.
15. Vehicles blocking gates or another vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.
16. Target and promiscuous shooting is not permitted in the Park.
17. Camping and fires are prohibited.
18. Permits obtained by fraud or while the hunter is suspended from using the Park shall be void.
19. All NYS Fish and Wildlife Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission also apply.

We strongly suggest:

Be sure of your target and beyond; always wear orange.