



Mohonk Preserve 2008 Deer Hunting Guidelines

MOHONK PRESERVE HUNTING SEASON -- October 20 to December 16 -- all New York State hunting regulations apply. **Gun season** runs from November 15 to December 7. **Archery season** runs from October 20 to November 14 and December 8 to December 16 (with restrictions). **Muzzleloading season** runs from November 15 to December 16. All Mohonk Preserve hunting permits expire at dusk on December 16, 2008.

NOTE: Hunters may only use shotguns, pistols or muzzleloaders and bows. There is now an antler restriction pilot program in place – all *antlered deer* harvested on all licenses must have *at least three antler points on one side*. Hunters under the age of 17 are exempt from this restriction. This is not a Mohonk Preserve rule – it is a State regulation on all of the land in deer management unit 3J.

Since 1920 Mohonk lands have been open to regulated hunting under a permit system. Controlled hunting is part of our effort to manage the lands and maintain a balanced community of plants and animals and keep deer populations healthy. Hunters also provide the Preserve with vital conservation information.

At the center of the property, around the Mohonk Mountain House, is a safety zone where hunting is restricted. Outside the safety zone are over 4,000 acres available to hunters. A map of the property is included with every permit. Hunting is permitted only with the special Mohonk Preserve permit and a current New York State hunting license. The permit allows deer hunting only. No birds, bear, small game, target shooting, sighting in, or trapping are allowed.

Mohonk Preserve property is patrolled by our rangers. To aid in identification, **hunters are required to prominently display their Mohonk Preserve permit buttons on their person and display their car tags on their parked vehicle dashboard.**

Mohonk roads are closed to motor vehicles (except those of rangers). A ranger may assist you in hauling out your deer. Rangers are constantly patrolling during the first two days of gun season and on weekends. At other times patrol is sporadic, therefore, during the week if you need assistance bringing your deer out, it is advisable not to wait for a ranger but to leave your deer near the carriage road and go to the Preserve Visitor Center and ask to have a ranger paged.

CHECK STATION: This year the Mohonk Preserve is operating a Deer Check Station at the Spring Farm Barn. Dates of operation will be November 15-23, 2008. At other times you may check your deer with a ranger or use one of the mail-in kits available at Spring Farm. Look for directional signs on the road. We require that if you get a deer anywhere on our property, you check it. After your deer has been checked, you will receive a \$10 rebate towards your 2009 hunting permit.

YOU ARE ALSO REQUIRED to send in the informational postcard once you have completed hunting in 2008.

NOTE: There are many campgrounds, motels, and hotels in this region. Camping and fires are not permitted anywhere on Mohonk property. As the number of visitors to our natural area increases, the need for each individual to be a conscientious steward of the land also increases. In particular, we remind you that litter, such as cigarette stubs, shell cases, and the backing from your state hunting game tag, exists in nature for years and brings discredit to responsible hunters.

PLEASE . . .

- NO RIFLES;
- Respect the boundaries -- do not hunt inside the safety zone;
- Do not hunt within 500 feet of buildings and dwellings;
- Drive only on roads open to the public;
- Do not target shoot, sight in, or shoot at anything other than deer;
- Do not light campfires, build tree stands, or blaze trees;
- Carry out your litter, including cigarette stubs, shell cases, and toilet paper;
- Respect other hunters and Mohonk guests;
- Do not fire across any road, established path, or trail;
- Do not bring glass bottles to Mohonk;
- No trapping at any time;
- Bring your deer to the Mohonk Preserve Check Station, have a ranger check it, or use the mail-in kit available at Spring Farm;
- Display your hunting button and vehicle ID tag at all times;
- Mail in the informational postcard once you have completed hunting in 2008;
- Park only in designated areas.

**Permanent tree stands are not allowed. Please report any to a ranger.
Be aware that you are sharing our land with hikers, runners, and bikers.**

The Preserve has over 6,000 household members whose contributions help support our land stewardship, environmental education, land protection, and research activities. An annual basic membership in the Preserve is \$50 for an individual (family rates are also available). Membership entitles one to use the Preserve free-of-charge to hike, run, cross-country ski, etc. There are separate fees for climbing, hunting, and biking. Members also receive a newsletter, discounts at the Mohonk Preserve Nature Shop, and free or discounted admission to most Preserve public programs. For further information on membership, please write the office at the above address or call 845-255-0919.

Hunting buttons are sold only at the Mohonk Preserve Visitor Center on Route 44/55 in Gardiner or by mail at the above address. The Visitor Center is open 7 days a week, 9am to 5pm and closed Thanksgiving Day.

2008 CALENDAR

Deer Hunting on Mohonk Preserve Lands

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
19 NO hunting	20 A with restrictions	21 A with restrictions	22 A with restrictions	23 A with restrictions	24 A with restrictions	25 A
26 A	27 A with restrictions	28 A with restrictions	29 A with restrictions	30 A with restrictions	31 A with restrictions	1 A
2 A	3 A with restrictions	4 A with restrictions	5 A with restrictions	6 A with restrictions	7 A with restrictions	8 A
9 A	10 A	11 A	12 A	13 A	14 A	15 shotgun, pistol, B
16 shotgun, pistol, B	17 shotgun, pistol, B	18 shotgun, pistol, B	19 shotgun, pistol, B	20 shotgun, pistol, B	21 shotgun, pistol, B	22 shotgun, pistol, B
23 shotgun, pistol, B	24 shotgun, pistol, B	25 shotgun, pistol, B	26 shotgun, pistol, B	27 shotgun, pistol, B	28 shotgun, pistol, B	29 shotgun, pistol, B

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 shotgun, pistol, B	1 shotgun, pistol, B	2 shotgun, pistol, B	3 shotgun, pistol, B	4 shotgun, pistol, B	5 shotgun, pistol, B	6 shotgun, pistol, B
7 shotgun, pistol, B	8 A B	9 A B	10 A B	11 A B	12 A B	13 A B
14 A B	15 A B	16 A B	17 NO hunting	18 NO hunting	19 NO hunting	20 NO hunting
21 NO hunting	22 NO hunting	23 NO hunting	24 NO hunting	25 NO hunting	26 NO hunting	27 NO hunting
28 NO hunting	29 NO hunting	30 NO hunting	31 NO hunting			
A = Archery/Bow B = Black Powder/Muzzleloader						

PLEASE NOTE: Shaded area (Oct 20-Oct 24, Oct 27-Oct 31, and Nov 3-Nov 7) denotes days when archery is permitted but with the following restrictions: hunting is allowed only from sunrise to 8:45am and from 3pm to sunset.

Release Information

I understand the Preserve's hunting regulations and the dates I am allowed to hunt. Observe the NO HUNTING boundaries. Your button must be clearly displayed on your person. The vehicle ID tag must be displayed in the front window of your parked vehicle. If you get a deer it MUST be checked by a ranger in the field, at the check station, or with the mail-in kit available at Spring Farm.

RELEASE: I understand that my hunting privilege is dependent on my maintaining high standards of sportsmanship, safety and courtesy, and that failure to observe these standards will be cause for revocation of my permit. I further understand that the Mohonk Preserve cannot be responsible for the safety or direction of persons using its property. I, the holder of this permit, assume all risks of personal injury and release and indemnify Mohonk Preserve, Inc., its directors, officers, employees, and agents from and against all actions, claims, or costs for injuries of damage arising from or relating to my hunting use of the property, and I agree to be solely responsible for my safety and welfare.

In consideration of Mohonk Preserve and Mohonk Mountain House allowing me to use their properties, I hereby agree that if there is any claim or dispute that arises out of the use of the facilities that results in any legal action being brought as a result there from, all issues will be settled by the Courts of the State of New York, Ulster County, which we agree shall have exclusive jurisdiction over every party in connection with any such dispute, lawsuit or claim.