

SHAUPENEAK RIDGE HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Dear Hunter:

Thank you for submitting an application to hunt on property of The Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. Permission is granted for the 2019 fall deer hunting season only. Permits are granted for specific hunting seasons as defined by the Department of Environmental Conservation. Enclosed you will find your permit(s) and tree stand/ground blind tags (if applicable).

General:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) oversees all hunting in the state of New York. Scenic Hudson adheres to all of its hunting rules and regulations. If you are not familiar with their rules and regulations, please review them: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28182.html>

DISPLAY PERMITS:

Hunters must carry their valid New York State Hunting License and Shaupeneak Ridge Hunting Permit at all times while hunting. The vehicle permit must be displayed in the front windshield of the hunter's vehicle. Failure to abide by these rules will be interpreted as the lack of a permit to hunt.

Shaupeneak Ridge is cooperatively managed by The Scenic Hudson Land Trust, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and the West Esopus Landowners Association (WELOA). These organizations will be patrolling the property to ensure compliance with the hunting regulations and are empowered to revoke a permit on the spot if confronted with a violation. **Permits will be revoked if these Rules and Regulations are not strictly adhered to.**

PARKING AND ACCESS:

There is limited parking available at two locations at Shaupeneak Ridge in Esopus: (1) on Old Post Road, just across the railroad tracks and not far from Route 9W; and (2) on Poppletown Road at Louisa Pond (Poppletown is just off Old Post Road). There are also 2 other locations along Poppletown Rd. that we will allow parking at this year. These are noted on the accompanying map. Make sure your vehicle is completely off of the road and do not block any access gates.

More permits are awarded than the parking lots can support on any given day. Daily use of the property is regulated by the available parking spaces in the two parking areas and additional parking spots that are noted(nine each at Louisa Pond and Old Post Road).

When the designated parking spaces are filled, no more hunters are allowed on the property. Two hunters are allowed per vehicle.

The gate at Old Post Road is normally closed and locked from dusk to dawn. During hunting season only, every attempt will be made to keep the gate unlocked (but still closed). Scenic Hudson has made this change to be responsive to hunters who may want to enter the park to set up before sunrise. **With this in mind, upon entering or exiting the park near dawn or dusk, please shut the gate behind you, but leave unlocked.** *No overnight parking or camping is allowed.*

VALID GAME:

Bow and Regular Season permits are valid for deer and small game. There is no small game hunting before deer season begins or after it closes. Turkey hunting is allowed only during the month of May. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited. Shooting at anything other than game that may be legally taken is prohibited. Target shooting is also prohibited.

HUNTING STANDS:

No ***permanent*** hunting stands or structures of any kind may be erected on the site. Stands may be set up 2 weeks prior to start of hunting season and can remain up to 2 weeks after the hunting season has ended. Any stands left after this timeframe will be removed and confiscated by Scenic Hudson.

You are to display a tag on your tree stand or ground blind that will be issued to you. Do not use another person's stand or blind, only your own.

PRIVATE PROPERTY:

Please respect the private property of our neighbors and do not illegally trespass. Hunters found illegally trespassing will have their permits revoked. Discharging of any firearms within 500 feet of any residence is illegal in New York State.

PARK RULES:

The following are prohibited at Shaupeneak Ridge:

- All motorized vehicles (on and off trails)
- Cutting, removal, or damage to vegetation of any kind is prohibited
- Swimming
- Radios
- Alcohol
- Camping
- Fires
- Littering (Carry in, carry out)
- Smoking