

CAYUGA-TOMPKINS COOPERATIVE HUNTING AREA REGULATIONS

The Cayuga-Tompkins Cooperative Hunting Area offers hunting opportunities for pheasant, waterfowl, deer, and small game from October-January. Hunting is by permit only.

HUNTING PERMITS

1. Every person in the party must register for the current year before they are issued any hunting permits. During registration each hunter is required to present their hunting license and other necessary documentation (i.e. duck stamp) to Coop staff prior to going afield.
2. Reservations can be made one day prior to the day a person(s) wishes to hunt by calling **315-364-7777** between 1PM and 3PM. Reservations are taken by telephone only. There will be a limit of one reservation per party per day. If you have a reservation, each party member must check in at the check station before 9AM on the day of the reservation.
3. All parties must cancel their reservation prior to 9 AM if they cannot hunt or to notify the check station of any permit changes (such as hunters, vehicles). Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of their hunting privileges for the remainder of the season. This is best accomplished by calling the check station. Please leave a detailed message if staff is not present.
4. Parties without a reservation may hunt "stand-by" on a first come, first served basis if there are hunting areas available.
5. After a hunter has checked in once during the season, showing all appropriate licenses, stamps, etc. they have the "option" to go directly to the parking area they have reserved rather than stopping by the check station (This is referred to as an 'optional privilege')*. The party **must arrive at their area by legal shooting time**, or

call to cancel their reservation by 9 AM.
*Pheasant hunters do not get optional privileges.

6. All hunters must check out in person at the check station by one hour after legal shooting time ends and present any game taken at this time. Every party member must be present at check out. Failure to check out will result in the loss of hunting privileges. If staff is not present when you are checking out, please completely fill out a harvest report form even if no game was harvested. Forms are located in the kiosk.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS:

Pheasant Hunting

- Pheasant hunters must check in between 8:30-9:00AM (no optional privileges).
- Pheasants are regularly stocked on the hunting areas and equitably distributed.
- This is a cock only hunting area. Do not shoot hens. **Daily limit – 2 per hunter.**
- Hunters must come to the check station to switch hunting areas.

Deer Hunting

- All deer stands must be removed daily.
- No screw in tree steps allowed.
- Deer hunters are allowed a 2 hour lunch break while hunting a single area for the day.

Waterfowl Hunting

- No person shall possess more than 25 shells per day.
- If hunting a field, **check with COOP staff for check out times.**
- All parties must use decoys

Lake Blinds:

- The use of a dog or canoe is recommended to retrieve downed birds.

- Hunting is restricted to the blinds, with a maximum of three hunters in a blind at one time.
- All shooting must be from the blinds except when retrieving crippled waterfowl.
- All downed waterfowl must be retrieved immediately.
- Hunters must pick up their dispensed shells before leaving the area.

GENERAL REGULATIONS:

- **Do not block or drive in farm lanes.** (Including the one in the check station parking lot)
- **Do not trespass.** Stay within the posted boundary and respect the adjacent land owners' property. Ask for an aerial photo at the check station if you are unsure of boundaries. Trespassing will result in a loss of privileges for the remainder of the season.
- Vehicles must be parked at their designated area, in front of the red and white area sign.
- **No person shall:**
 - *Consistently shoot high (skybust)
 - *Engage in disorderly conduct
 - *Be intoxicated
 - *Destroy crops in any manner
 - *Drive afield
 - *Cross any roads or boundaries

THESE REGULATIONS ARE ENFORCEABLE BY TITLE 6 NYCRR PART 73. HUNTERS MAY BE EJECTED FROM THE AREA AND HUNTING PRIVILEGES REVOKED IF THEY FAIL TO ABIDE BY ANY AREA REGULATIONS.

Printable Area maps (PDF), brochures, and regulations are available online at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/71870.html>

****Notice****

In an effort to conserve paper and ink, we encourage hunters to use the online versions of the Coop maps. You can access these maps from home via the above web address or in the field via your Smartphone by scanning the code below. Maps are in PDF form at the bottom of the webpage and should allow you to more confidently access the area in which you are permitted to hunt.

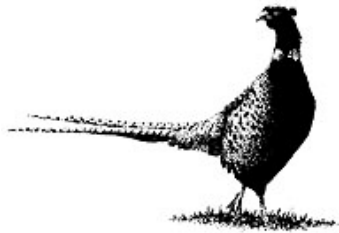


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