

Hunting Rules and Regulations

Applicable to all Everwild preserves open to hunting

Please read all rules and regulations carefully.

- A permit is issued to, and valid for, **one** specific individual permit holder **only** (permits are **not** transferrable or useable by other people). A copy of the permit will be provided to each permit holder. You will be provided with a digital copy to either be printed out, and/or downloaded to your device, to be carried in the field and remain in the hunter's possession. Please print out one copy of the parking permit to be displayed on your vehicle dashboard.
- Permits are valid for **one** year only, and only for the dates or hunting seasons specified by the Land Trust.
- Permits are valid for hunting of white-tail deer only. No other animals may be taken on Everwild Land Trust preserves. It is mandatory that any non-native problem animals observed on a preserve or in neighboring areas be reported immediately to the Land Trust.
- Hunters with a permit are **not** entitled to bring guests onto the property while hunting; however, adult hunters age 25 and older with a permit may bring one (1) youth hunter, age 12-17, who does not have a permit. Any youth hunter without a permit that is accompanying an adult permit holder must be fully licensed and have taken the appropriate hunter education course(s), must abide by all NYS laws and Everwild Land Trust Hunting Rules and Regulation, and the adult permit holder is solely responsible for the supervision, conduct, and safety of the youth hunter. Unless a youth hunter has their own Everwild Land Trust hunting permit, they must remain with the adult permit holder at all times while hunting on the property. All youth hunters accompanied by permitted adults must be noted on the year end hunting log with date and preserve attended.
- All New York State laws and hunting regulations apply.
- Everwild Land Trust has full discretion in designating which preserves are open or closed to hunting. In no case may a hunter with a permit hunt with a bow within 150 feet of a neighboring residence, or with a crossbow within 250 feet of a neighboring residence, unless it is their own residence or they have explicit permission from the owner of the residence to be within that area.
- Vehicles (cars, trucks, ATV's, etc.) may **not** be driven onto the preserve, except for at designated nature preserve parking areas. Hunters must access all hunting areas and remove harvested deer by foot.

- Camping and campfires are not permitted on Everwild Land Trust preserves.
- Hunters are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and respectful manner:
 - No unnecessary shooting or target shooting.
 - No shooting across roads or trails.
 - No extra-long or low-percentage shots that have a good chance of missing or wounding a deer.
 - No consumption or use of alcohol or drugs on the property, and no hunting under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on the property.
 - No littering. Hunters are responsible for removing all trash from the property, including empty shells.
 - Be polite and courteous when encountering other people.
 - Please note and be aware at all times of hikers and preserve users.
 - Everwild Staff and Preserve Stewards reserve the right to approach and request to view either your digital or physical hunting permit.
 - No smoking is allowed on the entirety of nature preserves, including parking areas.
 - No idling of vehicles in parking areas allowed.
- Hunters must wear at least one visible article of blaze-orange clothing.
- Gut piles should be left far from hiking trails, roads, parking lots, streams or other waterbodies, and boundaries with neighboring landowners, hidden from view to the greatest practical extent.
- Portable tree stands and/or ground blinds, screw-in steps or other equipment that penetrates the bark of a tree are prohibited to be left overnight in all our nature preserves. All personal objects, including tree stands, ground blinds, seats, reflective dots, flagging tape, etc., must be removed from the preserve at the end of each hunting day.
- Do not trespass onto neighboring private property. If a wounded deer leaves the preserve, do not track it onto private property without first obtaining the permission of the landowner.
- It is requested, but not required, that hunters with a valid Everwild Land Trust permit ask other people they see hunting on the preserve without a permit to leave the property, except for hunters without a permit who are there for the sole purpose of tracking a wounded deer that has entered the preserve from a neighboring property (in which case, you may want to offer assistance).
- Everwild Land Trust may, in its sole discretion, revoke any permit at any time, with notice to the

hunter. Any violations of law or Everwild Land Trust Rules and Regulations shall be cause of the revocation of a permit, and such revocation may be permanent or for a specified length of time.

- All hunters are **required** to email or mail the end of season hunting log to Everwild Land Trust, **post-marked on or before** December 31 after the regular hunting season, providing the following information:
 - 1) How many days and total hours were spent hunting, and on which preserve
 - 2) How many deer were seen, and whether they were does or bucks
 - 3) How many deer were killed or wounded and whether they were does or bucks
 - 4) How many other hunters were seen while hunting
 - 5) Comments such as any problems encountered and/or suggestions for improving the program

Everwild Land Trust will provide you with the hunting log along with your hunting permit. Failure to submit a report can result in you not receiving a permit for seasons.

- If you receive a permit but then are unable to hunt, please notify Everwild Land Trust immediately so that we can assign the permit to another hunter.
- Hunters are encouraged to support Everwild Land Trust and further give back to the resource by joining as a member of the land trusts hunting committee or volunteering at a preserve.

Remember: Your good conduct and sportsmanship is essential for maintaining future opportunities to hunt this and other properties!

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