

SHAUPENEAK RIDGE HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

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. <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. **Permits will be revoked if these Rules and Regulations are not strictly adhered to.**

DEC Conservation Officers are empowered to revoke a permit on the spot if confronted with a violation. WELOA has Scenic Hudson's permission to ask **anyone violating the Rules and Regulations to leave the property.** Scenic Hudson reserves the right to revoke issued hunting permits for any reason.

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).

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 (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.

Cars parked on Poppletown Road during hunting season may be ticketed and/or towed at the vehicle owner's expense and hunting privileges may be revoked. ***No walk-on hunters from private property, public roads, parking lots, the railroad tracks or any other areas are permitted.***

The gates to the parking areas will open at sunrise and will be closed at sunset. ***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.

BOW HUNTING:

Based on a law passed by the NYSDEC in 2011, **crossbows cannot be used during bow hunting season.** They are only permitted during rifle season.

HUNTING STANDS:

No *permanent* hunting stands or structures of any kind may be erected on the site. ***Any stands placed by hunters must be removed the same day. Any stands found on site will be confiscated or dismantled by Scenic Hudson.***

PRIVATE PROPERTY:

Please respect the private property of our neighbors and do not trespass. Hunters found 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)
- Swimming
- Radios
- Alcohol
- Camping
- Fires
- Littering (Carry in, carry out)
- Smoking