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## FALL PHEASANT RELEASE PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR WNY Hunters Encouraged to Enter Permit Lotteries Soon

The Western New York pheasant hunting season is fast approaching, opening on Saturday, Oct. 19. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will release approximately 4,480 adult Ring-necked Pheasants on Region 9 lands open to public hunting for this fall's pheasant hunting season. Pheasants to be stocked will be provided by DEC's Reynolds Game Farm in Ithaca, NY. A complete statewide list of pheasant release sites is available on DEC's website at [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9349.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9349.html).

"DEC is pleased to provide enhanced pheasant hunting opportunities in Western New York through our cooperative pheasant raising programs," said DEC Senior Wildlife Biologist Emilio Rende. "We wish local sportsmen and sportswomen a safe and successful season."

The Day-old Pheasant Chick Program provides additional pheasant hunting opportunities through a partnership between DEC and sportsmen, 4H Youth and landowners interested in rearing and releasing pheasants. Birds from this program are released before the season opens and disperse widely, presenting a greater challenge for experienced hunters. Hunters are reminded to **ask permission from private landowners before hunting** on their lands. Many of these release sites are available for hunting because of the cooperation of private landowners. Good landowner/hunter relations are critical in ensuring that these areas remain open to hunting in future years.

Hunters are also encouraged to review the 2013-2014 New York State Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide before going afield, and to be sure of their targets and beyond when hunting. The Regulations Guide identifies boundary restrictions and other important information, and is available online at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/29453.html>. "Rooster only" and "rooster and hen" boundary descriptions are located on page 45 of the guide.

A special permit is required for hunting **small game** during the opening day of pheasant season on Zoar Valley Multiple Use Area in the Town of Collins (Erie County), and Harwood Lake Multiple Use Area in the Town of Farmersville (Cattaraugus County). Hunters interested in entering the DEC permit lottery for these Multiple Use Areas should mail **one standard size post card** to:

NYSDEC, Bureau of Wildlife  
270 Michigan Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14203

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Post cards must include the hunter's name, address, telephone number, 2013-14 license back tag number, preferred time of hunt (sunrise to noon *or* 1:00 pm to sunset), and the management area desired in order of preference. **All entries must be received by Oct. 1.** There is no fee for the permit, and hunters awarded permits will be able to name **one** additional hunter on their permit. Ten permits will be issued per time block on each management area. Small game hunting on all other days will remain sunrise to sunset with no permit required.

Hunters should also note that dogs are not allowed within the designated area on the Multiple Use Areas for any purpose during the 48- hour period immediately preceding opening day of the fall pheasant season as posted on Zoar Valley Multiple Use Area, and Harwood Lake Multiple Use Area.

Hunting throughout the pheasant season is allowed at Golden Hill, Joseph Davis and Wilson-Tuscarora State Parks in Niagara County. However, permits are required on Oct. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 for Joseph Davis, Wilson-Tuscarora and Golden Hill State Parks. There will be 30 small game hunting permits issued for Golden Hill State Park, 14 small game permits issued for Joseph Davis State Park, and 16 small game permits issued for Wilson-Tuscarora State Park for each of the days when permits are required. There will be two separate hunts each day that a permit is required: the first hunt will be from sunrise until 12:30 p.m.; the second hunt will be from 12:30 p.m. until sunset.

Hunters interested in entering the Permit Lottery at Golden Hill, Joseph Davis, and Wilson Tuscarora State Parks should mail a separate, standard size file card for each date and park that you would like to hunt. Only one permit will be issued to each hunter per day. Cards may be put into an envelope for each respective park and mailed together to the appropriate address below:

Golden Hill State Park  
Gregory Brown  
9691 Lower Lake Rd.  
Barker, NY 14012  
(716) 795-3885

Joseph Davis State Park  
Glen Caverly  
Lewiston Town Hall  
1437 Ridge Rd.  
Lewiston, NY 14092  
(716) 535-9800

Wilson Tuscarora State Park  
David Giambra  
3371 Lake Rd.  
Wilson, NY 14172  
(716) 751-6361

Information on the file card should include the hunter's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, hunting license back tag number, hunt date, and desired park location. Entries will be computerized to avoid duplications. All lottery entries must be received by **noon on Saturday, Sept. 28.** If you have any questions regarding the Permit Lottery, please call the respective Park Managers at the numbers provided above. **Please note that there will be no pheasant hunting at Golden Hill, Joseph Davis, and Wilson Tuscarora State Parks on release days (Oct.25 and Nov. 1).**

Hunters wishing to hunt pheasants in Allegany State Park are reminded that they must pick up a free hunting permit at the Administration Building near Redhouse Lake before hunting in the park. No small game hunting is allowed in Allegany State Park during the regular big game season that runs from Nov. 16 until Dec. 8. Please refer to the attached table for a summary of the number of pheasants to be stocked and release sites in each county. Any questions should be referred to DEC's Bureau of Wildlife at (716) 851-7010 in Buffalo or (716) 372-0645 in Allegany. Additional information about pheasant hunting is available on DEC's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8363.html> .

(MORE – See following page for table of stocking locations)

### 2013 Region 9 Adult Pheasant Stocking

County	Birds	Township	Release Site
<b>Allegany</b>	364	New Hudson	Hanging Bog WMA along New Hudson Road
	126	Birdsall	Keeney Swamp WMA Route 15B, off North parking area
<b>Cattaraugus</b>	259	Conewango Randolph	Conewango Swamp Wildlife Management Area - between Route 241 and Conewango Creek.
	280	Red House	Allegany State Park, Wolf Run Road and Upper Bay State Road ( <i>free permit necessary from Administration Building</i> ).
	210	Farmersville	Harwood Lake Multiple Use Area: <b><i>Special permit required for opening day October 19.**</i></b>
	273	South Valley	Allegheny Reservoir Wildlife Management Area - vicinity of Bone Run off Onoville Road.
<b>Chautauqua</b>	217	Sherman	Alder Bottom Wildlife Management Area - off Idora Road and Route 76.
<b>Erie</b>	287	Collins	Zoar Valley Multiple Use Area, south of Vail and Unger Road and Button Road. <b><i>Special permit required for opening day October 19.**</i></b>
	161	Brant	East of Mileblock Road, south of Milestrip Road. <b>Hunting by landowner permission only!</b>
<b>Niagara</b>	112	Lewiston	Joseph Davis State Park - <i>Special permit required for hunting pheasants on Saturday October 19, Saturday, October 26 and November 2. *</i>
	133	Newfane	East of Hess Road, near Charlotteville Road. <b>Hunting by landowner permission only!</b>
	126	Wilson	Wilson-Tuscarora State Park - <i>Special permit required for hunting pheasants on October 19, October 26 and November 2. *</i>
<b>Niagara</b>	119	Somerset	Golden Hill State Park - <i>Special permit required for hunting pheasants on Saturday October 19, October 26 and November 2. *</i>
	119		West of Hosmer Road, between Townline Road and Hoffman Road. <b>Hunting by landowner permission only!</b>
	84		East of Hosmer Road, north of Hoffman Road. <b>Hunting by landowner permission only!</b>
	98		East of Hosmer Road, between Haight Road and West Somerset Road. <b>Hunting by landowner permission only!</b>

<b>Niagara</b>	84	Somerset	West of Hosmer Road, south of Townline Road. <b>Hunting by landowner permission only!</b>
<b>Wyoming</b>	588	Middlebury	Carlton Hill Multiple Use Area and Sulphur Springs Fish and Wildlife Management Act Cooperative Hunting Area, 5 miles north of Warsaw.
<b>Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area</b>	70	Royalton and Alabama	Cooperative stocking effort by DEC Regions 8 and 9.

**\*Contact NYS Park managers at the respective parks identified in the attached press release above to apply for a permit.**

\*\*For information about special permits at Zoar and Harwood WMAs, please contact DEC's Buffalo Office at 716-851-7201 or DEC's Allegany Office at 716-372-0645.

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