

## 2016/2017 NASSAU & SUFFOLK COUNTY HUNTING & TRAPPING SEASONS

### SMALL GAME HUNTING

**DOVE, SNIPE, RAIL, GALLINULE & RUFFED GROUSE:**  
Season Closed

**CROW:** Sept 1 - March 31, sunrise to sunset.

- Friday through Monday only.
- No limits.
- A Federal Duck Stamp and HIP registration are not required.

**WOODCOCK:** Oct 1 - Nov 14, sunrise to sunset.

- Limit: 3/day, 9/possession.
- A Federal Duck Stamp is not required.
- HIP Registration (1-888-427-5447) is required.

**BOBWHITE QUAIL:** Nov 1 - Dec 31, sunrise to sunset.

- Limit: 6/day, 40/season.
- To address the declining quail population the Department has closed quail hunting on all state lands.

**PHEASANT:** Nov 1 - Dec 31, sunrise to sunset.

- Limit: 4/day, 30/season.
- Only cocks may be taken on the south fork east of the Shinnecock Canal and Inlet.

**Youth Hunt,** Oct 29 - 30; ages 12-15 with licensed adult

- Limit: 2/day.

**SQUIRREL & RABBIT:** Nov 1 - Feb 28, sunrise to sunset.

- Limit: 6/day, no possession limit.

**RACCOON, FOX, OPOSSUM, WEASEL & SKUNK:**

Nov 1 - Feb 25, may be hunted 24 hours a day, except only after sunrise on the first day of the season.

- No limits.

**TURKEY:** Nov 19 - Dec 2, sunrise to sunset.

- Suffolk County only.
- Limit: 1 bird, either sex.

**Youth Hunt,** April 22-23, 2017; ages 12-15 with licensed adult.

- Limit, 1 bearded turkey.

### TRAPPING

**MINK & MUSKRAT:** Dec 15 - Feb 25.

- No limits.

**RACCOON, FOX, OPOSSUM, WEASEL & SKUNK:**

Nov 1 - Feb 25.

- No limits.

### WATERFOWL HUNTING

- A federal duck stamp is required (age 16 & older).
- Approved non-toxic shot (e.g.; steel; bismuth) required.
- HIP Registration (1-888-427-5447; www.NY-HIP.com) is required each license year.
- Hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise, to sunset.
- Refer to the 2016/2017 Waterfowl Season and Bag Limit Pocket Guide.

**YOUTH DAY:** Nov 12 & 13; open only to junior hunters aged 12-15, accompanied by a licensed adult hunter (who cannot shoot), to hunt ducks, coot, mergansers, Canada geese and brant.

**REGULAR DUCKS, COOT AND MERGANSERS:**  
Nov 24 – Nov 27, Dec 5 - Jan 29, **Duck daily limits:**

- 6 ducks, includes all mergansers and sea ducks (scoter, eiders and long-tailed ducks) and may include no harlequin ducks and no more than 4 mallards (2 of which may be hens), 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 pintail, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 canvasback, 4 scoters, 4 eiders - or 2 hooded mergansers. For all other duck species in NY, Limit: 6/day- 18/possession
- Coot: Limit: 15/day- 45/possession

**CANADA, WHITE FRONTED & CACKLING GEESE:**

- **Regular Season:**  
**Eastern Long Island** (See regs for boundary) Nov 24 - Feb 1, Limit 3/day.  
**Central Long Island** (See regs for boundary) Nov 24 - Nov 27, Dec 5 – Feb 8; Limit 3/day.  
**Western Long Island** (See regs for boundary) Oct 8 - Oct 23, Nov 24 – Nov 27, Dec 5 – Feb 27; Limit 8/day.
- **Special seasons** for resident geese:  
**September Season:** Sept 6 - 30 for the Central & Eastern Zone of Long Island ONLY. There is NO Sept. season in the Western Zone (need: a valid license, and new Federal duck stamp & HIP #); Limit: 15/day

**SNOW GEESE:**

- Nov 24 - March 10.
- Limit: 25/day- No possession limit.

**BRANT:**

- Nov 24 - 27, Dec 5 - Jan 29.
- Limit: 2/day- 6 possession.

### BIG GAME HUNTING (DEER)

**Regular Season (Archery): Suffolk County Only**

- Oct 1 - Jan 31.

**Special Season (shotgun & muzzleloader):**

- Jan 1 - 31, 2017.
- Suffolk County only.
- Requirements: Landowner's Endorsement and Town Permit for Southampton, Smithtown and Islip.
- To hunt on DEC land during the firearms season you must enter a drawing by sending a #10 (4 1/8" x 9 1/2") self-addressed stamped envelope with your back tag number on the back of the return envelope to "NYSDEC Deer Drawing, PO Box 659, Ridge NY 11961-0659". Entries must be received by 4:45 PM 12/5/16.
- For more information please visit our website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/40409.html>

**The following tags are all valid in all of LI seasons:**

- Regular season tag (good for deer of either sex).
- Bow/Muzz either sex tag.
- Bow/Muzz antlerless only tag.
- DMP for unit 1C (antlerless only).
- Bonus DMP for 1C (antlerless only).

**Deer Management Permits (DMPs)** for WMU 1C (Suffolk Co.) are valid in all WMU 1C seasons for antlerless deer only, and are available from any license issuing agent until Oct 1. Two extra 1C DMPs are available Nov 1 - Jan 31. Bonus DMPs (valid for antlerless deer only) are available free from the DEC to hunters who take an antlerless deer on any WMU 1C DMP (original or bonus) during any Suffolk Co. season. More info on DMPs can be found here: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/6403.html>

**NOTE: THIS SUMMARY IS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. REFER TO NYS HUNTING & TRAPPING 2016-17 OFFICIAL GUIDE TO LAWS & REGULATIONS VOL 10, ISSUE 1, SEPTEMBER 2016**

**NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife (631) 444-0310 (M & Th 9-4)  
SUNY @ Stony Brook, 50 Circle Road, Stony Brook, NY  
11790-3409**

**Ridge Hunter Check Station (631) 924-3156  
484 Randall Road, Ridge, NY 11961; (Nov 1 thru Jan 31)**

Visit our website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8373.html>