



Q: The law states you may not take deer and bear when they are in the water. How deep does the water have to be?

A: The Environmental Conservation Law states “Wild deer and bear shall not be taken in water.” The intent of this law was to prohibit the shooting of deer or bear while their movement was impeded by water.

Q: May I use a .410 shotgun to hunt turkeys?

A: Yes, you may use a shotgun or a handgun to hunt turkeys provided you are using shot size no larger than #2 or smaller than #8. See page 42.

Q: Can I hunt wild turkey over a baited area ?

A: No, you may not hunt wild turkey with the aid of baits, or on, or over any baited area.

Q: May I kill a water snake?

A: No, all native NYS snakes are now protected.

Q: When do I have to attach the carcass tag to my turkey?

A: Immediately upon taking a turkey you must fill out AND attach your turkey tag.

Q: Can I use lighted bow sights to deer hunt?

A: Yes, provided the light only illuminates the sights and does not project out towards the animal.

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Q: What is the minimum legal caliber for deer hunting?

A: There is no minimum caliber. The law only prohibits the use of rimfire ammunition when hunting for deer. Any caliber centerfire ammunition is legal for hunting big game in both rifles and handguns. (See [legal implement map] on page 22.)

Q: Can I carry my .22 caliber rifle when checking my trap line?

A: Yes. A trapping license entitles to you shoot lawfully trapped wildlife. If you want to hunt other small game while trapping, you must also possess a small game hunting license.

Q: May I use a semi-automatic handgun to hunt deer or bear if it holds more than 6 rounds?

A: Yes, provided the barrel length is less than 8 inches in length.

Q: Can I use a rifle for hunting woodchucks in the “shotgun only areas” of the State?

A: Except in Westchester and Long Island, you MAY use a rifle to hunt woodchucks in the areas that are designated as shotgun, muzzleloader, and bow only for big game, provided there is currently no open season for big game.

Q: I know someone who is poaching. May I call to report the violation of law and never have the person find out who turned him in?

A: Yes, by using our TIPP complaint hotline at 1-800-TIPP-DEC (1-800-847-7332). When you contact the DEC be sure to inform us that it is a “confidential” complaint and you wish to remain anonymous.

Q: May I use a spotlight from my car to hunt for a raccoon at night, provided I get out of the vehicle and move off the maintained portion of the roadway before I shoot.

A: No, you may not use lights from a motor vehicle to take or pursue wildlife.

ECO DISPATCH CENTER: 1-877-457-5680



◀ ECO John Blades is pictured here with a cow moose that was illegally shot in the Town of Keene, Essex County. The hind quarters had already been packed out. The second photo depicts the carcass concealed under pine boughs in an effort to cover up the incident. Two subjects were arrested by ECO Blades and Investigator Ken Bruno after a brief investigation following a timely tip. The shooter plead guilty to the misdemeanor and was sentenced to thirty days in jail and a \$2000.00 fine. His accomplice was fined \$1000.00.



▶ Albany County ECO Luke Billotto is shown with a fawn white-tailed deer that was illegally kept in a residence. The fawn had lost its fear of humans and dogs. All young wildlife should be left alone. Taking young wildlife into captivity is unlawful.



▶ On May 1, 2009 at a road check in southern Herkimer County, ECOs Lucas (L) and Schoonover (R) stand with retired school superintendent Dr. Larry Zacher of Whitesboro, Oneida County. Dr. Zacher harvested this trophy tom, his first ever, in Herkimer County, Town of Stark thanks to the calling of Donnie Monk of Starkville. Dr. Zacher has been an avid hunter since 14 years of age and within the past ten years has traveled to Quebec, Wyoming and Tennessee in pursuit of big game and boar.



GATTLERRY

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WILDLIFE COMPACT

Effective March 1, 2006, New York State joined the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC). The IWVC is a compact under which member states reciprocate regarding the suspension or revocation of licenses and permits resulting from violations concerning the pursuit, possession or taking of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks, shellfish and crustaceans. If a person's license or permit privileges which come under the scope of the IWVC are suspended or revoked in one member state, they are subject to suspension or revocation in all member states. In addition to license and permit suspensions and revocations which result from a conviction for the illegal pursuit, possession or taking of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks, shellfish and crustaceans, failing to appear in court or to otherwise answer a ticket or summons issued for such violations will also result in license or permit suspension. IWVC member states also agree to recognize convictions for violations within the scope of the IWVC which occur in all other member states and to apply them toward license and permit suspension and revocations in the state in which the person resides.

There are now 31 member states. Other states and Canadian provinces are expected to join the IWVC in the near future. For a complete list of IWVC member states, please call DEC's Division of Law Enforcement at 518-402-8814.

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