Camping Guidelines for Hunt’s Pond

(1) From May 1st through September 30th, CAMPING IS ALLOWED AT DESIGNATED SITES BY PERMIT ONLY! Free permits may be obtained from the NYS DEC Sherburne office above between the hours of 7am and 3pm Monday through Friday. Applicant must be 18 years or older. Permits must be signed by the applicant and produced upon request by any Law Enforcement Officer or Department employee.

(2) Arrival time on a campsite is after 1pm on the first camping date of the permit. Departure time from the campsite is before 11am on the last camping date of the permit.

(3) The maximum length of stay on any one site or combination of sites in 14 nights. Upon issuance of the permit, the Department may limit the number of consecutive nights to less than 14. No more than 8 people are allowed per campsite. A new permit will not be issued for the same address until an issued permit expires.

(4) There is a limit of 2 vehicles per campsite. This includes motor homes. Both plate numbers will be required on the permit. The permit will not be issued without both license plate numbers.

(5) Motor vehicle access is not permitted beyond the gate near the boat launch. Campsites # 9-12 are “walk-in only” sites.

(6) The portable toilets must be kept clean and free of trash or debris. Damage to these facilities will jeopardize the future availability of these campsites.

(7) A potable water source is not available at Hunt’s Pond.

(8) You are camping at your own risk. Do not leave your belongings unattended. Children are not to be left unattended. Dogs and other pets must be safely restrained.

(9) Quiet hours are 10pm to 7am. Day users must leave by 10pm.

(10) Fires are allowed only in fire pits provided by DEC. Only dead and downed wood may be used for campfires. No burning of scrap wood from construction or demolition is allowed. No fires are allowed on the boat launch site.

(11) Cutting, defacing or injuring in any manner any live trees, shrubs or plants is prohibited.

(12) Carry out all rubbish. Throwing glass, cans, aluminum foil, food wastes and other rubbish into the fire pit is prohibited.

(13) Use of boats with gas powered motors is prohibited, electric motors only. The overnight mooring or beaching of boats is prohibited.

(14) ATV’s are prohibited. Off road operation of any vehicle is prohibited. Horses are not permitted in the camping area.

(15) DO NOT MOVE FIREWOOD! You could be spreading pests and diseases that kill our forests! A firewood regulation is in place to protect our forests and prevent the spread of invasive pests and diseases. Do not transport firewood over 50 miles or without a Self-Issued Certificate for Transport and Possession of New York-Sourced Untreated Firewood for Personal Use form. Tickets can be issued if the proper paperwork is not completed to clarify the origin of your firewood.

(16) Violation of any provisions of this notice shall be grounds to revoke the permit and remove the violators from the camping area.

Hunt’s Pond State Forest

The Hunt’s Pond State Forest campground offers 12 designated campsites near the waters of the 50 acre Hunt’s Pond. The camping sites are primitive, with few improvements. No fees are charged for camping, however, a permit is needed and available from the NYS DEC office in Sherburne. Hunt’s Pond State Forest is located in the Town of New Berlin, Chenango County, New York and is accessed from Hunt’s Pond Road. The forest is a 1,383 acre property managed by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for multiple interests. The Forest Stewardship Council and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative have certified this acreage in the interests of managing a sustainable timber resource while protecting wildlife habitats, cultural resources, water, recreation, and economic values. Hunt’s Pond is a 50 acre water impoundment containing a warm-water fishery of largemouth bass, yellow perch, brown bullhead, chain pickerel, and rock bass. Wildlife includes numerous species of woodland and aquatic birds. White-tailed deer, coyotes, red & grey fox, raccoons, red & grey squirrels, and beaver are some of the mammals living in the forest.