

Procedure for the Distribution of Deer Hunting Permits at Harriman State Park

Due to a limited number of available permits, a lottery system will be used to distribute permits as fairly as possible. While all applicants will have the same likelihood of being selected for a permit, efforts will be made to accommodate zone preferences of hunter pairs if they both are awarded a permit in the lottery.

- Hunting permit applications will be made available on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. The application window will be open for 2 weeks, closing on Wednesday, October 8th. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline has passed.
- To make permits as accessible as possible, applications will be available in-person and online:
 - In-person: Applicants may visit the Tiorati Circle Park Office in Harriman State Park to fill out and submit their application in person between 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM seven days a week (please note the office is closed from 12:00-1:00 pm). The Tiorati Circle Office, located at 2300 Seven Lakes Dr, Southfields, NY 10975. The office phone number is 845-429-8257.
 - Online: Applicants may complete and submit their application online from the application form on the Harriman State Park web page at <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/145/details.aspx>.
- As applications are received, each will be assigned a unique, sequential ID number.
- After the application window has closed, a random number generator in Microsoft Excel will be used to randomly determine ID numbers for permit selection. This means that all permits received will have an equal chance of being selected (i.e., it does not matter when your permit was submitted within the open application window).
- There are a limited number of permits available for each hunting zone. As ID numbers are selected from the list, they will be assigned their highest preference for zone selection, as feasible (i.e., if their first zone choice is full, they will be awarded their second zone choice if space allows, and so on).
 - Example: If 750 permit applications are received, each application will be assigned a unique ID from 1 to 750. Microsoft Excel will be used to generate a list of random numbers within this range. Moving down the list, hunters will be awarded a permit and their highest preference zone until all permits/zones have been allocated.
 - If hunters indicate they have a hunting partner, and that hunting partner also has been awarded a hunting permit via the lottery, then efforts will be made to place both hunters into the same zone so that they may hunt together. The zone of the first selected hunter will be used for both hunters.
- All hunters will be notified by October 10th via email if they have or have not been selected for a permit.
- Upon email notification, if a hunter indicates they are no longer interested in a hunting permit, the lottery list will be used to award a permit to the next available hunter.
- Hunters who are awarded a permit will be required to pick the permit up in person between Saturday, October 11th and Monday, October 27th at the Tiorati Circle Office in Harriman State Park. There is a \$5 fee required at time of permit pickup.
- If hunters selected in the lottery do not pick up their permit by 3:30 PM on October 27th, they forfeit their permit and the next randomly chosen applicant will be awarded the permit.
- If at any point a hunter is found in violation of the permit conditions, their permit may be revoked.

2025 Deer Hunting Season Permits

- A total of 350 hunting permits will be awarded.
- The approximate number of permits available for each zone are:
 - Zone 1: 40 | Zone 2: 65 | Zone 3: 90 | Zone 4: 55 | Zone 5: 100