



Town of Lyme, Lyme Land Conservation Trust Hunting Program Summary, 2017

WHAT: The Town of Lyme (TOL) and Lyme Land Conservation Trust (LLCT) cooperatively administer a hunting program on approximately 860 acres of open space in the Town of Lyme through the Open Space Coordinator (OSC).

WHY: Much of Lyme's forestland is experiencing heavy deer browse damage which threatens the diversity and health of the forest and the Wild and Scenic Eightmile River Watershed. Resident geese are also detrimental to healthy habitat, particularly water quality. Reducing the size of these populations will help restore the growth of a healthy, sustainable forest and water quality that protects and enhances the quality of life in Lyme. Additionally hunting has been traditional use of many of the open spaces and the hunting program helps maintain opportunities for this use.

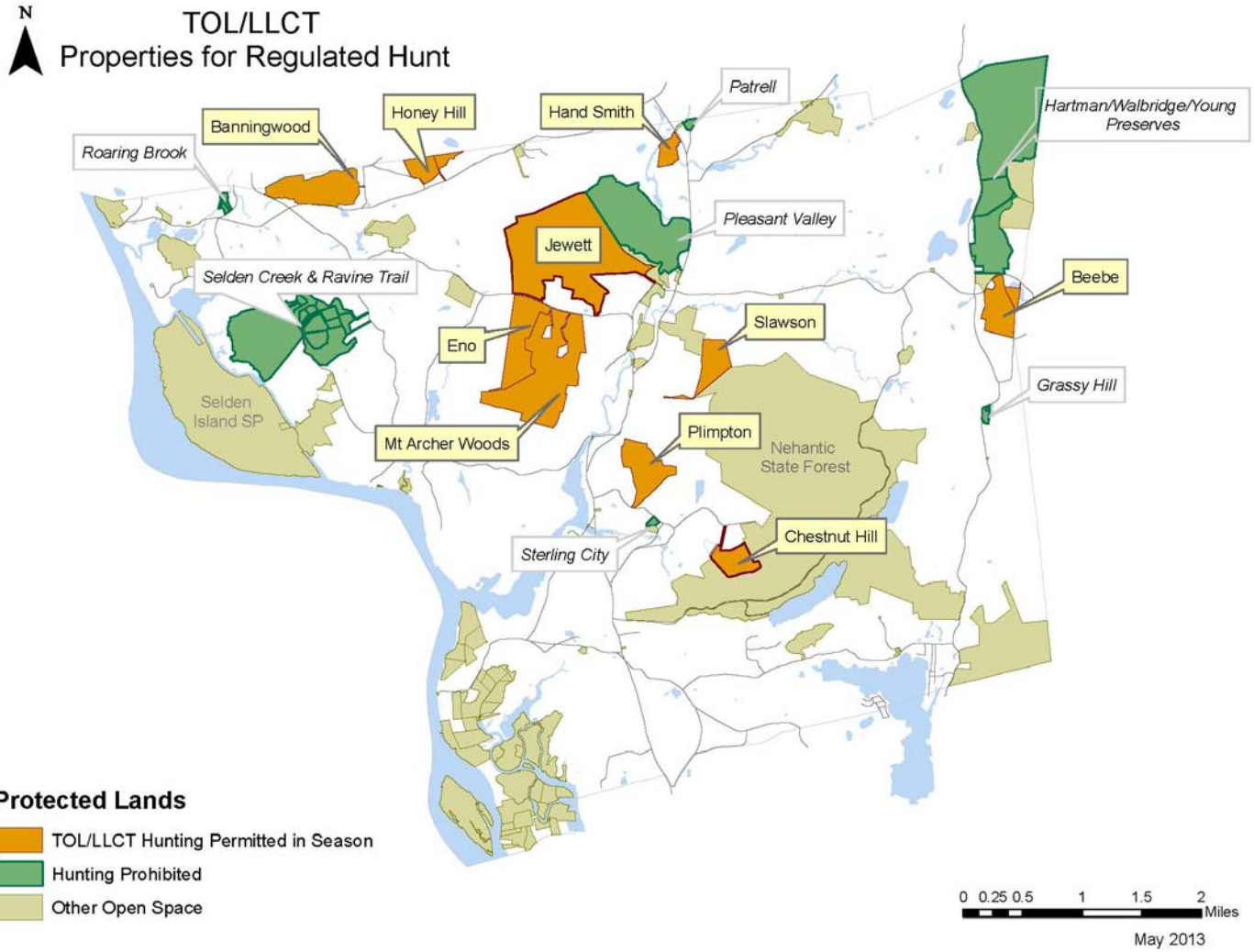
WHERE and WHEN: Generally, the State of Connecticut allows hunting on many of its properties (e.g. Nehantic State Forest, Selden Island State Park). The Nature Conservancy (TNC) allows hunting on some of its properties. The TOL/LLCT allows hunting as indicated in the map and Hunting Season Chart.

HOW: The OSC administers the Hunting Program and may grant hunting consent to individuals, who request it giving preference to those who hunted a property historically, live locally or help with preserve maintenance. The OCS will grant requests based upon State guidelines for safe hunting.

All State laws and regulations apply. In addition, the following TOL/LLCT policies apply:

1. Fluorescent orange is highly recommended for all persons and their dogs, September 1 through January 31
2. Consent to hunt is not granted for TOL/LLCT parcels smaller than 20 acres (e.g. Roaring Brook, Patrell, Grassy Hill and Sterling City Preserves). Nor is consent granted for hunting in Hartman Park, Pleasant Valley or Selden Creek Preserves or on the Ravine Trail. These preserves are open to non-hunting users at all times.
3. Consent is not granted for hunting on Friday, Saturday or Sunday during bow season.
4. Consent is not granted for hunting on Saturday or Sunday during deer firearm seasons.
5. Jewett, Mt Archer Woods, Eno, Plimpton, Beebe, Slawson, Honey Hill and Chestnut Hill, Hand-Smith Preserves are closed to hikers Monday through Friday during the deer firearm season mid-November to the 4th Tuesday in December; they are open to hikers Saturday and Sunday.
6. Notification of these closures in the local paper, on the TOL and LLCT web page and by signs at the trailheads and locations where trails cross into the Preserves.

Properties in Lyme where consent to hunt may be granted under the TOL/LLCT Hunting Program



Hunting Season Chart

Season		TOL										LLCT										TNC		2017							2018	
		Hartman Park, ~320 ac	Young, ~82 ac	Jewett, ~434 ac	Mt. Archer, ~135 ac	Eno, ~100 ac	Plimpton, ~80 ac	Beebe Preserve, ~74 ac	Slawson, ~54 ac	Chestnut Hill, ~40 ac	Honey Hill, ~38 ac	Hand-Smith, ~23 ac	Walbridges, ~46 ac	Roaring Brook-8 ac	Patrell, ~5 ac	Grassy Hill, ~4.5 ac	Sterling City, ~3 ac	Pleasant Valley, ~235 ac	Selden Creek, ~207 ac													
Deer/Turkey	Bow	P	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	P	P	P	P	P	P													
Deer	Shotgun/rifle	P	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	P	P	P	P	P	P													
Deer	Muzzleloader	P	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	P	P	P	P	P	P													
Fall Turkey	Firearm	P	P	P	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	P	P	P	P	P	P													
Spring Turkey	Firearm	P	P	B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	P	P	P	P	P	P													
✓ = Consent to hunt required																				Preserve open to all; consent to hunt restricted to indicated days												
B = Bow only																				Preserve open only to hunters Mon-Fri; open to others on Saturday and Sunday												
P = Hunting prohibited																																
Note: Consent to hunt resident goose with firearm may be granted on Hand-Smith during September																																
Note: TOL/LLCT follows the State Land Muzzleloader Season Dates																																

For specifics on the State Regulations, consult the current CT DEEP Hunting and Trapping and Migratory Bird Hunting guides

The results of the TOL/LLCT hunting program are reported annually in the Open Space Coordinator section of the Town of Lyme Annual Report.