



TOWN OF LYME
LYME LAND CONSERVATION
TRUST (TOL/LLCT) HUNTING
POLICIES 2021



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General

1. Fluorescent orange is highly recommended for all persons and their dogs September 1 through January 31.
2. State hunting laws and regulations apply, plus some Lyme regulations. For specifics on the State Regulations, consult the current CT DEEP Hunting and Trapping and Migratory Bird Hunting guides.
3. Consent to hunt may be issued for those properties shown in the accompanying map and Hunting Season Chart.
4. Hunters are asked to find alternatives to lead ammo and shot for all methods of hunting on TOL/LLT Preserves. Lead is toxic to humans and lethal for many scavengers such as bald eagles. It also can contaminate the soil and seep into the ground water.
5. The maximum number of firearm hunters allowed:
 - On the properties under 100 acres, 1 hunter per 10 acres:
 - five (5) on Slawson—54 acres (6 bow)
 - eight (8) on Plimpton—88 acres (8 bow)
 - four (4) on Chestnut Hill—40 acres (4 bow)
 - seven (7) on Beebe—74 acres (7 bow)
 - two (2) shotgun for goose only in September, spring turkey, and bow only for turkey/deer on Hand-Smith (23 acres)
 - On property more than 100 acres (firearm):
 - eight (8) on Mt Archer Woods/Eno Preserve—235 acres
 - ten (10) on Jewett—(434 acres)
 - eight (8) on Johnston—250 acres
 - On property more than 100 acres (bow):
 - Twenty (20) on Mt Archer/Eno/Jewett combined—669 acres
 - Ten (10) on Johnston Preserve—250 acres
6. Shotgun/Centerfire Rifle Hunting at Mt. Archer Woods/Eno, Jewett and Johnston Preserves will be divided into two periods. A: Nov 17–Nov 26 and B: Nov 27–Dec.7. The periods will be alternated each year if the permits are fully subscribed. For each period requested, provide 1st, 2nd, and 3rd property preference.
7. Hunters are required to know the boundaries of the property being hunted, will not hunt within 100' of the boundaries and will abide by the 500' & 250' setbacks from structures.
For Mt. Archer Woods this includes the boundaries of the two private properties and the location of the stone wall which separates the hunting from the no hunting areas. There are yellow markings as one approaches the hunting area from the non-hunting area. There are white markings as one approaches the non-hunting area from the hunting area.
8. Tree stands must be at least 100' from hiking trails, 100' from boundaries, and face away from boundaries and structures. Remove tree stands after the season is over.
9. No hunting on Friday, Saturday or Sunday during bow and turkey seasons; no hunting on Saturday or Sunday during firearm seasons.
10. In general motorized vehicles are not allowed on any of the Preserves. In this program, however, they may be used to facilitate the removal of harvested deer in accessible areas

Seasons - see Hunting Season Chart Below

11. Consent to hunt Spring turkey (late April to late May, ½ hour before sunrise to noon) restricted to Monday through Thursday. Be aware that the preserves remain open to hikers and other users. Do not hunt within 40 yards of hiking trails. During this season bow only permitted in the Jewett and Johnston Preserves.
12. Two consents to hunt resident goose may be granted on Hand-Smith in September.



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13. Consent to bow hunt deer/turkey is restricted to Monday through Thursday. Be aware that preserves will remain open to hikers and other users every day. Do not hunt within 40 yards of hiking trails.
14. Deer/turkey bow hunting will not be allowed during the deer/firearm season.
15. Consent to hunt deer with firearm including muzzleloader is restricted to Monday through Friday; on these days preserves will be closed to other users. The TOL/LLT observes the State Land Muzzleloader Season Dates.
16. The general public will be notified of these closures in a press release in the local paper and by signs at the trailheads and locations where trails cross into the hunting-permitted Preserve.
17. Consent to hunt turkey with firearm in the fall (October) will not be granted on Johnston, Jewett, Mt Archer/Eno and Hand Smith Preserves.
18. Consent to firearm hunt turkey in October is restricted to Monday through Thursday on the Plimpton, Beebe, Chestnut Hill, and Slawson Preserves; hunters with consent to hunt deer with bow on these properties should be aware of this.
19. Hunters who receive consent to hunt deer with bow or shotgun/rifle/muzzleloader on Mt. Archer Woods, Eno and Jewett and Johnston Preserves will not be granted consent to hunt on any other TOL/LLT property unless there is available space after all permits have been issued.
20. Hunters who receive consent to hunt deer with bow or muzzleloader on Mt. Archer Woods, Eno and Jewett and Johnston Preserves shall not be granted consent to hunt with shotgun/rifle on these properties depending upon demand. However, they may be granted permission to hunt with firearm on other properties in Lyme

Requesting Consent to Hunt From the Open Space Coordinator

For the Spring Season, consent to hunt may be requested a month prior to beginning of the season. In the Fall, consent to hunt for all seasons and implements may be requested after August 1.

To request consent, mail a completed consent form (you may print and use the partly filled out samples) and a stamped return envelope to:

Open Space Coordinator, Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Rd, Lyme CT 06371.

Emailed requests are no longer accepted. If you are hunting as a group, please submit the consent forms as a group and include a large self-addressed envelope with extra postage. If an entire group cannot be accommodated, no requests will be granted.

Any questions, email: openspace@townlyme.org.

Apply early. Permits will be granted as space allows. Parcel preference will be given to those who have hunted a property historically, helped with preserve maintenance and replied by email with hunting survey results. If the permit request is received after the season has started, it will be granted if space available. If we are oversubscribed, there will be a lottery. Junior license holders (persons 12 through 15 years of age) may be granted consent and must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 18 years of age or older while hunting.

Hunting Season Chart

Town of Lyme and Land Trust Preserves where hunting is allowed

Season		2021											2022					
		Johnston ~250 ac	Jewett, ~434 ac	Mt. Archer, ~135 ac	Eno, ~100 ac	Plimpton, ~80 ac	Beebe Preserve, ~74 ac	Chestnut Hill, ~40 ac	Hand-Smith ~23 ac	Slawson ~55 ac	4/28 - 5/29	9/15 -	10/2 -	10/31 -	11/17 -	12/08 -	12/22 -	1/1 - 1/31
Deer/Turkey	Bow	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
Deer	Shotgun/rifle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓								
Deer	Muzzleloader	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓								
Fall Turkey	Firearm	P	P	P	P	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Spring Turkey		B	B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B	✓								

✓ = Consent to hunt required
 B = Bow only
 P = Hunting prohibited
 (Yellow background) Preserve open to all; consent to hunt restricted to Monday through Thursday
 (Orange background) Preserve open only to hunters Monday through Friday; open to others on Saturday and Sunday

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

TOWN OF LYME / LYME LAND TRUST Regulated Hunting Map

