



**Town of Lyme
Lyme Land Trust (TOL/LLT)
Hunting Program**



POLICIES 2022

General

1. Fluorescent orange is highly recommended for all people and their dogs September 15 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 guides.
3. Consent to hunt may be issued for those properties shown in the accompanying map and Hunting Season Chart (page 3).
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 hunters allowed:
Lyme Land Trust properties:
 - Slawson–54 acres (5 firearm, 6 bow)
 - Plimpton–88 acres (8 firearm, 8 bow)
 - Chestnut Hill–40 acres (4 firearm, 4 bow)
 - Beebe–74 acres (7 firearm, 8 bow)
 - Hand Smith- 24 acres (No firearm, 2 bow)
 - Hilles West–50 acres (5 firearm, 5 bow)
 - Hilles East–120 acres (10 firearm, 10 bow)River to Ridgetop Properties (Bow):
 - Twenty (20) on Mt Archer/Eno/Jewett combined–669 acres
 - Ten (10) on Johnston Preserve–250 acresRiver to Ridgetop Properties (Firearm):
 - eight (8) on Mt Archer Woods/Eno Preserve–235 acres
 - ten (10) on Jewett–434 acres
 - eight (8) on Johnston–250 acres
6. 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.
In Jewett, stay 500 feet from the border of Pleasant Valley Preserve.
7. Tree stands must be at least 100' from hiking trails, 100' from boundaries, and face away from boundaries and structures. Remove tree stands and hunting blinds after the season is over.
8. No hunting on Friday, Saturday or Sunday during bow and turkey seasons; no hunting on Saturday or Sunday during firearm seasons.
9. 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



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Seasons - see Hunting Season Chart Below

10. 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.
11. 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
12. Deer/turkey bow hunting will not be allowed during the deer/firearm season.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Consent to hunt turkey with firearm in the fall (October) will not be granted on Johnston, Jewett, Mt Archer/Eno and Hand Smith Preserves.
16. Consent to firearm hunt turkey in October is restricted to Monday through Thursday on the Plimpton, Beebe, Chestnut Hill, Hilles East and West and Slawson Preserves; hunters with consent to hunt deer with bow on these properties should be aware of this.

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 15.

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 not 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, your request will not be granted unless you indicate it is OK to break up the group.

Apply early. You may apply for all the Fall seasons in August. 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 is 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.

For more info, email: openspace@townlyme.org Lyme Town Hall: 860 434-7733
Visit: <https://www.lymelandtrust.org/hunting-program/>



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Hunting Season Chart Town of Lyme and Land Trust Preserves where hunting is allowed

Season		2022											2023							
		Johnston ~250 ac	Jewett, ~434 ac	Mt. Archer, ~135 ac	Eno, ~100 ac	Hilles West ~50 ac	Hilles East ~120 ac	Plimpton, ~80 ac	Beebe Preserve, ~74 ac	Chestnut Hill, ~40 ac	Hand-Smith ~23 ac	Slawson ~55 ac	4/27 - 5/28	9/15 - 9/30	10/01 - 10/31	11/01 - 11/15	11/16 - 12/06	12/07 - 12/20	12/21 - 12/31	1/1 - 1/31
Deer/Turkey	Bow	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Mon - Thu	Mon - Thu	M - Th				M-Th	Mon - Thu
Deer	Shotgun/rifle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					Mon - Fri				
Deer	Muzzleloader	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P						Mon-Fri			
Fall Turkey	Firearm	P	P	P	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P		Mon - Thu							
Spring Turkey		B	B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B	M-Th til noon								

✓ = 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: TOL/LLCT follows the State Land Muzzleloader Season Dates

