



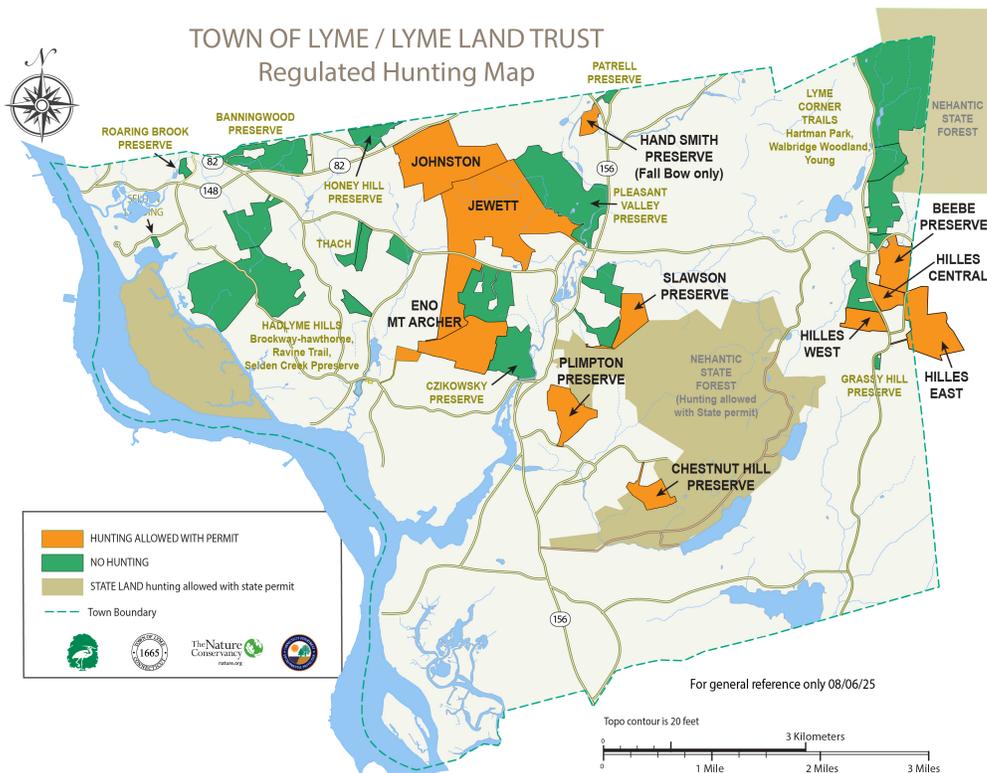
# Town of Lyme Lyme Land Trust (TOL/LLT) Hunting Program



## POLICIES 2026

### General

1. Fluorescent orange is highly recommended for all people and their dogs September 15 through January 31.
2. Consent to hunt may be issued for those properties shown in the accompanying map and Hunting Season Chart.
3. The preserves where hunting is allowed:
  - Lyme Land Trust properties:
    - Beebe/Hilles Central–107 acres
    - Chestnut Hill–40 acres
    - Plimpton–88 acres
    - Hand Smith- 24 acres (Fall Bow only)
    - Hilles West–50 acres
    - Hilles East–120 acres
    - Slawson–54 acres
  - River to Ridgetop Properties:
    - Mt Archer Woods (TOL)/Eno Preserve (LLT)–235 acres
    - Johnston Preserve (TOL)–250 acres
    - Jewett Preserve (TOL)–434 acres





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4. Most State hunting laws and regulations apply, with some private land and Lyme regulations. Abide by bag limits for private land. For specifics on the State Regulations, consult the current CT DEEP Hunting and Trapping guides.
5. 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.
6. Tree stands must be at least 100' from hiking trails and face away from boundaries and structures. Remove tree stands and hunting blinds after the season is over.
7. No hunting on Saturday or Sunday all seasons.
8. 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.
9. Hunters are asked to seek 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.
10. Do not harm or harass coyotes. Permits do not include permission to hunt or kill coyotes.
11. If you encounter poachers or suspicious persons, do not confront. Call CT DEEP Dispatch 860-424-3333. Notify the Open Space Coordinator [openspace@townlyme.org](mailto:openspace@townlyme.org) after you have filed a report with CT DEEP Dispatch.

**Seasons - See Hunting Season Chart (page 3)**

12. Spring Turkey: April 29-May 30. ½ hour before sunrise to noon (note the hours are different than the State regulations), Consent to hunt is restricted to Monday through Friday. Be aware that the preserves remain open to hikers and other users. Do not hunt within 100 feet of hiking trails. During this season only bow permitted in the Jewett Preserve.
13. Bow Hunting Deer/Turkey: Sept 15 - Nov 17 and Dec 23 - Jan 31. Consent to hunt is restricted to Monday through Friday. Be aware that preserves will remain open to hikers and other users every day. Do not hunt within 100 feet of hiking trails. Deer/turkey bow hunting is not be allowed during the deer firearm season.
14. Turkey Shotgun: Oct 3 - Oct 31. Consent to firearm hunt turkey in October is restricted to Monday through Friday at 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. Be aware that preserves will remain open to hikers and other users every day.
15. Deer Firearm: Deer Shotgun/Rifle: Nov 18 -Dec 8, Muzzleloader: Dec 9 to Dec 22. TOL/LLT observes the State Land Muzzleloader Season Dates. Consent to hunt deer with firearm is restricted to Monday through Friday; on these days preserves will be closed to other users.
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.

