Hunting in the Long Island Pine Barrens

The purpose of this guide is to inform hikers about periods of active hunting in the Long Island Pine Barrens. Active hunting grounds should be avoided by hikers. As an extra safety precaution, we suggest wearing bright orange or a safety vest while entering the woods during the hunting seasons.

While most Pine Barrens parks do allow hunting during various periods, hunting is usually contained within certain restricted areas. Always check a park’s relevant website and posted signage before entering the woods during hunting season.

Long Island Pine Barrens Parks that do not allow hunting –

1. Prosser Pines Nature Preserve
2. Wading River Marsh Preserve
3. Indian Island County Park
4. Quogue Wildlife Refuge

Long Island Pine Barrens Parks that have hunting seasons –

1. Rocky Point Pine Barrens Preserve
   - Please check New York Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this preserve.
   - Archery deer hunting: October 1st–January 31st
   - Firearm deer hunting: First Sunday of January to January 31st
   - Waterfowl: November 21st – January 31st (hunting of Snow Geese extends to March 7th)
   - Small Game: November 1st–December 31st (hunting of cottontail rabbits and squirrel extends through the end of February)
   - Turkey hunting: April 24th–25th, May 1st–May 31st (sunset to noon)
   - Hunting allowed in the green “Management Area.”
2. Brookhaven State Park
   - Please check New York Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this park.
   - Archery deer hunting: October 1st–January 31st
   - Hunting allowed in the green non-restricted areas.

3. Ridge Conservation Area
   - Please check New York Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this preserve.
   - Archery deer hunting: October 1st–January 31st
   - Archery turkey hunting: April 24th–25th, May 1st–May 31st (sunrise to noon)
   - Hunting allowed in green non-restricted areas.
4. Cathedral Pines County Park
   - Please check Suffolk County Parks Department website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this park.
   - The new “Out of Bounds” mountain bike trail allows bow hunting, generally between October 1st-January 31st.

5. Southaven County Park
   - Please check Suffolk County Parks Department website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this park.
   - Raccoon hunting: February 1st-February 25th
   - Waterfowl hunting: November 21st-November 29th and December 12th-January 31st on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays

6. Dennis Puleston Warbler Woods
   - Please check Suffolk County Parks Department website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this preserve.
   - Archery season: October 1st-January 31st
   - Hunting is open throughout the entire preserve.

7. Otis Pike Preserve
   - Please check New York Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this preserve.
   - Archery deer hunting: October 1st-December 31st
   - Turkey hunting: April 24th-25th, May 15th-May 31st (sunrise to noon)
   - Firearm season: January 1st-January 31st
   - Waterfowl: November 21st-January 31st (hunting of Snow Geese extends to March 7th)
- Small Game: November 1st-December 31st (hunting of cottontail rabbits and squirrel extends through the end of February)
- Turkey hunting: April 24th-25th, May 1st-May 31st (sunrise to noon)
- Hunting is allowed throughout most of the preserve, except for restricted areas.

8. Manorville Hills County Park
- Please check Suffolk County Parks Department website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this park.
- Archery season: October 1st-January 31st
- Most of the park is open to hunting, aside from a few restricted areas.
9. Calverton Pine Barrens State Forest
   - Please check New York Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this preserve.
   - Archery deer hunting: October 1<sup>st</sup>-January 31<sup>st</sup>
   - Archery turkey hunting: April 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>-May 31<sup>st</sup> (sunrise to noon)
   - Hunting is allowed through most of the forest, aside from a few restricted areas.

10. David A. Sarnoff Preserve
    - Please check New York Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this preserve.
    - Archery hunting: October 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup>
    - Firearm season: January 1<sup>st</sup>-January 31<sup>st</sup>
    - Waterfowl: November 21<sup>st</sup>–January 31<sup>st</sup> (hunting of Snow Geese extends to March 7<sup>th</sup>)
    - Small Game: November 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup>
    - Turkey hunting: April 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>-May 31<sup>st</sup> (sunrise to noon)
    - Hunting is allowed throughout most of the preserve, except for restricted areas.
11. Cranberry Bog County Park
   - Please check Suffolk County Parks Department website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this park.
   - Archery season: October 1st–January 31st
   - Hunting is prohibited within 150 feet of hiking trails.
12. Hubbard County Park
- Please check Suffolk County Parks Department website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this park.
- Archery season: November 1st-January 31st (Areas 13-17) and November 1st-December 31st (Areas 1-12)
- Raccoon hunting: February 1st-February 25th
- Shotgun hunting: January 4th-January 29th
- Waterfowl hunting: November 21st-November 29th (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays) and December 12th-January 3rd (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays)
- Hunting is allowed throughout most of the park, aside from a few restricted areas.

13. Sears Bellow County Park
- Please check Suffolk County Parks Department website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this park.
- Waterfowl hunting: November 21st-November 29th (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays) and December 12th-January 3rd (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays)
- Hunting is allowed throughout most of the park.
14. Dwarf Pine Plains Preserve

- Please check New York Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) website for up-to-date information regarding hunting in this preserve.
- Archery hunting: October 1st-December 31st
- Firearm season: January 1st-January 31st
- Waterfowl: November 21st-January 31st (hunting of Snow Geese extends to March 7th)
- Small Game: November 1st-December 31st (hunting of cottontail rabbits and squirrel extends through the end of February)
- Turkey hunting: April 24th-25th, May 1st-May 31st (sunrise to noon)
- Hunting is allowed throughout most of the preserve, except for restricted areas.