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FINGER LAKES STATE PARK ANNOUNCES 2009-2010 HUNTING SCHEDULE

(October 2009, Trumansburg, NY...) Tim Joseph, Regional Director of the Finger Lakes State Parks, announced the 2009-2010 hunting schedule for the region's state parks.

BIG GAME – DEER

Deer – Archery

Reference the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for archery hunting in the following parks:

Bonavista, Buttermilk Falls, Chimney Bluffs, Connecticut Hill, Fillmore Glen, Ganondagan, Harriet Hollister Spencer, Keuka Lake, Long Point, Mark Twain, Newtown Battlefield, Pinnacle, upper Robert H. Treman, Sampson, Stony Brook, Taughannock Falls, Two Rivers, and Watkins Glen.

Note: Bonavista and Harriet Hollister Spencer will NOT be open for the special late season.

Note: Archery deer hunting is allowed at Ganondagan State Historic Site from **dawn to 9:00 a.m. only**. Obtain a permit from the visitor center in the afternoon of the day prior to hunting.

Deer – Shotgun and Muzzleloading Rifle

Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for shotgun and muzzleloading rifle hunting in the following parks:

Chimney Bluffs, Connecticut Hill, Harriet Hollister Spencer, Long Point and Sampson.

Note: Harriet Hollister Spencer does not allow hunting during late special season (reference the DEC guidelines).

Deer – Muzzleloading only (no shotgun or rifle) allowed during regular shotgun season

Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for muzzleloading hunting in the following parks:

Fillmore Glen, Pinnacle, Keuka Lake, Two Rivers

SMALL GAME

Waterfowl – Early and Late Seasons

Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for waterfowl hunting in the following parks:

Chimney Bluffs, Fair Haven Beach (Sterling Creek) and Long Point.

Note: Federal Pier at Fair Haven Beach is open for late season only. Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules.

Note: Waterfowl hunting at Sampson is late season only and is limited to ten hunters per day.

Geese

Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for goose hunting in the following parks:

at Chimney Bluffs, Fair Haven Beach (Sterling Creek & Federal Pier), Long Point, and Mark Twain.

Note: Federal Pier at Fair Haven Beach is open for late season only. Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates.

Note: Special park permits are required for Mark Twain (limited quantities). Please contact the park directly for dates and times for hunting.

Brant and Snow Geese

Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for brant and snow geese hunting in the following parks:

Chimney Bluffs, Fair Haven Beach (Sterling Creek) and Long Point.

Turkey

Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for turkey hunting in the following parks:

Chimney Bluffs, Pinnacle and Sampson.

Note: Turkey hunting at Sampson is in the fall only and with a bow only.

Other Small Game

Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for small game hunting in the following parks:

Chimney Bluffs, Connecticut Hill, Long Point, Pinnacle, and Sampson

Note: Small game hunting is not allowed during any deer season at Pinnacle and Sampson

Separate park hunting permits are required for deer hunting at Ganondagan State Historic Site, Mark Twain State Park, and Pinnacle State Park.

A separate special park permit is required for all hunting at Sampson State Park along with blaze orange hat or vest. Weapons may not have a capacity of more than three rounds.

At Bonavista State Park, a two-day hunting reservation will be awarded 48 hrs prior to the desired hunting date. Hunting will be limited to five hunters per day and each hunter must sign in and out. Interested hunters should call (607) 869-5482 or register at 7194 county route 132 Ovid, New York 14521. Any unfilled spots will be offered on a first come first served basis each day.

At Long Point State Park, special DEC permits for deer hunting are required from the check station at King Ferry.

On the Catharine Valley Trail, a one-mile section of the trail near the Village of Millport will be closed for approximately four (4) weeks during regular gun season. Reference the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) Hunting and Trapping Guide for current dates and rules for regular gun season.

Safety zones and restricted areas are posted to ensure the safety of other park patrons and regional personnel. Signs will be posted at all parks during hunting season to notify patrons of this activity. Handguns will not be permitted in any of the parks.

No trapping is allowed at any of the State Parks in the Finger Lakes region.

All portable tree stands must have the owner's name, address, and phone number.

Note: A valid New York State hunting license with the proper hunting stamps will serve as the regional hunting permit. Except where stated otherwise, this is the only permit necessary.

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