

TOWN OF PITTSFORD

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FAQ: HUNTING

Looking for information regarding hunting in Pittsford? You've come to the right place! Here is a list of frequently asked questions to help you prepare for the upcoming season.

Q: Where can I hunt?

A: In Pittsford, hunting is permitted on privately-owned property only.

Q: When can I hunt?

A: Please view the chart pertaining to the Southern Zone for yearly dates allowed for deer hunting according to the DEC website: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28605.html#deer>. Daily hunting hours for deer are limited to 30 minutes before sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset. Details regarding other animal seasons can be seen here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/65231.html>.

Q: Can I hunt on Town land?

A: Hunting on Town-owned land and parks is not permitted.

Q: Are there public lands where I can hunt?

A: The NYSDEC provides a map of public land permitted for hunting, the closest to Pittsford being Rush Oak Openings Unique Area. Information for this site can be found here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/100035.html>. The entire map of public hunting lands in NYS can be viewed here: <https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/>.

Q: What weapons can I use?

A: A gun, crossbow, and bow are permitted for use. When hunting, a firearm must be discharged no less than 500 feet (250 feet for a crossbow and 150 feet for a bow) from any school, playground, occupied factory or church, dwelling, farm building, or structure in occupation, unless you own the structure or have permission from the owner.

Q: Is target practice allowed?

A: Target practice using a gun, crossbow, or bow is permitted within the Town of Pittsford, however, regulations regarding discharge distance still applies to neighboring properties. Firearms shall not be discharged in areas of Town as listed in Town Code Section 83-3: <https://ecode360.com/6434989>.

Q: Can I get my hunting license at Town Hall?

A: The Pittsford Town Clerk does not issue hunting and fishing licenses, but Pittsford residents can obtain them through the Town of Perinton. Find more information at: <https://perinton.org/departments/town-clerk-tax-office/dec-licenses-for-hunting-and-fishing/>.

Q: What should I do if I hear gunshots?

A: If gunshots sound unusually close to your home, you should contact the Monroe County Sheriff's Office by calling 911.

Any further questions regarding hunting within the Town of Pittsford should be passed along to the Department of Public Works, (585) 248-6250.

Notice any suspicious game-related activity? Contact our local DEC Office at (585) 226-2466.