

Party Permits To Be Available This Fall

After a one-year lapse, party permits for deer hunters will be available again this fall in the Catskill Region, Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Henry L. Diamond announces.

At the same time, the Commissioner said there will be an increase of nearly 50 percent in the number of party permits to be issued in Central and Western New York. No party permits will be available for the Adirondack Region.

There will be 14,650 permits available in seven deer management units in the Catskills, where last year's moderate winter and the preceding winter of normal conditions have permitted a significant increase in the size of the deer herd.

In Central and Western New York, 30,750 party permits will be available in 11 deer management units, compared with about 21,000 last season. This increase is also necessary due to rapid deer herd increases in many areas.

"The party permit system is primarily a sound deer management tool. It enables deer managers to regulate the size, age composition and sex ratio of the deer population in each deer management unit (DMU)," Commissioner Diamond explained. "This permits us to keep the deer population in balance with the carrying capacity of the habitat and man's use of the land and also provides additional hunting opportunity to our sportsmen."

Party sizes vary from three to six members for regular permits and from two to four members for landowner permits. Applications will be available in late summer and must be submitted along with party members' big game license stubs, by Saturday September 15. No fee must accompany the application.

Only those parties whose applications are selected by computer will be notified to remit their party permit fee of \$5 to the Department. A total of 43,400 permits will be available this season. As has been the case in previous years, up to 50 percent of the permits in each DMU are available for qualified landowner parties. A person must own 50 or more acres in one parcel in a DMU to qualify for a landowner permit in that management unit.

Party sizes for deer management units are as follows:

CATSKILL REGION

Unit	Quota	Regular	Landowner
44	700	5	2
50	450	4	2
51	2,750	4	2
60	6,500	3	2
62	1,800	4	2
64	900	5	3
68	1,550	5	3

14,650

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71	1,850	3	2
75	1,450	6	4
77	1,000	5	3
80	4,000	3	2
83	350	5	3
84	11,150	4	2
85	6,400	3	2
89	550	4	2
92	2,700	6	3
93	450	6	3
98	850	5	3

30,750

Statewide
43,400

Complete descriptions of deer management unit boundaries are indicated on a map which will be available with party permit applications. Boundaries have been changed in several DMU's in the Central and Western Region, so applicants should check their choice carefully. A summary of the units is as follows:

CATSKILL REGION

- Unit 44 — Portions of Dutchess and Putnam Counties.
- Unit 50 — Portions of Delaware and Sullivan Counties.
- Unit 51 — Portions of Delaware, Orange and Sullivan Counties.
- Unit 60 — Portions of Delaware, Schoharie and Sullivan Counties.
- Unit 62 — Portions of Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Otsego Counties.
- Unit 64 — Portions of Albany, Delaware and Schoharie Counties.
- Unit 68 — Portions of Delaware.

Herkimer, Otsego and Schoharie Counties

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- Unit 71 — Portions of Chenango and Otsego Counties
- Unit 75 — Portions of Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Oneida and Onondaga Counties
- Unit 77 — Portions of Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga, Tioga and Tompkins Counties
- Unit 80 — Portions of Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga and Tompkins Counties
- Unit 83 — All of Wayne County and portions of Monroe, Ontario and Seneca Counties
- Unit 84 — All of Allegany and Steuben Counties as well as portions of Chemung and Schuyler Counties
- Unit 85 — All of Yates County, as well as portions of Livingston, Ontario and Wyoming Counties

Unit 89 — Portions of Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario and Wyoming Counties

Unit 92 — All of Cattaraugus & Chautauqua Counties

Unit 93 — Portions of Erie, Genesee and Wyoming Counties

Unit 98 — All of Niagara and Orleans Counties as well as portions of Erie, Genesee, Monroe and Wyoming Counties

The big game season in New York opens October 25 in the Northern Zone and November 19, the third Monday in November, in the Southern Zone. Closing statewide is December 4, the first Tuesday in December. For details check the 1973-74 Big Game Guide which will be available at all license-issuing locations in late summer.

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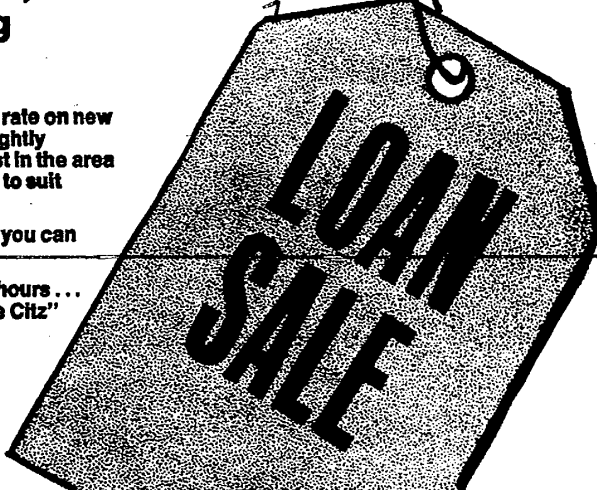
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