HUNTING

TYPES OF HUNTING AVAILABLE:
West Point hunters can pursue a wide variety of small-game and big-game species including: gray squirrels, ruffed grouse, woodcock, wild turkey (both spring and fall), coyotes, red fox, gray fox, raccoons, white tailed deer, crows, black ducks, Canada geese, mallard ducks, black ducks, and several other duck species. Stocking or ring-necked pheasants and bobwhite quail may also occur. Portable tree stands and ladder stand are permitted. Duck blinds may only be made from natural materials found at the hunting location. The blind must be taken down and removed by the end of February each year.

YOUTH HUNTING:
New York laws allow children ages 12-15 to hunt small-game while accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who is also licensed to hunt small-game. Children ages 14 and 15 may also hunt deer and bear if a licensed adult big-game hunter accompanies them.

HUNT SIGN-OUT:
WESTPOINT.ISPORTSMAN.NET
This is a must for all hunters who are hunting/ walking/ scouting to sign in and out through i-Sportsman while in our West Point hunting areas. This system will allow you to sign out at home or from your smart phone. You can look at your previous hunts and game records for the season as well as see how many hunters are currently in the area you want to hunt.

PERMITS
All eligible hunters 12 years and older & all anglers 16 years and older must have a NYS license and West Point Permit to hunt/ fish the reservation.

NYS LICENSES can be purchased at any town clerk’s office or at some sporting goods stores. Licenses can also be purchased online at: dec.ny.gov/permits/6097.html. Military families stationed in New York qualify for resident licenses.

WP HUNTING AND FISHING PERMITS: westpoint.isportsman.net
Visit the webpage listed above and click ACCOUNTS to create a NEW USER REGISTRATION. Until administrators can verify your eligibility, there will be an administrative hold on your account. This may take up to two days, more including weekends and holidays. While this hold is in effect, you may not purchase/ use permits nor check-in/ out of areas. When eligibility is verified, your account will be approved and you will receive email notification. Sign in and complete the mandatory Safety Brief.

If you are currently waiting for account approval and desire faster service, contact Natural Resources Branch (845) 938-2314. You may be required to bring in documentation in person to prove eligibility.

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BOATING

BOAT & MOTOR USAGE:
Row boats are moored on 6 lakes/ponds. Keys are signed out at Round Pond Rec Office. Personal boats may be used in all West Point waters with the following restrictions: powerboats (internal combustion engines) used only on Stilwell and Popolopen lakes.

Daily powerboat permits are available at the Round Pond Rec Office. Non-power boats (includes boats powered by electric motors) may be used in all waters except Lusk Reservoir where only boats using oars and paddles may be used. All boaters must have a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device for each passenger.

ODR SEASONAL ROWBOAT PERMITS:
Good for one boating season. (April-October) and can only be purchased at Round Pond Rec Area, located on Route 293, 7 days, 9AM-5PM. (845) 938-2503.

POINTS OF CONTACT

MWR OUTDOOR RECREATION
Monday - Sunday (7 Days) 9AM-5PM
(845) 938-2503/3860

NATURAL RESOURCES BRANCH DPW
(845) 938-2314/77122

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS

NEW YORK STATE DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION OFFICE, NEW PALTZ, NY REGION 3
(845) 256-3013

ADDITIONAL WP HUNTING AND FISHING INFORMATION:
westpoint.isportsman.net

FISHING

LOCATION/ACCESS:
The 16,000 acre West Point Military Reservation has lakes, ponds, and streams available for recreational fishing. Access to some areas is restricted due to locked gates. Depending on the area and the training schedule, gate keys may be signed out on a daily basis from the Range Control Office, DOPS, on Route 293 (845) 938-3930/4317.

STOCKING:
In the early spring Bull Pond, Lusk Reservoir, Round Pond, and some streams are each stocked with approximately 3,400 brook, brown, and rainbow trout eight to sixteen inches in length. In general the fish are not stocked if the species cannot naturally reproduce in West Point’s Lakes, ponds, or streams. Catch and release of all sport fish is encouraged to increase the number of large fish caught per trip and the catch rate (fish caught per hour).

REPORTING FISH CAUGHT:
West Point doesn’t have mandatory requirements for reporting catch. Anglers are encouraged to voluntarily report the take in trout and any catch in hybrid muskellunge, grass carp, or walleye, as well as unusual conditions or indications of disease in the fishery or habits. Call (845) 938-7122 for more info. For more info on our lakes please visit: westpoint.isportsman.net