

2024-2025
CAYUGA-TOMPKINS COOPERATIVE HUNTING AREA
Rules and Concepts

****There have been changes made to Co-op operation, please read carefully.****

These rules are enforceable by law. You will lose your privileges for any infractions.

1. New hunters must register, returning hunters must update their information, and *all* hunters must read, sign, and return this form to coop staff prior to their first hunt of the season.
2. All areas are private lands that are “restricted to the public” unless a valid permit is obtained by the DEC prior to hunting. Permits are administered on a daily basis.
3. Hunting permits are obtained through reservation (by phone only) on the day prior to your hunt or through “stand-by” (at the window) **after 9:00 AM** on the day of your hunt.
4. You and your entire party **must** be pre-registered (for optional hunt) or **CHECK-IN by 9:00 AM** for your reservation or **cancel by phone prior to 9:00 AM** if you cannot make it.
5. All hunting activities must cease **by end of legal shooting time** (alternate times are specified at check station) and all parties must check out no later than 1 hour after legal shooting time ends.
6. **Everyone must check out IN PERSON** and report any and all game taken. You may be asked to bring your game to the window. **If staff is not present at the time of check out, a sign out/harvest report form will be provided. Everyone must sign themselves out. This will be strictly enforced.**
7. You must park in the immediate area around the red and white parking sign at your designated area. Do NOT park in or block any farm lanes.
8. Do NOT cross “boundary” or “restricted” lines. **Trespassing violations** will be reported to the authorities and will result in a loss of privileges.
9. It is illegal to discharge a firearm within 500ft, a bow within 150ft, or a crossbow within 250ft of all buildings or occupied structures without the owner’s consent.
10. Tree stands must be carried in and removed daily.
11. **Only deer hunters are allowed a lunch break.** If you must leave your area for any reason, you must check out IN PERSON first.
12. Intoxication, foul language, and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

I _____ have read and understand the rules outlined above. I understand that my
(Print Name)
privilege to hunt at the Co-op will be revoked if I fail to abide by them. The complete list of rules is found in the Co-op brochure.

(Signature)

(Co-op ID number)

(Date)

I understand that it is my responsibility to read and understand the complete list of rules outlined in the Co-op brochure that is available at the Co-op or by PDF download at: <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/places/region-7-fwma-co-op-areas>.

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