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<b>WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, STATE FORESTS, AND STATE PARKS</b>											
●	●		▲	●	●	62		Aldo Leopold WMA	308	Southbury	553
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Algonquin State Forest	201	Colebrook	1,198
●	●		●	●	●		AB	American Legion State Forest	202	Barkhamsted	1,185
			▲					Barber Pond WMA	203	Bloomfield, Windsor	70
	●		▲					Bennett's Pond State Park	309	Ridgefield	460
●	●		▲/●	●	●	27A	B	Camp Columbia State Forest (Includes Deer Bowhunting Only areas - see map)	207	Morris	600
●	●		▲	●				Cedar Swamp WMA	208	New Hartford, Torrington	268
						56		Centennial Watershed State Forest	310	Easton, Weston	3,479
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Centennial Watershed State Forest (Canaan Block)	209	Canaan	164
			▲					Centennial Watershed State Forest - Monroe Parcel (Hattertown Rd.)	310	Monroe	35
			▲					Centennial Watershed State Forest (formerly Bpt. Hydr.) - Shelton Parcel	311	Shelton	102
	●							Charles E. Wheeler WMA	312	Stratford, Milford, Orange	625
			▲					Collis P. Huntington State Park	313	Bethel, Newtown, Redding	1,031
●	●							East River Marsh WMA	314	Guilford	249
●	●		▲	●				East Swamp WMA	315	Bethel	76
●	●		▲					East Twin Lakes Water Access Area	211	Salisbury	99
●	●		▲	●				Enders State Forest (Worthen Parcel ONLY)	332	Granby	352
			▲					George C. Waldo State Park	316	Southbury	149
●	●	●	●	●	●		AB	Goshen WMA	213	Goshen	965
	●							Great Harbor WMA	317	Guilford	176
●	●	●	▲	●				Housatonic River WMA	215	Kent	490
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Housatonic State Forest	216	Sharon, etc.	11,284
●	●		▲	●				John A. Minetto State Park	217	Torrington	576
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Mattatuck State Forest	219	Watertown	4,491
➤			▲	➤				Mohawk State Forest - Clark Pond Tract - ARCHERY ONLY	341	Cornwall	120
●	●		●	●	●	63		Mohawk State Forest - Ziegler/Johnson Tract	342	Goshen	302
			▲					Mount Riga State Park	222	Salisbury	301
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Nassahegon State Forest	223	Burlington	1,140
●	●	●	●	●	●		AB	Naugatuck State Forest	319	Oxford, Beacon Falls, etc.	4,175
●	●		▲	●				Naugatuck State Forest (Great Hill Block)	320	Seymour	238
●			▲/●	●	●	28		Naugatuck State Forest*(Quillinan Reservoir Block) (Includes Deer Bowhunting Only areas)	321	Ansonia, Seymour	581
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Nepaug State Forest	224	New Hartford	1,364
●	●		▲	●				Newgate WMA	225	East Granby	425
●	●							Nod Brook WMA Closed during field trials -Dog Training Area	226	Avon, Simsbury	125
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Paugnut State Forest	229	Torrington	1,701
●	●		▲/●	●	●		AB	Paugussett State Forest (Includes Deer Bowhunting Only areas - see map)	322	Newtown	2,102
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Peoples State Forest	230	Barkhamsted	3,108
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Pootatuck State Forest	324	New Fairfield	1,032
	●							Quinnipiac River Marsh WMA	325	North Haven	655
●	●	●	●	●	●		AB	Robbins Swamp WMA	231	Canaan	1,638
●	●	●	●	●	●		AB	Roraback WMA	232	Harwinton	1,972
●	●	●	▲	●				Simsbury WMA	234	Simsbury	373
●	●	●	▲	●				Suffield WMA	236	Suffield	212
●	●		▲	●				Sunnybrook State Park (west of Newfield Rd.)	237	Torrington	447
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Topsmead State Forest (north and west of Rte. 118)	239	Litchfield	193
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Tunxis State Forest	240	Hartland, etc.	10,242
●	●		▲	F				Wooster Mountain State Park (Fall firearms turkey hunting only)	328	Danbury	444
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Wyantnock State Forest	243	Cornwall, etc.	4,118



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*	*		▲	*				Black Rock Lake (state and federally owned)* <span style="color: red;">Closed March 30–3rd Sat. Oct.</span>	204	Thomaston, Watertown	400
●	●		▲	●				Bloomfield Flood Control Area (Site 1)	205	Bloomfield	285
						52		Bristol Water Company	329	Bristol	4,319
●	●		▲	F				CT Light & Power (borders Newgate WMA)	210	East Granby	207
➤/●			▲	➤/●				Great Swamp Flood Control Area <span style="color: red;">(Incl. Bowhunting Only areas - see map)</span>	318	Ridgefield	383
*	●		▲	●		AB		Hancock Brook Lake (federally owned)*	214	Plymouth	593
●	●	●	▲	●				Mad River Dam Flood Control Area	218	Winchester	463
						64A		MDC Barkhamsted Reservoir - East Block	343	Barkhamsted, Hartland	4,282
						67A		MDC Barkhamsted Reservoir - West Block	346	Barkhamsted, Hartland	3,700
●	●		●	●	●	AB		MDC – Colebrook Reservoir/Hogback Dam	220	Colebrook, Hartland, etc.	4,516
●	●	●	▲					MDC – Greenwoods Pond	221	New Hartford	198
						58B		MDC Nepaug Reservoir - Valentine/Pine Hill Block	330	New Hartford	1,488
						66		MDC Nepaug Reservoir - Sweetheart Mt. Block - <span style="color: red;">Archery Only</span>	345	Canton	500
			▲					Northfield Brook Lake (federally owned)	227	Thomaston	201
	○							NU – Kings Island Coop WMA*	262	Enfield, Suffield	174
●	●		▲	●				Sucker Brook Flood Control Area	235	Winchester	152
*	*	●	▲	F				Thomaston Dam (federally owned)*	238	Thomaston, Harwinton, etc.	850
●	●		▲	●				Whiting River Flood Control Area	241	North Canaan	183
●	●		▲	●				Wood Creek Flood Control Area	242	Norfolk	107
PERMIT-REQUIRED AREAS (DAILY PERMIT REQUIRED TO HUNT ○ SEASONS)									CODE	TOWN(S)	ACRES
○	○							Bloomfield Flood Control Area (Site 2)* <span style="color: red;">3rd Sat. in Oct.–End of Feb. - Town Permit</span>	206	Bloomfield	365
○	○	○						Bristol Fish and Game <span style="color: red;">3rd Sat. in Oct.–Sat. after Thanksgiving</span>	4	Harwinton, Plymouth	1,397
			○					Centennial Watershed State Forest* <span style="color: red;">Permit required from Aquarion</span>	310	Easton, Weston, etc.	4,333
○	○							Centennial Watershed State Forest – Monroe Parcel (Garder Rd.)	311	Monroe	93
○	○	○						East Windsor – Enfield Area <span style="color: red;">3rd Sat. in Oct.–End of Feb.</span>	6	East Windsor, Enfield	1,176
○	○	○						Meriden Rod & Gun Club <span style="color: red;">3rd Sat. in Oct.–End of Feb.</span>	14	Meriden, Cheshire	1,364
○	○	○	●	●	●	54A	B	NU-Skiff Mtn. Coop WMA <span style="color: red;">3rd Sat. in Oct.–End of Feb.</span>	228	Sharon	732
○	○							Pequonock Valley - <span style="color: red;">Only open M/W/F/Sat. from 3rd Sat. in Oct.–Sat. before Christmas</span>	323	Trumbull	162
○	○		▲	●				Quinnipiac River State Park <span style="color: red;">3rd Sat. in Oct. – 1st Sat. in Dec.</span>	326	North Haven	323
○	○		▲	➤				Scantic River State Park* <span style="color: red;">3rd Sat. in Oct. – 1st Sat. in Dec. (E. Windsor/Enfield)</span>	268	East Windsor, etc.	589
	○		○	○				Sessions Woods WMA <span style="color: green;">▲</span> <span style="color: blue;">♿</span>	233	Burlington	771
○	○	○						Seymour Fish & Game Club <span style="color: red;">3rd Sat. in Oct.–End of Feb.</span>	19	Oxford	91
○	○		○					South Central CT Regional Water Authority* <span style="color: red;">Archery deer hunting ONLY</span>		See below	4,327
○	○							Stanley Works Coop WMA <span style="color: red;">3rd Sat. in Oct.–End of Feb.</span>	27	Kent, Cornwall	1,464
	○							Stewart B. McKinney NWR - Great Meadows Marsh* <span style="color: red;">Federal permit required</span>		Stratford	173
○	○	○						Suffield Sportsmen's Assoc. <span style="color: red;">3rd Sat. in Oct.–End of Feb.</span>	22	Suffield, East Granby	659
○	○	○		○	○	26		Trout Brook Valley State Park - <span style="color: red;">Call 860-424-3011 for gate combo.</span>	327	Easton	300
○	○	○						Wallingford Town Owned Area <span style="color: red;">Only open M/W/Sat.–3rd Sat. in Oct.–End of Feb.</span>	24	Wallingford	823

**Black Rock Lake:** Portions of area open to hunting through cooperation of the Army Corps of Engineers. Firearms hunting limited to shotgun ammunition only. Firearms hunting prohibited between March 30 and the third Saturday in October. Target or trap shooting prohibited.

**Bloomfield Flood Control Area Site 2:** Site 2 is leased to the town of Bloomfield and a special permit from the town clerk is required to hunt small game under special restrictions. Only open from the third Saturday in October until the end of February. Site 3 is no longer open to hunting.

**Centennial Watershed State Forest:** Easton, Weston, Monroe, Newtown, Trumbull. Portions open to deer bowhunting by special access permits only. Access permits available from the Aquarion Water Company's Aspetuck Environmental Center, 714 Black Rock Road (Rte. 58), Easton. Consult the DEEP's website ([www.ct.gov/deep/hunting](http://www.ct.gov/deep/hunting)) for updated information.

**Hancock Brook Lake:** Open to hunting through cooperation of the Army Corps of Engineers. Firearms hunting limited to shotgun ammunition only. Target or trap shooting prohibited.

**Naugatuck State Forest – Quillinan Reservoir Block:** No access or parking from Deerfield Lane or Ansonia Nature Center property. Area west of Clinton Road has been designated as a Deer Bowhunting Only area. Closed to waterfowl hunting.

**NU-Kings Island Coop WMA:** Special restrictions apply. Waterfowl hunting only. Area may be closed before the end of the waterfowl season. Access at Parsons Road boat launch.

**Scantic River State Park:** Three parcels open to bowhunting for deer or turkey. Two of the three parcels open for small game, waterfowl, and spring turkey bowhunting (see area map). From the third Saturday in October through the first Saturday in December, a daily permit for the East Windsor/Enfield Permit-Required Area is required to hunt small game and waterfowl.

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority:** Bowhunting for deer only is allowed each year on 3,233 acres in North Branford, 154 acres in Seymour and Ansonia, 420 acres in Prospect, and 520 acres in Bethany. Details on how to apply are at <https://www.nwater.com/conservation-stewardship/deer-and-water-quality>.

**Stewart B. McKinney NWR:** Permits are available by calling the Visitor Services Manager at 860-399-2513.

**Thomaston Dam:** Open to hunting through cooperation of the Army Corps of Engineers. Firearms hunting limited to shotgun ammunition only. Firearms hunting prohibited between March 30 and the third Saturday in October. Target or trap shooting prohibited.

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●			●	●	●	AB	Assekunk Swamp WMA	272	North Stonington	699	
●	●	●	●	●	●	AB	Babcock Pond WMA - Waterfowl Hunting Blind	244	East Haddam, Colchester	1,513	
●	●	●	●	●	●	AB	Barn Island WMA	273	Stonington	1,039	
●	●	●	●	●	●	AB	Bartlett Brook WMA	274	Lebanon	687	
●	●	●	▲	●			Bear Hill WMA	275	Bozrah	365	
			▲	S			Beaver Brook State Park (Spring turkey hunting only)	276	Windham	304	
			▲				Bigelow Hollow State Park	277	Union, etc.	513	
●	●		▲	●			Bishops Swamp WMA	245	Andover	709	
	●		▲				Black Pond WMA	337	Middlefield	68	
●			●	●	●	AB	Candlewood Hill WMA	347	Groton	199	
●	●	●	▲/●	●	●	AB	Cockaponset State Forest (Incl. Deer Bowhunting Only areas - see map)	246	Haddam, etc.	16,456	
●	●	●	▲	●			Cromwell Meadows WMA	247	Cromwell, Middletown	548	
●	●	●	▲	●			Durham Meadows WMA	248	Durham	515	
●	●		●	●	●	AB	Eightmile River WMA	249	East Haddam, Lyme	311	
●	●	●					Flaherty Field Trial Area <i>Closed during field trials - Dog Training Area</i>	212	East Windsor	506	
●	●	●	●	●	●	AB	Franklin Swamp WMA	278	North Franklin	728	
●	●	●	▲	●			Higganum Meadows WMA	251	Haddam	256	
			▲				Higganum Reservoir	252	Haddam	131	
●	●		▲	●			Killingly Pond State Park	281	Killingly	174	
●	●		●	●	●	AB	Kollar WMA	253	Tolland	896	
●	●	●	●	●	●	AB	Larson Lot WMA	254	Colchester	206	
●	●		▲	●			Little River Fish and Wildlife Area	283	Hampton	49	
	●						Lord's Cove WMA	284	Lyme	265	
●	●	●	●	●	●	AB	Meadow Brook WMA	339	Colchester	269	
➤			▲	➤			Menunketesuck WMA <i>Archery Only (Formerly Chapman's Pond WMA)</i>	338	Clinton, Westbrook	164	
●	●		●	●	●	AB	Meshomasic State Forest	257	Portland, etc.	9,384	
●	●		▲	●			Messerschmidt Pond WMA	258	Deep River, Westbrook	439	
●	●		●	●	●	AB	Millers Pond	259	Durham, Haddam	265	
●	●		●	●	●	AB	Mohegan State Forest	285	Scotland, etc.	937	
➤			➤				Mono Pond	260	Columbia	290	
●	●		▲/●	●	●	AB	Natchaug State Forest (Includes Deer Bowhunting Only areas - see map)	286	Eastford, etc.	12,596	
●	●	●	●	●	●	AB	Nathan Hale State Forest Mgmt. Area	261	Andover, Coventry	1,560	
●	●		▲/●	●	●	AB	Nehantic State Forest (Includes Deer Bowhunting Only areas - see map)	287	East Lyme, etc.	4,348	
●	●		●	●	●	AB	Nipmuck State Forest	288	Union, etc.	9,546	
	●		▲	●			Nott Island WMA	289	Lyme	80	
●	●		▲/●	●	●	AB	Nye Holman State Forest* (Includes Deer Bowhunting Only Area)	264	Tolland, etc.	792	
●	●	●	▲/●	●	●	AB	Pachaug State Forest (Includes Deer Bowhunting Only areas - see map)	290	Voluntown, etc.	26,490	
●	●	●	●	●	●	AB	Pease Brook WMA - Dog Training Area	291	Lebanon	213	
	●						Plum Bank WMA		Old Saybrook	168	
			▲				Pomeroy State Park	292	Lebanon	203	
●	●		●	●	●	AB	Quaddick State Forest	293	Thompson	574	
●	●	●	●	●	●	AB	Quinebaug River WMA	294	Canterbury, Plainfield	1,410	
	●		▲				Quinebaug River WMA (Aspinook Pond)	295	Canterbury	20	
	●						Ragged Rock Creek WMA	265	Old Saybrook	204	
	●						Raymond Brook Marsh WMA	266	Hebron	198	
●	●		●	●	●	AB	Red Cedar Lake (Camp Mooween)	296	Lebanon	593	
	●						Roger Tory Peterson Wildlife Area (formerly Great Island WMA)	279	Old Lyme	625	



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●	●		▲	●				Ross Marsh WMA	298	Killingly, Sterling	285
			▲					Ross Pond State Park	299	Killingly	372
●	●		▲	●				Salmon River Cove and Haddam Neck WMA	267	East Haddam, Haddam	122
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Salmon River State Forest (including Holbrook Pond)	300	Colchester, etc.	6,980
			●	●	●			Selden Neck State Park (Selden Island)	301	Lyme	563
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Shenipsit State Forest	269	Stafford, etc.	7,170
●	●	●	●	●	●		AB	James V. Spignesi WMA	302	Scotland	520
●	●	●	●	●	●		AB	Sugarbrook Field Trial Area <i>Closed During Field Trials</i>	303	Plainfield	192
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Talbot WMA	304	Scotland	504
●			●	●	●	60		Tankerhoosen WMA	334	Vernon	449
●	●	●	●	●	●		AB	Wangunk Meadows (off Rte. 17a)	270	Portland	643
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Wopowog WMA	271	East Hampton, Haddam	465
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Zemko Pond WMA	307	Salem	457
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●	●		●	●	●		AB	Ellithorpe Flood Control Area	250	Stafford	438
●	●	●	▲	●				Mansfield Hollow Lake (excluding State Park)	255	Mansfield, Chaplin, etc.	2,017
●	●	●	▲	●				Mansfield State-Leased Field Trial Area <i>Closed During Field Trials</i>	256	Mansfield	236
●	●		●	●	●		AB	Silvio O. Conte NWR - Salmon River Division (federal land)	333	Haddam	264
●	●	●	●	●	●		AB	West Thompson Dam (federal land) ♿	305	Thompson	1,272
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○	○							Bolton Area <i>3rd Sat in Oct–End of Feb.</i>	2	Bolton	238
			○					Harkness Memorial State Park* ▲ (Verkade Property) - <i>Park permit required</i>	280	Waterford	154
○	○							Hebron Area <i>3rd Sat in Oct–End of Feb.</i>	11	Hebron	466
○	○							Higganum – Haddam Rod & Gun Club <i>3rd Sat in Oct–End of Feb.</i>	9	Haddam	33
○	○		▲	●				Lebanon Coop Mgmt. Area*	282	Lebanon, Colchester	212
○	○	○						Norwich Fish & Game Assoc. (South) <i>3rd Sat in Oct–End of Feb.</i>	17	Norwich	569
○	○		●	●	●	53A	B	NU – Maromas Coop WMA <i>3rd Sat in Oct–End of Feb.</i>	263	Middletown	1,618
○	○							Sprague Town Land PR Area <i>Bird hunting and steel shot ONLY</i>	20	Sprague	620
○	○	○						Woodstock <i>3rd Sat in Oct–End of Feb.</i>	25	Woodstock	200
○	○					51A		Yale Forest (owned by Yale University)* <i>Parking pass required</i>	306	Eastford, Union, Ashford	8,404

**Harkness Memorial State Park:** A portion of the park north of Rte. 213 (former Verkade property) is designated as a Deer Bowhunting Only area. Special access permits are required. Inquire at Park Manager's Office.

**Lebanon Cooperative Management Area:** Hunting only in area located south of Old Rte. 2 (Norwich Ave.). Area owned by the Dept. of Agriculture and leased for farming.

**Nye Holman State Forest:** Sections adjacent to field archery range in Tolland are closed to all firearms hunting and are designated Deer Bowhunting Only areas. Youth camping area is closed to all hunting.

**Yale Forest Permit-Required Area:** Area open from September 1 through February 28 for small game, waterfowl, and turkey hunting by seasonal access permit. Parking passes are also required. See vendor for details (Page 37). Night hunting and harvest of coyotes and foxes prohibited.



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