

Town of Ledyard, CT and Avalonia Land Conservancy
Archery Deer Hunting Lottery Application 2023 Season

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

CT Conservation ID#: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applications must be filled in completely and returned along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:
Town of Ledyard
c/o Town Clerk Hunting Lottery Application
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339
2. Duplicate, illegible, incorrect, or incomplete forms will be rejected. Participants will be selected by lottery. Winning lottery entries are non-transferable. All decisions are final.
3. **All applications for drawing held each season must be received by May 31 in the year of the drawing to be eligible to hunt on land owned by the Town of Ledyard**
4. Applicants must sign and attach a completed Town of Ledyard Hunting Legal Release Form and Waiver of Liability.

TOWN OF LEDYARD HUNTING PARCEL

Six (6) permits will be awarded based on a random drawing to be conducted by the Town Clerk by July 1. Winning applicants will be notified by mail. Winners will be posted in the Town Clerk's office. The following parcel may be hunted according to the regulations approved by the Town of Ledyard:

- 1025 Colonel Ledyard Highway
- It is your responsibility to stay on the designated property, to know the boundaries of the parcel and respect them.

AVALONIA LAND CONSERVANCY HUNTING PARCEL

Six (6) permits will be awarded based on a random drawing to be conducted by the Town Clerk by July 1. Winning applicants will be notified by mail. Winners will be posted in the Town Clerk's office. The following parcel may be hunted according to the regulations approved by the Town of Ledyard and by agreement with Avalonia Land Conservancy:

- 332 Colonel Ledyard Highway
- It is your responsibility to stay on the designated property, to know the boundaries of the parcel and respect them.

TOWN OF LEDYARD USE ONLY

Hunting Legal Release Form and Waiver of Liability

I, the undersigned, understand that hunting is an inherently dangerous sport and I voluntarily assume the risks associated with hunting on property owned by the Town of Ledyard or Avalonia Land Conservancy. I hereby release, indemnify, and will hold harmless, acquit, and discharge the Town of Ledyard and Avalonia Land Conservancy, its officials, organizations, and employees; and all activities of the Town of Ledyard and Avalonia Land Conservancy from any and all cause or causes of damage, costs, charges, claims, demands, and liabilities of any kind, name, or nature in any manner arising out of the use or enjoyment of the permit or any control exercised of the use, participation, property, facilities, equipment, or individual in the use or enjoyment of any permit. I have read and understand the provisions associated with this permission. I am aware that a violation of the Town of Ledyard's regulations and the regulations of the State of Connecticut governing bowhunting will result in the revocation of my permit and prosecution under State law.

Permit Holder's Signature:

Date:

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Hunting Rules and Regulations

All hunting activity will be strictly regulated to ensure the safety of all recreationalists and to protect the natural resources of Ledyard.

- 1) Hunting permits for hunting deer (archery only) on certain designated parcels of Town owned or Avalonia owned land shall be issued via lottery system to any legal resident of the Town of Ledyard who has completed a CT Bowhunting Safety Course and can pass a qualifications check administered by the Town.
 - a) A legal resident is one who has a legal permanent physical address in Ledyard, normally a state issued ID (requiring notification of change of address within 48 hours). Residence must be verified by presenting a valid CT Drivers License. Residents currently serving in the military must show appropriate proof of residence within Ledyard if they do not have a CT Drivers License (utility bill with current mailing address, etc.).
 - b) Applicants must present a certificate from the State of Connecticut showing they have completed the State's Bowhunting Safety Course.
 - c) Lottery applications may be submitted in writing between May 1 and May 31 for the hunting season during the current calendar year only.
 - d) The lottery will be held in Town Hall prior to July 1. Applicants need not be present, and will be notified via email. Winning lottery entries are valid for the current hunting season only.
 - e) Winning lottery permits are not transferable.
 - f) Applicants winning the lottery must pass the qualifications test administered by the Town to prove minimum competency with a compound bow (shoot from an elevated position at various ranges at a 3D target, minimum score 75%).
 - g) A maximum of 6 permits shall be issued for each property (total of 12). Winning lottery permission slips may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office with proper identification and valid CT archery hunting license. Two alternates will be drawn.
- 2) All hunters will be required to secure written permission from the Town of Ledyard or Avalonia Land Conservancy using official CT DEEP Private Land Permission forms found on the CT DEEP website before hunting on Town owned or Avalonia owned and regulated deer hunting property as specified herein. The Town will administer written permission slips through the Town Clerk's office beginning July 1 for hunters holding winning lottery entry slips.
- 3) Hunters must hold a current, valid CT hunting license for archery deer with tags, and shall comply with all CT DEEP hunting regulations.
- 4) At the time of permit issuance, individuals shall be required to complete and sign the town's Hunting Legal Release Form and Waiver of Liability which relieves the Town and Avalonia of all liability in the case of accident or injury. Individual hunters must have read and understood all applicable federal, state, and Town of Ledyard hunting regulations before being issued a permit.
- 5) Hunting shall be limited to the following properties:
 - a) Clark Farm (1025 Colonel Ledyard Highway, owned by the Town of Ledyard)
 - b) Founders Preserve (332 Colonel Ledyard Highway, owned by Avalonia Land Conservancy)
- 6) Hunting days and times will follow State regulations with the following exceptions:
 - a) Hunting is prohibited on Sundays.
 - b) Hunting will be closed on Columbus Day.
 - c) Hunting hours will follow State regulations. In addition, all hunting must end at 10:00 AM every Saturday during the hunting seasons.
- 7) Applicants for recreational use of Town owned or Avalonia owned property shall not be assessed a tax or charged a fee, for the granting of such privilege.
- 8) Only archery deer hunting will be permitted, subject to the regulations herein. All other types of hunting on the parcels herein is prohibited.

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Regulated Deer Hunting Rules

- 1) The methods of taking deer are limited by archery equipment consisting of a long bow (straight limb, reflex, re-curve, and compound bow) of not less than forty (40) pounds pull, and broad-head arrows with at least two cutting edges seven eighths inches (7/8") or greater at the widest point, and shall comply with all CT regulations.
 - a) A bowstring release device where the bow is hand-held, hand-drawn, and finger- released is allowed.
 - b) Legal bows must meet the definition of a legal bow as defined in these regulations.
 - c) Crossbows are not permitted.
- 2) Firearms or other weapons are not allowed at any time for any purpose.
- 3) No hunter shall harass, injure, hunt, or take any other wildlife while hunting deer on Town property.
- 4) Bowhunting while under the influence of, or in possession of, alcohol or any controlled substance is prohibited.
- 5) No permanent tree stands or ground blinds allowed.
- 6) The use of nails, spikes, bolts, or devices that may damage trees is prohibited.
- 7) Portable commercial tree stands and/or ground blinds are encouraged for all deer hunting activity. All such equipment must be removed at the end of each day's hunt.
- 8) Neither the Town of Ledyard nor Avalonia Land Conservancy will be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged equipment.
- 9) Any hunter utilizing a portable tree stand must wear a fall arresting, full safety harness when hunting from a stand. Light pruning of trees and branches less than 2 inches in diameter (except for CT protected species) is permitted.
- 10) All deer hunting activity must be conducted from a stationary position.
- 11) Organized deer drives are strictly prohibited.
- 12) No motor vehicles are allowed for use on the premises except for those specifically authorized for use by the handicapped or for parking in designated parking areas or roadside parking not otherwise prohibited by law. All motor vehicle use (except for parking) shall be authorized in writing on the consent form.
- 13) No dressing of game shall occur on the property. All waste material shall be removed from the property.
- 14) Hunters must carry written permission slips, licenses, and deer tags on their person while hunting, in accordance with State law.
- 15) All other deer laws and regulations enacted by the State of Connecticut will be in effect and must be followed by all deer hunters.

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Website Notice

The Town of Ledyard permits archery hunting by Ledyard residents for deer on one Town owned property:

- 1025 Colonel Ledyard Highway (approximately 100 acres of fields and woods, also known as the Clark Farm)

Avalonia Land Conservancy permits archery hunting by Ledyard residents for deer on one Avalonia owned property:

- 332 Colonel Ledyard Highway (approximately 100 acres of woods, ponds and wetlands, formerly known as Founders Preserve)

Hunting will be by permission only during the CT Private Land Season (starts Sept 15). Bowhunters who have passed a CT Bowhunting Safety course may apply by lottery (only 12 permits will be issued). Applications may be obtained from the Town Clerk's office, and must be completed and received by May 31. The lottery drawing will be held by July 1, and applicants do not have to be present to win. Additional rules and regulations apply, and are included with the application form. Applicants winning the lottery must also pass a qualifications test administered by the Town to prove minimum competency with a compound bow (no crossbows or firearms allowed). Sunday hunting will not be permitted, and Saturday hunting will end at 10:00 am.