

**Controlled Hunts
West Virginia State Parks
2018**

Questions and Answers

- 1. How many state parks have controlled hunts in 2018?**
Nine.
- 2. What state parks and counties?**
Beech Fork (Cabell), Cacapon Resort (Morgan), Canaan Valley Resort (Tucker), Lost River (Hardy), North Bend (Ritchie), Pipestem Resort (Summers), Stonewall Resort (Lewis), Twin Falls (Wyoming), and Watoga (Pocahontas) state parks.
- 3. How many days are these events?**
Each hunt allows each hunter three consecutive days of hunting for each selected hunter.
- 4. What hunting methods are used?**
Archery, Crossbow and Muzzleloader. Other than black powder muzzleloaders, there are no rifles or firearms permitted. Archery or Crossbow and Muzzleloader dates are not on the same dates at any park.
- 5. Can anyone hunt during the scheduled dates?**
No. An individual must make application through the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources electronic licensing system (ELS) at www.wvhunt.com.
5.1 - A WVDNR ID is required to enter the lottery for all applicants
5.2 - A license is not required to enter the lottery, but a license **is** required to be purchased within one week of being contacted if selected to participate.
5.3 – The applications will be available on the ELS site on August 9 and will end on September 9, 2018. The drawing process begins September 10, 2018.
- 6. Can a hunter hunt anywhere on the park during the limited dates?**
No. Controlled hunts are in designated areas of the park. A map is provided to successful hunters, so they know the safety areas.
- 7. Can a person apply for more than one hunt?**
Yes.
7.1 - Applicants may enter for multiple hunts occurring at the different State Parks on the same days. If chosen for more than one concurrent hunt, the applicant will be given the opportunity to choose the one they want.

7.2 - Applicants may enter for multiple hunts occurring at the same State Park on different days.

7.3 - Applicants may enter for each hunt only once – either as an individual or as part of a group.

8. Is there an application fee?

Yes. There is a \$15 fee for each application due at the time of entering the lottery. **The application fee is non-refundable.** (Note: Withdrawal before the drawing date is allowed by calling the DNR License Unit located in South Charleston, WV at 304-558-2758, but the fee is non-refundable)

9. Is the application for one person to hunt?

A \$15 fee will be charged for each **application** of either one or two hunters.

10. How does the individual find out if their application was drawn?

Notification will occur between September 14 – September 21, 2018

11. What does the hunter need to know?

Successful applicants will be responsible to arrive by 5:00 a.m. on the morning of each hunt for a safety briefing.

12.. Is there lodging available at controlled hunt parks?

Yes.

Parks with lodge rooms and rental cabins and campgrounds:

Canaan Valley Resort (Tucker),	North Bend (Ritchie),
Pipestem Resort (Summers),	Stonewall Resort (Lewis),
Twin Falls (Wyoming)	

Parks with lodge rooms and rental cabins:
Cacapon Resort (Morgan)

Parks with rental cabins and campgrounds:
Beech Fork (Cabell), Watoga (Pocahontas), Lost River (Hardy)

13. Are successful applicants required to stay at the park to participate in the hunt?

No. However, parks may offer discounted room or cabin rates as well as meal options.

14. Is the hunter assigned to a specific spot at the park where she or he received a permit?

No. Hunters will have the opportunity to hunt a specified area of the park designated on a map and by boundaries marked at the park.

15. Do any hunts fall on holidays?

Yes. Election Day, November 6 (Tuesday) and Veteran's Day, observed on November 12 (Monday) 2018. Most controlled hunts occur on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

16. Are hunt dates posted on a website?

Yes. Controlled hunts are posted on wvstateparks.com.

17. How many types of hunts are planned?

Five. They are as below within the three-day hunt dates:

17-1. Archery or Crossbow - harvesting 1 deer of either sex.
(Beech Fork, Canaan Valley, Lost River, & Watoga)

17-2. Archery or Crossbow - harvesting 1 antlerless deer and upon successful harvest of one antlerless, then 1 deer of either sex for a total of 2 deer within the three-day hunt.
(Cacapon, North Bend, Pipestem, & Stonewall)

17-3. Muzzleloader – harvesting 1 antlerless deer with a daily lottery buck draw.
(Canaan Valley, Lost River, & Watoga)

17-4. Muzzleloader – harvesting 2 antlerless deer with a daily lottery buck draw.
(Cacapon, North Bend, Pipestem, & Stonewall)

17-5. Archery or Class Y Crossbow – harvesting 1 deer of either sex
(Twin Falls)

18. What are the dates, number of permits, and harvest method for the scheduled controlled hunts at each designated park?

Beech Fork State Park

November 5, 6, 7, 2018

15 permits; 1 deer of either sex; Archery or Crossbow.

November 12, 13, 14, 2018

15 permits; 1 deer of either sex; Archery or Crossbow.

Cacapon Resort State Park

November 5, 6, 7, 2018

30 permits; 1 antlerless deer and upon successful harvest of one antlerless, then 1 deer of either sex for a total of 2 deer; Archery or Crossbow.

November 12, 13, 14, 2018

30 permits; 2 antlerless deer with a daily lottery buck draw; Muzzleloader.

Canaan Valley Resort State Park

October 29, 30, 31, 2018

15 permits; 1 deer of either sex; Archery or Crossbow.

November 5, 6, 7, 2018

15 permits; 1 antlerless deer with daily lottery buck draw; Muzzleloader.

Lost River State Park

November 5, 6, 7, 2018

30 permits; 1 deer of either sex; Archery or Crossbow.

November 12, 13, 14, 2018

30 permits; 1 antlerless deer with daily lottery buck draw; Muzzleloader.

North Bend State Park

October 29, 30, 31, 2018

30 permits; 1 antlerless deer and upon successful harvest of one antlerless, then 1 deer of either sex for a total of 2 deer; Archery or Crossbow.

November 1, 2, 3, 2018

30 permits; 1 antlerless deer and upon successful harvest of one antlerless, then 1 deer of either sex for a total of 2 deer; Archery or Crossbow.

November 5, 6, 7, 2018

30 permits; 2 antlerless deer with daily lottery buck draw; Muzzleloader.

Pipestem Resort State Park

November 5, 6, 7, 2018

30 permits; 1 antlerless deer and upon successful harvest of one antlerless, then 1 deer of either sex for a total of 2 deer; Archery or Crossbow.

November 12, 13, 14, 2018

30 permits; 2 antlerless deer with daily lottery buck draw; Muzzleloader.

Stonewall Resort State Park

November 5, 6, 7, 2018

30 permits; 1 antlerless deer and upon successful harvest of one antlerless, then 1 deer of either sex for a total of 2 deer; Archery or Crossbow.

November 12, 13, 14, 2018

30 permits; 2 antlerless deer with daily lottery buck draw; Muzzleloader.

Twin Falls Resort State Park

October 29, 30, 31, 2018

15 permits; 1 deer of either sex; Archery or Class Y- only Crossbow.

Watoga State Park

October 29, 30, 31, 2018

30 permits; 1 deer of either sex; Archery or Crossbow.

November 5, 6, 7, 2018

30 permits; 1 antlerless deer with daily lottery buck draw; Muzzleloader.

19. Can a hunter split the three days between two or more controlled hunt parks that have concurrent hunt dates if they were successful in being chosen for multiple hunts?

No.

20. If an applicant applies for several different hunts and is selected for two or more hunts that occur during the same 3 days, what happens?

The hunter must choose one hunt they want to attend. A multiple hunt winner cannot split the 3 days between two or more parks. However, if selected for multiple hunts occurring on different days, the hunter can participate in each 3-day event.

21. Are deer harvested at a control hunt count against a hunters' annual deer season bag limit?

No.

22. What are the phone number for each park if I have questions about the hunt?

State park staff cannot take application for the hunts, applying for hunts are only available via the WVDNR electronic licensing system (ELS). However, specific questions about the park facilities and hunt area are welcomed.

Beech Fork State Park, 304-528-5794

Cacapon Resort State Park, 304-258-1022

Canaan Valley Resort State Park, 304-866-4111

Lost River State Park, 304-897-5372

North Bend State Park, 304-643-2931

Pipestem Resort State Park, 304-466-2804

Stonewall Resort State Park, 304-269-0524

Twin Falls Resort State Park, 304-294-4000

Watoga State Park, 304-799-4087

23. What phone number is used for questions about the electronic licensing system (ELS) and the controlled hunt application process?

304-558-2758

