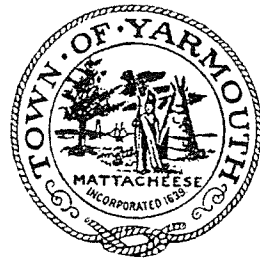


Town of Yarmouth Hunting Areas and Policies



In order to promote safe hunting practices on town owned land, the Yarmouth Selectmen appointed an “ad-hoc” safety committee to study the issues. The “Public Lands Safety Committee”, (PLSC), evaluated each and every parcel that is owned or controlled by The Town of Yarmouth. The PLSC was made up of Town officials and “at large” members of the public. The PLSC included hunters and non-hunters.

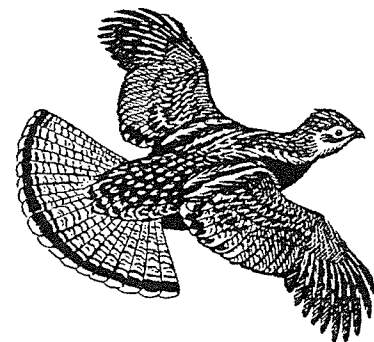
The evaluation process took many factors into consideration. Parcel size and proximity to development were prioritized over all other factors. In many cases; state mandated setbacks were increased to provide safer “buffer areas”. The PLSC also decided to require local permits for hunting in certain areas.

The map that appears on the opposite side of this pamphlet indicates which parcels may be hunted. It is important to note that all sections of parcels may or may not be open to hunting. For example, portions of the parcel around Sandy Pond cannot be hunted due to playing field activities. These types of areas will be conspicuously posted as needed.

Additional, local regulations and policies are also contained within. Any questions may be answered by contacting the Yarmouth Dept. of Natural Resources or the Yarmouth Conservation Commission.

The Town of Yarmouth Natural Resources Dept. and the Yarmouth Conservation Commission have developed the following local hunting policies and regulations for the safety of everyone. In addition, please refer to the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife’s “Abstracts” for seasons and other hunting laws.

1. All persons hunting within the Town of Yarmouth whether on public or private property shall observe all state and federal regulations that pertain to hunting and the discharge of firearms. For example, you must be at least 500 feet from an occupied dwelling and 150 feet from a paved surface or state highway in order to discharge or even load a firearm.
2. Any person hunting within the vicinity of Higgins Crowell Rd. shall observe the safety zones to the south and east of the school areas. No hunting whatsoever shall occur on the school side of existing dirt and paved wellfield roads. These areas will be conspicuously posted and are noted on the map. Any violation of this policy will result in the permanent loss of hunting privileges on all town owned property. Under no circumstances shall hunters enter the woods or possess a firearm on or from school property.
3. Target shooting of any kind is prohibited on all town owned property.



4. Persons wishing to hunt on the Bass River Golf Course and the Bayberry Hills Golf Course shall be required to obtain a daily permit. Permits are valid for one day and are issued at the sole discretion of the golf course superintendent. Only migratory waterfowl may be hunted.
5. Fixed tree stands shall not be erected on town owned property. Portable tree stands may be permitted upon the written approval of the Yarmouth Natural Resources and the Yarmouth Conservation Commission.
6. The use of snowmobiles, motorcycles or ATV’s on town owned property shall be prohibited.
7. The use and possession of “sabot” style ammunition shall be prohibited on all town owned property.
8. Hunting on “posted land” whether public or private, without permission is prohibited.
9. The use of alcohol is strictly prohibited on all town owned property.
10. Hunting on Sundays is prohibited.

Please report any violations to state and local authorities promptly. Further information may be obtained from the Yarmouth Natural Resources Dept. at 508-760-4800.

Other Emergency numbers:

Yarmouth Police 911
 Yarmouth Fire 911
 Mass. Fisheries and Wildlife 1-800-632-8075

