

2015-2016 HUNTING REGULATIONS
GLOCESTER LAND TRUST PROPERTIES

SPRAGUE FARM COMPLEX

Kilmartin, Coleman, Huckins, and Elbow Rock Woodland areas for a total of approximately 1,200 acres

Deer Hunting is allowed only from September 15, 2015 through January 31, 2016 (See special deer hunting regulations and dates below).

Primitive Muzzle Loading Season #1

November 7 – November 29, 2015
December 26, 2015 - January 3, 2016 (antlerless only)

Primitive Muzzle Loading Season #2 (No Shotguns)

December 5-20, 2015

Archery Season (No Cross Bows)

September 15, 2015 – January 31, 2016

GARRITY WOODLAND & HAWKINS POND

ARCHERY ONLY (Cross Bows Permitted; no Firearms Permitted)

Deer Season

September 15, 2015 – January 31, 2016

Turkey Season

Fall Archery Season	October 1– October 31, 2015
Junior Turkey Hunting weekend	April 23--24, 2016
Spring Turkey Season	April 28 – May 23, 2016

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Permission to Hunt

The necessary written permission for hunting on Gloucester Land Trust property may be obtained at the Gloucester Town Hall with the presentation of a picture ID, a valid Hunting License, a Deer, and/or Turkey Permit, and by submitting other requested information. Permission, valid through January 31, 2016 for Sprague Farm Complex and May 25, 2016 for Garrity Woodland & Hawkins Pond, will be written on a Landowner Courtesy Card issued by the Gloucester Land Trust.

Primitive muzzleloader hunting Season #1, November 7 – November 29 and December 26 – January 3, will be limited to 50, to be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

Primitive muzzleloader hunting Season #2, December 5 – 20, (Statewide shotgun season) permission will be limited to 50, to be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Primitive muzzleloader firearms will be permitted during the shotgun season provided hunters possess a current shotgun deer permit and comply with the Gloucester Land Trust's muzzleloader regulations below. Hunters taking a deer must tag the deer with the shotgun deer tag immediately after taking. All shotgun deer season fluorescent orange requirements will be enforced.

Archery Season, September 15, 2015 – January 31, 2016. There is no limit as to the number of permissions, which may be issued for Archery Hunting.

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Glocester Land Trust Hunting Regulations

1. The construction of or use of permanent tree stands is prohibited.
2. The use of nails, spikes, bolts, or devices that may damage trees is prohibited.
3. Climbing tree stands are permitted.
4. Tree stands must be removed at the end of the season.
5. Hunting is allowed in designated areas only; obey all safety zones as marked on map enclosed with permit.
6. Hunters must abide by all State deer hunting seasons for Zone 2 regulations and the additional requirements of the Glocester Land Trust.
7. The hunt may be suspended at any time due to conditions at the exclusive determination of the Glocester Land Trust.
8. Compliance with these and all other hunting regulations is required for future hunting privileges on Glocester Land Trust property.
9. The number of hunters and days of hunting are subject to change.
10. The Glocester Land Trust reserves the right to amend these regulations at any time.

Sprague Farm Archery Equipment:

- 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.
- 2 . A bowstring release device where the bow is hand-held, hand-drawn, and finger-released is allowed.
- 3 . Legal bows must meet the definition of a legal bow as defined in these regulations.
- 4 . Crossbows are **not** permitted.

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Garrity Woodland & Hawkins Pond Archery Equipment:

1. Archers may use a long bow; re-curve bow, compound bow, or crossbow for hunting deer.
 - a. Long bow, re-curve bow and compound bow must be capable of not less than forty (40) pounds at peak draw weight for archers using fixed blade broadheads, and a minimum of fifty (50) pounds for archers using a mechanical broadhead. Only broadhead tipped arrows with at least two (2) metal cutting edges are allowed. All broadheads must be 7/8 of an inch or greater at the widest point. Mechanical heads are measured in the “open” position and must be a minimum of 7/8 of an inch. Licensed deer hunters may carry one blunt or judo tipped arrow to hunt small game during the archery deer season.
 - b. Crossbows meeting the following minimum criteria are permitted for hunting deer: minimum draw of 125 pounds. Expandable broadheads are permitted. However, as some crossbow manufacturers specifically recommend against mechanical broadheads, nothing in this section should be construed as permitting such use. One (1) field point arrow may be carried in the quiver for the safe discharge of the crossbow; the field point arrow must be made distinguishable from the crossbow arrow by a color difference. All hunters must have taken and successfully completed bow hunter education classes to hunt with a crossbow.
2. Special archery adaptive aids for use with vertical held bows may be used by all hunters without a special permit.

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Primitive Muzzleloader

The methods of taking deer are limited to a muzzle loading rifle or musket which:

1. Is capable of being loaded ONLY from the muzzle.
2. Is equipped with a single or double barrel.
3. Only black powder or a 'black powder substitute' such as Pyrodex may be used.
4. Is loaded with a patched round ball OR a conical, unjacketed projectile comprised wholly of lead or lead alloy.
5. **The use of sabots is prohibited.**
6. Is loaded with a projectile that is within .010 of an inch of the bore diameter.
7. **Is equipped ONLY with a flint OR a percussion cap OR a musket cap.**
8. **209 primers and center fire primers are prohibited.**
9. **Is equipped with an “open ignition”** (see definition below) system in which any portion of the cap is clearly exposed and visible when the hammer of the weapon is cocked and ready to fire. Includes: open ignition in-line percussion; side-lock, under-hammer, top-hammer and mule ear percussion; side-lock and flintlock ignition systems.
10. Has no scope, only open or peep sights. Fiber optic open sites are permitted.
11. Is free of any electronic devices.
12. Is at least forty-five (.45) caliber for deer.

Definition

“Open Ignition” is an ignition system where the percussion cap, frizzen, or flint is visible and exposed to the weather at all times and is not capable of being closed or covered by any piece of the weapon.

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Warning

1. Firearms or other weapons are not allowed at any other time for any purpose. Subject to the Gloucester Land Trust's permitted hunting dates and regulations; species, bag limits and other regulations will be in accordance with those published by the Department of Environmental Management, Rhode Island Hunting Dates and Bag Limits for the 2015-2016 season other than those outlined above.
2. RI Hunting Regulations <http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/hunt1516.pdf>
3. Despite rules prohibiting alcoholic beverages and littering on Land Trust property, the Trustees have found disposable coffee cups, beer cans, and plastic bottles in the areas frequented by hunters. Please carry out what you carry in, and please bring a bag to remove any litter you find during your visit.
4. **NO FIREARMS, HUNTING, OR OTHER WEAPONS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME ON ANY OTHER GLOCESTER LAND TRUST PROPERTIES. TARGET OR TRAP SHOOTING IS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIME. THESE PROPERTIES INCLUDE: BURTON WOODLANDS (ABUTS SPRAGUE FARM COMPLEX), SCOTSTUN TOWN FOREST, COMBER/STEEERE WILDLIFE PRESERVE, SELDOM SEEN FARM, SIGNE PHILLIPS WOODLAND, HOPKINS WOODLAND, KWANDRANS FARM, PROSPECT HILL FARM, STEERE HILL, and PHILLIPS FARM.**
5. Hunters must be cognizant that ALL Gloucester Land Trust properties are considered multi-use properties, especially the Sprague Farm Complex, which has maintained trails. Hunters should expect to encounter pedestrian traffic, including but not limited to, hikers, dog walkers, and equestrian riders on ALL Gloucester Land Trust properties.