

# Connecticut Public Hunting Areas - 2024

The following areas are open to public hunting. The key to the left specifies what type of hunting is permitted. Special stamps and permits are needed when hunting some species. Consult season descriptions for the species you are hunting. Some portions of these properties may be closed to hunting. Obey all postings. Maps for many of these areas are available on the DEEP website at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-Public-Hunting-Areas>. It is recommended that you check the Public Hunting Area Map on the DEEP website for the most current hunting area information as changes or updates may occur. This online list will be updated if necessary.

**Access:** Public hunting areas marked by an asterisk (\*) have notes at the end of this section.

|  |           |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   | <b>Western Connecticut - Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven Counties</b>  |   |              |                            |        |
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| <b>WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, STATE FORESTS, &amp; STATE PARKS</b> |           |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   | <b>CODE</b>   | <b>TOWN(S)</b>  | <b>ACRES</b> |                            |        |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 | 62                |   | Aldo Leopold WMA  | 308          | Southbury                  | 553    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Algonquin State Forest  | 201          | Colebrook                  | 1,198  |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | American Legion State Forest  | 202          | Barkhamsted                | 1,303  |
|  |           |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |   | Barber Pond WMA   | 203          | Bloomfield, Windsor        | 70     |
|  | ●         |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |   | Bennett's Pond State Park   | 309          | Ridgefield                 | 460    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲/●              | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Camp Columbia State Forest  | 207          | Morris                     | 600    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |   | Cedar Swamp WMA   | 208          | New Hartford, Torrington   | 268    |
|  |           |           | ●*               |                                 |                   | 56                |   | Centennial Watershed State Forest* (Archery deer hunting allowed by permit when the shotgun deer lottery season is closed.) | 310          | Easton, Weston             | 3,479  |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Centennial Watershed State Forest (Wangum Lake Block)   | 209          | Canaan                     | 164    |
|  | ●         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |   | Charles E. Wheeler WMA  | 312          | Stratford, Milford, Orange | 750    |
|  |           |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |   | Collis P. Huntington State Park* (archery deer hunting ONLY)  | 313          | Bethel, Newtown, Redding   | 1,040  |
| ●  | ●         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |   | 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    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Goshen WMA  | 213          | Goshen                     | 1,599  |
|  | ●         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |   | Great Harbor WMA  | 317          | Guilford                   | 176    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |   | Housatonic River WMA  | 215          | Kent                       | 490    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Housatonic State Forest   | 216          | Sharon, etc.               | 11,284 |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |   | John A. Minetto State Park               | 217          | Torrington                 | 576    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Mattatuck State Forest  | 219          | Watertown                  | 4,491  |
| ❖  |           |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |   | Mohawk State Forest – Clark Pond Tract  | 341          | Cornwall                   | 120    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 | 63                |   | Mohawk State Forest – Ziegler/Johnson Tract   | 342          | Goshen                     | 302    |
|  |           |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |   | Mount Riga State Park   | 222          | Salisbury                  | 301    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Nassahegon State Forest   | 223          | Burlington                 | 1,140  |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | 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)   | 321          | Ansonia, Seymour           | 581    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Nepaug State Forest   | 224          | New Hartford               | 1,364  |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |   | Newgate WMA   | 225          | East Granby                | 425    |
| ●  | ●         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |   | Nod Brook WMA and Field Trial Area (Closed during field trials)   | 226          | Avon, Simsbury             | 125    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Paugnut State Forest  | 229          | Torrington                 | 1,960  |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲/●              | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Paugussett State Forest (see map online)  | 322          | Newtown                    | 2,102  |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Peoples State Forest  | 230          | Barkhamsted                | 3,108  |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●   | Pootatuck State Forest  | 324          | New Fairfield              | 1,032  |

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|--|-----------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--------|
|  |           |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | ● Hunting Permitted   | ▲ Archery Deer/Turkey Hunting | ○ Daily/Season Permit Required (see page 36 of guide) |        |
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|  | ●         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Quinnipiac River Marsh WMA  | 325                           | North Haven   | 655    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Quinnipiac River State Park   | 326                           | North Haven   | 346    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Robbins Swamp WMA   | 231                           | Canaan  | 1,638  |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Roraback WMA  | 232                           | Harwinton   | 2,100  |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Simsbury WMA  | 234                           | Simsbury  | 373    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Suffield WMA  | 236                           | Suffield  | 265    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Sunnybrook State Park (west of Newfield Rd.)  | 237                           | Torrington  | 447    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Topsmead State Forest (north and west of Rte. 118)  | 239                           | Litchfield  | 193    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Tunxis State Forest   | 240                           | Hartland, etc.  | 10,242 |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | F                               |                   |                   |                         | Wooster Mountain State Park   | 328                           | Danbury   | 444    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Wyantenock State Forest   | 243                           | Cornwall, etc.  | 4,658  |
| <b>STATE-LEASED, FLOOD CONTROL, AND OTHER PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS</b>  |           |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | <b>CODE</b>   | <b>TOWN(S)</b>                | <b>ACRES</b>  |        |
| *  | *         |           | ▲                | F*                              |                   |                   |                         | Black Rock Lake (Army Corps)* Closed March 30–3rd Sat. Oct.   | 204                           | Thomaston, Watertown                                  | 400    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Bloomfield Flood Control Area (Site 1)  | 205                           | Bloomfield  | 285    |
|  |           |           |                  |                                 |                   | 52                |                         | Bristol Water Company   | 329                           | Bristol   | 4,319  |
|  | ●         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Eversource Kings Island Cooperative WMA   | 262                           | Enfield, Suffield                                     | 174    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | F                               |                   |                   |                         | Eversource Newgate Cooperative WMA (borders Newgate WMA)  | 210                           | East Granby   | 207    |
| ❖/●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ❖/●                             |                   |                   |                         | Great Swamp Flood Control Area* (see map online)  | 318                           | Ridgefield  | 383    |
| *  | ●         |           | ●                | ●*                              |                   |                   | ●                       | Hancock Brook Lake (Army Corps)*  | 214                           | Plymouth  | 593    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Mad River Dam Flood Control Area  | 218                           | Winchester  | 463    |
|  |           |           |                  |                                 |                   | 64                |                         | MDC Barkhamsted Reservoir – East Block  | 343                           | Barkhamsted, Hartland                                 | 4,282  |
|  |           |           |                  |                                 |                   | 67                |                         | MDC Barkhamsted Reservoir – West Block  | 346                           | Barkhamsted, Hartland                                 | 3,700  |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | MDC – Colebrook Reservoir/Hogback Dam   | 220                           | Colebrook, Hartland, etc.                             | 4,516  |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | MDC – Greenwoods Pond   | 221                           | New Hartford  | 368    |
|  |           |           |                  |                                 |                   | 58                |                         | MDC Nepaug Reservoir - Valentine/Pine Hill Block  | 330                           | New Hartford  | 1,488  |
|  |           |           | ●                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | MDC – Lake McDonough* (Archery hunting for deer and turkey <b>only</b> during the archery season)   | 349                           | New Hartford, Barkhamsted                             | 780    |
|  |           |           |                  |                                 |                   | 66                |                         | MDC Nepaug Reservoir - Sweetheart Mt. Block - ❖   | 345                           | Canton  | 500    |
|  |           |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Northfield Brook Lake (Army Corps)  | 227                           | Thomaston   | 201    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Sucker Brook Flood Control Area   | 235                           | Winchester  | 152    |
| *  | *         | ●         | ▲                | F*                              |                   |                   |                         | Thomaston Dam (Army Corps)*   | 238                           | Thomaston, Harwinton, etc.                            | 850    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Whiting River Flood Control Area  | 241                           | North Canaan  | 45     |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Wood Creek Flood Control Area   | 242                           | Norfolk   | 107    |
| <b>PERMIT-REQUIRED AREAS (DAILY PERMIT REQUIRED)</b>               |           |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | <b>CODE</b>   | <b>TOWN(s)</b>                | <b>ACRES</b>  |        |
| ○  | ○         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Bloomfield Flood Control Area (Site 2)* - Town Permit   | 206                           | Bloomfield  | 365    |
|  |           | ○         |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Bristol Fish and Game - 3rd Sat. in Oct.–Sat. after Thanksgiving  | 4                             | Harwinton, Plymouth                                   | 1,397  |
|  |           |           | ○*               |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Centennial Watershed State Forest* (Permit required from Aquarion. Only open for archery DEER season, without an interruption during the shotgun lottery hunting season.) | 310                           | Easton, Weston, etc.                                  | 4,470  |
| ○*   |           |           | ○*               |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Centennial Watershed State Forest - Monroe Parcel (Garder Rd.)* Obtain daily permit from DEEP for small game hunting.   | 311                           | Monroe  | 93     |
| ○  | ○         | ○         | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Eversource Skiff Mountain Cooperative WMA*  | 228                           | Sharon  | 732    |
| ○  | ○         | ○         |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Meriden Rod and Gun Club*   | 14                            | Meriden, Cheshire                                     | 1,364  |
| ○  |           |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Pequonnock Valley WMA - Only open M/W/F/Sat. from 3rd Sat. in Oct. through the 3rd Sat. in December.  | 323                           | Trumbull  | 162    |
|  |           |           | ○                | ○                               |                   |                   |                         | Sessions Woods WMA* - Waterfowl blind closed for repairs  | 233                           | Burlington  | 771    |

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| ○  | ○         | ○         |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Seymour Fish & Game Club*   | 19   | Oxford                | 91    |
|  |           |           | ○                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | South Central CT Regional Water Authority)* Archery deer hunting ONLY   |      | See page notes below. | 4,327 |
| ○  | ○         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Stanley Works Coop WMA*   | 27   | Kent, Cornwall        | 1,464 |
|  | ○         |           | ❖                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Stewart B. McKinney NWR – Calf Island Unit* (also open to waterfowl hunting)  | 350  | Greenwich             | 26    |
|  | ○         |           | ❖                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Stewart B. McKinney NWR – Great Meadows Marsh* (also open to waterfowl hunting)   | 350  | Stratford             | 165   |
|  | ○         |           | ❖                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Stewart B. McKinney NWR – Chimon/Sheffield Islands* (also open to waterfowl hunting)  | 350  | Norwalk               | 119   |
|  |           |           | ❖                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Stewart B. McKinney NWR – Salt Meadow Unit*   | 350  | Westbrook             | 150   |
| ○  | ○         | ○         |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Suffield Sportsmen's Assoc.*  | 22   | Suffield, East Granby | 240   |
|  |           |           | ○                | ○                               | ○                 | 26                |                         | Trout Brook Valley State Park – Call 860-424-3011 for gate combo.   | 327  | Easton                | 300   |
| ○  | ○         | ○         |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Wallingford Town Owned Area* (Only open M/W/Sat. from 3rd Saturday in Oct. through the end of Feb.)   | 24   | Wallingford           | 823   |

## Notes for Western Connecticut Hunting Area Table

**Black Rock Lake, Hancock Brook Lake, and Thomaston Dam:** 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 at Black Rock Lake and Thomaston Dam. 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.

**Meriden Rod & Gun Club, Eversource Skiff Mountain Cooperative WMA, Seymour Fish & Game Club, Stanley Works Coop. WMA, Suffield Sportsmen's Assoc., and Wallingford Town Owned Area:** All open for hunting on the third Saturday in October.

**Centennial Watershed State Forest:** Easton, Weston, Monroe, Newtown, Trumbull. Portions open to archery deer hunting by special access permits only. Access permits available from the Aquarion Water Company. Consult the DEEP's website (<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Hunting/2024-Connecticut-Hunting-and-Trapping-Guide/Deer-Hunting#Aquarion>) in summer 2024 for updated information. **No turkey hunting allowed. Monroe Parcel (Garder Rd.):** Obtain daily permit from DEEP for small game hunting.

**Collis P. Huntington State Park:** Open to archery deer hunting ONLY. No turkey hunting allowed.

**Great Swamp Flood Control Area:** Open for firearms waterfowl hunting; stay south of Farmingville Rd.

**MDC Lake McDonough:** Archery hunting for deer and turkey **only** during the archery season. No archery hunting allowed during the firearms and muzzleloader seasons.

**Naugatuck State Forest – Quillinan Reservoir Block:** The parcel east of Clinton Rd. is open for firearms deer hunting under Lottery Area #28, spring/fall firearms turkey, small game, and muzzleloader deer. The parcel west of Clinton Rd. is a designated deer bowhunting only area and open to fall archery turkey. Both parcels are closed to waterfowl hunting. No access or parking from Deerfield Lane or Ansonia Nature Center property.

**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. Contact Nicole Smith at [nsmith@rwater.com](mailto:nsmith@rwater.com) for details on how to apply.

**Sessions Woods WMA:** The waterfowl blind is closed for repairs. Fall archery deer and turkey and spring and fall firearms turkey hunting allowed with a daily permit. The WMA is open to junior hunters participating in the spring Turkey Junior Hunter Training Days on April 13-20, excluding Sunday. Firearms hunting is permitted only in the northern section of the property.

**Stewart B. McKinney NWR (Calf Island Unit, Great Meadows Unit, and Chimon and Sheffield Islands):** Waterfowl and archery deer hunting only. At the Great Meadows Unit, waterfowl may be hunted on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday during the regular state season. After the close of the regular waterfowl season, Canada and snow goose hunting is permitted every day except Sunday. Hunters must have a signed USFWS Hunt Brochure at all times. Brochures, maps, and more detailed information is at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/stewart-b-mckinney/visit-us/activities/hunting>.

**Stewart B. McKinney NWR (Salt Meadow Unit):** Archery hunting for deer and turkey during the fall only. Hunters must have a signed USFWS Hunt Brochure at all times. The brochure, a map, and more detailed information is at: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/stewart-b-mckinney/visit-us/activities/hunting>

**Trout Brook Valley State Park:** Daily permits are issued for all hunting seasons except State Land Shotgun deer season. Prior to each season, call 860-424-3011 to obtain the combination code for the access gate. The area is open for wild turkey hunting during the Junior Hunter Training Days (April 13-20, excluding Sunday) and the regular spring turkey season (April 26-May 27). Hunter access to this area is by permit only, except during the shotgun deer season when a Deer Lottery Permit is required.

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| ●  |           |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Assekonk Swamp WMA  | 272   | North Stonington        | 699    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Babcock Pond WMA – Waterfowl Hunting Blind ♿  | 244   | East Haddam, Colchester | 1,513  |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Barn Island WMA   | 273   | Stonington              | 1,039  |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ▲/●              | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Bartlett Brook WMA (Incl. Deer Bowhunting Only areas - see map)   | 274   | Lebanon                 | 727    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Bear Hill WMA ♿   | 275   | Bozrah                  | 365    |
|  |           |           | ▲                | S                               |                   |                   |                         | Beaver Brook State Park   | 276   | Windham                 | 372    |
|  |           |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Bigelow Hollow State Park   | 277   | Union, etc.             | 513    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 | 68                |                         | Bishop Swamp WMA  | 245   | Andover, Hebron         | 1,035  |
|  | ●         |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Black Pond WMA  | 337   | Middlefield             | 36     |
| ●  |           |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Candlewood Hill WMA   | 347   | Groton                  | 199    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲/●              | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Cockaponset State Forest (Incl. Deer Bowhunting Only areas - see map online)  | 246   | Haddam, etc.            | 16,696 |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Cromwell Meadows WMA  | 247   | Cromwell, Middletown    | 548    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Durham Meadows WMA  | 248   | Durham                  | 515    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Eightmile River WMA   | 249   | East Haddam, Lyme       | 311    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Area and WMA   | 212   | East Windsor            | 506    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Franklin Swamp WMA  | 278   | North Franklin          | 728    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Higganum Meadows WMA  | 251   | Haddam                  | 256    |
|  |           |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Higganum Reservoir State Park   | 252   | Haddam                  | 156    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Killingly Pond State Park   | 281   | Killingly               | 174    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Kollar WMA ♿  | 253   | Tolland                 | 941    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Larson Lot WMA  | 254   | Colchester              | 206    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Little River WMA  | 283   | Hampton                 | 49     |
|  | ●         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Lords Cove WMA  | 284   | Lyme                    | 265    |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Meadow Brook WMA  | 339   | Colchester              | 269    |
| ❖  |           |           | ▲                | ❖                               |                   |                   |                         | Menunketesuck WMA   | 338   | Clinton, Westbrook      | 164    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Meshomasic State Forest   | 257   | Portland, etc.          | 9,665  |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Messerschmidt Pond WMA  | 258   | Deep River, Westbrook   | 439    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Millers Pond State Park   | 259   | Durham, Haddam          | 265    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Mohegan State Forest  | 285   | Scotland, etc.          | 937    |
| ❖  |           |           | ❖                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Mono Pond State Park  | 260   | Columbia                | 290    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Mooween State Park (Red Cedar Lake)   | 296   | Lebanon                 | 593    |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲/●              | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Natchaug State Forest (see map online)  | 286   | Eastford, etc.          | 12,596 |
| ●  | ●         | ●         | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Nathan Hale State Forest Mgmt. Area   | 261   | Andover, Coventry       | 1,560  |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲/●              | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Nehantic State Forest (see map online)  | 287   | East Lyme, etc.         | 4,937  |
| ●  | ●         |           | ●                | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Nipmuck State Forest  | 288   | Union, etc.             | 9,597  |
|  | ●         |           | ▲                | ●                               |                   |                   |                         | Nott Island WMA   | 289   | Lyme                    | 80     |
| ●  | ●         |           | ▲/●              | ●                               | ●                 |                   | ●                       | Nye Holman State Forest*  | 264   | Tolland, etc.           | 786    |

| Small Game   | Waterfowl | Pheasants | Fall Deer/Turkey | Spring and Fall Firearms Turkey | Muzzleloader Deer | Deer Lottery Area | No-lottery Shotgun Deer | <b>Eastern Connecticut - Middlesex, New London, Tolland and Windham Counties</b> |                |                          |        |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|--------|
|  |           |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | CODE   | TOWN(S)        | ACRES                    |        |
| <b>WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, STATE FORESTS, &amp; STATE PARKS</b> |           |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | <b>CODE</b>  | <b>TOWN(S)</b> | <b>ACRES</b>             |        |
| •  | •         | •         | ▲/•              | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Pachaug State Forest (see map online)  | 290            | Voluntown, etc.          | 27,350 |
| •  | •         | •         | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Pease Brook WMA  | 291            | Lebanon                  | 213    |
|  | •         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Plum Bank Marsh WMA  |                | Old Saybrook             | 168    |
|  |           |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Pomeroy State Park   | 292            | Lebanon                  | 334    |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Quaddick State Forest  | 293            | Thompson                 | 574    |
| •  | •         | •         | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Quinebaug River WMA  | 294            | Canterbury, Plainfield   | 1,410  |
|  | •         |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Quinebaug River WMA (Aspinook Pond)  | 295            | Canterbury               | 20     |
|  | •         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Ragged Rock Creek Marsh WMA  | 265            | Old Saybrook             | 204    |
|  | •         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Raymond Brook WMA  | 266            | Hebron                   | 198    |
|  | •         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Roger Tory Peterson WMA  | 279            | Old Lyme                 | 625    |
| •  | •         | •         | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Rose Hill WMA  | 297            | Preston, Ledyard         | 874    |
| •  | •         |           | ▲                | •                               |                   |                   |                         | 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      | 98     |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Salmon River State Forest  | 300            | Colchester, etc.         | 7,017  |
| •  | •         |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Scantic River State Park   | 268            | East Windsor, etc.       | 633    |
|  | •         |           | •                | •                               |                   |                   |                         | Selden Neck State Park   | 301            | Lyme                     | 563    |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Shenipsit State Forest   | 269            | Stafford, etc.           | 7,170  |
|  | •         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | South Cove WMA   |                | Old Saybrook             | 49     |
| •  | •         | •         | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | James V. Spignesi, Jr. WMA   | 302            | Scotland                 | 520    |
| •  | •         | •         | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Sugarbrook Field Trial Area (closed during field trials)                         | 303            | Plainfield               | 192    |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Talbot WMA   | 304            | Scotland                 | 504    |
| •  |           |           | •                | •                               | •                 | 60                |                         | Tankerhoosen WMA   | 334            | Vernon                   | 449    |
| •  | •         | •         | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Wangunk Meadows WMA  | 270            | Portland                 | 643    |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Wopowog WMA  | 271            | East Hampton, Haddam     | 465    |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Zemko Pond WMA   | 307            | Salem                    | 457    |
| <b>STATE-LEASED, FLOOD CONTROL, AND OTHER PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS</b>  |           |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | <b>CODE</b>  | <b>TOWN(S)</b> | <b>ACRES</b>             |        |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Ellithorpe Flood Control Area  | 250            | Stafford                 | 438    |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Eversource Maromas Cooperative WMA*  | 263            | Middletown               | 1,618  |
| •  | •         | •         | ▲                | •                               |                   |                   |                         | Mansfield Hollow State-leased WMA (excluding State Park & Field Trial Area)      | 255            | Mansfield, Chaplin, etc. | 2,017  |
| •  | •         | •         | ▲                | •                               |                   |                   |                         | Mansfield Hollow State-Leased Field Trial Area (closed during field trials)      | 256            | Mansfield                | 236    |
| •  | •         | •         | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | West Thompson Dam (Army Corps) ♿   | 305            | Thompson                 | 1,773  |
| <b>PERMIT-REQUIRED AREAS (DAILY PERMIT REQUIRED)</b>               |           |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | <b>CODE</b>  | <b>TOWN(S)</b> | <b>ACRES</b>             |        |
| ○  | ○         | ○         |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | East Windsor - Enfield Area*   | 6              | East Windsor, Enfield    | 209    |
|  |           |           | ▲                |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Harkness Memorial SP* (Verkade - Online permit)                                  | 280            | Waterford                | 154    |
| ○  | ○         |           |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Hebron PR Area*  | 11             | Hebron                   | 94     |
| ○  | ○         |           | ▲                | •                               |                   |                   |                         | Lebanon Coop Mgmt. Area*   | 282            | Lebanon, Colchester      | 212    |
| ○  | ○         | ○         |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Norwich PR Area  | 17             | Norwich                  | 528    |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Silvio O. Conte NWR – Deadman's Swamp Unit*                                      | 333            | Cromwell                 | 31     |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Silvio O. Conte NWR – Roger Tory Peterson Unit*                                  | 333            | Old Lyme                 | 56     |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Silvio O. Conte NWR – Salmon River Division*                                     | 333            | Haddam                   | 595    |
| •  | •         |           | •                | •                               | •                 |                   | •                       | Silvio O. Conte NWR – Whalebone Cove Division*                                   | 333            | Lyme                     | 103    |
| ○  | ○         | ○         |                  |                                 |                   |                   |                         | Sprague Town Land PR Area* (Non-toxic shot only)                                 | 20             | Sprague                  | 620    |
| ○  | ○         |           |                  |                                 |                   | 51A               |                         | Yale-Myers Forest*   | 306            | Eastford, Union, Ashford | 8,404  |

## Notes for Eastern Connecticut Hunting Area Table

**East Windsor-Enfield Area, Hebron and Norwich PR Areas, and Eversource Maromas Cooperative WMA:** All open for hunting on the third Saturday in October until the last day in February.

**Harkness Memorial State Park:** A portion of the park north of Rte. 213 (former Verkade property) is designated as a Deer Bowhunting Only area. Obtain permits through the Online Outdoor Licensing System.

**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. **Goose Field Permits** -- Goose field permittees may bring up to 2 guests. Permits will be issued after the corn fields are harvested. **Marsh Permits** (Small game and waterfowl) Hunters with Marsh Permits should not be in the goose fields unless the goose season is closed.

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

**Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge (4 parcels of federal land):** Information for the Conte NWR, including a map and hunt brochure to be carried while hunting on Refuge lands, can be found at: <https://www.fws.gov/media/silvio-o-conte-hunting-info-sheet-connecticut-20232024>.

**Sprague Town Land Permit-Required Area:** Game bird, rabbit, squirrel, and migratory bird hunting only. Non-toxic shot must be used for all species. See Town of Sprague hunting rules and regulations at: [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/hunting\\_trapping/pdf\\_files/Sprague-hunting-rules-regulations-2022.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/hunting_trapping/pdf_files/Sprague-hunting-rules-regulations-2022.pdf).

**Yale-Myers Forest Permit-Required Area:** Area open for small game/waterfowl and wild turkey hunting by seasonal access permits. Parking passes are also required. **Permits are available on the Online Outdoor Licensing System starting December 1, 2023. However, Yale-Meyers Forest season permits will ONLY be issued until March 31, 2024, for the season. No permits will be issued after this time period.** Small game and turkey permits will be available through the Online Outdoor Licensing System. Yale University will contact hunters through the address email listed in their license profile to provide parking and access information. Night hunting and harvest of coyotes and foxes prohibited. Spring wild turkey hunting hours will be: ½-hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon. No deer driving during the shotgun deer lottery season.

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