

Weston Bow Hunting Regulations

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- I. The Weston Conservation Commission (Commission) will open a 2012 Archery Season for deer on select Conservation Land properties. The Weston season will coincide with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hunting season which runs from October 15 through December 31, 2012.
- II. The Commission and its staff and representatives will limit the number of access permits based on the amount of land available for hunting.
 - a. Archery hunting is limited to specifically designated areas at the following conservation land parcels: Jericho Town Forest, Ogilvie Town Forest, Dickson Field, Blaney Aquifer, and the Sears Land.
 - b. The Commission reserves the right to close any parcel to hunting for any reason.
- III. Conservation land may be hunted only by those persons who have been issued a lawful Bow Hunting Access Permit by the Commission.
 - a. Hunting Access Permits will only be issued to those hunters who have passed a proficiency test.
- IV. The Commission will monitor the program to ensure public safety and compliance with land management goals.
 - a. Trails leading to hunting areas shall be marked with temporary signs indicating that hunting is occurring on the property.
 - b. The Commission reserves the right to cancel hunting at any time, for any reason.
- V. Permitting Regulations
 - a. All State hunting rules and regulations apply.
 - b. Only archery hunting is allowed.
 - c. Permits will restrict hunters to specific locations.
 - d. Hunters must carry, at all times photo identification, all licenses, permits and maps of approved locations showing boundaries. Hunters must be prepared to show these documents to anyone who asks to see them.
 - e. The Conservation Commission reserves the right to revoke hunting access permits at any time, without cause.
- VI. Field Regulations
 - a. Daily hunting hours will coincide with State's allowed hunting hours (1/2 hour prior to sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset).
 - b. Hunting is permitted only from temporary portable tree stands.
 - c. Strap-on steps or ladder steps only are permitted.
 - d. The permit number issued by the Commission must be visible on tree stand and the dashboard of the hunter's car.
 - e. No night-vision or other low-light devices are permitted.
- VII. Take-Related Regulations
 - a. No other forms of wildlife may be taken.
 - b. All deer taken must be reported to the Commission before the later of 24 hours or by 5pm of the next business day.
 - c. Harvested animals must be removed without damage to the area. All traces of the kill must be removed or buried at least 100 feet from any trail and streams/wetlands.