

SOUTHINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT
DEER BOWHUNTING AT CRESCENT LAKE
2023 RULES & REGULATIONS

Bowhunting Season: September 15 – December 31, 2023

1. Hunting permits will be issued for Monday-Saturday ONLY. **Sunday hunting is PROHIBITED on the Crescent Lake property.**
2. Permittee **must** carry one copy of permit on his/her person. Permittee will also be provided with a numbered, laminated pass that is required to be displayed inside the windshield of their parked vehicle while hunting.
3. Permittee must follow all state regulations as set forth in the State of Connecticut DEEP's **2023 Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Guide.**
4. Only portable tree stand hunting or hunting from a ground blind will be allowed. **NO STALKING** or permanent stands.
5. **DO NOT** field dress deer on the hiking trails. (These trails are clearly marked by red, green, orange or blue paint on the trees along each trail.)
6. **ALL** stands and/or ground blinds **MUST** be removed on the **LAST** day of your hunt.
7. Stay on park property at all times. Crescent Lake boundaries are clearly marked by posted white signs stating "**Crescent Lake Boundary.**"
8. **NO** motorized vehicles (i.e. quads, ATVs).
9. **NO** target practice.
10. All permittees must park inside the gate.
11. Gate **must be locked** after entering in the morning (if before posted hour for park opening) and after leaving in the evening (if after posted hour for park closing).
12. Crossbows* and firearms are **PROHIBITED** at all times.
13. Report all kills to the Southington Recreation Department at **860-276-6217.**

**Individuals with a physical disability which prevents them from using a traditional bow will be allowed the use of a crossbow; however, a doctor's note must be presented to the Recreation Department office before permits will be issued.*