



Subject: Hunting and Fishing Policy

- 1) Hunting and fishing are not permitted activities on Lime Hollow property.
- 2) Lime Hollow's mission is "To provide year-round environmental education and recreation opportunities through utilization and protection of the natural and cultural attributes of the Lime Hollow area." Lime Hollow's constitution requires that this is to be achieved by providing "the opportunity for observation, recreation and research, and in connection therewith, to serve as custodian of such properties as may be assigned to it."
- 3) Lime Hollow recognizes the importance of the hunting and fishing tradition in the lives of New York state residents. Lime Hollow also acknowledges that hunting can maintain a preserve's ecological integrity in cases where heavy deer browsing retards or alters forest regeneration. However, Lime Hollow does not manage land to maximize game habitat; we foster habitat for a wide range of species. Whenever possible, Lime Hollow allows natural processes to prevail on our preserved land. The overarching goal of our unique mission is to enhance the outdoor education and recreation opportunities and access to quality visitor experiences at Lime Hollow and to manage the land to conserve fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats.
- 4) Boundary Hunting. Lime Hollow discourages hunting adjacent to its property. Lime Hollow will establish retrieval zones and use them sparingly and only to prevent waste by allowing the retrieval of dead or crippled game on Lime Hollow property. Hunters who hunt on property adjacent to Lime Hollow and wish to retrieve game on Lime Hollow property must receive permission from the Executive Director of Lime Hollow and must at all times ensure the safety of any visitors to Lime Hollow.
- 5) Special Fishing Events.
  - a) Along with the USGS Tunison Laboratory of Aquatic Science, Lime Hollow will co-sponsor the Annual Finger Lakes Fishing Festival. Fishing will be permitted on a limited basis and centrally located in the vicinity of the Tunison Lab for that one day only event.
  - b) The Board of Directors will approve all requests to conduct special fishing events besides the Annual Finger Lakes Fishing Festival.
- 6) Lime Hollow will create an interagency task force in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), US Fish and Wildlife Service, SUNY

Cortland, Cornell University, and surrounding neighbors to develop a long range habitat management plan.

- a) The ultimate goal of this task force is to provide Lime Hollow's Board of Directors with information on the various habitats located at Lime Hollow and make recommendations to ensure that these habitats are protected. This baseline data will allow a better understanding of the habitat changes occurring at Lime Hollow, including the environmental impact of the white-tailed deer population.
  - b) The task force may recommend pest control or other management actions to address disease and public safety issues or situations that contribute to larger ecological goals of Lime Hollow and the region. The President of the Board may bring the topic to the Board of Directors for further discussion and action at any time.
  - c) Lime Hollow will coordinate with NYS DEC fish and wildlife management biologists in developing and managing habitat and in implementing any necessary population management actions to meet planned goals and objectives. Active management of wildlife within the Lime Hollow preserve must be, to the extent practicable, consistent with New York State fish and wildlife laws, regulations, and management plans.
  - d) The task force will also recommend any special restrictions on wildlife controls or other actions necessary to ensure the safety of hunters and visitors to Lime Hollow.
- 7) Scientific collecting and investigation at Lime Hollow may be conducted by students and scientists affiliated with a recognized research institution, after review and approval by the Executive Director, who may defer the decision to the larger Board as deemed necessary. Research activities must always support the goals and vision of Lime Hollow as defined in the Strategic Plan.

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