

DEC announces fall pheasant hunt, release information

Hunters encouraged to enter permit lotteries

Pheasant hunting season in Western New York will open Saturday, Oct. 15, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation announced Wednesday. DEC will release approximately 4,900 adult ring-necked pheasants on Region 9 lands open to public hunting for this fall's pheasant hunting season.

Pheasant hunting will be available in all Western New York counties on public as well as on private lands. Hunters are reminded to ask permission from private landowners before hunting on their lands. Many of these release sites are available for hunting because of the cooperation of private landowners. Good landowner/hunter relations are critical to ensure that these areas remain open to hunting in future

years, said DEC.

Hunting throughout the pheasant season is allowed at Golden Hill, Joseph Davis and Wilson-Tuscarora state parks in Niagara County. However, permits are required on Oct. 15, 22 and 29 for Golden Hill, Joseph Davis and Wilson-Tuscarora state parks. There will be two separate hunts each day that a permit is required: the first hunt will be from sunrise until 12:30 p.m.; the second hunt will be from 12:30 p.m. until sunset.

Hunters are also encouraged to review the 2022-23 New York state hunting and trapping regulations guide (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/29453.html>) before going afield, and to be sure of their targets and beyond when hunting. The guide identifies boundary restrictions and

other important information. "Rooster only" and "rooster and hen" boundary descriptions are located on page 43 of the guide. Information regarding pheasant hunting sites and permits is available on DEC's website, <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8363.html>.

Hunters interested in entering the Permit Lottery at Golden Hill, Joseph Davis and Wilson-Tuscarora state parks should mail a separate, standard size file card for each date and park that they would like to hunt. Only one permit will be issued to each hunter per day.

To ensure the safety of hunters and DEC staff while pheasant stocking is occurring, pheasant hunting will not be allowed on Thursdays at the Zoar Valley Multiple Use Area during October

and November.

Hunters should also note that dogs are not allowed within the designated area on the Multiple Use Areas for any purpose during the 48-hour period immediately preceding opening day of the fall pheasant season as posted in the Zoar Valley Multiple Use Area.

Sportsmen are reminded that information on the file card for permit lotteries should include the hunter's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, hunting license back tag number, hunt date, a.m. hunt or p.m. hunt, and desired park location. Entries will be computerized to avoid duplications.

DEC advises there will be no pheasant hunting at Golden Hill, Joseph Davis, and Wilson-Tuscarora state parks on release days (Oct. 21 and 28). There is no fee

for the permit and hunters awarded permits will have the option of naming one additional hunter on their permit. Hunters wishing to hunt pheasants in Allegany State Park are reminded that they must pick up a free hunting permit at the Administration Building near Red House Lake before hunting in the park. No small game hunting is allowed in Allegany State Park during the regular big game season that runs from Nov. 19 until Dec. 11.

Information on pheasant stock numbers and release sites is available by contacting DEC's Bureau of Wildlife at 716-851-7010 in Buffalo or 716-372-0645 in Allegany.

Additional information about pheasant hunting is available on DEC's website listed above.

Niagara PAL Soccer Club to hold tryouts

The Niagara PAL Soccer Club announced it would hold tryouts for the 2023 Buffalo and WNY Junior competitive soccer and indoor soccer leagues on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Reservoir State Park, 5755 Military Road in Lewiston. Tryouts will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

The program is open to boys and girls ages 8-16. Birth years to participate are from 2008-15 for boys, and 2010-15 for girls.

Niagara PAL Soccer said play in both leagues would be in a competitive soccer format.

"Don't worry, you won't need to book hotels every weekend," league officials said. "Competitive soccer simply means that we

will compete with other Buffalo/Western New York soccer clubs, like teams from Grand Island, Clarence and West Seneca. It's the next step after house soccer. If your child is looking for a more competitive environment, more soccer training and more fun, this is the step for you."

Niagara PAL said its focus is on player development and sportsmanship. It participates in sponsorships with the Niagara Falls City School District and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation to great training and facilities that are affordable to families.

"In short, you don't need to spend a thousand per year for your child to be part of a team

and develop a skill and love for soccer," organizers said. "Our teams play at all levels of competitive play and our teams are successful. Our volunteer coaches are certified, knowledgeable and enthusiastic. We keep ourselves up to date on (the) current best practices in coaching and training."

Niagara PAL said that no pre-registration or fees are required to participate in the tryouts. Interested players are requested to bring a ball and water, and wear cleats and shin guards.

For more information, contact Cathy Burke at 716-471-1732 or Kevin and Vicki at 716-283-7715.



Holy Ghost hosted Bergholz 5K

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and School hosted the Bergholz 5K road race and 1-mile "fun run" on Saturday, to promote health and wellness within the community, and to benefit on-site facilities and operations.

The first-place overall male runner was Jonathan Bussa, with a time of 17:56; and the first-place overall female was Colleen Carroll, with a time of 21:54. The 5K had 74 total runners. Results can be found at <http://www.buffalo-runners.com/results/2022/Bergholz22.htm>. There were 45 participants in the 1-mile "fun run."

Organizers said, "The weather was a perfect 55 degrees with partly cloudy skies at the 10 a.m. start time. Traffic control was provided by the Town of Wheatfield constables and the Bergholz Fire Department. We had an Oktoberfest-themed post-race party with awards, bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels and German music." (Submitted photo)



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