

St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks

**County Managed Elms Hunting Area
Annual Permit Application 2017-18**

Annual Permit Application Instructions

1. Complete and submit this application for an annual bow hunting permit for the County managed hunting area at the Elms property. A separate permit from DNR is needed to hunt on State managed land at the Elms.
2. Applications will be accepted in person weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., beginning September 1, 2017 at the R&P main office; applicants may call 301-475-4200 x*1800 for an information packet or download forms from the County website at www.stmarysmd.com/recreate and mail in/fax in to: Registrar, Recreation and Parks, P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650; fax: (301) 475-4108.
3. In addition, applicants must complete and sign the Release and Waiver of Liability form and submit it along with the application.
4. There is no fee for the application or permit.
5. The permit will be issued (or sent) to you after this form is completed and processed.
6. **After you have the permit in your possession**, you can hunt on the County managed property during designated hunting seasons per the Rules and Regulations for Public Bow Hunting at the County Managed Elms site.

Complete this form

Name: First _____ Middle I. ___ Last _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: H) _____ C) _____

Email Address: _____

Enter your MD Hunting License #: _____

Vehicle Tag #: _____ State: _____

If planning to use more than one vehicle, please included all tag numbers.

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Release and Waiver of Liability

Each Bow Hunter must have a signed "Release and Waiver of Liability" on file. This form must be completely filled out and submitted to the appropriate department. Please read carefully. This is a legal document that affects your legal rights.

St. Mary's County Government Department of Recreation and Parks

This release and waiver was executed on the _____ day of _____ 20____ by _____ (the "Bow Hunter") and _____ (the "Guardian" if Bow Hunter is a minor child). The Bow Hunter (and guardian) does hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless St. Mary's County Government and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind and nature, either in law or equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Bow Hunter's activities with St. Mary's County Government.

Bow Hunter (and Guardian) understands that this release discharges St. Mary's County Government from any liability or claim that the Bow Hunter (or Guardian) may have against St. Mary's County Government with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Bow Hunter's activities with St. Mary's County Government, whether caused by the negligence of St. Mary's County Government or its officers, directors, employees, agents or otherwise. Bow Hunter (and Guardian) also understands that St. Mary's County Government does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including, but not limited to, medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.

Bow Hunter (and Guardian) understands that, except as otherwise agreed to by St. Mary's County Government in writing, St. Mary's County Government does not carry or maintain health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for any Bow Hunter. St. Mary's County Government maintains general liability insurance, which may or may not apply to specific circumstances. Each Bow Hunter is expected and encouraged to obtain his or her own medical or health insurance coverage.

Bow Hunter (and Guardian) expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Maryland, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland. Bow Hunter (and Guardian) agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Bow Hunter (and Guardian) has/have executed this Release as of the day and year first above written.

Signature of Bow Hunter

Signature of Witness

Signature of Parent Having Legal Custody or Legal Guardian (If Bow Hunter is a Minor)

Date

Bow Hunter Address:

Emergency Contact Name and # _____

Hunter Education Certificate # _____

MD Hunters' License # _____



**St. Mary's County
Rules and Regulations for Public Bow Hunting
at County Managed Elms Site**

To apply for an annual hunting permit, visit the Recreation and Parks office weekdays between 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at 23150 Leonard Hall Drive, Governmental Center Complex, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Applicants may also call 301-475-4200 x*1800 for an information packet or download forms from the website at www.stmarysmd.com/recreate and mail in/fax in the registration. You must have a valid 2017 - 2018 Maryland Hunting License and complete and return a Waiver of Liability form to apply.

1. Only bow hunting is allowed on this 85-acre site. The annual deer bow hunting season is generally between September 7 and January 31 each year (see State hunting regulations for specific dates).
2. The Department of Recreation and Parks (R&P) is the managing County agency for this site and will administer the hunter registration and permit system. The Department's Park Operations Coordinator is responsible for site management.
3. Hunter access to the County managed site is from the Elms Beach Park entrance road, just off Bay Forest Road. A hunter's kiosk, information board, and small parking area are available for hunter use. Hunters are not allowed to access the site from the State of Maryland managed hunting area.
4. No more than six (6) bow hunters are allowed on the site at any given time. This will be monitored by a daily hunter sign-in sheet on an honor system basis and periodic monitoring by R&P staff. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's office will handle enforcement of regulations related to unauthorized hunters on the site.
5. To hunt on this site, hunters must have a valid Maryland hunters' license; a permit from R&P displayed on the vehicle dash; and sign-in and sign-in out at the information kiosk.
6. Permission to bow hunt does not include permission to use a fire arm, trap, target shoot, build tree stands, camp, build fires or litter. Failure to comply with these rules may result in a suspension or revocation of hunting permit.

For information on rules and regulations, please call (301) 863-8400 extension 3570, during the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. In an EMERGENCY, call 911.