



Hunting Rules & Information

Permission to hunt on Kestrel lands are subject to the following conditions:

- Hunting is by permission only. Contact stu@kestreltrust.org.
- Kestrel only allows hunting of these species: deer, upland game birds (wild turkey, ruffed grouse, quail, pheasant, crow), rabbit, hare, squirrel
- Kestrel does not allow hunting of black bear or furbearers (bobcat, coyote, red or gray fox, opossum, raccoon).
- Hunting is allowed on some Kestrel lands, but not all. Please see attached list.
- Hunter may not discharge a firearm or bow across established trails or woods roads.
- Target shooting is prohibited.
- Trapping is prohibited.
- Tree Stands:
 - State regulations require: Persons must have written permission of the landowner (on either public or private lands) to construct or use any tree stand which is fastened to a tree by nails, bolts, wire, or other fasteners that intrude through the bark into the wood of the tree, or that is fastened or erected in any manner and is emplaced for a period exceeding 30 days. This includes hang-on tree stands.
 - Hunter may use only temporary tree stands that do not require the use of nails, screws, or screw-in steps.
 - Stand may not be located within 75' of established trail or woods road.
 - Stands must be labeled with the hunter's name and contact information.
 - Any stands on Kestrel property for longer than 30 days may be removed by Kestrel staff.
- Hunter must follow all state and local laws. Please note: In Massachusetts, some local town regulations require written permission from the landowner for hunting. It is the hunter's responsibility to understand and abide by these regulations, as Kestrel does not keep track of which towns require this permission and which ones do not.

The following table only shows lands that have established recreational trails and high levels of public use. All other Kestrel lands allow/prohibit hunting on a case-by-case basis. Please contact stu@kestreltrust.org to inquire.

Hunting Allowed

Name	Town
Pemberton Memorial Forest	Pelham
Whately Center Woods	Whately

Hunting Prohibited

Name	Town
Ames Pond	Shutesbury
Greenberg Family Conservation Area	Westhampton
Mount Tom North Trailhead Park	Easthampton