

WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
ARCHERY HUNTING APPLICATION 2026-2027

Applicant Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Purpose

West Manchester Township grants limited permission to the Hunter to engage in **archery-only hunting** on designated areas within the **Little Conewago Creek Conservation Area**, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below. Hunting in the Derry Conservation Area is strictly prohibited.

2. Permitted Use

- Only archery hunting (compound bows, crossbows, and longbows) is permitted. **Firearms are strictly prohibited.**
- Hunting shall only take place during the designated hunting season as defined by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

3. Permit Requirements

- Hunters must apply for and receive a **West Manchester Township Archery Hunting Permit** prior to any hunting season. Permits will be issued by lottery.
- Up to 10 permits will be issued.
- West Manchester Township residents will have preference. In the event less than 10 residents apply, non-residents may apply.
- Hunters must show proof of state hunting license or tags in order to receive the permit.
- Permit holders must carry their permit and any required state licenses at all times while hunting.

4. Tree Stand/Ground Blinds (Equipment)- Placement/Removal/ Identification

- Tree stand/ground blind must be located outside of any established safety zone as defined by state law (50 yards from occupied structures/private property unless permission is granted) and may not be within 50 yards of the Little Conewago Creek walking trail.
- All equipment must be clearly tagged with the permit issued by West Manchester Township (including hunter's name, contact information, and permit number) OR the Equipment ID# issued from the Pennsylvania Game Commission.
- Hunters are limited to one tree stand/ground blind per person.
- Equipment can be placed out not more than two weeks before the first and must be removed no later than two weeks after the final deer season in that area.
- Hunters are required to remove equipment and gear within 7 days after the final day of the archery season.
- Un-tagged equipment or failure to remove stand/blind may result in fines, loss of future hunting privileges on West Manchester Township property, and potential confiscation of equipment.

5. Signage & Public Notification

- West Manchester Township will post signage in the Little Conewago Creek Conservation Area to inform park users that archery hunting is permitted. This will also inform hunters they need to obtain a permit from West Manchester Township.

6. Safety and Liability

- Hunters shall follow all applicable Pennsylvania hunting laws.
- If a deer is shot and runs onto private property not owned or managed by West Manchester Township, the Hunter must obtain permission from the private property owner (or get assistance from the Game Warden) before entering to retrieve the animal.
- The Hunter assumes all risk and agrees to hold harmless West Manchester Township, its Board of Supervisors and employees from any claims arising out of their use of the Little Conewago Creek Conservation Area for hunting purposes.

7. Termination

- West Manchester Township reserves the right to revoke hunting privileges on township property at any time for violations of this agreement or safety concerns.
- No refund will be issued for revoked permits.

8. Signature

By signing below, the Hunter certifies that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms of this Agreement. The contract is considered approved once a permit # has been assigned.

Hunter Name: _____
Address: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____
Phone: _____ **Email:** _____
Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

West Manchester Township Representative Use Only –

Permit # Assigned: _____
Permit Issue Date: _____
Expiration Date: _____
Approved by: _____ **Date:** _____