

WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ARCHERY HUNTING AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, _____, by and between West Manchester Township (“Property Owner”), and _____ (“Hunter”), collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

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** and **Derry Park Conservation Area**, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

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. Tree Stand Placement/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 a West Manchester Township paved or wooden walking path or bridge.
- All tree stands/ground blinds must be clearly tagged with the permit issued by West Manchester Township (including hunter’s name, contact information, and permit number).
- Hunters are limited to one tree stand/ground blind per person.

5. Permit Requirements

- Hunters must apply for and receive a **West Manchester Township Archery Hunting Permit** prior to any hunting season.
- Hunters must show proof of state hunting license or tags in order to receive the permit.
- Permits will be issued to on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Permit holders must carry their permit and any required state licenses at all times while hunting.

6. Tree Stand Removal

- Hunters are required to remove tree stand/ground blind and gear within 7 days after the final day of the archery season.
- Failure to remove stand/blind may result in fines, loss of future hunting privileges, and potential confiscation of equipment.

7. Signage & Public Notification

- West Manchester Township will post signage in the Little Conewago Creek Conservation Area and Derry Park Conservation Area prior to/during the archery hunting season to inform park users that archery hunting is permitted during those months.
- Signage will indicate the active hunting season and encourage trail users to remain on designated paths and wear visible clothing.

8. 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 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 or Derry Park Conservation Area for hunting purposes.

9. Termination

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

10. 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: _____