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2025 Bow Hunting season at the Burlington Landlocked Forest

The Town of Burlington will hold an archery season for deer in the Landlocked Forest beginning on October 6, 2025. Applications are available now at the Conservation Department web page (<https://www.burlington.org/823/Landlocked-Forest-Bow-Hunting>). **Applications must be returned by noon on September 2 to Morandi's Barber Shop (1 Mountain Road).**

THE PROFICIENCY TEST WILL BE 1 DAY ONLY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

The archery season is specific to the Landlocked Forest and does not apply to Burlington Conservation Areas. No firearms of any kind are permitted. Other uses of the Landlocked Forest continue to be welcome during this season. The dates for Archery Hunting in the Landlocked Forest for the 2025 season are **October 6, 2025 to December 31, 2025**, with no hunting on Sundays. Hunting is allowed from one half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset.

The Burlington season will follow all Commonwealth of Massachusetts laws and regulations for deer archery hunting with Burlington-specific restrictions, highlighted as follows:

- All hunters must have their permit visible, on their person and on their tree stand, while hunting
- In addition to the Massachusetts Hunting License, hunters must hold a Bow Hunting Education Certificate and provide proof of successful completion of a Proficiency Test administered by the Burlington program
- Hunters are required to wear blaze orange only between December 2 and December 31
- Hunters must keep a log of any deer taken as well as other information regarding herd health, other wildlife observed, and hunting activity seen
- No other wildlife may be hunted in the Landlocked Forest

The Landlocked Forest may be hunted only by those persons who have been issued a lawful Burlington Archery Hunting Permit by the Town of Burlington. The Town of Burlington will limit the number of Burlington Archery Hunting Permits to 20 permits, 10 of which shall be reserved for Burlington residents.

General questions about the Burlington hunting program should be directed to the Burlington Conservation Department at (781) 270-1655. Violations of Massachusetts hunting regulations should be reported to: MA Environmental Police at (508) 366-6537.