

Hunting at Whaleback Preserve Club



Whaleback Farm has offered safe quality upland pheasant hunting for 40 years. In 2006, the Farm went totally private for 100 members and in 2010 the membership requested the size become 65 total members on an annual basis. In 2014, **Whaleback Preserve Club** operates a private hunting Club on 625 acres of the best managed hunting grounds in Western New York. Quail and Pheasant are the Clubs bird hunting priority with Wild Turkey and Whitetail Deer superb extras included in membership cost. Whaleback maintains 7 upland bird hunting fields of ideal Pheasant habitat on the main farm, 2 of these may be used for dog training spring, summer, fall, and there are 4 additional bird hunting areas on the south farm on our Preserve. Pheasants, Quail, Hungarian Partridge & Chukar are available. This is one of the most beautiful hunting grounds in the North East. The 65 Club Members have a Clubhouse, beautiful and safe hunting property with ponds for fishing, locations for camping and *Sporting Clays* and a rifle sighting range for active outdoor families and companies.

Season: Our Bird Hunting season runs for 120 days September 1st to the first weekend in January for **Pheasant Hunting** annually. Our Clubhouse is closed January and February due to our altitude and we reopen in March weather permitting for 6 weeks of **Chukar** hunting. May 1st through May 31st we hunt **Wild Turkey** mornings only. June, July and August you may "train your dog" with our professional trainer using chukar or shoot *Sporting Clays* or fish. In the fall, approximately October 1st December 15th annually, the **White Tail Deer Season** is on for members reserved hunts. We have 60 dedicated deer hunting stands separate from our bird hunter's fields.

Shells: For Safety nothing larger than #5's are used to hunt Pheasants and 7.5 is recommended for quail and chukar. Bow, Shotgun or rifle are legal for deer in season based upon DEC rules.

Licenses/Permits: Club Members, who hold a valid New York State hunting license, may hunt all game in season. If you do not hold a New York State License you may only hunt Pheasants or Chukar Partridge on our Preserve. Youth 18 or under must be accompanied by their parent or with written permission and an adult.

Clean Birds: In 2014-15 at the end of your hunt, shot birds can be traded in for cleaned and frozen ones or wait for yours to be cleaned. All Member hunts have the cost of bird cleaning included in the hunt's cost.

Overnight Accommodations 2014-2015: Our Cabin offers comfortable overnight accommodations for 6 people camping style. There is one bedroom with queen sized bed with a private bath and one with two singles and a private bath. The sleeping loft has 1 queen sized futon and 2 single beds with powder room. There is a very nice covered porch for evening grilling or cocktails in good weather. You have full use of the cabin kitchen to prepare your own meals. In 2014 a new refrigerator will be available for member overnights. The cost is \$45 per person, per night for a member and \$70 per person, per night for a non-member. For Turkey hunting, corporate deer hunting, or family fun we strongly recommend **Reservations** in the cabin for the night before your hunt. Cabin sign in is 4:00pm and check out is 1:00pm. The cabin is professionally cleaned between reservations.

European Driven Days, Whaleback calls these "Continental Shoots": We bring a bit of England to Whaleback at our European driven shoots. We hold several shoots throughout the season. Arrive and enjoy a Danish and coffee at 10:00am, meet your shooting partners and draw pegs. Then it is off to your peg. Prepare to be amazed at the high flying pheasants. Our hill launches pheasants from 300 feet above! After the morning round, have a catered lunch back at the Clubhouse and then back to those glorious birds once more in the afternoon if your time allows. Return to the Clubhouse for refreshments and talk about the great shots you made with member friends and guests. A minimum of 150 pheasants will challenge a line of eight to 16 shooters. Price is subject to the number of birds flown and number of guns participating. See Club calendar for sign up dates.

MEMBER BIRD HUNT PRICES 2011

The Club is open for Pheasants September 1st to January 1st Monday thru Sunday. It is closed opening weekend for deer, Christmas Eve, Christmas, and Boxing Day. (closed on Tuesdays)

Whaleback offer's morning and afternoon hunts. A morning hunt goes out any time after 8:30am and ends at Noon. An afternoon hunt goes out any time after 1:30pm and ends at 4:30pm

Stocking per field per person to bird hunt **Minimum Web reservations are required for all 2011 hunts**

**no
maximum**

Member's Pheasant allocations (25 Family or 100 Corporate) are used prior to new charges.

- 1 Hunter **5 Bird** Pheasant Hunt \$125 This allows 1 person in the field for a ½ day morning or afternoon hunt. Bird cleaning is included. *Hold- over birds shot on a hunt above the stocking minimum are free.*
- 2 Hunters **10 Bird** Pheasant Hunt \$250 This allows 2 people in the field for a ½ day morning or afternoon hunt. Bird cleaning is included. *Hold- over birds shot on a hunt above the stocking minimum are free.*
- 3 Hunters **15 Bird** Pheasant Hunt \$375 This allows 3 people in the field for a ½ day morning or afternoon hunt. Bird cleaning is included. *Hold- over birds shot on a hunt above the stocking minimum are free.*
- 4 Hunters If you have more that 3 hunters you must use two fields. Our safety requirements are no more than 3 guns in any field hunting and 1 guide without a gun. If you have a guide no more than 4 people maximum. *Whaleback has a 40 year history without a serious hunting accident. After your stocked hunt and clean birds are returned to you the Manager & staff appreciates a tip.*

You must have a bird dog with you to hunt Pheasant, Quail, or Partridge - if you don't have a dog, a guide and dog can be provided for an additional \$100 charge. Our professional dog handlers are very experienced hunters and have guided for many years.

***Chukars can be used to make up the minimum dollar value** of a reserved hunt. With partridge you get more birds, as they cost less, partridge are \$15.00 which includes cleaning.

Our web reservation system automatically inventories bird numbers & guides with dogs for all members' reservations.

Members may only reserve "a non-stocked field" on Tuesdays or Thursdays with the manager's prior (2 day) permission and a field assignment confirmed by telephone. The office will then add that reservation to web for you. Non-stocked Tuesdays or Thursdays show zero birds stocked but that you were there. There are no walk-ins on Tuesdays.

WHALEBACK PRESERVE CLUB

Lease MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015 after September 1, 2014

Whaleback has family and corporate hunt club memberships.

A membership entitles you and everyone in your family up to age 26 to hunting. All hunting requires a reservation on our website. Bird hunting reservations made less than 3 days in advance or made by our staff are subject to a \$35 fee. Family Memberships are expected to take 25 Pheasants after the base membership cost to start the season. Wild Turkey Hunting, White Tail Deer Hunting, and Coyote Hunting in Season are included. 6 Rounds of 50 targets on our Sporting Clays Course, fishing in our stocked ponds, and camping are available at no extra charge. *A new membership is subject to a \$1000 initiation fee for families.*

**FEE Family Membership \$1860 per calendar
year Plus usage of \$625 or 25 pheasants.**

A corporate membership is for up to two people employed by the company and includes 12 rounds *Sporting Clays*. Additional company people on the lease after 2 pay an additional \$1,500 each. The Corporate member must buy at least 100 Pheasants for stocking for guest hunts with a minimum of 20 birds stocked per field reservation. Corporations have priority of reservations for all hunting and, in addition, corporate members may bring 2 guests per day to hunt Turkey or Deer or Coyote when the member is present at no additional charge. *New company memberships are subject to a \$1500 initiation fee.*

Fee Corporate Membership \$4200 per calendar year

Plus usage of \$625 or 25 pheasants.

Includes Up to 2 company members, *(Each additional member from a company add \$1,500 for corporates a designate to make reservations)*

The Club is limited to 65 leasehold members. There is an application procedure. To apply, call or Email Bruce Lindsay for: Application Form 2014-2015. Your application will be acted upon after review ASAP.

All Lease Memberships are Calendar Year January 1 to December 31. If you Join mid-year, you pay the "prorate" for this year and 12 months for the following year. There are no partial year "short" leases. This is regardless of the month you join. New Lease Memberships require a signed application and deposit. After an interview and Club visit and acceptance of the application the lease is payable for the remainder of the year upon signing the lease document by check or credit card only. The Club does not honor cash or take cash at the Clubhouse. After payment of your lease you may make reservations for the year to hunt using our member's only Reservation System from our Club website. Please call with any questions. Thank you.

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