Since 1975, a hunting program has taken place in the open seasons on 930 hectares of conservation land at Conestogo Lake Park.

Hunters must possess a GRCA hunting permit and the appropriate Provincial and/or Federal hunting license(s) and stamps and/or tags.

Migratory birds: Please check all bag limits allowed for each species before hunting.

Pheasant: A pheasant release program operates each fall.

Small game: There is no wild turkey season at Conestogo Lake.

Deer: A limited number of permits are available for deer in posted hunting areas only during open season. Regulations for archery, controlled hunt and muzzleloaders apply.

Purchase GRCA Hunting Permits for Conestogo Lake starting the second Saturday in May at 8 a.m.: Phone: 519-638-2873 Or visit the park gatehouse during operating season. A limited number of permits are sold. First come, first served.
**Hunting Policies & Fees**

**Hunting Fees**

- Pheasant/Small Game/Migratory Birds: $270.00
- Deer Archery Only*: $160.00
- Deer Archery and Controlled Hunt*: $300.00

* Fees include taxes. Fees are subject to change without notice.

- Full Permit: $700.00
- Pheasant/Small Game/Migratory Birds/Deer: $400.00
- Guest Pass: $30.00

**Limited number of permits sold.**

All areas are CLOSED from March 31 to August 31.

- Hunters should use caution to ensure they are hunting within the permitted areas only. Any charges laid by the MNRF or OPP will result in permit confiscation.
- **FIREARMS/GUN HUNTING**
  - No discharge of firearms from unloading on all roadways.
  - Gun hunting is not permitted on Sundays.
- **Mandatory Use of Parking Stakes**
  - For safety, all vehicles must park in designated parking lots at stakes.
  - Once a lot is full, please go to the next parking area where a vacant stake exists.
- **Camping**
  - Camping is available until October 15. To book a campsite visit www.grc.ca or call 1-877-558-GRCA (4722).
- **Tree Stands and Blinds**
  - Stands are blinds must be of a portable design. They may be erected four weeks prior to opening day and must be removed within one week of the season's end. The GRCA assumes no responsibility for stands/blinds or their use. It is an offence to cut vegetation in conservation areas.
- **Cottage Lot Properties**
  - Hunters must keep a minimum of 1,000-feet from cottage properties.

**HUNTER ORANGE**

- Horseback travel is permitted in Area 3 and by permit only. Restrictions apply. Contact park staff for information and to purchase a permit.
- **ATVs**
  - Off road vehicles and ATVs are strictly prohibited at Conestogo Lake Park.
  - Trespassers will be fined.
- **DOGS**
  - Dogs must be kept on a leash in closed hunting seasons and on closed hunting days. It is an offence to pursue game in a closed season.
- **SNOWMOBILES**
  - Snowmobile travel is restricted to the OFSC trail. Trail passes are mandatory.
- **Alcohol**
  - Alcohol is prohibited at all times. Non-compliance will result in eviction.
- **Fires**
  - Absolutely no open fires are permitted; BBQs can be used in designated parking areas only. It is an offence to start fires in conservation areas.
- **Snowmobiling**
  - Snowmobile travel is restricted to the OFSC trail. Trail passes are mandatory.

**Conestogo Lake Game Species - WMU #80**

- **Hunting occurs during the seasons outlined in the Provincial and Federal Regulations Summaries. Also check the summaries for bag and possession limits.**
  - **Migratory Birds:** Ducks (other than harlequin ducks), rails (other than yellow rails and king rails), gallinules, coots, snipe, geese (other than Canada geese and cackling geese), woodcock, mourning dove, Canada geese, cackling geese.
  - **Small Game:** Ruffed grouse, rabbit/hare, pheasant. There is NO season for turkey at Conestogo Lake. Note: pheasant season at Conestogo Lake opens the second Wednesday in October.
  - **Deer:** Archery only (no dogs), shotguns and muzzleloaders only (no dogs), muzzleloaders and archery only (no dogs).

**Report banded birds at 1-800-327-BAND (2263).**

For more information visit [www.grc.ca/parks](http://www.grc.ca/parks)

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**Non Hunting Areas**

- **Non Hunting Areas**
  - Non hunting areas are closed to the public. Hunt only in designated areas; see map. Trespassers will be charged and fined, and the hunting permit will be confiscated.

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**Always check the federal migratory bird regulations & the provincial hunting regulations summaries for season opening dates, bag and possession limits.**

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**About Conestogo Lake Park**

Conestogo Lake Park is located in the heart of Mennonite Country. It offers visitors the chance to camp, boat, sail, waterski, canoe and fish on a y-shaped reservoir that stretches six kilometres up each arm.

The reservoir is created by Conestogo Dam, which has a viewing area providing a unique vista of the river and surrounding forests and farms.

For more information visit [www.grandriver.ca/parks](http://www.grandriver.ca/parks)