

# Brandywine Creek State Park – Flint Woods Nature Preserve 2022-23 Hunting Seasons/Hunting Rules

*Refer to map for approximate locations of indicated areas.*

1. In addition to the rules and regulations found in the “Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide: 2022-2023”, specific rules that apply to Flint Woods Nature Preserve are listed below. **Registration of all hunters participating in the Delaware State Park Hunting Program is required. There is an annual \$10 hunting program charge. This charge is waived for Delaware Resident hunters 65 or over or under 16.** Hunters may register at the Brandywine Creek State Park Office or any other Delaware State Park where hunting is permitted.

## 2. Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow Seasons

- a. Archery/crossbow hunting **ONLY** is permitted for deer, in season, Saturday, September 10, 2022 through Tuesday, January 31, 2023.
- b. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
- c. If you plan to hunt at the Flint Woods Nature Preserve, regardless of where you purchase your State Park Hunting Permit, you must appear in person at the Brandywine Creek State Park office

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during business hours prior to hunting to sign the archery hunting registration form. The park office is open daily April 1 – October 31, 8 am to 4 pm, and Weekdays November 1 to March 31, 8 am to 4 pm.

- d. Hunter orange must be worn by archery hunters at all times when dates overlap with any Statewide Gun Seasons.
- e. Hunting is only allowed from five archery-only metal ladder tree stands.
- f. Stand sites will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis using the self-registration tag board system. The tag board will be located in the Thompson Bridge Parking Lot for the 2022-23 hunting season.
- g. Hunters are allowed to harvest a deer of either sex at the Flint Woods Nature Preserve. The primary goal of the hunting program in Delaware State Parks is to reduce the overall deer herd and equalize the doe to buck ratio closer to 1 to 1 to reduce the negative impact of the herd on the natural plant and animal communities in the park. We encourage all hunters to harvest at least one doe during the season at Flint Woods.
- h. It is illegal to use or build a nailed or permanent tree stand or ladder.
- i. Deer drives are NOT permitted on park property.
- j. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
- k. No parking is allowed in the active hunting area. Please park in designated areas.

## 3. Reporting Harvested Deer at the Flint Woods unit of Brandywine Creek State Park

- a. All deer harvested at Flint Woods must be reported on the sign-in/sign-out sheet located at the tag board.
- b. All deer must also be registered via the on-line or toll-free telephone reporting system as required by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer should be registered as follows:

Land Type:	Public
County:	New Castle
Zone:	1A
Location Type:	State or County Park
Location Description:	Brandywine Creek State Park

## **MESSAGE TO ALL HUNTERS:**

- Please be careful, discrete and considerate around other park visitors. Understand that many park patrons are NOT hunters and some may feel threatened by your presence.
- Please immediately report any medical emergencies, hunting accidents or violations of any hunting laws, rules or regulations to a park ranger, the park office or by calling the DNREC dispatch center at 302-739-4580 or 302-739-4863.
- By hunting in this park, you are a vital part of our “deer management team.” White-tail deer have been shown to ecologically damage their habitat when they reach 20 deer per square mile. In the majority of our parks, the deer herds have much greater densities than this.
- Your harvest information is very important to us. Please submit your data accurately. Have a safe and successful hunt.

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