

Cape Henlopen State Park – Godwin Tract 2022–23 Hunting Seasons/Hunting Rules

Refer to map on other side 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 Cape Henlopen State Park (East) 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 hunters 65 or over.** Hunters may register at the Cape Henlopen State Park Office or at any other Delaware State Park where hunting is permitted.
2. Hunters wishing to hunt on the Godwin Tract must register in person at the Cape Henlopen State Park office. The office is open daily 8:00 am to 4:30 pm April 1 to October 31. From November 1 to March 31 the office is open Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
3. Hunting for **DEER ONLY** is permitted in season from September 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
4. There is one Permanently Disabled Deer Stand and five designated pin sites. The Permanently Disabled Stand is for hunters possessing a state-issued disabled hunter card. Hunters using the five pin sites must hunt from a portable, non-damaging tree stand from within the marked 25-yard perimeter around each pin. Stands must be a minimum of 10 feet above ground level.
5. Tags for the stand and five pins will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on the tag board at the entrance to the designated parking area. Tags may be pulled no sooner than 4:30 am on the day of the hunt.
6. Archery and Crossbow hunting
 - a. Permitted in season, from September 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.
 - b. Permitted during approved firearms seasons. Note that hunter orange is required during gun seasons.
7. Muzzleloader Season
 - a. Permitted in season October 7 – 15, 2022 and January 23 – 28, 2023.
 - b. Muzzleloaders may also be used during Shotgun Seasons (see below).
8. General Firearm Season
 - a. Permitted during October 1, 17, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29 and 31, 2022 (Special Antlerless), November 5, 2022 (Youth Hunt), November 11 - 19, 2022; December 10 - December 17, 2022 (Special Antlerless) and January 14 - January 21, 2023 seasons.
 - b. Shotguns and Muzzleloaders are the only firearms permitted for use in Delaware State Parks during general firearm deer seasons. Handguns, straight-walled pistol caliber rifles and sharps rifles are **NOT PERMITTED** for deer hunting in Delaware State Parks.
 - c. Use of buckshot is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.
9. It is illegal to use or build a nailed or permanent tree stand or ladder. Portable stands must be of a type that will not damage trees. Unattended stands will be confiscated.

10. Deer drives are NOT permitted on park property. Use of Bait is NOT permitted on park property.
11. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
12. There is no hunting of any type from February 1 through August 31, 2023.
13. Park vehicles in the designated parking area only. Vehicles are not permitted beyond the designated parking area.
14. All deer harvested in the Godwin Tract of Cape Henlopen State Park must be reported via the on-line or toll-free telephone reporting system as required by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer should be reported as follows:

Land Type:	Public
County:	Sussex
Zone:	15
Location Type:	State or County Park
Location Description:	Cape Henlopen State Park

MESSAGE TO ALL HUNTERS:

- The Godwin Tract is bordered by residential neighborhoods. Please observe all private property while hunting on the Godwin Tract.
- Remember to make a safe and proper management decision before you shoot.
- Have a safe and successful hunt.
- Failure to abide by the rules herein may result in the loss of hunting privileges in Delaware State Parks.

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