

Delaware Seashore State Park

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 the Delaware Seashore State Park 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 Delaware Seashore State Park Office or at any Delaware State Park where hunting is permitted.
2. **Waterfowl Hunting**
 - a. Waterfowl hunting, in season, is permitted from November 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.
 - b. Hunters must hunt from one of 16 designated and numbered blind sites only. No exceptions. Blind sites are located on Rehoboth and Indian River Bays and are designated by brown and white signs. Boat blinds may be used, but must be within 10 yards of the designated blind site sign. Hunting in open water boat blinds must be a minimum of 1500 feet from designated blind sites in accordance with Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife regulations.
 - c. Use of blind sites will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters may build GRASS BLINDS for these sites after August 13, 2022. **The Division of Parks and Recreation is not liable for blinds built on park property.** Vegetation may not be cut from State Park property. *Phragmites* and Chinese Silver Grass (*Miscanthus*) can NOT be used for blind construction.
 - d. **NOTE:** Waterfowl seasons as determined by the Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife and approved by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service. Dates are available in the “Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide: 2022-2023”.
3. **Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow, Muzzleloader, and Shotgun Seasons**
 - a. Deer hunting is open on Burtons Island for the 2022-23 season.
 - b. **Due to increased park use by the public, the first gun season will begin with the November Shotgun Season. As a result, the October Antlerless Shotgun dates and the October Muzzleloader Seasons are closed.**
 - c. Handguns, rifles with straight-walled handgun ammunition and Sharps rifles are not permitted for deer hunting in Delaware State Parks.
 - d. Use of buckshot in Delaware State Parks is prohibited.
4. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
5. Hunting is prohibited within 50 yards of any park trail or road.
6. 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.
7. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purposes is prohibited.
8. No parking is allowed in the active hunting area. Please park in the designated area.
9. Deer drives are NOT permitted on park property.

10. There is no January handgun season in Delaware Seashore State Park. Use of handguns on state park property is prohibited.
11. Deer harvest data is an important tool for state natural resource managers. Accurate data is essential to help us manage the deer herd in Delaware State Parks and the State Parks hunting program. All deer harvested on Burtons Island in Delaware Seashore 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:	Delaware Seashore 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. Have a safe and successful hunt.

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