

Lums Pond State Park

2022-23 Hunting Rules

Archery and Shotgun

Refer to attached 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 Lums Pond State Park are listed below. **All hunters must register at Lums Pond State Park hunting prior to hunting in the park.** There is an annual \$10 hunting registration fee charge. This fee is waived for Delaware hunters 65 or over. If you intend to hunt at Lums Pond, hunters must register, in person, at the park office. A valid 2022/2023 Delaware hunting license is required to register. **NOTE:** Once obtained, this registration will be valid for hunters participating in the Delaware State Park Hunting Program at any Delaware State Park that has hunting. **However, it is the hunter’s responsibility to become familiar with each park’s specific rules and regulations.**
2. **There is NO SUNDAY HUNTING in Delaware State Parks.**
3. **Hunting with any firearm is prohibited until the November shotgun season.**
4. **Archery hunting is prohibited until September 10, 2022.**
5. **There is no small game, dove or waterfowl hunting at Lums Pond State Park.**
6. **There is no early (October) muzzleloader or general firearm seasons, January handgun season, or January muzzleloader season at Lums Pond State Park.**
7. **Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow Season**
 - Permitted, in season, in Zones A, B, C, W, X, Y, and Z, from September 10, 2022 to January 31, 2023.
 - Within Zone Z, five stands are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for hunter safety and convenience. **Use of these stands is mandatory.** Hunting outside of the stands in Zone Z is not permitted. Access to stands Z2, Z3, Z4 and Z5 has changed. Stand Z1 is accessed as it always has been along the archery stand trail from the Buck Jersey Road parking lot. The trail to stand Z2 is now accessed via a trail beginning from the Little Jersey Trail beyond the access trail to stand Z1. Stands Z3 – Z5 are now accessed via trails that originate at the Primitive Youth Camp. Refer to the Lums Pond State Park Hunting Map for the approximate locations of the trails to the archery stands. Only archery/crossbow hunting is permitted in Zones W, X, Y, and Z.
 - Within Zone D, four stands are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for hunter safety and convenience. **Use of these stands is mandatory.** Hunting outside of the stands in Zone D is not permitted.
 - During archery/crossbow seasons, hunting is prohibited within 50 yards of any park trail due to increased visitor usage throughout the park. As a rule of thumb, hunters should not be visible from trails.
 - Hunter orange must be worn by archery hunters at all times when dates overlap with any Statewide Gun Seasons.
8. **Deer Hunting—General Firearm Season**
 - Permitted, in season, in Zones A, B, C, and D. Seasons are as follows:
 - November 11 - November 19, 2022
 - December 10 - December 17, 2022 (Antlerless)

- January 14 - January 21, 2023
 - Within Zone D, four stands are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for hunter safety and convenience. **Use of these stands is mandatory.** Hunting outside of the stands in Zone D is not permitted. Only archery/crossbow hunting is permitted in Zones W, X, Y, and Z.
 - Handguns, rifles with straight-walled handgun ammunition and Sharps rifles are not permitted for deer hunting in Delaware State Parks.
 - Use of buckshot is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.
 - All hunters must hunt from an elevated stand, not less than 10 feet off the ground during any permitted gun season.
9. Hunters (both archery/crossbow and shotgun) must register at the tag board in the R. C. Field. All hunters are required to sign out a tag for the area he/she will be hunting in, before entering the hunting area. The tag must be displayed on the dashboard of the hunter's vehicle. Tags must be returned and the hunter must sign out when the hunter leaves their hunting area for any reason. Tags may not be removed from the board until 5:00 AM daily. Failure to comply with these rules will result in revocation of park hunting privileges.
 10. Two locations have been created for Permanently Disabled Hunters (PD) to use during deer shotgun seasons. One ground blind designated as PDB and one Accessible Stand designated as PDA are designated for hunters who possess a valid disabled hunter certification card issued by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. You must be registered as Permanently Disabled to use the blind or stand. To register you must contact the Lums Pond Park Office (302) 368-6989.
 11. Hunting or shooting from Lums Pond or over the pond is strictly prohibited.
 12. During general firearm seasons hunting is prohibited within 15 yards of any park trail. While trails are closed during all shotgun deer seasons, other park users sometimes enter upon the trails. **Be aware of your target and what is beyond it.**
 13. 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.
 14. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited. Tying ribbon or placing of reflective tacks (hot dots) on trees is prohibited.
 15. All deer harvested at Lums Pond State Park must be reported on the sign-in/sign-out sheet at the tag board at the R.C. Field and registered, via the on-line or toll-free reporting system, as required by the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer should be reported as follows:

Land Type:	Public
County:	New Castle
Zone:	1B
Location Type:	State or County Park
Location Description:	Lums Pond State Park
 16. The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs are strictly prohibited.
 17. The main park entrance gate on Howell School Road opens to the public at 8:00 a.m. and closes at sunset. Dependent upon ongoing construction, weather, or other factors, one or more areas may be closed. For updated information, contact the park office at (302) 368-6989 or visit the Delaware state parks website at www.destateparks.com. Please report any hunting violations immediately by calling 1-800-523-3336.

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.
- Deer remain in moderate numbers in the park. By hunting in Lums Pond, you are a vital part of our “deer management team”.
- Proper management of Lums’ deer herd is simple: we must harvest does and let more yearling and button bucks walk away to balance the herd’s sex ratio to increase the number of mature males. Make a proper management decision before you shoot.
- Have a safe and successful hunt.

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