

Brandywine Creek State Park

2019 – 2020 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: 2019-2020”, specific rules that apply to Brandywine Creek 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 Resident hunters 65 or over.** Hunters may register at the Brandywine Creek State Park Office, other state parks where hunting is permitted or at the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover.
2. **Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow Seasons**
 - a. Archery/crossbow hunting **ONLY** is permitted for deer, in season, Monday, October 7, 2019 through Saturday, December 14, 2019.
 - b. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
 - c. If you plan to hunt at Brandywine Creek State Park, regardless of where you purchase your State Park Hunting Permit, you must appear in person at the Brandywine Creek State Park office 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. There are thirteen archery pin sites, three archery only metal tree stands and one stand for Permanently Disabled hunters. Permanently disabled hunters must possess a State of Delaware Certified Hunter with Disabilities Card. For information on obtaining this card call the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912.
 - f. Hunting at the thirteen pin sites is only allowed from a portable non-damaging tree stand (provided by the hunter), not less than 10 feet above ground level, within the perimeter marked with paint on trees around a central numbered pin.
 - g. Pin and stand sites will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis using the self-registration tag board system. The tag board is located immediately to the right of the Nature Center/Park Office entrance.
 - h. Hunters are allowed to harvest a deer of either sex in Brandywine Creek State Park. 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 Brandywine Creek State Park.
 - i. 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.
 - j. Deer drives are NOT permitted on park property.
 - k. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
 - l. No parking is allowed in the active hunting area. Please park in designated areas.
2. **Special Mid-week Managed Hunt (Antlerless Deer Only)**
 - a. Managed Hunt Date; January 8, 2020.
 - b. An on-site lottery will be held at the Hawk Watch Parking Lot at 5 AM on the day of the hunt and again at 12:00 noon on the day of the hunt. Please arrive least 30 minutes prior to each lottery drawing to register.
 - c. Special Hunts are for shotgun only: no muzzleloaders, crossbows or archery equipment allowed.
 - d. Slugs only, no buckshot allowed.

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.
- 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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