

Cape Henlopen State Park (East)

2019 – 2020 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: 2019-2020,” 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 the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover.
2. Hunting for deer is permitted in all designated areas in season from September 1, 2019 through February 1, 2020. No firearm hunting for deer is permitted prior to the special **Youth/Non-Ambulatory Disabled Deer Hunt** on November 2, 2019. Handguns, straight-walled pistol caliber rifles and sharps rifles are not permitted for deer hunting in Delaware State Parks. There is no Upland Game Hunting in Cape Henlopen State Park. There is no hunting of any type from February 2 through August 31, 2020. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
3. Waterfowl Hunting
 - a. Waterfowl Hunting is permitted in season in area A. Hunters may NOT construct blinds in this area.
 - b. Waterfowl hunting in the park is restricted to between November 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020.
 - c. No waterfowl hunting is permitted in the Gordon’s Pond area.
4. Deer Hunting – Archery and Crossbow hunting
 - a. Permitted in area A, in season, from September 1, 2019 through February 1, 2020. Designated stands are for the convenience of the hunter and are not mandatory.
 - b. There is a minimum 50-yard safety zone along all trails, except the Gordon’s Pond Trail which has a 100-yard safety zone .
 - c. Permitted during approved firearms seasons as limited by the rules below and other applicable regulations. Note that hunter orange is required during gun seasons.
 - d. Areas B, C and D are closed to hunting until further notice.
5. Deer Hunting - Muzzleloader Season
 - a. Permitted in area A, but limited to January 27 – February 1, 2020 only. There is no October Muzzleloader Season in the Park.
 - b. Muzzleloaders may also be used during Shotgun Seasons (see below).
6. Deer Hunting - Shotgun Season
 - a. Permitted in Area A during the Youth/Non-Ambulatory Disabled Deer Hunt on November 2, 2019, November 15 - November 23, 2019; December 14 - December 21, 2019 Special Antlerless and January 18- January 25, 2020 seasons. No gun hunting is permitted until November Shotgun Season.
 - b. Designated stands are for the convenience of the hunter and are not mandatory.
 - c. Shotgun hunting in areas B, C and D will be closed to hunting until further notice.
7. It is illegal to use a nailed or permanent deer stand or ladder. Portable stands must be of a type that will not damage trees. **Unattended stands will be confiscated.**
8. Deer drives are NOT permitted on park property.
9. **Use designated parking areas only**
10. Dependent upon ongoing construction, weather, or other factors, one or more areas may be closed. For updated or additional information, contact the park office at (302) 645-8983 or visit the Delaware State Parks website at www.destateparks.com.

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.
- Remember to make a safe and proper management decision before you shoot.
- Have a safe and successful hunt.