

# Delaware Seashore State Park - Fresh Pond Tract 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 the Fresh Pond Tract 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 the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover.
  - a. Hunting for **DEER ONLY** is permitted, in season, from September 1, 2019 through February 1, 2020 as indicated below. There is no hunting of any type from February 2 to August 31, 2020.
  - b. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
  - c. There is no January handgun season in Delaware Seashore State Parks, including Fresh Pond.
  - d. Deer drives are **NOT** permitted on park property.
  - e. **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) 227-2800 or visit the Delaware State Parks website at [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com)**
2. **Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow hunting**
  - a. Permitted September 1, 2019 – February 1, 2020.
  - b. **Note the areas marked Zone A & C on the map are Archery/Crossbow Only areas.** Self-registration is by Zone and is on a first-come, first-served basis.
  - c. In Hunting Zone B, self-registration for stands #1 -10 is on a first-come, first-served basis.
  - d. Hunters must sign in and sign out on the registration board at the parking lot off of Hickman Road.
  - e. These stands are for your convenience and are not mandatory. Archery hunters may hunt from a portable stand or from the ground throughout the zone so long as it is not within 50 yards of a trail or road.
  - f. Portable stands must be of a type that will not damage trees. Unattended stands will be confiscated.
  - g. **There is no archery/crossbow hunting in Zone B during gun seasons.**
  - h. **Note the 50 yard Safety Zones along the trails throughout the park as well as near occupied dwellings.**
3. **Deer Hunting – Muzzleloader and Shotgun Seasons**
  - a. **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.**
  - b. Open during permitted seasons from designated stands #1-10 only, November 15 – November 23, 2019, December 14 – December 21, 2019, January 18 – January 25, 2020 and January 27 - February 1, 2020 (Muzzleloader).
  - c. Self-registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters must sign in and sign out on the registration board re-located to the Hickman Road entrance. Sign-in sheets and tags will be distributed at 5:00 am during shotgun season.
  - d. Handguns, rifles with straight-walled handgun ammunition and Sharps rifles are not permitted for deer hunting in Delaware State Parks.
  - e. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
4. Hunting is prohibited within 50 yards of any park trail. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.

## 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.