

Delaware Seashore 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 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 the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover.
2. **Waterfowl Hunting**
 - a. Waterfowl hunting, in season, is permitted from October 19, 2019 through January 31, 2020.
 - 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 16, 2019. **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: 2019-2020” (pg. 30).
3. **Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow, Muzzleloader, and Shotgun Seasons**
 - a. Deer hunting is open on Burtons Island for the 2019-20 season.
 - b. Handguns, rifles with straight-walled handgun ammunition and Sharps rifles are not permitted for deer hunting in Delaware State Parks.
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. 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.

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.