

Fort DuPont 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 Ft. DuPont State Park - Grass Dale are listed below. Registration of all hunters participating in the Delaware State Park Hunting Program is required. There is an annual \$10 hunting registration fee for hunters 16-64 years of age. This charge is waived for Delaware hunters age 65 or over. Hunters may register at the Fort Delaware/DuPont State Park Office at Grass Dale; at the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover; or at any of the other State Parks that have a hunting program. You must be registered prior to hunting. Deer hunting, as described below, is the only hunting permitted at Fort DuPont State Park
2. **Information listed in the 2019-20 Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide – includes incorrect information regarding hunting at Fort Delaware State Park. There is no hunting of any kind permitted on Pea Patch Island at Fort Delaware State Park.**
3. **Due to impending development by the Fort Dupont Redevelopment Corporation at this site, Shotgun and Muzzleloader Hunting will no longer be permitted at Fort Dupont State Park.**
4. **Parking:** For stands A&B parking is available in the lot at the end of Old Battery Lane. For stands C-E parking is available at the end of Maple Blvd. For stand F parking is available near the entrance to the park maintenance yard along North Reedy Point Road north of the Grass Dale Center. Please refer to the map.
5. **Archery Hunting (October 11, 2019 to February 1, 2020)**
 - a. Archery hunting will be allowed from an elevated position in designated archery stands only, lettered A-F.
 - d. Please be advised, The Riverview Trail will be open during archery seasons.
6. **General Rules**
 - a. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
 - b. Field dressing should be done off trails and out of the public view.
 - c. All stands are filled on a first come-first served basis by using the self-registration board located at the Grass Dale Center. No tag may be removed prior to 5am. Tags must be returned to board anytime a hunter leaves the stand.
 - d. Small game hunting at Fort DuPont State Park is prohibited.
 - e. Deer hunting with any type of firearm is prohibited.
7. Dependent upon ongoing construction, weather, or other factors, one or more areas may be closed. For updated or additional information, contact Fort Delaware State Park office at (302) 834-7941 or visit the Delaware State Parks website at www.destateparks.com.

MESSAGE TO ALL HUNTERS:

- Please be sure to sign in at the hunter information board in the Grass Dale Center Parking lot before heading to one of the designated hunting stands.
- 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.
- State parks are carry-in, carry-out areas. Please take any trash you accumulate with you.

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