

Killens Pond 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 Killens Pond 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 Permit that must be purchased for hunters 16-64 years of age. This charge is waived for Delaware hunters age 65 or over and Youth Hunters ages 13-15 years of age. Hunters may purchase this permit at the Killens Pond State Park Office; 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 have this permit prior to hunting.
2. If you plan to hunt at Killens Pond State Park, regardless of where you purchase your State Park Hunting Permit, you must appear in person at the Killens Pond 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.
3. Deer hunting, as described below, is the only hunting permitted at Killens Pond State Park.
4. **Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow Seasons**
 - a. Hunting is permitted in season and in accordance with Delaware state laws, regulations, and rules.
 - b. Archery/crossbow hunting **ONLY** is permitted for **Antlerless Deer Only**, in season, Monday, October 1, 2019 through Saturday, November 30, 2019.
 - c. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
 - d. Hunter orange must be worn by archery hunters at all times when dates overlap with any Statewide Gun Seasons.
 - e. Hunting only allowed at 10 designated pin sites (refer to map for approximate locations). Hunters must hunt from a portable non-damaging tree stand, provided by the hunter, not less than 10 feet above ground level. Stands must be placed within the perimeter marked with paint on trees around the central numbered pin.
 - f. Pin sites will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis using the self-registration tag board system. The tag board is located in the parking lot at the Dog Training Area on Paradise Alley Road. No tag may be removed prior to 5am. Tags must be returned to board anytime a hunter leaves the stand.
 - g. 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.
 - h. Deer drives are NOT permitted on park property.
 - i. No arrows or bolts may be nocked prior to hunting in tree stand. No cocked crossbows are allowed prior to hunting in tree stand. Spot and stalk hunting is prohibited.
 - j. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
 - k. No baiting is allowed.
 - l. No motorized hand carts or ATVs are allowed to recover harvested deer. Manual deer carts are authorized for use.
 - m. No parking is allowed in the active hunting area. Please park in the designated area.
 - n. Hunters are allowed to harvest **Antlerless Deer Only** in Killens Pond 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.
5. All successful deer hunters must log their harvested deer at the tag board location and register their deer through DNREC Fish and Wildlife within 24 hours of harvest. Hunters can register their deer by visiting

www.dnrec.delaware.gov/delhunt or by calling the toll free number 1-855-DEL-HUNT (1-855-335-4868). Hunters will answer a series of questions by using the computer or telephone. At the end of the questions, hunters will be given a deer harvest registration number. This number will serve as proof the animal was checked and should be kept for your records and written in ink on the deer tag utilized on the animal harvested. If you have problems with this system call (302) 735-3600. Hunters that take their deer to a butcher shop or taxidermist will need to supply their registration number to the shop owner as proof the deer was registered.

6. Hunting Zone for registration will be Killens Pond State Park, Public Hunting.

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 exceed 20 deer per square mile. In the majority of our parks, the deer herds reach much greater densities.
- Your harvest information is very important to us. Please submit your data accurately.
- State Parks are carry-in, carry-out areas. Please take any trash you accumulate with you.
- No Trespassing on neighboring private property.
- Have a safe and successful hunt.

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