

# Trap Pond State Park

## 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 Trap 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 program charge. This charge is waived for Delaware hunters 65 or over.** Hunters may register at the Trap Pond State Park Office or at the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover.
2. Hunting within 50 yards of any trail is prohibited.
3. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
4. **Small Game**
  - a. Use of firearms is permitted for hunting Gray Squirrel, Cottontail Rabbit and Bobwhite Quail in-season, in Zone C, G and Zone I from October 12, 2019 through January 17, 2020 except during ANY deer firearm season.
5. **Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow Seasons**
  - a. Permitted in any area labeled as Zone A and B from September 1, 2019 through February 1, 2020. Areas labeled as Zone A and Zone B are **ARCHERY/CROSSBOW ONLY**.
  - b. Also permitted in Zones C, D, E, G, I, J and T; from September 1, 2019 through February 1, 2020.
  - c. Hunters must wear hunter orange when archery hunting during any deer firearm season in all zones including Zone A.
6. **Deer Hunting – Muzzleloader Seasons**
  - a. Permitted in Zones C, D, E, G, I, J and T, October 11 & 15-19, 2019; January 27, 2019 – February 1, 2020.
  - b. Note that Area B is closed for this season.
  - c. Saturday hunting during October will not be permitted on October 5<sup>th</sup> or October 12<sup>th</sup> in Trap Pond State Park.
  - d. Muzzleloaders may also be used during Shotgun Seasons (see below).
7. **Deer Hunting – Shotgun Seasons**
  - a. Permitted in Zones C, D, E, G, I, J and T, November 15-23, 2019, December 14-21, 2019 Special Antlerless and January 18 - 25, 2020
  - b. Handguns, rifles using straight-walled handgun ammunition and Sharps rifles are not permitted for hunting deer in Delaware State Parks.
8. Deer stands have been placed in Zones C, D, and E to increase hunter safety and convenience. Use of these stands is on a first come/first serve basis and is not mandatory.
9. Access - Hunters may not cross private property without permission.
  - a. Parking for Area A is located on Wooten Road at the Dog Training Area. **Parking within the main park to hunt is prohibited.**
  - b. Access to Zone G is directly from Arvey Road.
  - c. Hunters must access Zone J directly from adjacent public roads only.
  - d. Access to Zone J on the east side of Hitch Pond Road is only from the forest that is owned by Delaware State Parks. **Do not cross the privately owned fields adjacent to park property for any reason.**
10. Deer drives/baiting/salt blocks are NOT permitted on park property.
11. Off-road driving is not permitted. Hunters are reminded to respect private property boundaries. Hunters may cross State Park leased crop land on foot once the crop has been removed.
12. It is illegal to use or build 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. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
13. 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) 875-5153 or visit the Delaware State Parks website at [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com).
14. 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.