

Brandywine Creek State Park – Flint Woods Nature Preserve 2023-24 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: 2023-2024”, specific rules that apply to Flint Woods Nature Preserve 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 Resident hunters 65 or over or under 16.** Hunters may register at the Brandywine Creek State Park Office or any other Delaware State Park where hunting is permitted.

2. General Deer Hunting Rules

- a. There is **No Sunday Hunting** in Delaware State Parks.
- b. Failure to comply with any state laws, rules, regulations, and/or policies may result in arrest and/or suspension of all hunting privileges in Delaware State Parks.
- c. Use of any firearms other than compound bows, recurve bows and crossbows is prohibited.
- d. It is illegal to use or build a nailed or permanent tree stand or ladder.
- e. Use of trail cameras in Delaware State Parks is prohibited.
- f. Driving deer into and/or through hunting areas is prohibited.
- g. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
- h. Use of Bait is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.
- i. Driving motorized vehicles off-road into fields, woods, or along trails is prohibited. No motorized hand carts or ATVs are allowed to recover harvested deer. Manual hand carts are permitted.
- j. Park only in designated parking areas (refer to map for approximate locations).
- k. Hunters are allowed to harvest deer of either sex at Flint Woods Nature Preserve.
- l. State Parks are carry-in, carry-out areas. Please take any trash you accumulate with you.

3. Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow Seasons

- a. Archery/crossbow hunting **ONLY** is permitted for deer, in season, Friday, September 1, 2023 through Wednesday, January 31, 2024.
- b. If you plan to hunt at the Flint Woods Nature Preserve, regardless of where you purchase your State Park Hunting Permit, you must appear in person at the Brandywine Creek State Park office

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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.

- c. Hunter orange must be worn by archery hunters at all times when dates overlap with any Statewide Gun Seasons.
- d. Hunting is only allowed from five archery-only metal ladder tree stands.
- e. Stand sites will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis using the self-registration tag board system. The tag board will be located in the Thompson Bridge Parking Lot for the 2023-24 hunting season.

4. Reporting Harvested Deer at the Flint Woods unit of Brandywine Creek State Park

- a. All deer harvested at Flint Woods must be reported on the sign-in/sign-out sheet located at the tag board.
- b. All deer must also be registered via the on-line or toll-free telephone reporting system as required by the

Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer should be registered as follows:

Land Type:	Public
County:	New Castle
Zone:	1A
Location Type:	State or County Park
Location Description:	Brandywine Creek State Park

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.
- Please immediately report any medical emergencies by calling 911. Report non-emergency hunting accidents or violations of any hunting laws, rules or regulations to a park ranger or the park office.
- 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 reach 20 deer per square mile. In the majority of our parks, the deer herds have much greater densities than this.
- Your harvest information is very important to us. Please submit your data accurately. Have a safe and successful hunt.

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