

Brandywine Creek State Park

2011 – 2012 Hunting Seasons/Special 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: 2011-2012”, specific rules that apply to Brandywine Creek 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 registration fee charge for hunters 16-64 years of age. This charge is waived for hunters age 65 or over. **Either the Division of Fish & Wildlife’s \$20 Annual Blind Site Permit; or the \$10 State Park Registration are necessary for the Brandywine Creek State Park hunt. If you are selected in the lottery you must possess one of these documents to hunt.** State Park Hunting Registration is available at the Brandywine Creek State Park Office or at the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover. **NOTE:** Purchase of either of the F&W blind/stand permit or the Parks registration is not equivalent to registering for the hunting lottery (see #3 below).
2. **Deer Hunting is permitted only through the special two-day hunt described below. All hunting must be done from designated stands. No other hunting is allowed.**
3. Hunting is assigned by pre-season lottery. The application can be found in the “Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide: 2011-2012.” (Page 31.)
4. Deer hunting will be conducted on December 13, and 14, 2011. This is the Tuesday and Wednesday of Antlerless Deer Season. Morning and afternoon hunting will be permitted on both dates.
5. Hunters must arrive at the maintenance shop in the Brandywine Creek State Park maintenance complex located off of Adams Dam Road no later than 5:00 a.m. Stands will be assigned at that time. Open stands will be assigned from a list of alternates immediately following hunter check-in.
6. Because stands can only accommodate one person, Brandywine Creek State Park hunting is restricted to individuals at least sixteen years of age and able to hunt alone. A parent or guardian must be available (by telephone) the entire time a youth (under age 18) is hunting.
7. Hunting at Brandywine Creek State Park is for wildlife management. Hunters must shoot at least one antlerless deer from Brandywine Creek State Park during the 2011-2012 season before they will be eligible to take an antlered deer. Hunters are encouraged to shoot multiple antlerless deer; however, only one deer may be tagged and taken by the hunter. All other deer must be donated to the “Sportsmen Against Hunger” program. Hunters must be prepared to field dress any deer that they kill. Tags to donate deer will be issued at the hunt. These tags are free.
8. 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) 577-3534 or visit the Delaware State Parks website at www.destateparks.com.

MESSAGE TO ALL HUNTERS:

- Many thanks go to the New Castle County staff of the Division of Fish and Wildlife for making this management hunt possible for nearly 20 years.
- Although the park staff reports an improvement in park vegetation, deer remain in moderate numbers in the park. By hunting in this park, you are a vital part of our “deer management team”. In fact, significant deer damage is still apparent in many palatable plant species within the park.
- Proper management of Brandywine’s deer herd is simple: we must harvest more does and let more yearling and button bucks walk away to balance the herd’s sex ratio and increase the number of males. Make a proper management decision before you shoot.
- Have a safe and successful hunt.