

# Cape Henlopen State Park (East)

## 2011 – 2012 Hunting Seasons/Special 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: 2011-2012*, specific rules that apply to Cape Henlopen State Park (East) 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 hunters 65 or over.** Hunters may register at the Cape Henlopen State Park Office or at the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover.
2. Hunting for deer is permitted in area A only from September 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012. No firearm hunting is permitted prior to the November Shotgun Season. Handguns are not permitted in the park. There is no hunting of any type from February 1 through August 31, 2012.
3. Waterfowl Hunting
  - a. Waterfowl Hunting is permitted in season in area A. Hunters may NOT construct blinds in this area.
  - b. Waterfowl hunting in the park is restricted to between November 1, 2011 and January 31, 2012.
  - c. No waterfowl hunting is permitted in the Gordon's Pond area.
4. Deer Hunting – Archery and Crossbow hunting
  - a. Permitted in area A, in season, from September 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012. Designated stands are for the convenience of the hunter and are not mandatory.
  - b. There is a minimum 50-yard safety zone along all trails.
  - c. Permitted during approved firearms seasons as limited by the rules below and other applicable regulations. Note that hunter orange is required during gun seasons.
  - d. Areas B, C and D are closed to hunting until further notice.
5. Deer Hunting - Muzzleloader Season
  - a. Permitted in area A for the January 23 – January 28, 2012 season only. There is no October Muzzleloader Season in the Park.
  - b. Muzzleloaders may also be used during Shotgun Seasons (see below).
6. Deer Hunting - Shotgun Season
  - a. Permitted in Area A during the November 11 – November 19, 2011; December 10 – December 17, 2011 Special Antlerless and January 14 – January 21, 2012 seasons. No gun hunting is permitted until November Shotgun Season.
  - b. Designated stands are for the convenience of the hunter and are not mandatory.
  - c. Shotgun hunting in areas B, C and D will be closed to hunting until further notice.
7. It is illegal to use 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.
8. Deer drives are NOT permitted on park property.
9. **Use designated parking areas only. Parking is no longer permitted across from the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminal on Cape Henlopen Drive!**
10. 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) 645-8983.

### 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.
- Under Quality Deer Management principles, the proper management of Cape'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.