

Delaware Seashore State Park

2009 – 2010 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: 2009-2010”, specific rules that apply to the Delaware Seashore 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 hunters 65 or over.** Hunters may register at the Indian River Lifesaving Station or at the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover.
2. **Waterfowl Hunting**
 - a. Waterfowl hunting, in season, is permitted from October 12, 2009 through January 30, 2010.
 - b. Hunters must hunt from designated one of 16 designated and numbered blind sites only. No exceptions. Blind sites are located on Rehoboth and Indian River Bays and are designated by brown and white signs. Hunters must hunt within 10 yards of the designated blind site sign.
 - c. Use of blind sites will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters may build grass blinds for these sites after August 13, 2009. **The Division of Parks and Recreation is not liable for blinds built on park property.** Vegetation may not be cut from state park property. *Phragmites* may NOT be used for blind construction.
 - d. **NOTE:** These dates are subject to change. They are based on waterfowl seasons as determined by the Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife and approved by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (dates will be available in August, 2009).
3. **Small Game Hunting**
 - a. Eastern cottontail rabbit hunting is permitted, in season in the designated rabbit hunting areas on the map from November 23, 2009 through January 30, 2010. No other hunting is permitted in this area.
4. **Deer Hunting – Archery, Muzzleloader, and Shotgun Seasons**
 - a. Deer hunting is open on Burtons Island for the 2009-10 seasons. **NOTE THAT THE BOARDWALKS ARE UNDER REPAIR.** A safety zone of 100 yards must be maintained around the active construction zone. The site may be closed at anytime at discretion of the park staff.
5. Hunting is prohibited within 50 yards of any park trail or road.
6. Deer drives are NOT permitted on park property.
7. There is no January handgun season in Delaware Seashore State Park. Use of handguns on state park property is prohibited.
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) 227-2800 or visit the Delaware State Parks website at www.destateparks.com.

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. Have a safe and successful hunt.