

Fort DuPont State Park – Grass Dale

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 Ft. DuPont State Park - Grass Dale 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 for hunters 16-64 years of age. This charge is waived for hunters age 65 or over. Hunters may register at the Fort Delaware/DuPont State Park Office at Grass Dale; at the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover; or at any of the other State Parks that have a hunting program. **We will also honor the Division of Fish & Wildlife’s \$20 annual blind site permit for Fort DuPont State Park hunts.** Registration for the Division of Fish & Wildlife’s \$20 annual blind permit will be available at the Augustine Wildlife Area Lottery Station or the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover. You must be registered prior to hunting. Deer and waterfowl hunting, as described below, are the only hunting permitted at Fort DuPont State Park – Grass Dale.
2. **Parking:** All hunters must park next to the brown stand sign at the Grass Dale Center, not in the Grass Dale parking lot.
3. **Deer Hunting**
 - a. Hunting for deer is permitted during Muzzleloader and Shotgun Seasons from designated stands #1-6 only.
4. **Deer Hunting - Muzzleloader Season**
 - a. Stands are assigned at a daily lottery held at the Augustine Wildlife Area Lottery Station on North Congress Street in Port Penn 1 1/2 hours before legal shooting time.
5. **Deer Hunting - Shotgun Season**
 - a. Stand assignment for Shotgun Season is by pre-season lottery. The application is in the “Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide: 2009-2010.” (page 46).
 - b. Hunters must check in at the Augustine Wildlife Area Lottery Station on North Congress Street in Port Penn at least 1 1/2 hours before legal shooting time. Late check-in will result in loss of stand.
 - c. Open stands will be assigned by a daily lottery held immediately following hunter check in.
 - d. Stands that become open after the morning hunt are re-assigned at a second lottery held at noon.
 - e. Use of muzzleloaders will be permitted during Shotgun Season.
6. **Waterfowl Hunting**
 - a. Use of the state-built blind (#25) will be assigned through the daily lottery held at the Augustine Wildlife Area Lottery Station on North Congress Street in Port Penn 1 1/2 hours before legal shooting time. Hunting will be permitted only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, and opening days of legal waterfowl seasons.
 - b. Shooting over the Delaware City Branch Channel is prohibited. Please see the 2009-2010 Augustine Wildlife Area Waterfowl Hunting Regulations for complete rules and information.
7. Dependent upon ongoing construction, weather, or other factors, one or more areas may be closed. For updated or additional information, contact Augustine Wildlife Area at (302) 834-8433 or Fort Delaware State Park office at (302) 834-2533 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.