

Trap Pond State Park

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 Trap Pond 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 Trap Pond State Park Office or at the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover.
2. Hunting within 50 yards of any trail is prohibited.
3. **Upland Game**
 - a. Use of firearms for hunting in-season game is permitted in Zones C and G and Zone I from October 17, 2011 through January 28, 2012 except during ANY deer firearm season.
4. **Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow Seasons**
 - a. Permitted in any area labeled as Zone A from September 1, 2011 through January 28, 2012. Areas labeled as Zone A are **ARCHERY/CROSSBOW ONLY**.
 - b. Also permitted in Zones B, C, D, E, G, I, J and T; from September 1, 2011 through January 28, 2012.
 - c. Hunters must wear hunter orange when archery hunting during any deer firearm season in all zones including Zone A.
5. **Deer Hunting – Muzzleloader Seasons** (October 7 – 14, 2011; January 23 – January 28, 2012)
 - a. Permitted in Zones C, D, E, G, I, J and T.
 - b. Note that Area B is closed for this season.
 - c. Saturday hunting during October will not be permitted (October 8 or October 15) in Trap Pond State Park.
6. **Deer Hunting – Shotgun Seasons** (November, December Antlerless, and January seasons)
 - a. Permitted in Zones C, D, E, G, I, J and T.
 - b. Note that Area B is closed for these seasons.
 - c. Possession of a handgun is NOT permitted on park property. Handguns may not be used during shotgun seasons.
7. **Dog Training** - Use the designated area off of Wooten Road for the purpose of dog training. This area is to be utilized exclusively for dog training purposes. Chase-only hunting for raccoon, opossum, and fox has been eliminated from Zone B.
8. Deer stands have been placed in Zones C, D and E to increase hunter safety and convenience. Use of these stands is on a first come/first serve basis and is not mandatory.
9. Access - Hunters may not cross private property without permission.
 - a. Parking for Area A is located on Wooten Road at the Dog Training Area. **Parking within the main park to hunt is prohibited.**
 - b. Access to Zone G is directly from Arvey Road or from a farm road off Hudson Road.
 - c. Hunters must access Zone J directly from adjacent public roads.
10. Deer drives/baiting/salt blocks are NOT permitted on park property.
11. Off-road driving is not permitted. Hunters are reminded to respect private property boundaries. Hunters may cross State Park leased crop land on foot once the crop has been removed.
12. It is illegal to use or build 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. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
13. 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) 875-5153.
14. 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.

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