LITTLE CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

Main Tract Hunting



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Site

Dove Field

D

Waterfowl Blind

Refuge

Safety Zone

Check Station

A GUIDE.

Boat Ramp

HUNTING LITTLE CREEK WILDLIFE AREA Main Tract

Effective July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Persons may use state wildlife areas only as directed by the following rules, which have been established by Wildlife Regulations 3900 of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, pursuant to Section 103, 7 Delaware Code. Please refer to the **General Overview** map for additional access and allowable use information.

*As of July 1, 2017, a Conservation Access Pass (CAP) is required for any registered motor vehicle used to access designated public lands owned or managed by the Division of Fish & Wildlife. For more information go to www.de.gov/fw or call (302)739-9912.

GENERAL

- **1.** Violators of wildlife area regulations may be subject to fines and/or revocation of hunting privileges on state wildlife areas for up to one year.
- **2.** Persons who possess, consume, or are under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages are prohibited from hunting or possessing firearms on Division Lands.
- **3.** Failure to accurately complete and return harvest data cards may result in loss of hunting privileges.
- **4.** Firearms may not be discharged outside of established hunting seasons. Target shooting is prohibited at any time.
- **5.** Crabbing and fishing are prohibited in the Port Mahon impoundment.

DEER HUNTING

** SUNDAY DEER HUNTING PERMITTED. SEE SUNDAY DEER HUNTING MAPS FOR OPEN AREAS AND HUNTING IMPLEMENT RESTRICTIONS **

- 1. Deer hunters may hunt anywhere (excluding posted refuges and safety zones) during all archery and firearms seasons including the firearms season.
- **2.** This area <u>IS OPEN</u> for the special October antlerless firearms season.
- **3.** Deer hunters may use temporary portable stands. No permanent deer stands, platforms, ladders, or blinds may be constructed. No screw-in steps, tree spikes, screws, or nails are allowed. Temporary portable stands may be placed after August 1 and must be removed by February 15. Any stands remaining after this date will be removed and become property of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
- **4.** The Division is not responsible for theft or damage to any temporary stand and placement of a temporary stand does not give the stand owner any exclusive hunting rights to that area.
- **5.** Deer drives are permitted between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. No more than 6 resident hunters may participate in deer drives. Non-resident hunters are prohibited from participating in deer drives.

UPLAND HUNTING

A. Small Game

- **1.** Small game hunters must display at least 250 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on State Wildlife Areas.
- **2.** Small game hunting permitted in season, no permit required.
- **3.** Rabbit hunting closed the week before and the week of December antierless deer season and during the January shotgun deer season.
- **4.** Hunting prohibited within posted refuges and safety zones and dogs are not permitted to enter refuges for any reason.
- **5.** Rabbit dogs may be trained only on the following Sundays: September 6, 13, 20, 27, November 1, 8.

B. Dove

- **1.** No person shall hunt doves on state wildlife areas during the early season while possessing shot other than approved nontoxic shot.
- **2.** Regulated dove field (**D**) available on the Main Tract by lottery only on Opening day, Labor Day, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the early season. Lotteries held at 12:00 p.m. at the Little Creek Check Station. Hunting hours are from 1:00-5:00 PM. No dove hunting permitted on the

Main Tract outside of the designated dove fields during the early season.

3. Dove hunting permitted on the entire Main Tract during late seasons (excluding posted refuges, safety zones), no permit required.

C. Turkey

1. Turkey hunting by permit only. Permits awarded through preseason lottery. See Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide for application.

D. Furbearers

- **1.** No trapping except by valid contract holders. Trapping rights awarded through competitive bids. Call (302) 739-9912 for bidding information.
- 2. Raccoon hunting is permitted from Sept 1 March 31 during legal raccoon hunting seasons.
- **3.** Fox and coyote hunting permitted in season while hunting other game species per these map regulations. No fox chasing permitted during any deer firearm season or prior to 1:00 PM during turkey season.

WATERFOWL HUNTING

- **1.** A Wildlife Area Deer Stand / Waterfowl Blind Lottery Permit is required to hunt from state blinds during all waterfowl seasons.
- **2.** Blinds issued by lottery held at the Little Creek Check Station 2 1/2 hours before sunrise. Blinds issued until 1:00 P M
- **3.** Hunting permitted on opening day, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday during all regular waterfowl seasons.
- **4.** All hunting from state-built pits, blinds, or blind sites only, except for the area south of Pickering Beach Road where waterfowl may be hunted from any area without special permit.
- **5.** Blind 7 is designated for disabled hunters and is awarded via lottery held at 11:00 AM the day prior to the hunt. If not reserved in advance disabled locations are available through the daily lottery.
- 6. No more than 3 persons per pit, blind, or blind site.
- 7. This area IS NOT OPEN for the early teal season.
- **8.** Layout blinds are permitted to be used in upland fields with designated blind sites (A1 A3).
- **9.** No waterfowl hunting from upland fields, except from designated goose blinds and blind sites.
- 10. Airboats are prohibited.
- **11.** Park in appropriate parking lots (see map). Do not park at the ramp or on the side of the road. Do not drive into fields.
- **12.** Hunters using marsh and river blinds must have a boat and required safety equipment.
- **13.** Hunters must vacate all hunting areas by one hour after sunset.
- **14.** This area will be open during the Snow Goose Conservation Order. See official seasons and regulations. No permit or sign-in required during the conservation order.

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For further information contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912, Kent County HQ: (302) 284-4795, or Little Creek Check Station: (302) 739-4610.

For emergencies or to report violations please call the Enforcement Section at 1-800-523-3336.