



CEDAR SWAMP WILDLIFE AREA

Rocks Tract
Deer, Furbearers, and Small Game Hunting



Wildlife Area

Maintained Roadway



Upland Zone



CAP Required



Deer Stand



Boat Ramp



BOUNDARIES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND SHOULD ONLY BE USED AS A GUIDE

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Effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

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. 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 <https://de.gov/fw> or call (302) 739-9912. Please refer to the **General Overview** map for additional access and allowable use information.

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. All hunters installing temporary deer stands and/or blinds to remain on-site overnight are required to obtain a free registration number at <https://de.gov/fw> or by calling (302) 739-9912. The registration number must be legibly displayed on all stands and/or blinds.

DEER HUNTING

Zones 1-7 are managed as a Quality Buck Area. Harvesting bucks with outside antler spreads less than 15 inches is prohibited at any time, except youth under age 17 and non-ambulatory disabled hunters.

Sunday deer hunting permitted. See Sunday Deer Hunting maps for open areas and hunting implement restrictions.

A. Archery

1. Archery hunting permitted anywhere except within refuges and safety zones but must register for a zone at the Check Station.
2. Archery hunters must register through the lottery and hunt from lottery stands during all firearm deer seasons.
3. Archery hunting is closed in Zone 5 and Zone 7 during special youth / non-ambulatory disabled deer hunts.
4. Archery 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. All parts of a temporary portable deer stand must be removed at the end of each day's hunt.

B. Firearm – Muzzleloader, Shotgun, Handgun

1. A Wildlife Area Deer Stand / Waterfowl Blind Lottery Permit is required to hunt during all deer firearms seasons.
2. Stands issued by lottery at the Cedar Swamp Check Station. Drawings held 2 hours before sunrise. A

- second lottery will be held at 12:00 PM. No permits issued after 1:00.
3. This area **IS NOT OPEN** for the special October antlerless firearms season. Archery hunting is allowed during this season in accordance with state and area laws.
 4. Only one firearm permitted per deer stand.
 5. Deer drives are prohibited.
 6. Handgun hunting during the January handgun season permitted on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday only.
 7. Disabled deer hunting locations are available for non-ambulatory hunters. These locations can be reserved in advance one time per firearm season segment by calling 653-8080 or 834-8433. If not reserved in advance, disabled locations are available through the daily lottery.

UPLAND HUNTING

A. Small Game

1. Small game hunters must display at least 400 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on State Wildlife Areas.
2. Squirrel hunting permitted; no permit required.
3. Rabbit hunting by lottery only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during November, December, January, and February.
4. Lottery held at 8:00 AM at the Cedar Swamp Check Station. Hunters must vacate the area by 3:30 PM. Maximum of 4 hunters per party per zone.
5. Rabbit hunting closed the week before and the week of December antlerless deer season and during the January shotgun deer season.
6. Hunting prohibited within posted refuges and safety zones and dogs are not permitted to enter refuges for any reason.
7. Rabbit dogs may be trained only on the following Sundays: September 7, 14, 21, 28 October 5, 26
8. **Harvesting or attempting to harvest Northern Bobwhite Quail is prohibited.**

B. 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 permitted from Sept 1 – March 31 during legal raccoon hunting seasons.
3. Red fox and coyote may be harvested in season while hunting other game species per these map regulations and hunted during the month of February according to applicable state laws.
4. No fox chasing permitted during any deer firearm season or prior to 1:00 PM during turkey season.

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For further information contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912 or the New Castle County HQ at (302) 834-8433.

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