



MILFORD NECK WILDLIFE AREA

Rawley's Island & Cedar Creek Tracts
Deer, Furbearers, and Small Game Hunting



Wildlife Area



No Waterfowl Hunting



CAP Exempt



DuPont Nature Center



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

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.
2. Archery hunters accessing the Gray Farm Tract must do so by boat; no access from Route 1 is permitted.
3. Archery hunting on the Gray Farm Tract during November shotgun season only permitted through the Little Creek Check Station, see B.2 below.
4. 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. All parts of a temporary portable deer stand must be removed at the end of each day's hunt unless registered with the Division.
5. 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.

B. Firearm – Muzzleloader, Shotgun, Handgun

1. Deer hunting permitted anywhere (excluding posted refuges and safety zones and under special regulations for the Gray Farm Tract, see below).
2. The Gray Farm Tract is only open for November shotgun deer season. Stands are issued through a daily lottery held at the Little Creek Check Station. Drawings are held 2 hours before sunrise and at 12:00 PM. A Wildlife Area Deer Stand / Waterfowl Blind Lottery Permit is required to hunt the Gray Farm Tract. Hunters are permitted to use the private drive off Rt. 1 to access the Gray Farm Tract during November shotgun season only.

3. All tracts **ARE OPEN** for the special October antlerless firearms season except for the Gray Farm Tract and the Dog Training area, which are archery only during this season.
4. Except on the Gray Farm, 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 unless registered with the Division.
5. 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.
6. Deer drives are permitted between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. No more than 6 hunters may participate in deer drives.
7. Handguns are permitted during the November and January shotgun seasons and during the January handgun season.

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. Small game hunting permitted anywhere except within the Gray Farm Tract, the dog training area, refuges, and safety zones, and dogs are not permitted to enter refuges for any reason.
3. Rabbit hunting closed the week before and the week of December antlerless deer season and during the January shotgun deer season.
4. Rabbit dogs may be trained only on the following Sundays: September 7, 14, 21, 28.
5. Dog training permitted within the designated training area all year, except closed during November shotgun season and until after 1:00 PM during the spring turkey season. Firearms not permitted for training outside of official hunting seasons.

B. Furbearers

1. No trapping in Trapping Zones 1 and 4 except by valid contract holders awarded through competitive bids. Public trapping in Zones 2 and 3 is permitted with a valid permit issued by the Division. Limited permits available. For more information, visit <https://dnrec.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/hunting/furbearers/> or call (302) 739-9912.
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.

Patrick J. Emory, Director

For further information contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912 or the Kent County HQ at (302) 284-4795.

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