Delaware Water Gap

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Delaware Water Gap
National Recreation Area

Hunting

Hunting is permitted in most parts of the recreation area. In addition to all applicable state regulations, there are park-specific regulations outlined below. Please note that you are in a national park—other outdoor enthusiasts are using the same area in which you are hunting. Private property signs must be respected.

Firearms Possession and Safety

The possession of firearms on federally-owned land within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is permissible consistent with state and federal laws, as outlined in the Digest of Pennsylvania Hunting Regulations, New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest, and the *Compendium of Regulations* of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Title 36 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations). The *Compendium of Regulations* for Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is available at park headquarters in Bushkill PA.

Put safety first and wear fluorescent orange in compliance with state regulations.

EMERGENCIES: 1-800-543-4295
24-hour toll-free number for reporting crimes or emergencies in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

Recreation Area Regulations

All firearms must be unloaded and cased or "broken down" while in motor vehicles on roadways or shoulders; bows must be cased.

The following are prohibited:

- Hunting in closed area as listed on the back of this bulletin
- Hunting in plowed and planted fields or in fields with unharvested crops
- Hunting from, along, or across roads, or from any kind of motorized vehicle
- Trapping
- Using artificial or natural bait
- Driving or pursuing an animal through closed areas with intention of killing it
- Screw-in foot pegs or attaching a stand to a tree with nails, spikes, lag bolts, screws, or similar devices; tree stands must be free-standing and removable
- Releasing any animal or bird into the recreation area for the purpose of hunting or dog training
- Sunday bow hunting
- Target practice
- Spotlighting
- Off-road driving/"four-wheeling;"motor vehicles must stay on established roads
- Parking where it blocks gates or access roads
- Backcountry camping or campfires
- Rifles, handguns, and shotguns with shot larger than #4 shot in Pennsylvania between River Road and the Delaware River from Shawnee to six miles north of Shawnee, except during the Pennsylvania big game hunting season, when the use of rifles, handguns, shotguns, flintlocks, and muzzleloaders is allowed; the use of a shotgun using steel or other approved nontoxic shot larger than #4 shot is permitted while hunting waterfowl during established seasons

Bow Hunting on Sunday

Bow hunting on Sunday is allowed on private property and in Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) which are managed by the State of New Jersey. Bow hunting on Sunday is therefore allowed in Flatbrook-Roy & Walpack WMAs, which are adjacent to Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in New Jersey.

However, Sunday bow hunting is NOT allowed in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area or in the New Jersey State Parks adjacent to the recreation area. Bow hunters must be aware of property boundaries.

Closures

Closures in Pennsylvania

All areas within 450 feet of any regularly used or occupied structure, including:

Milford Beach
Cliff Park Inn & Golf Course
Raymondskill Falls
Childs Recreation Site
Dingmans Falls & Visitor Center
Dingmans Ferry Access
Dingmans Campground
Ranger Station (Dingmans Ferry)
Pocono Environmental Education Center
Toms Creek Picnic Area
Valley View Group Campsites
Visitor Center, Bushkill
Headquarters, Bushkill
Hidden Lake Picnic Area
Smithfield Beach
Hialeah Picnic Area
Slateford Farmhouse (off Rt. 611)
Brockett & Goehring Tracts (east side of Milford Rd. north of Raymondskill Rd.)
Dingmans Maintenance Facility & Ranger Station (east side of Rt. 209 between mile posts 12 & 13 at Dingmans Ferry PA)
Loch Lomond picnic area (on Wilson Hill Road west of Rt. 209)
Ranger Station (east side Rt. 209 just north of Bushkill)
Bushkill School (off Church Rd. in Bushkill)

Closures in New Jersey

All areas within 450 feet of any regularly used or occupied structure, including:

Van Campen Inn (Old Mine Road)
Peters Valley Craft Center (historic district)
Walpack Center (historic district)
Rivers Bend Group Campsites
Millbrook Village
Watergate Recreation Site
Mohican Outdoor Center (Camp Road)
Turtle Beach NJ
Kittatinny Point Visitor Center
Reformed Dutch Church of Minisink (on Old Mine Road between Rt. 206 and Dingmans Bridge)
Chado Maintenance Facility (on Rt. NPS 615 at milepost 6)
Walpack Ridge Trail (running north/south on Walpack Ridge)
Weygadt Maintenance Facility (on north side of Interstate 80 between I-80 mileposts 2 and 3)

Information Sources

For state information, including hunting zones, consult state hunting guidelines, or contact:

Pennsylvania Game Commission
570 675-1143/1144/5065
www.pgc.state.pa.us

New Jersey Division Fish & Wildlife
908 735-8240
www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/hunting.htm

For further information about hunting in the recreation area, contact:

Ranger Office
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
Dingmans Ferry, PA
570 828-2321