



# Hunting

Welcome to Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Hunting is permitted in most parts of the recreation area. All applicable state regulations apply. In addition, there are park-specific regulations outlined in this brochure.

Please note that you are in a national park. Other outdoor enthusiasts may be using the same area in which you are hunting. Private property signs must be observed and respected.

The possession of firearms on federally-owned land within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is prohibited when they are not being used in a lawful hunting activity as outlined in the *Digest of Pennsylvania Hunting Regulations, New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest*, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area *Compendium*, and *Title 36 CFR* (Code of Federal Regulations.)

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

## 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](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us)

New Jersey Division Fish & Wildlife  
(908) 735-8240  
[www.state.nj.us/deplfgw/hunting.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/deplfgw/hunting.htm)

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Compendium of Regulations is available at park headquarters in Bushkill PA.

Pennsylvania District Ranger Office  
(570) 828-2321, or  
New Jersey District Ranger Office  
(973) 948-7761

## Recreation Area Regulations

The following are prohibited:

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 the intention of killing it

Screw-in foot pegs, or attaching a tree 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

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 shotguns using steel or other approved nontoxic shot larger than #4 shot is permitted while hunting waterfowl during established seasons.*

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

Target practice

Off-road driving/"four-wheeling." *Motor vehicles must stay on established roads.*

Parking a vehicle where it blocks gates or access roads

Backcountry camping or campfires.

SundayBow hunting in NJ. *(See at right)*

## Closures in Pennsylvania

All areas within 450 ft. of any regularly used or occupied structure. Closures include the following areas:

Milford Beach  
Cliff Park Inn & Golf Course  
Raymondskill Falls  
Childs Recreation Site  
Dingmans Falls and  
Dingmans Falls Visitor Center  
Dingmans Ferry Access  
Dingmans Campground  
Pennsylvania District Ranger Station  
*(Dingmans Ferry)*  
Pocono Environmental Education Center  
Toms Creek (picnic area)  
Visitor Center, Bushkill Headquarters, Bushkill Hidden Lake Recreation Site  
Smithfield Beach  
Hialeah (picnic area)  
Stateford Farmhouse  
Brockett & Goehring Tracts  
*(east side of Milford Rd. north of Raymondskill Rd.)*  
Dingmans Maintenance Facility and PA North Zone Ranger Station  
*(on the east side of Rt. 209 between mileposts 12 & 13 at Dingmans Ferry)*  
Loch Lomond picnic area  
*(on Wilson Hill Road west of Rt. 209)*  
PA South Zone Ranger Station  
*(east side Rt. 209 just north of Bushkill)*  
Bushkill School *(off Church Rd. Bushkill)*

## Closures in New Jersey

All areas within 450 ft. of any regularly used or occupied structure. Closures include the following areas:

Van Campen Inn/Peters Valley Craft Center  
*(historic district)*  
Walpack Center *(historic district)*  
New Jersey Ranger Station  
*(Rt. NPS 615, Walpack)*  
Rivers Bend Group Campsite  
Millbrook Village  
Watergate Recreation Site  
Mohican Outdoor Center  
New Jersey Swim (Turtle) Beach  
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 the north side of Interstate 80 between I-80 mileposts 2 and 3)*

### Sunday Bow Hunting

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 and Walpack WMAs, which are adjacent to Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. HOWEVER, Sunday bow hunting is NOT allowed in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area or in NJ State parks. *Hunters must be aware of property boundaries.*