

Hunting

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Delaware Water Gap
National Recreation Area

National Park Service
New Jersey/Pennsylvania



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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.

Remember that you are in a national park, and other outdoor enthusiasts may be using the same area in which you are hunting. Private property signs must be observed and respected. **Put safety first**, and wear fluorescent orange in compliance with state regulations.

The possession of firearms on federally-owned land within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is strictly prohibited when 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.)

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

The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Compendium of Regulations is available at park headquarters in Bushkill PA, or contact:

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

Recreation Area Regulations

The following are prohibited:

Trapping or using artificial or natural bait

Driving or pursuing an animal through closed areas with the intention of killing it. *This is considered hunting under the Code of Federal Regulations. (CFR)*

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.*

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.

Releasing any animal or bird into the recreation area for the purpose of hunting or dog training.

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.

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 shotgun using steel or bismuth shot larger than #4 shot is permitted while hunting waterfowl during established seasons.*

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

Closures Pennsylvania

All areas within 450 ft. of any regularly used or occupied structure. Closures include the following areas marked on the park map (*from north to south*):

Milford Beach
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)
Staford Farmhouse

AND
the following areas **not**
indicated on the park map:

PA South Zone Ranger
Station (*Bushkill Falls
Rd. and Church Lane
in Bushkill*)
Dingmans Maintenance
Facility and PA North
Zone Ranger Station
(*on the east side of
Route 209 between
mileposts 12 and 13
at Dingmans Ferry*)
Loch Lomond picnic area
(*on Wilson Hill Road west
of Route 209*)
Brockett Tract and
Goehring Tract (*on the east
side of Milford Rd. north
of Raymondskill Rd*)

Closures New Jersey

All areas within 450 ft. of any regularly used or occupied structure. Closures include the following areas marked on the park map (*from north to south*):

Peters Valley Craft Center
(*historic district*)
Walpack Center (*historic
district*)
New Jersey District
Ranger Station (*Walpack*)
Walpack Valley Environmental
Education Center
Van Campen Inn
Rivers Bend Group Campsite
Millbrook Village
Watergate Recreation Site
Mohican Outdoor Center
Depew Recreation Site
Kittatinny Point Visitor Center

AND
the following areas **not**
indicated on the park map:

Reformed Dutch Church
of Minisink (*on Old Mine
Road between Route 206
and Dingmans Bridge*)
Chado Maintenance
Facility (*on Route 615/
Walnut Valley Road at
milepost 6*)
Walpack Ridge Trail
(*running north/south on
Walpack Ridge*)
Weygadt Maintenance
Facility (*on the north side of
Interstate 80 between
mileposts 2 and 3*)

