

# Delaware Water Gap

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Delaware Water Gap  
National Recreation Area  
Pennsylvania & New Jersey

## 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 following: *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)*.

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

### Recreation Area Regulations

#### 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;
- 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;
- All firearms must be unloaded and cased or “broken down” while in motor vehicles on roadways or shoulders; bows must be cased;
- Target practice and/or 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;

### 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.

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## 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 & 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 mileposts 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)

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## 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/dep/fgw/hunting.htm](http://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

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



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