MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

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Hunting on undeveloped portions of public lands is one of the many activities offered by the Maryland Park Service. Consult the Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland for more information.

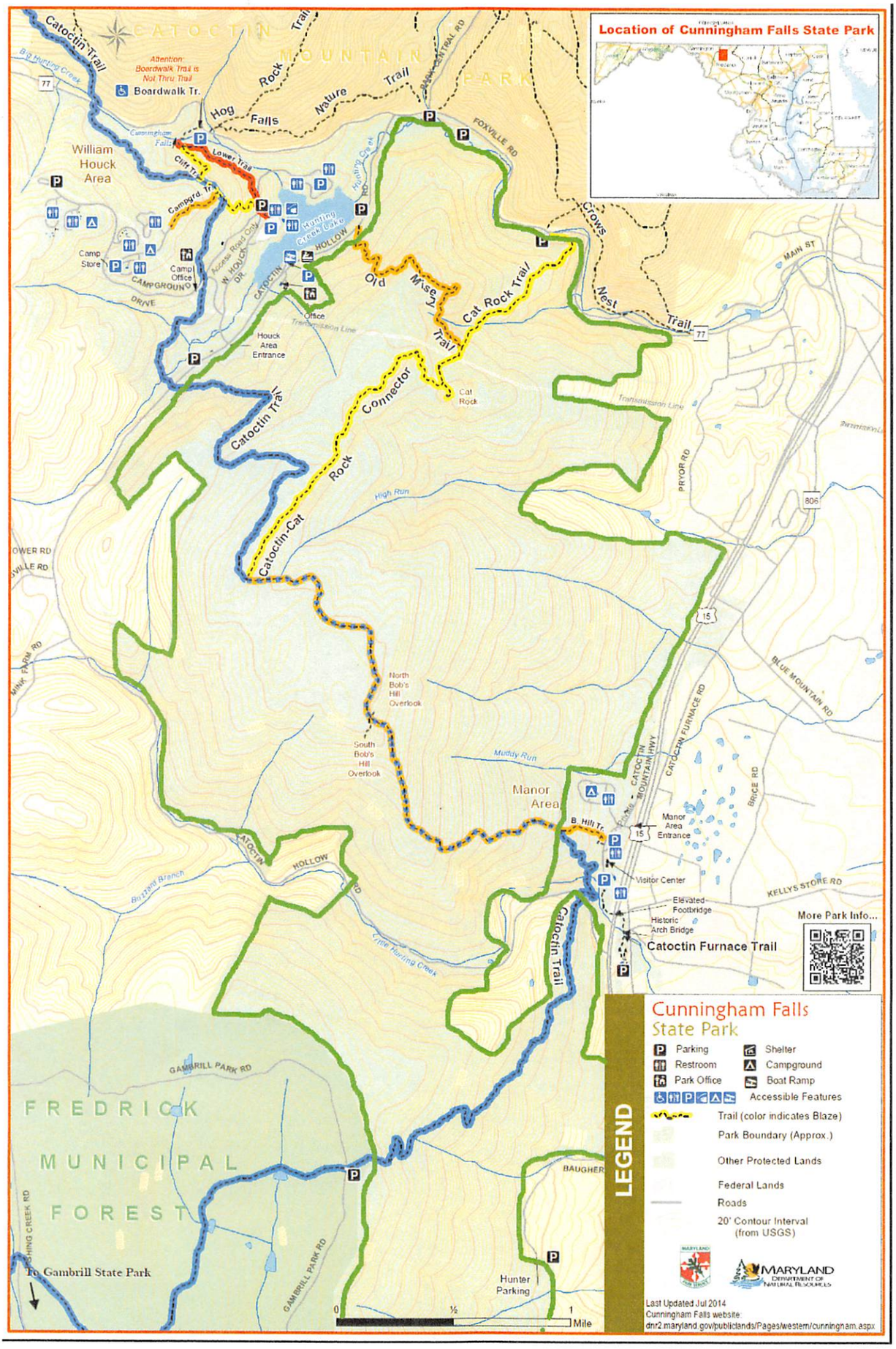
We hope that the following information will answer your questions about hunting at Cunningham Falls State Park. If you have any further questions please contact the park office.

THE UNDEVELOPED AREAS OF THE PARK THAT ARE OPEN FOR HUNTING ARE MULTI-USE AREAS. PLEASE BE AWARE OF OTHER PARK USERS SUCH AS; HIKERS AND HORSE BACK RIDERS, ESPECIALLY ON THE TRAILS. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND IT.

- Hunting is permitted in undeveloped or wildland areas of the park in accordance with statewide hunting regulations. Approximately 3500 acres of parkland is open for hunting. A reservation only deer hunting area is available for hunters with a Hunt from the Vehicle Permit. For more information on the reservation only hunting please contact the main office at 301-271-7574.
- Hunting in state parks is closed from the end of spring turkey season until September 1 each year.
- Whitetail deer, wild turkey, squirrel, grouse, woodcock, rabbit, crows, raccoon, foxes and woodcock are commonly found and may be hunted at Cunningham Falls during the seasons outlined in the Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland. The park has no waterfowl hunting available.
- Raccoon and fox may be hunted at night with special permission from the park manager. All requests must be submitted in writing to the address below and you will be contacted with further details. Please allow up to two weeks for your request to be processed.
- Weapons permitted for hunting include: rifles, shotguns, handguns, muzzle loading—rifles, handguns, shotguns, bows and crossbows. Consult your Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland for specific seasons, times and restrictions on each weapon.
- Firearms, bows and crossbows may be carried across closed sections of the state park by licensed hunters during regular seasons in order to get to sections open to hunting. Firearms must be unloaded and cased or uncased and carried with breech open or broken. Bows and crossbows must be un-cocked and not have an arrow nocked.
- Hunters are permitted to access the hunting areas 1 hour before sunrise until 1 hour after sunset. Legal hunting hours apply for actual hunting, 30 minutes before and after sunrise/sunset.
- Most hunting boundaries are posted with triangular red and white "Managed Hunting Area" signs. Areas closed to hunting are posted with black and white "No Hunting" signs. Park boundaries are marked with horizontal yellow paint bands and signs.
- Parking is permitted in designated lots or established pull offs only. Parking is permitted in areas on Catoctin Hollow Road, MD Route 77, Pryor Road, Upper Baugher Road and the Manor Area.
- Camping is only permitted in designated areas. Consult the camping brochure for season information.
- A safety zone of at least 150 yards is to be maintained between state park hunting areas, occupied buildings, residences, developed portions or park boundaries adjacent to private residences.
- The public lands code for Cunningham Falls State Park is 281. Consult your Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland for tagging and checking instructions.
- Target practice, baiting, dog training, Sunday hunting and trapping are not permitted in Cunningham Falls State Park.
- Respect the rights of private landowners adjacent to the public hunting area and only cross private property with permission. In Frederick County written permission is required from the landowner.
- Hunters must possess a valid Maryland Hunting license and any specialized stamp required on their person at all times. No special park or public lands permit is required.
- Use of a tree stand is limited to those of a temporary nature and must be removed at the end of each day. Screw in tree stands are permitted but they must be removed daily also. Ground blinds that alter nature in anyway are not permitted.

VIOLATIONS OF STATE HUNTING LAWS OR PARK REQULATIONS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND SHOULD BE REPORTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE AT 410-260-8888.

Cunningham Fall and Gambrill State Parks
14039 Catoctin Hollow Road Thurmont MD 21788
(301) 271-7574
www.dnr.maryland.gov


Location of Cunningham Falls State Park
CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK
Catoctin Trail
Big Hunting Creek
Attention: Boardwalk Trail is Not Thru Trail
Boardwalk Tr.
Hog Rock Nature Trail
Falls
Cunningham Falls
Lower Trail
Cliff Tr.
Campgrd. Tr.
William Houck Area
Camp Store
Camp Office
CAMPGROUND
DRIVE
Access Road Only
W. HOUCK DR.
Hunting Creek Lake
HOLLOW
Office
Transmission Line
Houck Area Entrance
Old Misery Trail
Cat Rock Trail
Crows Nest Trail
FOXVILLE RD
MAIN ST
Cat Rock
Catoctin Trail
Connector
Catoctin-Cat Rock
High Run
PRYOR RD
BLUE MOUNTAIN RD
CATOCTIN FURNACE RD
CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN HWY
BRICE RD
North Bob's Hill Overlook
South Bob's Hill Overlook
Muddy Run
Manor Area
B. Hill Tr.
Manor Area Entrance
Visitor Center
KELLYS STORE RD
Elevated Footbridge
Historic Arch Bridge
Catoctin Furnace Trail
More Park Info...
Buzzard Branch
Little Hunting Creek
GAMBRILL PARK RD
FREDRICK MUNICIPAL FOREST
BAUGHER
To Gambrill State Park
Hunter Parking
0 ½ 1 Mile
LEGEND
Cunningham Falls State Park
Parking
Restroom
Park Office
Shelter
Campground
Boat Ramp
Accessible Features
Trail (color indicates Blaze)
Park Boundary (Approx.)
Other Protected Lands
Federal Lands
Roads
20' Contour Interval (from USGS)
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dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/cunningham.aspx