

RACCOON HUNTING RULES
FAIR HILL NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AREA
2017-2018 Season

To obtain a Fair Hill Raccoon Hunting Permit, individuals must have a valid Maryland Hunting License (or be exempt from license in accordance with Maryland Law), as well as a Furbearer permit and a Managed Hunt permit. ALL PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN RACCOON HUNTING PARTIES ARE REQUIRED TO SECURE AND CARRY A FAIR HILL RACCOON HUNTING PERMIT.

FAIR HILL NRMA RACCOON HUNTING SEASON:

October 14, 2017 – March 15, 2018

RESERVATIONS

1. You must have a reservation to participate in Raccoon Hunting at Fair Hill NRMA. Reservations can be made by contacting the Fair Hill NRMA park office at: 410-398-1246
2. Reservations can be made for Wednesdays and Saturdays during the Raccoon Hunting season.
3. Reservations must be made no more than eight days in advance and no later than one day prior to the date of hunting.

PARKING

1. See attached maps for designated parking areas. Hunting parking areas are indicated with a red letter "**P**". Parking is authorized only in designated areas.
2. A Fair Hill Raccoon Hunting Parking permit **must** be visibly displayed on the dash of every vehicle associated with the hunting party. Parking permits are available at the Fair Hill NRMA office located at 300 Tawes Drive, Elkton, Maryland 21921 and **must be obtained prior to hunting.**

HUNTING

1. A Maryland DNR **MANAGED HUNT PERMIT (MHP)** and a **Maryland Furbearer Permit** are required to hunt and must be in possession with your license while hunting.
2. Raccoon hunting hours are sunset to 2400 hours (midnight), Wednesday and Saturday nights only. Hunters and dogs must return to their vehicles by 2400 hours.
3. Raccoon hunting without raccoon chasing hounds is prohibited. Well-trained hunting dogs may be off leash. All dogs associated with raccoon hunting must be inoculated for rabies.
4. Approved hunting locations are defined as Areas 1, 2, and 3 as designated on the attached map. It is the responsibility of each permit holder to be familiar with and observe the defined hunting areas, boundary lines, safety zones, and established trails.
5. The following areas are off-limits for Raccoon Hunting: Fair Hill Training Center, Youth Group Camping Areas, Fair Hill Nature Center, and Hay Barn Area. Permit holders may not hunt within 150 yards of any occupied building or camp at any time.
6. All raccoons harvested **MUST BE REPORTED** to the Fair Hill office the day following the hunt. Killing or taking of any animal other than raccoons during Raccoon Hunting is prohibited.
7. The maximum number of hunters and dogs on each Raccoon Hunt or party will be three and five respectively. All persons participating in hunt must possess a Fair Hill Raccoon Hunting Permit and be registered in advance on reservation.
8. Each hunting party may possess only **ONE** 22 Caliber Rim Fire Rifle (22 Magnum excluded). Possession of any other firearm or weapon (in a vehicle or on one's person) during a Raccoon Hunt is prohibited.
9. Raccoon Hunting Field Trials dates for the 2017-2018 season have not yet been determined. The permit fee will be \$25.00 per group / per weekend hunt. Advance notice and approval is required for all field trial requests. Park Permit will be issued only after receiving a copy of the Wildlife Service Field Trial Permit.

GENERAL

1. All State and Federal hunting laws, as well as park regulations, will be strictly enforced.
3. Maryland State Parks are "TRASH FREE". All trash must be packed out.
4. Violating the rules of this program will result in the loss of your hunting permit.
5. Raccoon Hunting Permits are not valid for general day-use.
7. All harvested game must be reported to Fair Hill NRMA headquarters as soon as possible at: 410-398-1246
8. Raccoon Hunting areas may be altered or closed without prior notice if deemed necessary by DNR personnel.
9. For questions concerning Raccoon Hunting at Fair Hill, please call 410-398-1246. For emergencies, during non-duty hours, call DNR 24-hour Communications Center at 410-260-8888. To report issues or concerns during normal operating hours, please call the Ranger on Duty at 410-218-1698.
10. The future of this hunting program depends on YOU. Please exercise caution and conduct yourself in an ethical, sportsmanlike manner when in the field.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Parking Permit Number

