



## Wolf Den Run State Park FAQs

### ***When will the park officially open?***

The park will open for deer hunting and general passive recreational access, e.g. hiking, birdwatching, on November 10, 2018 and will be open daily from sunrise to sunset. Hunters may access the property for a reasonable time before and after the legal hunting hours of one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, for set-up and take-down, removal of harvested deer, etc. Gated areas will not be opened on Christmas Day.

### ***What types of hunting will be allowed?***

The park will open for deer hunting only on November 10, 2018 and remain open for hunting for the duration of the 2018-19 regular statewide deer hunting season. The Strategic Management Planning process is underway, and Department staff are working on the overall hunting prescription for the property. When this is completed, it will be included in the *Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland 2019-20*.

### ***Is alcohol allowed in the park?***

Alcohol is not allowed in Wolf Den Run State Park.

### ***When will the park open for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use?***

We are anticipating that portions of the property will open for OHV use in the summer of 2019. The Strategic Management Planning process is underway and will include the identification, assessment, restoration, marking and mapping of sustainable trails. There are two existing bridges that provide critical access to the property, and both bridges need to be replaced to facilitate safe access and parking. The design of the bridges is underway, with construction of one bridge planned for early 2019 (Kitzmilller / Shallmar), and the other bridge in 2020.

### ***Is there a service charge to enter Wolf Den Run State Park? How much is it?***

There will be no service charge to enter the park for hunting or hiking when it opens for those activities on November 10, 2018. As part of the Strategic Management Planning process, service charges for park visitors engaged in certain recreational activities are being evaluated, and additional information will be available when the assessment is complete.

### ***Can I camp at Wolf Den Run State Park?***

Currently there are no facilities for camping at Wolf Den Run State Park; however, initial survey results indicate that there is strong interest in providing camping opportunities at the park. The Strategic Management Planning process will include consideration of camping as a potential future use of the park, and Department staff are actively soliciting input about the desired camping locations and facilities that potential visitors would like to see on the property.

### ***Are there marked trails at Wolf Den Run State Park?***

Approximately fifteen miles of trails have been recently cleared of encroaching vegetation, although we are still in the process of marking and mapping them. As of November 10, 2018, they will be open for passive, non-motorized use. However, trail users and hunters are urged to exercise caution, since the trails are not yet marked or mapped and spotty cell coverage in the area renders GPS assistance unreliable.

### ***Are pets allowed at Wolf Den Run State Park?***

Pets are allowed in the park and must be attended and leashed at all times. Leashes may not exceed 10 feet in length. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet.

***What types of amenities will be available at Wolf Den Run State Park?***

The Strategic Management Planning process is underway. Input about desired / appropriate activities and amenities is being solicited through public information meetings, an on-line survey, and meetings with interested user groups and stakeholders, which will be taking place over the next six to eight months as part of the planning process.

***Is swimming allowed in the Potomac River?***

Swimming in the Potomac River is not recommended due to the irregular rocky bottom and extremely volatile, unpredictable current.

***Where is the park headquarters?***

The staff of Herrington Manor State Park are currently managing Wolf Den Run State Park, and administrative functions are handled at the park headquarters located at 222 Herrington Lane in Oakland, MD 21550. Information about Wolf Den Run State Park can be obtained at 301-334-9180.

***Where is the closest lodging to Wolf Den Run State Park?***

Camping opportunities and cabins are available at Herrington Manor and New Germany State Parks. Additional information about camping and making a reservation is available at <https://parkreservations.maryland.gov/>

***Will I be able to hunt from my OHV?***

Hunting from vehicles is illegal in Maryland, including on State Park property. Once the property is open for OHV use, hunters may use OHVs on designated trails to access hunting areas / sites. The Strategic Management Planning process will include the consideration of accommodations for disabled hunters, within the parameters of the existing Universal Disability Pass / Hunt from Vehicle Permit system.

***Will the State be repairing trails that have been washed out?***

The Department has already initiated a trail assessment to identify trails that need repair and restoration work. The Department's goal is to establish and manage a sustainable trail network at Wolf Den Run State Park, which may involve closing and/or rerouting some existing trails.

***Will the State be patrolling the property and keeping park visitors and OHV riders off of private land?***

The Department is currently working on a comprehensive effort to identify and mark the boundaries of the three parcels that comprise Wolf Den Run State Park. Existing trails that lead to private land from State land are being closed and marked. The Natural Resources Police are working closely with Maryland Park Service staff to familiarize themselves with the property boundaries and critical locations where private landowners have indicated that trespassing has occurred under previous ownership of the property.

**We urge you to stay involved and provide input into the planning process. Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the planning process and to visit the Wolf Den Run State Park website at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/Wolf-Den-Run.aspx> for updates and additional opportunities to provide feedback.**