

**DEER HUNTING RULES
BOHEMIA RIVER STATE PARK**

2023 - 2024 Season

(September 8, 2023 - February 3, 2024)

Archery ONLY except for Shotgun Dec 6-11 and Jan 5-6, 2024.

RESERVATIONS

6 Hunters per day may utilize WHS call-in reservation procedure (max 8 days in advance). Call-in # is 410-356-9272 M-F 07:30am – 11:30am. Hunters must sign in/out at the parking lot and must record any harvested deer on the sign-in sheet prior to leaving the area. Deer must still be checked in according to state regulations.

PARKING

1. Access to the property is **ONLY** via the main access gate. (No water access). A gate code will be provided at the time of reservation to access the site. Hunters may not share the gate code. Hunter parking is along the fence adjacent to the main parking lot.
** Contact The Bohemia Duty Ranger at 667-500-2417 or Fair Hill NRMA at 410-218-1698 for assistance
2. All hunters **must** display a Free Public Hunting Permit on the dash of his/her vehicle, and it **must be obtained prior to hunting**. Permits can be obtained as follows:

OPTION A: Using the online Compass Portal at <https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/>. You must have an account, or set one up using your DNR ID. For questions and assistance regarding this new process, please call the Gwynnbrook Wildlife Management Office at 410-356-9272

OPTION B: Hunters may also visit the DNR Wildlife and Heritage Gwynnbrook Office at 3740 Gwynnbrook Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21117 during office hours (Mon.-Fri. 7:30AM-11:30AM) to obtain their permit. Hunters must present their hunting license at that time and the permit will be issued immediately.

OPTION C: Hunters can mail a copy of hunting license, phone number, and vehicle tag number to the Gwynnbrook Office. **Include a letter-sized envelope with return address and postage.** Please email publichuntingpermit.dnr@maryland.gov for assistance.

HUNTING

1. Hunters may enter the park one hour before legal hunting time to set up. Legal hunting time begins one half hour before sunrise. Hunters must be out of the area within one hour after legal hunting time. Legal hunting time ends one half hour after sunset.
2. There are no designated stands or zones at this facility. Hunters are responsible for self-regulated dispersal throughout approx. 200 forested acres. Hunters are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the hunting area boundary lines, safety zones, and established trails throughout the hunting areas. Scouting outside of the hunting season is not available at this facility.
3. Portable tree stands and steps are permitted but cannot be screwed or nailed into trees. All stands must be removed at the end of each day. The use of tree stands is always recommended, especially when hunting near established trails.
4. Please ensure that any deer you harvest complies with all applicable rules and regulations as noted in the State of Maryland Hunting Regulations. Deer harvested at Bohemia River State Park will count toward total bag limit for Region B as published in the 2023-2024 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.
5. Hunters must contact the Natural Resources Police Communications Center (410-260-8888) before tracking a wounded deer off state park property and onto private property, or to be in the park after hours for any reason.
6. All harvested deer must be tagged before being moved. Do not field dress deer near trails, at the parking lot, or within any other area used by other park visitors. Harvested deer must be checked in within 24 hours after the deer is field tagged. Deer can be checked in through your COMPASS account @ <https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassportal>, over the phone (1-888-800-0121), or on the DNR smartphone app (Access DNR). Cecil County Code is 07, Bohemia River State Park Public Land Code is 365.
7. The following is prohibited at Bohemia River State Park: driving of deer, the cutting of trees, branches, shrubs, or other vegetation; target shooting and hunting in safety zones; off road vehicle operation; rifles; placing or hunting over bait; hunting on Sundays.
8. Non-hunters may accompany a permitted hunter if they are always unarmed and stay with the hunter.

GENERAL

1. All State and Federal hunting laws, as well as park regulations, will be strictly enforced.
2. Maryland State Parks are "TRASH FREE". All trash must be packed out.
3. Hunting Parking Permits /Entrance Codes are not valid for general day-use.
4. The future of this hunting program depends on **YOU**. Please exercise caution and conduct yourself in an ethical, sportsmanlike manner
4. Violating the rules of this program will result in the loss of your hunting permit.