



General Hunting Regulations Bridgetown Ponds NEA



Bridgetown Ponds Natural Environment Area (NEA) offers approximately 100 acres of woodlands for bow hunting white-tailed deer. Due to the limited acreage and the close proximity of residential areas, bow and arrow are the only weapons permitted. All hunters must strictly adhere to state and federal game laws in addition to Maryland Park Service regulations. **Trapping, Sunday hunting, and nighttime hunting are prohibited.** Vehicles are not permitted within the confines of Bridgetown Ponds NEA, and parking is restricted to the roadside only – **do not block the gate.**

Directions from the Tuckahoe State Park Shop: Exit the driveway and turn right. Turn left onto Cherry Lane and go approximately seven (7) miles to the intersection with MD Rt. 312. Cross onto East Cherry Lane and go approximately 150 yards. The Bridgetown Ponds Area is on your left and marked by a sign and a brown steel gate.

Species & Season Closures:

- **No Firearms Season**
- **White-tailed Deer Only**
- **Limited Archery Season 11/28/26-1/30/27**

Site-Specific Rules & Requirements

- **Daily Hunter Cap:** Maximum of 5 hunters per day for Archery.
- **Archery Season:** November 28th 2026 - January 30th 2027
- **Sign-In Required:** First-come, first-served basis. All hunters must sign in and out daily at the Tuckahoe Maintenance Shop.
- **Safety Zones:** No hunting within 150 yards of any dwelling, public road, or property line.
- **Tree Stands:** Temporary stands only; must be removed at the end of each day.
- **Hunting Area** is left of the entrance lane – see map.

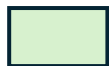
Contact & Emergency Info

- **Location Address:** 23890 Cherry Lane, Ridgely MD
- Bridgetown Ponds NEA is managed by the Tuckahoe State Park Office: (410) 820-1668; tuckahoe.statepark@maryland.gov
- **Emergencies call 911**
- **Natural Resources Police Communications (NRP):** 1-410-260-8888
- Call NRP if tracking a wounded deer after legal shooting hours.

Bridgetown Ponds Hunting Map



Hunter Sign-In/Out



Hunting Area



No Hunting



State Boundary

