

RACCOON HUNTING RULES

FAIR HILL NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AREA 2023 - 2024

1. All applicable State and Federal Hunting Regulations must be followed and will be strictly enforced. All Raccoon Hunters are required to purchase and carry their Maryland Hunting License and Furbearer Permit.
2. The 2023 - 2024 Raccoon Hunting season at Fair Hill NRMA begins on October 18, 2023, and concludes on March 13, 2024.
3. Raccoon Hunting hours begin at sunset each day and end at 2400 hours (midnight). Hunting is only permitted on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Hunters and dogs must be back in their vehicles no later than 2400 hours.
4. Raccoon Hunting is approved in three (3) designated areas only. Hunting areas may be altered, closed, or shifted without prior notice if deemed necessary by DNR personnel. The Fair Hill Training Center's leased area is off-limits. See the associated map for approved Raccoon Hunting locations. It is each hunter's responsibility to familiarize themselves with each designated hunting area.
5. Raccoon Hunters must obtain a Fair Hill Raccoon Hunting Permit from the park office. Permits can be obtained at the office during regular business hours (M – F from 0800 – 1600), requested over the phone (410.398.1246), or requested via email (fairhill.dnr@maryland.gov). Individuals must display proof of their hunting license and furbearer permit in order to obtain their Fair Hill Raccoon Hunting Permit. The Fair Hill DNR office will issue a parking permit which must be visibly displayed on the vehicle dash. Parking is authorized only in designated areas (see attached map).
6. Raccoon Hunting is by reservation only. Reservations must be made through the Fair Hill Park office no more than two weeks prior to the requested hunting date. Same-day hunting reservations are not approved.
7. The maximum number of personnel and dogs authorized in each Raccoon Hunting Party is three and five, respectively. Raccoon hunting without raccoon-chasing hounds is prohibited. All dogs must be inoculated for rabies. Each hunting party may possess one (1) .22 Caliber RimFire Rifle (.22 Magnum excluded), and the permit holder must be in possession of the firearm at all times. All other firearms or weapons, such as a hunting bow, whether in a vehicle or in the hunter's possession during a Raccoon Hunt are prohibited.
8. Killing or harvesting any animal other than raccoons during Raccoon Hunting is prohibited.
9. To assist the department in managing the raccoon population, raccoons harvested must be reported to the Fair Hill office the day following the hunt.
10. Raccoon Hunting Field Trials dates have not yet been announced. The permit fee will be \$25.00 per group per weekend hunt. A permit will be issued only after receiving a copy of the Wildlife Division's Field Trial Permit.
11. For questions concerning Raccoon Hunting at Fair Hill, please call the Fair Hill Park Office at 410-398-1246, the Fair Hill Duty Ranger at 410-218-1698, or email fairhill.dnr@maryland.gov. For emergencies during non-duty hours, call 410-260-8888.