

High Point State Park (Deer Management Zone 67)

Special Permit Muzzleloader Regulations 2023

Designated areas of High Point State Park will be open for muzzleloader deer hunting on **November 6-9 and 13-16, 2023**. There will be no administration fee collected by High Point State Park however you must obtain all necessary permits as required by the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife.

For 2023, all of Zone 67 will be open during all days of the hunt, but there is no hunting permitted along the shoreline of Lake Rutherford, or at Lake Marcia and the surrounding Day Use Area roads. All areas will remain open to all other public use during the entire hunt period. **The boundaries of Zone 67 no longer extend across Deckertown turnpike. See attached map.**

Overnight facilities located within High Point State Park will be closed during the hunting period. Limited overnight facilities are available in nearby Stokes State Forest. Please visit camping.nj.gov for reservations.

We are pleased to be able to offer this hunting opportunity. The availability of future hunts will, in part, be based on the success, conduct and cooperation of the participants. Please help us to provide a safe and successful hunt. If you have any further questions, please call the High Point State Park office at 973-875-4800 between 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

1. No hunters are permitted in the park before 6:00 AM or after 6:00 PM.
2. Gates: The entrance gate on Route 23, the cabin entrance road on Rt. 23, the road to the natural area as far as the second gate, and the entrance into the DOT yard, Sawmill Road and Park Ridge Road will all be open for standard vehicle access during the hunt period unless there is inclement weather.
3. During the hunt, hunters may park in the area immediately adjacent to the natural area (Cedar Swamp Picnic Area), the Monument Parking Lot, the DOT yard, the family cabins area, the shoulder of any park road, the shoulder of Route 23 or the shoulders of County Routes 519 and 650. **Do not trespass or park on private property. No vehicle access is permitted within the natural area beyond the second gate. Note there is no public access to High Point State Park via Ashworth Lane. Parking is prohibited on Ashworth Lane and Hankins Road.**
4. If an injured deer leaves the hunt area contact a park police officer or conservation officer via Trenton Dispatch (1-877-927-6337, choose option 1) for further guidance.
5. Hunting is permitted in the designated areas of the park shown on the Zone 67 map, or can be viewed at njfishandwildlife.org
6. Please note that for the purpose of *this hunt only*, any no hunting and/or no firearms signs remaining within Zone 67 can be disregarded. Remember that private property is adjacent to the park in several of the hunt areas. *Please respect our neighbors.*
7. No construction of tree stands is permitted. Portable tree stands are permitted for the duration of the hunt as per NJSPS guidelines which can be found at: http://njparksandforests.org/stand-blind_policy.htm
8. **November 6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16** are the only days that hunting is permitted in these designated areas of High Point State Park. Hunting is prohibited at all other times within these areas except for the winter bow season. For information, please see the NJ Hunting and Trapping Digest or visit www.njfishandwildlife.org.
9. Please do not block any gates within High Point State Park. Gates must remain accessible for emergency vehicles.
10. Scouting of the area without firearms is permitted and encouraged before the hunt period. Park hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM as of November 1.
11. The hunter's first deer must be antlerless. Successful hunters may then harvest an antlered deer if in possession of an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. The permit also allows for unlimited antlerless deer.
12. All deer taken during the hunt shall be reported through the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife Automated Harvest Report System. For information, please visit www.njfishandwildlife.com.

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