

High Point State Park (Deer Management Zone 67) Special Permit Muzzleloader Regulations 2017

Designated areas of High Point State Park will be open for muzzleloader deer hunting on **November 6-9 and 13-16, 2017**. 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.

With respect to the hunt, High Point State Park is divided into two areas. **For 2017**, both the area north and east of Route 23, shown as Area 1 on map, and the area south and west of Route 23 and north of County Route 650 (Deckertown Turnpike), shown as Area 2 on map, will be open for hunting all days of the hunt. Both areas will remain open to all other public use during the entire hunt period. There is no hunting on park lands located east of County Route 519 or park lands located west of County Route 653 at any time.

Most overnight facilities located within High Point State Park will be closed during the hunting period although our group campsites are open. Overnight facilities are available in nearby Stokes State Forest. Please call 973-948-3820 for information and 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 4:30 p.m.

1. No hunters are permitted in the park before 6:00 AM or after 6:00 PM.
2. Gates: Regarding Area 1: The entrance gate on Route 23 will be opened between these hours *only* during the hunt period (subject to staff availability, guaranteed opening by 7:00 AM) unless there is inclement weather. Also for easier access the cabin entrance road off of Rt. 23, the road to the natural area as far as the second gate, and the entrance into the DOT yard will all be open for standard vehicle access.
Regarding Area 2: between Route 23 and Co. Rt. 650 (Deckertown Turnpike) gates to Sawmill and Ridge road will remain open 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.*
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 enclosed maps. 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.*
6. 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
7. All Division of Fish and Wildlife regulations must be adhered to in the park.
8. **November 6, 7, 8, 9, and 13, 14, 15, 16, 2017** 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 with the exception of the Black Bear hunt and the winter bow season. For information please see the NJ Hunting and Trapping Digest or visit www.njfishandwildlife.com.
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 see page 32 of the August 2015 NJ Hunting and Trapping Digest or visit www.njfishandwildlife.com.

