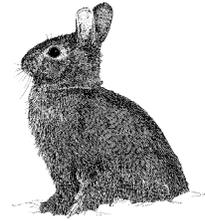
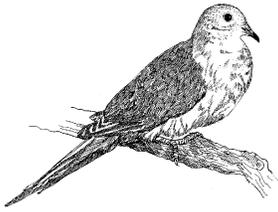


PRIME HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

2008-2009 UPLAND GAME & WEBLESS MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING INFORMATION



GENERAL PROVISIONS: Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 National Wildlife Refuges. The primary objective of a refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. Hunting is one tool used to manage wildlife populations, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource. Hunting at Prime Hook NWR is through the issuance of a permit. This permit can be revoked at any time at the discretion of the refuge manager or their representative.

NEW in 2008-2009

- Permit fees are waived for hunters aged 15 years and under.
- The maximum permitted boat motor has increased to 30 horsepower.

PERMITS REQUIRED

Permits are available to disabled and able-bodied hunters by self-service at the check station no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time on the day of the hunt. Hunters may not be on refuge any earlier than 3 hours before shooting time. The official time is indicated on the clock in the check station. Permits must be returned to the check station no later than ½ hour after shooting time. The questionnaire portion on the permit must be filled out after the hunt. The information that you provide from your hunt is essential in evaluating the upland game species and webless migratory birds on the Refuge. The permit must be retained on your person at all times while hunting. Permits are non-transferable.

There is a fee of \$2 per hunter. Fees are waived for hunters aged 15 years and under. Senior citizens (age 62 and older) receive a 50% discount with an Interagency Senior Pass. Citizens who have been medically determined to be permanently disabled are also entitled to a 50% discount with an Interagency Access Pass; proof of medically determined permanent disability is required to receive benefits under federal law. The Interagency Senior Pass can be purchased in person for \$10 and the Interagency Access Pass is free of charge at the Refuge Headquarters during office hours.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Upland game and webless migratory bird hunting at Prime Hook NWR is subject to applicable State and Federal regulations. A valid State of Delaware hunting license is required unless exempt from Delaware hunting license requirements. Hunters, when requested by Federal or State enforcement officers, must display for inspection, all game, hunting equipment and ammunition. Failure to follow regulations may result in loss of hunting privileges and/or a fine.
- **HUNTING AREAS:** Prime Hook North Area, Prime Hook South Area, Fowlers North Area, and Zones I-IV of the Slaughter Canal Tract will be open to hunting of resident game species (pheasant, quail, rabbit) and webless migratory gamebirds (dove, snipe and woodcock), subject to applicable State and Federal regulations. Hunt areas may be closed without prior warning. See map on reverse side.
- **SEASON:** In accordance with the State of Delaware hunting seasons; however, hunting is closed during all firearms hunting seasons for deer. Upland game hunting will close for the 2008-2009 season at the end of the day on Friday, January 16, 2009.
- **SHOOTING TIME:** Hunting is permitted ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. These hours may be further restricted depending on the species you are hunting. Check current regulations. Dove hunting closes at sunset.
- **BOATS:** Boats may be used to reach hunting areas and is limited to designated sites. Federal and State boating regulations apply. The maximum permitted boat motor is 30 horsepower.
- **YOUTH REQUIREMENT:** A permitted juvenile aged 17 and under must be accompanied by a hunting or non-hunting adult who is 18 years or older. It is strongly recommended that the accompanying adult be licensed to hunt in the State of Delaware.
- Disabled hunters are advised to have a non-hunting individual assist them.
- Hunting of squirrels is prohibited on the Refuge.
- **NON-TOXIC SHOT is required.** Hunters may not use or possess lead shot shells.
- The use or possession of handguns is prohibited.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages during any scheduled hunt is prohibited.
- The possession of firearm/archery equipment on refuge lands is prohibited unless in possession of a valid refuge hunting permit.
- **DO NOT LITTER.** Prime Hook NWR is a carry-in, carry-out refuge. This includes shotgun shells, cigarette butts, and all trash.
- Practice or target shooting is not permitted.
- Do not shoot toward the refuge boundary or into private property.
- Waterfowl may only be taken on the Waterfowl Hunting Area. The taking or possession of waterfowl in the above areas is prohibited.

For further information, contact the Refuge Manager, Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, 11978 Turtle Pond Road, Milton, DE 19968. Tel. (302) 684-8419. <http://primehook.fws.gov> Office hours are Mon.-Fri., 7:30am to 4:00pm.

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