

2022-2023 Upland Game Hunting Permit – Prime Hook NWR

The brochure serves as your Prime Hook General Upland Game Hunting Permit. It must be validated with your signature and retained in your possession while participating in authorized refuge hunts. Permit expires June 30, 2023.

I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing the refuge.

Signature (permits are not transferable)

General Refuge Hunting Regulations – NO SUNDAY HUNTING

All hunters must have a refuge hunting permit and government-issued picture ID. These permits can be revoked at any time at the discretion of the refuge manager or their representative. . **Individuals may have their permits revoked if found to be in violation of any Federal or State laws**

Hunting in violation of any Delaware State law is a violation of refuge hunting regulations.

Hunters must display for inspection all permits, game, equipment, weapons, and ammunition, to Federal and State enforcement officers.

Hunters may not be on the refuge earlier than two hours before the legal morning shooting time.

All hunters in a non-lottery hunt area must complete a harvest information report(s) at the end of the hunting season and submit them to the refuge by mail (11978 Turkle Pond Road, Milton, DE 19968), email (fw5rw\_phnwr@fws.gov), or fax (302.684.8504). Harvest information reports are available on the refuge’s website or at the refuge office. Hunters who do not complete their harvest information report in the specified time period will have their hunting privileges revoked, at the refuge manager’s discretion.

The following activities are prohibited on the refuge:

- Distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait
- All public entry in designated safety zones
- Cutting or damaging vegetation for any purpose

- Motor vehicle use outside of designated routes and parking areas
- You must exit the refuge by one and one-half hours after the legal evening shooting time.
- Hunter orange must be solid colored to satisfy state hunter orange requirements on the refuge.

Upland Game Hunt Area – See Map

Species

Hunting of fox, rabbit, quail, pheasant, mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock is permitted on designated areas of the refuge within federal and state guidelines subject to the following conditions:

Hunting of squirrel is prohibited.

Hunting of upland game is closed during the October & December Antlerless and January Shotgun deer hunting seasons.

Mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock hunting is prohibited in the upland game area north of Prime Hook Road and in the upland game area between Slaughter Beach Road and Fowler Beach Road (see map).

The use of dogs is permitted to locate, point and retrieve while hunting upland game and webless migratory birds.

Red fox hunting is only allowed while concurrently hunting deer in areas and seasons open to deer hunting. Hunting fox by chase is prohibited.

We prohibit the use or possession of toxic shot for hunting with the following exception: while hunting red fox concurrently with deer we allow the use of ammunition approved for deer hunting in accordance with state and refuge regulations.

Permit Application Fees

Upland Game – None

PERMIT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Hunters are required to possess a valid Delaware hunting license, valid Government -issued photo identification, and a valid hunting permit issued by the refuge on their person at all times during refuge hunt days.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- We require all hunters, regardless of age, to submit a Upland Game Hunt harvest report at the end of each hunt.
- Permits are non-transferable.

Access

We require hunters to notify a refuge representative and receive permission from the refuge manager or designee prior to entering a closed area to retrieve game.

Other Regulations

- Only participants possessing authorized hunt permits will be allowed to enter the hunt areas.
- Hunters are prohibited from being on the refuge (including parking lots) between 9:00 PM & 4:30 AM.
- We prohibit the use of rimfire or centerfire rifles and all handguns including muzzleloading pistols.
- Camping and campfires are not permitted.
- Hunt permit holders may not engage in guiding, outfitting, advertising, or audio or visual productions for commercial purposes.
- Baiting is not permitted.
- Use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- Automatic, motion-activated game or trail cameras are prohibited on the refuge.
- Shooting or hunting within 150 yards of any occupied structure is prohibited.
- Shooting from, across or down any designated refuge road is prohibited.
- Parking in front of gates is prohibited.

**For hunt information, call the Refuge Head Quarters at 302-684-8419. Report illegal activity or related information to USFWS Law Enforcement 410-221-8814.**

Upland Game and Webless  
Migratory Bird Hunting  
Regulations  
2022-2023

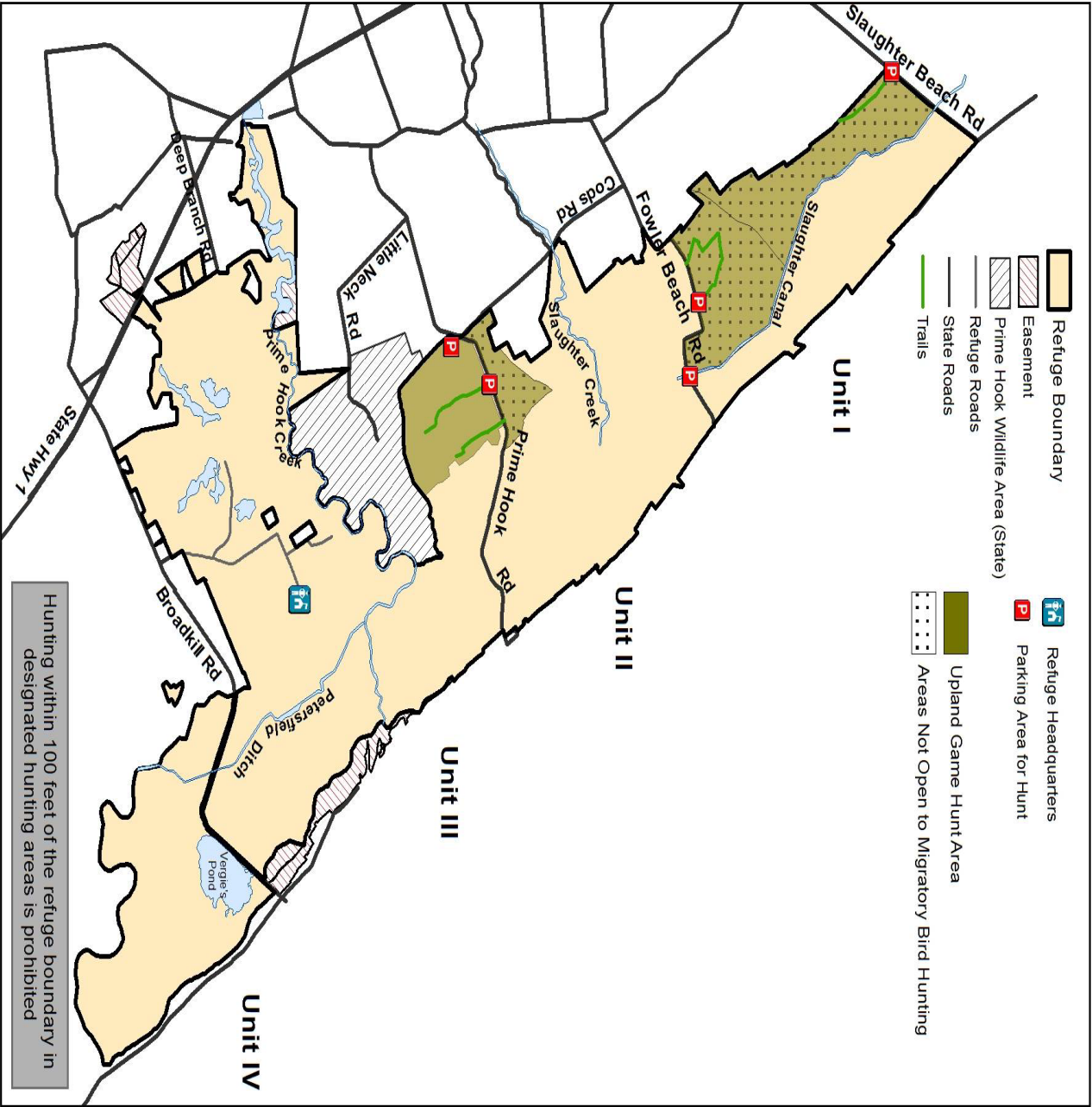
Prime Hook National  
Wildlife Refuge Milton, Delaware



Season	Date	Total Bag Limit
Upland Game and Webless Migratory Birds	See State and Refuge Regulations for Allowable Take/Species	State of Delaware Limits
Cottontail Rabbit	Nov. 21 – Feb. 28	State of Delaware Limits
Ringed-necked Pheasant (male only)	Nov. 21 – Feb. 4	State of Delaware Limits
Gray Squirrel	No Hunting of Gray Squirrel due to similarity to Delmarva Fox Squirrel	0
NO SUNDAY HUNTING		



PRIME HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
Upland Game Hunting Opportunities



Produced by Coastal Delaware NWR Complex, Milton, DE  
Map Date: 08/09/2016  
Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 18N  
Refuge Boundary & Scales: USFWS  
Map Scale: 1:50,000

THIS MAP IS FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY. THE BOUNDARY LINES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE. FOR BOUNDARY LINE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE REFUGE OFFICE.  
PLEASE OBSERVE AND ADHERE TO ALL POSTED AREAS.  
REFER TO REFUGE HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR AVAILABLE HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING HUNT DATES AND HUNT AREAS.

