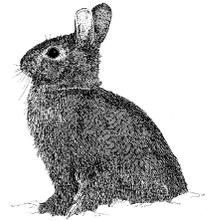


# PRIME HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



## 2014-2015 UPLAND GAME & WEBLESS MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING

**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.

### PERMITS REQUIRED

Permits are available to hunters of all abilities 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. 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 daily fee of \$2 per hunter. All fees must be paid at the time of permit issuance or the permit is not valid. 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

- Public hunting of resident upland small game (pheasant, quail, rabbit) and webless migratory birds (dove, snipe and woodcock) is allowed during designated times and on designated areas of Prime Hook NWR. Hunting in violation of any Delaware state law or any other federal wildlife related law is a violation of refuge hunting regulations. Consult Delaware's Division of Fish and Wildlife's publications or website for current hunting regulations. A refuge permit is required to hunt on the refuge. Visitors, when requested by Federal or State enforcement officers, must display for inspection, all permits, game, equipment and ammunition. Failure to follow regulations may result in loss of hunting privileges, seizure of property, 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. All other areas are closed to all upland game and webless migratory bird hunting. Hunt areas may be closed without prior warning. See map on reverse side.
- **SEASON:** In accordance with the State of Delaware hunting seasons. Hunting is closed during all firearms hunting seasons for deer, except on designated dates during the October antlerless season and the handgun season. Upland game hunting will close for the 2014-2015 season at the end of the day on Friday, January 16, 2015.
- **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 are limited to designated sites. Boaters must comply with all Federal and State boating regulations. 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.
- Hunters with disabilities 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 in the field.
- The use of handguns for upland game and webless migratory bird hunting is prohibited.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is prohibited.
- Firearms possession in all federal buildings is prohibited.
- **DO NOT LITTER.** All shotgun shells, cigarette butts, and other trash must be taken out of the refuge.
- Practice or target shooting is not permitted.
- Do not shoot toward the refuge boundary or into private property.
- All hunters must make a reasonable effort to recover wounded game.
- Waterfowl may only be taken on the Waterfowl Hunting Area. The taking or possession of waterfowl in the above areas or any wildlife other than the permitted species is prohibited.

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

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