§ 32.27 Delaware.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. Hunting of migratory game birds is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:
1. Permits are required for waterfowl hunting except on the South Upland Hunting Area.
2. Hunting of waterfowl and coots is permitted on the South Waterfowl Area, the West Waterfowl Area, and the Young Waterfowlers Area.
3. Only snow geese may be taken on the Snow Goose Area.
4. Hunting is permitted only from designated sites, except on the South Upland Hunting Area and the Snow Goose Area.
5. The maximum number of hunters permitted per blind is as follows:
   - West Waterfowl Area—4; South Waterfowl Area—3; Young Waterfowlers Area—2.
6. The possession of a loaded shotgun while outside a blind or designated site is not permitted unless actively pursuing crippled birds.
7. Waterfowl hunters may not possess more than 15 shotgun shells per day on the West and Young Waterfowlers Hunt Areas.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:
1. We allow hunting only on the South Upland Hunting Area.
2. We allow hunting from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of turkey and deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:
1. We require a refuge permit except on the South Upland Hunting Area.
2. Hunting on the Headquarters Deer Hunt Area must be from designated stands only, unless actively tracking or retrieving wounded deer.
3. We require a valid State permit for turkey hunting.
4. During firearms deer season, hunters must wear in a conspicuous manner on the head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored orange clothing or material.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]
waterfowl hunting seasons from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until 3 p.m. Consult the refuge manager for dates when we close to hunting or have limited hunts.

5. Access to the Waterfowl Hunting Area is by boat only and hunters must use designated launching sites to launch their boats.

6. We prohibit the use of air-thrust and in-board water-thrust boats on all waters within the refuge boundaries. We allow a maximum horsepower of 30 HP.

7. We allow waterfowl hunting from designated blind sites only. We allow a maximum of three people per blind.

8. Hunters may take mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock only on the upland game hunting areas as shown on brochures available from the refuge manager.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, rabbit, and quail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:


2. Hunters may take pheasant, rabbit, and quail only on designated upland game hunting areas as shown on brochures available from the refuge manager.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:


2. Hunters may take white-tailed deer only on designated deer hunting areas as shown on brochures available from the refuge manager.

3. Deer hunting during firearms seasons must be from designated stands only, unless actively tracking or retrieving wounded deer. We allow hunters to hunt from portable stands during archery hunts in all designated areas and during firearms hunts in the Slaughter Canal Area only. Tree stands must be portable, temporary in design, and completely removed at the end of each day. The Service is not responsible for any stands left overnight.

4. All persons in firearms hunting areas must display a minimum of 400 total square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-blaze-orange material on their head, chest, and back. Blaze-orange camouflage is not acceptable. This includes hunters who are archery hunting on the refuge during days that coincide with State firearms hunt dates for deer.

5. Hunters may use or possess slugs only during designated shotgun seasons.

6. Each permitted hunter has a season limit of only one antlered deer on the refuge.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing and launching of boats on designated areas as shown on brochures available from the refuge manager.

2. The refuge is open from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise to 1/2 hour after legal sunset. All boats must be off the water at legal sunset.

3. Anglers using boats on Turkle and Fleetwood Ponds may propel them manually or with electric motors only.

4. We prohibit the use of air-thrust and in-board water-thrust boats on all waters within the refuge boundaries. We allow a maximum of 30HP on Prime Hook Creek.

5. Access to the Waterfowl Hunting Area is by boat only and hunters must use designated launching sites to launch their boats.

6. We prohibit the use of air-thrust and in-board water-thrust boats on all waters within the refuge boundaries. We allow a maximum of 30HP on Prime Hook Creek.

7. We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge waterfowl hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting. These brochures are available at the refuge visitor center and on the refuge’s Web site (http://www.fws.gov/loxahatchee).

2. We allow hunting in the interior of the refuge south of latitude line 26.27.130 and north of mile markers 12 and 14. We prohibit hunting from canals or levees and those areas posted as closed.

3. Consult the refuge manager for current waterfowl season dates and times.

4. We prohibit the taking of any other wildlife (see §27.21 of this chapter).

5. We do not open to hunting on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Christmas Day.

6. We allow hunting on the refuge from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise to 1 p.m. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must be off the refuge by 3 p.m.

7. Hunters may only enter and leave the refuge at the Headquarters Area (Boynton Beach) and the Hilleboro Area (Boca Raton).

8. The possession and use of firearms shall be in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations (see §§27.41 and 27.42 of this chapter).

9. We allow only temporary blinds of native vegetation. We prohibit the taking, removing, or destroying of refuge vegetation (see §27.31 of this chapter).