

# ASSATEAGUE STATE PARK HUNTING GUIDELINES



## Archery Hunting: Deer Only 2023/2024 Season

**Location:** Assateague State Park, 7307 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin MD. 21811 (Mainland Headquarters) : For hunting: Travel over the Verrazano Bridge onto the island and continue straight to enter the state park day use (beach) parking lot, then proceed to pumphouse 1 for hunter sign in bulletin board (brown building in the southwest corner of parking lot).

**Hunting Dates:** November 13<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>, **excluding Sundays**

**Hunter Qualifications:** All hunters must possess and present a valid Maryland hunting license and stamps per season, as required. **NOTE: If you plan to hunt sika deer, in addition to a bow stamp, new this year is a required sika deer stamp.**

**Hunting Gear:** Hunters must use archery gear only, including vertical bows or crossbows, during regulated bow season.

**Hunting Zones:** 3 total zones. Zone 1, American w/ Disabilities Act (ADA)/ hunt from vehicle only (HFV) permit and reservation required. Zones 2 & 3 first come first served, park in designated areas and walk in. **All zones, daily Sign-in required. Hunters must sign in on board to be placed adjacent to Pump House #1 in Day Use (beach) parking lot. Hunters will put name, DNR ID, and vehicle information on the sheet in a slot designating a corresponding numbered parking space. Daily sign-in sheets will be posted at least one hour prior to legal shooting time each morning.**

**Zone 1-** This zone is only to be used by hunters in possession of WHS issued ADA/HFV permits. ADA/HFV reservation required, please call 443-614-4393 Monday-Friday 8 am-4pm at least 24 hours in advance. 1 hunter+ 1 non hunting companion and 1 vehicle permitted at a time. ADA/HFV site is located north of Rt. 611 on Shell Rd (McCabe Rd on google maps). Remove cable to enter the road, replace cable after entering and after leaving. HFV parking area is located on the West (left) side of the road upon entering, look for clay pad and signage.

**Zone 2-** 4 hunters permitted in zone at a time. Numbered parking is located in the northwest corner of ASP Day use parking lot. First come-first served

**Zone 3-** 6 hunters permitted in zone at a time. Numbered parking is located along Bayberry Drive on improved pull offs. First come-first served.

**Hunting Sites and Parking Areas: (see map)** Designated parking areas will distribute hunters appropriately. Parking spaces will be located at the designated Shell Road location (Zone

1/ADA/HFV only), the NW corner of the ASP Day use lot (Zone 2/walk-in), and existing improved pull-offs along Bayberry Drive (Zone 3/walk in.) Hunters are permitted to choose stand sites at their own preference, but must remain within the zone associated with that parking spot as follows:

- **Americans with Disabilities Act/Hunt from Vehicle parking spot- Hunt in Zone 1 only. HFV Permit Holders using accessible Zone 1 must hunt from their vehicle along shell road in the designated parking spot.**
- **Parking Spots 1 through 4- Hunt in Zone 2 only.**
- **Parking Spots 5 through 10-Hunt in Zone 3 only.**
- **No hunting North of Rt. 611 except for ADA/HFV**

**NOTE:** Hunters must park vehicles at designated locations, which correspond with registration number on sign-in sheet.

**Shooting Hours:** One half hour before official sunrise to one half hour after official sunset.

**Bag Limit:** Whitetail or Sika deer taken during the ASP hunt will count against the Region B bag limit. See maryland hunting guide for specific details.

<https://www.eregulations.com/assets/docs/guides/23MDHD.pdf>

**Harvest Check-In:** Statewide Telecheck system: Internet- <https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/> Phone-1-888-800-0121. **Note:** Use **Worcester County Code 23 and Public Land Code 700.**

\*If a hunter harvests a deer with a radio collar or ear tag, they must take the deer to the National Park Ranger Station to have the collar removed. Thank you for your cooperation. For questions regarding this message, please call the National Park Ranger Station at 410-641-3030.

**Boundaries/Safety Zones:** All land boundaries are clearly marked. Safety Zones will be posted around ASP Day Use Area, Bayberry Drive, and Shell/McCabe Road.

No hunting or shooting is permitted within 50' of Bayberry Drive and MD Rt. 611. No hunting is permitted east of Bayberry Drive. No shooting to, from, or across any roadways including MD Rt. 611 or Bayberry Drive as per State Regulations.

**Access:** 10 parking spots have been identified, and uniquely numbered. These parking spots will provide reasonable access to all hunting zones for the maximum number of hunters allowed at one time. 11 (ADA/HFV site included)

**Assateague Island National Seashore Hunting Information** can be found at

<https://www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/hunting-at-assateague.htm>