

Hunting Program Prescription for Maxwell Hall Park

Area: Maxwell Hall Park
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General Discussion of Program:

Maxwell Hall Park is owned by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Park Service, and leased to Charles County. The park is managed for equestrian use. Maxwell Hall has over 2.5 miles of tidal shoreline where public waterfowl hunting sites could safely be implemented. When placing the waterfowl sites, careful consideration was given to trail locations and potential conflicts with Park visitors. Wildlife and Heritage Service staff and Maryland Park Service staff have met with Charles County staff to develop the following hunt program proposal.

Task/Item/Subject	Comments/Discussion
Location:	Maxwell Hall Park is located in Hughesville, Maryland in Charles County. The property borders Swanson Creek and the Patuxent River.
Hunting Zones/Areas:	No land hunting is being proposed, tidal shoreline only.
Hunting Sites:	Four locations for waterfowl hunting sites have been identified (see map). Each site may be used by one group of waterfowl hunters, with a maximum of four hunters in a group.
Game Species:	Waterfowl only.
Hunting Dates:	Waterfowl hunting will be allowed only during the third duck split that runs from mid-December through the end of January and during the February special Youth/Veteran waterfowl hunt. For the 2025-2026 Hunting Season, waterfowl sites would be available to hunters on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only. After review of the first hunting season, consideration will be given to opening the sites for additional days of the week.
Shooting Hours:	Shooting hours will be in accordance with those set by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the species being pursued.
Permits and Reservations:	All hunters will be required to have the Free Public Hunting Permit and a daily reservation. Permits are available online through COMPASS. Hunters must call the Myrtle Grove Wildlife Office at 301-743-5161 to make reservations.
Hunting Devices:	All legal devices for waterfowl will be permitted.
Signage:	Signs will be installed on the Park's tidal shoreline at the location of each waterfowl sites.
Access:	Access will be from the water only by boat. Hunters may not access the sites through the Park. Hunters must be situated within 50 feet of the sign.
Additional Notes:	Charles County staff have indicated their support for this program. WHS will submit a request for an Offshore Blind Site License for the proposed locations of the sites.