

State of Delaware  
Department of Natural Resources  
& Environmental Control  
**Division of Fish and Wildlife**  
Wildlife Section - Region 3 Office  
**Assawoman Wildlife Area**  
**37604 Mulberry Landing Road**  
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**Dear Delaware Geocacher:**

Thank you for providing a permit application to place your geocache (s) on lands managed by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife in Sussex County. These State Wildlife or State Fishing Areas are managed as multiple-use areas and your hobby activity fits. My primary responsibility as a public lands manager is protecting wildlife habitat. My primary concern is providing you with enjoyment of these resources without diminishing their value or disrupting someone else's enjoyment. As you probably already know, hunting is an established tradition on State Wildlife Areas (but not on State Fishing Areas), and your safety is important. The Regional Managers have decided to limit access to caches during hunting seasons open to firearms (primarily to deer hunt). We reasoned that this restriction would allow you to keep the cache in place, and make it easier for geocachers to avoid active hunting seasons. I hope this approach meets your needs. The rest of the year has no restrictions other than daylight hours only.

Please post information on your website for caches placed on State Wildlife Areas stating that:

**THIS AREA IS OPEN FOR HUNTING. ACCESS TO THIS CACHE ALLOWED ON SUNDAYS ONLY FROM OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> EACH YEAR.**

I appreciate your cooperation in keeping State Areas safe and clean. Enjoy our great outdoors.

Yours in conservation,

Robert D. Gano, Jr.

Regional Fish and Wildlife Manager