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Bureau of State Parks

Bucks County Courthouse
County Commissioners
55 E. Court St.
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Dear Bucks County Courthouse:

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will be conducting a one-day, antlered and antlerless deer hunt **Wednesday, November 30**, at Tyler State Park, Bucks County. The hunt is held every year to help maintain balance within the park's ecosystem.

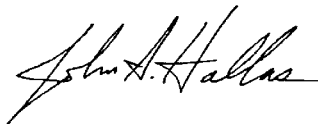
Wildlife biologists have determined that the deer population is adversely affecting the natural habitat. Deer impact the delicate balance of the park's ecosystem by over-browsing on tree saplings, forest understory, shrubs and wildflowers. To that end, large deer populations have caused damage to the parks natural ecosystem resulting in a severe reduction in the biological diversity of plant and animal species in the area.

In order to properly manage the deer herd, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources have scheduled a one-day regulated deer hunt on **Wednesday, November 30, 2022**. The one-day *shotgun only* hunt is intended to reduce both antlered and antlerless deer populations. As with hunts held in the past, only shotguns will be permitted, using "00" buckshot, and will be limited to 150 hunters holding special state park permits. Please know that the DCNR's Bureau of State Parks takes every precaution to ensure that the hunt is conducted safely. As a safety measure, safety zones, no hunting areas, and park boundaries will be posted and strictly enforced. Extra Park Rangers, Wildlife Conservation Officers, and State Police will be stationed throughout the park during the hunt. The park will be closed to other activities that day.

There will also be a regulated late season archery hunt in the park north of Betz Hill Trail to include the Covered Bridge area for a total of 500 acres. The dates for the hunt will be **December 26, 2022** through **January 28, 2023**. There will be a total of 60 permits issued, with a maximum of 12 hunters per day in the hunting area. All hunters must attend the mandatory safety orientation.

Should you like a copy of the hunting notice and/or the hunt area map, please contact the park office. In addition, should you have any questions or particular concerns, please contact Park Manager Phillip Schmidt at 215-968-2021.

Sincerely,



John S. Hallas
Director
Bureau of State Parks

