

April 16, 2021

## **2021 HOPEWELL PARK / DANVILLE BOROUGH FARM TRAIL SYSTEM HUNTING SEASON CLOSURES**

Per the terms of the Danville Borough Farm Land/Facility Use Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Danville and the Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC), adopted October 27, 2020, in order to avoid conflicts with hunters who have been awarded hunting permits by the Borough of Danville to hunt on the Danville Borough Farm, MARC will close the trails at the Hopewell Park / Danville Borough Farm Trail System during the following periods to all users except those hunters with valid Borough of Danville hunting permits and Pennsylvania Game Commission hunting licenses:

- A. Saturdays during the spring gobbler season (typically the last Saturday of April through the last Saturday of May, as determined annually by the PA Game Commission)
- B. Saturdays during archery season (typically the last Saturday of September or the first Saturday of October through late November, as determined annually by the PA Game Commission)
- C. All days during the antlerless deer muzzleloader season (typically a one-week period in mid-October, as determined annually by the PA Game Commission)
- D. All days during the regular firearms antlerless and antlered deer seasons (typically the last Saturday of November through the second Saturday of December, as determined annually by the PA Game Commission)
- E. Sundays during any of the aforementioned time periods when hunting is allowed by the PA Game Commission

*Note: though the trails will be closed, the Hopewell Park pump track and jumps area will remain open to public use during these periods.*

*Note: The final 2021-2022 hunting/trapping seasons as announced by the Pennsylvania Game Commission on 4/10/21 (<https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/game-commission-details.aspx?newsid=460>) include the following Sunday hunting dates:*

*Sunday, November 14*

*Sunday, November 21*

*Sunday, November 28*

Accordingly, the Hopewell Park / Danville Borough Farm Trail System will be closed to all users on the following dates in 2021 except hunters possessing a Danville Borough hunting permit and Pennsylvania Game Commission hunting license:

### **SPRING GOBBLER (TURKEY) SEASON**

Saturday, April 24  
Saturday, May 1  
Saturday, May 8  
Saturday, May 15  
Saturday, May 22  
Saturday, May 29

### **DEER - ARCHERY SEASON & MUZZLELOADER SEASON**

Saturday, October 2  
Saturday, October 9  
Saturday, October 16  
Monday, October 18 – Friday, October 22  
Saturday, October 23  
Saturday, October 30  
Saturday, November 6  
Saturday, November 13  
**Sunday, November 14**

### **DEER – REGULAR FIREARMS SEASON**

Saturday, November 27  
**Sunday, November 28**  
Monday, November 29 – Saturday, December 4  
Monday, December 6 – Saturday, December 11

MARC will post signage regarding these closures at the site in coming days.

MARC recognizes the inconvenience these trail closures cause for some users, but MARC is committed to providing opportunities for as many outdoor recreation user groups as possible throughout Montour County. During the period of 2015 – 2020, nearly 3,900 acres (64%) of formerly publicly-accessible lands in Montour County were closed to public use. Most of these lands had been open to hunting. MARC recognizes that the Danville Borough Farm property is one of the few large areas of publicly-accessible lands in Montour County that remains open to hunting and MARC respects the decision of Danville Borough to continue to allow hunting at the site by special permit.

To find other parks and trails to visit on those dates when trails are closed at the Hopewell Park / Danville Borough Farm Trail System, please visit:

<https://montourrec.com/parks-trails-in-montour-county/>