

Ridley Creek State Park
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MR. GREGORY C. LEBOLD
935 N. PROVIDENCE ROAD
MEDIA, PA 19063

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Dear Mr. Gregory C. Lebold

At the recommendation of Wildlife Biologists, deer hunts will once again be held in Ridley Creek State Park to help maintain balance within the park's ecosystem, as well as surrounding property. Large deer populations have caused damage to shrubbery, wildflowers, and other park vegetation 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, and bring the number of animals in line with the available food supply, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission has scheduled two regulated hunts on **Thursday, December 5, 2019 & Thursday, December 12, 2019.**

As a safety measure, shotguns with "00" buckshot ammunition is the only armament that will be permitted to be used by the hunters. Safety zones have been established and a force of Park Rangers will be on site to enforce safety regulations. In addition, all areas of the park will be closed to visitors and motorists on these days, and the portion of Gradyville Rd. that goes through the park will be closed to vehicular traffic until about 4:00 pm.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Park Manager Phillip Schmidt at 610-892-3900.

Sincerely,



John Hallas
Director
Bureau of State Parks

