

## Delaware Wild Lands' Milford Neck Preserve

### *Policy for Use and Visitation*



Delaware Wild Lands (DWL) is a private non-profit land conservation organization that purchases land and then protects and restores it to serve as a wildlife refuge.

Most of the beach and a significant amount of land between Bennett's Pier Road and Big Stone Beach are owned by DWL. This privately owned area, including the beach, dunes, and adjacent land, holds immense ecological significance. This land serves as critical spawning grounds for horseshoe crabs, a vital resting place for migratory birds, and is essential for wildlife foraging and resting. Vehicle trespass (including trucks and ATVs), trash dumping, illegal camping, and other dangerous behaviors have been a persistent issue, causing habitat degradation.

We at DWL appreciate the community members who help protect this habitat and remove trash. We ask that everyone please help in our mission to preserve and protect the exceptional beauty and natural resources at Milford Neck. **Access is not permitted at Bennett's Pier Beach. Foot traffic for non-destructive recreational activities is permitted at Big Stone Beach only between dawn and dusk, strictly on a carry-in, carry-out basis.**

For further inquiries about DWL or the Milford Neck Preserve, please contact (302) 378-2736 or email [info@dewildlands.org](mailto:info@dewildlands.org). Thank you.

*Delaware Wild Lands is the oldest and largest land trust in Delaware. We are a non-profit that has helped protect more than 31,800 acres since 1961. Today, we own and actively manage 21,800 acres for vibrant wetlands and wildlife habitat, clean air and pure water, and healthy farms and forests. [www.dewildlands.org](http://www.dewildlands.org)*