



Black Bear Hunting

Following commencement of the black bear season, the Commissioner of DEP or the Fish and Wildlife Director may, after consultation with the Council Chairman, close the season. The Commissioner or the Director will announce such closure, which will become effective 24 hours from the daily legal closing time of the day on which the decision is made, based upon data obtained and reviewed by Fish and Wildlife. The notification number for season closure is the permit hotline number, (609) 292-9192. Season closure notification will also be announced by news release, radio and Fish and Wildlife's Web site www.njfishandwildlife.com.

Black Bear Hunting Season: Dec. 5-10, 2005.

Hunting Hours: Legal hunting hours for black bear shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Bag Limit: Only one bear of either sex and any age may be taken per properly licensed hunter. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take or continue to hunt for more than the number of black bear permitted.

Special permit requirement: All black bear hunters must have a current and valid firearm hunting license and a special "Black Bear Hunting Area Permit" issued by Fish and Wildlife. See *Black Bear Hunting Areas*, below. See Black Bear Hunting Permits, page 8. Hunters are limited to one black bear hunting permit.

Mandatory Bear Hunter Seminar: All successful permit applicants must successfully complete a bear hunting seminar conducted by Fish and Wildlife. Hunters who completed a seminar in past years need not complete the seminar again. The seminar dates, locations and times will be posted on Fish and Wildlife's Web site, our Permit Hotline and also will be sent to outdoor writers for newspaper publication.

Youth Bear Hunters: Youth hunters (aged 10 through 13 on or before Dec. 5, 2005), with a valid hunting license must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult (21 years of age or older) while bear hunting. The adult must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Direct supervision means the youth hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The youth hunter may not hunt independently of the adult.

Firearms and Ammunition Legal For Bear Hunting

Shotgun: not smaller than 20 gauge nor larger than 10 gauge with rifled slugs. Lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug. Buckshot is prohibited.

Muzzleloader Rifle: single-barrel, single shot rifles not less than .45 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions. Double barrel muzzleloaders prohibited. Persons hunting with muzzleloader rifle must also possess a current and valid rifle-hunting permit.

Baiting: No person shall attempt to take or kill a black bear or have in their possession or control any firearm, or other weapon of any kind, while elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind within 300 feet of a baited area. On national wildlife refuges and at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait is prohibited. Hunters should also check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on any hunting area.

Additional Black Bear Hunting Regulations

- Black bear hunters must wear a hat or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material visible from all sides at all times while bear hunting.
- It shall be illegal to use dogs to pursue or run black bear.
- Allowable hunting methods: stand hunting, still-hunting or drive hunting.
- Black bears may not be taken from dens.
- Hunters using or possessing any shotgun slug in the field during the bear seasons must have a shotgun with adjustable open iron or peep sights or a scope affixed to the shotgun.
- Telescopic sights of any magnification (scope power) are permitted for bear hunting on all firearms, including muzzleloader rifles.
- Shotgun shells containing single spherical projectiles referred to as pumpkin balls are prohibited.
- While bear hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for bear hunting.
- Only one muzzleloader rifle may be in possession while bear hunting.
- All firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in vehicles.

• It is illegal to take or attempt to take a black bear with a bow and arrows.

* It is illegal to take or attempt to take a bear in a den structure.

Black Bear Hunting Area Descriptions

Black Bear Hunting Area No. 1: That portion of Warren and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Portland Bridge and the Delaware River at Columbia; then northward along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York state line; then east along the New York state line to Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 627; then south along Rt. 627 to its intersection with Rt. 626; then south along Rt. 626 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then southwest along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 94 in Blairstown; the southwest along Rt. 94 to the Portland Bridge, the point of beginning in Columbia. The islands of Labar, Tocks, Poxono, Depew, Namanock, Minisink and Mashipacong lying in the Delaware River are also included within this Hunting Area.

Black Bear Hunting No. Area 2: That portion of Sussex, Warren and Morris counties lying within a continuous line beginning at Portland Bridge in Columbia; then northward along Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 521 in Blairstown; then north along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 626; then north along Rt. 626 to its intersection with Rt. 627; then north along Rt. 627 to its intersection with Rt. 519 in Branchville; then north along Rt. 519 to the New York state line; then southeast along the New York state line to Rt. 517; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 94; then south on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 23 in Hamburg Borough; then south along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 517 in Franklin; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 15 in Sparta; then south along Rt. 15 to its intersection with Interstate 80 in Dover; then west along interstate 80 to its intersection with Rt. 94; then south along Rt. 94 to the intersection with the Portland Bridge and the Delaware River located in Columbia, the point of beginning.

Black Bear Hunting Area No. 3: That portion of Sussex, Passaic, Morris and Bergen counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 80 and Rt. 15 in Dover; then north along Rt. 15 to its

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intersection with Rt. 517 in Sparta; then north along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 23 in Franklin; then north along Rt. 23/ 517 to its intersection with 517 in Hamburg Borough; then north along Rt. 517 to the New York state line; then east along the New York state line to its intersection with Rt. 287; then south along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15 the point of beginning in Dover.

Black Bear Hunting Area No. 4: That portion of Sussex, Warren, Morris, Somerset and Hunterdon counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 78 and the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the Portland Bridge at Columbia; then northeast along Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then east along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 287; then southwest along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 78; then west along Rt. 78 to the Delaware River the point of beginning.

Black Bear Hunting Area No. 5: That portion of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, and Union counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 78 and 287; then north along Route 287 to its intersection with the New York state line; then southeast along the New York state line to the Hudson River; then south along the west shore of the Hudson River to Upper New York Bay; then south along the shore of Upper New York Bay to the Kill Van Kull; then west along the north shore

of the Kill Van Kull to Newark Bay; then west across Newark Bay to its confluence with the Arthur Kill; then south along the west shore of the Arthur Kill to its intersection with Route 440; then west along Route 440 to its intersection with Route 287; then northwest along Route 287 to its intersection with Rt. 78 the point of beginning.

Black Bear Hunting Area No. 6: That portion of Warren, Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer, Monmouth, Burlington, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Camden counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 78 and the Delaware River; then east along Rt. 78 to its intersection with Rt. 287, then southeast along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 440; then south and east along Routes 287/440 to its intersection with the Arthur Kill at Perth Amboy; then south along the west shore of the Arthur Kill to Raritan Bay, then south and east along the shore of Raritan Bay to Sandy Hook; then north along the east shore of Sandy Hook Bay to the tip of Sandy Hook; then south along the Atlantic Ocean to the Delaware Bay shore; then north and west along the shore of Delaware Bay to its intersection with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 78, the point of beginning.

After Harvesting a Bear Mandatory Bear Check Requirement: Properly licensed hunters who harvest a black bear shall immediately complete and affix to the bear hide the "Black

Bear Transportation Tag" from their Black Bear Hunting Permit. Information included on the black bear transportation tag shall include: the hunter's name, address, current firearm license number; date and time of kill; nearest road, county and municipality of kill; and the sex of the black bear.

Successful hunters must take the black bear to a designated check station by 8 p.m. EST on the day of the kill. Hunters shall surrender the black bear transportation tag and will be issued a legal possession seal. Any legally killed black bear recovered too late to be brought to a designated black bear check station by 8 p.m. on the date of the kill must be reported immediately by telephone to the Northern Region Office of the Bureau of Law Enforcement (908) 735-8240.

Hunters must provide their name, address and a telephone number where they can be reached on the telephone message recording device, if a Division representative is not available. Said black bear must be brought to a designated black bear check station on the next weekday to be registered and to receive a legal possession seal.

It is critical to remove the hide and cool the bear immediately after checking the bear. Cooling a bear with ice from inside the body cavity is inadequate to prevent the meat from spoiling. If the hide remains on overnight, the meat may be unsuitable for consumption.

Mandatory Black Bear Check Stations:


Warren County

- Pequest Wildlife Management Area, 605 Pequest Road, Oxford

Morris County

- Black River Wildlife Management Area, 275 North Road, Chester

Sussex County

- Flatbrook Roy WMA
Rt. 615 (Walpack Rd.), Sandyston
- Wawayanda State Park, 885 Warwick Turnpike, Hewitt
- Whittingham WMA
148 Fredon-Springdale Rd., Newton 

The Black Bear Hunting Season Permit Quotas by Zone		
Black Bear Hunting Area	Hunting Season Permit Quota	Portions of Counties Involved
1	2000	Sussex, Warren
2	3000	Sussex, Warren, Morris
3	3000	Sussex, Passaic, Morris, Bergen
4	2000	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex
5	0	Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset and Union
6	0	Warren, Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer, Monmouth, Burlington, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Camden, Gloucester

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A current and valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-around Sportsmen) is required to pursue any small game species. Hunting for those species found on page 60 is prohibited during the statewide Six-day Firearm deer season and on the Wednesday of the Permit Shotgun deer season that immediately follows the Six-day Firearm Season. See exceptions for *coyote and fox*, deer regulations, semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves.

See 2005-06 Small Game Hunting seasons on pages 60 for dates, hunting hours and daily limits for all small game species open for hunting. Hunting with firearms is prohibited on Nov. 11, 2005 on state wildlife management areas designated as *Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas* (see *Pheasants*) except in tidal marshes open to an ongoing waterfowl season.

Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns or bow and arrow. Shotguns may be no larger than 10-gauge and hold no more than three shells. Shot size may be no larger than #4 fine shot. Compound bows must have a minimum peak weight of 35 pounds. All other bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds.

Property owners or their agents, and occupants of dwellings that are suffering damage from opossum, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel or woodchuck may control them by lawful means at any time subject to local ordinances.

Coyote and Fox

The duration of the coyote and fox hunting season is as follows:

Bow and Arrow only: Oct. 1 to Nov. 11, 2005.

Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 12, 2005 to Feb. 20, 2006. The hours of hunting coyote and fox are 8 a.m. to one half hour after sunset on Nov. 12, 2005 and on other days from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. The use of dogs is not allowed during the fox and coyote season (bow and arrow only), during the Six-Day Firearm deer season or on the Wednesday of the Permit Shotgun deer season immediately following the Six-day Firearm Season.

Bows must have a minimum 35-lb draw weight (long and recurve bows) or 35-lb peak weight (compound bows). Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4-inch. Shotguns may not be smaller than .410 or larger than 10-gauge capable of holding no more than three shells. Shot size may not be larger than #4 fine shot.

Properly licensed persons hunting deer during the Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun deer seasons may kill fox or coyote, when the person is in

possession of a valid deer transportation tag for the applicable deer season (e.g., before harvesting a deer). All hunting must cease immediately upon harvesting a deer and completing the deer transportation tag(s). Hunting fox or coyote while deer hunting may resume following the issuance of a New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag for the applicable deer season (provided the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached). Only applicable missiles approved for deer hunting may be used to take fox and coyote incidental to deer hunting during the deer seasons described above. **Note:** Fine shot may not be in possession while deer hunting.

There is no bag limit for fox. The coyote daily bag limit is two. **All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours.**

Coyote and Fox, Special Winter Season

A Fish and Wildlife issued permit is required to hunt coyote during the special winter coyote and fox season Jan. 16- Feb. 20, 2006. **Hunting methods are restricted to calling and stand hunting.** No person may stalk or attempt to approach a coyote or fox for the purpose of hunting. A predator calling device (electronic, mouth blown or other) must be in possession while hunting during the special season. The use of dogs or bait is prohibited. Fluorescent hunter orange is not required on outer clothing while hunting during this season, but it is recommended that it be worn while moving to and from hunting areas.

Coyote and fox may be hunted with bow and arrow, shotgun and single barrel muzzle-loader rifles between one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

Bows must have a minimum 35-lb draw weight (long and recurve bows) or 35-lb peak weight (compound bows). Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4-inch.

Shotguns may not be smaller than 12-gauge or larger than 10-gauge capable of holding no more than three shells. Shot size may not be larger than "T" or smaller than #4 fine shot.

Muzzleloading rifles shall be no less than .44 caliber. Smoothbore muzzleloaders shall be single barreled. Between one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise, only 10- or 12-gauge shotguns with "T" or #4 fine shot may be used. Portable lights are allowed. **All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office within 24 hours.**

Permits shall be applied for as follows: A

three- by five-inch index card containing the applicant's name, mailing address, date of birth, current hunting license number and evening telephone number must be submitted to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 003, Trenton, NJ 08625, between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15. Applicants should write "Coyote

Hunting Season" at the bottom of the card. A \$2 processing fee is required. Make check or money order payable to: NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife.

Pheasants

Pheasant zones have been eliminated. The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either-sex statewide. See exceptions below for semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas: Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose youth license remains valid through Dec. 31 of the year they turn 16) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated wildlife management areas shall have in possession a current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp (Youth Hunting licenses include a pheasant and quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Millville (Bevan), Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. Other areas where possession of a current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp is required include the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Fort Dix Military Reservation. **The hunter must sign in ink across the face of the stamp.**

Pheasant and Quail Stocking

The Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Millville, Nantuxent, Pequest, Port Republic, Tuckahoe, Walpack and Whittingham Wildlife Management Areas will be stocked with pheasants for the following dates:

Nov. 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26 and 29

Dec. 1, 3, 17, 22, 24, 29 and 31

The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Heislerville, Howardsville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan, Medford, Stafford Forge and Winslow WMAs will be stocked with pheasants for the following dates:

Nov. 12, 19, 24 and 26

Dec. 3, 17, 22, 24, 29 and 31

The Greenwood Forest and Peaslee WMAs will be stocked with pheasants or a combination of pheasants and quail for the

following dates:

Nov. 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26 and 29

Dec. 1, 3, 17, 22, 24, 29 and 31

Fish and Wildlife reminds sportsmen and sportswomen that the pheasant and quail stocking list is tentative until approved by the Fish and Game Council in early October. The schedule is also subject to change for emergency weather conditions.

Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Youth hunters, who are in possession of a valid Youth Hunting License and accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult, will be permitted to hunt pheasant, quail and/or chukar partridge on licensed semi-wild or commercial preserves on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, the Youth Pheasant Hunting Day.

Hunting for certain species of game birds is allowed from Nov. 12, 2005 to March 15, 2006 on semi-wild preserves and Sept. 1, 2005 through May 1, 2006 on commercial shooting preserve lands that are properly licensed for the taking of such species.

These species of game may be hunted on Sunday **only** on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands.

All game taken on semi-wild or commercial preserves must be properly tagged before transport.

A person may legally hunt on semi-wild or commercial preserves for game species under license during the deer seasons, but no shot larger than #4 fine may be used. Pheasant of either sex may be taken. There are no daily bag or seasonal limits for game birds taken on commercial preserves. There are no daily bag limits for game birds taken on semi-wild properties. Seasonal harvests on semi-wild properties may not exceed the number of birds to be stocked as indicated on the semi-wild permit application.

Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle Season

Persons holding both a current and valid firearm license and rifle permit may hunt for squirrels from sunrise to one half hour after sunset with a muzzleloading rifle (.36 caliber or smaller loaded with a single projectile) during the periods Sept. 24 to Nov. 11, 2005; and Jan. 7 to Feb. 20, 2006. Hunting for squirrel in the manner described above is restricted to the areas described below:

Those portions of Passaic, Mercer, Hunterdon, Warren, Morris and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at

the intersection of Rt. 513 and the New York State line; then south along Rt. 513 to its intersection with Rt. 511; then south along Rt. 511 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15; then north along Rt. 15 to its intersection with the Morris-Sussex County line; then south along the Morris-Sussex County line to the Warren County line; then southwest along the Morris-Warren County line to the Hunterdon County line; then southeast along the Morris-Hunterdon County line to the Somerset County line; then south along the Somerset-Hunterdon County line to its intersection with the Mercer County line; then west and south along the Hunterdon Mercer County line to its intersection with Rt. 31; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 546; then west along Rt. 546 to the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York state line; then east along the New York state line to the point of beginning at Lakeside; and in that portion of Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape

May and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 295 and the Delaware River; then east along Rt. 295 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then east along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 40; then east along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 536; then east along Rt. 536 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 571; then southeast along Rt. 571 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Somers Point; then south along Rt. 9 to its intersection with Rt. 83; then west along Rt. 83 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Dennis Creek; then south along the west bank of Dennis Creek to its intersection with Delaware Bay; then northwest along the east shore of Delaware Bay and the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

Woodchuck

All persons in possession of a rifle while hunting must have a current and valid rifle permit in addition to the current hunting license. No rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is permitted on state owned WMAs, parks, forests or recreation areas. Farmers and their agents may use shot not larger than #4 buckshot to control woodchucks causing damage. Hours of hunting are sunrise to one half hour after sunset. See chart below for details.

Woodchuck Season Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)
March 1 to Sept. 29, 2005 and Mar. 1 to Sept. 27, 2006	Center-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight.
		Larger than .25 caliber	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight not exceeding 100 grains in weight.
	Rim-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point or soft point
	Muzzleloading rifle— single-shot, single barrel. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	No restriction	Must be loaded with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet.
	Bow long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"
Sept. 24 to Dec. 3, Dec. 12, 13 and 15-31, 2005; and Jan. 1 to Feb. 20, 2006	Shotgun— single or double barrel, rifled bore or smooth-bore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Shot— sizes not larger than #4 fine shot
	Bow long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"
	Shotgun— single or double barrel, rifled bore or smooth-bore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Shot— sizes not larger than #4 fine shot

2005-06 Small Game Hunting Seasons

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2005-06 New Jersey Small Game Hunting Seasons

(RED indicates a regulation change this year)

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Bobwhite quail North of Route 33	Nov. 12, 2005 to Dec. 3; Dec. 12, 13, 15-31, 2005 to Feb. 20, 2006	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	7	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12, 2005 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page 58).
South of Route 33	Nov. 12, 2005 to Dec. 3; Dec. 12, 13, 15-31, 2005 to Jan. 31, 2006	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	4	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12, 2005 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page 58).
Coyote* and Fox Bow, Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun	Bow and Arrow only: Oct. 1 to Nov. 11, 2005	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Coyote - 2 Fox – No limit	Rifle permit required if hunting with rifle 8 a.m. start on Nov. 12, 2005 Closed Dec. 5-10 and Dec. 14, 2005 except as noted (see page 58)
	Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 12, 2005 to Feb. 20, 2006	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Coyote - 2 Fox – No limit	
Coyote* and Fox, Special Winter Permit Season Bow, Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun	Jan. 16 to Feb. 20, 2006	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Coyote - 2 Fox – No limit	Season permit required. Rifle permit required if hunting with rifle Calling and standing hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession.
Shotgun Only		½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise		10 or 12 Gauge Shotgun ONLY ("T", #2 or #4 shot only)
Crow	Aug. 8, 2005 to March 18, 2006 on Mondays and Thu - Sat only	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12, 2005 Closed Dec. 5-10, 2005 See Migratory Bird Regs. See page 64.
Gallinule & Rail (Clapper, Sora and Virginia)	See Migratory Bird Regulations	½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Gallinule - 10 Rail, Clapper – 10 Rail, Sora – 25 Rail, Virginia - 25	HIP number required. Non-toxic shot regulations in effect after the regular waterfowl season begins. See Migratory Bird Regs. See page 64.
Goose, Canada Resident (Early Season)	See Migratory Bird Regulations	½ hour before sunrise to sunset		HIP number required. Non-toxic shot regulations in effect. State and federal migratory bird stamps required if 16 years of age or older. See Migratory Bird Regs.
Grouse (Ruffed)	Oct. 20 to Dec. 3; Dec. 12, 13, 15-31, 2005	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12, 2005
Opossum & Raccoon	Oct. 1, 2005 to March 1, 2006	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	No limit	Closed Dec. 5-10 and Dec. 14, 2005
Pheasant & Chukar	Nov. 12, 2005 to Dec. 3; Dec. 12, 13, 15-31, 2005 to Feb. 20, 2006	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Chukar – 7 Pheasant - 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12, 2005 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page 58).
Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit	Nov. 12, 2005 to Dec. 3; Dec. 12, 13, 15-31, 2005 to Feb. 20, 2006	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail – 4 Hare – 1 Jackrabbit - 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12, 2005
Squirrel (Eastern Gray)	Sept. 24 to Dec. 3** Dec. 12, 13, 15-31, 2005 to Feb. 20, 2006	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12, 2005
Squirrel (Eastern Gray) Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 24 to Nov. 11, 2005 and Jan. 7 to Feb. 20, 2006	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see page 58).
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	Hunting Period N Oct. 30 to Nov. 4, 2005	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour	1, Either sex	Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1 – 11, 20 and 21 only.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	April 16 to May 28, 2006	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. See 2006 Turkey Permit Supplement.
Woodchuck— Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	March 1 to Sept. 28, 2005 March 1 to Sept. 27, 2006	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	Rifle permit required if hunting with rifle. Rifle hunting prohibited on sate properties.
Woodchuck – Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 24 to Dec. 3** Dec. 12, 13, 15-31, 2005 to Feb. 20, 2006	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12, 2005 See page 59.
Woodcock	See Migratory Bird Regulations	Sunrise to sunset	3	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12, 2005 HIP number required. See Migratory Bird Regs.
Youth Turkey Day	Apr. 15, 2006	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. See 2006 Turkey Permit Supplement.
Youth Upland Bird Day	Nov. 5, 2005	8:00 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant - 2	Selected WMAs & licensed semi-wilds. See page 22
Youth Waterfowl Day	North Zone: Sept. 24 South Zone: Nov. 11 & 12 Coastal Zone: Oct. 29	½ hour before sunrise to sunset	See notes	See Migratory Bird Regs. HIP number required. See page 24.

*All harvested coyote must be reported to a regional Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office within 24 hours.

No firearm hunting is permitted on **November 11, 2005 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.



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2005-06 Trapping

REGULATIONS

• A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See page 7 for license information.

• All traps set or used must bear a legible tag of durable material with the name and address of the person setting, using and maintaining the traps. A trap identification number issued by Fish and Wildlife may be used in lieu of a name and address.

Be prepared to supply proof of license and a telephone number where you may be contacted. If you intend to fax the information, photocopy the **carbon copy** of your current and valid trapping license. Contact the Bureau of Wildlife Management at (609) 292-6685 for more information.

• When trapping beaver or otter, the trap tag must be clearly visible above the level of water or ice.

• No traps or trap stakes are to be set prior to times indicated in this section.

• All traps must be checked and tended at least once every 24 hours, preferably in the morning.

• No trap shall be permitted to remain set on any property at the close of the trapping season.

• No person shall steal or attempt to take traps of another, or remove a trapped animal without permission of the trap owner.

• **Any person (including a farmer) who traps a coyote must notify a Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office within 24 hours.**

• Licensed trappers at least 18 years of age and in possession of a valid rifle permit may carry a .22 caliber rifle, and use only .22 caliber short rimfire cartridges to kill legally trapped animals other than muskrats. Firearms may not be loaded with more than three rounds.

Traps, body gripping type (snares)

Body-gripping restraining snares shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. No person shall set, use or maintain any type of snare unless they have first satisfactorily completed a Fish and Wildlife-approved trapper education course and carry on their person appropriate certification thereof. This training is part of New Jersey's basic trapper education course.

2. *Except when submerged under water or when set for mink and muskrat*, all snares of the body gripping type used in trapping must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 5/64- to **1/8-inch** in diameter and be equipped with a swivel. Mink and muskrat body gripping snares must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 1/32, 3/64 or 1/16 inches in diameter, be equipped with a swivel and set within 50-feet of the mean high water line.

3. *Except when set for mink and muskrat*, no body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained with the distance between the ground or walking surface to the top of the loop greater than **24 inches**. No mink or muskrat body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained with the distance between the ground or walking surface to the top of the loop greater than seven inches.

4. *Except when submerged under water or when set for mink and muskrat*, no body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained unless it is equipped with a stop six inches from the end to restrict loop closure to no less than six inches in circumference and a stop to restrict the average

diameter of the loop opening to no greater than **12 inches**. Mink and muskrat body gripping snares must be equipped with a stop to prevent the average diameter of the loop opening from exceeding four inches.

5. All natural baits consisting of fish, bird or mammal carcasses or flesh used in trapping with body gripping restraining snares must be covered or concealed from view except when placed or located a distance of 30-feet or more from any set snare.

Traps, Conibear or killer-type

No Conibear or killer-type trap shall be used in non-tidal waters unless completely submerged underwater when the water is at the normal level. In tidal water, such traps must be completely covered at normal high tide.

It is illegal to use, set or possess a Conibear or killer-type trap having a jaw spread greater than six inches without a permit for beaver or river otter. A Conibear or killer-type trap with a jaw spread of no more than 10 inches may be used for beaver or river otter. Jaw spread shall be measured across the trigger of a set trap to the inner edges of the jaws. Beaver and otter trap tags must be placed above the water line and exposed to view.

Traps, leg-hold

It is illegal to possess or use steel-jawed leghold traps anywhere in New Jersey. 🦊

2005-06 New Jersey Trapping Zones, Seasons and Bag Limits

(RED indicates a regulation change this year)

Species	Zone	Inclusive Dates	Season Limits	Notes
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel & Coyote	Statewide (except stocked WMAs)	Nov. 15, 2005 through March 15, 2006	No limit	6 a.m. on Nov. 15, 2005
All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.	Pheasant Stocked State WMAs ONLY†	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15, 2006	No limit	6 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2006
Mink, Muskrat & Nutria	Northern Zone** (except stocked WMAs†)	Nov. 15, 2005 through March 15, 2006	No limit	6 a.m. on Nov. 15, 2005
	Southern Zone*** (except stocked WMAs†)	Dec. 1, 2005 to March 15, 2006	No limit	6 a.m. on Dec. 1, 2005
	Pheasant Stocked State WMAs ONLY†	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15, 2006	No limit	6 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2006
Beaver	Statewide (except stocked WMAs †)	Dec. 26, 2005 to Feb. 9, 2006	8 / permit	Permit required. Max. of 5 traps in use‡
	Pheasant Stocked State WMAs ONLY†	Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2006		
River Otter	Statewide (except stocked WMAs †)	Dec. 26, 2005 to Feb. 9, 2006	1 / season	Permit required. Max. of 3 traps in use
	Pheasant Stocked State WMAs ONLY†	Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2006		

† Pheasant stocked lands and state WMAs: Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Bevans-Cedarville (Millville), Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, MacNamara (Tuckaohoe-Corbin City), Walpack, Winslow, Whittingham, Fort Dix Military Reservation and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

** Those portions of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties lying *north* of a line beginning at the intersection of US Route 1 and the Delaware River at Trenton; then north along US Route 1 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Route 440; then east along Route 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey – New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.

*** Those portions of the Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem counties lying *south* of a line beginning at the intersection of US Route 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Route 1 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Route 440; then east along Route 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey – New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.

‡ Holders of both a Special Beaver Permit and a Special Site-Specific Beaver Permit may use five additional traps per Special Site-Specific Beaver Permit provided they are used only on the property or site specified in the Special Site-Specific Beaver Permit. The bag limit per Site-Specific Beaver Permit is 10 beavers.



Non-hunting adults accompanying youth turkey hunters need only have in possession a valid hunting license.

Fall 2005 Turkey Hunting Regulations

Fall turkey hunting is by permit only. Apply for fall permits on the application for spring gobbler hunting permits. The application period for fall 2005 permits closed Feb. 22, 2005; permits were mailed to successful applicants in July. If you did not apply last winter, leftover permits tentatively will be sold beginning Monday, Oct. 3, 2005 (There will be no Saturday sales for leftover fall season turkey permits). Call the permit hotline for more information at (609) 292-9192.

The 2005 fall turkey season will consist of one six-day hunting segment, N, from Monday, Oct. 31 through Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005. Fall hunting hours are one half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset. Turkey Hunting Areas 1-11 and Turkey Hunting Areas 20 and 21 will be open for hunting. Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16 and 22 are closed to fall hunting.

Turkey hunters may take only one wild turkey of either sex per permit during the fall season. However, hunters may only take one turkey per day regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds. Dogs and artificial decoys may be used while turkey hunting in the fall season; however, the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. All turkey hunters are required to have a calling device with them while turkey hunting.

Turkeys may not be hunted by a group of hunters larger than five individuals. Hunters may not attempt to chase or drive turkeys for the purpose of putting them in range of other hunters. However, hunters may rush a flock of turkeys to cause the flock to scatter. No shot larger than #4 fine shot or smaller than #7 1/2 fine shot may be used for turkey hunting. Hunters may not use shotguns larger than 10-gauge or smaller than 20-gauge for turkey hunting. Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle for hunting turkeys. Turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of any baited area.

Successful fall turkey hunters must complete the transportation tag on their fall hunting permit immediately upon killing a turkey and must take the bird to an official wild turkey check station by 7 p.m. on the day it is killed. The hunter who killed the bird is the only person who may transport and check the turkey.

Fall 2005 Turkey Permits

At press time, the 2005 Fall Turkey Permit Lottery had not been completed. Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, is scheduled for over-the-counter sale of leftover permits. Permits will be sold only Mondays through Fridays as select Fish and Wildlife offices. Check the Web site or call the 24-hour automated Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192 for more detailed information.

Youth Turkey Hunt Day
April 15, 2006
See page 24

on one form. Hunters may submit only one application for turkey permits. Duplicate applications will cause all applications to be voided.

The latest information on turkey hunting techniques is presented at turkey hunting seminars, some of which are sponsored by Fish and Wildlife. These seminars stress safety, calling techniques and "setting up." New turkey hunters are especially encouraged to attend a seminar. Check your newspaper and the permit supplements for seminars scheduled for your area in March and April.

Spring Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting regulations are found in the 2006 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement. See *Turkey Permits - General*, page 10.

Information

2006 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplements containing hunting information, regulations and application forms will be available at license agents and Fish and Wildlife offices by late January 2006. Applicants should apply for both spring and fall seasons

2006 Spring Gobbler Hunting Season Dates

Season dates for Turkey Hunting Permits
Youth Turkey Hunting Day: Sat., April 15
Segment A: Mon., April 17 - Fri., April 21
Segment B: Mon., April 24 - Fri., April 28
Segment C: Mon., May 1 - Fri., May 5
Segment D: Mon., May 8 - Fri., May 12
Segment E: Mon., May 15 - Fri., May 19;
Mon., May 22 - Fri., May 26
Segment G: all Saturdays, April 22, April 29,
May 6, May 13 and May 20

Fall 2005 Turkey Check Stations

ATLANTIC

Ted's Taxidermy, 713 Route 40, Buena, (856) 697-8585

BURLINGTON

Sportsman's Center, Route 130, Bordentown, (609) 298-5300

CUMBERLAND

Blackwater Sports Center, 2228 Delsea Dr., Vineland, (856) 691-1571

Big Daddy's Sports Haven, 595 Sherman Ave., Millville, (856) 825-5500

HUNTERDON

Lakeside Deli, 1878 Rt. 31 N., Clinton, (908) 638-3354

Sportsman's Rendezvous, Route 31, Speedway Plaza, Flemington, (908) 788-5828

Boan's Marine, 1296 Route 179, Lambertville (609) 397-3311

The Corner Store, Rt. 12 And Rt. 519, Baptistown, (908) 996-7648

Carousel Deli And Bakery, Rt. 179 And Wertsville Rd., Ringoes, (908) 788-5180

Jim Brown's Auto Body, 1173 Rt. 579, Quakertown, (908) 735-7800

Jugtown Mountain Campsites, 1074 Rt. 173 East, Asbury, (908) 735-5995

MIDDLESEX

Sayreville Sportsmen, 52 Washington Ave., Sayreville, (732) 238-2060

MORRIS

Billy Bob's Bait and Bows, 808 Rt. 15 South, Lk. Hopatcong, (973) 633-3474

The Country Sportsman, 63 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, (973) 839-7622

R&S Sports, 3 New Street, Budd Lake, (973) 347-1944

River Run Taxidermy Studio, 99 West Mill Rd., Long Valley, (908) 876-1966

County Line Sport Shop, #10 Route 46, Hackettstown (908) 852-9897

PASSAIC

D & D Sport and Paintball, 1846 Route 23 North, West Milford, (973) 838-7522

Greenwood Lake Sports Center, 1745 Greenwood Lake Turnpike, Hewitt, (973) 728-1000

SALEM

North American Archery, 439 Rt 77, Monroeville, (856) 358-81808

Bradway's Farm Market, Jericho Rd & Rt 49, Salem, (856) 935-5698

SOMERSET

Gladpack Sunoco, 1 Pottersville Rd, Peapack-Gladstone, (908) 234-1355

Millstone Sport Shop, 20 N. River St., Millstone, (908) 359-5713

SUSSEX

Hainesville General Store, 283 Rt. 206 South, Hainesville, (973) 948-4280

Stokes Sport Shop, 29 Rt 206 South, Branchville, (973) 948-5448

Simon-Peter Bait And Tackle, Route 206 And Brighton Rd, Newton, (973) 786-5313

Sig Borstad Hunting Supply, 7 Old Rudetown Road, McAfee, (973) 827-6527

Swartswood Country Store, 911 Newton-Swartswood Rd., Stillwater, (973) 383-5470

Mastodon Sport Shop, 195 Highland Lakes Rd., Vernon, (973) 764-0200

WARREN

Alpine Meats, Rt. 94 N., Blairstown, (908) 362-8568

Hi-Way Sport Shop, Box 253, Route 31 North, Washington, (908) 689-6208

Smitty's Liqueur & Deli, 89 Rt. 46, Delaware, (908) 475-5933

The Owl's Nest, 97 Rt 519, Warren Glen, (908) 995-7903

Dark Moon Tavern, 606 Route 519, Johnsonburg, (908) 459-4487

What Do I Need To Hunt Migratory Birds In New Jersey?



1. Required to hunt crows: a **New Jersey hunting license**— See pages 7 and 8 for hunting license requirements and fees.
2. Required to hunt woodcock, rail, snipe, coots or moorhens (gallinule): a **New Jersey hunting license** and **Harvest Information Program (HIP) number**; see below for HIP information.
3. Required to hunt ducks, geese or brant: a **New Jersey hunting license**, **HIP number**, **Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp** and **New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp**. Both Federal and State stamps are required for waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older and must be signed in ink across the stamp's face. Federal stamps are available at U.S. post offices. State stamps are available from agents who sell hunting licenses.

Important Information For Migratory Bird Hunters

Hunters must obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) number **before** hunting ducks, geese, brant, woodcock, rails, snipe, coot or moorhens (gallinules) in New Jersey.

To obtain a HIP number in New Jersey free of charge, register through Fish and Wildlife's Web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com/hiprog.htm or call (800) WETLAND. The 24-hour automated system operates seven days a week. Hunters must have their hunting license number available when calling.

The HIP number must appear on the front of the hunting license in the space next to "2005/06 Fall/Winter NJ HIP#." The number is valid from Sept. 1, 2005, to March 10, 2006.

All information collected through the program is kept - confidential and is used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct migratory bird harvest surveys.

As it has done previously, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also will mail harvest survey information to a small, random group of HIP registrants.

Hunters who need assistance in getting a HIP number can call (888) 764-7343.

Many migratory bird regulations are not confirmed at press time for this Digest. Watch for press releases in late August for information on season dates and bag limits. When finalized, migratory bird hunting regulations will be published in the **New Jersey 2005-06 Migratory Bird Regulations** available in September at license agents and Fish and Wildlife offices. Migratory bird regulations will also be available on the Fish and Wildlife Web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com as soon as they are finalized. Migratory bird season dates published in the **Migratory Bird Regulations** supersede those printed in this Digest if there are discrepancies.

The following dates, although expected to be approved, will not become final until approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in August:

Dates

September Canada Goose	Statewide	Sept. 1-30
Rails, Moorhens (Gallinules).	Statewide	Sept. 1-Nov. 8
Sea Ducks.	Special Sea	Sept. 17, 2005-
	Duck Area	Jan. 17, 2006
Snipe	Statewide	Sept. 17-Dec. 31, 2005
Crows (Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat)	Statewide	Aug. 8-Mar. 18, 2006 (Except closed Dec. 5-10, 2005)
Woodcock	North Zone	Oct. 20-Nov. 12
	South Zone	Nov. 12-Nov. 26 & Dec. 23-Dec. 31, 2005
Mourning Dove	Statewide	Closed
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	North Zone	Sept. 24
	South Zone	Nov. 11 & 12
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 29

Hunters: Report Banded Birds

Hunters who recover banded migratory birds are asked to report the band number by calling the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) in Washington, D.C., toll free at (800) 327-BAND. Band information also may be reported through the BBL's Web site at www.purc.usgs.gov/bbl/.

Banding data plays a critical role in the decision-making process for migratory bird management.

When contacting the BBL, hunters should provide the following information: band number, date the bird was recovered, exact location of the bird's recovery as well as nearest town, and method of recovery, e.g., shot or found dead. Hunters may keep the bands.

The BBL sends a certificate of appreciation to anyone who reports a banded bird, along with information on the date and location of the banding and the age and sex of the bird.

Atlantic Brant Patch Program

The Atlantic Brant Patch Program features five limited-edition patches available to raise public funds for the Susquehanna River Wetlands Trust. The program began in 2000 with the Banding Project patch. These patches promote and support Atlantic brant research. Proceeds from patch sales fund brant research being conducted by the Atlantic Flyway Council. Current research focuses on satellite and conventional radio tracking collars and data analysis.

The 2004 patch is the last in the series. Your continued support is appreciated.

Dave Barnes, wildlife artist and carver, created the artwork for the first two patches. A committee without a specific artist designed the third patch, and the 2003 patch was based on a set of custom decoys carved for the SRWT by talented wildlife carvers Mike and Susan Veasey.



Each patch is four inches in diameter, with an iron-on backing. Only \$5 each.

Shipping and Handling Charges:

1-2 patches	\$1
3-5 patches	\$2
6-10 patches	\$3
11-25 patches	\$4
26-50 patches	\$5
51 and up	\$6

Atlantic Brant Patch Order Form

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Telephone _____

Quantity Ordered:

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2003 patches _____ 2004 patches _____

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Shipping & Handling (per chart above) = \$ _____

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2500 Hafer Rd.
Fayetteville, PA 17222

FREE! New Jersey Waterfowlers Clinic

Every year, experienced waterfowlers throughout New Jersey join together dedicating their time and energy to present the "New Jersey Waterfowlers Clinic"—an all day, **free** seminar covering "everything you ever wanted to know" about the traditions of waterfowl hunting in New Jersey. This year is no exception!

Thirty years ago, the clinic began as an opportunity to introduce young people to the world of waterfowl hunting. However, with the growing interest among men and women, as well as children, the event has been transformed into an opportunity for anyone 10 and up to spend a fun and interesting day learning about waterfowling!

Our full-day clinic covers waterfowling from A to Z, and includes bird identification, decoys, calling, guns and ammo, boats, safety, laws and ethics, dos and don'ts, clothing and camo, and even a demonstration by working retrievers! The value of the day is priceless. It's a unique chance to ask any question you've ever had about the sport—to be answered by the most experienced waterfowlers in New Jersey. Our instructors have a combined 300 years of experience!



Free breakfast and lunch to all attending!

Date: Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005

Location: Tip Seaman Park, Tuckerton, NJ

Time: 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Please **register in advance** so we can plan accordingly. Call George Larson at (732) 870-8473 or Bill Schaf at (732) 928-1275.

We hope you'll join us this year and share our enthusiasm for all that is waterfowling!

Nontoxic Shotgun Shell Regulation Now in Effect for Rail, Snipe and Moorhen Hunters

To protect wildlife from lead poisoning in New Jersey's wetlands, nontoxic shot is required **at all times** while hunting rails, snipe and moorhens, beginning Sept. 1, 2004.

Numerous studies have shown that waterbirds and other wildlife either die or are seriously sickened by ingesting spent lead shot deposited in marshes. Further, secondary lead poisoning can occur in predatory or scavenging wildlife, most notably raptors, after they consume animals that have ingested lead shot.

Under the new rule, hunters are permitted to use only shotgun shells containing federally approved nontoxic shot pellets, including steel, bismuth, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron (HEVI-SHOT) and tungsten-iron-nickel-tin (TINT).

These nontoxic shotgun shells have lower velocities and smaller shot sizes suitable for hunting rail, snipe and moorhens, and are now on the market.

Further, hunters are not permitted to possess shotgun shells loaded with lead shot while pursuing rails, snipe or moorhens. Hunters found illegally possessing shotgun shells containing lead shot face a penalty of \$20 for each shotgun shell.

Wildlife Management Area

REGULATIONS

Regulations for use of Wildlife Management Areas are established by the Division of Fish and Wildlife with penalties of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200.

Information on these regulations and permit applications may be obtained by writing to NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400.

Fish and Wildlife may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:
alcoholic beverages, camping, cutting or damaging
vegetation, dumping, fires, swimming and picnicking.**

Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit

Any vehicle used to transport or launch a vessel or water conveyance on the following WMAs must have affixed to the lower corner of the driver's side rear window a boat ramp maintenance permit or receipt from a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license. The boat ramp maintenance permit shall be purchased for a fee of \$15 from Fish and Wildlife offices at the Pequest Trout Hatchery Natural Resource Education Center, Northern, Central and Southern Region, Nacote Creek, Bivalve, Tuckahoe, Lebanon and Trenton offices. Boat Ramp Maintenance Permits may also be purchased online at www.fishandwildlife.com or through the mail from N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625, Att: Boat Ramp Permit. Persons 70 years and older are not required to obtain a boat ramp maintenance permit, but must affix proof of age to the driver's side rear window in their vehicle.

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| 1. Round Valley | 4. Dennis Creek | 8. Menantico Ponds |
| Angler Access | 5. Tuckahoe | 9. Prospertown Lake |
| 2. Kingwood | 6. Mad Horse Creek | |
| 3. Assunpink | 7. Union Lake | |

Dog Training, Exercising & Hunting

A person may exercise or train dogs in designated dog training areas only from May 1 to Aug. 31, inclusive and only on the following select WMAs:

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| 1. Assunpink | 5. Colliers Mills | 9. Manasquan |
| 2. Millville | 6. Glassboro | 10. Stafford Forge |
| 3. Black River | 7. Hainesville | 11. Whittingham |
| 4. Clinton | 8. Tuckahoe | |

All dogs must be properly licensed. A person may exercise or train dogs on any WMA from Sept. 1 to April 30. There shall be no exercising or training of dogs on any WMA on Nov. 11, 2005, the Friday before the opening day of the regular small game season.

Additional regulations involve the release of game birds for training, the use of pigeons, the use of firearms, frozen game birds, the use of call back pens and the release of foxes, raccoons, rabbits and hares. For more information call (609) 984-0547.

Field Trials

Permits for use of Wildlife Management Areas for running of field trials may be granted by the Fish and Wildlife.

Higbee Beach

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 to Dec. 12, 2005.

Horseback Riding

Horseback riding is allowed by permit only from the Division of

Fish and Wildlife on designated areas. Call (609) 259-2132. This permit must be displayed on outer clothing while riding.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting with firearms is prohibited on Nov. 11, 2005 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp areas except in tidal marsh open to an ongoing waterfowl season.

It is legal to possess and use a .22 caliber rifle and .22 caliber rimfire short cartridge on WMAs **only** for hunting raccoon and opossum and dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat.

Rifles, including muzzleloading rifles, may not be used to hunt woodchucks on WMAs.

Motor Vehicles & Other Forms of Conveyances

No person shall operate an unregistered vehicle on any state WMA. All motor vehicles are restricted to established public roads and parking areas.

All motor boats must be properly registered and have all the required safety equipment.

The use of dog sleds and dog carts, off road vehicles, ATVs, trailbikes, or snowmobiles is prohibited on all WMAs unless authorized by the Fish and Wildlife.

Outboard Motors

Only electric motors are allowed on freshwater areas with the exception of Union Lake where an outboard motor, not exceeding 10 hp, may be used. On Prospertown Lake, only manually operated boats and canoes are allowed.

Restricted Hours

Wildlife Management Areas are closed from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. unless engaged in lawful hunting, fishing or trapping activities. Special permission may be granted for Fish and Wildlife approved activities.

Target Practice

Only archery, shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, muzzleloading rifle and .22 caliber, rimfire rifle shooting is allowed in designated hunter training ranges according to regulations posted at the training area.

The following types of ranges are available on designated WMAs statewide: Shotgun Range—for use with clay birds and the patterning of fine shot; Archery Range—approved backstops at select ranges, no broadheads allowed; Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun Slug Range—for sighting in with shotgun slugs or buckshot, .22 caliber, rimfire rifles and muzzleloaders; no other firearms allowed. See page 67 for a list of ranges.

Waterfowl Blinds

No permanent waterfowl blinds, including pit blinds, shall be constructed, hunted from or used in any manner on any of the following WMAs:

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| 1. Assunpink | 6. Manahawkin | 11. Salem River |
| 2. Black River | 7. Stafford Forge | (Formerly Mannington) |
| 3. Colliers Mills | 8. Whittingham | 12. Prospertown |
| 4. Hainesville | 9. Beaver Swamp | |
| 5. Tuckahoe | 10. Sedge Island | |

Any blind used in these designated areas must be portable and shall be completely removed at the end of the day. Blinds remaining in WMAs will be subject to confiscation and properly disposed of by Fish and Wildlife.

Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Ranges

The following information pertains to NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife facilities. Information on privately operated facilities is available at "Where To Shoot," a site maintained by the National Shooting Sports Foundation at www.nssf.org.

- All WMA regulations apply.
- At least one member of the shooting party must have a current, valid hunting license in possession.
- Shotgun range: fine shot only.
- Archery range: target or practice tips only (NO broadheads).
- Muzzleloading rifle and shotgun range: muzzleloading firearms, shotguns with rifled slugs or buckshot and modern rimfire (.22 caliber) rifles only.
- No handguns or centerfire rifles permitted.

NORTHERN REGION

Hunterdon County

Clinton WMA

Route 173W, Clinton
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

Morris County

Black River WMA

Route 513 (Dover-Chester Road), Chester
Shotgun, Archery

Note: Closed weekends from the third Saturday in May through the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, as well as on the Christmas and Easter holidays. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. during this summer period, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the rest of the year. Hunter education classes will continue to be held at the range and will not be affected by the new hours.

Sussex County

Flatbrook-Roy WMA

Route 615, Layton
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (75 yards)

Warren County

Pequest WMA

Pequest Road, Oxford
Archery

CENTRAL REGION

Monmouth County

Assunpink WMA

Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd.,
Upper Freehold Twp.
Shotgun, Archery

Turkey Swamp

Georgia Road, Freehold Twp.
Special regulations apply call (732) 842-4000
Archery

Ocean County

Colliers Mills WMA

Off Colliers Mills & Hawkins Rds.,
Jackson Twp.
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

Stafford Forge WMA

Off Route 539, south of Warren Grove,

Little Egg Harbor Twp.

Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

SOUTHERN REGION

Atlantic County

Makepeace Lake WMA

Elmwood-Weymouth Road, Weymouth
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)

Gloucester County

Winslow WMA

Piney Hollow Road, Monroe Twp.
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)

Cape May County

Tuckahoe WMA

Off Tuckahoe Road (Route 631), Tuckahoe
Shotgun, Archery

Cumberland County

Millville WMA

Ackley Road (Route 718), Millville
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)



HUNT SMART Courtesy Card

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I request permission to enter your property for the following purpose:

Dates from: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Limitations: _____

Hunter can hunt within 450 feet of buildings: Yes No

Landowner's Name: _____

Address: _____

LANDOWNER COPY

Permission given to: _____

Address: _____

Vehicle Make _____ Yr. ____ Color _____

Vehicle Lic. No. _____ No. in Party _____

Dates from: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Limitations: _____

Other licenses, tag no.: _____

Permission dates from: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Limitations: _____

Hunter can hunt within 450 feet of buildings: Yes No

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I agree to conduct myself safely, responsibly and lawfully, respecting the landowner, property, and others using it. I accept the responsibilities which are part of the activities which I pursue. I agree to comply with the instructions of the landowner while on this property.

I understand that the laws of New Jersey absolve the landowner from liability for non-paying recreationists engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, and certain other activities, except in the case of willful or malicious failure to guard or warn of hazards.

Signed _____ (visitor)

Date ____/____/____



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Division of Fish & Wildlife



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I hereby give permission to: (visitor's name)

_____ to enter my property for the purpose listed on the reverse side of this card. He/she has agreed to act safely responsibly, and lawfully and to accept responsibility for his/her actions.

Signed _____ (landowner, lessee, or operator)

Date ____/____/____



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New Jersey Showcases Outstanding Deer

New Jersey's Outstanding White-tailed Deer Program was initiated in 1964 and includes categories for typical and non-typical antlered deer taken with bow, shotgun and muzzleloading rifle, in addition to the weight categories listed below. A newer velvet category is added for early bow season deer. Minimum scores (revised in September 1996):

Category	Minimum score
Typical Firearm	125
Non-typical Firearm	135
Typical Archery	125
Non-typical Archery	135
Typical Muzzleloader	125
Non-typical Muzzleloader	135

In the Antlered Division, New Jersey's Outstanding Deer Program uses the most commonly used system for rating antlers in North America as developed by the Boone and Crockett Club. This scoring system gives credit to antler length, spread, number of points, massiveness and symmetry. This measurement system also is used by the Pope & Young Club's Bowhunting Big Game Records Program.

In the Weight Division, the program recognizes exceptional body size as determined by the field dressed weight. Those bucks reaching or exceeding 200 pounds (must have proof confirmed on a certified scale for bucks) and a category for field dressed does reaching or exceeding 135 pounds (witnessed, non-certified scale at a deer check station or Fish and Wildlife regional office may be acceptable).

Any properly licensed hunter, regardless of residency, is eligible to enter the Outstanding Deer Program. Deer must be taken in accordance with New Jersey wildlife laws and regulations. Additional rules are included on official application forms. These forms with instructions are available on our Web site or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Outstanding Deer Program, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400. Be sure to state if your deer has typical or non-typical antlers. There is no entry fee.

All qualified entries will be added to New Jersey's All Time List. For questions, call (609) 633-7598.

Quality Deer Management or Antler Point Restriction programs are bound to result in a significant increase in the number of outstanding deer added to the All Time List. Perhaps in as little as three to five years, depending on the area in question, results will be seen.

Qualifying deer entries are displayed and recognized at the annual Garden State Deer Classic. Join Fish and Wildlife in celebrating New Jersey's outstanding white-tailed deer at the Deer Classic in January at the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show. See the ad on page 68 for details.

Following is a list of the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2005 Garden State Deer Classic. The Classic showcased the outstanding deer taken during the 2003-2004 deer hunting seasons.

2003-04 New Jersey Outstanding White-Tailed Deer All Time List

Division	Category	Score	County of Harvest	Hunter	Hometown	
Antlered	Archery (Typical)	155 5/8	Salem	Larry D. Hunt	Salem	
		151 1/2	Somerset	Mark Spoto	Montville	
		146 1/2	Middlesex	Gregory Ziola	Parlin	
	Archery (Non-Typical)	16 8	Sussex	Wayne Dressler	Carteret	
		158 5/8	Monmouth	Karl Bauer	Howell	
		151	Warren	Robert L. Bill, Jr.	Phillipsburg	
	Muzzleloader	(Typical)	147 1/8	Middlesex	Jeffrey W. Penksa	Old Bridge
			141 7/8	Ocean	Louis Basciani, Jr.	Tabernacle
		(Non-Typical)	133 3/4	Hunterdon	Nick Scamuffa	Lambertville
			163 3/4	Gloucester	Ron Keller, Jr.	Lindenwold
Shotgun	(Typical)	160 5/8	Atlantic	Warren S. Brown, III	Galloway	
		150 7/8	Warren	Charlie Barabas	Hackettstown	
		150 1/4	Camden	O. David Huebner	Maple Shade	
	(Non-Typical)	149	Morris	Gordon Galfo	Oak Ridge	
		153 1/8	Warren	James C. Novosel	Parlin	
		152 7/8	Warren	Edward Castelli	Parsippany	
Physically Challenged	Crossbow (Non-Typical)	145 1/4	Burlington	Joseph S. Kucowski	Wrightstown	
		13 5 1/8	Warren	Michael Lucas	Piscataway	
		No Entry				
135 Pound Doe	Bow	No Entry				
		136	Salem	Jeffrey W. Norton	Pedricktown	
	Shotgun	No Entry				
200 Pound Club	Bow	210	Morris	Kenneth W. Baker	Morristown	
		206	Monmouth	Kevin Pross	Monroe	
	Muzzleloader	No Entry				
	Shotgun	No Entry				