



## 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](http://www.NJfishandwildlife.com).

**Black Bear Hunting Season:**  
Dec. 4-9, 2006

**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 also *Black Bear Hunting Permits*, page 10. Hunters are limited to one black bear hunting permit.

**Game Care:** **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 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 attend a 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. 4, 2006), 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 of solid fluorescent hunter orange 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.

### 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.

When field dressing a black bear, leave the sex organs intact and attached to the body. **Remember, 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.**

Successful hunters must take the black bear to a designated check station by 7 p.m. 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 7 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 Fish and Wildlife 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. ►

# Black Bear Hunting

## REGULATIONS

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### Mandatory Black Bear Check Stations:

**Hours: 12 noon to 7 p.m.**

#### 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

\* Operating Opening Day and Saturday only

\*\* Operating entire season

### Black Bear Hunting Area Descriptions

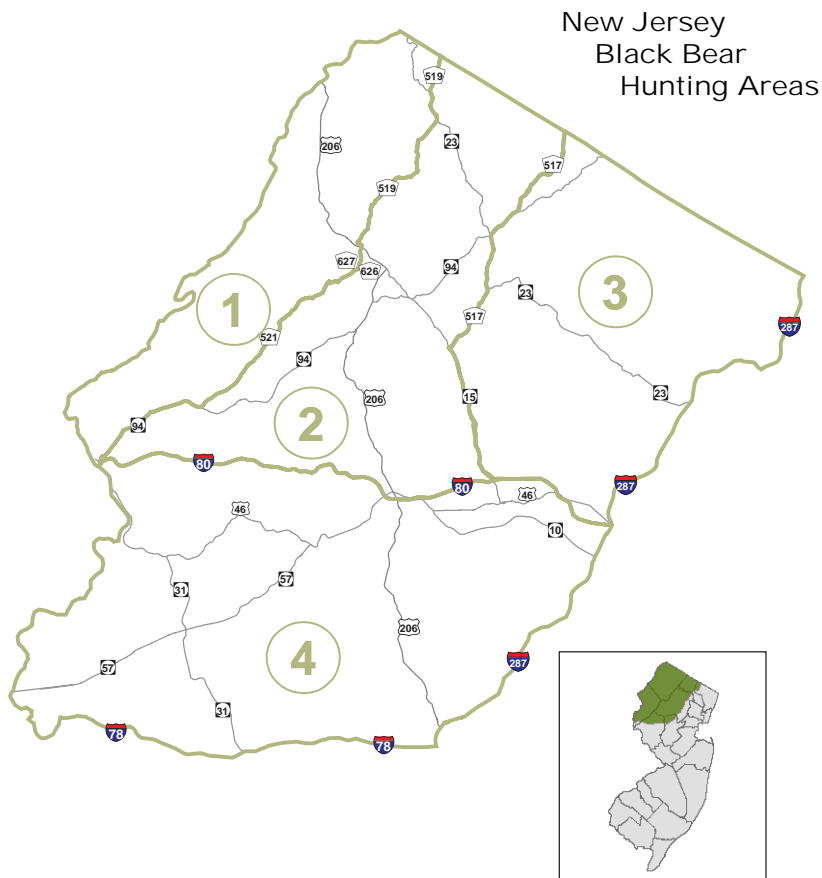
**Black Bear Hunting Area No. 1:** That portion of Warren and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Portland Bridge and the Delaware River at Columbia; then northward along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York state line; then east along the 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 por-

tion 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



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

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 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.

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# Small Game Hunting

## REGULATIONS

A current and valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-around Sportsman) is required to pursue any small game species. See page 25 for *General Hunting Regulations*. The use of dogs, unless specifically stated otherwise, is permitted to pursue any small game species except wild turkey. Hunting for those species shown on page 62 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. For exceptions, see *Coyote and Fox and Semi-wild and Commercial Preserves Hunting* sections below.

**Season Dates and Bag Limits:** The *Small Game Hunting Seasons* table on pages 62 lists dates, hunting hours and daily bag limits for all small game species open for hunting. Hunting with firearms is prohibited on Nov. 10, 2006 on state wildlife management areas designated as *Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas* (see *Pheasants* below) except in tidal marshes open to an ongoing waterfowl season.

**General Small Game Hunting Methods:** Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns, bow and arrow and limited hunting with a .22 caliber rifle; see below. See also *General Hunting Regulations*, page 25.

- Unless specifically stated otherwise, shotguns for small game hunting may be no larger than 10-gauge or smaller than .410 caliber and capable of holding no more than three shells. Unless specifically stated otherwise, shot size for small game may be no larger than #4 fine shot.

- Compound bow and all other bows must meet the requirements specified in the section on *General Hunting Regulations*, page 25.
- For limited small game rifle hunting, see below for *Coyote and Fox – Special Permit Season, Raccoon and Opossum, Squirrel – Muzzleloading Rifle Season* and *Woodchuck* for restrictions.
- 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, General

#### Seasons:

**Bow and Arrow only:** Sept. 30 to Nov. 10, 2006.

**Firearm or Bow and Arrow:** Nov. 11, 2006 to Feb. 19, 2007.

**Hours:** 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, except on Nov. 11, 2006 when hunting may not begin until 8 a.m.

**Hunting with Dogs:** The use of dogs is *not* allowed from Sept. 30 to Nov. 10, nor during the Six-Day Firearm (deer) Season nor on the Wednesday of the Permit Shotgun (deer) Season immediately following the Six-day Firearm Season. Dogs may be used for hunting coyote and fox at all other times.

**Hunting Methods:** 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 (i.e., 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 projectiles approved for deer hunting may be used to take fox and coyote incidental to deer hunting during the deer seasons described above. See chart, page 30.

**Bag Limit:** There is no bag limit for fox. The coyote daily bag limit is two. **All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to the regional Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours.** Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.

### Coyote and Fox, Special Permit Season

In addition to the seasons outlined in the previous section, a Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season runs concurrent with the regular small game coyote and fox season. A Fish and Wildlife-issued permit is required to hunt coyote or fox under the provisions of the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season; see *Permit Requirements* below.

Coyote/Fox permits cost \$2 and will be available for purchase at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site beginning Dec. 1, 2006. A 2007 hunting license must be purchased prior to or in conjunction with the purchase of a 2007 Coyote/Fox Permit.

### Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season information:

**Firearm or Bow and Arrow:** Jan. 15 to Feb. 19, 2007.

- Shotguns may not be smaller than 12 or larger than 10 gauge.
- 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.

**Hours:** Coyotes and foxes may be hunted by persons in possession of a special permit:

- From 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, hunters may use a bow, muzzle-loading rifle or shotgun.
- From 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, hunters are restricted to using 10 or 12 gauge shotguns with "T", #2 or #4 fine shot only. The use of bows and muzzle-loading rifles is prohibited during these hours.

**Use of dogs:** The use of dogs is prohibited by holders of a special permit during this season.

**Hunting methods:** While hunting under the provisions of the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season:

- 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 hunters orange is not required but it is recommended to be worn while traveling to and from hunting areas.
- Portable lights are allowed.

**Bag Limit:** There is no bag limit for fox. The coyote daily bag limit is two. **All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours.** Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.

**Permit Requirements:** A Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season permit is required for hunters pursuing coyote and foxes between Jan. 15 and Feb. 19, 2007 when any of the following conditions apply:

- Hunting between the hours of 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise (limited to shotgun hunting only)
- Hunting while in possession of shot sizes larger than #4 fine shot (i.e., #2 fine or "T")
- Hunting with a muzzleloading rifle (must be .44 caliber or greater)
- Hunting with a firearm while not wearing fluorescent orange on outer clothing

### Northern Bobwhite (Quail)

Northern bobwhites (quail) are native to

the southern half of New Jersey. In recent years, quail populations have declined throughout their range including New Jersey. In an effort to reverse this decline in New Jersey, two quail hunting zones are now delineated. North of Route 33, where wild quail populations are not known to occur, the season length and bag limit is Nov. 11-Dec. 2 and Dec. 11, 12, 14-30, 2006 and Jan. 1-Feb. 19, 2007; the daily bag is seven birds. South of Route 33, the season ends on Jan. 31 and the daily bag limit is four birds. The reduction in season length and bag limit will be monitored to determine any impact on the native quail population.

### Pheasants

Pheasant zones were eliminated in 2005. The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either sex statewide. See exceptions below for *Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting*.

**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 (WMAs) 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. A current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp is also required at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

**The hunter must sign in ink across the face of the pheasant and quail stamp.**

### Pheasant and Quail

Fish and Wildlife anticipates pheasant releases to be in excess of 50,000 birds and plans to purchase 5,200 quail for release as follows:

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

**Nov. 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28 and 30**  
**Dec. 2, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30**

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. 11, 18, 23, and 25**  
**Dec. 2, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30**

The Greenwood Forest and Peaslee WMAs will be stocked with a combination of quail and pheasant for the following dates:

**Nov. 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25 and 30**  
**Dec. 2, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30**

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 subject to pheasant production and may change due to emergency weather conditions.

### Raccoon and Opossum

**Although the Fish and Game Council proposed season dates for hunting raccoon and opossum during the 2006 to 2010 seasons, they were inadvertently omitted from the New Jersey Register. Therefore, raccoon hunting regulations (season dates, season bag limit, hunting hours and dog training hours) will revert to those established by N.J.S.A. Title 23, and the opossum hunting season will be closed until the effective date of the 2006-07 Game Code. Fish and Wildlife will announce the Code's effective date on our Web site and by news release. The Title 23 regulations are as follows:**

**Season:** Nov. 1, 2006 to Jan. 15, 2007.

Once the 2006-07 Game Code becomes effective, the raccoon and opossum season will be:

**Season:** Oct. 2, 2006 (or the effective date of the 2006-07 Game Code) to March 1, 2007, inclusive.

**Hours:** Hunting may not begin until one hour after sunset on Oct. 2. On all other days open during the season, the hours of hunting are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise. Sunday hunting is permitted only between the hours of midnight (Saturday) and one hour before sunrise (Sunday).

**Hunting methods:** Portable lights are permitted. Fluorescent orange is *encouraged but not required* on outer clothing while hunting raccoon and opossum. A current and valid rifle permit is required when possessing a .22 caliber rifle while hunting raccoon and opossum.

**Bag limit:** No daily or season bag limit for either raccoon or opossum.

**Dog Training:** Dogs may be trained during the month of Sept. and from March 2 to May 1, inclusive. The training hours are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

### Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Youth hunters (in possession of a valid Youth Hunting License and accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult) are permitted to hunt pheasant, quail and/or chukar partridge on licensed semi-wild preserves on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, the Youth Pheasant Hunting Day.

Hunting for certain species of game birds is allowed from Nov. 11, 2006 to March 15, 2007 on semi-wild preserves and Sept. 1, 2006 through May 1, 2007 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 pheasant, quail, chukar or mallard taken on commercial preserves. There are no daily bag limits for pheasant, quail or chukar 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. 30 to Nov. 10, 2006; and Jan. 6 to Feb. 19, 2007. 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-

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# 2006-07 Small Game Hunting Seasons

## REGULATIONS

(RED indicates a regulation change this year)

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
<b>Bobwhite quail</b>	<b>North of Route 33:</b> Nov. 11, 2006 to Dec. 2; Dec. 11, 12, 14-30, 2006 to Feb. 19, 2007  <b>South of Route 33:</b> Nov. 11, 2006 to Dec. 2; Dec. 11, 12, 14-30 2006 to Jan. 31, 2007	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	North – 7  South – 4	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11, 2006  Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas listed under Pheasant, page 61.
<b>Coyote* and Fox</b>	<b>Bow and Arrow only:</b> Sep. 30 to Nov. 10, 2006  <b>Firearm or Bow and Arrow:</b> Nov. 11, 2006 to Feb. 19, 2007	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Coyote – 2 Fox – No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11, 2006 Closed Dec. 4-9 and Dec. 13, 2006 except as noted under Coyote and Fox, page 60.
<b>Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season</b>	<b>Firearm or Bow and Arrow:</b> Jan. 15 to Feb. 19, 2007	No restriction on hunting hours while in possession of a Coyote and Fox Special Permit Season permit and hunting under the special season provisions. See Small Game, Coyote and Fox Special Permit Season, page 60	Coyote – 2 Fox – No limit	Calling and stand hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession. Rifle permit required if hunting with rifle Between the hours of ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise, only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns with #4 to "T" size shot may be used.
<b>Crow</b>	Aug. 14, 2006 to Mar. 17, 2007 on <b>Mondays and Thurs.–Sat. only.</b>	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11, 2006 Closed Dec. 4 - 9, 2006 See Migratory Bird Regs., p. 68
<b>Gallinule &amp; Rail (Clapper, Sora and Virginia)</b>	See Migratory Bird Regulations, p. 68	½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Gallinule – 10 Rail, Clapper – 10 Rail, Sora – 25 Rail, Virginia – 25	HIP number required. Non-toxic shot required. See Migratory Bird Regs., p. 68
<b>Goose, Canada Resident (Early Season)</b>	See Migratory Bird Regulations, p. 68	½ hour before sunrise to sunset	<b>15</b>	HIP number required. Non-toxic shot required. State and Federal migratory bird stamps required if 16 years of age or older. See Migratory Bird Regs., p. 68
<b>Grouse (Ruffed)</b>	Oct. 19 to Dec. 2; Dec. 11, 12, 14-30, 2006	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11, 2006
<b>Pheasant &amp; Chukar</b>	Nov. 11, 2006 to Dec. 2; Dec. 11, 12, 14-30, 2006 to Feb. 19, 2007	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Chukar – 7 Pheasant – 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11, 2006 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas; see page 61.
<b>Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit</b>	Nov. 11, 2006 to Dec. 2; Dec. 11, 12, 14-30, 2006 to Feb. 19, 2007	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail – 4 Hare – 1 Jackrabbit – 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11, 2006
<b>Opossum &amp; Raccoon (tentative)</b>	<b>Nov. 1, 2006 to Jan. 15, 2007<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise</b>	<b>No daily limit</b>	<b>5:46 p.m. start on Nov. 1<sup>1</sup> Rifle permit required if hunting with rifle Closed Dec. 4 - 9 and Dec. 13, 2006</b>
<b>Squirrel (Gray)</b>	Sept. 30 to Dec. 2** Dec. 11, 12, 14-30, 2006 to Feb. 19, 2007	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11, 2006
<b>Squirrel (Eastern Gray) Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)</b>	Sept. 30 to Nov. 10, 2006** and Jan. 6 to Feb. 19, 2007	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	Rifle permit required. Designated areas only; see Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle Season page 61
<b>Turkey (Fall)</b>	N – Oct. 30 to Nov. 4, 2006	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.	1, Either sex	Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1 – 11, 20 and 21 only.
<b>Turkey (Spring)</b>	Apr. 16 to May 25, 2007	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey	Permit required. See details, p. 67
<b>Woodchuck— Bow, Rifle or Shotgun</b>	Mar. 1 to Sept. 27, 2006 Mar. 1 to Sept. 26, 2007	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	Rifle permit required if hunting with rifle. Rifle hunting prohibited on state properties (see Small Game Regulations page 63).
<b>Woodchuck – Bow or Shotgun</b>	Sept. 30 to Dec. 2** Dec. 11, 12, 14-30, 2006 to Feb. 19, 2007	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11, 2006
<b>Woodcock</b>	See Migratory Bird Regulations, p. 68	Sunrise to sunset	3	HIP number required. 8 a.m. start on Nov. 11, 2006
<b>Youth Turkey Day</b>	Apr. 14, 2007	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey	Permit required.
<b>Youth Upland Bird Day</b>	Nov. 4, 2006	8:00 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant - 2	Selected WMAs & licensed semi-wilds (See page 22)
<b>Youth Waterfowl Day</b>	North Zone: Sept. 30 South Zone: Nov. 10 & 11 Coastal Zone: Oct. 28	½ hour before sunrise to sunset	See notes	HIP number required. See Migratory Bird Regs., p. 68

\* All harvested coyote must be reported to a Fish and Wildlife regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours.  
Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.

\*\* No firearm hunting is permitted on November 10, 2006 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.


<sup>1</sup> See Small Game, Raccoon and Opossum, page 61 for season changes after effective date of the approved 2006-07 Game Code.

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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 (including a muzzleloading rifle) while hunting must have a current and valid rifle permit in addition to a current hunting license. Rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is prohibited on state wildlife management areas, state parks and forests or state 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)
Mar. 1 to Sept. 27, 2006 and Mar. 1 to Sept. 26, 2007	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"
	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
Sept. 30 to Dec. 2, Dec. 11, 12 and 14-30, 2006; and Jan. 1 to Feb. 19, 2007	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

## ATTENTION Upland Gamebird Hunters

If you hunt bobwhite, ruffed grouse, woodcock, ring-necked pheasant or chukar and are willing to participate in a Fish and Wildlife survey of gamebird hunters, please provide us with your name, mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number. Submit this information through our Web site at: [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)

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