



Department of
Environmental
Protection

2006 NJ Wild Turkey Hunting Season Information and Permit Application



NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF
Fish and Wildlife

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Application Period Closes February 22, 2006

Exciting Changes to the Turkey Permit Application Process

This year, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife is pleased to announce some exciting changes to the application process for 2006 Spring and Fall Turkey Permits. There are now two ways to submit an application. You may choose to apply in the traditional way, by submitting the enclosed paper application with full payment, or by submitting an application electronically via the Division's new Internet License and Permit Sales Web site.

Advantages to Applying Online:

- **Easy, Secure Payment**

You may now use a credit card to submit an application and pay for your permits if you are successful in the lottery. The Internet sales site accepts most major credit cards and electronic checks as payment, and uses proven security technologies to guarantee the safety of your transaction.

- **Less Money Tied Up**

When applying online, you only have to submit the application fees "up front" instead of the full permit costs. For example, if you are applying for all three lotteries (two spring; one fall), you only need to initially pay the \$6 application fee (\$2 per lottery). If you are successful in the lottery, your credit card will be charged for the remaining cost of the permit and the permit will be mailed to you. If you are unsuccessful in the lottery, you won't have to wait for a refund check in the mail because your credit card won't be charged.

- **Application is Guaranteed Correct**

Every year, the Division must devote significant resources to checking the accuracy of each paper application. If there is a problem with an application, it is not always easy

to get in contact with the applicant to correct the error, or it may be too late in the application period to fix it. The online application process will not allow you to submit an application that contains an error. You can be assured that when your application is submitted, it is correct.

- **Instant Confirmation**

Upon submitting an application online, you will receive a confirmation number and receipt of payment. The Division can then easily and instantly determine the status of your application. You will no longer have to worry about whether the application you mailed in was received.

- **More Time to Apply**

Since the web site is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, you may file your application anytime, day or night, during the application period. Although we encourage you to submit your application early, you will be able to apply right up until the last minute of the application period, which is 12 midnight on February 22.

- **Faster Notification**

If you have applied online and provided a valid e-mail address, you will be notified of your permit status immediately upon completion of the lottery and shortly thereafter you will receive your permit in the mail. You may also check the status of your lottery application 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by visiting the Internet sales site. If you submitted a paper application, you must wait to receive either a permit or notice of non-selection by mail.

Any permits not awarded to customers will be returned to the pool of permits available for over-the-counter sales.

As you can see, there are tremendous benefits to applying online. Why not give it a try?

2006 Wild Turkey Season Dates Spring Season

Youth Turkey Hunting Day: Saturday, April 15, 2006

Hunting Periods	Dates
A.	Monday, April 17 - Friday, April 21, 2006
B.	Monday, April 24 - Friday, April 28, 2006
C.	Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 5, 2006
D.	Monday, May 8 - Friday, May 12, 2006
E.	Monday, May 15 - Friday, May 19; Monday, May 22 - Friday, May 26, 2006
G.	Saturdays: April 22 and 29, May 6, May 13 and May 20, 2006

Fall Season

N.	Monday, October 30 - Saturday, November 4, 2006
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The special statewide Youth Turkey Hunting Day is Saturday, April 15, 2006

- All youth turkey hunters 10 to 16 years of age must possess a valid spring turkey hunting permit
- Must be accompanied by a properly licensed, non-shooting adult age 21 or older who may not shoot on this youth day (See page 2)
- Considered an **extension** of the regular season permit held by the youth
- If youth hunter harvests a turkey on this youth hunting day, that permit is no longer valid for future hunting
- All other spring turkey hunting regulations apply

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Youth Turkey Hunting Program

A special youth turkey hunting program is designed to ensure all applicants 10 to 16 years of age will receive their first choice permit request in the first lottery for the Spring and Fall Turkey Seasons. Permits awarded to youth hunters will not be counted as part of the permit quota. The Fish and Game Council and the Division of Fish and Wildlife recognize that a quality hunting experience, such as turkey hunting with a properly licensed adult, will be fondly remembered for years and has a positive influence toward maintaining our hunting heritage in New Jersey.



The **first** spring turkey permit issued to a youth is valid to hunt *all* weeks A through G for the zone designated, provided the youth (ages 10 - 13 hunting other than on Youth Turkey Hunting Day) is accompanied by a properly licensed adult age 21 or older. **Additional** youth permits are valid only for the designated week.

When licensed adult hunters are only supervising, they need *not* be in possession of a turkey permit for that hunting area and/or week.

After taking their first spring turkey on their **first** permit, youths are then restricted to hunt only the week designated on any **additional** permit purchased.

The youth must be under the direct supervision of the adult. For the purposes of this section, direct supervision is defined as both the youth permittee and the adult set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit, not hunting independently for different birds. The season bag limit for the youth permit remains at one turkey. For additional information on the Youth Turkey Hunting Program, please call the turkey permit hotline at 609-292-9192.

Three Permit Lotteries

Hunters may file only one application and may apply **either** using the new Internet-based system **or** using the mail-in application form on the last page of this publication. The application allows a hunter to apply for a total of three turkey permits, two Spring Season permits and one Fall Season permit. The Fall Season Permit must be applied for at the same time as Spring Season Permits. There will not be an additional application period for the Fall Season.

Three random lotteries will be conducted: two for the Spring Season and one for the Fall Season. There is one lottery for the Fall Season due to the limited number of permits available. Hunters may enter only once for each of the three lotteries.

If you choose to file electronically—DO NOT SEND A PAPER APPLICATION.

Spring Gobbler Season

First Lottery:

- Selects applicants from the “Spring Season First Lottery” section of the permit application.

- Refer to “2005 Wild Turkey Season Dates” section for important information on the structure of turkey hunting segments.
- The Youth Turkey Hunting Program is designed to ensure that all applicants 10 to 16 years of age (still eligible to hunt using their Youth License) will receive their first choice permit request in the first lottery for the Spring Season. This permit is guaranteed. These permits will not be counted as part of the permit quota.

Second Lottery:

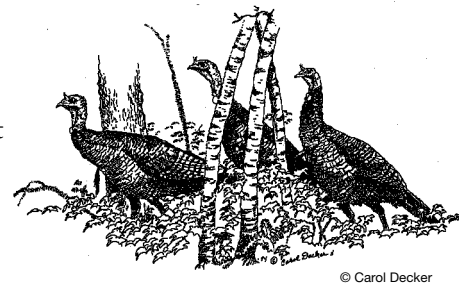
- Gives each applicant an opportunity to win/receive a second permit for the Spring Season.
- Selects applicants independently of the first lottery.
- Assigns permits not issued (leftover) from the first lottery to applicants from the second lottery portion of the application.
- Youth permit requests for the second lottery will receive the same treatment as all other permit requests. Permits are **not** guaranteed and will be selected independent of the first lottery.
- Permits and non-selection notices will be mailed in early April.

If you request the same turkey hunting area and period in both the first and the second spring lotteries you may receive two permits for the identical area and period combination. This might happen if you list the same area and hunting period in the first and second lottery even if listed in a different order. Permits will not be exchanged if you received the permits you requested on your application. Consider your requests carefully!

Fall Turkey Season

One Lottery Only:

- Fall Season lottery is run independent of the spring lottery.
- There is one six-day fall season hunting segment in Turkey Hunting Areas 1–11, 20 and 21.
- Complete the “Fall Season Lottery” portion of the turkey permit application, either online or on paper.
- The Youth Turkey Hunting Program is designed to ensure that all applicants 10 to 16 years of age (still eligible to hunt using their Youth License) will receive their first choice permit request in the Fall Season. This permit is guaranteed. These permits will not be counted as part of the permit quota.
- The lottery will actually be conducted in early spring. An added benefit of applying via the Internet is the ability to look up your permit status online. Only those who applied via the Internet will be able to know if they are successful in the lottery months before the season begins.
- Permits and non-selection notices will be mailed in July.



Disabled Veteran's Turkey Permits

Legislation provides for the issuance of free hunting licenses and permits for NJ resident disabled veterans.

For the purposes of this program, the legislation defines Disabled Veterans as “. . . any resident of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been declared by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability of any degree . . .”

Disabled Veterans who are in our database will be mailed special instructions and applications in late

January/early February. Disabled Veteran Licenses can also be obtained at most Division field offices, the Trenton Office and on our Web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com.

Disabled Veteran Applications

1. Documentation that one is currently receiving benefits for a service-connected disability must be presented to obtain the free license. Applicants must first have a Disabled Veteran license to obtain a free Disabled Veteran turkey permit.
2. **Do not complete the regular application found in this supplement.**
3. Qualified individuals are entitled to one free Spring Season permit and one free Fall Season permit. An additional (second) spring permit must be purchased at the regular price of \$21.00.
4. Using the Disabled Veteran status does not guarantee the applicant of permits, nor does it give the applicant preference in the lottery.

Application Tips and Procedures

Increase Your Chance of Receiving a Permit

Certain Turkey Hunting Areas and/or Area and Period combinations are extremely popular. These areas are traditionally applied for by more hunters than there are permits available (over-subscribed). A table of permit quotas and first choice requests for each area is provided on the map page inside to assist your decision.

When deciding on your first, second and third choices, consider where and when you plan to hunt. Choose your favorite area and week (period) as a first choice in the FIRST lottery. **Do not list popular areas or weeks as second or third choices in the first lottery; and do not list popular areas or weeks for any choices in the second lottery.** Those popular areas and weeks are unlikely to be available. Permits will not be exchanged and money will not be refunded for unwanted permits. Give your choices some thought, but in all cases, make sure that you have a place to hunt BEFORE submitting your application.

Completing the Application

These guidelines are for both online Web-based applications and mail-in paper applications:

- Persons whose license privileges are revoked are not eligible to apply.
- It is a violation to submit more than one application for the turkey permit lotteries. **SUBMITTING MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION WILL RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF ALL OF YOUR APPLICATIONS.**
- The Second and Third choices in each lottery are there to give you additional chances to win a permit of your choice. If you will only accept a permit for one area and period, leave the second and third choices blank.
- You may apply only once even if you have a firearm and an archery license. Once you receive a permit, you may choose to hunt with either gun or bow, provided you are properly licensed, even if you did not apply using the license number for that particular sporting arm.
- If you made a mistake on your submitted application, do not submit a second application. Contact the Division for specific instructions.

Notification

- Late mail-in applications will be returned with an automatic rejection notice.
- Spring Season applicants will receive a permit or notice of non-selection in early April for each permit requested.
- Spring Season refund checks will be mailed out in May to non-selected applicants who mailed in their application and paid in full. Refunds will not include the \$2.00 non-refundable application fee.

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Special Farmer Turkey Hunting Applications

Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who resides thereon, or the immediate members of his family who also reside thereon, may apply for one special farmer turkey hunting permit for the spring and one for the fall season.

- * Applicants must be at least 10 years of age
- * Qualified farmers may apply only if their land is in a turkey hunting area open to hunting
- * Qualified farmers will receive a permit valid for the entire Spring season (A through G) and the Fall season if they apply for *both* permits on their Farmer Turkey Permit Application
- * Applications are available at Fish and Wildlife offices, county agricultural agents and from conservation officers throughout the state

* The farmer bag limit is one turkey during the Spring and one turkey during the Fall seasons

NOTE: For the purpose of applying for a turkey hunting permit, the 2005-2006 Game Code defines a farm as an area of five acres or more producing a gross income in excess of \$500 and is tax assessed as farmland.

Special farmer turkey hunting permits can be used only by the person whose name is on the permit and may be used only on the farm listed on the application. All mandatory turkey checking requirements apply.

Farmers may also apply for regular spring and fall turkey hunting permits in addition to the farmer turkey permits.

Turkey Hunting Areas

Turkey Hunting Area #1

That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 519 at Branchville; then northwest along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 560; then west along Rt. 560 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Dingman's Ferry; 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 Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to the point of beginning at Branchville. The islands of Namanock, Minisink and Mashipacong lying in the Delaware River are included in the Hunting Area.

Turkey Hunting Area #2

That portion of Sussex and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 94 and Bridge Street at Blairstown; then north on Bridge Street to the Blairstown-Millbrook Road; then northwest along the Blairstown-Millbrook Road to Millbrook Village; then northwest along the Millbrook-Flatbrookville Road to its intersection with the Flatbrook at Flatbrookville; then south along the west bank of the Flatbrook to its confluence with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the intersection with Rt. 560 at Dingman's Ferry; then east along Rt. 560 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then southeast along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Branchville; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Newton; then southwest along Rt. 94 to the point of beginning at Blairstown.

Turkey Hunting Area #3

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 north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its confluence with the Flatbrook; then north along the east bank of the Flatbrook at its intersection with the Millbrook-Flatbrookville Road at Flatbrookville; then southeast along the Millbrook-Flatbrookville Road to Millbrook Village; then south on the Blairstown-Millbrook Road to its intersection with Bridge Street; then south on Bridge Street to Rt. 94 at Blairstown; then southwest along Rt. 94 to the Portland Bridge, the point of beginning at Columbia. The islands of Tocks and Labar lying in the Delaware River are also included within this Hunting Area.

Turkey Hunting Area #4

That portion of Sussex, Warren and Morris counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 94 and 206 at Newton; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 183 at Netcong; then southeast along Rt. 183 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then west along Rt. 46 to the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the Portland Bridge at Columbia; then northeast along Rt. 94 to the point of beginning at Newton.

Turkey Hunting Area #5

That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 517 at Andover; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Newton; then north along Rt. 519 to the New York State Line; then east along the New York State Line to its intersection with Rt. 517; then south along Rt. 517 to the point of origin at Andover.

Turkey Hunting Area #6

That portion of Sussex, Passaic and Bergen counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 23 and Rt. 517 at Hardystonville; then north along Rt. 517 to the New York State Line; then east along the New York State Line to its intersection with Rt. 202; then south along Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 23; then west along Rt. 23 to the point of beginning at Hardystonville.

Turkey Hunting Area #7

That portion of Sussex, Passaic and Morris counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 23 and Route 517 at Hardystonville; then east along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 202 at Wayne; then south and west along Rt. 202 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. 183 at Netcong; then east along Rt. 183 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 517; then northeast along Rt. 517 to the point of beginning at Hardystonville.

Turkey Hunting Area #8

That portion of Hunterdon and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then east along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 31; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 12 at Flemington; then west along Rt. 12

to its intersection with the Delaware River at Frenchtown; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning at Manunkachunk.

Turkey Hunting Area #9

That portion of Hunterdon, Warren and Morris counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 46 at Butzville; then east along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then east along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 287; then south along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 202; then south and west along Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 31 at Flemington; then north along Rt. 31 to the point of beginning at Butzville.

Turkey Hunting Area #10

That portion of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, and Union counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 80; then east along Route 80 to its intersection with Route 287; then north along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 202; then north and east along Route 202 to 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 north along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 206; then north along Route 206 to the point of beginning.

Turkey Hunting Area #11

That portion of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 12 and the Delaware River at Frenchtown; then east along Route 12 to its intersection with Route 202; then east along Route 202 to its intersection with Route 287; then south and east along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 1; then south and west along Route 1 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Trenton; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning. The islands of Skyhawks, Rush, Bull, Treasure and Eagle are included in this area.

Turkey Hunting Area #12

That portion of Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 1 and Route 206 at Trenton; then north and east along Route 1 to its intersection with Route 287; then south and east along Routes 287 and 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 Sixteenth Avenue at Belmar; then west on Sixteenth Avenue to Route 35; then south on Route 35 to Route 138; then west along Route 138 to its intersection with Route 195; then west along Route 195 to its intersection with Route 524; then north along Route 524 to its intersection with Route 206; then north along Route 206 to the point of beginning.

Turkey Hunting Area #14

That portion of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 1 and the Delaware River; then east along Route 1 to its intersection with Route 206; then south along Route 206 to its intersection with Route 524; then east along Route 524 to its intersection with Route 195; then east along Route 195 to its intersection with Route 138; then east along Route 138 to Route 35; then north on Route 35 to Sixteenth Avenue; then east on Sixteenth Avenue to the Atlantic Ocean at Belmar; then south along the Atlantic Ocean to Ship Bottom; then north and west along Route 72 to its intersection with Route 70; then west along Route 70 to its intersection with Route 38 at Cherry Hill; then west along Route 38 to its intersection with Route 30; then west along Route 30 to the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

Turkey Hunting Area #15

That portion of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 70 and 206 at Red Lion; then south along Route 206 to Hammonton; then south along Route 54 from Hammonton to its intersection with Route 40 at Buena; then west along Route 40 to its intersection with Route 77 at Upper Pittsgrove; then north on Route 77 to its intersection with Route 45 at Mullica Hill; then north along Route 45 to its intersection with Route 322; then west along Route 322 to its

intersection with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Route 30 at Camden; then east along Route 30 to its intersection with Route 38; then east along Route 38 to its intersection with Route 70; then east along Route 70 to the point of beginning.

Turkey Hunting Area #16

That portion of Burlington and Atlantic counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 70 at Red Lion; then east along Route 70 to its intersection with Rt. 72; then southeast along Route. 72 to Ship Bottom and the Atlantic Ocean; then south along the Atlantic Ocean to Sea Isle Boulevard (Route 625) in Sea Isle City; then west along Sea Isle Boulevard to its intersection with Route 9; then north along Route 9 to its intersection with Route 50; then north along Route 50 to its intersection with Route 557; then north and west along Route 557 to its intersection with Route 40; then west

along Route 40 to its intersection with Route 54; then north along Route 54 to its intersection with Route 206; then north along Route 206 to the point of beginning.

Turkey Hunting Area #20

That portion of Cumberland and Salem counties beginning at the intersection of the east bank of the Delaware River and Route 322 near Bridgeport; then southeast on Route 322 to its intersection with Route 45 near Mullica Hill; then south on Route 45 to its intersection with Route 77; then south on Route 77 to its intersection with Route 40; then east along Route 40 to its intersection with Route 553; then south along Route 553 to its intersection with Route 49; then west along Route 49 to Bridgeton and its intersection with the Cohansy River; then south along the west bank of the Cohansy River to its confluence with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

Turkey Hunting Area #21

That portion of Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 40 and 553; then east along Route 40 to Lincoln Ave. (Route 655) in Buena Vista; then southwest along Lincoln Ave. to its intersection with Route 55 in Vineland; then south along Route 55 to its intersection with Route 49; then west along Route 49 to the Maurice River; then south along the west bank of the Maurice River to its confluence with Delaware Bay; then west along the Delaware Bay shore to the Cohansy River; then north along the east bank of the Cohansy River to its intersection with Route 49 at Bridgeton; then east along Route 49 to its intersection with Route 553; then north along Route 553 to the point of beginning.

Turkey Hunting Area #22

That portion of Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties lying within a

continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 55 and Lincoln Avenue (Route 655); then northeast along Lincoln Avenue to its intersection with Wheat Road (Route 619) at Buena; then east on Wheat Road to its intersection with Route 557; then southeast along Rt. 557 to its intersection with Rt. 50; then southeast along Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Seville; then south along Rt. 9 to its intersection with Sea Isle Boulevard; then east along Sea Isle Boulevard to the Atlantic Ocean at Sea Isle City; then south along the Atlantic Coast to the Delaware Bay shore; then north and west along the shore of Delaware Bay to its intersection with the Maurice River; then north along the east bank of the Maurice River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Millville; then east along Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 55; then north along Rt. 55 to its intersection with Lincoln Avenue (Route 655) the point of beginning.

Turkey Hunting Regulations

Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations

- Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12 noon.
- Hunter orange is **not** required for spring or fall turkey hunting.
- One male wild turkey may be taken with each special wild turkey hunting permit, BUT only one turkey may be taken in a given day. Bearded hens may not be taken.
- Wild turkeys may not be chased or driven in any way.
- No electronic callers may be used during the open season.
- The use of dogs is prohibited during the spring gobbler season.
- Live decoys and electronically operated decoys may not be used to hunt wild turkeys.
- No shot larger than number 4 fine shot or smaller than number 7 1/2 fine shot may be used.
- No shotgun larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge may be used for turkey hunting.
- When hunting wild turkey with bow, all arrows must be fitted with an edged head of the following specifications:
 - Minimum width 3/4"
 - Cutting edges must be of well-sharpened metal only
- All bows, except compounds, must have a minimum draw pull weight of 35 pounds at the archer's draw length. Compound bows must have a minimum peak weight of 35 pounds.
- All turkey hunters must have a non-electronic calling device in possession while turkey hunting.
- Turkey hunters may not stalk or attempt to take a wild turkey by sneaking up on the bird.
- Wild turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of bait.
- Turkey hunting groups are limited to five hunters.

Fall Turkey Hunting Regulations

Same as for spring turkey hunting with the following exceptions:

- The bag limit is one turkey of either-sex.
- Dogs and artificial decoys may be used to hunt turkeys during the fall season only.
- Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
- Driving turkeys is not permitted; however, an individual hunter may rush turkeys for the purpose of causing the flock to scatter.

Mandatory Turkey Check Requirement

All harvested turkeys must be tagged **immediately** with a completed transportation tag. Turkeys must be taken by the person who killed it, on the day killed, to the nearest turkey check station by 3 p.m. during the spring gobbler season and by 7 p.m. during the fall season. Personnel at the check station will issue a legal possession tag. Consult this publication for a listing of official turkey check stations to locate one nearest your hunting area.

Turkey Hunting Seminars

NJ Fish & Wildlife - South

Southern Region Office
220 Blue Anchor Rd.,
Sicklerville
Camden County
Sunday, February 26,
2006, 1:00 p.m.
856-629-0090
Presented by the South
Jersey Chapter of The
National Wild Turkey
Federation

NJ Fish & Wildlife - South

Big Daddy's Sport Haven
Corner of Carmel Rd.
and Rt. 552, Carmel
Cumberland County
Saturday, March 18, 2006
1:00 p.m.
856-453-9009
Presented by the South
Jersey Chapter of the
National Wild Turkey
Federation

NJ Fish & Wildlife - North

Pequest Trout Hatchery
& Natural
Resource Education
Center
Rt. 46, Oxford, 9 miles
west of Hackettstown
Warren County
Saturday, March 11,
2006 1:00 p.m.
908-637-4125

Southern Region Office
220 Blue Anchor Rd.,
Sicklerville
Camden County
Sunday, April 2, 2006,
1:00 p.m.
856-629-0090
Presented by the South
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Public Turkey Hunting Land In New Jersey

Turkey Hunting Area 1

Delaware Water Gap Nat'l
Recreation Area
Flatbrook-Roy WMA
Hainesville WMA
Stokes State Forest

Turkey Hunting Area 2

Bear Swamp WMA
Delaware Water Gap Nat'l
Recreation Area
Flatbrook-Roy WMA
Paulinskill WMA
Stokes State Forest
Swartswood State Park
Trout Brook WMA
Walpack WMA
White Lake WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 3

Delaware Water Gap Nat'l
Recreation Area
Worthington State Forest

Turkey Hunting Area 4

Allamuchy Mountain State Park
Beaver Brook WMA
Columbia WMA
Honey Run WMA
Jenny Jump State Forest
Stephens State Park
Whittingham WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 5

Kittatinny Valley State Park

Turkey Hunting Area 6

Abram Hewitt State Forest
Hamburg Mountain WMA
Long Pond Ironworks State Park
Norvin Green State Forest
Ramapo Mountain State Forest
Ringwood State Park
Wanaque WMA
Wawayanda State Park

Turkey Hunting Area 7

Berkshire Valley WMA
Farny State Park
Rockaway River WMA

Sparta Mountain WMA
Weldon Brook WMA
Wildcat Ridge WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 8

Buckhorn Creek WMA
Clinton WMA
Musconetcong River WMA
Pohatcong Creek WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 9

Black River WMA
Hacklebarney State Park
Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA
Musconetcong River WMA
Pequest WMA
Rockport WMA
South Branch WMA
Voorhees State Park

Turkey Hunting Area 10

Black River WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 11

Alexauken Creek WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 12

Assunpink WMA
Turkey Swamp WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 14

Colliers Mills WMA
Double Trouble State Park
Forked River Mountain WMA
Greenwood Forest WMA
Lebanon State Forest
Manahawkin WMA
Manasquan WMA
Manchester WMA
Medford WMA
Whiting WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 15

Cedar Lake WMA
Elmer Lake WMA
Glassboro WMA
Wharton State Forest
White Oak Branch WMA
Winslow WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 16

Bass River State Forest
Cape May Wetlands WMA
Great Egg Harbor WMA
Hammonton Creek WMA
Makepeace Lake WMA
Maple Lake WMA
Penn State Forest
Port Republic WMA
Stafford Forge WMA
Swan Bay WMA
Tuckahoe WMA
Warren Grove Recreation Area
Wharton State Forest

Turkey Hunting Area 20

Abbotts Meadow WMA
Cohansey River MWA
DOD Ponds WMA
Elmer Lake WMA
Gum Tree Corner WMA
Mad Horse Creek WMA
Maskells Mill Pond WMA
Salem River WMA
Thundergust Pond WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 21

Buckshutem WMA
Cedarville Pond WMA
Cohansey River WMA
Dix WMA
Egg Island WMA
Fortescue WMA
Nantuxent WMA
New Sweden WMA
Millville WMA
Union Lake WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 22

Beaver Swamp WMA
Belleplain State Forest
Cape May Wetlands WMA
Dennis Creek WMA
Heislerville WMA
Higbee Beach WMA
Menantico Ponds WMA
Peaslee WMA
Gibson Creek WMA

TURKEY CHECK STATIONS

* Denotes station also open for fall season

ATLANTIC

N.E. Hand & Son, 6016 Main St., Mays Landing (609) 625-4941
Ted's Taxidermy*, 713 Rt. 40, Buena (856) 697-8585

BURLINGTON

Mike's Sporting Goods, 1414 Rt. 38, Hainesport (609) 267-7978
Nixon's General Store, Chatsworth and New Rd., Tabernacle
(609) 268-9800
Pine Barrens Stove and Sport Shop, Rt. 72, Chatsworth (609) 726-1550
Sportsman's Center*, Rt. 130, Bordentown (609) 298-5300

CAMDEN

Atco Sports Center, 177 Atco Ave., Atco (856) 767-9446

CAPE MAY

Belle Plain Supply, 346 Handsville Ave., Belle Plain (609) 861-2345
Fletcher's Corner, 212 South Rt. 47, Cape May Ct. House (609) 465-4949

CUMBERLAND

Big Daddy's Sports Haven*, 595 Sherman Ave., Millville (856) 453-9009
Blackwater Sports Center*, 2228 N. Delsea Dr., Vineland (856) 691-1571

GLOUCESTER

Sportsman's Outpost, 2517 Fries Mill Rd., Williamstown (856) 881-3244

HUNTERDON

Boan's Marine*, 1296 Rt. 179, Lambertville (609) 397-3311
Carousel Deli and Bakery*, Rt. 179 and Wertsville Rd., Ringoes
(908) 788-5180
The Corner Store*, Rt. 12 and Rt. 519, Baptistown (908) 996-7648
Jim Brown's Auto Body*, 1173 Rt. 579, Quakertown (908) 735-7800
Jugtown Mountain Campsites*, 1074 Rt. 173 East, Asbury
(908) 735-5995
Lakeside Deli*, 1878 Rt. 31 North, Clinton (908) 638-3354
Sportsman's Rendezvous*, Rt. 31, Speedway Plaza, Flemington
(908) 788-5828

MIDDLESEX

All Seasons Sports & Taxidermy, 1938 Englishtown Rd., Jamesburg
(732) 521-1616
Sayreville Sportsmen*, 52 Washington Ave., Sayreville
(732) 238-2060

MONMOUTH

Bill & Ken's Taxidermy, 389 Rt. 79, Morganville (732) 303-9400
Cream Ridge Sports Shop, 445 Rt. 539, Cream Ridge (609) 758-0616

MORRIS

The Country Sportsman*, 63 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale
(973) 839-7622
County Line Sport Shop*, #10 Rt. 46, Hackettstown (908) 852-9897
R&S Sports*, 3 New Street, Budd Lake (973) 347-1944

OCEAN

Brick Armory, 231 Chambers Bridge Rd., Brick (732) 477-0800
Just Plain Jane's, 581 E. Veterans Highway, Jackson
(732) 883-4875
Tips Hardware, 218 Main Street, West Creek (609) 296-3192

PASSAIC

D&D Sport and Paintball*, 1846 Rt. 23 North, West Milford
(973) 838-7522
Greenwood Lake Sports Center*, 1745 Greenwood Lake Tnpk., Hewitt
(973) 728-1000

SALEM

Bradway's Farm Market*, Jericho Rd. & Rt. 49, Salem (856) 935-5698
North American Archery*, 439 Rt. 77, Monroeville (856) 358-8180

SOMERSET

Glad-Pack 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
Mastodon Sport Shop*, 195 Highland Lakes Rd., (Rt. 638), Vernon
(973) 764-0200
Sig Borstad Hunting Supply*, 7 Old Rudetown Rd., McAfee
(973) 827-6527
Simon-Peter Bait and Tackle*, Rt. 206 and Brighton Rd., Newton
(973) 786-5313
Stokes Sport Shop*, 29 Rt. 206 South, Branchville (973) 948-5448
Swartwood Country Store*, 911 Newton-Swartwood Rd., Stillwater
(973) 383-5470

WARREN

Alpine Meats*, Rt. 94 N., Blairstown (908) 362-8568
Dark Moon Tavern*, 606 Rt. 519, Johnsonburg (908) 459-4487
Hi-Way Sport Shop*, Box 253, Rt. 31 North, Washington (908) 689-6208
The Owl's Nest*, 97 Rt. 519, Warren Glen (908) 995-7903
Smitty's Liquor and Deli*, 89 Rt. 46, Delaware (908) 475-5933

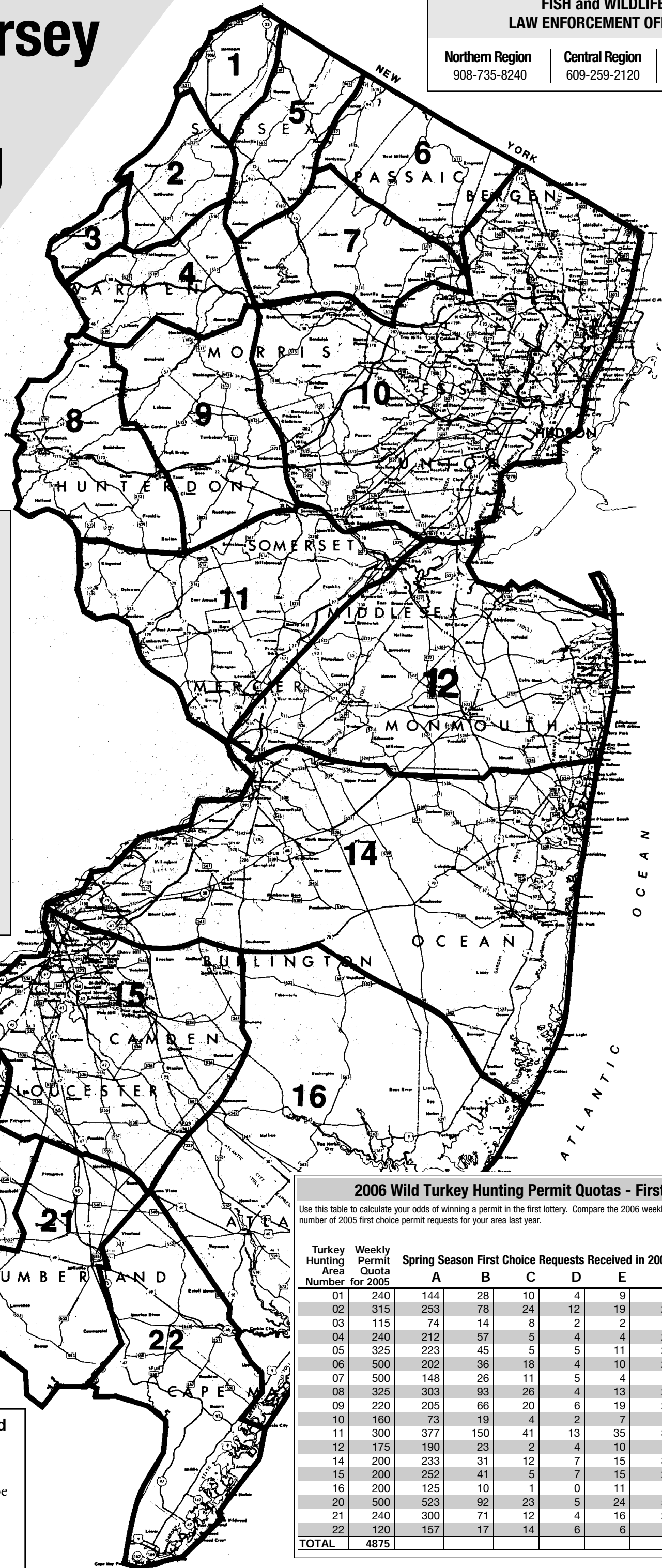
New Jersey Turkey Hunting Areas

FISH and WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES

Northern Region
908-735-8240

Central Region
609-259-2120

Southern Region
856-629-0555



Outstanding Garden State Gobbler Records Program

The outstanding gobbler program is administered by the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Minimum score:

60 - Typical

80 - Non-typical (multiple beards or spurs)

Minimum weight: 20 pounds

Score Calculation:

Weight + 2(beard length) + 10(combined spur lengths)

Any scale used for commercial purposes (hardware store, butcher shop) is suitable to determine the weight. Get a receipt on the establishment's stationery.

For more information, contact your local or state chapter representative at:

856-785-0455.

2006 Wild Turkey Hunting Permit Quotas - First Lottery

Use this table to calculate your odds of winning a permit in the first lottery. Compare the 2006 weekly permit quotas with the number of 2005 first choice permit requests for your area last year.

Turkey Hunting Area Number	Weekly Permit Quota for 2005	Spring Season First Choice Requests Received in 2005					2006 Spring Season Weekly Quota	2006 Fall Quota
		A	B	C	D	E		
01	240	144	28	10	4	9	98	240
02	315	253	78	24	12	19	256	315
03	115	74	14	8	2	2	63	115
04	240	212	57	5	4	4	203	240
05	325	223	45	5	5	11	241	325
06	500	202	36	18	4	10	201	500
07	500	148	26	11	5	4	152	500
08	325	303	93	26	4	13	287	325
09	220	205	66	20	6	19	251	220
10	160	73	19	4	2	7	95	160
11	300	377	150	41	13	35	379	300
12	175	190	23	2	4	10	155	175
14	200	233	31	12	7	15	306	200
15	200	252	41	5	7	15	254	200
16	200	125	10	1	0	11	137	200
20	500	523	92	23	5	24	518	500
21	240	300	71	12	4	16	273	240
22	120	157	17	14	6	6	96	120
TOTAL	4875						4875	3840

Permit Application Period (Spring and Fall Seasons)

Closes February 22, 2006

Spring permit applicants will be notified in early April

Fall permit applicants will be notified in mid-July

SUPPORT YOUR SPORT

If you enjoy hunting turkeys here in New Jersey, know that the NWTF has played a large part in making that possible. Joining the NWTF will help you to continue to enjoy your sport. If you are not an NWTF member, consider joining and SUPPORT YOUR SPORT.

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION Membership Application

Membership in the NWTF will help you to help the wild turkey here in New Jersey. Membership Levels start at only \$5.00

The majority of Super Fund monies raised at our banquets help fund wild turkey restoration and conservation efforts in New Jersey in partnership with the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Memberships include subscriptions to The Caller Newsletter and Turkey Call, WITO or Wheelin' Sportsmen magazines, gifts, membership cards & decals. Additional membership information and details available at:

<http://turkey-shoppe.nwtf.org/memberships.html>

Please indicate the membership level that you wish to join at:

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Membership @ \$30 / Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Sponsor @ \$225 / Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelin' Sportsman @ \$25 / Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual WITO @ \$25 / Year (Women In The Outdoors)
<input type="checkbox"/> JAKES (To Age 13) @ \$5 / Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Jakes (13 -17) @ \$5 / Year
Total Enclosed _____	

Please enroll me as a member in the NWTF at the membership level indicated. I have enclosed a check for the amount due.

Signature Required

**Please make check payable to NWTF-Membership Services
and mail to NWTF-Membership Services,
P.O. Box 530, Edgefield, SC 29824**

To get more involved, please consider becoming active in your local chapter.

Visit www.njnwtf.org for local chapter information or contact:

Scott Hill, State Chapter President

Phone: 973-839-7939 E-mail: turkeyhouse@aol.com

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- Internet applicants will not need refunds for Spring or Fall Seasons.
- Fall Season applicants will receive a permit or notice of non-selection in July.
- An added benefit of applying via the Internet is the ability to look up your permit status online. Only those who applied using the Internet will be able to know if they are successful in the lottery months before the season begins.
- Fall Season refund checks will be mailed before the end of July to non-selected applicants who mailed in their application and paid in full. Refunds will not include the \$2.00 non-refundable application fee.



For questions about the permit process, call the 24-hour Permit Hotline at 609-292-9192.

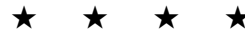
Questions about the status of individual spring season permits will not be answered before April 3, 2006; questions concerning fall season permits will not be answered before July 24, 2006.

If you have not received a permit or notice of non-selection by the above dates, please call. A person not notifying the Division will not receive replacements or refunds for permits that were undeliverable or lost in the mail once the permit has expired.

LEFTOVER PERMIT SALES

When fewer turkey hunting permit applications are received than the quotas have allotted, leftover permits may be available after the lottery selection process is complete. If there are a substantial number of permits leftover, they will be sold to hunters on a first-come, first serve basis. Hunters who have already received permits are also eligible to purchase leftover permits should a surplus occur.

- Information on the sale of leftover permits will be announced via the Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192, the Division Web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com, or through local newspapers.
- Remember, the **daily** bag limit is **one** turkey, even if a hunter possesses more than one permit valid for that day.



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 (50 yards)

Morris County

Black River WMA

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

Note: Closed weekends from third Saturday in May through Sunday of Labor Day weekend, and Christmas and Easter. 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

Assumpink 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.,
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 & 100 yards)

Stafford Forge WMA

off Route 539, south of Warren Grove,
Little Egg Harbor Twp.
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader

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)

NEW JERSEY FISH & WILDLIFE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Internet Addresswww.njfishandwildlife.com
Commercial Preserves &
Semi-Wild Preserves609-984-6211

Hunting Permit Hotline609-292-9192
DEP ACTION LINE - 24 HOURS . . .877-WARNDEP
Exotic & Nongame Captivity Permits 609-292-9591
Falconry Permit Information908-735-8793
Field Trial Permits609-259-2132

General Information609-292-2965
Horseback Riding Permits609-259-2132
Hunter Education877-2HUNT NJ
Hunting, Fishing, & Duplicate Licenses 609-292-2965
Operation Game Thief800-222-0456
Outstanding Deer Program609-633-7598
Pheasant & Quail Stocking Info. . . .609-984-0547
Rifle Permit Information609-984-1400
Trout Stocking Hotline609-633-6765
Wildlife Conservation Corps Info. . . .856-629-1014
Wildlife Management Area Info. . . .609-984-0547

Trenton Office
501 E. State St., Station Plaza 5, 3rd Floor, PO Box
400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400
Endangered and Nongame Species .609-292-9400
Freshwater Fisheries609-292-9450
Land Management609-984-0547

Law Enforcement609-259-2120
Marine Fisheries609-292-2083
Shellfisheries609-984-5546
Wildlife Education908-637-4125
Wildlife Management609-292-6685

Lebanon Field Office
PO Box 394, Lebanon, NJ 08833 . . .908-236-2118

Northern Region Office
26 Route 173 W., Hampton, NJ 08827
Wildlife Management908-735-7040
Endangered and Nongame Species .908-735-8975
Hunter Education877-2HUNT NJ
Wildlife Control908-735-8793
Land Management973-383-0918
Law Enforcement (Bergen, Essex, Hudson,
Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex,
Union, and Warren counties)908-735-8240

**Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource
Education Center**
605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863 .908-637-4125

Central Region Office
1 Eldridge Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691
Land Management609-259-2132
Hunter Education877-2HUNT NJ

Wildlife Control609-259-7955
Law Enforcement (Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex,
Monmouth, and Ocean counties) . . .609-259-2120

Southern Region Office
220 Blue Anchor Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081
Information856-629-0090
Hunter Education877-2HUNT NJ
Land Management856-629-5006
Freshwater Fisheries856-629-4950
Wildlife Control856-629-7224
Law Enforcement (Atlantic, Camden, Cape May,
Cumberland, Gloucester,
and Salem counties)856-629-0555

Nacote Creek Research Station
P.O. Box 418, Route 9, Milepost 51
Port Republic, NJ 08241
Marine Fisheries609-748-2020
Shellfisheries609-748-2040
Marine Education609-748-2031
Wildlife Management609-748-2063
Marine Law Enforcement609-748-2050

Bivalve Shellfish Office
P.O. Box 432, Port Norris, NJ 08349 . .856-785-0730

