



Department of
Environmental
Protection

2012 NJ Wild Turkey Hunting Season Information



NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF
Fish and Wildlife
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HUNTERS: Note Changes in Turkey Hunting Areas 16 and 22.

Dates and Deadlines to Remember

Spring Turkey Permit Season

- Application Period: January 25–February 22
- Award Notification and Permit Pickup: Begins March 5. Permits must be claimed by 11:59 p.m. on March 26.
- **All permits awarded in the lottery will be held until 11:59 p.m. on March 26. Unclaimed awarded permits will be placed in the over-the-counter sale. Application fee(s) will not be refunded for unclaimed permits.**
- Over-the-counter sale of leftover permits: Monday, April 2 at 10 a.m. until permits sell out or the season ends, whichever is first.

Fall Turkey Permit Season

- Application Period: August 1–August 31
- Award Notification and Permit Pickup: Begins September 10. Permits must be claimed by 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 30.
- **All permits awarded in the lottery will be held until 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 30. Unclaimed awarded permits will be placed in the over-the-counter sale. Application fee(s) will not be refunded for unclaimed permits.**
- Over-the-counter sale of leftover permits: Tuesday, October 2 at 10 a.m. until permits sell out or the season ends, whichever is first.

Successful lottery applicants will only have a short window in which to claim their awarded permits. Pay close attention to the dates listed! Any permits unclaimed during that time period WILL BE redistributed and become available for purchase during the over-the-counter sales. NO EXCEPTIONS!

2012 Wild Turkey Season Dates

Spring Season: There are five segments (Hunting Periods) in the Spring Season. Hunters must decide in which period they would like to hunt. Permits are Hunting Area and Hunting Period specific (i.e., 5A, 8E, etc.).

Youth Hunting Period (Y): April 21 (Youth Turkey Hunting Day) to May 25, 2012. This is exclusively applicable to youth hunters aged 10–16 who can still hunt using their youth hunting license. The first permit a youth receives will be designated Period Y.

Hunting Periods	Dates
A.	Monday, April 23–Friday, April 27, 2012
B.	Monday, April 30–Friday, May 4, 2012
C.	Monday, May 7–Friday, May 11, 2012
D.	Monday, May 14–Friday, May 18 and Monday, May 21–Friday, May 25, 2012
E.	Saturdays: April 28, and May 5, 12 and 19, 2012

Fall Turkey Season: There is one Hunting Period for the Fall Season. Permits are Hunting Area specific (i.e., 5N, 8N, etc.).

N.	Saturday, Oct. 27–Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012
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Applying for a Permit

Apply by visiting any participating license agent or simply go online at www.njfishandwildlife.com and click on the link to purchase licenses and permits. You will be prompted to submit the necessary information. The site accepts most major credit cards and electronic checks as payment, using proven security technologies to ensure that your transaction is secure.

An application fee of \$2.00 for each permit applied for will be charged. You must pay the remainder of the fee (\$19 for adults; \$10 youths) when claiming the permit(s). Those who are unsuccessful in the lottery are no longer required to wait for their refund since the only payment made was the non-refundable \$2.00 application fee.

Permits awarded via the lottery system and leftover permits available for over-the counter sale may be purchased at participating license agents or online. If paying via the Internet, applicants will receive their permits by mail (additional shipping charges apply).

The special statewide Youth Turkey Hunting Day is Saturday, April 21, 2012

- All youth turkey hunters 10 to 16 years of age must possess a valid **spring turkey hunting permit** in addition to their **youth** hunting license
- Must be accompanied by a properly licensed, non-hunting 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, the “Y” Period permit is no longer valid for future hunting
- All other spring turkey hunting regulations apply

Youth Turkey Hunting Program

A special youth turkey hunting program is designed to ensure that all applicants 10 to 16 years of age who possess a Youth License 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.



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The **first** spring turkey permit issued to a youth (designated Period **Y**) is valid to hunt all weeks A through E for the zone designated. Note that a juvenile hunter (aged 10–13) **MUST** be directly supervised by a properly licensed adult aged 21 or older not only on Youth Turkey Hunting Day, but at ALL times. Youth hunters (aged 14–16) need only be directly supervised by a properly licensed adult aged 21 or older on Youth Turkey Hunting Day.

When licensed adult hunters are only supervising, they need *not* be in possession of a turkey permit for that hunting area and/or week. However, the supervising adult must possess a valid firearm license if the youth is hunting with a shotgun; or a valid bow and arrow license if the youth hunter is hunting with a bow and arrow.

After taking their first spring turkey on their first (i.e., Y) permit, youths are then restricted to hunt only the week designated on any additional permits.

For the purposes of this section, direct supervision is defined as both the juvenile hunter and properly licensed adult set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit and not hunting independently of each other for different birds. The season bag limit for the youth permit is one turkey. All other hunting requirements for the regular Spring Wild Turkey Gobbler Season shall apply. For Fall Season information, see Fall Turkey Season section.

A youth hunter aged 10 to 16, who is an immediate family member of the owner or lessee of a farm (both must reside on the property), may qualify to hunt with a special farmer turkey permit. This special permit, designated for that individual and that particular farm, must be in possession while hunting. Permit is valid for the spring and fall seasons (there is a separate permit for each) and only in those Turkey Hunting Areas where a Spring Gobbler or Fall Turkey Hunting season is allowed. Only one farmer permit per season (spring and fall) will be issued per qualifying individual, however, additional regular spring and fall turkey hunting permits may be purchased.

Spring Gobbler Season Permits

Hunters are limited to filing only one application. This application allows for up to two permits, one in the first lottery and one in the second lottery. For each permit, you will be given the option of inserting three different choices (first preference, second, etc.).

First Lottery:

- Selects applicants from the Spring Season First Lottery.
- Refer to the “2012 Wild Turkey Season Dates” section on the cover for important information on the structure of turkey hunting segments.
- The Youth Turkey Hunting Program is designed to ensure that all applicants aged 10 to 16 (**those 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 and will be designated with Period Y. These permits will not be counted as part of any permit quota.
- Those possessing a **Permit to Shoot From a Standing Vehicle** are guaranteed their first lottery permit for the Spring Season only. All additional permits are taken from the available permit quota and are not guaranteed. Individuals possessing a Permit to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle must apply and/or purchase their permits via their home computer or go to a web-based license agent. Verifone© agents cannot handle these requests.

Second Lottery:

- Gives each applicant an opportunity to 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 who applied for a permit in the second lottery.
- 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. A youth’s second permit (and more) will be valid for one hunting period only: A, B, C, D or E.

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. **Permits will not be exchanged if you receive the permits requested on your application.** Consider your requests carefully!

IMPORTANT: If you are awarded two permits in the lottery you must claim them both at the same time. In other words, if you are awarded both, you are obligated to take both. You will not be able to claim only one of them.

Fall Turkey Season Permits

Hunters are limited to filing only one Fall Season application. The license system will allow applicants to apply for one Fall Season Permit.

One Lottery Only:

- The application period for the Fall Season is August 1–August 31.
- There is one six-day Fall Season hunting segment (designated Period ‘N’) in Turkey Hunting Areas 1–5, 8, 9, 11, 20, 21 and 22.
- The **Youth Turkey Hunting Program** is designed to ensure that all applicants aged 10 to 16 (those still eligible to hunt using their Youth License) will receive their permit request in the Fall Season. This permit is guaranteed. Unlike the spring permit, it need not be designated with period Y since the season is only a one-week segment). These permits will not be counted as part of the permit quota.

Turkey Permits for Disabled Veterans

Legislation provides for the issuance of free hunting licenses, stamps and permits for New Jersey resident disabled veterans.

For the purpose of this program, legislation defines a Disabled Veteran 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 . . .”

Obtaining a DV Turkey Permit

If Disabled Veteran status has already been certified by the Division of Fish and Wildlife and an associated DV license has been issued, an individual may apply for free DV turkey permits at any participating license agent. You may also apply

online at www.njfishandwildlife.com if Disabled Veteran status has been previously certified by the Division of Fish and Wildlife and a DV license has been issued.

Obtaining DV Status

For those individuals not already certified in the Division of Fish and Wildlife’s electronic system, documentation that one has met the necessary hunter education requirements and is currently receiving benefits for a service-connected disability must be presented to obtain Disabled Veteran status, **SPECIFICALLY** a copy of the DD-214 indicating honorable discharge along with some proof of service-connected disability. Only individuals with DV Status may obtain free DV licenses, stamps and permits. When an individual’s DV status is certified and appears in the electronic license system, their DV status does not have to be certified again in the future.

Documentation may be presented at the Division’s Central or Southern Region offices, or the Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center. You may also mail copies of your information to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863, Attn: Disabled Vet Licensing. Certification **CANNOT** be approved at license agents or through the Internet sales site. For more information visit www.njfishandwildlife.com/dvinfo.htm.

Applying for a DV Turkey Permit

- Disabled Veterans who have filed their paperwork with the Division of Fish and Wildlife are already certified in the electronic system. Individuals will **NO LONGER** be sent applications. Disabled veterans must apply for their turkey permits using the SAME instructions listed here for the general public for the spring and fall lotteries.

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Farmer Turkey Permit Instructions

Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who **resides thereon**, or the immediate members of his family 10 years of age or older who also **reside thereon**, may be authorized for one farmer turkey hunting permit for the Spring Gobbler Season and one for the Fall Season.

- Qualified farmers will receive a permit valid for the entire Spring Season (Periods A through E) and the Fall Season providing the Hunting Area the farm is located in is open for both seasons.
- The farmer bag limit is one turkey during the Spring Season and one turkey during the Fall Season.
- A Farmer Turkey Hunting Permit can be used only by the person whose name is on it and valid only for the farm on file.
- All mandatory turkey checking requirements apply.
- A farmer may also apply for *regular* Spring and Fall Turkey Hunting Permits (provided the necessary hunter education requirements are met) in addition to the Farmer Turkey Hunting Permit.

Receiving a Farmer Turkey Permit

The majority of farmers in the Farmer Turkey Permit Program went through the re-inspection process in 2010 and 2011. Farmers who were approved should have received their

Conservation Identification Number (CID) as well as notification of approved status and eligibility to claim their permits. As long as these farmers have not changed their status or moved off the farm, they can claim their turkey Permits.

New farmers must submit an application to obtain free turkey and deer permits. Applications are available on the Division’s website at www.njfishandwildlife.com/farmer.htm under Farmer Certification for Deer and Turkey Permits. Please print out both pages and use the instruction sheet to fill out the application.

If you do not have a computer with Internet access, applications may also be obtained at County Agriculture Extension agents and Division of Fish and Wildlife offices. In order to claim your permits on time, please return applications prior to February 22.

Spring Season permits will be available beginning March 5 and Fall Permits beginning September 10. Permits may be claimed at any license agent as well as online (additional shipping fees apply).

For problems or questions concerning farmer permits, call the Division’s Permit Hotline at 609-292-9192 and you will be directed to someone for assistance.

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 south-

east 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, Somerset 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, Ocean 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. Newbold Island is additionally included in this Hunting Area.

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 the Atlantic City Expressway; then west along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Route 42; then north on Route 42 to its intersection with Interstate 76; then north along Interstate 76 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, Ocean, Cape May 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 Route 72; then southeast along Route 72 to Ship Bottom and the Atlantic Ocean; then south along the Atlantic Ocean to Great Egg Harbor Inlet; then west through Great Egg Harbor Bay to the Great Egg Harbor River; then north along the Great Egg Harbor River to its intersection with Route 50; then

north along Route 50 to its intersection with Route 30; then north and west along Route 30 to its intersection with Route 206; then north along Route 206 to the point of beginning.

Turkey Hunting Area #20

That portion of Cumberland, Gloucester, Camden and Salem counties beginning at the intersection of the east bank of the Delaware River and Interstate 76; then southeast on Interstate 76 to its intersection with Route 42; then south on Route 42 to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then south on the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Route 536; then south along Route 536 to its intersection with Route 322; then west along Route 322 to its intersection with Route 47; then south along Route 47 to its intersection with Route 40; then west 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, Camden and Salem counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 40 and 553; then east along Route 40 to its intersection with Route 47; then north along Route 47 to its intersection with Route 322; then east along Route 322 to its intersection with Route 536; then north along Route 536 to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then south along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Route 54; then south on Route 54 to Lincoln Avenue (Route 655) in Buena Vista; then southwest along Lincoln Avenue 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 54; then northeast along Route 54 to its intersection with Route 206; then north along Route 206 to its intersection with Route 30, then southeast along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 50; then southwest along Rt. 50 to its intersection with the Great Egg Harbor River; then south along the Great Egg Harbor River to Great Egg Harbor Bay; then east through Great Egg Harbor Bay to Great Egg Harbor

Inlet; 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

1. Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12 noon.
2. Hunter orange is **not** required for spring or fall turkey hunting.
3. One male wild turkey may be taken per permit, BUT only **one** bird may be taken in a given day. Bearded hens may not be taken.
4. All hunters are required to possess a calling device while turkey hunting. Electronic callers are not permitted.
5. The use of dogs is prohibited during the spring season.
6. Live decoys and electronically operated decoys may not be used to hunt turkeys, but artificial decoys are permissible.
7. No shot larger than number 4 fine shot or smaller than number 7½ fine shot may be used.
8. No shotgun larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge may be used.
9. 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.
10. All bows, except compounds and crossbows, 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. Crossbows must have a minimum draw pull weight of 75 pounds.
11. An individual may bow hunt for turkey 150 feet from a dwelling provided the archer is hunting from an elevated position (so that the arrow is aimed at a downward angle).
12. A hunter may not stalk or attempt to take a wild turkey by sneaking up on the bird.
13. Driving or chasing turkeys to put them in range of other hunters is prohibited.
14. Turkey hunting groups are limited to five hunters.
15. Wild turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of bait.

Fall

Same as for spring except:

1. The bag limit is one turkey of either-sex per permit, but a hunter may only take **one** turkey in a given day regardless of the number of permits held.
2. Dogs may be used to hunt turkeys during the fall season only.
3. Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
4. Fall hunters may rush turkeys to scatter a flock.

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 Seminar

NJ Fish & Wildlife

Pequest Trout Hatchery & Natural Resource Education Center
Rt. 46, Oxford, 9 miles west of Hackettstown
Warren County
Saturday, March 10, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
908-637-4125

The NJ State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host a *Turkey Call Clinic* immediately after the seminar. Learn how to make the most of the call you bring, or purchase one from the federation.

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

Columbia WMA (partial)
Delaware Water Gap Nat'l
Recreation Area
Worthington State Forest

Turkey Hunting Area 4

Allamuchy Mountain State Park
Beaver Brook WMA
Columbia WMA (partial)
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
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
Lockatong WMA
Six Mile Run Reservoir State Park
(bow only)

Turkey Hunting Area 12

Assunpink WMA
Turkey Swamp WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 14

Brendan T. Byrne State Forest
Colliers Mills WMA
Double Trouble State Park
Forked River Mountain WMA
Greenwood Forest WMA
Manahawkin WMA
Manasquan WMA
Manchester WMA
Medford WMA
Whiting WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 15

Wharton State Forest

Turkey Hunting Area 16

Bass River State Forest
Cape May Wetlands WMA
Gibson Creek 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
Cedar Lake WMA
Cedarville Pond WMA
Cohansey River WMA
Dix WMA
Egg Island WMA
Fortescue WMA
Glassboro WMA
Nantuxent WMA
New Sweden WMA
Millville WMA
Union Lake WMA
White Oak Branch WMA
Winslow WMA

Turkey Hunting Area 22

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

TURKEY CHECK STATIONS

* Denotes station also open for fall season

ATLANTIC

Main Street Hardware*, 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 Handville Ave., Belle Plain (609) 861-2345
Fletcher's Corner*, 212 South Rt.47, Cape May Ct. House
(609) 465-4949

CUMBERLAND

Beaver Dam Boat Rentals*, 514 Old Beaver Dam Rd., Newport
(856) 447-3633
Blackwater Sports Center*, 2228 N. Delsea Dr., Vineland (856) 691-1571

GLOUCESTER

The Bottle Barn*, 65 W. Broad St., Gibbstown (856) 423-3608
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
Jugtown Mountain Campsites*, 1074 Rt. 173 East, Asbury
(908) 735-5995
Sportsman's Rendezvous*, Rt. 31, Speedway Plaza, Flemington
(908) 788-5828

MIDDLESEX

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

MONMOUTH

Bill & Ken's Taxidermy, 389 Rt. 79, Morganville (732) 303-9400
Clarksburg Inn, 465 Stagecoach Rd., Clarksburg (609) 259-2558
Cream Ridge Sports Shop, 445 Rt. 539, Cream Ridge (609) 758-0616
L&H Woods and Water, 2045 Rt. 35, Wall (732) 282-1812

MORRIS

Mount Hope Deli*, 662 Mount Hope Ave., Wharton (973) 328-7259

OCEAN

Just Plain Jane's, 581 E. Veterans Highway, Jackson
(732) 883-4875
Tips Hardware, 218 Main Street, West Creek (609) 296-3192

PASSAIC

Frank's Tackle*, 81 Ringwood Ave., Wanaque (973) 835-2966
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
Sam's Super Service*, 290 Rt. 40, Elmer (856) 358-3488

SOMERSET

Glad-Pack Sunoco*, 1 Pottersville Rd., Peapack-Gladstone
(908) 234-1355
Puskas Dairy Farm*, 170 South Middlebush Rd., Somerset
(732) 690-0380

SUSSEX

Garden State Bow & Reel*, 2760A Rt. 23 North, Stockholm
(973) 697-3727
Hainesville General Store*, 283 Rt. 206 South, Hainesville
(973) 948-4280
Mountain View Country Store*, 300 Rt. 519, Wantage
(973) 459-2530
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
Swartswood Country Store*, 911 Newton-Swartswood Rd., Stillwater
(973) 383-5470

WARREN

Alpine Meats*, Rt. 94 N., Blairstown (908) 362-8568
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
Straco 3 Auto Parts, Hunting and Fishing*, 147 Mountain Ave.,
Hackettstown (908) 852-2829

Food Preferences of Wild Turkeys

By learning to recognize preferred foods, hunters can better identify where turkeys might be found. Certain foods are preferred during different seasons. Along with variations in diet, turkeys may also change their locations during the winter months versus spring and summer. Because food plants are distributed randomly throughout turkey range, the following list is for general purposes only.

Winter

Acorns	Beechnuts
Grass, sedges	Honeysuckle
Corn	Wild cherries
Wild grapes	Insects
Dogwoods	Hawthorns
Sumacs	Persimmons

Spring

Acorns	Ferns
Grass, sedges	Non-woody legumes (i.e., alfalfa & clover)
Corn	Wild grapes
Beechnuts	Insects
Burdock (i.e., thistles)	

Summer

Grass, leaves	Blueberries
Blackberries	Wild grapes
Acorns	Black gum
Wild cherries	Buckwheat
Huckleberries	Sedges
Bristle grasses	Insects

Fall

Sedges	Corn
Acorns	Hawthorn
Insects	Buttercup
Beechnuts	Wild rye
Wild grapes	Hornbeam
Wheat	Violets

Applying for a DV Turkey Permit

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- Applicants must first have a Disabled Veteran License to obtain free Disabled Veteran Turkey Permits.
- Qualified individuals are eligible to apply for two free Spring Season permits and one free Fall Season permit in the lottery. After the lottery, qualified individuals will be eligible for multiple free permits, if they are available.
- If applying online, the system will automatically offer a choice for one free DV Spring First and one free DV Spring Second Lottery Turkey Permit on the application.
- If applying at a license agent, you must first indicate that you are a Disabled Veteran and qualify to have your first and second lottery spring turkey permit application free.
- Using Disabled Veteran status does not guarantee a permit for the applicant, nor does it grant preference in the lottery.

Quick Summary:

1. Get Certified
2. Get a DV License
3. Get a Permit

You must first present your documentation at one of the three specified Division offices (or mail copies to Oxford) to obtain DV certification. You may then be issued a DV license provided you have the proper hunter education documentation. You only need to be certified once.

Though you may only be certified at a Division office, any participating license agent may issue a DV license provided you have the necessary hunter education documentation or a previous year's DV license.

Once you are certified and have the DV license, you are eligible for a permit.

*Remember that all DV licenses, stamps and permits are free when you visit a participating license agent, but if you choose to obtain them via the Internet sales site, you will incur a small shipping and handling fee.

Filing an Application and Purchasing Permits

Lottery Applications:

Applicants may apply at license agents or via the Internet. Please make sure you have your Conservation ID number (CID#) or Social Security Number (SSN) on hand along with your date of birth (DOB). You will be charged a non-refundable \$2.00 application fee for each lottery in which you apply.

- Persons whose license privileges are revoked are not eligible to apply.
- Only one application per hunter.
- You must have a 2012 hunting license in order to apply. First time applicants who do not yet possess a valid hunting license may apply for a wild turkey hunting permit provided they apply for a hunter education course prior to submitting an application.
- Each lottery awards only ONE permit.
- You will always be given three choices in each lottery. The second and third choices in each lottery are offered to provide you with additional chances to win the permit of your choice. **IMPORTANT: If you will only accept a permit for one area and period, leave the second and third choices blank.** You are under no obligation to fill out a second or third choice—those options appear only if you choose to take advantage of them. If your first choice is no longer available when your name is selected in the lottery, the computer will try to fulfill your second choice. If that choice is also sold out, the computer will try to honor your third choice.

For Online Internet Transactions:

- Know your CID# and DOB, or your SSN and DOB.
- Know what you want to apply for or purchase. That means knowing which zone and what period you would like to either apply for or purchase. **IMPORTANT:** If you hesitate too long, the transaction will time out leaving you to start all over again.
- Have payment information ready. Internet transactions can be paid for either by electronic check (e-check) or major credit card.
- You will be given several chances to review the transaction prior to completion. Be sure to take advantage of these opportunities and make adjustments as necessary. Once a transaction has been completed there will be **NO refunds or exchanges**. The responsibility is solely your own, so take the time and care necessary to ensure that you are purchasing what you want. Once your transaction is complete,

you may want to print the confirmation page or note the transaction number for your records.

For Transactions at License Agent Locations:

- Know your CID# and DOB or your SSN and DOB.
- Know what you want to apply for or purchase. Note that it is **NOT** the responsibility of the store proprietor or clerk to know what area your hunting property is located in. Please review the map and zone descriptions at home **BEFORE** arriving at the store. If you are unsure of the area, study a county map and using a pen or highlighter, trace the area based on the descriptions found on the Division’s Web site or in this booklet.
- To expedite your transaction, consider writing your information down on a piece of paper (CID#, DOB, lottery type, first, second and third choices) and handing it to the clerk.

SUNRISE/SUNSET TABLE

Trenton, New Jersey

Courtesy of www.sunrisesunset.com

Day	April		May		November	
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
01	6:43	7:23	5:59	7:54	7:29	5:57
02	6:41	7:24	5:57	7:55	7:30	5:56
03	6:40	7:25	5:56	7:56	7:31	5:54
04	6:38	7:26	5:55	7:57	6:32	4:53
05	6:36	7:27	5:54	7:58	6:33	4:52
06	6:35	7:28	5:53	7:59	6:34	4:51
07	6:33	7:29	5:51	8:00	6:35	4:50
08	6:32	7:30	5:50	8:01	6:37	4:49
09	6:30	7:31	5:49	8:02	6:38	4:48
10	6:29	7:32	5:48	8:03	6:39	4:47
11	6:27	7:33	5:47	8:04	6:40	4:46
12	6:25	7:34	5:46	8:05	6:41	4:45
13	6:24	7:35	5:45	8:06	6:42	4:44
14	6:22	7:36	5:44	8:07	6:44	4:43
15	6:21	7:37	5:43	8:08	6:45	4:43
16	6:19	7:38	5:42	8:09	6:46	4:42
17	6:18	7:39	5:41	8:10	6:47	4:41
18	6:16	7:40	5:41	8:10	6:48	4:40
19	6:15	7:41	5:40	8:11	6:49	4:40
20	6:14	7:42	5:39	8:12	6:50	4:39
21	6:12	7:43	5:38	8:13	6:52	4:38
22	6:11	7:45	5:37	8:14	6:53	4:38
23	6:09	7:46	5:37	8:15	6:54	4:37
24	6:08	7:47	5:36	8:16	6:55	4:37
25	6:07	7:48	5:35	8:17	6:56	4:36
26	6:05	7:49	5:35	8:18	6:57	4:36
27	6:04	7:50	5:34	8:18	6:58	4:35
28	6:02	7:51	5:34	8:19	6:59	4:35
29	6:01	7:52	5:33	8:20	7:00	4:34
30	6:00	7:53	5:33	8:21	7:01	4:34
31	-----	-----	5:32	8:21	-----	-----

Daylight Saving/Summer Time is in effect for the entire months of April and May. Times are calculated to reflect Civil Twilight.

NOTE: If longitude/latitude coordinates are known, times may be calculated in the field for a specific area. See www.sunrisesunset.com/mobile. You must have a mobile device with Internet access and be located in an area with cell coverage to utilize this feature.

- **NOTE:** An agent using a VeriFone® machine (a special keypad) has the ability to print out a receipt, but may only do so if you **REQUEST** one. Therefore, you should ask for a receipt of the transaction. This receipt will list what you applied for as well as your transaction number. Agents using Web-based (computer) systems may or may not have the ability to print a receipt for each customer. **ASK FIRST!** If they cannot print a receipt please have the clerk verbally verify your application choices and provide you with the transaction number for that application. **Write this transaction number down.** Transaction numbers can be helpful in the rare instance a problem occurs with your application.
- Each agent location is different. The owner decides which form of payment will be accepted. Find out ahead of time and have your payment ready when you arrive.

Increasing Your Chances of Being Awarded the Permit(s) of Your Choice:

- Certain Turkey Hunting Areas and/or Area and Period combinations are extremely popular. That means they 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, as they most likely will not 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.

Editing Lottery Applications/Changing Your Application:

Regardless of how or where you applied for the lottery, you can look up your information using any computer with Internet access. You can check the status of the application and most importantly, make changes if there is a mistake. Simply go to the licensing Web site at www.wildlifelicense.com/nj/ and access your profile by providing the system with your CID# and DOB. Once your profile appears, click on the appropriate button on the bottom of the page. You will **ONLY** be able to edit your application during the application period. Once that period closes, there is no way to change your application. License Agents and Fish and Wildlife offices **DO NOT** have the ability to change an application once it has been submitted.

Checking the Status of an Application:

After applying, you may check your permit status at any time. Just go to the licensing Web site at www.nj.wildlifelicense.com and access your profile by provid-

ing the system with your CID# and DOB. Once your profile appears, click on the appropriate button at the bottom of the page. **You will be able to tell if the lottery has been completed and if you are selected.** A message of “pending” indicates that the lottery has not finished. During the application period, the system will always state “pending” next to your submission since the lottery cannot be run until the application period is over.

Notification on Lottery Status:

Once the lottery has been completed you should be notified of your status. During the application process you may or may not be asked if you prefer an e-mail or postcard notification of your status once the lottery has been completed. If you check e-mail and provide the system with your address, be sure to check your junk/spam filters so that your e-mail system will accept the notification. If applying at a license agent, you may or may not be asked to choose a notification preference. Depending on the type of license issuing machine used, certain agents must use the default method of mailing a postcard. If you are not notified by the time stated in this publication, follow the previous instructions to check on the status of your application.

Claiming Awarded Permits:

If you are awarded a permit in the lottery, your next step is to CLAIM it. Note that when you first applied, only the non-refundable \$2.00 application fee was paid; you must still PAY the actual permit fee. Permits may be claimed by visiting any license agent or online. Permit pickup times are listed on the front cover. If visiting a license agent, make sure you have the proper information (CID# and DOB) and let them know you are there for an AWARD PICKUP. If you choose to claim your permit online, please remember there is an additional convenience fee and that 7–10 business days are needed. **Remember: If you are awarded two permits in the Spring Lottery, you must claim BOTH of them. You will NOT be able to claim just one.**

Purchasing Unclaimed Permits:

Leftover (unclaimed) permits can be purchased at license agents and/or via the Internet. Leftover Spring Turkey Permits will be available beginning Monday, April 2, 2012 at 10 a.m. Leftover Fall Turkey Permits will be available beginning Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 10 a.m. If you decide to use the Internet, you **CANNOT** print the permits from home. They **MUST** be mailed and can take 7–10 business days. Also note, if using the Internet you will be given the opportunity to review your transaction and make corrections prior to completion. Once a transaction has been completed there will be **no refunds or exchanges. You are solely responsible for your choices.** When purchasing permits at a license agent, please have your CID# and DOB ready. You may want to write down your permit choices to reduce the risk of errors. Again, it is your responsibility to make sure the correct permits are purchased.