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License Information & Fees 2014-15

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PERMITS

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Hunting opportunities abound for the 2014–2015 season with access to more—and better managed—public open space in New Jersey. While the DEP's Green Acres Program continues to work hard acquiring new properties, our own Fish and Wildlife staff continues

to manage our wildlife management areas using approaches that maximize opportunities for wildlife and wildlife-related recreation.

Since 2011, more than 18,000 acres of newly acquired land have been added to New Jersey's wildlife management area (WMA) inventory, bringing the total area of our 121 WMAs to 345,000 acres. Some notable recent acquisitions include the 5,027-acre Lenape Farms Tract in Atlantic County (this tract is both in Tuckahoe and Maple Lake WMAs), the new 500-acre Pleasant run WMA (former Princeton Nursery property in Burlington, Mercer and Monmouth counties), and the 646 acre Baker/Firestone addition to the Rockaway River WMA in Morris County. All of these new acquisitions are open to the public for hunting, fishing, trapping, bird watching and a host of other wildlife recreational opportunities.

In addition to acquiring land, Fish and Wildlife recently has embarked on numerous large-scale habitat management initiatives destined to increase wildlife recreational opportunities by enhancing habitat conditions for a wide variety of wildlife species, from deer and turkeys to bobcats and songbirds. In the northern part of the state, our forest management efforts have resulted in hundreds of acres of young forest habitat which benefit ruffed grouse, rabbit, woodcock and other species. These management activities also increase habitat diversity and structure which can result in a more challenging, interesting and enjoyable hunting experience. In addition to forest stewardship, habitat management on wildlife management areas in the southern and central portions of the state has focused on grassland and scrub-shrub habitats.

Our wetlands have not been overlooked. Fish and Wildlife has been successful at securing grant money dedicated to improving waterfowl and wading bird habitat for several of our freshwater impoundments. The benefits of this work should be visible over the next year and will provide unique opportunities for waterfowl hunters in New Jersey. Drive around our impoundment system on the Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area in Atlantic County and you'll quickly appreciate the potential that these impoundments offer to waterfowl and waterfowl hunters.

Fish and Wildlife's commitment to providing opportunities for New Jersey hunters is nowhere more obvious than in our pheasant stocking program. Last year our Rockport Pheasant Farm raised more than 50,000 pheasant which were stocked on 25 wildlife management areas. We expect similar production and stocking numbers for this season and encourage hunters throughout the state to take advantage of this program which offers more stocked birds than any other similar-sized state throughout the northeast. When combined with our quail stocking efforts, hunters are offered a truly impressive upland game bird hunting experience on the properties managed by Fish and Wildlife.

We work hard to provide you with these, and other, hunting opportunities because we are committed to maximizing your enjoyment of New Jersey's state lands and the wildlife that inhabit them.

I hope that your 2014–2015 hunting season is safe and successful! 🦌

Dave Chanda is the Director of the Division of Fish & Wildlife.

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The new versions of the Hunter Education manual and workbook may be downloaded at www.NJfishandWildlife.com and are available at sporting goods stores. Old versions of the workbook are still valid as long as firearm students also complete the rifle portion too.

Avoid next year's fall rush: take a class in the spring!

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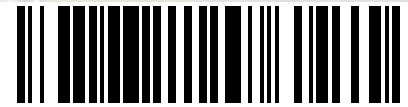
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DEER PERMITS ARE VALID for the 2014–2015 hunting season. New Jersey sporting licenses are valid for the calendar year and expire on Dec. 31. Beaver and river otter trapping permits are valid for the 2014–2015 trapping season. For permit and license fees, see page 1.

Licenses

All persons hunting or trapping must be properly licensed. It is unlawful for any person age 10 or older to hunt without a hunting license. (See *Farmer License Exemption*, this page.) It is unlawful for any person age 12 or older to trap without a trapping license. See page 1 for license and permit fees. See page 10 for youth license information. To acquire your first New Jersey hunting license (firearm, bow and arrow), present to a license agent (see list, page 20) either an appropriate hunter education course completion card or a resident (firearm or bow and arrow) license from this or any other state. The automated license system will

allow subsequent hunting license purchases for that sporting arm to be purchased by phone or online or at any license agent. All hunters and trappers must openly display their license in the middle of the back on their outer clothing and must show their license to any law enforcement officer or any person requesting to see it. Farmers hunting their own land must also display any deer season permit.

Licenses, permits and stamps may be purchased using Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site (www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com), via your smartphone or other mobile device, from approved license agents listed on page 20, or by calling (888) 773-8450. Permits with a designated zone or hunting season must be purchased at a license agent. See also *Non-resident and Resident Licenses*, page 10.

Do NOT heat laminate the durable license or permit. High temperature will destroy these waterproof, heat-sensitive documents.

Child Support Certifications

The "Child Support Program Improvement Act" requires Fish and Wildlife to collect and maintain Social Security numbers and a child support

obligation certification from license applicants and to make the collection of this information part of the license application. To comply, Fish and Wildlife, working with the Division of Law in the Office of the Attorney General, created the Supplemental License Application available on the Fish and Wildlife website at NJFishandWildlife.com/child_support_info.htm or at license agents.

The online child support application allows an individual to be certified from the privacy of their home. Once completed—either over the Internet or at a license agent—the certification remains valid for the calendar year in which the certification was completed.

Farmer License Exemption

A farmer and members of the immediate family (see definition under *Farmer Regulations*, page 28) who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit. For details, see *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 28.

All farmers must have a Conservation Identification number (CID#). Apply online now for a free CID# at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. No purchase is required. All hunters must now have a CID# to utilize the mandatory Automated Harvest Report System for all deer seasons.

Hunter and Trapper Education Requirements

New Jersey requires that everyone, age 10 and above, applying to hunt with a firearm or bow must show a previous resident license of the appropriate type from this or any state, or a course completion card from the appropriate hunter education course. Anyone, age 12 and above, applying to trap furbearing animals must show a previous resident trapping license from this or any state, or a trapper education course completion card. See also *Youth Licenses*, page 10.

The New Jersey Hunter Education Program is offered as a home study, video-based course. Students may obtain course materials at most license agents and Fish and Wildlife field offices or download from our website. After completing an extensive homework assignment, the student will choose from a list of testing facilities and dates to complete their hunter education course. For more Hunter Education Program details, including course material availability, facility locations, dates and course registration, go to Fish and Wildlife's website at NJFishandWildlife.com/hunted.htm or call (877) 2HUNTNJ.

Trapper education courses are offered four times throughout the state in the months of September and October. To enroll in a trapper education course, go to the Fish and Wildlife website or call (877) 2HUNTNJ to register.

Note: Devices accessing the mobile version of our website must click on "full site" to register for a Hunter Education course.

Lost Licenses

A license, permit or stamp can be replaced at any license agent, at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license

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Disabled Veteran Licenses, Stamps & Permits

Free hunting and fishing licenses, stamps and permits are available for resident disabled veterans.

For the purposes of this program, legislation defines disabled veterans as "...any resident of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service from 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..."

New applicant disabled veterans may obtain their hunting and fishing licenses and stamps at the following Fish and Wildlife field offices:

- Pequest Trout Hatchery/Natural Resource Ed. Ctr, Oxford, Warren Co., (908) 637-4125;
- Central Region Office, Upper Freehold Twp., Monmouth Co., (609) 259-2132;
- Southern Region Office, Sicklerville, Camden Co., (856) 629-0090.

Call before going to one of these offices to ensure that staff will be available to assist you. Applications for disabled veteran certification and your first disabled veteran license may be made via the mail by sending the application and all required documentation to:

NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
Attn: Disabled Veteran Licensing
MC 501-03, PO Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

All licenses, stamps and permits for which the veteran is eligible will be free of charge. Disabled Vet status does not give preferential treatment in any lottery. For questions call (609) 984-6213.

Disabled Veteran Applicants:

1. Documentation of current benefits for a service-connected disability and proof of honorable discharge (such as a copy of your DD-214, VA card or monthly check stub) must be presented to obtain a free disabled veteran license.
2. Applicant must provide a hunter education (archery, shotgun or rifle) course certificate applicable to the license for which he or she is applying or a previously issued resident archery or firearm license or rifle permit. Resident licenses from other states issued to hunters prior to establishing residency in New Jersey will be accepted if the license indicates the sporting arm for which it was valid. Non-resident licenses from other states are not acceptable.
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National Guard Licenses

Eligible National Guard personnel are entitled to free sporting licenses, permits and stamps. These privileges are not available using Fish and Wildlife's website. However, the NJ Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs can issue fishing licenses through their DMAVA website at www.nj.gov/military/fishing_application.html. For all other free sporting licenses, call (609) 530-6866, e-mail or write to: MSG (Ret.) Robert Greco, NJ DMAVA, 101 Eggert Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

Non-resident Licenses

Non-residents must show either a resident license from their state or proof of successfully completing an appropriate hunter education course in order to obtain a license to hunt or trap in New Jersey. (See License Information and Fees, page 1.) Non-immigrant aliens who temporarily import firearms to the United States must first obtain an application for the permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). For importation of firearms, use both forms ATF F 5330.3A and .3B. The approval may take up to 12 weeks. Contact ATF's New Jersey field office at (609) 989-2142 or download forms from their website at <http://www.atf.gov/content/firearms/firearms-industry/guides/conditional-importation>.

Military Licenses, Active Duty

Any person on active duty in the armed services, regardless of their current residency, may buy a New Jersey resident hunting license. Present a previous resident license (from this or any other state) of the appropriate type or show proof to the license agent of successful completion of the appropriate hunter education course along with proof of your current active duty status in the armed services.

One-day License

A one-day license may be issued for hunting on a licensed commercial shooting preserve. This license may be obtained at the shooting preserve and is valid only on the day issued for the species covered by the preserve's license. Hunter education requirements still apply.

Resident Licenses

A resident license may be purchased if one currently resides in—and has resided in—the state for at least six months immediately prior to application.

Revocation of Licenses

Anyone convicted of a second fish and game violation within a period of five years will have their New Jersey hunting and fishing privileges revoked for two years. Certain violations carry greater periods of revocation, ranging from three years to lifetime revocation. Two convictions of any wildlife management area regulation will result in a five-year revocation of all sporting privileges. Two convictions of the following will result in lifetime revocation: safety zone violation, causing damage to real or personal property and negligent use of a firearm or bow. Fish and Wildlife may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

Youth Licenses, Resident and Non-Resident

A Youth Firearm or Youth Bow and Arrow License is valid from 10 years of age (or the time of issuance) until the end of the year when the youth turns 16. Note that properly licensed youth hunters age 10–13 may hunt only when under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult hunter age 21 or older. See also *Youth Hunting*, page 27. **Youth licenses are available free to youths who have completed the hunter (ages 10–16) or trapper (ages 12–16) education course; see page 8 for course information.** See also *Take a Kid Hunting* pages 22–24.

Permits for Hunters and Trappers

Lottery Permit Application Process

For permit and license fees, see page 1.

A lottery is conducted to allocate turkey, beaver, otter and black bear hunting or trapping permits. **There is no lottery for deer permits.** To receive certain permits you must first apply for the lottery. The application period is listed below with each permit type. Apply at license agents or via the Internet. Be sure to have your Conservation ID number (CID#) on hand. A non-refundable \$2 application fee is charged for each lottery application.

Hunters or trappers will have three choices in each lottery. If you will accept a permit only for one particular zone (and/or period), complete only a first choice selection. There is no obligation to select a second or third choice; these are optional. When an applicant's first choice cannot be filled, the computer will check for the second choice listed. If this selection is also sold out, the computer will check for your third choice. Each lottery is completely random and awards only ONE permit — not three. Your chance of winning a permit in the lottery depends on the number of applicants and the number of permits allocated (permit quota).

Application via the Internet— Before You Start

- ♦ Know your Conservation ID number (CID#) or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB).
- ♦ Know your desired permit zone and, if applicable, time period or season. **Note: After a period of inactivity, the Internet transaction will time out, requiring you to start over from the beginning.**

- ♦ Have your payment ready. Internet transactions may be paid either by electronic check (e-check) or major credit card. For e-check transactions, have your bank routing number and your check book ready before you begin.
- ♦ During every transaction, there are several opportunities to review your information for accuracy. A complete review at each step will allow you to make corrections, if necessary. **Once a purchase transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges.** Permit applicants will have the opportunity to edit their application at any time during the permit application period; see *Changing Your Lottery Application*, below. Applicants are responsible to make application carefully. When the process is complete, print the confirmation page or note the transaction number for your records.

Application at License Agent Locations— Know Before You Go

- ♦ Know your Conservation ID number (CID#) or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB).
- ♦ Know your desired permit zone and, if applicable time period or season. The store proprietor or clerk is not responsible to know the zone/area of your hunting/trapping property. Be sure to review the map and zone descriptions at home before you arrive at the license agent. Not sure of your area? Use a county map, then follow the zone or area description shown either on Fish and Wildlife's website, NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm, in this hunting *Digest* or in the turkey permit supplement to drive around the zone boundary.
- ♦ To speed your transaction, write down your information (CID#, DOB, lottery type, first, second and third choices) and hand it to the license agent.
- ♦ NOTE for applying at license agents: Agents using a VeriFone® machine (a special keypad) can print a transaction receipt, but might do so only at your request. Therefore, you should ask for a receipt of the transaction. This receipt will list your choices and the transaction number. Agents using Web-based (computer) systems may or may not be able to print a receipt. ASK FIRST! When an agent cannot print a receipt, it's important to have the clerk orally verify your application choices and to provide your transaction number. Keep this transaction number; it can be helpful should a problem occur with your application.
- ♦ Each agent decides what types of payment to accept. Learn this in advance, then have the correct payment ready when you arrive.

Changing Your Lottery Application

Regardless of where or how you applied for a lottery, applicants may review their information at any time from any computer, smartphone or tablet with Internet access. Check your application status or edit your application if you discover a correction is necessary. With your CID# and DOB, visit www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com to access your profile and follow the prompts. Applications may be edited only during the actual application period. Once the application period is closed, it is impossible to change your application. License agents and Fish and Wildlife offices DO NOT have the ability to

change your application once submitted. Only you can make changes, so take care during the application process.

Application Status Check

Hunters and trappers may check their application status at any time from a computer, smartphone or tablet. Go to the licensing website (www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com) to access your profile using your CID# and DOB, then follow the prompts. The license system indicates if the lottery has been run and if you won a permit. When the system shows 'pending,' the lottery has not been completed. During the application period the system displays your application as 'pending.'

Notification of Lottery Results (Did you win a permit?)

Once the lottery is complete, applicants will be notified of their results. When applying at a license agent, applicants may or may not be asked to choose a notification mode. Some license issuing machines must use the default method of mailing a postcard notification. Those who select email notification are reminded to set your junk/spam folder to accept this notification. **IMPORTANT:** the notification email may fail to arrive due to issues with account providers such as email filters or data storage capacity. **The applicant is responsible to know the notification dates and claim period deadlines.** Do not wait until the award claim period has ended to check your profile for your permit award status. (See Application Status Check, above.)

Claiming Your Permit

Lottery permit winners may claim their permit(s) by going to any license agent or via the Internet. See the corresponding lottery permit claim dates listed in this *Digest* for beaver/otter, black bear and fall turkey permits. Recall that at the time of application, you paid only the non-refundable \$2 application fee; the actual permit fee must still be paid. Be sure to bring your CID# to the license agent; tell the agent you're there to claim your Fish and Wildlife-awarded lottery permit. Permits claimed via the Internet are subject to an additional convenience fee and will arrive via mail in 7–10 business days.

Purchasing Non-lottery and Unclaimed Lottery Permits

Leftover (unclaimed) lottery permits and non-lottery permits are available at license agents and online. Internet permit purchases **CANNOT** be printed at home. Plan ahead, as it may take 7–10 business days for your permit(s) to arrive. During every transaction there are several opportunities to review your information for accuracy. A complete review at each step will allow you to make corrections, if necessary. Note: Once a purchase transaction is complete there will be **NO** refunds or exchanges. When purchasing permits at a license agent, speed your transaction by presenting to the agent a written note with your CID# and DOB, plus the season and zone of your permit choices.

Beaver and Otter Permits

- ♦ Beaver and otter trapping are allowed by special permit only.
- ♦ Additional information—including the zone map and descriptions—becomes available Sept. 12 on Fish and Wildlife's website, NJFishandWildlife.com.
- ♦ Application period: Oct. 1–31.
- ♦ Leftover permits, if available, will be sold at all license agents and at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Award notifications will go out during the week of Nov. 10. Successful applicants may begin to claim their awards on Nov. 10. Beaver and Otter Permits awarded in the lottery must be claimed prior to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1. Awarded permits that are not claimed prior to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1 will be returned to the quota and become available for sale over the counter. Leftover and unclaimed permits will become available for sale beginning at 10 a.m. on THURSDAY, Dec. 4, 2014. However, trappers may possess only one Special River Otter Trapping Permit. Permits will be available at all license agents and via the Internet. For leftover and unclaimed permit availability, see our website late in the afternoon of WEDNESDAY, December 3, 2014.
- ♦ For trapping season information including regulations, season dates and bag limits see *Trapping Regulations*, page 70.

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Black Bear Hunting Permits

A total of 10,000 black bear hunting permits, allocated by black bear hunting areas, will be available to properly licensed hunters and farmer hunters. **There will be two lotteries this year. Black bear hunters are limited to two permits, however only one bear may be taken, regardless of the number of permits one possesses.** Only two applications may be submitted per individual—one application for an initial permit lottery and one application for a secondary/leftover permit for a **different bear management zone.**

Application can be made at any license agent or online on our Internet sales site. Hunters are limited to two black bear hunting permits, however they must be for *different* zones. Application fee: \$2 per lottery. Application period: Sept 15–Oct 15.

Award notifications and permit claim period begins on October 20. Permits awarded in the lottery must be claimed prior to 11:59 P.M. on MONDAY, November 10.

Any leftover and unclaimed permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on THURSDAY, Nov. 13, 2014. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and on our Internet sales site. Leftover permit availability will be posted on our website by the end of the day on WEDNESDAY, November 12, 2014.

2014 Black Bear Hunting Permit Quota	
Black Bear Management Zone	# of Permits
1	2,000
2	3,000
3	3,000
4	2,000

Special Coyote, Red and Gray Fox Hunting Permits

- ♦ A \$2 permit is required to hunt coyote, red or gray fox during the special permit season from Jan. 1–March. 15.
- ♦ Permits will be available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site beginning Dec. 1, 2014. A 2015 hunting license must be purchased prior to, or in conjunction with, the purchase of a 2015 Coyote/Fox Permit.
- ♦ For season details, see coyote and fox hunting regulations, page 62.

Deer Hunting Permits

Permits are required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons. **There is no lottery for deer permits.** See *Special Areas*, page 50, for specific deer permit requirements on those properties.

Permits may be purchased either at a license agent or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. For details, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 16. See page 1 for fees.

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Permits

DMAP allows landowners, administrative agencies, municipalities, organizations and managers

to improve localized deer management success by allocating additional hunting permits for problem properties located within deer management zones that have restricted bag limits. See also page 28 under *Permits for Farmers*, for more information and contact numbers. Visit our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/dmap.htm for details.

Farmer Permits

See *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 28.

Falconry Permits

Hunting with raptors (birds of prey) is allowed only with both a falconry permit and a hunting license. For hunting regulations see *Falconry*, page 25.

Rifle Permits

All persons in possession of a rifle (modern or muzzleloading rifle including a smoothbore muzzleloader firing a single projectile) while hunting or trapping must have a valid rifle permit. See the specific regulations for each game or furbearing animal for the permissible use of rifles. A rifle permit is not required for hunting with an air gun. Initial rifle permit applicants must be at least 10 years old and have successfully completed a rifle Hunter Education Course. New hunters taking the Firearms Hunter Education courses offered in 2014 will automatically be certified for rifle education. See page 1 for rifle permit fees.

- ♦ Rifle permits may be purchased at license agents or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Rifle permits are valid for all ages of permit holders.
- ♦ Rifle permits are valid from July 1–June 30.

Turkey Hunting Permits, General

- ♦ Turkey hunting is by permit only. For turkey season details, see page 67. See page 1 for fees.
- ♦ Spring and fall permit applications are handled on two separate applications; only one application may be made for each season.
- ♦ Complete instructions for the 2015 Spring Gobbler season will be detailed in the *2015 Wild Turkey Hunting Season Permit Supplement*, available in late January at license agents, Fish and Wildlife offices, and on our website at NJFishandWildlife.com.

Turkey Permits, 2014 Fall Season

- ♦ Fall turkey hunting is by permit only.
- ♦ The 2014 fall turkey permit lottery application period is Aug. 1–Aug. 31.
- ♦ Award notification and permit claim will begin Sept. 8. See page 1 for fees.
- ♦ All permits awarded in the lottery will be held until 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 28. Unclaimed, awarded permits will be placed in the over-the-counter sale. Application fee(s) will not be refunded for unclaimed permits.
- ♦ Leftover permits will go on sale beginning Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 10 a.m., first come, first served, at license agents and at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com.
- ♦ Detailed information on the application procedures, season dates, bag limits, permit quotas and the status of available permits are available in the

2014 Wild Turkey Hunting Season Permit Supplement, which can be found on Fish and Wildlife's website or at license agents.

Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions

A permit to use alternative methods/equipment for taking game during the prescribed seasons for certain physically challenged persons may be issued. The application period is Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 of each year.

Permits to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle

A permit to hunt or shoot from a standing vehicle that is parked off the road may be issued to licensed hunters who:

1. have a permanent or irreversible physical disability that limits their ambulatory ability,
2. suffer from cardiovascular disease and are classified as Class 3 or 4 heart patients according to American Heart Association standards, or
3. suffer from chronic lung disease. This permit will be issued if the need is certified by a licensed physician or chiropractor.

Individuals hunting with a permit to hunt or shoot from a motor vehicle must mark the vehicle being used for the purpose of hunting either with handicapped license plates issued by the Motor Vehicle Commission or by displaying a sign provided by Fish and Wildlife in the rear window of the vehicle being used.

Additional information about permits for hunters with disabling conditions is available by calling (609) 292-1473 or by writing: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Handicapped Permits, MC501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or downloaded directly from our website: NJFishandWildlife.com/disinfo.htm.

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Permits, Other

Captive Wildlife Permits

The possession, ownership and release of wildlife is strictly regulated and allowed only for limited purposes. Information and permit applications may be obtained online or by calling:

- ♦ Nongame and exotics permits at (908) 735-5450, NJFishandWildlife.com/exotic_apps.htm;
- ♦ Game birds and mammals: (908) 735-7040, NJFishandWildlife.com/captpermits.htm.

Deer Road-kill Permits

Deer accidentally killed by motor vehicles may be possessed only for private consumption by obtaining a free permit from the local police department or from a Fish and Wildlife regional law enforcement office. The permit authorizes only possession of the meat for consumption and is valid only for 90 days. The possession of all other parts such as antlers, under terms of this permit, are expressly prohibited. Wrapped venison packages must be labeled with the permit number.

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Stamps (such as federal migratory bird stamps) are not transferable to another person and are not valid

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Pheasant and Quail Stamp

Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose youth license remains valid through the end of the year in which they turn 16 and which includes a free youth pheasant and quail stamp) hunting or possessing pheasant (or quail only on Greenwood Forest or Peaslee WMAs) on the following designated wildlife management areas must have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp:

- ♦ Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood Forest, Howardsville, Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Millville (Bevan), Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is also a designated pheasant and quail stamp area. Pheasant and quail stamps are valid for the calendar year, January–December. **Quail may be hunted or possessed ONLY on Peaslee or Greenwood WMAs.**

New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp

Anyone 16 or older who hunts waterfowl must possess a New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp (now printed directly on your license at the time of purchase) in addition to the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp. Both stamps are valid for the fiscal year, July 1–June 30. A Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is also required. For HIP details, see *Migratory Bird Regulations*, page 72. ♫

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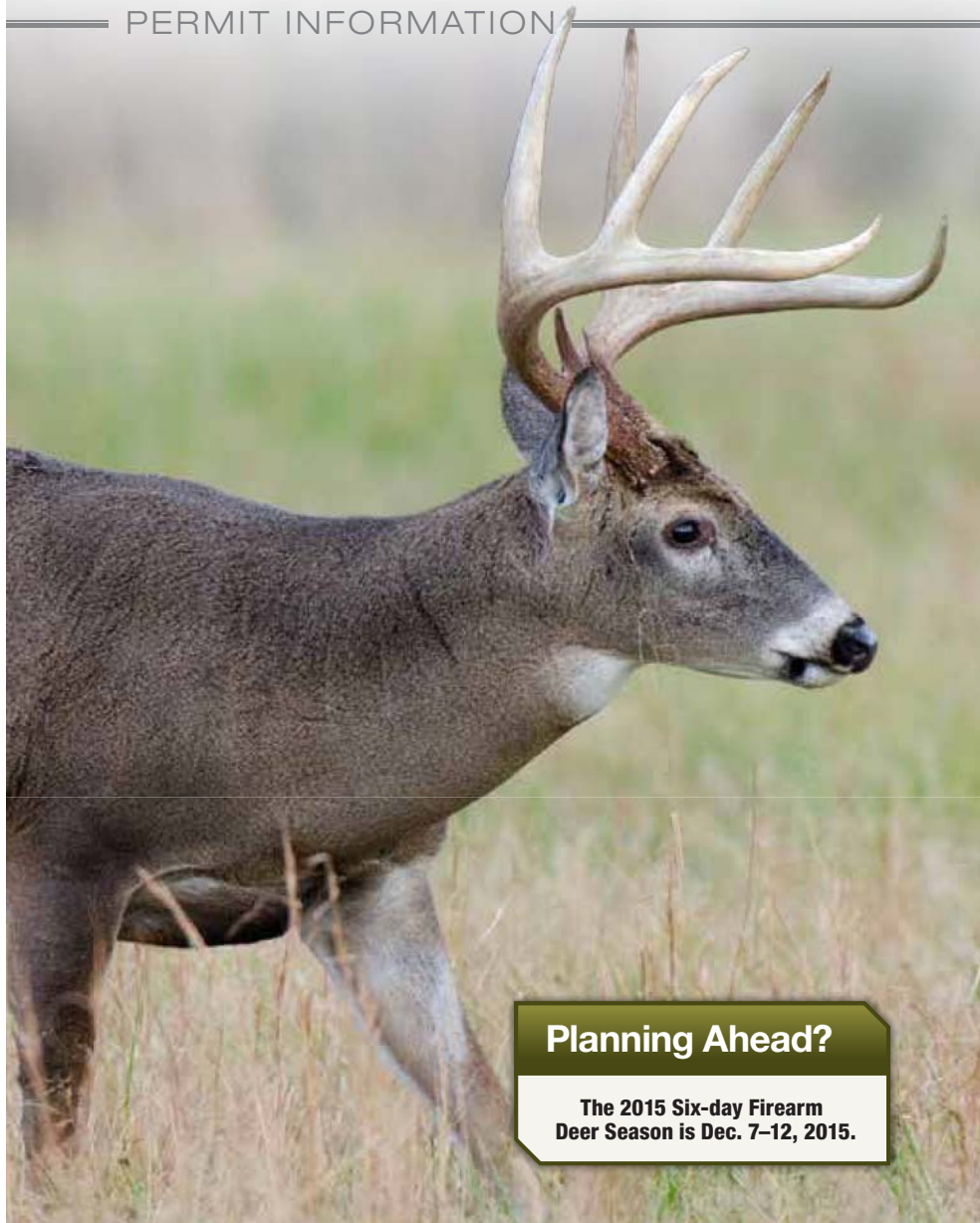
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Deer Season Permits

PERMIT INFORMATION



Planning Ahead?

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PERMIT HUNTING SEASONS play a major role in Fish and Wildlife's deer management program. The three permit seasons provide a means to control hunting pressure, and thereby the harvest, in each deer management zone to meet specific deer management objectives. With the additional harvest and recreational opportunity these seasons provide, an additional fee is charged for each permit.

Farmer deer permit information is detailed in the **Farmer Hunting Information** section beginning on page 28. Farmers purchasing non-farmer permits should also read this deer season permit section, below.

For application and purchasing procedures, see **Permits for Hunters and Trappers**, page 10.

• A permit is required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons.

- The zone-specific deer permit is valid **only** for hunting antlerless deer. **To take an antlered buck during any permit season, hunters must purchase one Antlered Buck Permit. An Antlered Buck Permit is not zone-specific but is valid only when used in conjunction with a zone-specific deer permit.**
- Hunters are still limited to purchasing one Antlered Buck Permit *per permit season* (i.e., one Antlered Buck Bow Permit, one Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit and one Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit). Buck permits are valid in any zone for which the hunter has a valid antlerless zone-specific permit.
- **Note: Only one deer at a time may be taken during any permit season even if you possess both an antlered and antlerless permit, except in those zones in Regulation Sets 6, 7 and 8 where two deer at a time may be harvested during the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons.**
- Antlerless deer permits are zone-specific and are

valid for the duration of the specified zone's permit season, including when that season extends into the 2015 calendar year. Hunters are still limited to purchasing one zone-specific permit per zone per permit season. Example: If you hunt only Zone 19, you may purchase only one muzzleloader, one bow and one shotgun antlerless permit for Zone 19. If you hunt in more than one zone you may purchase one muzzleloader, one bow and one shotgun permit for each zone.

- ♦ Regardless of the number of zone-specific antlerless permits in possession, **hunters are limited to taking one buck during each of the permit seasons ONLY after first purchasing a Buck Permit for that season.** (See *Deer Hunting Regulations, Licenses and Permits* for details, page 31.)
- ♦ A resident, non-resident or youth hunting license is a prerequisite to purchase a deer permit. See pages 1 and 10 for hunting license information.
- ♦ Muzzleloader season permits are not valid unless accompanied by both a valid rifle permit and a Firearm or All-around Sportsman License while hunting.
- ♦ Permits are valid only for the season and zone indicated, are **non-transferable** and **non-refundable**.
- ♦ It is illegal to use a permit for a zone, season or hunter other than those named on the permit. Deer permit violations are subject to a fine of \$100–\$1,000 for each offense.
- ♦ The cost per permit [both the Antlerless (zone-specific) Deer Permit or Antlered Buck Permit] is \$28 for each adult and \$12 for each youth permit.

Antlered Buck Permit Deadline!

Antlered Buck Permits may be purchased only two ways:

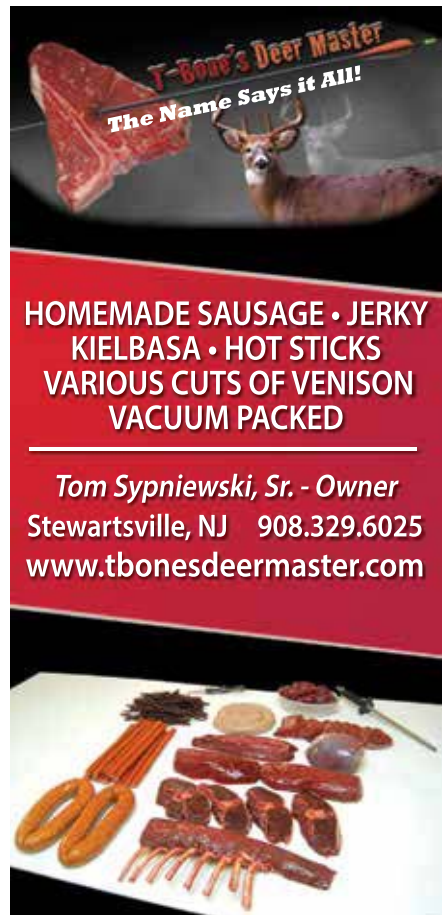
1. Purchase by opening day of each permit season OR,
2. Purchase at the same time as your first zone-specific antlerless permit for each season

Antlered Buck Permit sales begin Monday, Sept. 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. and must be purchased either by 11:59 p.m. on the first day of each permit season as follows:

- ♦ Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Bow Season **must be purchased by Nov. 1 at 11:59 p.m.**
- ♦ Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Muzzleloader Season **must be purchased by Dec. 1 at 11:59 p.m.**
- ♦ Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Shotgun Season **must be purchased by Dec. 17 at 11:59 p.m.**
- ♦ Or, for hunters who do not purchase a deer permit until after the season opens, an Antlered Buck Permit **may be purchased only with** the initial antlerless zone-specific permit. There will be no other chance to purchase an Antlered Buck Permit.
- ♦ There are **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Permits Available at Participating License Agents (Except Special Areas Zones)

- ♦ The following deer management zones have permit quotas that far exceed hunter demand: Zones 1–19, 21–31, 34–36, 41–43, 45–51, 55, 63, 65,



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Deer Season Permits

PERMIT INFORMATION

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67 and 68. These permits are available on a first come, first served basis. In the unlikely event that sales reach the permit quota for a specific zone and season combination, those permit sales will end.

- ♦ Permits sales are available at license agents listed on page 20 and on Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com.

- ♦ Bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and antlered buck permits will be available for sale beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014 and continue until each season ends. Some seasons run through Feb. 14, 2015. See *Regulation Sets*, page 44.

- ♦ Hours of operation and types of payment accepted vary according to license agent. Be prepared.
- ♦ To purchase a permit at a license agent a hunter must present his or her valid, current year's hunting license.
- ♦ A person may purchase a permit for an absent hunter only when the following conditions are met:
 1. The absent hunter has already completed a Child Support Certification (see page 8) through the Integrated Electronic Licensing System via the Internet or at a license agent and
 2. The buyer shows the absent hunter's valid hunting license and identifying information

(date of birth and Conservation ID Number or Social Security Number). License photocopies not accepted.

- ♦ The hunter is responsible to know in what zone and season he or she wants to hunt.
- ♦ Hunters are urged to review their permit before leaving the license agent.
- ♦ **Once a permit fee is paid and the buyer leaves the store, there will be no returns, exchanges or refunds. No exceptions.**
- ♦ Permits purchased online via the Internet will take 7-10 days for delivery. Hunters have the option to pay extra for express delivery.

Special Area Deer Management Zones

- ♦ Special Areas include federal military installations, certain state and county parks and national wildlife refuges. Special Area zones include: 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64, 66, 67, 68 and 70. Some of these zones have specific qualifying criteria which hunters must meet before obtaining a permit. Certain zones are not open to the public. It is the hunters' responsibility to arrange for property access prior to purchasing a permit.
- ♦ **There is no lottery for Special Area Permits.** This is due to a decrease in the demand for these permits and an increase in the number of complaints from prospective hunters who participate in these hunts. Permits will be available for

a limited time on a first-come, first-served basis. Removing the lottery streamlines the process, making it more convenient for all hunters. Hunters will know immediately whether or not they will receive a permit. **Note: Most of these Special Areas permits will be available for sale only for a limited time. It is the hunters responsibility to pay attention to all deadlines. Exceptions cannot be made.**

- ♦ Refer to a specific Special Area (see *Special Areas Hunting Seasons*, page 50) for complete details including when each permit sale will occur.

Military Zones

Military base deer management zones include the following: Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54), Earle NWS (Zone 39), Lakehurst Section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, (Formerly Lakehurst NAES (Zone 53), FAA Tech Center (Zone 66) and Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, (Formerly Fort Dix) (Zone 37). All have lower quotas with a limited number of available permits. Due to heightened security, hunters must be sure to have proper security clearance and access prior to applying for or purchasing permits for military base zones.

Refer to a specific Special Area (see *Special Areas Hunting Seasons*, page 50) for complete details including when each permit sale will occur. 🏹

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YOUTH DEER HUNTING DAYS

- » **Youth Bow Hunt**
Saturday, September 27, 2014
- » **Youth Firearm Hunt**
Saturday, November 22, 2014

WHO CAN HUNT

Hunters with a valid youth hunting license. See *Youth Licenses*, page 10.

- ♦ The youth hunter **MUST** be under the direct supervision of a person who is at least 21 years old and who has a valid firearm or bow and arrow license corresponding to the season hunted. Direct supervision is defined as both the youth hunter and parent/guardian set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit, not hunting independently. The adult **CANNOT** hunt on

this day. The adult may grunt, call or rattle for the youth. In addition to the youth, the adult accompanying the youth should wear the required hunter orange during the youth firearm deer hunt.

BAG LIMITS

Youth may hunt statewide for one deer of either sex on each of the above dates.

- ♦ During the Youth Firearm Deer Hunt, youths may hunt either with a shotgun or muzzleloader. No bows.
- ♦ If the youth is hunting with a muzzleloader, both the youth and the adult must possess a valid rifle permit.
- ♦ Antler Point Restrictions and Earn-A-Buck requirements do **NOT** apply on these days for the youth hunter.
- ♦ These hunts are extensions of the Fall Bow and Six-day Firearm seasons; no special season deer permit is required. Youth hunters may still use a bow to harvest one antlered deer during the Fall Bow Season, and use an appropriate firearm to harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season.

REPORT YOUR HARVEST

The youth hunter should complete all information requested on the Harvest Report Card provided on page 29.

- ♦ The card, or hand-made version, should include the youth hunting license number or Conservation ID number, sex of deer, number of antler points, date, zone, deer management unit, county and township from which the deer was taken, in order to have your information ready for when you report your harvest through the Automated Harvest Report System. Youth hunters do not need a harvest number during youth hunts or non-permit deer seasons.

For additional harvest reporting requirements, see page 32.

pheasant

YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT

- » November 1, 2014

The 2014 Take a Kid Hunting Pheasant Hunt will allow properly licensed hunters with a valid youth license (see *Youth Licenses*, page 10) to hunt on one of 10 stocked Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014. In a cooperative effort between the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, volunteer hunting mentors with trained bird dogs will guide youth hunters on a morning pheasant hunt. This experience will increase the young hunters' opportunity for harvesting a pheasant in a setting which encourages responsible and safe hunting practices.

All guided morning hunt participants must pre-register and be accompanied to the check-in by a parent or guardian. Parents or guardians are welcomed and encouraged to follow the hunters through the fields. All pre-registered hunters will receive an information packet. One session will be offered, starting at 7 a.m.

Only 50 youth hunters will be allowed on each WMA during the guided morning hunts. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of slots available, a random drawing will be held to select participants. To register, please send the application to:

Take a Kid Hunting
NJ Div. of Fish and Wildlife
Northern Region Hunter Education
26 Rt. 173 W, Hampton, NJ 08827

All entries must be postmarked by Oct. 8, 2014. Information will be mailed around Oct. 20, 2014.

Selected Wildlife Management Areas for the Youth Pheasant Hunt

WMA	Guided Morning	Open After 1 p.m.	Open All Day
Whittingham	•	•	
Black River	•	•	
Flatbrook			•
Clinton	•	•	
Assunpink	•	•	
Colliers Mills	•	•	
Glassboro			•
Millville	•	•	
Peaslee	•	•	
Winslow	•	•	

Guided Morning—pre-registration required.

Open—afternoon: Any youth hunter with a valid youth hunting license under the direct supervision of a licensed, non-shooting adult (aged 21 or older), will be permitted to hunt on the listed wildlife management areas on Nov. 1, 2014 from 1 p.m. until sunset. No registration required.

Open—all day: Any youth hunter with a valid youth hunting license under the direct supervision of a New Jersey-licensed, non-shooting adult (aged 21 or older), will be permitted to hunt on the listed wildlife management areas on Nov. 1, 2014 from 8 a.m. until sunset. No registration required.



▶ Hunting in Galloway Twp. Julia Conner, 14, harvested her first deer, a six-point buck, on Youth Deer Hunting Day with a 65-yard shot.



Ted Nichols



Maria Testa

▶ Tori Testa (L) and Nikki Testa with a friend enjoyed a successful youth day hunt on the Clinton Wildlife Management Area.

▶ Pursuing squirrels can be an excellent introduction to hunting.

YOUTH PHEASANT HUNTER

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Youth Hunting License # _____

1. Select WMA (Check only one):

Assunpink Black River Clinton Colliers Mills

Millville Peaslee Whittingham Winslow

2. Have you attended the Take A Kid Hunting Pheasant Hunt before?

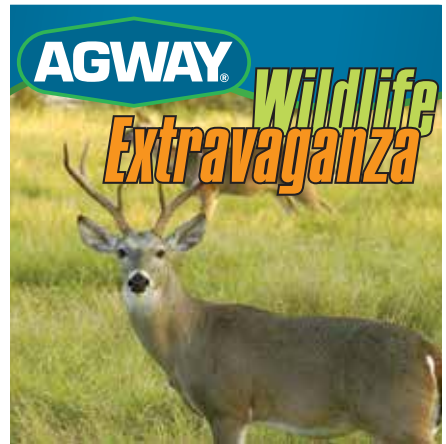
NO YES—2013 Other (list year) _____

3. With what gauge shotgun will you be hunting?

12 16 20 28 .410 caliber

4. If you have a trained hunting dog and would like to participate as a mentor, enter your name and daytime phone number: _____

5. Breed of dog: _____



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turkey

YOUTH TURKEY HUNT DAY

» April 18, 2015

Youth hunters with a valid youth hunting license who have obtained a turkey permit may begin their spring turkey season on the special youth turkey hunting day, April 18, 2015. See *Youth Licenses*, page 10. Youth must be under the direct supervision of an adult 21 years or older who possesses a valid New Jersey hunting license. Adults may not hunt on this day.



Bob Benson

▲ Alison Benson used her new 20 gauge Remington 11-87 shotgun to harvest this tom turkey in Wantage (Sussex County) on her first turkey hunt.

upland bird

YOUTH UPLAND BIRD HUNT DAY

» Saturday, November 1, 2014

Youth hunters with a valid youth hunting license (see *Youth Licenses*, page 10), under the direct supervision of a New Jersey-licensed, non-hunting adult 21 years or older, will be permitted to hunt on licensed semi-wild hunting preserves. Youths may hunt for pheasant, quail and/or chukar on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014 from 8 a.m. to sunset. Take advantage of this great opportunity for hunters belonging to semi-wild preserves to introduce youth hunters to upland bird hunting without competition from adult hunters who may not hunt on this day.



Maria Testa

▲ Tori Testa pheasant hunting at Bent Creek Preserve in Allentown, Monmouth County.

waterfowl

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

Youth hunters 15 years and under with a valid youth hunting license (see *Youth Licenses*, page 10) and under the direct supervision of a non-shooting New Jersey-licensed adult hunter (age 21 or older) will be permitted to hunt for waterfowl from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset on the following dates by zone:

- » **North Zone**—Oct. 4; Nov. 1
- » **South Zone**—Oct. 11; Nov. 8
- » **Coastal Zone**—Oct. 25; Feb. 7

See the New Jersey 2014–15 *Migratory Bird Regulations* for further details including written zone boundary descriptions and species bag limits. Non-toxic shot is required. An HIP number is required. See page 72 for all waterfowl hunting requirements. Federal and state waterfowl stamps are not required on these youth days. Daily bag limits for ducks, Canada geese, brant, snow geese, coots, moorhens and gallinules will be the same as those allowed during the regular season. Adults may not hunt on this day.



Pat Hand

▲ (L to R) Katrina Hand, Kayla Bartram and Erika Hand enjoy a Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day on Barnegat Bay in Brick, NJ.

Regulations in red are new this year.

THIS IS NOT THE FULL LAW. The information in this *Digest* is based on N.J.S.A. Title 23, Title 13:1B-34 and N.J.A.C. 7:25-5. The amended regulations are known as the Game Code and implement the statute laws. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Law Enforcement for further details. See the *Telephone Directory*, page 96, for regional Law Enforcement offices. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal documents.

No person shall hunt except as prescribed by law. See section *Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions*, page 12, for special rules.

Persons required by law to wear corrective lenses to operate a motor vehicle (as noted on a valid driver's license) must wear corrective lenses when hunting with any kind of bow or firearm.

Bow and Arrow

"Bow" means any long bow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow. Hand held release devices are permitted.

See additional regulations under *Specifically Prohibited*, page 27.

All bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds at the archer's draw length, except compounds, which must have a minimum peak draw weight of 35 pounds and crossbows which must have a minimum draw weight of 75 pounds. Crossbows must have a minimum stock length of 25 inches.

See **crossbow safety tips on this page**. Crossbows are not legal for bowfishing. Crossbows are permitted for hunting migratory birds. See below for restrictions when taking game birds in flight.

All arrows used for hunting deer, turkey, coyote, fox or woodchuck must be fitted with an edged head of well-sharpened metal and a minimum width of 3/4 inches.

Arrows fitted with heads other than specified for deer, turkey, coyote, fox or woodchuck may be carried in the woods and fields during the small game season or other seasons which overlap with the bow and arrow deer season except that for taking game birds in flight, arrows equipped with an edged head are prohibited. Also, flu flu arrows are required for taking game birds in flight because the arrow is designed to fly only a short distance. For the purpose of discharging a crossbow, hunters may carry judo points, target points or blunts. Canada geese and turkeys which are not in flight may be taken with standard fletched arrows and an edged head as described above.

Sunday bowhunting for deer is legal only on private land and state wildlife management areas. See *Safety Zones*, page 27.

It is unlawful to:

- ♦ use or possess a poison arrow or one with an explosive tip
- ♦ use an edged head for taking game birds in flight
- ♦ use a bow one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise during any hunting season
- ♦ use a bow and arrow from any vehicle, moving or stationary

- ♦ have both a firearm and bow in possession or under control while hunting
- ♦ transport in a vehicle a crossbow in the cocked position

Closed Seasons

There is no hunting or trapping season for bobcat, fisher, mourning dove, sandhill crane and king rail in New Jersey. See *Protected Wildlife*, page 26.

Dogs, Hunting and Training

Allowing dogs to run at large is prohibited.

Persons may train dogs without firearms in daylight at any time except during any open firearm deer season.

No person shall train a raccoon or opossum hunting dog on WMAs other than during the periods of Sept. 1 to Oct. 1 and from Mar. 1 to May 1 each year. Training hours shall be one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

It is illegal to use dogs to pursue or run deer or black bear or to track wounded deer or bear.

Note: Regulations for dog training on wildlife management areas are on page 74.

Delaware River, Hunting

Hunting on the Delaware River is restricted by state boundaries. A valid hunting license and any appropriate permit/stamp is required for your location.

Falconry

No person shall use a raptor for hunting without a falconry permit and a valid hunting license. No person under 14 years of age may hunt by means of a raptor. Hunting migratory birds with raptors on Sunday is prohibited.

Falconry permits will be issued only to persons who pass a comprehensive examination and who can provide proper facilities for housing a raptor.

Beginning falconers must be sponsored by an experienced falconer.

No person shall possess a firearm while hunting with raptors.

For additional information, write to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or call (908) 735-8793.

Farmer Regulations

See *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 28.

Firearms and Missiles

For the purpose of hunting in New Jersey, firearms refer to shotguns, muzzleloaders (rifled or smooth-bore), air guns and modern rifles.

- ♦ Possession and use of silencers are illegal on any firearm. A silencer is any device designed to lessen or muffle the sound of the firearm discharging.
- ♦ A person may not go into the woods or fields with a firearm except during prescribed seasons.
- ♦ It is unlawful to possess in the woods and fields shot larger than #4 fine shot except for hunting

deer, bear, waterfowl, woodchuck (farmers only) and coyote/fox during the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season. This shall not apply lawful use of ammunition for air guns; see *Air Guns*, page 28.

- ♦ Rimfire and centerfire rifles are not legal to hunt deer.
- ♦ See sections on specific game animals for permitted firearms and ammunition.
- ♦ No person shall use a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells at one time or that may be fired more than three times without reloading except for the September Canada goose season (see page 72) and during a light goose conservation order season, if any.
- ♦ See *Safety Zones*, page 27.
- ♦ See additional regulations under *Specifically Prohibited* on page 27.

Air Guns

"Air gun" means any shoulder-mounted firearm which by the force of a spring, air or other non-ignited compressed gas expels a missile or projectile and has a rifled or smooth barrel, using ammunition

10 Safety Tips for Crossbow Shooting Success

1. Always read the manufacturers directions and use the recommended arrow (bolt) weight and length.
2. Always visually inspect crossbow and accessories before shooting to ensure all are in good condition.
3. Keep fingers and thumb low on the crossbow forearm, below the rail; the flight path of string and cable can cause serious personal injury.
4. Never walk with a crossbow cocked and arrow loaded.
5. Never cock a crossbow while in a trees-stand, except for crank-type models.
6. Always raise and lower unloaded crossbows from a treestand using a haul line.
7. Before shooting, check that bow limbs will hit nothing when they flex forward during the release. Crossbow limbs store enough energy to knock a hunter to the ground should the bow contact the tree or your stand.
8. Carry in your quiver an arrow with either a field point, judo or blunt. Uncock the crossbow at day's end by shooting that arrow into a target or soft ground.
9. Never dry-fire a crossbow; releasing the trigger without an arrow in place can damage to the bow limbs or cause serious personal injury.
10. Never store or transport a crossbow in the cocked position.

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no smaller than .177 caliber and no larger than .22 caliber producing projectile velocities of not less than 600 feet per second measured at the muzzle. Air gun BBs are not legal for hunting. Air guns are now legal for taking cottontail rabbit, hare and gray squirrel. A rifle permit is not required. Modern air guns have sufficient power to take small game plus are quieter and lighter than some shotguns, making them an ideal tool for smaller-framed hunters. Air guns hunting information is now part of the basic shotgun hunter education course.

Muzzleloaders

It is unlawful to use smokeless powder in a muzzleloader while hunting in New Jersey. Only black powder or black powder equivalents, such as Pyrodex and Triple Seven, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting.

Properly licensed and permitted hunters 10 years and older may hunt with a muzzleloading rifle. A valid rifle permit must be possessed while hunting with a muzzleloading rifle. Permitted action types include percussion, flintlock and inline. Electronic ignitions are not legal. For muzzleloader barrel types and legal hunting ammunition, see regulations for each game species.

It is unlawful to hunt with a muzzleloading rifle on WMAs, except for deer, bear and during the special seasons for coyote/fox and squirrel hunting. For muzzleloader rifle squirrel hunting, see page 66. For muzzleloader deer hunting, see page 30. For rifle permit information, see page 12. For muzzleloader coyote/fox hunting, see page 62.

Rifles, Modern

A valid rifle permit must be in possession while hunting with a modern rifle.

Rifles for small game hunting are allowed using limited types of .22 caliber rimfire ammo and are legal only for taking woodchuck (ammo restrictions, page 66), raccoon and opossum with hounds (.22 shorts only) plus coyote and fox (ammo restrictions, page 62). NO rifle woodchuck hunting on wildlife management areas or state parks, forests and recreation areas. Small game hunting with centerfire rifles is limited to not larger than .25 caliber for coyote and fox (see page 62) and .25 caliber or larger for woodchuck (see page 66). See also *Firearms and Missiles*, page 25.

A modern rifle magazine need not be pinned (plugged), but may be loaded with no more than three cartridges. Rifle permit holders of all ages may hunt with all rifle types as allowed by New Jersey laws.

See chart on page 66 for details on small caliber rifle ammunition legal for hunting woodchucks and page 62 for the special permit coyote/fox season.

Shotguns

Shotguns larger than 10-gauge are prohibited for hunting. Shotguns may not be capable of holding more than three shells except for September Canada goose hunting; see page 72. For information on legal shot sizes; see regulations for each game species to be hunted.

Hunter Harassment

It is illegal to obstruct or attempt to obstruct or annoy a person lawfully taking wildlife. This includes making loud noises or gestures designed to disturb, alarm, drive, attract or affect the behavior of wildlife.

Hunter Orange

Firearm hunters must wear a cap made of solid daylight fluorescent orange or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material visible from all sides at all times while engaged in hunting. A camo-orange hat alone is not adequate. See exceptions below and also newer fluorescent orange requirements.

This applies to all persons while hunting with a firearm for deer, bear, rabbit, hare, squirrel, coyote, fox, railbirds, and game birds including while in a tree stand. **All firearm and bow and arrow deer hunters utilizing a ground blind when a firearm deer season is open concurrently must display 200 square inches of hunter orange atop the blind and visible from all sides or within five feet outside the blind and higher than the blind or at least three feet off the ground, whichever is higher. During these concurrent seasons, bowhunters in treestands also should consider wearing hunter orange.**

Exceptions: the hunter orange law does not apply to waterfowl, crow, wild turkey, coyote/fox (during the special permit season, page 62), woodchuck nor bowhunters except that a bowhunter using a deer decoy must wear hunter orange, as described above, while transporting the decoy into and out of the woods and fields. During the Six-day Firearm Season, it is recommended that bowhunters wear hunter orange.

Injured or Orphaned Wildlife

If you encounter injured or orphaned wildlife, contact a wildlife rehabilitator. For more information visit our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/bornwild.htm.

Landowner Liability Act

(Excerpted from N.J.S.A. 2A:42A-2 et seq.) a. An owner...of a premises, whether or not posted and whether or not improved or maintained in a natural condition, or used as part of a commercial enterprise, owes no duty to keep the premises safe for entry or use by others for sport and recreational activities, or to give warning of any hazardous condition of the land or in connection with the use of any structure or by reason of any activity on such premises to persons entering for such purposes; b. An owner of a premises who gives permission to another to enter upon such premises for a sport or recreational activity or purpose does not thereby (1) extend any assurance that the premises are safe for such purpose, or (2) constitute the person to whom permission is granted an invitee to whom a duty of care is owed, or (3) assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to person or property caused by any act of persons to whom the permission is granted. **Note:**

A landowner's liability changes if a fee is charged (or other consideration) or if there is a "willful or malicious failure" to warn of a dangerous condition on the property.

Non-Resident Game Removal

A non-resident licensee may remove from the state each day a daily bag limit of game. However, a non-resident may not take more than two day's bag limit from the state after one week's stay (Sunday to Saturday inclusive.) This restriction does not apply to game raised or killed at a licensed commercial preserve and legally tagged.

Possession of Certain Wildlife by Persons, Taxidermists & Butchers

No person shall have in possession a deer, bear, migratory game birds or turkey that they did not kill unless it has a label bearing the name, address, telephone number, license and permit numbers of the person who killed the deer, bear, migratory game bird or turkey. Those in the business of processing deer, bear or turkey (that is butchers, taxidermists, etc.) shall keep a ledger of all of their customers. Each customer's name, current address, day and evening telephone numbers, Conservation ID Number and possession seal number of any black bear or turkey, or Confirmation Numbers, gender and age (fawn or adult) for deer being processed shall be included in the ledger. The ledger shall be made available for inspection upon request during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by any law enforcement officer or employee of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Possession of naturally shed deer antlers is legal. Parts of deer possessed, other than shed antlers, must be from lawfully harvested deer. Proof of lawful harvest (Confirmation Number or seal) should be retained for verification. Road killed deer with a permit are intended only for consumption; antler possession from these deer is not legal.

Protected Wildlife

It is illegal to capture, kill, injure or have in possession any wild bird other than a game bird. The sale of wild birds or game animals or parts thereof is prohibited except as described in N.J.S.A. 23:4-27. For more specific information, refer to our website, NJFishandWildlife.com. See also *Sale of Wildlife*, page 27.

No one may rob a bird's nest.

All nongame mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians are protected. Penalties for taking these species range from \$250-\$5,000.

There is no open season on bobcat or fisher. It is illegal to kill or attempt to kill a bobcat or fisher in New Jersey. For more information about bobcat and fisher, see page 70. **Bobcat pelts from animals legally harvested in other states may be possessed or sold provided a CITES tag from the state of harvest is attached. Fishers legally harvested in other states may be possessed or sold.**

See also *Possession of Certain Wildlife*, above.

Property Damage

Hunters must not hunt in unharvested crops unless first obtaining permission from the owner. Anyone causing damage to cultivated crops, orchards, fences, buildings or livestock may be arrested without warrant by the owner, occupant, lessee, or any officer of the law. Violators are liable for a fine of up to \$2,000 and restitution to the property owner in addition to the loss of hunting privileges for a period of five years.

Public Land Hunting

For public land hunting, refer to pages 74, 88 and 89.

Sale of Wildlife

The sale of wild birds and game animals, or parts thereof, is prohibited in New Jersey with the following exceptions: legally trapped furbearers may be sold plus the sale of white-tailed deer hides, tails and the lower portion of the legs is legal. See also *Closed Seasons, Bobcat*, page 25. Questions should be directed to a regional Fish and Wildlife law enforcement office; see page 47.

Safety Zones

No firearm hunter may carry a loaded firearm or hunt within 450 feet of a building or any school playground, even if unoccupied, except the owner or lessee of a building, and persons specifically authorized by him in writing. No bowhunter may carry a nocked arrow or hunt within 150 feet of a building or within 450 feet of any school playground, even if unoccupied, except the owner or lessee of a building, and persons specifically authorized by him in writing. Persons authorized to bowhunt *within* 150 feet of a building must hunt from an elevated position to shoot down toward the ground. Note: persons authorized to hunt with a firearm within 450 feet, or with bow and arrow within 150 feet of a building must be in possession of that written permission while hunting. Shooting into a safety zone is prohibited. (See *Safety Zone Awareness*, page 89, for diagram and safety zone explanation.)

Stealing Traps or Trapped Animals

(Excerpted from N.J.S.A. 23:4-40) No person shall take or unlawfully appropriate, with intent to steal, a trap or the property of another, set along, by or in any of the public or private ditches, streams, ponds or waters in this state for the purpose of catching furbearing animals, or remove an animal from the trap of another person.

Sunday Hunting

No person may hunt with firearms or any other weapon or carry a gun in the woods or fields or on the waters on Sunday except on semi-wild and commercial shooting preserve lands for the purpose of

shooting stocked game; and when using a .22 rifle for dispatching trapped animals.

NOTE: Sunday bowhunting for deer is legal only on state wildlife management areas and private property.

Persons are allowed to hunt raccoon or opossum between midnight on Saturday (the day's beginning) and one hour before sunrise on Sunday during the prescribed season.

Trespass Law

Hunters and trappers must have permission (oral or written) from the landowner or lessee prior to entering either posted lands or agricultural lands (which are not required to be posted.) Hunters also must obtain permission to enter posted land and agricultural land to recover deer. Hunters and trappers may not enter unposted land after having been forbidden to trespass by the owner, lessee or occupant.

If a hunter or trapper is charged with trespass, they must provide documentation of written permission in court for their defense. See page 75 for the Hunt SMART Courtesy Card.

Wildlife Damage Control

Property owners and occupants of dwellings, or their agents designated in writing, suffering damage from squirrel, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, woodchuck, gray fox, red fox and coyote may control these animals by lawful procedures at any time subject to state law and local ordinances. Farmers or their agents may also control the above species by lawful procedures when found destroying livestock, crops or poultry at any time subject to state and local ordinances.

Note: Persons who kill a coyote must notify a Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours.

Youth Hunting

A youth hunter means the possessor of a youth hunting license—or the immediate family member of a qualified occupant farmer—who is at least 10 years of age. Youth hunter status continues until Dec. 31 of the year in which the youth turns 16. For youth hunters from 10 through 13 years of age, they **MUST** hunt under the direct supervision of a person who is at least 21 years old and who has a valid firearm or bow and arrow license corresponding to the season hunted. Direct supervision is defined as both the youth hunter and parent/guardian set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit, not hunting independently. See also Youth Licenses, page 10. Youth licenses are issued free to youths ages 10–15 upon completion of a hunter or trapper education course. Youth hunters who pre-registered for and successfully complete a hunter education course will receive their youth hunting license at the course. See *Hunter and Trapper Education Requirements*, page 8 and *Youth Licenses*, page 10. Be sure to visit the *Take a Kid Hunting* section on pages 22–24. ♡

Specifically Prohibited

- Carrying a loaded firearm within 450 feet, or a nocked arrow within 150 feet of a building or within 450 feet of any school playground (whether or not occupied) is prohibited, except the owner or lessee of a building and persons specifically authorized by him in writing may hunt with a firearm within 450 feet or a bow within 150 feet of the building. **Note:** persons authorized to hunt with a firearm within 450 feet or with a bow and arrow within 150 feet of a building must be in possession of that written permission while hunting. (See page 89 for diagram with complete safety zone explanation. See also *Safety Zone*, page 27.)
 - Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow on or across highways or roads.
 - Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow from a motor vehicle.
 - Sights which project a spot or light onto the game animal.
 - Hunting for or shooting any wildlife by aid of a light, except when hunting raccoon, opossum while on foot or when hunting coyote/fox during the special coyote/fox season.
 - Hunting or shooting with the aid of a light attached to or carried in a vehicle.
 - On national wildlife refuges, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait. Also, no Sunday hunting on these lands.
 - Hunting with arrows, darts or any other device propelled by any means that is used for the purpose of injecting or delivering any type of drug into an animal.
 - Possessing a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle, including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). Possession of a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle is considered proof of pursuing or taking of wildlife.
 - Transporting an uncased firearm in or on a motor vehicle or ATV or transporting a cocked crossbow in or on a motor vehicle or ATV.
 - Shooting into a squirrel's nest.
 - The removal of the skin or feathers or mutilation of any wild bird or mammal in the woods or fields for the purpose of concealing sex or identity is illegal.
- In the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the following apply:**
- Baiting is prohibited.
 - No permanent tree stands or screw-in steps are permitted.
 - You cannot possess a loaded firearm while on any publicly traveled roadway within the area.
 - Trapping is prohibited.
 - No Sunday bowhunting.

Farmer Hunting and Permit Information

FARMER REGULATIONS

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Farmer License Exemption

All farmers hunting deer must have a Conservation Identification number (CID#). Farmers who already receive free farmer deer or turkey permits, and farmers who have purchased a hunting license/permit and/or freshwater fishing license since 2006 already have an assigned, permanent CID#. A CID# is required to utilize Fish and Wildlife's Automated Harvest Report System. Farmers who are exempt from the license requirement and hunt only during non-permit seasons still must obtain a CID# in order to report their harvested deer. Apply for a free CID# online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. No purchase is required but you must create a profile in the online license sales site. From our homepage at NJFishandWildlife.com, click 'Buy your licenses and permits' and follow the instructions to create a profile. There will be options to purchase a license, apply for permits or print an identification card. Choose 'Print an Identification Card.' A card will print with your 9-digit CID#.

All Farmer Deer Hunters: Before going hunting, be sure to go to Fish and Wildlife's website (NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm) and write down the DMZ, county, township and Deer Management Unit of your hunt location prior to harvesting a deer! Record this info on your license, permit or the Deer Harvest Report Card (page 29) to have accessible for when you report your deer and to record your assigned Confirmation Number. When reporting a deer harvest on your farm property, farmers do not need a Harvest Number during the non-permit deer seasons. To report a deer call (855) IHUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865 or online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. See page 32 for additional information.

A farmer and members of the immediate family (see definition below) who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit. (See page 29 for a cut-out Harvest Report Card.) All hunting, fishing and trapping must be conducted in the manner provided by law during the prescribed seasons. A farm is defined as an area of at least five acres and having gross income of at least \$500, and tax assessed as farmland. This exemption does not apply to a tenant or employee who is not an immediate family member.

Immediate Family: For the purpose of farmers hunting and trapping, "immediate family" includes the spouse, mother, father, child, grandchild, stepchild, stepparent, legal guardian, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, great grandparent, brother, sister, stepsister, stepbrother, brother-in-law and sister-in-law of the farm owner or lessee who resides thereon.

Farmer Regulations

The occupant of a farm may allow his or her dog to run at large on land he or she occupies, except during the firearm deer seasons.

Farmers and their lessees occupying or farming their land, members of their immediate family (see definition above), or their farming employees may kill crows, woodchuck and fox on farm property at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. However, they must use legal firearms, ammunition and other lawful procedures. See also *Wildlife Damage Control*, page 27. See also *General Regulations*, page 25.

Farmers must possess the appropriate permit to legally hunt the farm during any hunting or trapping season which requires a permit. Permits are provided free to all qualified farmers for the following seasons: Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons plus the spring and fall Turkey Permit seasons and the Black Bear Season.

Sunday bowhunting for deer is legal only on state wildlife management areas and private property.

Farmers may trap fox destroying poultry, crops or property at any time, subject to state law and local ordinances. Farmers or their agents may shoot or trap coyotes by lawful procedures at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. **A regional Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office must be notified within 24 hours of killing a coyote.** See *Telephone Directory* page 96.

Permits for Farmers

Fish and Wildlife reviews the Farmer Permit database periodically to ensure compliance and for re-inspection. Fish and Wildlife will notify you when your farmer status is due for re-evaluation. Farmer status will be inactivated if you delay the re-evaluation process.

New farmers must submit an application to obtain free turkey, deer and/or bear permits. Applications are available on our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/farmer.htm under *Farmer Certification Application for Deer and Turkey Permits*. Print out both pages and use the instruction sheet to fill out the application.

Applications are also available at your local county agricultural extension office.

The preferred application period for farmers is June 1–August 1.

Once approved, farmers may claim their farmer permits by going to any license agent. The dates when permits will become available are listed below.

Farmer Deer Permits

- ♦ Farmers may claim deer permits beginning Monday, September 8, 2014 at 10 a.m. at any license agent.
- ♦ Approved farmers are eligible for one free bow, shotgun and muzzleloader permit and one free Antlered Buck Permit for each of the three permit seasons. See *Farmer License Exemption*, above. See also *Farmer Regulations*, above.
- ♦ Two types of farmer permits—occupant and non-occupant farmer—allow the applicant to decide for which permit it is easiest to qualify; see below. Farmers who must change the occupancy status for their deer permit should call (609) 292-1473.
- ♦ Only a qualified farmer and members of the immediate family (see definition on this page)

who reside on the farm, are eligible to apply for occupant and non-occupant farmer deer permits. ♦ Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at any license agent) regular deer permits in addition to the free farmer permits. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16.

♦ Farmers are eligible for a Farmer Buck Permit which are limited to only one per person per season. If a farmer claims their FARMER Buck Permit they cannot purchase an Antlered Buck Permit. Likewise, if a farmer first purchases an Antlered Buck Permit, the farmer cannot claim a Farmer Buck Permit. The Antlered Buck Permit is valid for any zone in which the farmer has an antlerless permit for the season.

Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

- ♦ Applicants must be the owner, lessee or members of the immediate family (see definition on this page) who actually reside on the farm property.
- ♦ Land must be at least five acres, tax-assessed as farmland.
- ♦ Occupant permits are valid only on the farm property where the applicant resides.

Non-Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

- ♦ Applicants are not required to live on the farm property.
- ♦ Farmer(s) and members of their immediate family (see definition on this page) may qualify, up to a total of five people.
- ♦ Must actively till at least 30 acres of land which is tax-assessed as farmland.
- ♦ Woodlots do not qualify.
- ♦ To apply for hunting leased farmland, a copy of all leases authorizing the agricultural and hunting uses of the land must be attached to the application.
- ♦ Non-occupant permits are valid only on private land within the deer management zone designated on the permit and are not valid on public lands within that zone.
- ♦ An applicant who lives on a farm and actively tills at least 30 acres may apply either as an occupant or a non-occupant.

Farmer Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Permits

Farmers whose property lies within deer management zones having restricted antlerless bag limits and who need to manage problematic deer populations under current deer hunting seasons may apply for the Deer Management Assistance Program. For details visit NJFishandWildlife.com/dmap.htm or call your regional deer biologist:

- ♦ North—(908) 735-7040
- ♦ Central—(609) 259-6965
- ♦ South—(609) 748-2043

Farmers and their immediate family members may qualify for one free DMAP permit if accepted into the program.

Farmer Turkey Permits

Farmers may claim fall season turkey permits beginning Monday, September 8, 2014 at 10 a.m. at any license agent.

Qualified farmers may apply only if their land is in a turkey hunting area open to hunting.

Farmer turkey permits are available only to the farmer and immediate family who reside on the farm. See definition of "immediate family" on page 28.

Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at any license agent) regular turkey permits in addition to the free farmer permits. See the turkey permit supplement, distributed each January or on our website for details.

Farmer Bear Permits

Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who resides thereon, or members of his immediate family 10 years of age or older who also reside thereon, may apply on forms provided for a special farmer black bear permit. See definition of "immediate family" on page 28. Under this section a farm is an area of five acres or more, producing a gross income in excess of \$500 and is tax assessed as farmland. Special farmer black bear permits will be issued only in those Black Bear Management Zones where a season is prescribed.

Farmers who applied for a farmer black bear permit in 2012 or 2013 do not need to re-apply this year provided that their information and farm situation has not changed. New farmers and those who did not apply in the past must submit an application. These will be reviewed and approved by Law Enforcement.

Application forms may be obtained from Fish and Wildlife's website or at county agricultural extension offices.

Include on the application your Conservation ID Number; fill in the entire form. Properly completed applications will be accepted in the Trenton office **no later than October 15**. There is no fee; all qualified applicants will receive a Special Farmer Black Bear Permit via mail.

Submit only one farmer application per individual during the initial application period. Application for a farmer black bear permit shall not preclude a farmer (as a holder of a valid hunting license) from applying for—and Fish and Wildlife issuing—one regular black bear season permit. However, the season bag limit remains one black bear regardless of the numbers of permits held.

Special Farmer Black Bear Permits will NOT be issued via the electronic license system for the 2014 Black Bear Season. Permits will be mailed to qualified farmers only after receiving valid applications approved by Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Law Enforcement. 🐾

Warning to Violators

Be advised: two violations of wildlife management area regulations will result in loss of all sporting licenses and privileges for a period of five years.



Emergency Contact Information Card

Fill in and carry with your hunting/trapping license in case of an emergency.

Name _____ Age _____
 Phone _____ Religion _____
 Emergency contact _____
 Relation _____ Phone _____
 Personal Doctor _____ Phone _____
 Medical History _____
 Allergies _____
 Insurance Policy Number _____
 Medications _____
 Blood Type _____ Signature _____

Deer Harvest Report Card

Record your deer harvest information here prior to using the Automated Harvest Report System via phone or the Internet for deer taken during the Fall Bow, Six-day Firearm, Winter Bow or Youth Hunt Day seasons when there is no permit on which to record youth or farmer harvest data. To report your deer, call (855) I HUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865 or NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm.

Name _____ CID# _____
 Date Deer Killed _____ Hunting Season _____
 Deer Mgt Zone _____ County _____
 Deer Mgt Unit* _____ Township _____

* Find this number through DFW's website link shown above *prior* to hunting.

Check only one box:

Antlerless	Antlered	Antler Points
Female	Male > 3 in	Left
Male <3 in	Shed	Right
Button Buck	Broken	

Confirmation Number: _____

Deer Harvest Report Card

Record your deer harvest information here prior to using the Automated Harvest Report System via phone or the Internet for deer taken during the Fall Bow, Six-day Firearm, Winter Bow or Youth Hunt Day seasons when there is no permit on which to record youth or farmer harvest data. To report your deer, call (855) I HUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865 or NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm.

Name _____ CID# _____
 Date Deer Killed _____ Hunting Season _____
 Deer Mgt Zone _____ County _____
 Deer Mgt Unit* _____ Township _____

* Find this number through DFW's website link shown above *prior* to hunting.

Check only one box:

Antlerless	Antlered	Antler Points
Female	Male > 3 in	Left
Male <3 in	Shed	Right
Button Buck	Broken	

Confirmation Number: _____

REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.

Legal Deer Hunting Hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset

ONLY ONE ANTLERED DEER may be taken per season statewide, except during the Six-Day Firearm Season, regardless of the number of antlered buck permits in possession. To be legal, all deer harvested must be reported using Fish and Wildlife's Automated Harvest Report System (see page 32), either online or by telephone. Hunters will be assigned a Confirmation Number in place of the metal possession seal formerly provided at check stations. This Confirmation Number, like the metal seal, must be kept with the deer and its parts. **Note:** Only one deer at a time may be taken during any permit season even if you possess both an antlered and antlerless permit, except in those zones in Regulation Sets 6, 7 and 8 where two deer at a time may be harvested during the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons.

NOTE: Sunday bowhunting for deer is legal only on state wildlife management areas and private property.

Feral Hogs

With the ongoing presence of feral hogs in the Gloucester County area, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife will allow deer hunters in Deer Management Zones 25 and 65 to hunt feral hogs during the regular deer seasons. Feral hogs must be checked. Hunters who harvest a feral hog must call (609) 748-2044 to schedule a time to check in the hog.

Feral Hogs

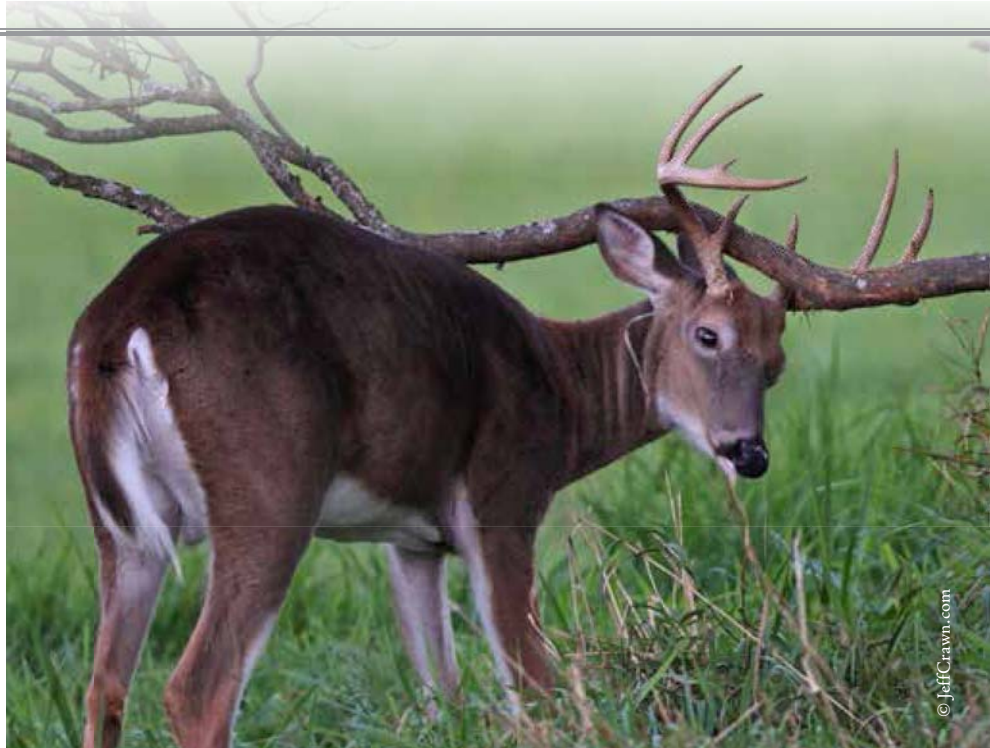


Report sightings, rooting evidence or other damage caused by feral hogs!

USDA APHIS Wildlife Services at
(908) 735-5654 x 2

Deer hunters must report the harvest of feral hogs to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife at (609) 748-2044.

For more information on Feral Hogs in New Jersey, visit our website by scanning this code.



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In September, this buck was spied making a rub in Paulinskill Township.

Key Concepts and Definitions

- ♦ **Antlered deer** is defined as any deer with at least one antler measuring at least three inches in length as defined below.
- ♦ **Antler length** is defined as the maximum length of a deer antler measured from the lowest outside edge of the antler burr along the outer curve to the most distant point of what is or appears to be the main antler beam. For the purposes of this definition, the antler length does not include the pedicel or portion of skull between the skull plate and base of the antler point.
- ♦ **Antler point** is defined as any point at least one inch long from its tip to its base line, and the length must exceed the width at some location at least one inch down from the tip.
- ♦ **Antlerless deer** is defined as any deer that does not have an antler length measuring at least three inches. For the purposes of this definition, adult male deer that have shed their antlers, button bucks and adult males with antlers less than three inches are considered antlerless deer.
- ♦ **Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or Antlered Buck Bow Permit** refers to the antlered buck permits available for purchase which are valid *only* when used in conjunction with the antlerless, zone-specific deer season permit. The antlered buck permits contain an antlered deer Harvest Report Stub (formerly called a transportation tag) and allows for the pursuit and harvest of an antlered deer only.
- ♦ **Antler Point Restriction** zones include Zones 3, 9, 13, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 37, 47, 63 and 67. The harvest of antlered deer from these zones during any open season is restricted to deer with

at least one antler having a minimum of three antler points as defined above. The goal of the antler point restriction strategy, as part of Quality Deer Management, is to reduce harvest pressure on the 1½ year-old antlered deer in the expectation that they will survive to produce larger antlers as older animals.

Six-day Firearm Deer Season

Dec. 8–13, 2014
Dec. 7–12, 2015

(Season always opens the second Monday after Thanksgiving.)

- ♦ **Special Areas Deer Management** zones include Zones 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64, 66, 67, 68 and 70. They are generally small, publicly-owned properties administered by county, federal or state agencies (other than Fish and Wildlife) where deer season dates, bag limits or regulations differ from those of the surrounding deer management zone. See page 50 for details.
- ♦ **Youth Hunter** status applies to the possessor of a valid Youth Hunting License (or the immediate member of a qualified occupant farmer who is at least 10 years of age) and continues until Dec. 31 of the year in which he or she turns 16 years of age. **The Youth Bow Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014. The Youth Firearm Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014.** The bag limit for youth hunters on this day is one deer of either sex. Antler Point Restrictions and Earn-A-Buck requirements do not apply for deer taken on this day by youth hunters. See page 22 for details. See page 29 for a cut-out Harvest Report Card.

Licenses and Permits

- ♦ See *License, Permits and Stamps*, page 8, for details and for Hunter Education requirements.
- ♦ Additional hunting licenses may not be purchased in order to harvest additional deer.
- ♦ Although hunters may purchase multiple deer permits, they are limited to only one zone-specific ANTLERLESS permit per zone during each of the permit seasons. For example, a hunter may buy an ANTLERLESS muzzleloader permit for each of Zones 18, 21 and 24. A hunter may purchase a bow permit, a muzzleloader permit and a shotgun permit for Zone 24; however, they may not purchase two ANTLERLESS bow permits (nor two shotgun permits nor two muzzleloader permits) for Zone 24.

- ♦ It is unlawful to use a bow and arrow for hunting deer while using a firearm license (except during the Six-day Firearm Season) and unlawful while using a shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit. A bow and arrow license and permit (when required) must be in possession using this hunting equipment.
- ♦ **The zone-specific Bow, Muzzleloader and Shotgun Permits are valid ONLY for the pursuit and harvest of ANTLERLESS deer.** Hunters who want to pursue and take an antlered deer during any of these seasons must purchase an Antlered Buck Bow, Antlered Buck Muzzleloader or Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit. Hunters may purchase only one Antlered Buck Permit per season. An Antlered Buck Permit must be used in conjunction with zone-specific antlerless permit. The Antlered Buck Permit is not

zone-specific; it is valid for use in any zone for which the hunter already holds a zone-specific antlerless season permit, but only one buck may be harvested per season. Adult deer permits are \$28; youth deer permits are \$12.

Antlered Buck Permit Deadline! Antlered Buck Permits must be purchased by 11:59 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 25 for Permit Bow; Dec. 1 for Permit Muzzleloader and Dec. 17 for Permit Shotgun seasons, UNLESS you are buying your first zone-specific antlerless permit AND an Antlered Buck Permit at the same time after these dates. See Antlered Buck Permit Deadline! page 17.

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) permits are available to help landowners and managers cope with undesirable deer densities while utilizing current deer hunting seasons by removing additional antlerless deer. See pages 12 and 28 for more information.

Firearms, Ammunition and Sights

- ♦ See page 25 for general hunting regulations which also apply to deer hunting.
- ♦ **All firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in vehicles, including on all-terrain vehicles.** A muzzleloader is considered unloaded when, in the case of a percussion cap rifle or shotgun, the percussion cap has been removed from the nipple; in the case of a flintlock, when the powder is removed from the pan and a boot or cover made of nonmetallic material is placed over the frizzen.
- ♦ Hunters using or possessing **any shotgun slug** in the field during the deer seasons must have a shotgun with adjustable open iron or peep sights or a scope affixed to the shotgun.
- ♦ **Telescopic sights** of any magnification (scope power) are permitted for deer hunting on **all** firearms, including muzzleloader rifles and smoothbore muzzleloader shotguns. No permits are required for telescopic sights.
- ♦ Any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer is prohibited.
- ♦ Shotgun shells containing single spherical projectiles referred to as **pumpkin balls are prohibited.**
- ♦ While deer hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for deer hunting.
- ♦ When hunting during the overlapping firearms seasons for deer and when in possession of the proper permits for the current seasons, hunters may carry the firearms legal for the current seasons. For example, when Six-day Firearm and Permit Muzzleloader seasons run concurrently, a hunter may be in possession of a shotgun and *either* a muzzleloading rifle *or* smoothbore muzzleloader.
- ♦ Double-barreled muzzleloading rifles are not permitted during the Six-day Firearm or Permit Muzzleloader seasons.
- ♦ Only one muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader may be in possession while deer hunting, but not both simultaneously.
- ♦ Only **black powder or black powder equivalents,**

Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting

Season(s)	Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Draw Weight	Projectile(s)	Firearm sights; Bow releases
Fall Bow Permit Bow Winter Bow	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow.	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"	Handheld release devices are permitted
Permit Muzzleloader	Muzzleloader: rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal. Double-barrel firearms prohibited.	Rifle: not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore: not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Must be loaded with a single projectile only	Telescopic sights permitted
Six-day Firearm	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow.	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"	NOTE: bowhunters must possess both a firearm and a bow and arrow license during this season.
	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug Buck shot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs
	Muzzleloader: single-shot, single barrel rifle OR single or double-barrel smoothbore shotgun. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal.	Muzzleloading rifle: single shot not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore: single or double-barrel not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Muzzleloading rifle: single projectile Smoothbore: buck shot not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	Telescopic sights permitted
Permit Shotgun	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug Buck shot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs
	Muzzleloader: single or double-barrel smoothbores only (no rifles.) Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Buck shot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	—

Regulations in red are new this year.

such as Pyrodex and Triple Se7en, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting. Modern smokeless powder is strictly prohibited while hunting game with a muzzle-loading firearm.

- ♦ **Special Areas Deer Management Zones** may have regulations that differ from the statewide regulations. See page 50 for details.

Ground Blinds

All firearm and bow and arrow deer hunters utilizing a ground blind when a firearm deer season is concurrently open must display 200 square inches of hunter orange atop the blind and visible from all sides or within five feet outside the blind and higher than the blind or at least three feet off the ground, whichever is higher. During these concurrent seasons, bowhunters in treestands also should consider wearing hunter orange.

A “ground blind” is defined as a temporary, man-made structure used for the purpose of concealing from sight a person who is hunting. A ground blind is not a naturally occurring feature that a hunter merely uses for concealment.

Baiting

Baiting is allowed for deer hunting. Hunters may hunt for deer while in a tree, on the ground or in a structure and from any height and any distance from the bait pile. Hunters should check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on their hunting area as baiting is not allowed on properties such as national wildlife refuges.

Decoys and Electronic Devices

- ♦ **Persons may hunt with the aid of deer decoys statewide in those zones open for deer hunting only during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons.** When carrying or moving deer decoys for the purpose of hunting, persons must wear a fluorescent orange hat or outer garment consisting of at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material, which shall be visible from all sides as currently required for firearm deer hunting.
- ♦ It is unlawful to hunt for deer with the aid of an electronic calling device or any device that casts a beam of light upon the deer.

Bag Limits

- ♦ For all seasons except Six-day Firearm, properly licensed and permitted hunters are limited to taking one antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless, zone-specific permits purchased, when applicable.
- ♦ Bag limits for the fall bow and winter bow seasons are as prescribed for each zone (see Regulation Sets, page 44) except that once a hunter has met the bag limit in a given regulation set, he or she may not harvest additional deer from any zone in that regulation set or in one of identical or more

restrictive bag limits. However, the hunter may subsequently hunt in a zone with a more liberal (greater) antlerless bag limit as described in the regulation sets.

- ♦ **Bowhunters may take two antlered deer legally on a Bow or All-around Sportsman License, one antlered deer each during the Fall Bow and Winter Bow seasons.** Hunters who want to pursue and harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Bow Season must purchase a buck permit valid only when used in conjunction with the zone-specific antlerless Bow Permit. For permit purchasing deadline, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 16.
- ♦ **Bowhunters may take antlered deer with their bow during the Six-day Firearm season, provided that they have a current and valid firearm license in addition to an archery license, or have an All-around Sportsman License.** Bow hunters who bag an antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season with their bow must use the Harvest Report Stub for the Six-day season from their firearm or All-around Sportsman License only.
- ♦ Firearm hunters legally may take two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season on a firearm or All-around Sportsman License. Hunters will be assigned a Confirmation Number upon reporting their first Six-day Firearm Season buck using the new Automated Harvest Report System, allowing the immediate pursuit and harvest of a second buck. Hunters who want to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun or Permit Muzzleloader seasons must purchase a buck permit for the corresponding season, valid only when used in conjunction with the zone-specific antlerless Shotgun or Muzzleloader permit. If hunters take a second antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, their Shotgun Permit Season bag limit is then restricted to antlerless deer only. For purchasing deadlines, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 16.
- ♦ Remember, although two antlered bucks may be taken during the Six-day Firearm Season, when that occurs, **the antlered buck bag limit for the Permit Shotgun Season is then zero.** Hunters may choose: take either two antlered bucks during Six-day Firearm Season, or one antlered buck during Six-day Firearm Season and one antlered buck during Permit Shotgun Season (while possessing an Antlered Buck Permit.) The antlerless bag limit for these permit seasons will be one, two or unlimited depending on the zone and season. See *Regulation Sets*, page 44.
- ♦ **Note: Only one deer at a time may be taken during any permit season even if you possess both an antlered and antlerless permit, except in those zones in Regulation Sets 6, 7 and 8 where two deer at a time may be harvested during the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader Seasons.**
- ♦ Two deer may be taken at a time in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 25, 36, 39, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54, 56, 57, 58, 64, and 66 and 68 during the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons (in those zones open for both of those seasons) until the season concludes. See *Regulation Sets*, page 44.
- ♦ Additional antlerless deer may be taken under the

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). For more information, see pages 12 and 28.

Mandatory Harvest Report Requirement

All hunters are required to report harvested deer on the day killed using the Automated Harvest Report System.

Before you go hunting:

1. **Before your hunt, verify that you have the correct year's license and proper, valid zone permit. This is essential—both to report your harvest and to comply with the law!**
2. **Use the Deer Hunting Location Viewer at NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm with easy instructions above the viewer's map. Use this app to determine the deer management zone (zone), county, township, and deer management unit (unit) where you hunt. Write down all this information and keep it accessible while in the field for when you need to report a deer.**

In the field:

Upon retrieval, the deer is considered to be in your possession. The hunter *must*:

1. **Immediately fill out the Harvest Report Stub found attached to your license or permit (or a Harvest Report card found on page 29) with the exception of the Confirmation Number (a number automatically assigned by the system which replaces the metal possession seal). The harvest report stub or card need NOT be detached or affixed to the deer.**
2. **Report your harvest via the Automated Harvest Reporting System (by phone or Internet as printed on every hunting license and permit) by 8 p.m. during the Fall Bow Season or by 7 p.m. for all other seasons.** If unable to access the Automated Harvest Reporting System by the designated time, the deer shall be reported immediately by telephone to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office (see page 47 for Law Enforcement listings). The hunter must continue to attempt accessing the Automated Harvest Report System until they receive a Confirmation Number for that deer.
3. **Record your assigned Confirmation Number on your Harvest Report Stub or card.** Keep this stub in your license holder – Do not attach to the deer. Retain your Confirmation Number as long as the deer or its parts are in possession. To report the harvest of additional antlerless deer during the *same* season (and zone, if applicable) reuse the *same* Harvest Number from that season's antlerless stub for all other antlerless deer taken in this season. Since the license or permit stub only has space for two Confirmation Numbers, use the Harvest Report Card in this Digest (page 29) and on our website, or make your own card on which to record your harvest data and Confirmation Number for each deer.

NOTE: A hunter may be required to produce the head of the deer—or produce records relating to the location of the head such as the butcher

or taxidermist who has possession of the deer's head—upon request by a conservation officer within 48 hours after a deer harvest is reported.

Harvest Report Stubs from 2014 permits are valid for the entire length of the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons, including January and February 2015, if the zone specified on the original permit is open for hunting during these dates.

When regulations allow taking multiple deer, hunting may resume after each deer is reported and a Confirmation Number assigned.

The online license system, including the Harvest Reporting section, is optimized for smartphones and other mobile devices. Mobile device users *must* provide a valid email address and phone number.

After Harvesting a Deer

When transporting multiple deer that have been reported already, each deer should be labeled with their assigned Confirmation Number. See page 29 for a Harvest Report Card available to use when each of your license or permit stubs have been filled. Be discreet when transporting your deer to the butcher, taxidermist or home; rinse away excess blood, turn the field-dressed side to face in toward your vehicle and push the tongue back into the deer's mouth.

After Reporting Your Deer—Possession or Sale

- The Confirmation Number assigned by the Automated Harvest Report System must be retained until all venison is consumed and as long as you keep any deer parts, including antlers. Persons with deer mounts should write their name, assigned Confirmation Number, date of kill and season of harvest on back of the mount for future reference.
- It is illegal to sell deer meat, deer antlers or any part of a deer **except** deer hides, tails and the lower portion of the legs. However, nonprofit organizations conducting wild game dinners for social and fundraising events may offer game or furbearer meat (the sale of which is otherwise prohibited) provided that the meat has been harvested, stored and processed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Spotlighting

Spotlighting deer during hours of darkness from a vehicle is illegal while in possession of a weapon capable of killing deer, **whether the weapon is cased, uncased or in a locked compartment.** This does not apply to the regular use of headlights when traveling in a normal manner on public or private roads.

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Deer Hunting—General Seasons vs. Permit Seasons

New Jersey has six distinct deer hunting seasons, all of which require a hunting license and three that also require a deer permit.

General Deer Seasons

Three *general seasons* include the Fall Bow, Winter Bow and Six-day Firearm (buck) statewide seasons open to any hunter bearing a valid license corresponding to the season. During these statewide seasons, hunters are not restricted to hunting particular deer management zones but still must abide by the specific season dates and bag limits regulated on a zone-basis. Consult the *Regulation Sets* beginning on page 44.

For these general seasons, a deer Harvest Report Stub is an integral part of every hunting license valid for taking deer.

Permit Deer Seasons

Three *permit seasons* include the Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader *zone-specific seasons* open to any hunter bearing a valid license corresponding to the season plus an appropriate deer permit (bow, shotgun or muzzleloader) for the deer management zone in which you are hunting. These deer permits are valid only for taking antlerless deer. To harvest an antlered buck during any permit season, the hunter must purchase a buck permit (one per person per season) which is not zone-specific but must be used only in a zone for which the hunter possesses the antlerless zone permit. (See page 31.)

During the Permit Bow Season hunters must possess a valid Bow and Arrow or All-around Sportsmen license **plus** a Bow Permit for the specific zone being hunted.

During the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons hunters must possess a valid Firearm or All-around Sportsmen license **plus** either a Shotgun or Muzzleloader Permit for the specific zone being hunted. For the Permit Muzzleloader season, the hunter must also possess a valid Rifle Permit. (See *Muzzleloaders* page 26.)



Expiration Dates

All licenses (Firearm, Bow and Arrow and All-around Sportsmen licenses) are valid for the *calendar year* from January 1 through December 31.

All deer permits (Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Bow permits and their respective Buck permits) are valid for the duration of the season—even when the season crosses into the new year. Numerous deer management zones have seasons that begin in November/December and end in January/February.

All Rifle Permits (not the deer *season* permit) are valid for the fiscal year from July 1–June 30.

Find Regulations by Season

Know the deer management zone where you will hunt. Go to the *Regulation Sets* table on page 44. Zones numbers are listed below each regulation set column heading. Confirm season dates and bag limits according to the chosen sporting arm and the corresponding dates. Several deer seasons may be open concurrently.

Deer Management Zone

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS

See page 88 for public land open to deer hunting listed by management zone.

Zone 1: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 (River Rd.) and Mashipacong Rd.; then west along the northern boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the east bank of the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York State line; then east along the state line to Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Branchville; then northwest along Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 633; then south along Rt. 633 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then northwest along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then northwest on Rt. 521/Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 560; then west along Rt. 560 to the intersection with Ridge Rd.; then north on Ridge Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 646; then east on Rt. 646 to the intersection with Rt. 645 in Hainesville; then north on Rt. 645 to the intersection with Rts. 206 and 521; then north on Rts. 206 and 521 to Montague; then north on Rt. 521 (River Rd.) to the intersection with Mashipacong Rd., the point of beginning. The island of Mashipacong lying in the Delaware River is included in this zone. High Point State Park (Zone 67) is excluded from Zone 1.

Zone 2: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 94 and the New York State line; then south along Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Hamburg, then southeast along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Franklin; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 206 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 Rt. 94 to the point of beginning.

Zone 3: That portion of Sussex, Morris, Passaic, and Bergen counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 94 and the New York State line; then east along the New York State line to its intersection with Rt. 202 near Suffern; then south along Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 287 in Oakland; then south on Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 23 in Riverdale; then west along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Hamburg; then north along Rt. 94 to the point of beginning on the New York State line.

Zone 4: That portion of Sussex and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 (River Rd.) and New Mashipacong Rd.; then running along Rt. 521 to the intersection with Rt. 206 in Montague; then

south on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 645 (Layton-Hainesville Rd.); then south on Rt. 645 to the intersection with Rt. 646 in Hainesville (Jagger Rd.); then west on Rt. 646 to the intersection with Ridge Rd.; then south on Ridge Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 560 (Dingman's Bridge Rd.); then southeast along Rt. 560 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then south along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Beavans Rd. at the Hampton Twp. – Frankford Twp. border; then northwest along Beavans Rd. to its intersection with the base of the Kittatinny Ridge then southwest along the east base of the Kittatinny Ridge to the Delaware River at the Delaware Water Gap north and west of Quarry Rd.; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the northern park boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area; then east along the northern park boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to Rt. 521 (River Rd.), the point of beginning. Namanock, Minisink, Depew, Tocks, Poxono and Labar Islands in the Delaware River are included in this zone.

Zone 5: That portion of Warren and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 and Beavans Rd. at the Hampton Township–Frankford Township border; then southeast on Rt. 521 to its intersection with



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Violation	First Offense	Repeat Offenses
Deer Permit Violations Hunting without permit, wrong season, wrong zone, permit transfer	\$100 to \$500 fine	\$300 to \$1,000 fine Two convictions within five years and two-year loss of license
Firearm hunting within 450 ft. of a school playground or building; bowhunting within 450 ft. of a school playground or within 150 ft. of a building	\$100 to \$300 fine	\$300 to \$1,500 fine and permanent loss of license
Negligent use of a weapon Did cause injury or death of another person	\$500 to \$2,000 fine and five year loss of license	\$1000 to \$4,000 fine and permanent loss of license
Damage or injury to real or personal property of another	Up to \$2,000 fine and five-year loss of license plus restitution for damages	Up to \$2,000 fine and permanent loss of license plus restitution for damages
Careless use of a weapon Shooting into safety zone, handling weapon in unsafe manner	\$100 to \$500 fine and two-year loss of license	\$100 to \$500 fine and two-year loss of license
Trespass	\$100 to \$200 fine	\$200 to \$500 fine and five-year loss of license

Rt. 633; then north on Rt. 633 to its intersection with Rt. 206 in Branchville; then southeast along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Branchville; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Newton; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Andover; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Hackettstown; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with the Zone 4 boundary at the Delaware Water Gap north and west of Quarry Rd.; then northeast along the base of the Kittatinny Ridge to its intersection with Beavans Rd. at the Hampton Twp.–Frankford Twp. border; then southeast along Beavans Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 521 at the point of beginning.

Zone 6: That portion of Morris, Sussex, Passaic, Warren and Essex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 80 and Rt. 517 at Allamuchy; then northeast along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Franklin; then southeast along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 618; then south along Rt. 618 to its intersection with Rockaway Valley Rd.; then southwest along Rockaway Valley Rd. to its intersection with Diamond Spring Rd.; then south along Diamond Spring Rd. with West Main St. in Denville; then south along West Main St. to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to the point of beginning at Allamuchy. Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54) is excluded from Zone 6.

Zone 7: That portion of Hunterdon and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 78 at Clinton; then north along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Buttzville; then west on Rt. 46 to the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then south along the east bank of the Delaware to its intersection with Rt. 78 at Phillipsburg; then east along Rt. 78 to the point of beginning at Clinton.

Zone 8: That portion of Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 22 and 206 near Somerville; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 80 near Netcong; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Allamuchy; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Hackettstown; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 31 at Buttzville; then southeast along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 22 at Clinton; then east along Rt. 22 to the point of beginning at Somerville.

Zone 9: Those portions of Morris and Somerset counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 206 and Rt. 80 near Netcong; then east along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then east on Rt. 46 to the intersection with Rt. 10 in Ledgewood; then east on Rt. 10 to the intersection with Morris Tpk.; then east and south on Morris Tpk. to Calais Rd.; then west on Calais Rd. to Combs Hollow Rd.; then south on Combs Hollow Rd. to Calais Rd.; then south on Calais Rd.

to Mountain Ave. in Mendham; then south and east on Mountain Ave. to Hilltop Rd. (Rt. 525); then south on Rt. 525 to the intersection with Rt. 78; then west on Rt. 78 to the intersection with Rt. 206 near Pluckemin; then north on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 80 in Netcong, the point of beginning.

Zone 10: That portion of Hunterdon and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 12 in Flemington; then north along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 78 at Clinton; then west along Rt. 78 to the Delaware River at Phillipsburg; then south along the east bank of the Delaware River to Rt. 12 at Frenchtown; then east along Rt. 12 to the point of beginning at Flemington.

Zone 11: That portion of Hunterdon County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 12 and 31 and 202 at Flemington; then southwest along Rt. 202 to the Delaware River; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 12 at Frenchtown; then east along Rt. 12 to the point of beginning at Flemington. Shyhawks, Treasure, Rush, Bull and Eagle Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

Zone 12: That portion of Somerset, Hunterdon and Mercer counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 22 at Clinton; then east on Rt. 22 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Somerville; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 546 at Lawrenceville; then west on Rt. 546 to its intersection with Rt. 31 at the Pennington traffic circle; then north along Rt. 31 to the point of beginning at Clinton. That portion of Round Valley Recreation Area designated as open to deer hunting is included in Zone 12.

Zone 13: That portion of Morris, Somerset and Union counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 22 and 206 at Somerville; then north on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 78 near Pluckemin; then east on Rt. 78 to the intersection with Rt. 525; then north on Rt. 525 to Mountain Ave. in Mendham; then north and west on Mountain Ave. to Calais Rd.; then north on Calais Rd. to Combs Hollow Rd., then north on Combs Hollow Rd. to Calais Rd.; then east on Calais Rd. to Morris Tpk.; then north and west on Morris Tpk. to Rt. 10; then west on Rt. 10 to Rt. 46 in Ledgewood; then west on Rt. 46 to the intersection with Rt. 80 near Netcong; then east on Rt. 80 to the intersection with Rt. 511; then south on Rt. 511 to the intersection with Rt. 124 in Morristown; then southeast along Rt. 124 to the intersection with Rt. 82; then southwest along Rt. 82 to the intersection with Rt. 22; then southwest along Rt. 22 to the point of beginning at Somerville. The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 38) is excluded from Zone 13.

Zone 14: That portion of Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of



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Rts. 22 and 206 at Somerville, then east along Rt. 22 to its intersection with Interstate 287; then south on Interstate 287 to its intersection with Rt. 18; then south on Rt. 18 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 545; then northwest on Rt. 545 which becomes Farnsworth Ave.; then continuing northwest on Farnsworth Ave. to its intersection with W.

Burlington St.; then southwest on W. Burlington St. to its intersection with Interstate 295; then north on Interstate 295 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Bordentown; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware River to Rt. 546 at Washington's Crossing; then east on Rt. 546 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Lawrenceville; then north along Rt. 206 to the point beginning at Somerville. Rotary and Blauguard Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

Zone 15: That portion of Monmouth, Mercer and Middlesex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Rt. 522 near Jamesburg; then south on the Turnpike to its intersection with Interstate 195, then east on Rt. I-195 to its intersection with Rt. 537 near Holmeson; then northeast on Rt. 537 to its intersection with Rt. 522 in Freehold; then northwest on Rt. 522 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike, the point of beginning. Monmouth Battlefield State Park is excluded from this zone.

Zone 16: That portion of Monmouth and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 537 and Rt. 571 near Holmeson; then southeast on Rt. 571 to the intersection with Rt. 547; then northeast on Rt. 547 through Farmingdale to the intersection with Tinton Falls Rd.; then north on Tinton Falls Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 33 and Rt. 34; then north on Rt. 34 to the intersection with the fenced boundary of the Earle Naval Weapons Depot property; then westward along the fenced border of the Earle Depot to the intersection with Rt. 33; then west along Rt. 33 to the intersection with Rt. 537 in Freehold; then southwest on Rt. 537 to the intersection with Rt. 571 near Holmeson, the point of beginning.

Zone 17: That portion of Mercer, Monmouth, Burlington and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Interstate 195; then east along Interstate 195 to the intersection with Rt. 537 near Holmeson; then southwest along Rt. 537 to the intersection with Hawkin Rd. (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640) then southeast along Hawkin Rd. (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640); to the intersection with Colliers Mills Rd.; then west along Colliers Mills Rd. to its intersection with Woodruff Rd.; then southwest along Woodruff Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 539; then southeast along Rt. 539 to the border of the **Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst**; then westward along the **Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst** boundary to Rt. 545 near Wrightstown; then northwest along Rt. 545 to the intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection Interstate 195 the point of beginning.

Zone 18: That portion of Ocean County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 530 and the Garden State Parkway at South Toms River; then west along Rt. 530 to the intersection with Rt. 70; then west along Rt. 70 to the border of the **Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst**; then northward along the **Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst** boundary to the northernmost intersection of the **Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst** border and Rt. 539; then northwest along Rt. 539 to the intersection with Woodruff Rd.; then northeast along Woodruff Rd. to the intersection with Colliers Mills Rd.; then east along Colliers Mills Rd. to the intersection with Hawkin Rd. (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640); then northwest along Hawkin Rd. (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640) to the intersection with Rt. 537 near Prosperstown; then northeast along Rt. 537 to the intersection with Rt. 571 near Holmeson; then southeast along Rt. 571 to the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to the point of beginning near South Toms River.

Zone 19: That portion of Burlington and Camden counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 530 and Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd.; then west on Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 644 (Buddtown-Ong's Hat Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 644 to its intersection with Rt. 70 at Four Mile Circle; then west on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Burr's Mill Rd.; then southwest on Burr's Mill Rd. to its intersection with Avenue Rd.; then south on Avenue Rd. to its intersection with Sooy Place Rd.; then south on Sooy Place Rd. to its intersection with Irick's Causeway; then southwest on Irick's Causeway to its intersection with Rt. 532 (Chatsworth Rd.); then west along Rt. 532 to its intersection with Butterworth's Bogs Rd.; then south and west along Butterworth's Bogs Rd. to its intersection with



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Brace Lane; then west along Brace Lane to its intersection with Bozarthtown Rd.; then southwest along Bozarthtown Rd. to its intersection with Dingletown Rd.; then southwest along Dingletown Rd. which becomes Forked Neck Rd. and curves to the west; then west along Forked Neck Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 541, Stokes Rd.; then northwest along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Willow Grove Rd.; then southwest on Willow Grove Rd. to its intersection with Atsion Rd.; then northwest on Atsion Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 534, Jackson Rd.; then west along Rt. 534 to its intersection with Rt. 73; then north along Rt. 73 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 38; then east along Rt. 38 to its intersection with Rt. 530; then east along Rt. 530 to its intersection with Rt. 616 (Vincentown-Pemberton Rd.); then northeast on Rt. 616, Hanover St., into the town of Pemberton to its intersection with Elizabeth St., then east on Elizabeth St., which becomes Pemberton-Browns Mills Rd. (Rt. 687) to its intersection with Rt. 530 (Pemberton-By-Pass Rd.); then east on Rt. 530 to its intersection with Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Rd.), the point of beginning. Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37) is excluded from Zone 19. Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve (Zone 68) is excluded from Zone 19.

Zone 20: Not designated.

Zone 21: That portion of Ocean and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 530 and the Garden State Parkway near South Toms River; then south along the Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 72; then northwest along Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 644 (Buddtown-Ong's Hat Rd.) at Four Mile Circle; then northwest on Rt. 644 to its intersection with Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd.; then northeast on Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Rd.); then northwest on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Rt. 530 (Pemberton-Browns Mills Rd.); then east along the southern border of Fort Dix Military Reservation to its intersection with Rt. 70; then east on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Rt. 539 and Rt. 530 near Whiting; then east along Rt. 530 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway near South Toms River, the point of beginning. Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37) is excluded from Zone 21.

Zone 22: That portion of Ocean and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Garden State Parkway and Rt. 72 near Manahawkin; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Stage Rd.; then west along Stage Rd. to its intersection with Leektown Rd.; then west along Leektown Rd.

(which turns into Rt., 653 to its intersection with the Wading River; then south along the east bank of the Wading River to its intersection with the Mullica River and the Atlantic-Burlington County line; then east along the Atlantic-Burlington County line to the Atlantic Ocean, then east to the Atlantic Ocean; then north along the Atlantic Ocean to Rt. 72 at Ship Bottom; then west along Rt. 72 to the Garden State Parkway, the point of beginning. The Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 58) is excluded from Zone 22.

Zone 23: That portion of Burlington, Atlantic and Camden counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 563 and the Mullica River at the Atlantic-Burlington County line near Green Bank; then north and west along the north bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with Rt. 542 at Pleasant Mills; then west along Rt. 542 to its intersection with Nescochague Creek; then northwest along Nescochague Creek to Great Swamp Branch; then westward along Great Swamp Branch to its intersection with Rt. 206 (just south of the intersection of Rt. 206 and Middle Rd.); then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 30; then northwest along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 73; then north on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 534, Jackson Rd.; then east along Rt. 534 to its intersection with Atsion Rd.; then southeast on Atsion Rd. to its intersection with Willow



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Grove Rd.; then northeast on Willow Grove Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 541, Stokes Rd.; then southeast along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Forked Neck Rd then east along Forked Neck Rd. which becomes Dingtletown Rd. curving to the northeast; then northeast along Dingtletown Rd. to its intersection with Bozarthtown Rd.; then northeast on Bozarthtown Rd. to its intersection with Brace Lane; then east on Brace Lane to its intersection with Butterworth's Bogs Rd.; then north on Butterworth's Bogs Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 532 (Chatsworth Rd.); then east on Rt. 532 to its intersection with Irick's Causeway; then northeast on Irick's Causeway to its intersection with Sooy Place Rd. (Vincetown-South Park Rd.); then northwest on Sooy Place Rd. to its intersection with Avenue Rd.; then northeast on Avenue Rd. to its intersection with Burr's Mill Rd.; then northeast on Burr's Mill Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 70; then east on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Rt. 72 at Four Mile Circle; then southeast on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 563; then southwest along Rt. 563 to its intersection with the Mullica River at the Atlantic-Burlington County line, the point of beginning near Green Bank. Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve (Zone 68) is excluded from Zone 23.

Zone 24: That portion of Burlington and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 563 and Rt. 72; then southeast along Rt. 72 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Parkway to its intersection with Stage Rd.; then west along Stage Rd. to its intersection with Leektown Rd.; then west along Leektown Rd. (which turns into Rt. 653) to its intersection with the Wading River; then south along the east bank of the Wading River to its intersection with the Mullica River and the Atlantic-Burlington County line; then west along the north bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with Rt. 563 near Green Bank; then north along Rt. 563 to its intersection with Rt. 72, the point of beginning.

Zone 25: That portion of Salem, Gloucester, Atlantic and Camden counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 54 and Rt. 40 near Buena; then west on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then north on Rt. 553 to its intersection with Rt. 610 (Aura Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 610 to its intersection with Rt. 655 (Fries Mills Rd.); then north on Rt. 655 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 47 at Glassboro; then north on Rt. 47 to its intersection with County Rt. 635 (Hurffville-Grenloch Rd.); then eastward on County Rt. 635 to its intersection with County Rt. 705 (County House Rd.); then southeast along Rt. 705 to its intersection with County Rt. 688 (Turnerville-Hickstown Rd.); then eastward along County Rt. 688 to its intersection with County Rt. 689 (Berlin-Crosskeys Rd.); then northeast along County Rt. 689 to its intersection with Rt. 73 at Berlin; then south on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 30; then southeast along Rt. 30 to its intersection

with Weymouth Rd. (Rts. 640-559); then southward on Weymouth Rd. to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then west along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Eighth St.; then south along Eighth St. to its intersection with Rt. 322; then westward on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 54; then southward on Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 40 near Buena, the point of beginning. Zone 65 is excluded from Zone 25.

Zone 26: That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 40 and 54 near Buena; then southeast on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 50; then north on Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then east on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Cologne Ave.; then north on Cologne Ave. to its intersection with Duerer St.; then east on Duerer St. to its intersection with Rt. 575; then northeast on Rt. 575 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then north along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with the Mullica River and the Atlantic-Burlington County line; then northwest along the south bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with Rt. 542 at Pleasant Mills; then west on Rt. 542 to its intersection with Nescochague Creek at Pleasant Mills; then north along the west bank of Nescochague Creek to its intersection with Great Swamp Branch; then westward along Great Swamp Branch to its intersection with Rt. 206; (just past the intersection of Rt. 206 and Middle Rd.); then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 30 (White Horse Pike), near Hammonton; then south on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Weymouth Rd. (Rts. 640-559); then south on Weymouth Road to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then northwest along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Eighth St.; then southwest along Eighth St. to its intersection with Rt. 322 (Black Horse Pike); then northwest along Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 54; then southwest along Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 40 at Buena, the point of beginning. The Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61) is excluded from Zone 26.

Zone 27: That portion of Cumberland and Salem counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 77 and 40 at Pole Tavern; then northwest on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 48; then west on Rt. 48 through Penns Grove to the Delaware River; then south along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with the Salem Canal at Deepwater; then eastward along the south bank of the Salem Canal to its intersection with the Salem River; then southward along the west bank of the Salem River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Salem; then southeast on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Salem County Rt. 667 (Pecks Corner-Cohansey Rd.) at Pecks Corner; then eastward along Rt. 667 to its intersection with Rt. 540; then east along Rt. 540 to its intersection with Rt. 77; then north on Rt. 77 to its intersection with Rt. 40 at Pole Tavern, the point of beginning.

Zone 28: That portion of Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 77 and 40

at Pole Tavern; then east on Rt. 40 to its intersection of Rt. 47 at Malaga; then south on Rt. 47 to its intersection of Rt. 49 in Millville; then west on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Salem County Rt. 667 (Pecks Corner-Cohansey Rd.) at Pecks Corner; then eastward along Rt. 667 to its intersection with Rt. 540; then east on Rt. 540 to its intersection with Rt. 77; then north on Rt. 77 to Pole Tavern, the point of beginning.

Zone 29: That portion of Salem and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning with the intersection of Rts. 77 and 49 at Bridgeton; then northwest on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Alloway Creek at Quinton; then southwest along the northern bank of the Alloway Creek to its intersection with the Delaware River; then south along the east bank of the Delaware River to the Cohansey River; then along the northwest bank of the Cohansey River to Bridgeton, the point of beginning.

Zone 30: That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at Fairton on the Cohansey River; then west along the south bank of the Cohansey River to the Delaware River; then southeast along the east bank of the Delaware River to the Maurice River; then north along the west bank of the Maurice River to Haleyville-Mauricetown Rd. (County Rd. 676); then west on Haleyville-Mauricetown Rd. to its intersection with the Central Railroad of New Jersey (C.R.R.N.J.); then west along the C.R.R.N.J. line to its intersection with Newport-Centre Grove Rd. (County Rd. 629); then southwest on Newport-Centre Grove Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 553, then northwest on Rt. 553 to Fairton, the point of beginning.

Zone 31: That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersections of Rts. 77 and 49 at Bridgeton; then east on Rt. 49 to the Maurice River near Millville; then south along the west bank of the Maurice River near Millville; then south along the west bank of the Maurice River to Buckshutem Creek; then west on the north bank of Buckshutem Creek to its intersection with Buckshutem Rd. (County Rd. 670); then northwest on Buckshutem Rd. to its intersection with Cedarville Rd. (County Rd. 610); then southwest on Cedarville Rd. to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Rd. (County Rd. 629); then southwest on Newport Centre Grove Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 553; then northwest along Rt. 553 to the Cohansey River at Fairton; then north on the east bank of the Cohansey River to Bridgeton, the point of beginning.

Zone 32: Not designated.

Zone 33: Not designated.

Zone 34: That portion of Cumberland and Cape May counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 47 and Rt. 548 in Port Elizabeth; then east on Rt. 548 to its intersection with Rt. 49; then northwest on Rt. 49 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River at Head of River; then eastward along the south bank of the

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Tuckahoe River and Atlantic-Cape May County line to Great Egg Harbor Bay; then continuing eastward along the Atlantic-Cape May County line to the Atlantic Ocean at the Great Egg Harbor Inlet; then southwest along the Atlantic Ocean to Delaware Bay; then north and west along the east bank of Delaware Bay to the Maurice River; then north along the east bank of the Maurice River to Port Elizabeth and Rt. 548, the point of beginning.

Zone 35: That portion of Salem and Gloucester counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the east bank of the Delaware River at Penns Grove; then southeast on Rt. 48 to its intersection with Rt. 40; then southeast on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then north on Rt. 553 to the intersection with Rt. 610 (Aura Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 610 to its intersection with Rt. 47 at Clayton; then north on Rt. 47 to its intersection with County Rt. 635 (Lambs Rd.) at Glassboro; then west on Rt. 635 to its intersection with Mantua Creek at Glassboro; then northwest along the Mantua Creek to the Delaware River; then southwest along the east bank of the Delaware River, to Penns Grove, the point of beginning. Chester and Mond's Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

Zone 36: That portion of Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Passaic, Morris, Union, Somerset and Middlesex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 202 and the New York State line near Suffern; then south on Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 287 in Oakland; then south along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 23; then Rt. 23 northwest to its intersection with Rt. 618; then south along Rt. 618 to its intersection with Rockaway Valley Rd.; then southwest along Rockaway Valley Rd. to its intersection with Diamond Spring Rd.; then south along Diamond Spring Rd. with West Main St. in Denville; then south along West Main St. to its intersection with Rt. 80; then east on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 511; then south on Rt. 511 to its intersection with Rt. 510; then west on Rt. 510 to its intersection with Rt. 124 at Morristown; then southeast on Rt. 124 to its intersection with Rt. 82; then southeast along Rt. 82 to its intersection with Rt. 22; then southwest on Rt. 22 to its intersection with Rt. 287 near Somerville; then southeast on Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 18 near South Bound Brook; then southeast on Rt. 18 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then north on the Turnpike to its intersection with the Raritan River; then east along the north bank of the Raritan River

to Raritan Bay and the New York State line; then north along the state line to Arthur Kill and west bank of the Hudson River; then west along the New Jersey-New York border to the point of beginning near Suffern.

Zone 37: That portion of the **Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, that formerly consisted of Fort Dix Military Reservation, U.S. Dept. of the Army,** designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean counties.

Zone 38: That portion of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Morris County.

Zone 39: That portion of Naval Weapons Station Earle, U.S. Department of the Navy designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County. The Waterfront Section (formerly Zone 40) is now included in Zone 39.

Zone 40: Not designated. Former Zone 40 is now incorporated into Zone 39.

Zone 41: That portion of Hunterdon and Mercer counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 31 and Rt. 202 at Ringoes; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 546 at the Pennington traffic circle; then west along Rt. 546 to the Delaware River; then north along east bank of Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 202; then north along Rt. 202 to the point beginning at Ringoes.

Zone 42: That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the south bank of the Mullica River and the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 575; then southwest along Rt. 575 to its intersection with Duerer St.; then west on Duerer St. to its intersection with Cologne Ave.; then south on Cologne Ave. to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 50; then south on Rt. 50 to its intersection with the Great Egg Harbor River at Mays Landing; then south along the east bank of the Great Egg Harbor River to the Atlantic-Cape May County line in Great Egg Harbor Bay; then eastward along the Atlantic-Cape May County line to its intersection with the Atlantic Ocean at the Great Egg Harbor Inlet; then northeast along the Atlantic Ocean to Great Bay; then west along the south shore of Great Bay to the confluence of the Mullica River; then west along the south bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway, the point of beginning. The Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Zones 56 and 57), the Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61) and the lands (excluding Laurel Memorial Park Cemetery), roads, right of ways and easements within the contiguous boundary of the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (Zone 66) are excluded from Zone 42.

Zone 43: That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Buckshutem Rd. (County Rd. 670) and Cedarville Rd. (County Rd. 610); then southwest on Cedarville Rd. to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Rd. (County Rd. 629); then southwest on Newport Centre Grove Rd. to its intersection with the Central Railroad of New Jersey (C.R.R.N.J.); then east on the C.R.R.N.J. line to its intersection with Haleyville Rd. (County Rd. 676) at Mauricetown Station; then east on Haleyville Rd. to its intersection with the Maurice River at Mauricetown; then north along the west bank of the Maurice River to the north bank of Buckshutem Creek at Laurel Lake; then west along the north bank of Buckshutem Creek to Buckshutem Rd.; then northwest on Buckshutem Rd. to its intersection with Cedarville Rd., the point of beginning.

Zone 44: Not designated.

Zone 45: That portion of Cumberland, Atlantic and Cape May counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Broad St. (Rt. 552 spur) and Delsea Drive (Rt. 47); then northeast along Rt. 552 spur to Rt. 552; then continuing northeast along Rt. 552 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River at Milmay; then south along the west bank of the Tuckahoe River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Hunter's Mill; then southeast on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 548; then west on Rt. 548 to its intersection with Delsea Drive (Rt. 47) and the Manumuskin River in Port Elizabeth; then west along the south bank of Manumuskin River to its intersection with the Maurice River; then north along the east bank of the Maurice River to its intersection with Rt. 49 in Millville; then east on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Delsea Drive (Rt. 47); then north on Rt. 47 to its intersection with Broad St. (Rt. 552 spur), the point of beginning.

Zone 46: That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 49 and the Tuckahoe River at Hunter's Mill; then southeast along Rt. 49 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River and the Atlantic-Cape May County line at Head of River; then eastward along the north bank of the Tuckahoe River to Great Egg Harbor Bay and the Egg Harbor Township line on the Egg Harbor River; then northwest along the west bank of the Egg Harbor River to its intersection with Rt. 40 at Mays Landing; then west on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Estell Ave; then south on Estell Ave. to its intersection with Rt. 552 then southwest on Rt. 552 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River at Milmay; then south along the east bank of the Tuckahoe River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Hunter's Mill the point of beginning. The Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61) is excluded from Zone 46.

Zone 47: That portion of Gloucester, Atlantic and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 47 and 40 at Malaga; then southeast on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Estell Ave.; then south on Estell

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Ave to its intersection with Rt. 552; then southwest on Rt. 552 to spur 552; then west on spur 552 to its intersection with Rt. 47 at Millville; then north on Rt. 47 to Malaga, the point of beginning.

Zone 48: That portion of Burlington County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Rt. 38 near Moorestown; then east along Rt. 38 to its intersection with Rt. 530; then east along Rt. 530 along the Pemberton by-pass to its intersection with the southern boundary of the **Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst**; then northward along the western **Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst** boundary to its intersection with County Rd. 670; then east on County Rd. 670 to its intersection with Rt. 545 at Wrightstown; then north along Rt. 545 which becomes Farnsworth Ave.; then continuing northwest on Farnsworth Ave. to its intersection with W. Burlington St.; then southwest on W. Burlington St. to its intersection with Interstate 295; then north on Interstate 295 to its intersection with Crosswicks Creek at Bordentown; then west along the south bank of Crosswicks Creek to its intersection with the Delaware River at Bordentown; then southwest along the east bank of the Delaware River to Rt. 541 at the City of Burlington; then southeast along Rt. 541 to its intersection with

Interstate 295; then southwest along Interstate 295 to its intersection with Rancocas Creek; then east along Rancocas Creek to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 38, the point of beginning. New Bold and Burlington Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

Zone 49: That portion of Gloucester, Camden and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the mouth of Mantua Creek on the Delaware River; then northeast along the east bank of the Delaware River to Rt. 541 at the City of Burlington; then southeast along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Interstate 295; then southwest along Interstate-295 to its intersection with Rancocas Creek; then east along the Rancocas Creek to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 73; then south along Rt. 73 to its intersection with County Rd. 689 (Cross Keys Rd.) at Berlin; then southwest along County Rd. 689 to its intersection with County Rd. 688 Turnersville-Hickstown Rd.); then west along County Rd. 688 to its intersection with County Rd. 705; then northwest along County Rd. 705 (County House Rd.) to its intersection with County Rd. 635 (Grenlode-Hurffville Rd.); then southwest on County Rd. 635 to its intersection with Mantua

Creek; then northwest along Mantua Creek to its mouth at the Delaware River, the point of beginning. Petty Island lying in the Delaware River is in this zone.

Zone 50: That portion of Monmouth and Middlesex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Rt. 522 near Jamesburg; then southeast on Rt. 522 to the intersection with Rt. 537 at Freehold; then southwest on Rt. 537 to the intersection with business Rt. 33; then east on Rt. 33 to the intersection with the western edge of the fenced boundary of the Earle Naval Weapons Depot; then north and east along the fenced boundary of the Earle Depot to the intersection of County Rt. 38 (Wayside Rd.) and Rt. 547 at the most eastern point of the fenced boundary of Naval Weapons Station-Earle; then northeast on Rt. 547 to the intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then north on the Garden State parkway to the intersection with Rt. 36 near Eatontown; then east on Rt. 36 to the Atlantic Ocean; then north along the Atlantic coastline to the Raritan Bay; then south and west along the southern shore of Raritan Bay to the Raritan River; then continuing west along the south bank of the Raritan River to the intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to the intersection with Rt. 522, the point of beginning.

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS

Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64), and Naval Weapons Station Earle (Zones 39 and 40), are excluded from this zone.

Zone 51: That portion of Monmouth and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 547 and Rt. 571 near Lakehurst; then southeast along Rt. 571 to the intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south on the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 72 near Manahawkin; then east along Rt. 72 to the Atlantic Ocean at Ship Bottom; then north along the Atlantic coastline to the intersection with Rt. 36 in Long Branch; then west on Rt. 36 to the intersection with the Garden State Parkway near Eatontown; then south on the parkway to the intersection with 547; then south on Rt. 547 to the intersection with county Rt. 38 (Wayside Rd.) at the eastern fenced boundary of Naval Weapons Station-Earle; then south along the eastern fenced boundary of Naval Weapons Station-Earle to the intersection with Rt. 34; then south on Rt. 34 to the intersection with Tinton Falls Rd. and Rt. 33; then south on Tinton Falls Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 547 (Asbury Rd.); then south on Rt. 547 through Farmingdale to the intersection with Rt. 571, the point of beginning.

Zone 52: Not designated.

Zone 53: That portion of the Lakehurst section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, that formerly consisted of Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Center, U.S. Department of the Navy, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Ocean county.

Zone 54: Those portions of Picatinny Arsenal, U.S. Department of the Army, Installation Management Agency (IMA), designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Morris County.

Zone 55: That portion of Gloucester County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 47 and 322 at Glassboro; then east along Rt. 322 (County Rt. 536) to its intersection with Rt. 655 (Fries Mill Rd.); then south on Rt. 655 to its intersection with Rt. 610 (Academy Ave.); then west on Rt. 610 to its intersection with Rt. 47 (Delsea Drive) at Clayton; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 322 at Glassboro, the point of beginning.

Zone 56: That portion of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, located south of Stoney Hill Rd., designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

Zone 57: That portion of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of Stoney Hill Rd. and south of the Mullica River, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

Zone 70: Those portions of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, including the Barnegat Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of the Mullica River and south of Rt. 72, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean counties.

Zone 58: Those portions of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, including the Barnegat Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of Rt. 72, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Ocean county.

Zone 59: Not designated.

Zone 60: Not designated.

Zone 61: Those portions of the Atlantic County Park System, County of Atlantic, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

Zone 62: Not designated.

Zone 63: That portion of Salem County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Salem Canal and the Delaware River at Deepwater; then eastward along the south bank of the Salem Canal to its intersection with the Salem River; then southward along the west bank of the Salem River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Salem; then southeastward on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Alloway Creek at Quinton; then southwest

along the northern bank of the Alloway Creek to its intersection with the Delaware River; then northward along the east bank of the Delaware River and New Jersey State line to Finns Point and Fort Mott State Park; then northward along the New Jersey State line to the Delaware River; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware River; then northwestward along the east bank of the Delaware River and New Jersey State line to its intersection with the Salem Canal at Deepwater, the point of beginning.

Zone 64: That portion of Monmouth Battlefield State Park, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

Zone 65: That portion of Camden and Gloucester counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 322 and County Rd. Rt. 659 (Malaga-New Brooklyn Rd.) in Monroe Township, Gloucester County; then northeast along Rt. 659 to its intersection with County Rd. Rt. 536 at New Brooklyn; then northward along Rt. 536 to its intersection with County Rd. Rt. 720 (Brooklyn-Blue Anchor Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 720 to its intersection with Rt. 73 near Blue Anchor; then southward along Rt. 73 to its intersection with Piney Hollow Rd.; then southwest along Piney Hollow Rd. to its intersection with Dutch Mill Rd. then west along Dutch Mill Rd. to its intersection with County Rt. 557 (Tuckahoe Rd.); then northwest on Rt. 557 to its intersection with County Rt. 659 (Malaga Rd.); then north on Rt. 659 to its intersection with County Rt. 633 (Blue Bell Rd.) then south on Rt. 633 to its intersection with County Rt. 538 (Coles Mill Rd.); then east along Rt. 538 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west along Rt. 322 to its intersection with County Rt. 659, the point of beginning.

Zone 66: That portion of Atlantic County including lands, roads, right of ways and easements within the contiguous boundary of the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center, excluding Laurel Memorial Park Cemetery. Lands open for deer hunting only and persons authorized to hunt deer on the facility shall be determined by the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center, the administrative agency.

Zone 67: That portion of High Point State Park, located north and east of Deckertown Turnpike (Rt. 650), designated as open to hunting, lying within Sussex County.

Zone 68: That portion of the Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve, designated as open to deer hunting, lying within Woodland Township, Burlington County.

Zone 70: Those portions of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, including the Barnegat Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of the Mullica River and south of Rt. 72, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean counties. 🦌

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Regulation Set	Regulation Set #0	Regulation Set #1	Regulation Set #2
Zones	21, 23, 24, 43, 45	34*, 46	1, 3*, 4, 18
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed. Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Any antlered deer taken in Zone 34 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack. Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed. Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Any antlered deer taken in Zone 3 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack. Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed. Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	Oct. 4–31, 2014 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex.	Oct. 4–31, 2014 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.	Oct. 4–31, 2014 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.
Youth Deer Hunt Days	Sept. 27, 2014—Bow Only Nov. 22, 2014—Firearm Only Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.	Sept. 27, 2014—Bow Only Nov. 22, 2014—Firearm Only Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.	Sept. 27, 2014—Bow Only Nov. 22, 2014—Firearm Only Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.
Permit Bow	Nov. 1–22, 2014 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)	Nov. 1–30, 2014 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)	Nov. 1–30, 2014 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)
Permit Muzzleloader	Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–27, 2014 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)	Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014, and Jan. 1–7, 2015 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)	Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014, and Jan. 1–2, 2015 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)
Six-day Firearm	Dec. 8–13, 2014 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.	Dec. 8–13, 2014 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.	Dec. 8–13, 2014 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.
Permit Shotgun Season	Dec. 17, 2014 Season bag limit is one deer. This deer may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit, or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)	Dec. 17–19, 2014 Season bag limit is one deer. This deer may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit, or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)	Dec. 17–19, 2014 Season bag limit is one deer. This deer may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm season, then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)
Winter Bow	Jan. 1–31, 2015 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex.	Jan. 1–31, 2015 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.	Jan. 1–31, 2015 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.

Color-coded to Regulation Set Reference Chart and Zone Map (page 48)

Regulation Set	Regulation Set #3	Regulation Set #4	Regulation Set #5
Zones	22, 26, 30* , 55, 65	6	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*, 63*
Info	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 30 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed. Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed. Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased. 	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 27, 28, 29, 31, 35, 47 or 63 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed. Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	<p>Oct. 4–31, 2014 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>	<p>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters): Sept. 13–Oct. 3, 2014 Antlered or antlerless: Oct. 4–31, 2014 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters): Sept. 13–Oct. 3, 2014 Antlered or antlerless: Oct. 4–31, 2014 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
Youth Deer Hunt Days	<p>Sept. 27, 2014—Bow Only Nov. 22, 2014—Firearm Only Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>	<p>Sept. 27, 2014—Bow Only Nov. 22, 2014—Firearm Only Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>	<p>Sept. 27, 2014—Bow Only Nov. 22, 2014—Firearm Only Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for any qualified youth hunter only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm seasons.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Nov. 1–30, 2014 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Nov. 1–30, 2014 Season bag limit for either youth day is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Nov. 1–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2014 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014; Jan. 1 – 10, 2015 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014; Jan. 1 – 10, 2015 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014; Jan. 1 – 10, 2015 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 8–13, 2014 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>	<p>Dec. 8–13, 2014 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>	<p>Dec. 8–13, 2014 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p>Dec. 17–19, 2014 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm season, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Dec. 17–19, 2014 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm season, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Dec. 17–19, 2014; and Jan. 10–17, 2015 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2015 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2015 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2015 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>

Color-coded to Regulation Set Reference Chart and Zone Map (page 48)

Regulation Set	Regulation Set #6	Regulation Set #7	Regulation Set #8
Zones	5, 17, 19, 25, 42, 48	7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 15, 41	13*, 14, 36, 49, 50, 51
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sundays. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed. Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased. 	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 9 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sundays. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed. Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sundays. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed. Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased. <p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 13 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p>
Fall Bow	<p>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters): Sept. 13–Oct. 3, 2014</p> <p>Antlered or antlerless: Oct. 4–31, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters): Sept. 13–Oct. 3, 2014</p> <p>Antlered or antlerless: Oct. 4–31, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters): Sept. 13–Oct. 3, 2014</p> <p>Antlered or antlerless: Oct. 4–31, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
Youth Deer Hunt Days	<p>Sept. 27, 2014—Bow Only Nov. 22, 2014—Firearm Only</p> <p>Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for any qualified youth hunter only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>	<p>Sept. 27, 2014—Bow Only Nov. 22, 2014—Firearm Only</p> <p>Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for any qualified youth hunter only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>	<p>Sept. 27, 2014—Bow Only Nov. 22, 2014—Firearm Only</p> <p>Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for any qualified youth hunter only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Nov. 1–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Nov. 1–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Nov. 1–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014; and Jan. 1–31, 2015</p> <p>Antlerless deer only: Dec. 8–13, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014; and Jan. 1–Feb. 14, 2015</p> <p>Antlerless deer only: Dec. 3–5, 8–13, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014; and Jan. 1–Feb. 14, 2015</p> <p>Antlerless deer only: Nov. 24–26, 28; and Dec 3–5, 8–13, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 8–13, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>	<p>Dec. 8–13, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>	<p>Dec. 8–13, 2014</p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p>Antlerless deer only: Dec. 8–13, 2014</p> <p>Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 17–19, 2014; and Jan. 3–31, 2015</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Antlerless deer only: Dec. 3–5, 8–13, 2014</p> <p>Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 17–19, 2014; and Jan. 3–Feb. 14, 2015</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Antlerless deer only: Nov. 24 - 26, 28; and Dec. 3–5, 8–13, 2014</p> <p>Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 17–19, 2014; and Jan. 3–Feb. 14, 2015</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2015</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p>Jan. 1–Feb. 21, 2015</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p>Jan. 1–Feb. 21, 2015</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>

Law Enforcement and Regulation Information



Contact a New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife Law Enforcement office that serves the county where you hunt or fish.

- **Northern Region — (908) 735- 8240**
(Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties)
- **Central Region — (609) 259-2120**
(Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean counties)
- **Southern Region — (856) 629-0555**
(Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties)
- **Marine Region — (609) 748-2050**
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- **To report violations anonymously call Operation Game Thief — (855) OGT-TIPS**

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Regulations in red are new this year.

- ♦ **Special areas include federal military installations, certain state and county parks and national wildlife refuges where hunter access is controlled.**
- ♦ **All state game laws and regulations apply to Special Areas.**
- ♦ **Only ONE antlered deer may be taken per permit season, statewide, regardless of the number of permits possessed.**
- ♦ **Due to homeland security measures and military actions, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife cannot guarantee all military installations will be available or open to hunting throughout each deer season. Hunters are reminded that Fish and Wildlife has a “no refund – no exchange” policy for deer permits.**

Special Areas— County and State Parks

Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61)

Permits for Zone 61 will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. **Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30.** Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. The permit quotas for Zone 61 are as follows: 60 permits will be available for the Permit Bow Season, 60 permits will be available for the Permit Muzzleloader Season and 100 permits will be available for the Permit Muzzleloader Season.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 60 permits are available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Dec. 1, 2 and Dec. 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014 and Jan. 1–10, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 60 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 8–13, 2014; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 8–13 and 17–19, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2015; **Bag limit:** Unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. **Please note:** Hunting during the Winter Bow Season on Atlantic County Park property (Zone 61) is NOT open to all hunters. ONLY hunters with a valid 2014 Zone 61 Permit Bow Season permit are allowed to hunt the property during Winter

Bow Season.

Deer hunting is prohibited here all other times. The Atlantic County Park office is located at 6303 Old Harding Highway, Mays Landing, NJ 08330. All applicants must call (609) 625-8219 prior to the lottery for specific rules, restrictions and hunter orientation dates. Hunter orientation attendance is required for Zone 61. The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 61.

Cheesequake State Park (Zone 50)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting. Deer Management Zone 50 regulations apply. A free park access permit is required. A limited supply of permits will be available. Contact the park office at (732) 566-2161 or check the park website for details. Hunters must supply both their current hunting and driver's licenses.

Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park (Zone 11)

A portion of the Division of Parks and Forestry's My Ben tract and Trap Rock-Knipe tract of the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park in Delaware Township in Hunterdon County are open for deer hunting. Zone 11 regulations apply. Call (609) 397-2949 for more information.

High Point State Park (Zone 67)

To hunt High Point State Park, hunters must purchase a Zone 67 permit from a license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. **Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis, beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, 2014.** Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever occurs first. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 3–6 and 10-13, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. The hunter's first deer must be antlerless. Successful hunters may then harvest an antlered deer if in possession of an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. A total of 350 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. **Only those portions of Zone 67 that are south and west of Rt. 23 will be open for the winter bow season.**

Deer hunting is prohibited in High Point at all other times. Hunters are not permitted in the park before 6 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Hunters must visit the park's website for details on the hunt, hunting maps and regulations at nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/highpoint.html. The High Point State Park office is located at 1480 Rt. 23 South in Sussex. Call (973) 875-4800 for more information on park regulations before applying for a Zone 67 permit.

Hunterdon County Park System

Parks within the Hunterdon County Park System that are open to deer hunting require a park access permit. Applications are available at the Hunterdon

County Arboretum, Rt. 31, Lebanon, NJ. Before hunting, call (908) 782-1158 for more information, or log onto co.hunterdon.nj.us and click on Parks and Recreation.

Mercer County Parks (Zone 41)

The Mercer County Park Commission operates a deer management program at Baldpate Mountain in Hopewell Township. Hunters must apply for a county-issued permit. Hunting at Baldpate Mountain is allowed only on select days during the Permit Shotgun, Six-day Firearm and Permit Muzzleloader seasons.

The Pole Farm section of Mercer Meadows is open for the bow seasons. To hunt Baldpate or the Pole Farm, call (609) 303-0706, email rojgers@mercercounty.org or check the website at www.mercercountyparks.org for season dates and permit requirements.

Howell Living History Farm in Hopewell Township (DMZ 41) allows limited permit muzzleloader and winter bow hunting. A non-refundable \$5 fee is required. Deer hunting here is prohibited at all other times. Call (609) 737-3299 for more information, season dates, maps and access permits before purchasing a Zone 41 permit.

Middlesex County Park System

Portions of specified parks within the Middlesex County Park System are open to deer hunting. A park system permit is required. Call (732) 745-8278 for maps and more information.

Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64)

To hunt Monmouth Battlefield State Park, hunters must apply for a Zone 64 Permit. Permits for Zone 64 will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. **Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 1.** Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. A total of 100 permits will be available for the Permit Shotgun Season. All hunters are required to complete and return a registration packet to Monmouth Battlefield State Park office prior to Dec. 1, 2014.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 8–13, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 8–13, 2014; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–Feb. 21, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Deer hunting is prohibited at all other times. Hunters must comply with all state park regulations. Call (732) 462-9616 for more information on additional park regulations before applying for a Zone 64 permit.

Monmouth County Park System

Portions of specified parks within the Monmouth County Park System are open to deer hunting. A park system permit is required. Call (732) 842-4000

or visit monmouthcountyparks.com for maps and more information.

Morris County Park System

In accordance with the Park Commission's deer management program, designated areas of select parks are open for deer hunting on select dates during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Winter Bow, Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons. A Park Commission access permit is required. Hunting is prohibited at all other times. All applicable zone regulations apply.

The Morris County Park Commission will supply additional information about hunting regulations and procedures to those hunters that are issued an access permit. Call (973) 326-7622 or visit MorrisParks.net/deer/ for information about permit applications.

Rancocas State Park (Zone 48)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 48 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Before hunting in Rancocas State Park, call (609) 726-1190 for more information.

Round Valley Recreation Area (Zone 12)

Designated portions of the area are open to deer hunting during all or portions of the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Six-day Firearm and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 12 regulations apply. The area is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Any area administered by Round Valley, not located within Round Valley Recreation Area, is also available for hunting. Contact the Round Valley office for hunting information at (908) 236-6355.

Six-Mile Run Reservoir site, administered by D & R Canal State Park (Zone 14)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 14 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Call the Delaware-Raritan Canal State Park (609) 924-5705 for more information and a detailed map before hunting in Six-Mile Run Reservoir site.

Spruce Run Recreation Area (Zone 7)

Designated portions of the area are open to bow-hunting for deer hunting, except not on Sundays, during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow Seasons. Deer Management Zone 7 regulations apply. The area is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Hunters must use the boat launch parking lot. Call (908) 638-8572 for more information.

Washington Crossing State Park (Zone 41)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 41 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Call (609) 737-0623 for more information.

Special Areas— Federal Installations (other than National Wildlife Refuges)

Earle Naval Weapons Station Depot (Zone 39)

(Zone 40 has been incorporated into Zone 39.) Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for civilian employees or military personnel assigned to the base. Hunters must purchase a Zone 39 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever comes first. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Earle prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 39 does NOT guarantee access to Earle Naval Weapons Station. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used. Please contact Eric Helms at (732) 866-2337 for more information. Deer hunting is allowed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zone 39.

Fall Bow Season (Zone 39): Sept. 13–Oct. 31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 13–Oct. 3, 2014.

Permit Bow Season (Zone 39): Nov. 1–Dec. 31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 190 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 39): Dec. 8–13, 2014; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 39): Dec. 1–6 and 15–31, 2014 and Jan. 1–Feb. 14, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 39): Dec. 6, 8–13, 20 and 27, 2014 and Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7 and 14, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 160 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season (Zone 39): Jan. 1–Feb. 21, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (Zone 66)

The Technical Center is open to deer hunting through a cooperative agreement between the FAATC, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (NJSFSC) and the United Bowhunters of New Jersey (UBNJ). Membership in either the NJSFSC or UBNJ is required to obtain access to the Technical Center for deer hunting. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 66 must have approval from the administrative authority of FAA Technical Center (Zone 66) before purchasing a Zone 66 Permit. Call (609) 485-6938 for more information.

Not open to the general public. **Hunters must purchase their Zone 66 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site.** Permits are available over-the-counter on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, permits will be available for sale until the season ends or the permit quota is reached, whichever comes first. **The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to FAATC prior to purchasing a permit.** Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 66 does NOT guarantee access to the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center. **Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt.** There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 66.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 13–26, 2014; First deer must be antlerless. Sept. 27–Oct. 31, 2014; antlered or antlerless deer. **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 80 permits are available.

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Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 29–Dec. 6, 12 and 13, 2014 and Jan. 3, 10, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 15 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Nov. 29–Dec. 6, 12 and 13, 2014 and Jan. 3, 10, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the **Bag limit** in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 65 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, that formerly consisted of Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37)

Hunters must purchase a Zone 37 permit. **Permits for Zone 37 will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, 2014.** Permits will be available for sale until the season ends or the permit quota is reached, whichever comes first. Permits may be purchased at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Dix-McGuire prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 37 does NOT guarantee access. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

Hunters must comply with all Dix-McGuire regulations. Persons hunting on this post must sign in and out at Range 14 each day when hunting. Military training will take precedence over hunting. Call Range 14 at (609) 562-4676 on Wednesday/Friday 2 p.m.–8 p.m. or Saturday/Sunday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. for more information and fee schedules. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 37 must have at least one antler with three or more antler points. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day or New Year's Day in Zone 37.

Fall Bow Season: Oct. 4–Oct. 31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 330 permits are available for Zone 37.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 8–13, 2014; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Dec. 1–6, 15–24, and 26–31, 2014 and Jan. 5–10, 2015; **Bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered only for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. A total of 480 permits are available for Zone 37.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 27, 29 and 30, 2014; **Bag limit:** two deer, one may be antlered only for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to two antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available for Zone 37.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 2–Feb. 21, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Lakehurst section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, that formerly consisted of Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (Zone 53)

Hunters must purchase Zone 53 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. **Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 8, 2014.** Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever comes first. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to the Lakehurst section prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 53 does NOT guarantee access to the Lakehurst section. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

There is limited public hunting for hunters who are sponsored by current members of the Navy Lakehurst Rod and Gun Club. Military training will take precedence over hunting. Call (732) 323-2911 for more information. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day in Zone 53.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 13–Oct. 31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 13–Oct. 3, 2014.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 100 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 8–13, 2014; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 29 and Dec. 1–6, 15–24 and 26–31, 2014 and Jan. 1–10, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 100 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 8–13 and 17–19, 2014 and Jan. 3–10, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited

antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2015; **Bag limit:** two deer—only one may be antlered.

Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54)

Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for active duty or retired military personnel and Picatinny Arsenal federal civilian employees or retirees only. Contact Hans Karlsen at (973) 724-4484 for more information. Deer hunting is permitted on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zone 54, except on Sunday. There is no Sunday bow hunting allowed in Deer Management Zone 54.

Hunters must purchase a Zone 54 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. **Permits are available on a first come first, serve basis, beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, 2014.** Permits will be for sale until the season ends or the permit quota is reached. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Picatinny Arsenal prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a Zone 54 permit does NOT guarantee access to Picatinny Arsenal. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that can not be used.

Fall Bow Season: Oct. 4–Oct. 31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 50 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 8–13, 2014; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Dec. 1, 2, 15–31, 2014 and Jan. 1–10, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 8–13, and 20, 2014 and Jan. 3 and 5–9, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Special Areas— U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System

Special regulations for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) lands are in effect throughout all authorized deer hunting seasons, in addition to state game laws and regulations. **NOTE: No Sunday bowhunting on national wildlife refuges.** The following federal regulations apply to all national wildlife refuges (NWRs) in New Jersey:

1. Hunting over bait or distributing bait is prohibited on all refuges.
2. The use of a spotlight or other artificial light—including automotive headlights—for the purpose of spotting, locating or taking any wildlife is prohibited on all refuges, regardless of whether one is in possession of a weapon.
3. All firearm hunters (muzzleloader and shotgun) must wear an outer garment consisting of at least **400 square inches of solid fluorescent orange** while deer hunting on any refuge (double the state law requirement).
4. Entry is prohibited on all refuge lands posted *Area Closed* and on refuge roadways posted with *Inholders Only* signs.
5. The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach

a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter, is prohibited on all refuges.

Most refuges can accommodate individuals who have obtained a permit for handicapped hunters from New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, including permits to hunt from vehicles. Interested persons should contact the appropriate refuge in advance of the deer hunting seasons.

Cape May NWR

Cape May NWR is open for all six deer seasons. Season dates and bag limits for Deer Management Zone 34 will apply. Contact the refuge office for more information at (609) 463-0994.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zones 56, 57, 58 and 70)

To hunt Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, hunters must possess the proper permits. **Permits for zones 56, 57, 58 and 70 will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30.** There are NO exceptions. Permits will be available for sale at all License Agents and online.

Only designated sections of the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR are open for deer hunting. All other areas are closed. Purchasing a Zone 22, 42 or 51

permit does not allow hunters to hunt on Forsythe NWR. The entire refuge is closed for deer hunting during the Six-day Firearm Season.

Refuge parking permits and hunt maps will be mailed to hunters after the refuge receives notification of permit holders from New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer management zone maps for all refuge hunt areas are also available at the E.B. Forsythe NWR headquarters, located in Oceanville, Galloway Township. The refuge headquarters is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hunt maps are also available on the refuge website. Not all refuge deer hunting zones are posted with National Wildlife Refuge property and boundary signs. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the zone boundaries.

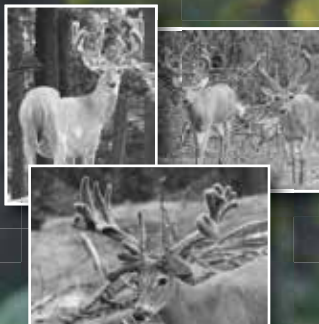
The refuge encourages hunter feedback on your refuge hunting experience. For any questions, information or comments regarding refuge-specific hunting regulations or activities, call (609) 652-1665 or contact the refuge at: forsythe@fws.gov. Visit the refuge website at http://www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 56) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

♦ **Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 56):** Dec. 15–19, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In

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In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 25 permits are available for Zone 56.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 57) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

- ♦ **Permit Bow Season (Zone 57):** Nov. 1 to Dec. 24, 26–31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.
- ♦ **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 57):** Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014 and Jan. 1–10, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.
- ♦ **Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 57):** Dec. 8–13, 2014 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 17–19, 2014 and Jan. 3–31, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 58) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

- ♦ **Permit Bow Season (Zone 58):** Nov. 1 to Dec. 24, 26–31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 35 permits are available for Zone 58.
- ♦ **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 58):** Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014 and Jan. 1–10, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 35 permits are available for Zone 58.
- ♦ **Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 58):** Dec. 3–5 and Dec. 8–13, 2014 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 17–19, 2014 and Jan. 3–10, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited

antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 50 permits are available for Zone 58.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 70) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

- ♦ **Permit Bow Season (Zone 70):** Nov. 1 to Nov. 30, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 15 permits are available for Zone 70.
- ♦ **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 70):** Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20–24, 26–31, 2014 and Jan. 1–10, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 15 permits are available for Zone 70.
- ♦ **Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 70):** Dec. 17–19, 2014 and Jan. 10–17, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 25 permits are available for Zone 70.

Zones 56, 57, 58 and 70 are closed to deer hunting at all other times.

Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38)

To hunt Great Swamp NWR, hunters must possess a Zone 38 permit. **Permits for Zone 38 will be available for sale beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30.** There are NO exceptions. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet.

The refuge is open only for Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun season hunting and closed to deer hunting at all other times. Hunters may apply only for either a Permit Muzzleloader or a Permit Shotgun permit, not both. In addition to the state permit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will charge a \$26 fee (\$13 for holders of a Senior, Golden Age, or Golden Access Passport and youths with a valid 2014 New Jersey Youth hunting license) to issue a federal hunting permit. The refuge will supply additional information on hunt procedures and regulations to those hunters who obtain their Zone 38 permit from NJ Fish and Wildlife via the lottery. For more information, contact the refuge wildlife biologist at (973) 425-1222 ext. 158.

Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

- ♦ **Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season (concurrent):** Nov. 1 and Nov. 5–8, 2014. On Nov. 1 (Saturday), hunting is only for youths who possess a valid 2014 New Jersey Youth hunting license and a Zone 38 permit. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed but non-hunting adult that is at least 21 years of age. **Bag limit: one deer**—either antlerless or antlered. Hunters

must be in possession of the appropriate Antlered Buck Permit before attempting to take an antlered deer. A total of 200 muzzleloader and 200 shotgun permits are available. The eastern side of the refuge (approximately 4,000 acres) will be open to muzzleloader hunting only and the western side of the refuge (approximately 3,700 acres) will be open to muzzleloader and shotgun hunting.

Supawna Meadows NWR (Zone 63)

Supawna Meadows NWR is open for Fall Bow, Youth Bow Day, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons ONLY! The use of firearms is prohibited on Supawna Meadows NWR. No refuge permit fee is required to hunt Supawna Meadows NWR. For more information, call (609) 463-0994.

Any antlered deer taken on Supawna Meadows NWR must have at least one antler with three or more antler points.

Supawna Meadows NWR is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

- ♦ **Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 13–Oct. 31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 13–Oct. 3, 2014. First deer may be antlered or antlerless from Oct. 4–31, 2014.
- ♦ **Youth Day (Bow):** Sept. 20, 2014; **Bag limit:** one deer of either sex.
- ♦ **Permit Bow Season:** Nov. 1–Dec. 24, Dec. 26–31, 2014; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. NOTE: Hunters MUST have a Zone 63 Permit Bow Season permit to hunt the Supawna Meadows NWR during the Permit Bow Season.
- ♦ **Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1–31, 2015; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.
- ♦ Supawna Meadows NWR is closed to deer hunting at all other times.

Wallkill River NWR (Zone 2)

Designated areas of the refuge are open during all six deer seasons. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 2 apply. An annual hunting map, additional regulations and a signed access permit from the refuge must be obtained prior to scouting or hunting. The access permit is \$30 (permit is free for youth; discounts available for those with Federal Senior or Access Passes) and must be signed and carried at all times when hunting on refuge property. Visit our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/Wallkill_River/visit/hunting.html, call (973) 702-7266 or write Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, 1547 County Rt. 565, Sussex, NJ 07461 for more information.

Special Areas— Other Public Lands

Bayside PSEG Tract (Zone 29)

Hunters interested in hunting this 4,500-acre PSEG property located in Greenwich Township, Cumberland County may visit www.pseg.com/environment/estuary or call (888) MARSHEs

for more information. Driving of deer is prohibited on all PSEG lands. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 29 apply.

Horseshoe Bend Park (Zone 11)

Horseshoe Bend Park and adjacent state lands in Kingwood Township are open for limited deer hunting through a lottery system. Hunting in this park is prohibited at all other times. There is a non-refundable \$5 fee for each season lottery application. Contact the Kingwood Township Park Commission at (908) 996-4276 or go to www.kingwoodtownship.com/parks for more information, season dates, maps and hunter access details.

Kingwood Township—Ukarish Property (Zone 11)

The Ukarish Property is open for limited deer hunting through a first come-first served process (limit 10 hunters) for bow hunting only. Hunting in this park is prohibited at all other times. Contact the Kingwood Township Park Commission at (908) 996-4276 or go to www.kingwoodtownship.com/parks for more information, season dates, maps and hunter access details.

Lizard Tail Swamp (Zone 34)

This 400-acre property, jointly owned by New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), is located in Middle Township, Cape May County. A TNC access permit is required. Call (609) 861-0600 for permit

applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 34 apply.


Newark Watershed (Zones 3 and 6)

The Newark Watershed, located in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties, is open to deer hunting from September to December. A watershed access permit is required. Call (973) 697-1724 or (973) 697-1758 for access permit applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 3 and Zone 6 apply.

Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve (Zone 68)

Hunters must purchase Zone 68 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. **Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 8, 2014.** See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16. **The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access prior to purchasing a permit.** The purchase of a deer permit for Zone 68 does NOT guarantee access to Zone 68. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve are managed by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. Designated areas of these preserves are open to deer hunting. Contact the Foundation directly at (908) 234-1225 for more information.

Season dates and bag limits for Regulation Set #6 apply. 



Hunters Helping the Hungry Needs Help with Meat-processing Costs

Hunters Helping the Hungry, an organization that has enabled hunters to provide over one million servings of tasty and nutritious venison to feed New Jersey families since 1997, needs some help from the public to cover the costs of professional meat processing.

The program, which donated more than 27,075 pounds of venison (from 703 hunter-provided deer) to food banks and charitable organizations last year alone, operates with limited funding. Butchers who participate in the Hunters Helping the Hungry program receive \$65 to process the donated deer. Currently, hunters who donate deer to feed the hungry must contribute either \$10 (for field-dressed deer weighing 50 lbs. or more) or \$25 (for deer under 50 lbs.) toward that processing fee. If the program's funding runs out, hunters who donate deer will have to cover the entire cost for meat-processing.

Hunters should check on funding availability before harvesting a deer intended for donation by visiting the website below.

Anyone interested in making a charitable contribution to offset the program's meat-processing costs can visit our website at HuntersHelpingTheHungry.org to donate securely through PayPal or send a check payable to: Hunters Helping the Hungry, P.O. Box 587, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

Participating Butchers Include:

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Butchers will not accept donated deer during the Six-day Firearm Buck Season, from Dec. 8–13, so they can accommodate their regular customers.

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2013–2014 Deer Harvest

SUMMARIES

NEW JERSEY DEER HUNTERS harvested 51,595 deer during the 2013–2014 seasons between September 14, 2013 and February 15, 2014. The harvest for this year's deer season is 3.3 percent higher than the 49,942 deer taken in 2012. Harvest numbers were up in the central and southern regions of the state, but down in the northern region, most probably due to the significant amount of hard-pack snow cover which lasted over a month. The antlerless portion of the 2013 harvest was 33,083 deer, up 2.8 percent from 2012. The antlered portion of the 2013 harvest was 18,511 deer, up 4.3 percent from 2012. 🍖

Deer Harvest Trends in New Jersey



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2013–14 Total Deer Harvest by Season and Zone

DMZ	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Six-day Firearm	Permit Muzzleloader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth Days	Total
1	86	74	94	105	10	30	0	399
2	616	352	174	336	295	88	25	1886
3	131	123	44	130	14	30	14	486
4	101	83	106	194	17	18	9	528
5	944	563	398	397	732	80	43	3157
6	375	226	94	127	56	100	8	986
7	501	325	192	223	400	51	10	1702
8	1263	713	318	392	808	159	28	3681
9	419	226	39	48	115	92	7	946
10	805	480	234	289	625	126	17	2576
11	522	331	143	232	413	53	11	1705
12	1098	704	289	352	839	174	16	3472
13	628	392	32	42	314	130	6	1544
14	759	401	227	108	516	165	7	2183
15	355	263	136	98	427	74	13	1366
16	400	322	144	115	192	95	11	1279
17	293	208	173	127	501	24	28	1354
18	125	106	87	56	10	45	16	445
19	467	358	245	181	521	75	16	1863
21	117	87	240	67	5	43	22	581
22	61	59	36	27	7	26	6	222
23	84	100	252	72	12	32	20	572
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26	203	198	372	176	42	92	28	1111
27	237	209	65	159	140	32	11	853
28	370	270	90	170	207	65	19	1191
29	240	205	102	228	181	29	23	1008
30	79	69	46	70	64	30	14	372
31	140	96	26	64	52	37	8	423
34	116	130	84	124	50	76	18	598
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41	264	140	78	123	333	33	11	982
42	136	118	61	68	128	45	2	558
43	20	31	85	18	2	11	5	172
45	42	45	157	48	11	30	10	343
46	44	59	98	48	9	27	8	293
47	101	76	41	32	50	37	5	342
48	250	185	137	148	490	11	8	1229
49	201	181	32	19	115	77	4	629
50	720	562	112	86	381	197	4	2062
51	281	192	85	35	120	79	2	794
53	29	23	8	15	20	10	0	105
54	21	17	3	5	2	0	1	49
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64	0	0	19	0	23	5	0	47
65	40	43	56	36	3	12	2	192
66	3	7	0	0	18	2	0	30
67	0	0	0	129	0	10	0	139
68	21	13	19	12	25	7	1	98
70	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
Unknown	1	—	—	—	—	—	8	9
Totals	15,151	10,451	6,019	6,110	10,295	2,970	600	51,595



Operation Game Thief Participation Skyrockets

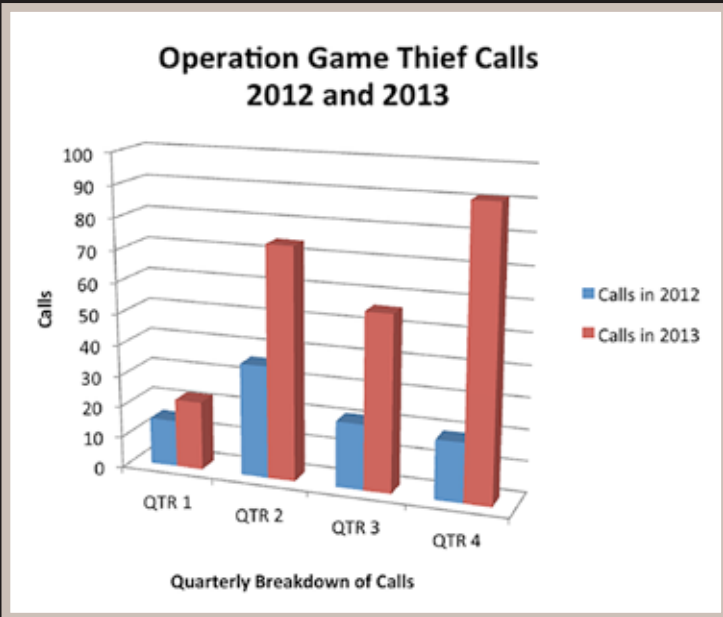
By Captain Mark Canale and Kevin Giberson

Information about wildlife violations witnessed or suspected can be reported anonymously through New Jersey's Operation Game Thief program for which you may receive a monetary reward. The program was upgraded in 2012 to increase awareness, develop plans to create a mobile display and to seek additional funding to sustain the reward feature.

In 2013 the Operation Game Thief program received 243 calls, a 158 percent increase over 2012. Calls regarding deer hunting (67) and trout fishing (31)

outnumbered reports concerning other species. Fish and Wildlife's northern region Bureau of Law Enforcement investigated the most calls of the state's four regions with roughly 40 percent the total calls.

The graph represents the value of a Crime Stoppers-type program dedicated to thwarting wildlife violators in New Jersey and shows the increased participation among New Jersey's sporting public.



The highest call volume to New Jersey's Operation Game Thief program occurred during deer and waterfowl seasons, as anticipated, which took place during the fourth quarter of 2013. This represents 37 percent of the calls reporting wildlife violators.

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Do you know of township or county lands where regulated hunting could provide relief from high deer densities?

You can become an important part of the wildlife management process to open more land to hunting.

Managing Deer by Gaining Hunter Access

By Cindy Kuenstner, Hunting and Shooting Sports Outreach Program Leader

There is an allure to hunting deer on land that currently has zero hunting pressure. The prospect of harvesting an unwary buck is exciting. Productive deer habitat with limited—or no—hunter access may include a suburban neighborhood, corporate development, municipal open space or county park acreage. When such properties remain closed to hunting, an overpopulation of deer can be expected. The Division of Fish and Wildlife works year-round to expand hunter access by guiding landowners and land managers (public and private) along with hunters and residents through several steps to reach the goal of reducing deer populations by opening land to hunting.

As wildlife managers, our agency understands the science—and has the data, experience and legal authority—to manage white-tailed deer in New Jersey for all to enjoy. Where an overabundance of deer develops and adversely affects the welfare of people in addition to degrading the local habitat, a deer management strategy should be implemented.

Municipal open space parcels (including those in agricultural crops) and large county park properties are among the numerous lands where Fish and Wildlife has been instrumental in the development of deer management programs using the most effective and efficient means of deer population reduction: regulated hunting. As a fundamental part of that process, our agency will create a constructive interface between residents, property owners or managers, county or local government officials and hunters. Fish and Wildlife assists county, township,

borough administrators and their councils by using the following approaches:

- ♦ Educate officials and residents on deer biology and ecology (including reproductive potential, feeding habits and preferences) to help put into perspective key wildlife management issues
- ♦ Provide deer harvest data
- ♦ Assess deer-vehicle collision data
- ♦ Reveal inappropriate deer feeding activities
- ♦ Advise on existing hunting- or shooting-related ordinances
- ♦ Assess deer damage to forest, crops and landscaping
- ♦ Highlight hunting laws and regulations
- ♦ Develop a deer management plan
- ♦ Facilitate cooperative hunter- landowner relations
- ♦ Provide a hunter orientation program focusing on hunter responsibility

Many township and county officials may not consider deer hunting on their lands as a form of recreation. Their primary concerns are for the health and welfare of their residents. Hence, reducing property damage, deer-vehicle collisions and the incidence of tick-borne diseases are the main goals of a deer population reduction strategy on municipal and county lands. Improving forest health is viewed as another important objective when developing a deer management plan through regulated hunting.

Do you know of township or county lands where hunting could provide relief from high deer densities? Are you a property owner or manager seeking relief from deer damage? **You can become**

an important part of the wildlife management process to open more land to regulated hunting.

Here's how:

1. Identify the un hunted property (location, acreage) and ownership (township, county).
2. Photograph deer sign showing overbrowsing of ornamental plantings, gardens and tree lines along with a lack of forest understory (plant diversity or regeneration) on and near the identified property.
3. Ask numerous property neighbors and note their experience with deer damage, deer-auto collisions and tick-borne illnesses.
4. Review Fish and Wildlife's website on white-tailed deer management, particularly the publication *An Evaluation of Deer Management Options* (http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/deer_mgt_options.pdf) for an excellent overview demonstrating that regulated hunting is the most efficient and effective solution to reduce deer overpopulation.
5. Prepare notes with several key points about the local deer overpopulation issue. Print images of obvious deer damage to vegetation.
6. Bring together residents who are experiencing deer overpopulation problems and want relief. Have them join you at a township council (or county board of freeholders) meeting where you will present facts about this local matter that needs attention.

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Local government officials highly value the input of their residents. Your involvement may provide the essential motivation for opening lands to regulated hunting.

7. Respectfully request that action be taken by the council to open select municipal lands to regulated hunting, where appropriate. Remind them that regulated hunting takes place safely in the large majority of communities throughout New Jersey. If an existing township ordinance prohibits hunting, propose that this be updated to remove such prohibition, just as numerous municipalities around the state have done in recent years. Signatures with the address of additional *residents* supporting these approaches are also valuable to present to the council.
8. Request that the municipality form a committee to develop a deer management plan with the support of New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife—at no charge. Consider serving on that committee. Our agency will, also.
9. After the public meeting, send a follow-up email or letter to the mayor and council restating your key points, the action you have asked the municipality to take and thank them for their sincere consideration. Copy Fish and Wildlife on this communication to keep us informed of municipalities that we might assist in developing an effective deer management program.

Remember that many non-hunters and township officials have no knowledge about our sport, mandatory hunter education courses, the outstanding hunter safety record, hunting laws and regulations

or the responsibilities that all hunters must uphold in order to maintain their hunting privileges. Meeting with local government officials is an opportunity to share several positive aspects about regulated hunting and to make a favorable impression. Your actions as an informed and vocal resident will open the door for Fish and Wildlife to work directly with your municipality, supporting them in developing straightforward, efficient and fiscally responsible deer management strategies that benefit all of their residents.

Wildlife biologists from Fish and Wildlife's Deer Research Project, our Hunting and Shooting Outreach Program, regional conservation officers and our Hunter Education Program take a team approach when working with municipal and county officials on deer- and hunting-related issues. This includes addressing any township ordinance that could affect hunting both on township open space lands and private properties throughout the municipality.

Be sure to notify our agency *immediately* if a municipality is considering any new ordinance that could affect hunting or the shooting sports. Note that a municipality cannot regulate hunting; this authority is pre-empted by the state. Prompt timing is essential for Fish and Wildlife to ensure that only valid and reasonable ordinances are enacted that might affect responsible wildlife management—and *your* hunting privileges.

Although the development of a new deer management plan for municipal or county properties will take time, likely several months, the long-term benefits of increasing hunter access are valuable and far reaching. A significant reduction in crop and property damage, decreased deer-vehicle collisions, fewer incidents of tick-borne diseases and a more diverse and naturally regenerating forest habitat can be realized with ongoing deer management strategies in place—all while nurturing a healthier habitat for the wildlife that everyone appreciates.

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife encourages residents—hunters and non-hunters alike—to partner with us, making this a successful process to manage deer by gaining hunter access.

For support in approaching your municipal or county officials to open land for regulated deer hunting as a management tool, contact:

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Regulations in red are new this year.

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

Black Bear Hunting Season: Dec. 8–13, 2014

Hunting Hours: Legal hunting hours for black bear shall be ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

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

Special permit requirement: All black bear hunters must have a current and valid firearm hunting license and a special Black Bear Hunting Permit issued by Fish and Wildlife. See *Black Bear Management Zone Descriptions*, page 61; see also *Black Bear Hunting Permits*, page 12. Hunters are limited to purchasing two black bear hunting permits, one each for two different zones. The bag limit remains at one black bear per hunter.

Youth Bear Hunters: Youth hunters with a valid hunting license must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Youth hunters aged 10 through 13 on or before Dec. 8, 2014 must be under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult (21 years of age or older) while bear hunting. The adult must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Direct supervision means the youth hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The youth hunter may not hunt independently of the adult.

Firearms and Ammunition Legal For Bear Hunting

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

Muzzleloader Rifle: must be single-barrel, single shot rifles not less than .44 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions are allowed. Double barrel muzzleloaders prohibited. Persons hunting with a muzzleloader rifle must also possess a current and valid rifle hunting permit.

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

bait is prohibited. Hunters should also check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on any hunting area.

Additional Black Bear Hunting Regulations

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

Black Bear Hunting on State Lands

- ♦ Baiting is **prohibited** within 450 feet of campsites and picnic areas in all state parks and forests to coincide with the bear management policy for these areas. Learn these locations BEFORE you hunt.
- ♦ Hunting is prohibited in the Cedar Swamp Natural Area at High Point State Park due to sensitive wetland habitat that could be impacted by going off trail in this area.
- ♦ ATV use is prohibited in state parks, forests and wildlife management areas. However, hunters might be permitted to use ATVs to retrieve a bear but only with approval from, and on a pathway approved by, the park superintendent or designee (for state parks and forests) or from Fish and Wildlife's regional Law Enforcement office (for assistance on wildlife management areas).

After Harvesting a Bear—Mandatory Bear Check Requirement

Properly licensed hunters who harvest a black bear shall immediately complete and affix to the bear hide the "Black Bear Transportation Tag" from their Black Bear Hunting Permit. Information

included on the black bear transportation tag shall include: the hunter's name, address, Conservation ID number; date and time of kill; nearest road, county and municipality of kill; and the sex of the black bear. When field dressing a black bear, leave the sex organs intact and attached to the body.

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

Successful hunters must take the black bear to a designated check station by 7 p.m. on the day of the kill. Hunters shall surrender the black bear transportation tag and will be issued a legal possession seal.

Any legally killed black bear recovered too late to be brought to a designated black bear check station by 7 p.m. on the date of the kill must be reported immediately by telephone to the Northern Region Office of the Bureau of Law Enforcement (908) 735-8240. On the telephone message recording device, hunters must leave their name, address and a telephone number where they can be reached. The harvested black bear must be brought to a designated black bear check station on the next weekday to be registered and to receive a legal possession seal. After check stations have closed on Saturday, hunters reporting a bear harvest via the Law Enforcement recorder will be contacted by a Fish and Wildlife biologist on Sunday to legally check the bear and to collect biological data.

Mandatory Black Bear Check Stations

Hours: 12 noon to 7 p.m.

Warren County

- ♦ Pequest Wildlife Management Area
605 Pequest Road, Oxford

Morris County

- ♦ Black River Wildlife Management Area*
275 North Road, Chester
- ♦ Green Pond Golf Course
765 Green Pond Rd, Rt. 513, Rockaway

Sussex County

- ♦ Flatbrook Roy WMA
Rt. 615 (Walpack Rd.), Sandyston
- ♦ Whittingham WMA
148 Fredon-Springdale Rd., Newton

* Operating Opening Day and Saturday only

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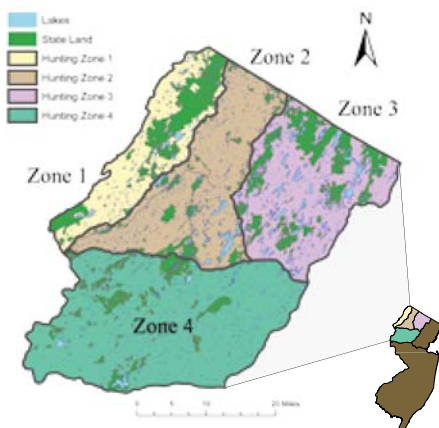
As when cooking any raw meat, care must be taken to prevent exposure to disease when consuming wild game. Black bear are known to carry *Trichinella*, a parasite commonly associated with pork. States nationwide report incidents of bears infected with *Trichinella* and New Jersey is no different. A *Trichinella* infection (Trichinellosis) is a risk only

if the meat is cooked improperly. To ensure bear meat is safe to eat, be sure it's cooked to an internal temperature of 170 degrees for at least 15 seconds.

Toxoplasmosis, most commonly associated with cats, is another parasitic disease that may be transmitted to humans if meat is not handled properly. To eliminate any health risks associated with Toxoplasmosis make sure no one who may be pregnant handle raw bear meat and always cook the meat thoroughly as you would for *Trichinella*. If you follow these simple guidelines you can enjoy your bear meat without any concern for exposure to *Trichinella* or Toxoplasmosis.

BLACK BEAR MANAGEMENT ZONE MAP

NOTE: Bear management zones are different than deer management zones.



2013 Black Bear Harvest by Zone and County

BMZ	2013 Harvest
1	107
2	62
3	70
4	14
Total	253

County	2013 Harvest
Sussex	155
Warren	42
Morris	30
Passaic	25
Hunterdon	1
Total	253

No bears were harvested in the portions of Bergen and Somerset counties open to bear hunting in 2013.

Black Bear Management Zone Descriptions

Note: Black bear management zones are different than deer management zones. Choose carefully when purchasing a black bear permit.

Bear Management Zone No. 1: That portion of Warren and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of

the Portland Bridge and the Delaware River at Columbia; then northward along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York State line; then east along the New York State line to Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 627; then south along Rt. 627 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then southwest along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 94 in Blairstown; the southwest along Rt. 94 to the Portland Bridge, the point of beginning in Columbia. The islands of Labar, Tocks, Poxono, Depew, Namanock, Minisink and Mashpacong lying in the Delaware River are also included within this hunting area.

Bear Management Zone No. Area 2: That portion of Sussex, Warren and Morris counties lying within a continuous line beginning at Portland Bridge in Columbia; then northward along Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 521 in Blairstown; then north along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 626; then north along Rt. 626 to its intersection with Rt. 627; then north along Rt. 627 to its intersection with Rt. 519 in Branchville; then north along Rt. 519 to the New York State line; then southeast along the New York State line to Rt. 517; then south on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 23 in Hamburg Borough; then south along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 517 in Franklin; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 15 in Sparta; then south along Rt. 15 to its intersection

with Interstate 80 in Dover; then west along interstate 80 to its intersection with Rt. 94; then south along Rt. 94 to the intersection with the Portland Bridge and the Delaware River located in Columbia, the point of beginning.

Bear Management Zone No. 3: That portion of Sussex, Passaic, Morris and Bergen counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 80 and Rt. 15 in Dover; then north along Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 517 in Sparta; then north along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 23 in Franklin; then north along Rt. 23/517 to its intersection with 517 in Hamburg Borough; then north along Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt 517; then north along Rt. 517 to the New York State line; then east along the New York State line to its intersection with Rt. 287; then south along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15 the point of beginning in Dover.

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

Create a New Tradition: Hunt New Jersey Black Bear

The management of New Jersey's black bears has proven to be one of the most controversial issues in recent wildlife management history. Some said there would never be a black bear hunting season in New Jersey which underestimates the dedication of Garden State sportsmen and sportswomen. Your support for the scientific management of New Jersey's wildlife resources is outstanding. This same support for proper wildlife management will ensure an enduring bear hunting tradition for future generations along with a healthy black bear population for all residents to appreciate.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife's Black Bear Project would like to take this opportunity to thank the New Jersey sportsmen and sportswomen, volunteers, cooperating agencies and staff for their hard work and dedication to the conservation of black bears, without which nothing we have accomplished would have been possible.

Black bears have always been and will always be an integral part of the New Jersey landscape. We should all be proud to be a part of this new hunting tradition.

If you are looking for an inexpensive and exciting hunting adventure close to home, consider hunting black bears in New Jersey. For tips on how to get started hunting New Jersey black bears visit our website www.NJFishandWildlife.com.



Tips for Hunting New Jersey's Black Bear



Small Game Hunting

REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.

A CURRENT AND valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-Around Sportsman) is required to pursue any small game species. See page 25 for *General Hunting Regulations*. The use of dogs, unless specifically stated otherwise, is permitted to pursue any small game species, except wild turkey. Hunting for those species shown on page 65 is prohibited during the statewide Six-day Firearm (deer) Season and on the Wednesday of the Permit Shotgun (deer) Season that immediately follows the Six-day Firearm Season. For exceptions, see *Coyote and Fox* and *Semi-wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting* sections below. **Sunday hunting is prohibited**; see *Raccoon and Opossum*, page 64 plus *Semi-wild and Commercial Shooting Preserves* for exceptions.

Season Dates and Bag Limits: The *Small Game Hunting Seasons* table on page 65 lists dates, hunting hours and daily bag limits for all small game species open for hunting.

General Small Game Hunting Methods: Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns or bow and arrow and limited hunting with small caliber rifles; see air gun and coyote/fox regulations. See also *General Hunting Regulations*, page 25.

Shotgun: Unless specifically stated otherwise, shotguns for small game hunting may be single or double barrel, rifled or smoothbore and not larger

than 10-gauge or smaller than .410 caliber and capable of holding no more than three shells.

Shot: Unless specifically stated otherwise, shot size for small game hunting may be no larger than #4 fine shot.

Bow and Arrow: All bows must meet the requirements specified in *General Hunting Regulations*, page 25. **For taking game birds in flight, arrows equipped with an edged head are prohibited. Flu flu arrows are required for taking game birds in flight.**

Air gun: Air guns may be used for taking cottontail rabbit, hare and gray squirrel using ammunition not smaller than .177 caliber or larger than .22 caliber. Air gun BBs are not legal for hunting. See also *Air Guns* under *Firearms and Missiles*, page 28.

Muzzleloading Rifles: For limited small game rifle hunting, see below for *Coyote and Fox—Special Permit Season, Squirrel—Muzzleloading Rifle Season* and *Woodchuck* for restrictions.

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

Stealing Traps or Trapped Animals: It is illegal to take, carry away or unlawfully remove or steal a trap belonging to another person that is set along, by or in public or private property, ditch, stream, pond or water in this state and which has been

set for the purpose of catching any of the furbearing animals species for which a legal season is established. It is also illegal to remove, alive or dead, any animal from the trap of another person.

Coyote and Fox, General and Special Permit Seasons

See chart below for both general and special permit season regulations for coyote and fox. **NOTE: All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name, CID# and daytime phone number.**

In addition to the general coyote and fox seasons described in the chart below, properly licensed turkey hunters may legally harvest coyotes if encountered incidental to legal turkey hunting. Turkey hunters shall not actively pursue coyotes or have coyote calls or decoys in possession. Also, properly licensed persons hunting deer during the Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun deer seasons may kill coyote or fox if the coyote or fox is encountered before the hunter has taken the season bag limit of deer. However, after the hunter has taken a *daily* bag limit of deer, they must cease hunting immediately. Incidental hunting of coyote or fox while deer hunting may resume the following

(continued on page 64)

Coyote / Fox Season

Dates	Bow Only: Sept. 13–Nov. 7 in DMZs open for early fall bow deer hunting; otherwise Oct. 4–Nov. 7	Firearm or Bow: Nov. 8–March 14	Special Permit Season: Jan. 1 – March 14 (Permit required with shot larger than #4 fine thru #4 Buck sizes and/or nighttime hunting and/or using a muzzleloading rifle other than incidental to deer hunting and/or using a modern rifle)	
Hours	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise
Weapon Type and Projectiles Permitted	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> above.	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above. Shotgun and Shot Size: See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above. Shotgun: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 12 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells. Shot: Not smaller than BB or larger than #4 Buck. Pellets must be lead or a tungsten-nickel-iron hybrid. Muzzleloading rifle: single-shot, single barrel no less than .44 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted, loaded only with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet. Electronic ignitions prohibited. A modern rifle magazine need not be pinned (plugged), but may be loaded with no more than three cartridges. Centerfire rifles: From .17 to maximum of .25 caliber with soft point or hollow point bullets and maximum of 80 grains. Rimfire rifles: From .17 to maximum of .22 caliber with soft point or hollow point bullets and maximum of 50 grains.	Shotgun: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 12 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells. Shot: sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than T
Notes	Hunter orange not required. Use of dogs prohibited. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	Hunter orange required when using firearm. Muzzleloading rifle may be used only incidental to deer hunting. Use of dogs permitted except not during Dec. 8–13 and Dec. 17. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	While hunting under the provisions of the Special Permit: Hunter orange is not required (but is recommended while traveling to/from hunting areas.) Hunting methods are restricted to calling and stand hunting. A predator-calling device (manual or electronic) must be in possession. Use of dogs is prohibited. Use of bait is prohibited. Portable lights are allowed. Sunday hunting is not legal. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	

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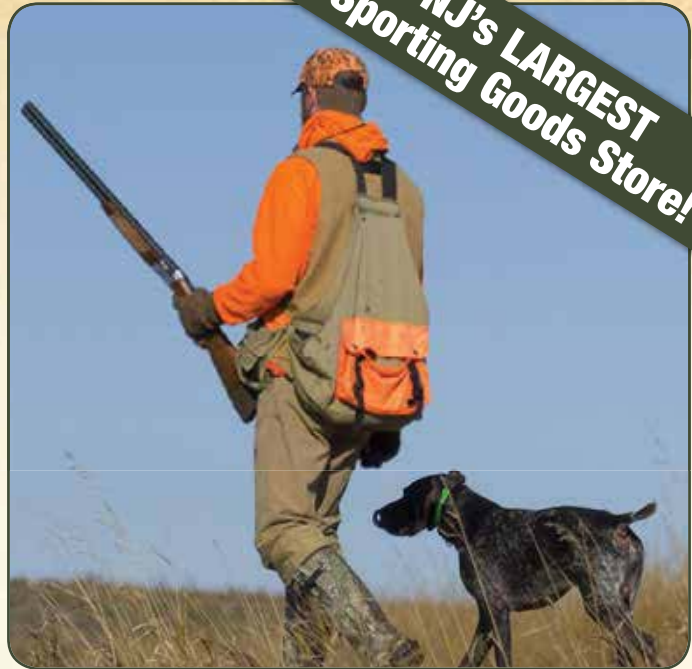
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day (provided the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached.) Only applicable projectiles approved for deer hunting may be used to take coyote and fox incidental to deer hunting during the deer seasons described above. See *Firearms, Bow and Ammunition* chart, page 31.

Baiting for coyote/fox is prohibited while hunting elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind within 300 feet of a baited area.

Further, in addition to the general Coyote and Fox seasons plus the incidental harvest of coyote or fox while deer hunting, a Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season runs concurrent with the regular small game coyote and fox season. A Fish and Wildlife-issued permit is required to hunt coyote or fox under the provisions (see below) of the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season; as follows:

A permit to hunt coyote or fox is required 1.) to hunt at night and/or 2.) to use shot sizes larger than #4 fine and up to size #4 Buck, and/or 3.) to use a rifle for coyote or fox other than incidental to deer hunting. Sunday hunting is not legal.

Coyote/Fox permits: \$2, available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site (www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com) beginning December 1. A 2014 hunting license must be purchased prior to or in conjunction with the purchase of a Special Coyote and Fox Permit.

Northern Bobwhite (Quail)

Northern bobwhite quail are native to the southern half of New Jersey. In recent years, quail populations have declined throughout their range including New Jersey.

In an effort to reverse this decline in New Jersey, the statewide quail hunting season is closed except at Peaslee WMA and Greenwood Forest WMA where Fish and Wildlife will provide hunters and falconers the opportunity to hunt for quail.

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits. Exception: This statewide closure does not apply to certain semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves that were permitted to stock quail during the 2009–10 season.

Pheasant

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits. See exceptions below for semi-wild and commercial preserve hunting.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas: Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose Youth License remains valid until Dec. 31 in the year they reach 16 years of age) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated wildlife management areas shall have in possession a current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp (Youth

Hunting licenses include pheasant and quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville (Bevan), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Howardsville), Heislerville, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. A current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp is also required at the Delaware River National Recreation Area.

Pheasant and Quail Stocking

Fish and Wildlife anticipates pheasant and quail releases to be as follows:

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

- ♦ Nov. 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29
- ♦ Dec. 6, 20, 23, 27, 30

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

- ♦ Nov. 8, 15, 22, 27, 29
- ♦ Dec. 6, 20, 27, 30

Greenwood Forest and Peaslee WMAs will be stocked with quail for the following dates:

- ♦ Nov. 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29
- ♦ Dec. 6, 20, 23, 27, 30

Fish and Wildlife reminds sportsmen and sportswomen that the stocking schedule is tentative until approved by the Fish and Game Council in early October. The schedule is subject to pheasant production and may change due to emergency weather conditions. For changes to the stocking schedule due to inclement weather or other necessary adjustments, visit our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/smgame_info.htm.

Rabbit and Hare

The rabbit and hare hunting season will begin the last Saturday in September. The early opening date allows for hunting opportunity when rabbit populations are at their peak. Air guns may be used for taking cottontail rabbit and hare using ammunition not smaller than .177 caliber or larger than .22 caliber. See also *Air Guns* under *Firearms and Missiles*, page 28 and *General Small Game Hunting Methods*, page 62.

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits.

Raccoon and Opossum

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits.

Hours: Hunting may not begin until one hour after sunset on the opening day of the season. On all other days open during the season, the hours of hunting are one hour after sunset to one hour before

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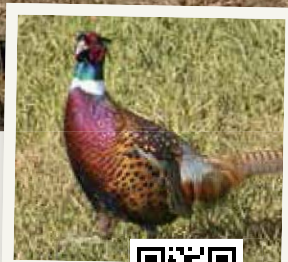
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2014–2015 Small Game Hunting Seasons

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Bobwhite (quail)	Closed statewide; except at Peaslee & Greenwood WMA (see Notes) At Peaslee & Greenwood WMAs ONLY: Nov. 8–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2014 and Jan. 1–31, 2015	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	4	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 Quail may be hunted ONLY at Peaslee and Greenwood Forest WMAs. Pheasant and Quail Stamp required. Season closed in remainder of the state. (See exceptions under Northern Bobwhite, page 64.)
Coyote* and Fox, General All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.	Bow and Arrow only: Sept. 13–Nov. 7 in DMZ Regulation Sets 4–8 Oct. 4–Nov. 7 in DMZ Regulation Sets 0–3 Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 8–Mar. 14	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 Deer hunters may harvest coyote and fox during all open deer seasons with restrictions as specified under Small Game Hunting, <i>Coyote and Fox</i> , page 62. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting).
Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.	Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Jan. 1–Mar. 14 (permit required)	Permit holders may hunt day and night with certain restrictions; see Notes at right. Sunday hunting from midnight Saturday (12:01 a.m.) to one hour before sunrise Sunday only.	No limit	For complete details, and for when a permit is required, see Small Game Hunting, <i>Coyote and Fox</i> , page 62. Calling and standing hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession. See <i>Coyote/Fox Season</i> table, page 62, for firearm and ammo restrictions. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with any legal rifle, allowed only during daytime hunting hours. During night hunting (½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise), only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns are permitted. See pellet restrictions in table on page 62. <i>Coyote/fox permit required.</i>
Crow** (Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat.)	Aug. 11–Mar. 21 (See Notes .)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 Maximum shot size is #4
Grouse, Ruffed**	North of Rt. 70: Oct. 11–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31 South of Rt. 70: Nov. 8–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8
Opossum & Raccoon	Oct. 1 to Mar. 1	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	No limit	Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. 7:41 p.m. start on Oct. 1. Closed Dec. 8–13 and Dec. 17.
Pheasant & Partridge	Nov. 8–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2014; Jan. 1–Feb. 16, 2015	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Chukar — 7 Hungarian — 7 Pheasant — 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 64).
Rabbit, Hare & Jackrabbit**	Sept. 27–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2014; Jan. 1–Feb. 21, 2015	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail — 4 Hare — 1 Jackrabbit — 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8
Squirrel, Gray**	Sept. 27–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2014; Jan. 1–Feb. 16, 2015	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8. Air guns are legal to harvest squirrel. See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> page 62.
Squirrel, Gray: Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 27–Nov. 7 and Jan. 4 to Feb. 16	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 66).
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	(Period N) Oct. 25–Nov. 1	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.	1 Turkey (either sex) per permit	Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1–5, 8, 9, 11, 20–22 only.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	(Periods A to E) April 20–May 22	½ hour before sunrise to noon; starting May 11, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2015 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth)	(Period Y) April 18 to May 22, 2015	½ hour before sunrise to noon; starting May 11, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2015 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Woodchuck:** Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	March 1 to Oct. 1, 2014 March 2 to Sept. 30, 2015	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. Rifle hunting prohibited on state property (see <i>General Hunting Regulations</i> , page 25 and <i>Small Game Regulations</i> page 62).
Woodchuck: Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 27–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2014; Jan. 1–Feb. 16, 2015	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8
Woodcock**	See <i>Migratory Bird Regulations**</i> on page 72	Sunrise to sunset	3 daily; 6 possession	HIP number required (see page 73). 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8
Youth Turkey Day	April 18, 2015	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. Refer to 2015 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Youth Upland Bird Day	Nov. 1, 2014	8 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant — 2 Quail — 4	Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (see page 24).

* All harvested coyote must be reported to a regional Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name, CID# and daytime phone number.

** The starting time to hunt migratory birds on Nov. 8 only on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas shall be 8 a.m. See list of areas, page 64.

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sunrise. Sunday hunting is permitted **only for raccoon** between the hours of midnight (the beginning of Saturday) and one hour before sunrise (Sunday).

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

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

Ruffed Grouse

The state's two ruffed grouse hunting zones are delineated by Rt. 70. North of Rt. 70 the season will begin October 11. South of Rt. 70 the season will begin Nov. 8 to reduce harvest mortality of the remaining populations in the southern zone. The ruffed grouse zones are identical to those for woodcock and will provide for consistent regulations for these species that are often hunted simultaneously. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits.

Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Hunting for pheasant, quail and chukar or Hungarian partridge is allowed from Nov. 8 to March 15 on semi-wild and from Sept. 1 through May 1 on commercial shooting preserves (which also allows mallards) that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These game birds may be hunted on Sunday only on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands.

Youth hunters (in possession of a valid Youth Hunting License and accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult) will be permitted to hunt pheasant, quail, Hungarian partridge and/or chukar partridge on licensed semi-wild preserves on Saturday, Nov. 1—the Youth Upland Bird Hunting Day.

All game taken on semi-wild or commercial preserves must be properly tagged before being transported off the licensed property.

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

Squirrel, Regular Season

Air guns may be used for taking squirrel using ammunition not smaller than .177 caliber or larger than .22 caliber. See also *Air Guns* under *Firearms and Missiles*, page 28 and *General Small Game Hunting Methods*, page 62. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65.

Woodchuck Season

Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)
	Center-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight.
		Larger than .25 caliber	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight not exceeding 100 grains in weight.
March 1 to Oct. 1, 2014	Rim-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point or soft point
March 2 to Sept. 30, 2015	Muzzleloading rifle: single-shot, single barrel. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	No restriction	Must be loaded with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet.
	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"
	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot
Sept. 27–Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2014	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"
Jan. 1–Feb. 16, 2015	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot

Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle Season

Persons holding a current and valid firearm license and rifle permit may hunt for squirrels from sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset with a muzzleloading rifle (.36 caliber or smaller loaded with a single projectile) during the periods Sept. 27–Nov. 7 and Jan. 3–Feb. 16.

Hunting for squirrel in the manner described above is restricted to the areas described below:

- Those portions of Passaic, Mercer, Hunterdon, Warren, Morris and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 513 and the New York State line; then south along Rt. 513 to its intersection with Rt. 511; then south along Rt. 511 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15; then north along Rt. 15 to its intersection with the Morris-Sussex County line; then south along the Morris-Sussex County line to the Warren County line; then southwest along the Morris-Warren County line to the Hunterdon County line; then southeast along the Morris-Hunterdon County line to the Somerset County line; then south along the Somerset-Hunterdon County line to its intersection with the Mercer County line; then west and south along the Hunterdon Mercer County line to its intersection with Rt. 31; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 546; then west along Rt. 546 to the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York State line; then east along the New York State line to the point of beginning at Lakeside.

- In that portion of Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic,

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

Woodchuck

All persons in possession of a rifle (including a muzzleloading rifle) while hunting woodchuck must have a current and valid rifle permit in addition to the current hunting license. Rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is prohibited on state wildlife management areas, state parks, state forests or state recreation areas. Farmers and their agents may use shot not larger than #4 buckshot to control woodchuck causing damage. Hours of hunting are sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. See chart at right for woodchuck hunting details. ♫

Fall 2014 Turkey Hunting Regulations

The 2014 fall turkey season will consist of one seven-day hunting segment, N, (excluding Sunday) from Saturday, Oct. 25 through Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014. Fall hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Turkey Hunting Areas 1–5, 8, 9, 11, 20–22 are open for fall hunting. Turkey Hunting Areas 6, 7, 10, 12 and 14–16 are closed to fall hunting.

- ♦ **Bag Limit:** One wild turkey of either sex per day during the fall season regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds.
- ♦ Dogs and artificial decoys may be used while turkey hunting in the fall season, except the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. All hunters are required to possess a calling device while turkey hunting.
- ♦ The maximum group size while turkey hunting is five hunters. Hunters may not attempt to chase or drive turkeys for the purpose of putting them in range of other hunters. However, hunters may rush a flock of turkeys to cause the flock to scatter.
- ♦ No shot larger than #4 fine shot or smaller than #7½ fine shot may be used for turkey hunting.
- ♦ Hunters may not use shotguns larger than 10-gauge or smaller than 20-gauge for turkey hunting.
- ♦ Fluorescent hunter orange is not required to hunt turkey.
- ♦ Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle to hunt turkeys.
- ♦ While turkey hunting, a weapon may not be in possession within 300 feet of any baited area. Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must complete the transportation tag on their fall hunting permit and affix it to the bird. The turkey must be taken to an official wild turkey check station by 7 p.m. on the day it is killed by the hunter who killed the bird.

Spring Turkey Season Changes

Spring turkey hunters should note that legal hunting hours for the last two weeks of the spring turkey season (including all of period D and the last Saturday of period E) are changed to ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. For periods A, B, C and the first three Saturdays of period E, hunting hours will still end at noon. This expansion of hunting hours will increase opportunity for working and youth hunters. Coyotes may be harvested incidentally while turkey hunting. See page 62.

Spring 2015 Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting regulations are published in the 2015 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement available in January. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 12.

Turkey Hunting Seminars

The latest turkey hunting techniques are presented at several turkey hunting seminars sponsored by Fish and Wildlife or wildlife conservation organizations. These seminars focus on how to set up, calling techniques and key safety information for turkey hunters. New turkey hunters are especially encouraged to join us at a seminar. Check your newspaper and the January 2015 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement for the seminars scheduled during March or April. 🦃



Just the day before, Lexis McCurry from Hardyston broke her hand playing softball. The 14 year old didn't let that interfere with her first-ever turkey hunt where she harvested this fine bird.

2015 Spring Gobbler Hunting Season

Hunting Period	Dates
Youth Turkey Hunting Day (10–16 years of age) Hunting Period Y	Sat., April 18 If no turkey is harvested on this youth hunt day, Period Y permits may be used in the designated zone for balance of season until a bird is harvested
Hunting Period A	Mon., April 20–Fri., April 24
Hunting Period B	Mon., April 27–Fri., May 1
Hunting Period C	Mon., May 4–Fri., May 8
Hunting Period D	Mon., May 11–Fri., May 15; Mon., May 18–Fri., May 22
Hunting Period E	All Saturdays, April 25, May 2, May 9 and May 16

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Youth Turkey Hunt Day

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If no turkey is harvested on this youth hunt day, Period Y permits may be used by the youth hunter in the designated zone for the balance of the season until a bird is harvested (see page 24).

Non-hunting adults accompanying youth turkey hunters need only have in possession a valid hunting license. Turkey hunting is by permit only.
 Spring and fall turkey hunting is by permit only. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 12. For farmers, see *Farmer Turkey Permits*, page 28.

Warning to Violators

Be advised: two violations of wildlife management area regulations will result in loss of all sporting licenses and privileges for a period of five years.

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By Karen Byrne, Senior Biologist

The 23rd Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament was held on May 18, 2014 at Island Beach State Park, the first time in tournament history that the event was not held on the traditional first Sunday in October. Over 600 anglers, along with family and friends, enjoyed a sunny, spring day of fishing. A bluefish blitz kept tournament judges on the move with nearly 200 fish being measured.

Chris Follmer of Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, took the grand prize and the New Jersey Governor's Cup with a 36-inch bluefish. Follmer received two rod-and-reel combinations plus a plaque and will have his name engraved on the Governor's Cup, on permanent display at the park. New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, who joined the tournament participants fishing with her family and friends, greeted anglers at tournament headquarters and took part in the awards ceremony.

In addition to the Governor's Cup winner, twenty anglers received rod-and-reel combinations for their prize-winning fish in the striped bass and bluefish categories. Overall fish length determined the grand prize winner, as well as first, second or third place in each of the species categories. There were categories for children, teen and adult anglers, including sub-categories for male and female anglers.

Since its inception in 1991, the tournament has generated more than \$130,000 for various marine



In the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament winner's circle: L-R: Paul Haertel (Jersey Coast Angler Assoc.), Chris Follmer (Governor's Cup winner), John Rogalo (NJ State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs), Lt. Governor Guadagno, Tim Burden (NJ Beach Buggy Assoc.) and Dave Chanda (Director, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife).

education and restoration efforts, construction of access ramps for disabled saltwater anglers, surf fishing instruction programs and equipment, specialized wheel chairs that provide beach access to the disabled and elderly, plus the purchase of the first mobile automatic heart defibrillator for use at Island Beach State Park.

For more information about the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament or to receive a registration form for next year's Tournament, visit NJFishandWildlife.com/gsft.htm or call (609) 748-4347.

Thank you!

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, along with our co-sponsors: New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Jersey Coast Anglers Association and New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, would like to thank the following organizations for contributing to the success of the 23rd Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament in 2014:

- Canyon Gear
- Chestnut Neck Boat Yard
- Eagle Claw Fishing Tackle
- L&H Wood and Water
- Legal Limits Company
- Manns Bait Company
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- Stanley Jigs
- Sportsman's Center

A very special posthumous thank you to Ken Jelnicki, Jr. who, for the past five years, donated his custom-designed bait launching device—the Surf Rocket—as an early registration prize. Mr. Jelnicki passed away in January 2014 but will be remembered as being passionate about surf fishing and always willing to help other anglers.



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Monster Muskie Caught on Our Lure!

Regulations in red are new this year.

- ♦ A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See pages 1 and 8 for license information.
- ♦ All traps set or used must bear a legible tag of durable material with the **Conservation Identification Number (CID#)** of the person setting, using and maintaining the traps.
- ♦ No traps or trap stakes are to be set prior to times indicated in this section.
- ♦ All traps must be checked and tended at least once every 24 hours, preferably in the morning.
- ♦ No trap shall be permitted to remain set on any property at the close of the trapping season.
- ♦ No person shall steal or attempt to take traps of another, or remove a trapped animal without permission of the trap owner.
- ♦ **Any person (including a farmer) who traps a coyote must notify a Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name, CID# and daytime phone number.**
- ♦ Licensed trappers and in possession of a valid rifle permit may carry a .22 caliber rifle and use only .22 caliber short rimfire cartridges to kill legally trapped animals other than muskrat. Firearms may not be loaded with more than three rounds.

Trapper Josh Garris, 14, harvested this 43 pound beaver in Stillwater during the cold, snowy days of January 2014.



NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Beaver and River Otter

Beaver may be taken only by properly licensed trappers in possession of a special beaver trapping permit valid for an entire management zone, or a special site-specific beaver permit valid as designated on the permit. River otter may only be taken by properly licensed trappers in possession of a special river otter trapping permit valid for an entire management zone. Application can be made at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. Applicants must have a current and valid trapping license to apply.

Zone maps, boundary descriptions and permit quotas are available on our website or call (609) 292-1473. Applicants must have a current and valid trapping license to apply. The application period is October 1–31. **Applicants may apply for only one beaver trapping permit and/or one otter trapping permit.** If the number of applications exceeds the permit quota, a random lottery drawing will be held to determine permit holders. Successful beaver permit applicants will be given first opportunity for otter permits in their respective zone.

The Director may issue Beaver Damage Control Permits to owners or lessees of any land to control beaver damage. Damage Control Permits issued during the open beaver trapping season may be awarded to applicants that did not receive a zone wide permit during the open lottery and who reside near the damage site. All beaver harvested on Damage Control Permits issued during the open season must be registered at an official beaver/otter check station. Beaver taken on Damage Control Permits issued outside of the open beaver trapping season may not be possessed or sold by the damage permit holder.

Other beaver/otter rules and regulations:

- ♦ Holders of a river otter trapping permit may use a maximum of three traps daily.
- ♦ **Trappers may only possess one Special River Otter Trapping Permit per season.**
- ♦ All beaver and otter trap tags must be clearly visible above the water or ice.
- ♦ **Holders of both a Special Beaver Permit and a Beaver Damage Control Permit may use five additional traps daily on the property listed in the Damage Control Permit.**
- ♦ A Fish and Wildlife-issued Beaver Transportation Tag or Otter Transportation Tag must be affixed to the beaver or otter carcass **immediately upon taking possession of the animal.**
- ♦ All otters harvested incidentally by beaver trappers (i.e., trappers possessing a beaver permit but not an otter permit) must be fully surrendered to the Division of Fish and Wildlife. The entire carcass, including the pelt, must be surrendered.
- ♦ All successful trappers (or their agents) must present their beaver and/or otter pelts at a designated check station for examination where pelt tags will be affixed. **All otter carcasses must be surrendered when pelts are registered, as required by the Game Code. Failure to submit your carcass will result in the issuance of a citation by the Bureau of Law Enforcement.**
- ♦ Trappers are requested to properly flesh and stretch all pelts for examination. Additional

information on check stations will be provided to all permit holders.

- ♦ Fish and Wildlife will staff check-in stations at the Assunpink, Clinton, Flatbrook, Tuckahoe and Winslow WMAs and the Newfoundland Fire Company on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015 (9 a.m.–noon). Successful trappers who cannot attend the scheduled dates should contact either Joseph Garris at (908) 735-7040 or Andrew Burnett at (609) 748-2058 prior to Feb. 14 to make alternate arrangements.
- ♦ Permit holders will be notified by email, telephone or U.S. mail in the event the beaver and otter trapping season is extended for any reason, and notified of any change in the pelt registration date.

Bobcat and Fisher

Bobcats are classified as endangered in New Jersey; they are distributed widely across the northern part of the state. Fishers are returning, naturally and through reintroduction efforts in New York and Pennsylvania, to most of their historic range in the northeastern United States. Fishers have been documented in several northern and southern New Jersey counties.

There is no open trapping season for either bobcat or fisher; possession is not permitted. If you encounter a live bobcat or fisher on your trapline, do not disturb the animal or the set but **immediately notify Fish and Wildlife by calling (877) WARNDEP (927-6337).** A Fish and Wildlife technician will provide further instructions. Call the same number for a dead bobcat or fisher on your trapline; a Fish and Wildlife technician arrange to pick up the animal. Biological samples will be taken from all bobcat and fisher carcasses. The data collected will be instrumental to understand the status of the species populations.

Traps, Live-capture Cable Restraints (Snares)

- ♦ No person shall set, use or maintain any type of snare unless they have first passed a Fish and Wildlife-approved trapper education course and carry on their person appropriate certification thereof.
- ♦ All natural baits consisting of fish, bird or mammal carcasses or flesh used in trapping with live-capture cable restraints must be covered or concealed from view except when placed at least 30 feet from any trap set.

Live-capture cable restraints set for mink, muskrat and nutria are subject to the following requirements:

- ♦ All such traps must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 1/32, 3/64 or 1/16 inches in diameter, equipped with a swivel and set within 50 feet of the mean high water line;
- ♦ All such traps must be equipped with a stop to prevent the average loop diameter from exceeding 4 inches; and,
- ♦ All such traps must be set so that the distance between the ground/walking surface to the top of the loop does not exceed 7 inches.

Live-capture cable restraints set for coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk and weasel shall be subject to the following requirements:

- All such traps must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 5/64 to 3/16 inches in diameter and be equipped with a swivel;
- All such traps must be equipped with a deer stop located no less than 6 inches from the beginning of the cable and a loop stop to prevent the average loop diameter from exceeding 12 inches; and,
- All such traps must be set so that the distance between the ground / walking surface to the top of the loop does not exceed 24 inches.

The above requirements for cable diameters, loop stops and loop sizes do not apply to body gripping restraining snares that are completely submerged underwater at all times (e.g., when set for beaver or river otter).

Traps, Body-gripping or Killer-type

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

It is illegal to use, set or maintain a body-gripping or killer-type trap having a jaw spread greater than 6 inches without a permit for beaver or river otter. A body-gripping or killer-type trap with a jaw spread of no more than 10 inches may be used for beaver or river otter. Jaw spread shall be measured between the

inner edges of the jaws across the trigger of a set trap. Beaver and otter trap tags must be placed above the water line and exposed to view.

Traps, Leg-hold

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

Coyote, Red and Gray Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum and Weasel Trapping

- **Season Dates:** Nov. 15–Mar. 15 except Jan. 1–Mar. 15 on select WMAs*.
- **Bag Limits:** No daily bag limit for any of these species.
- No open fisher season. Call (877) 927-6337 to report any fisher capture.
- Traps may not be set prior to 6 a.m. on the respective opening day.
- Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area closed to trapping.

Mink, Muskrat and Nutria Trapping Zones

- **North Zone:** Those portions of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties lying north beginning at the intersection of US Rt. 1 and the Delaware River at Trenton; then north along Rt. 1 to its intersection with I-287; then south along I-287 to its intersection

with Rt. 440; then east along Rt. 440 to the NJ-NY state line.

- **South Zone:** Those portions of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem counties lying south of the aforementioned line.

- * The following wildlife management areas (WMAs) are closed to trapping until Jan. 1: Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Bevans (Millville), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, Greenwood (incl. Howardsville), Heislerville, MacNamara (Tuckahoe), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Winslow and Whittingham. Trapping is prohibited at all times on the Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area. ♣

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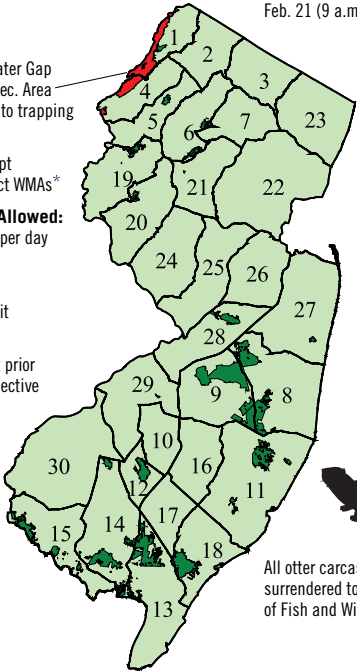
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Beaver and River Otter Trapping Zones



Mandatory pelt registration:
Feb. 21 (9 a.m.–noon)




Season Dates:
Dec. 26–Feb. 9 except
Jan. 1–Feb. 9 on select WMAs*

Number of Traps Allowed:
Beaver—5 per zone per day
Otter—3 per day


Bag Limits:
Beaver—8 per permit
Otter—1 per season

Traps may not be set prior to 6 a.m. on the respective opening day.

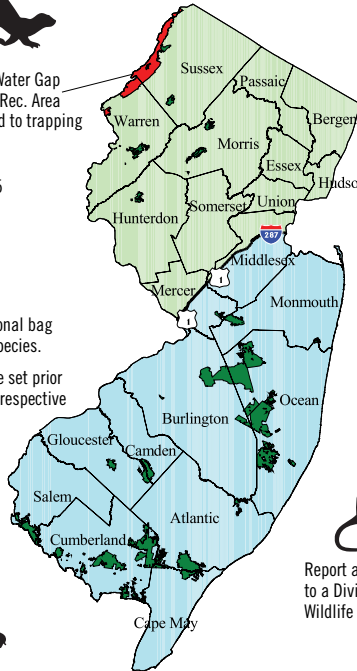
All otter carcasses must be surrendered to the Division of Fish and Wildlife.



Mink, Muskrat and Nutria Trapping Zones



Del. Water Gap Nat'l Rec. Area closed to trapping



North Zone:
Nov. 15–Mar. 15


South Zone:
Dec. 1–Mar. 15

WMAs:
Jan. 1–Mar. 15

No daily or seasonal bag limit for these species.

Traps may not be set prior to 6 a.m. on the respective opening day.

Report any nutria harvest to a Division of Fish and Wildlife Office.



THE COMPLETE MIGRATORY bird regulations will be published in the *New Jersey 2014–15 Migratory Bird Regulations* available in September at license agents, Fish and Wildlife offices and on the Fish and Wildlife website at NJFishandWildlife.com. Migratory bird season dates published in the Migratory Bird Regulations booklet supersede those printed in this *Digest* if there are discrepancies.

Migratory Bird Seasons

Season	Area	Dates	Daily Bag Limit
September Canada Goose*	Statewide	Sept. 1 – 30	15
Rail and moorhen	Statewide	Sept. 1 – Nov. 8	Sora & Virginia rail: 25 total or aggregate; moorhen and clapper rail: 10
Sea Duck	Special Sea Duck Area	Sept. 23 – Jan. 24	7, except no more than 4 scoters
Snipe	Statewide	Sept. 17 – Jan. 1	8
Crow (Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat.)	Statewide	Aug. 11 – Dec. 6** and Dec. 15 – Mar. 21	No limit
Woodcock	North Zone	Oct. 18 – Nov. 22	3
	South Zone	Nov. 8 – 29 and Dec. 19 – Jan. 1	
Mourning Dove, swans, harlequin duck, king rail	Statewide	Closed	No Season
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	North Zone	Oct. 4; Nov. 1	For all species, Youth Day limits are the same as for regular seasons
	South Zone	Oct. 11; Nov. 8	
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 25; Feb. 7	

* See special regulations only for September Canada goose hunting, on right.

** The starting time to hunt any migratory game bird, including waterfowl, on the opening day of the pheasant season (Nov. 8, 2014) shall be 8 a.m. on wildlife management areas stocked with pheasant and quail. See page 64 for stocked WMAs.

Attention Waterfowl Hunters

Special Regulations Permitted During September Canada Goose Season

Special regulations designed to help curb the growth of resident population Canada geese. These special regulations are optional.

1. Electronic calls are permitted.
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than seven shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Remember: these special regulations apply only to the September Canada goose season. Hunters who choose to use an unplugged gun during the September Canada goose season must remember to reinstall the magazine plug before pursuing other game species.

During all other waterfowl seasons, including duck, brant, regular and winter Canada goose, and snow goose, standard regulations apply. Standard regulations include: electronic calls prohibited, shotguns may not be capable of holding more than three shot shells and hunting hours end at sunset.

Hunters: Report Banded Birds

Hunters who recover banded migratory birds are asked to report the band number to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL), Washington, D.C. Banding data plays a critical role in migratory bird harvest management. There are three ways to report bands:

1. **Online:** reportband.gov
2. **Call Toll Free:** (800) 327-BAND
3. **Write:** to the address inscribed on the band.

Online reporting provides instant access to the original banding information including the species, sex, location, date and age of the bird at banding. Band reporters will be able to print a certificate of appreciation on their home computer which will include information about the bird which had been banded.

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

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

Species Hunted	Hunting License	HIP Certification	NJ Stamp Certification	Federal Stamp
Crow	✓			
Woodcock, rail, moorhen, snipe	✓	✓		
Duck, brant, goose	✓	✓	✓	✓

Waterfowl Stamps: Both the New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Certification and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp are required for waterfowl hunters 16 years and older and must be signed in ink. New Jersey Stamp Certifications (the state stamp itself no longer exists) are available from license agents and from the Licenses and Permits button on Fish and Wildlife’s website. Federal stamps are available from some U.S. post offices and online at <http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps>.

Information For Migratory Bird Hunters

Important Reminder in Obtaining HIP Certification

Hunters, including youths, must purchase a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification before hunting ducks, geese, brant, woodcock, rails, snipe, coot or moorhens (gallinules) in New Jersey and must always hunt with proof in possession in the license holder. HIP certifications are valid from Sept. 1 to April 15 each year.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will use this confidential information only to conduct migratory bird harvest surveys. Only a small, random group will be surveyed.

Hunters may purchase an HIP certification via three sales outlets:

- 1. License Agents**
HIP certification may be purchased at any license agent for a \$2 fee. Hunters will have their HIP certification printed on their license or as a separate document.
- 2. Internet Sales Site**
Hunters may purchase an HIP certification for a \$2 fee on Fish and Wildlife’s Internet sales site (www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com) then self-print the HIP certifications.
- 3. Telephone Sales Site**
Hunters may purchase their HIP certifications using Fish and Wildlife’s telephone sales process (888) 277-2015. Hunters will receive a transaction number; record this number for immediate proof of completing an HIP certification. The actual HIP certification will be mailed to the hunter. Note: purchases made via telephone will incur an additional shipping and handling fee of \$5.13.

New Jersey Waterfowlers Clinic

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

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

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

- **Free breakfast and lunch to all attending!**
- **Date:** Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014
- **Location:** Tip Seaman Park, Tuckerton, NJ
- **Time:** 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



Please **register in advance** by calling Marty Kristiansen at (732) 977-5648 so we can plan accordingly.

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

Be a Conservation-Minded Trapper

For tips to avoid the accidental capture of bobcat or to prevent injury if one is trapped, scan the QR code, below.



Trapping Tips to Prevent the Accidental Capture of — and Injury to — Bobcat

If an accidental bobcat trapping occurs, call NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife’s Trapper Response Team at **(877) WARN-DEP (877-927-6337)** so that we may obtain genetic samples.

Have You Seen This Cat?

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife needs your help by reporting bobcat sightings so we can better understand the size, distribution and genetic structure of our bobcat population.

Contact our agency if you have observed a bobcat:

- **Live and trail cam photos**—Complete a brief sighting report form: http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/bobcat-fisher-nutria_sighting.pdf. *Data from south Jersey is of particular interest.*
- **Dead on the road**—call us at (908) 638-4127 to report the carcass location.



It is illegal to possess incidentally trapped or road-killed bobcat from New Jersey.

REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.

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

Wildlife management area (WMA) regulations are established by the Division of Fish and Wildlife with penalties of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,500. A second violation of any WMA regulation will result in a five-year loss of all sporting licenses and privileges.

Information on WMA regulations and permit applications may be obtained by writing to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420, or NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

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

Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit

Any vehicle used to transport or launch a vessel or water conveyance on the following WMAs must have affixed to the lower corner of the driver's side rear window a boat ramp maintenance permit, or a photocopy of a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license. Be sure your Conservation ID number is clearly displayed; all other personal information may be blacked out for reasons of privacy. The boat ramp maintenance permit fee is \$15, available from a license agent or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site. For more information see: NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

Persons 70 years and older are not required to obtain a boat ramp maintenance permit and need no license, but must affix to their window proof of age, such as a former license displaying your date of birth.

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

Dog Training, Exercising and Hunting

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

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| 1. Assunpink | 8. Millville |
| 2. Black River | 9. Pequest |
| 3. Clinton | 10. Salem River |
| 4. Colliers Mills | 11. Stafford Forge |
| 5. Glassboro | 12. Tuckahoe |
| 6. Hainesville | 13. Whittingham |
| 7. Manasquan | 14. Winslow |

All dogs must be properly licensed. Dogs may be exercised or trained on any WMA from Sept. 1 to April 30. No exercising or training of dogs on any WMA on Nov. 7, 2014, the Friday before the opening day of the regular small game season.

Additional regulations involve the release of game birds for training, the use of pigeons, the use of firearms, frozen game birds, the use of call back pens and the release of fox, raccoon, rabbit and hare. For more information call (609) 984-0547.

Field Trials

A permit to conduct a field trial on a wildlife management area may be obtained by contacting Fish and Wildlife at (609) 259-2132.

Higbee Beach

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 to Dec. 14, 2014.

Horseback Riding

Horseback riding is allowed on designated WMAs only by permit from the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Apply online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. Horseback riding permits should be displayed on outer clothing while riding. For more information on horseback riding permits, call (609) 259-2132.

Hunting Regulations

The restriction prohibiting firearm hunting on wildlife management areas on the day prior to the opening of the regular small game season for pheasants and quail is rescinded. Pheasants are stocked after dark, precluding interaction between Fish and Wildlife personnel and hunters or the chance of prematurely harvesting a pheasant before the season opens.

The quail season is closed statewide with the exception of the Peaslee and Greenwood WMAs. See *Pheasants*, page 64.

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

For coyote and fox hunting: the use of .17 and .22 caliber rimfire or .17 through .25 caliber centerfire rifle ammo is allowed on WMAs. See *Coyote/Fox* ammo chart on page 62 for additional restrictions.

The use of air guns to hunt rabbit and squirrel is allowed on WMAs. See *Air Guns* page 28, and *Squirrel, Regular Season* on page 66.

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

Motor Vehicles and Other Forms of Conveyance

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

All motor boats must be properly registered and have all the required safety equipment. (See *Outboard Motors*, below.)

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

Outboard Motors

Only electric motors are allowed on freshwater lakes and ponds owned by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife areas with the exception of Union Lake where an outboard motor, not exceeding 9.9 hp, may be used. On Prospertown Lake, only manually operated boats and canoes are allowed.

All titled boats must also be registered. Any boat mechanically propelled, regardless of length, must be registered. All boats greater than 12 feet, regardless of propulsion means, must be titled and registered.

Restricted Hours

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

Target Practice

Only archery, shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, muzzleloading rifle, .177 and .22 caliber rimfire rifle shooting is allowed in designated hunter training ranges according to regulations posted at the training area.

The following types of ranges are available on designated WMAs statewide:

- ♦ **Shotgun Range:** for use with clay birds and the patterning of fine shot;
- ♦ **Archery Range:** approved backstops at select ranges, no broadheads allowed;
- ♦ **Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun Slug Range:** for sighting in with shotgun slugs or buckshot, .177 or .22 caliber rimfire rifles and muzzleloaders; no other firearms allowed. See page 75 for a list of ranges and requirements.

Waterfowl Blinds

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

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| 1. Assunpink | 8. Whittingham |
| 2. Black River | 9. Beaver Swamp |
| 3. Colliers Mills | 10. Sedge Island |
| 4. Hainesville | 11. Salem River |
| 5. Tuckahoe | 12. Prospertown |
| 6. Manahawkin | 13. Paulinskill |
| 7. Stafford Forge | |

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

Warning to Violators

Be advised: two violations of wildlife management area regulations will result in loss of all sporting licenses and privileges for a period of five years.



Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Ranges

The following information pertains to New Jersey 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.wheretoshoot.org

- ♦ All WMA regulations apply.
- ♦ Ranges are open 8 a.m. to sunset.
- ♦ At least one member of the shooting party must have a current, valid New Jersey hunting license in possession.
- ♦ **Shotgun range:** fine shot only. No buckshot or rifled slugs.
- ♦ **Archery range:** target or practice tips only (NO broadheads.)
- ♦ **Muzzleloading rifle range:** muzzleloading firearms, shotguns with rifled slugs or buckshot and modern rimfire (both .177 and .22 caliber) rifles and air guns in calibers legal for hunting.
- ♦ No handguns or centerfire rifles permitted.

Northern Region

Hunterdon County

Clinton WMA

Route 173W, Clinton

- ♦ Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)
- ♦ All target frames must measure a minimum 30 inches from its base to the bottom of the paper target held in the frame. Frames must be placed only on top of a target mound located at the 25, 50 and 100 yard lines. This minimum target height requirement will eliminate the risk of ricochet and ensure that all projectiles are collected in the berm behind the 100 yard target.
- ♦ Spinner type targets for .177 caliber and .22 caliber firearms MUST be placed directly at the base of the 25 yard berm so that all bullets are directed into the berm. These targets are not to be used at other yardage or target mound placements.

Morris County

Black River WMA

Route 513 (Dover-Chester Rd.), Chester

- ♦ Archery, open year-round.
- ♦ Shotgun: Closed weekends from the third Saturday in May through the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, as well as on 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 at the range and are not affected by these new hours.

Sussex County

Flatbrook WMA

Route 615, Layton

- ♦ Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (75 yards)

Warren County

Pequest WMA

Pequest Rd., Oxford

- ♦ Archery

Central Region

Monmouth County

Assunpink WMA

Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd., Upper Freehold Twp.

- ♦ Archery
- ♦ **Shotgun range is restricted to the use of non-toxic shot; no lead shot is allowed.**

Turkey Swamp Park

Georgia Rd., Freehold Twp.

- ♦ Archery (Special regulations apply; call 732-842-4000.)

Ocean County

Colliers Mills WMA

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- ♦ Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)
- ♦ Shotgun range is closed.

Stafford Forge WMA

Off Route 539, south of Warren Grove, Little Egg Harbor Twp.

- ♦ Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

Southern Region

Atlantic County

Makepeace Lake WMA

Elmwood-Weymouth Rd., Weymouth

- ♦ Shotgun, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

Gloucester County

Winslow WMA

Piney Hollow Rd., Monroe Twp.

- ♦ Archery
- ♦ Shotgun and muzzleloader ranges are closed.

Cape May County

Tuckahoe WMA

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- ♦ Archery
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David Delfa's first place Typical Archery buck, harvested in DMZ 14, scored 158 7/8, the largest rack at the 2014 Garden State Deer Classic.

2014 Garden State Deer Classic Winners*

Rank	Name	Score / Weight	County Harvested	DM Zone
135 Pound Doe—Shotgun				
1st	Nicholas Casella	146	Gloucester	35
200 Pound Archery				
1st	Glen K. Homan	226.25	Gloucester	49
2nd	Nicholas A. Bergamo	213	Cumberland	47
200 Pound Buck—Crossbow				
1st	Dennis R. Butler	222	Salem	27
Non-typical Archery				
1st	Drew Hoglen, III	157 7/8	Salem	27
2nd	Dakota Hetman	147 5/8	Monmouth	17
3rd	Thomas Gerard	144 4/8	Gloucester	25
Non-typical Crossbow				
1st	David Tomlinson	145 4/8	Burlington	23
Non-typical Muzzleloader				
1st	Robert Staudt	157 3/8	Somerset	14
2nd	Paul Bouchard	149 3/8	Monmouth	16
3rd	Dana F. Wiberg	140 5/8	Gloucester	35
Non-typical Shotgun				
1st	Alvin M. Matlack, Jr.	148 1/8	Gloucester	49
2nd	John A. Foster	141 3/8	Hunterdon	8
3rd	Troy Lail	136 5/8	Gloucester	35
Typical Archery				
1st	David Delfa	158 7/8	Middlesex	14
2nd	William J. Luke	157 5/8	Sussex	2
3rd	Nicholas Bockbrader	151 1/8	Warren	5
Typical Crossbow				
1st	Michael J. Lacken	149 1/8	Sussex	5
2nd	Michael J. Esposito, Jr.	147 1/8	Camden	49
3rd	Eddie Price	144 6/8	Salem	35
Typical Muzzleloader				
1st	Jason Hoffman	149 3/8	Camden	25
2nd	Jamie McQuaid	135 6/8	Morris	13
3rd	Zachary S. Hitchner	129 0/8	Salem	28
Typical Shotgun				
1st	William Sigle	138 2/8	Hunterdon	11
2nd	Brian LaGrave	133 4/8	Sussex	6
3rd	Christopher S. Chamberlain	127 2/8	Sussex	1
Velvet—Non-typical Archery				
1st	Matthew C. Bergamo	150 0/8	Gloucester	35
Velvet—Typical Archery				
1st	Peter Paradise	128 4/8	Morris	9

* For deer harvested during the 2012–13 hunting seasons.

Qualifying entries for deer taken during the previous hunting seasons are displayed and recognized at the annual Garden State Deer Classic. Join Fish and Wildlife in celebrating New Jersey's outstanding white-tailed deer at the Deer Classic in January at the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show. See the ad on page 76 for details.

The table above lists the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2014 Garden State Deer Classic which showcased outstanding deer taken during the 2012–13 deer hunting seasons, not the most recent 2013–14 hunting seasons. These deer will be honored at the January 2015 Deer Classic. 🍖

* See entry form. A certified scale might be available at the following businesses:

- » Warehouse with shipping department
- » Concrete, sand and gravel company
- » Junk yard or scrap metal recycler
- » Marina with party and charter boat fishing

Visit our website for a partial list of certified scales or contact your county weights and measures office. Be sure to locate a scale before the hunting season begins!

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NEW JERSEY'S OUTSTANDING White-tailed Deer Program, initiated in 1964, includes categories for typical and non-typical antlered deer taken with bow, crossbow, shotgun and muzzleloading rifle, in addition to the weight categories listed below. A velvet category is added for early bow season deer.

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

In the Weight Division, the program recognizes exceptional body size as determined by the field dressed weight, including heart and liver removed. Two categories, one for bucks reaching or exceeding 200 pounds (proof of weight must be confirmed on a certified scale* for buck entries—no truck scales**—with the weighmaster's signature on a letterhead receipt or on the entry form, available on our website) and one for field dressed does reaching or exceeding 135 pounds (either on a Fish and Wildlife regional office scale or at a certified scale).

Any properly licensed hunter, regardless of residency, is eligible to enter the Outstanding Deer Program. Deer must be taken in accordance with New Jersey wildlife laws and regulations. **Applications are due Nov. 1—NO EXCEPTIONS.** Additional rules are included on the official application form which consists of the original score sheet, hunter information form plus a clear photo of the hunter with the deer. These forms with instructions are available on Fish and Wildlife's website NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Outstanding Deer Program, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420. State the type of form (Antlered Division, typical or non-typical; Weight Division, 200 Pound Buck or 135 Pound Doe). There is no entry fee.

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What is CWD?

- ♦ Belongs to a family of neurological diseases called *transmissible spongiform encephalopathies* which include scrapie in sheep, mad cow disease in cattle and Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease in humans. *There is no evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans;* however the CDC advises against consuming any animal that appears ill.
- ♦ All members of the *Cervid* family (white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose) are known to be susceptible.
- ♦ Caused by a misfolded protein called a prion which could be found in all deer bodily fluids.
- ♦ There is no cure. CWD is always fatal and there is no live test for deer.

Where Is CWD Found?

- ♦ First discovered in captive mule deer in Colorado, in 1967.
- ♦ Now in captive or wild deer in 24 states and Canadian provinces.
- ♦ Detected in wild deer in: New York State and West Virginia (2005), Virginia (2010), Maryland (2011) plus in Pennsylvania both in captive deer (2012) and in wild deer (2013).

How New Jersey Is Responding

- ♦ Tested for CWD in symptomatic captive cervids and wild deer, and hunter-harvested wild deer since 1997. To date over 5,600 wild deer have been tested with no CWD-positive results.
- ♦ Banned the importation of cervids, recently expanded to include reindeer.
- ♦ Issued an advisory for New Jersey hunters bringing home venison from CWD-endemic states making it illegal to import into New Jersey a harvested deer carcass or deer parts from any state with CWD in wild deer unless strictly following that state's CWD protocol.
- ♦ Improved captive cervid regulations, including a proposed Herd Certification Program.
- ♦ Created the CWD Response Plan with protocols for detection of CWD to be activated when CWD is within 20 miles of the New Jersey border and within the state wild deer and captive cervids.

See NJFishandWildlife.com/cwdinfo.htm for more information on CWD in New Jersey and the New Jersey CWD Response Plan.

Visit cwd-info.org for more comprehensive CWD information.

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The Challenges of Managing Canada Geese

By Ted Nichols, Wildlife Biologist

Developing hunting regulations for Canada geese—with three distinct populations in New Jersey and their different population trajectories—can be challenging.

Garden State Canada geese include the *Atlantic*, *North Atlantic* and *Resident* populations.

From Where Do They Originate?

Atlantic Population Canada geese nest in the boreal forest and tundra of northern Quebec with the densest populations along the Ungava Bay and Hudson Bay coasts. North Atlantic Population geese nest further east in Newfoundland, Labrador, and Greenland. Collectively, Atlantic Population and North Atlantic Population geese are informally known as *migrant* geese since they breed in the sub-arctic and migrate south to spend winter. Atlantic Population geese winter throughout eastern North America, but are most concentrated in the mid-Atlantic (including New Jersey) and Delmarva. North Atlantic Population geese have a strong coastal affinity, wintering from Prince Edward Island to North Carolina with the core wintering area from Long Island and north. Resident Population geese breed in southern Canada and throughout the US and generally make no or relatively short migrations in winter.

All three populations of geese readily mix in fall and winter; Resident Population geese are also present in the states during spring and summer. Resident Population geese have adapted readily to our human-dominated landscape and are generally the goose population responsible for damage complaints regarding fecal droppings and poor water quality.

Although geese from these three populations look similar and are considered the same species (*Branta canadensis*) they are different subspecies or races. Atlantic Population and North Atlantic Population geese collectively belong to the races *B. c. interior* and *B. c. canadensis* while Resident Population geese are primarily derived from a mix of mid-latitude race geese including *B. c. maxima* and *B. c. moffitti*. Atlantic Population and North Atlantic Population geese are slightly smaller physically than Resident Population geese although there is considerable overlap in their skeletal size.

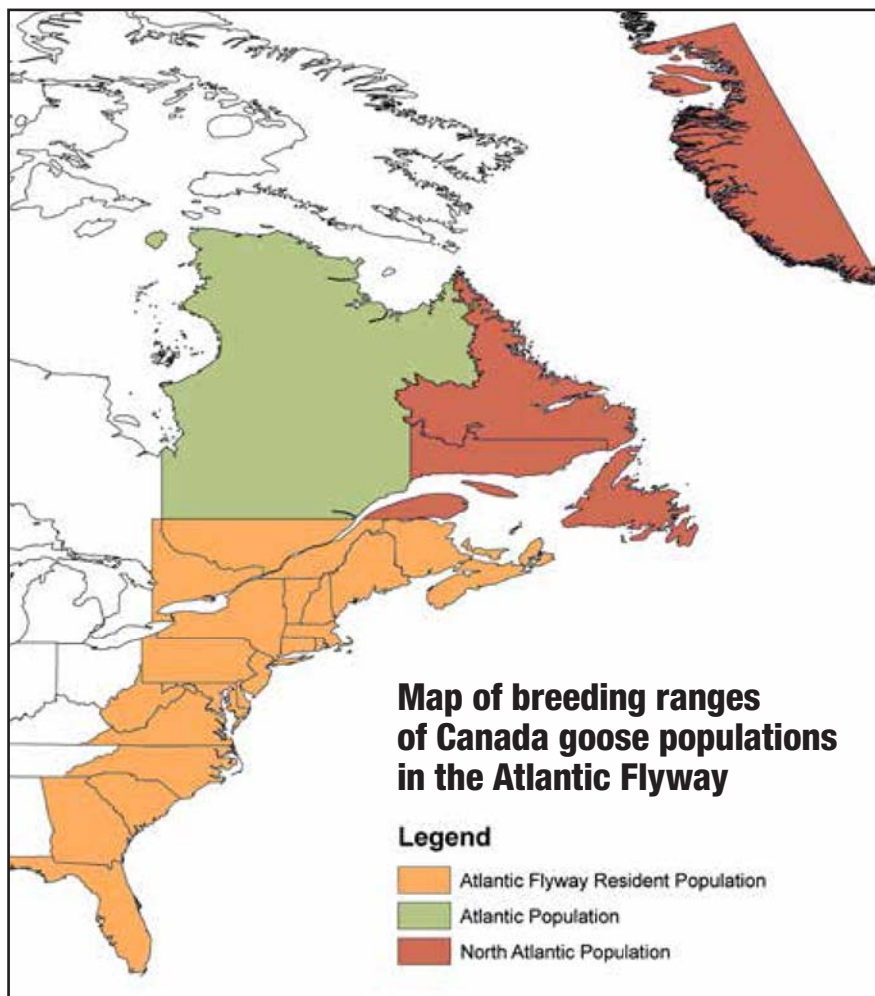
Geese are animals that are tremendously philopatric, or faithful, to their breeding areas. Banding data suggest that geese generally remain in the same breeding population through their lives. Contrary to popular belief, Atlantic Population and/or North Atlantic Population geese do not stop migrating or switch to live the leisurely life of Resident Population geese. Atlantic Population and/or North Atlantic Population geese hatched in the boreal forest or tundra continue to migrate and return there to nest while Resident Population geese stay in mid-latitude areas to nest.

Gosling Survival

Geese from the different populations face very different circumstances in their life histories given the geographic location of their breeding areas. For Atlantic Population and North Atlantic Population geese, young production can vary dramatically from year to year, largely dependent on the timing of snowmelt as well as the frequency and duration of late spring (June) snowstorms in their northern clime.

During years when snowmelt is late, migrant geese may completely forego nesting. Resident Population geese, on the other hand, consistently produce a

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large number of young since they breed in relatively stable mid-latitude climates. In addition, Resident Population goslings face relatively few predators when compared to their sub-arctic breeding cousins that routinely face arctic fox. These fox populations vary considerably, largely dependent on cyclic abundance of small mammals, particularly lemmings. When lemming populations crash, foxes must switch to alternate prey, and during these years, can have a significant impact on gosling production. Survival rates of adult geese can be vary greatly as well.

Population Pressures

Atlantic Population and North Atlantic Population geese must face the rigors of migration during both fall and spring. In addition, sport hunting can have a significant impact on survival rates of long-lived birds such as Canada geese, and as such, must be strictly regulated. Atlantic Population and North Atlantic Population geese can be subjected to significant hunting pressure as they pass through two countries and several states that may have hunting seasons with

staggered opening dates. In addition, Atlantic Population and North Atlantic Population geese also face considerable hunting pressure from native, subsistence hunters in Canada when the geese return to breeding areas in the spring. Resident Population geese, on the other hand, spend much of their time in parks, golf courses and corporate campuses where they are relatively inaccessible to hunters. These differences in young production and survival are the key components that govern the status of these three populations of Canada geese.

Looks Can Be Deceiving

Because Canada geese from different populations look similar physically and cannot be distinguished from one another in a hunting situation or even in hand, harvest regulations can be constrained by the population with the *lowest* ability to withstand hunting pressure when multiple populations of Canada geese are mixed together. This is the case in New Jersey during fall and winter when Atlantic Population geese are mixed with Resident Population geese throughout the state.

This period when Canada goose populations are admixed corresponds with the *regular* season, that is, the traditional goose hunting season from November through January—the preferred hunting period for the majority of waterfowlers. In most geographic areas of North America, including New Jersey, one or more populations of sub-arctic nesting migrant Canada geese can become the limiting factor when setting season length and bag limits for these birds in that geographic area. Figure 1 shows the locations of Atlantic Population band recoveries in New Jersey. Although 644 band recoveries over the course of 30 years may not seem like much, it is important to remember that each individual band recovery represents many hundreds of harvested Atlantic Population geese.

Harvest By Design

To manage and provide opportunity to hunt Resident Population geese but avoid harvest of North Atlantic Population or Atlantic Population geese, special seasons are designed to harvest Resident Population geese when and where possible. For example, September seasons occur before the onset of migration thereby directing all harvest pressure at Resident Population geese, the reason why special regulations including liberal bag limits, unplugged shotguns

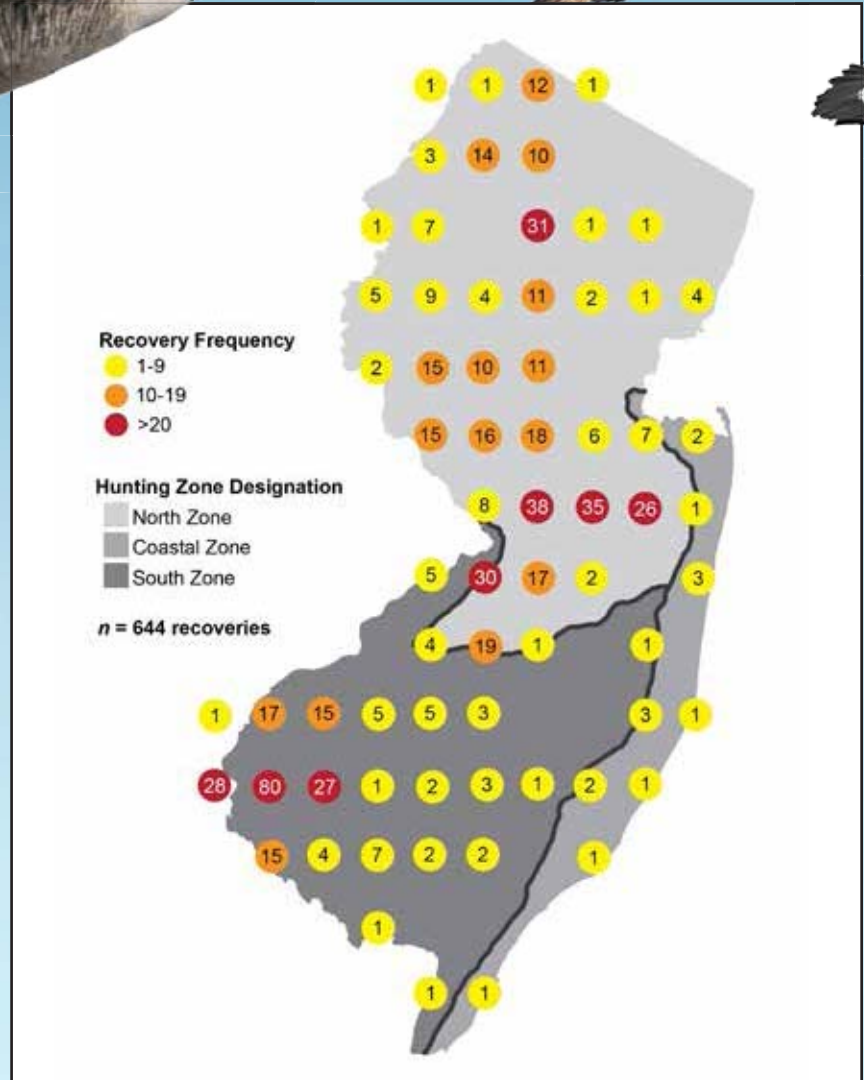


Figure 1. Leg band recoveries of Atlantic Population Canada geese in New Jersey by 10-minute block, 1981–2011. Atlantic Population geese are banded on the breeding grounds of northern Quebec.





and extended shooting hours are permitted. In New Jersey, special winter seasons, also with liberal bag limits, are held in areas of the state that have relatively low populations of Atlantic Population and North Atlantic Population geese during late winter.

Hunters harvest about 40,000 Canada geese annually in New Jersey. Band recovery data suggest that nearly all September season harvest—and about 80 percent of special winter season Canada goose harvest—is comprised of Resident Population geese. During the regular season in New Jersey, about two thirds of the Canada goose harvest is comprised of Resident Population geese, with the remaining one third made up by North Atlantic Population and Atlantic Population geese.

Balancing Act

Most people agree that Resident Population geese are overabundant through most of their range, including New Jersey, and that their population needs to be reduced. Atlantic Population geese, however, have been more abundant in the past, and their migratory flights in October, along with changing leaves, apple cider and crisp nights, are among the most treasured of autumn pleasures.

Despite the overabundance of Resident Population geese, wildlife biologists have the responsibility to maintain populations of Atlantic Population and North Atlantic Population geese for sport hunters in the United States and Canada, for subsistence Inuit and Cree hunters in the Canadian arctic and for wildlife viewers in both countries. Maintaining the historic biodiversity of these continental migrant Canada goose populations is also important. Since the *regular* season occurs when all three populations are mixed, it is this regular season—including the number of hunting days, bag limit and framework dates (earliest and latest dates when these seasons may occur)—that is most often adjusted by wildlife managers to ensure that migrant Atlantic Population and North Atlantic Population geese remain healthy.



Top Tips for Hunting Canada Geese



Atlantic Population Canada geese are leg-banded annually during the molt on their breeding grounds in northern Quebec. This group of adults and their goslings were captured and banded on the tundra of Nunavik near the Inuit village of Kangirsuk.

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Habitat Management on Public Lands in Southwestern New Jersey

By **Andrew Burnett**, Principal Biologist and
Jimmy Sloan, Habitat Specialist, Bureau of Wildlife Management

Habitat management work has already begun on quail management units on both public and private lands.

The goal of the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Northern Bobwhite Action Plan is to restore New Jersey's bobwhite population to the 1980 statewide average density (7.4 birds heard per route) observed on the U.S. Geological Survey's North American Breeding Bird Survey. The Action Plan (approved December 2009) contains several actions to accomplish this goal including: to identify, increase, improve and connect habitat areas suitable for bobwhite. Fish and Wildlife staff from the bureaus of Land Management, Wildlife Management and our Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP) have developed a management plan designed to increase by 50 percent within five years the quality of habitat necessary for bobwhite and a multitude of other early successional species in southwestern New Jersey while having no negative effects on threatened or endangered species.

Portions of Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties lying west of State Highway 55 have been designated as our Focal Region for bobwhite and other early successional wildlife species based on the predictive habitat model developed in 2008 by Gretchen Fowles (ENSP). The Focal Region covers a total 557,251 acres, nearly half of which is considered potentially suitable quail habitat and is characterized by extensive agricultural areas, relatively low human density and contains approximately 87,000 acres of preserved open space.

Enhancing existing bobwhite habitat requires intensive management which can more realistically be delivered on smaller Focal Areas within Focal Landscapes. Therefore, the Fish and Wildlife plan established three smaller Focal Landscapes based on the amount of public lands, interconnectedness or proximity to potential private cooperators and natural physical land features.



Quail Management Ideas for Your Land



Work began in *Focal Landscape 1* (roughly that part of Cumberland County lying between the Cohansey and Maurice Rivers south of Sherman Avenue) during 2013 by identifying 75 *quail management units* where actual on-the-ground habitat management will occur. Each quail management unit is approximately 100 acres in size and contains pre-existing early successional habitat patches. Most of these units are located on properties owned and managed by Fish and Wildlife (41), but quail management units on private land (34) were identified to provide connectivity in the focal area.

Habitat management work has already begun on quail management units, within each Focal Area, on both public and private lands. The five year goal is for each unit to be able to sustain a quail covey for their entire life cycle by providing cover for nesting, brood rearing, loafing and escape as well as food.

Habitat management practices will include rotational strip disking, creating field buffers, prescribed burning, edge feathering, native warm season grass, forbs and hedgerow planting and hydro-axing. A structured monitoring plan will help to guide our efforts throughout this process and will allow us to determine if we are meeting our management goals.

Land management practices for bobwhite should benefit a variety of grassland suite species that also rely on early- to mid-successional habitats. Of the 156 terrestrial species listed or proposed for listing as *endangered*, *threatened*, or of *special concern* by

the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey, at least 44 species (28 percent) rely on early- or mid-successional habitats and are found within the Focal Region (nine mammal, 23 bird, four reptile and eight invertebrate species). Bobcat, American kestrel, bobolink, eastern meadowlark, grasshopper sparrow, Henslow's sparrow, horned lark, savannah sparrow, vesper sparrow, wood thrush,

yellow-breasted chat, bog turtle and the frosted elfin butterfly are just a few of the other species that are expected to benefit from Fish and Wildlife's bobwhite management efforts.

Landowners interested in providing wildlife habitat on their property should contact the Bureau of Wildlife Management's Habitat Specialist Jimmy Sloan at (609) 748-2058.



Typical quail management units, each around 100 acres, identified at Dix Wildlife Management Area.

Jimmy Sloan/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

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A Father's Tradition

This is a story about tradition, about a father longing for a moment alone with his son, without the intrusions of cell phones and video games.

It's about a man who wants his son to learn a skill shunned by most of society yet one which provides this man catharsis when nothing else can. It's also about a boy, fast becoming a man, trying desperately to please his often unreasonable and impatient father. It is a quest without a final destination yet one with glorious checkpoints along the way, even though fraught with obstacles and impediments.

The boy began his quest last year. Joey was unable to pull his bow at 20 pounds; the law requires that he must pull 35 pounds in order to gain his license. Months of strength training. Thousands of wayward arrows. Baby steps. Small victories. Huge disappointments. Slowly gaining ground. Needing to be pushed at times but still willing. Over months of practice, he began to experience a sense of passion. The father woke to the sound of the arrows hitting the target outside as the Hunter Education test approached and this pleased him greatly. The boy was ready. Even at the test itself, the boy looked into his father's eyes with fear and uncertainty and I thought I had made a mistake...until the first three arrows struck the bulls-eye and that hurdle was cleared.

Practice continued daily for months on end. Hundreds of hours watching videos and learning how and when to act when the moment in the woods presented itself. Six summer weekends "lost" to online war games, instead standing in the woods, scouting and building stands with this crazy old man. The boy began to sound like a hunter. Began to speak the language of "rubs" and "scrapes" and the man felt pride and joy with every reference.

When the season finally arrived, the young boy had a hiccup with illness on youth day. I remember being angry with him. Angry! I realized later it wasn't anger; instead, it was the fact that I was disappointed for him and that brought me solace. Another hiccup came with a missed shot a week later and a drop in confidence for a boy struggling with that trait already. Hours spent convincing him that it was natural. His desire dissipated. He was reluctant to return. Then one day he asked if

we could hunt this weekend. Practice shots and renewed confidence. All systems go. Having been in the heat of the moment many times, I worried. No one knows how they will react. No one knows how much they can control those emotions.

Bowhunting is a very different craft than gun hunting. We hunt with both sporting arms so it's not an indictment of the craft. Rather I raise the issue because bowhunting is much more difficult and the margin for error associated with hunting with a bow and arrow is much greater. Deer see 310 degrees. To be able to get one close enough is difficult. To be able to draw undetected (especially when you are not yet strong enough to do it sitting down, like Joey) and then execute the shot...that's an absolute art.

When the buck approached, I worried about the heart rate and heavy breathing...until I realized it was mine, not his. In four minutes that seemed like an eternity, Joey showed the value of persistence and hard work, and performed like the champ that I have always known he is.

His nerves were calm and his aim was remarkably true. I thought the anxiety would shake him until I realized it was mine, not his. When we recovered his buck that sported a rack most hunters would call "spindly" or "genetically deficient," it mattered



The value of patience and persistence along with the love of father and son are memorialized here with Joey Kassar proudly displaying his first archery-harvested deer.

not to either of us. It is a memory, one shared by a father and his son. It is a trophy for our minds and hearts, not our wall. The hug we shared when he leaped into my arms made the tears flow freely and I was worried he would think his dad's crying was weak...until I realized the tears were ours, not just mine. Congratulations, Joe Kassar. I love you more than you will ever know. I am so proud of you and look forward to getting lost in the woods with you for the next 100 years.

Kim Kassar,
Proud father of Joey

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PUBLIC DEER HUNTING LAND IN NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY HAS more than 750,000 acres of public land available to the deer hunter. This list is arranged by deer management zone for public land open to deer hunting. Generally, only areas with 100 acres or more of upland habitat are listed. State parks and forests that allow hunting may have some sections which are closed to hunting. Some areas allow deer hunting only during certain seasons, require an access fee or have other special regulations. Refer to the *Digest* section *Special Areas Hunting Season Information* page 50 or contact the appropriate authority for details. See page 89 for hunting opportunities on national wildlife refuges in New Jersey.

Remember: Hunters must have permission to hunt agricultural land even if the land is not posted. Hunters should obtain permission before hunting any private property. Hunters are advised not to purchase a deer permit for a zone in which they have no place to hunt.

Updates since last year are noted below in **red**.

Zone Public Land Open to Deer Hunting

- 1 • Bear Swamp WMA
 - Flatbrook—Roy WMA
 - Hainesville WMA
 - Stokes State Forest
- 2 • Kittatinny Valley State Park
 - Paulinskill WMA
 - Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
 - Wawayanda State Park
- 3 • Abram Hewitt State Forest
 - Hamburg Mountain WMA
 - Long Pond Ironworks State Park
 - Newark Watershed (see *Special Areas*)
 - Norvin Green State Forest
 - Ramapo Mountain State Forest
 - Ringwood State Park
 - Wawayanda State Park
- 4 • Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
 - Flatbrook—Roy WMA
 - Stokes State Forest
 - Walpack WMA
 - Worthington State Forest
- 5 • Beaver Brook WMA
 - Columbia WMA
 - Honey Run WMA
 - Jenny Jump State Forest
 - Paulinskill WMA
 - Swartswood State Park
 - Trout Brook WMA
 - White Lake WMA
 - Whittingham WMA
- 6 • Allamuchy Mountain State Park
 - Berkshire Valley WMA
 - Farny State Park
 - Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
 - Newark Watershed (see *Special Areas*)
 - Rockaway River WMA
 - Sparta Mountain WMA
 - Weldon Brook WMA
 - Wildcat Ridge WMA
- 7 • Buckhorn Creek WMA
 - Clinton WMA
 - Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Union Forge Preserve, Tower Hill Reserve (see *Special Areas*)
 - Musconetcong River WMA
 - Spruce Run Recreation Area
- 8 • Allamuchy Mountain State Park
 - Black River WMA
 - Hacklebarney State Park
 - Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Cold Brook Preserve, Teetertown Ravine Nature Preserve, Point Mountain Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
 - Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA
 - Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
 - Musconetcong River WMA
 - Pequest WMA
 - Rockport WMA
 - South Branch WMA
 - Voorhees State Park
- 9 • Black River WMA
 - Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- 10 • Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Musconetcong Gorge, the Drag Strip Property, Hoffman Park, Schick Reserve,

- South Branch Reservation, Uplands Reserve (see *Special Areas*)
- Musconetcong River WMA
- 11 • Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Lockatong Nature Preserve, the Case Farm, Wescott Nature Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- Lockatong WMA
- 12 • Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Cushtunk Mountain Park, Sourland Mountain Nature Preserve, Deer Path Park, South Branch Reservation (see *Special Areas*)
- Round Valley Recreation Area
- South Branch WMA
- 13 • Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- 14 • Assunpink WMA (Robbinsville Twp section only)
- Pigeon Swamp State Park
- Six Mile Run Reservoir State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 15 • Assunpink WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Charleston Springs Golf Course, Perrineville Lake Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 16 • Turkey Swamp WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Bear Swamp Tract of Manasquan Reservoir, Howell Park Golf Course, Turkey Swamp Park, Yellowbrook Tract of Manasquan River Linear Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 17 • Colliers Mills WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Clayton Park, Crosswicks Creek Park (see *Special Areas*)
- Pleasant Run WMA
- 18 • Colliers Mills WMA
- Manchester WMA
- Whiting WMA
- 19 • Medford WMA
- Wharton State Forest
- 21 • Double Trouble State Park
- Forked River Mountain WMA
- Greenwood Forest WMA
- Lebanon State Forest
- 22 • Bass River State Forest
- 23 • Wharton State Forest
- 24 • Bass River State Forest
- Penn State Forest
- Stafford Forge WMA
- Swan Bay WMA
- Warren Grove Recreation Area
- Wharton State Forest
- 25 • Cedar Lake WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Penbryn Pond WMA
- Wharton State Forest
- White Oak Branch WMA
- 26 • Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Hammoncton Creek WMA
- Makepeace Lake WMA
- Port Republic WMA
- 27 • Salem River WMA
- Thundergut Pond WMA
- 28 • Buckshtem WMA
- Elmer Lake WMA
- Parvin State Park
- Union Lake WMA
- 29 • Bayside PSE&G Tract (see *Special Areas*)
- Cohansey WMA
- Gum Tree Corner WMA
- Mad Horse Creek WMA
- Maskells Mill Pond WMA
- Stowe Creek State Park
- 30 • Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15–Aug. 1)
- Dix WMA
- Egg Island WMA
- Fortescue WMA
- Nantuxent WMA
- New Sweden WMA
- 31 • Millville WMA
- Buckshtem WMA
- Beaver Swamp WMA
- 34 • Belleplain State Forest
- Cape May Wetlands WMA
- Cape May National Wildlife Refuge
- Dennis Creek WMA
- Heislerville WMA
- Higbee Beach WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA
- Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- 35 • D.O.D. Ponds
- Harrisonville Lake WMA
- 36 • Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- 37 • Fort Dix Military Reservation (see *Special Areas*)
- 38 • Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 39 • No public deer hunting land
- 41 • Alexauken Creek WMA
- Mercer County Parks—Baldpate (Kuser) Mountain
- Mercer County Parks—Howell Living History Farm
- Mercer County Parks—Pole Farm Section
- 42 • Port Republic WMA

- 43 • Millville (Bevan) WMA
- 45 • Menantico Ponds WMA
- Peaslee WMA
- 46 • Gibson Creek WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA (**Lenape Farms Tract**)
- Maple Lake WMA (**Lenape Farms Tract**)
- Peaslee WMA
- 47 • Peaslee WMA
- 48 • Rancocas State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 49 • No public deer hunting land
- 50 • Cheesapeake State Park
- Monmouth County Park System—Hartshorne Woods Park, Tatum Park, Thompson Park, Big Brook Park, Huber Woods, the Ramanessin Section of Holmdel Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 51 • Allaire State Park
- Manasquan River WMA
- Manahawkin WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Shark River Park, Rt. 33 Tract and Shark River Park—East of Remsen Mill Rd. (see *Special Areas*)
- 53 • Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (see *Special Areas*)
- 54 • No public deer hunting land
- 55 • Glassboro WMA
- 56 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 57 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 58 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge—north of Rt. 72 (see *Special Areas*)
- 61 • Atlantic County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- 63 • Abbotts Meadow WMA
- Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 64 • Monmouth Battlefield State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 65 • Winslow WMA
- White Oak Branch WMA
- 66 • Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (see *Special Areas*)
- 67 • High Point State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 68 • Franklin Parker Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- 70 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, north of the Mullica River and south of Rt. 72 (see *Special Areas*)

Maps Available

Maps and information on hunting land is also available from the following sources:

Wildlife Management Area Maps

Free download. Maps and information on lands administered by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. Both topographic and road maps available. www.njfishandwildlife.com/wmaland.htm Photocopies also available of individual WMA maps on USGS base. Free. Specify which WMA. NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife, WMA Map Request MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 (609) 984-0547.

USGS Topographic Maps

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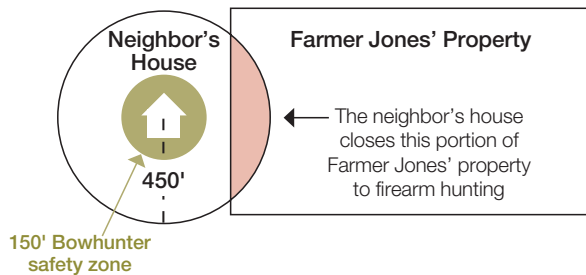
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SAFETY ZONE Awareness: Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

NEW JERSEY HUNTERS enjoy many types of hunting, numerous days afield and generous bag limits. But development and other human encroachment on the forests and fields of the Garden State has changed both wildlife habitat and land suitable for hunting, such that SAFETY ZONE awareness is even more critical for hunters.

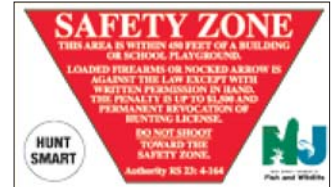
What is a SAFETY ZONE?

- ♦ The firearm SAFETY ZONE is the area within 450 feet of a building or school playground, even if not occupied. For bowhunters, the SAFETY ZONE around buildings is 150 feet but remains 450 feet from a school playground. See *Safety Zone*, page 27.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE is the place where you, the hunter, cannot carry a loaded firearm or nocked arrow unless you have written permission in hand.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE was established by legislation in 1946 as an area to place some physical distance, a buffer, between hunters and homeowners.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE could be land where there is suitable wildlife habitat for adaptable species, like the white-tailed deer, cottontail rabbit and Canada goose.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE is not a magic shield and cannot stop a misdirected projectile from entering the area around a home.



What can you do to heighten your SAFETY ZONE awareness?

1. Post SAFETY ZONE signs.
2. Talk with landowners.
3. Scout hunting property annually to be aware of new construction or other changes.
4. Hunt SMART and remind your hunting partners to Hunt SMART.
5. Know the law. Know the land.



Remember, failure to hunt safely and responsibly is inexcusable. Always be a responsible hunter. Always be aware of your surroundings, the target and what may lie beyond the target. The principles of good conduct learned at your hunter education course are called into practice every time you hunt.

Take special care hunting on “high visibility” property, habitat where our adaptable wildlife species—especially white-tailed deer—are flourishing. Here, hunter conduct will be watched closely; the image we portray can have a great impact on the tolerance for our sport. Hunting these *Special Areas* carries added responsibility for you, as a hunter, to exercise restraint and make superior judgment decisions. 🐾

Hunting Opportunities on New Jersey's National Wildlife Refuges: 2014–15 Hunting Seasons

Hunting on national wildlife refuges is not permitted unless specifically opened as listed below. **No Sunday hunting on national wildlife refuges.**

Cape May NWR

24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 (609) 463-0994; fws.gov/northeast/capemay

- ♦ **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.**
- ♦ **Migratory game birds except crow—on refuge lands north of Rt. 550 or west of Rt. 47**
- ♦ **Turkey, rabbit and squirrel hunting in select areas only.** No refuge permit is required. Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

Great Swamp NWR

241 Pleasant Plains Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-9615 (973) 425-1222 ext. 158; www.fws.gov/refuge/great_swamp/

- ♦ **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.** In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a Refuge permit for \$26 (\$13 for holders of a Senior, Golden Age, Access, or Golden Access pass and youths with a valid New Jersey youth hunting license).

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR

800 Great Creek Rd., Oceanville, NJ 08231-0072; (609) 652-1665; www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/

- ♦ **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.**
- ♦ **Waterfowl**

Information can be obtained at the refuge, at dispensers, at the headquarters, on the refuge website, or through the mail.

Supawna Meadows NWR

c/o Cape May NWR, 24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210, (609) 463-0994; www.fws.gov/supawnameadows/

- ♦ **Deer—Bowhunting only. Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.**
- ♦ **Waterfowl** Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

Wallkill River NWR

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- ♦ **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.**
 - ♦ **Migratory Birds except crow**
 - ♦ **Spring and Fall Turkey (Zone 5)**
 - ♦ **September Canada Goose**
- Note: the refuge is closed to bear hunting.**

In addition to the required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a refuge permit which is available by following the above link and scrolling down to *Deer Hunting*. There is a \$30 fee for a refuge permit except youths are free; discounts available for those with federal Senior or Access Passes. Special hunting conditions apply. 🐾

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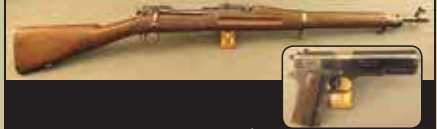
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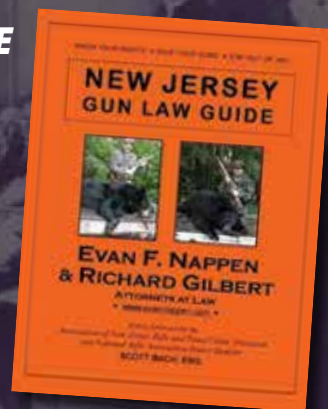
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