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Special Areas – County and State Parks

Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61):

Hunters wishing to hunt Atlantic County Park System will need to apply for a Zone 61 permit through the mail. Please use the enclosed permit application.

Permit Bow Season – October 25, 2003 to January 31, 2004 (84 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 40 permits will be available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season – December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29-31, 2003; and, January 1-9, 2004 (21 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 40 permits will be available.

Six-day Firearm Season – December 8-13, 2003 – **bag limit** – two antlered deer.

Permit Shotgun Season – December 8-13 and 17-19, 2003 (9 days) - **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 80 permits will be available.

Deer hunting is prohibited at all other times. The Atlantic County Park Office is located on Route 50 in Estell Manor. Please call (609) 625-8219 for further information on park regulations and mandatory hunter orientation dates before applying for any Zone 61 permit.

High Point State Park (Zone 67):

Hunters wishing to hunt High Point State Park will need to apply for a Zone 67 permit through the mail. Please use the enclosed permit application.

Permit Muzzleloader Season – November 10-13 and 17-20, 2003 (11 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. The hunter's first deer must be antlerless. Successful hunters may then harvest an antlered deer. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. A total of 350 permits will be available.

Deer hunting is prohibited at all other times. Hunters are not permitted in the park before 6:00 a. or after 6:00 pm. The Division of Parks and Forestry charges a non-refundable \$20.00 administration fee. Hunters will receive a receipt when the fee is collected and this receipt must be carried while deer hunting. The High Point State Park Office is located at 1480 Route 23 South in Sussex. Please call (973) 875-4800 for further information on park regulations and hunter orientation dates before applying for a Zone 67 permit.

Hunterdon County Park System:

Parks within the Hunterdon County Park System open to deer hunting require a park access permit. Applications are available at the Hunterdon County Park Office on Route 31 in Flemington. Please call (908) 782-1158 for further information before hunting.

Mercer County Parks:

Sportsmen wishing to hunt deer in **Baldpate Mountain**, located in Hopewell Township (Deer Management Zone 41) should contact the Mercer County Park Commission at (609) 989-6540.

Howell Living History Farm, located in Hopewell Township (Deer Management Zone 41) will be open for limited permit muzzleloader and winter bow hunting. Howell Living History Farm charges a non-refundable \$5.00 processing fee. Deer hunting in Howell Living History Farm is prohibited at all other times. Please call (609) 737-3299 for further information, season dates, maps and access permits before purchasing a Zone 41 permit.

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Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64):

Hunters wishing to hunt Monmouth Battlefield State Park will need to apply for a Zone 64 permit through the mail. Please use the enclosed permit application.

Orientation will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, 6:30 p.m. at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters.

Permit Shotgun Season – January 14, 16, 21 and 23, 2004 (4 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits will be available.

Deer hunting is prohibited at all other times. Hunters must comply with all State Park regulations that include a mandatory hunter orientation session for all hunters. Please call (732) 462-9616 for further information on park regulations and orientation dates before applying for a Zone 64 permit.

Morris County Park System:

Parks within the Morris County Park System will be open for limited permit shotgun hunting. The Park System is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Applicants must apply in person between August 2 and September 1 at the Morris County Park Police, located at 300 Mendham Road, and pay a non-refundable processing fee of \$5.00 at that time.

Please call (973) 326-7632 for further information and season dates.

Rancocas State Park:

Designated areas of the Park will be 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. Please call (609) 726-1191 or write to Rancocas State Park c/o Brendan Byrne State Forest, PO Box 215, New Lisbon, NJ 08064 for further information and a detailed map before hunting in Rancocas State Park.

Round Valley Recreation Area:

Designated portions of the Area will be open to deer hunting during all or portions of the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Permit Shotgun seasons (Deer Management Zone 12 regulations apply). The Area is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Please call (908) 236-6355 for further information and registration requirements.

Six-Mile Run Reservoir State Park:

Designated areas of the Park will be 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. Please call the Delaware-Raritan Canal State Park (732) 873-3050 for further information and a detailed map before hunting in Six-Mile Run Reservoir State Park.

Spruce Run Recreation Area:

Designated portions of the Area will be open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow and Permit Bow seasons (Deer Management Zone 7 regulations apply). The Area is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Please call (908) 638-8572 for further information and registration requirements.

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

Earle Naval Weapons Station Depot (Zone 39 and Zone 40):

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Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for Civilian Employees or Military personnel assigned to the Base. **Permits for Zones 39 and 40 will only be sold at Earle NWS.** Bring your completed application(s) to the Station's annual Hunter Orientation. Please contact Ray Green, Station Game Warden, (732) 866-2708 for further information. Deer hunting is allowed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zones 39 and 40.

In Zone 40, the hunter's first deer must be antlerless and any antlered deer taken in Zone 40 during all open seasons must have at least one antler with three antler points.

Fall Bow Season (Zone 39) – September 27 to October 24, 2003 (24 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer.

Fall Bow Season (Zone 40) – September 6 to October 24, 2003 (42 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer.

Permit Bow Season (Zone 39) – October 25 to December 31, 2003 (58 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 110 permits will be available.

Permit Bow Season (Zone 40) – October 25 to December 31, 2003 (58 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 80 will be available.

Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 39) – December 8-13, 2003 – **bag limit** – two antlered deer.

Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 40) – **Closed.**

Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 39) – December 1-6, 15-20, 22-31, 2003; and, January 1-31, 2004 (48 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 60 permits will be available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season (Zone 40) – November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and December 15-20, 2003 (11 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits will be available.

Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 39) – December 6, 20, 27, 2003; and, January 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2004 (7 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 180 permits will be available.

Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 40) – December 15-20, 2003 (6 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits will be available.

Winter Bow Season (Zone 39) – January 1-31, 2004 (27 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer.

Winter Bow Season (Zone 40) – January 1-31, 2004 (27 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless 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, NJ 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 in order to obtain access to the Technical Center for deer hunting. **Permits for Zone 66 will be sold at the Division's Nacote Creek Research Station. Instructions on how to obtain permits will be given at the mandatory orientation seminars.** Please call (609) 485-6938 for further information.

Any antlered deer taken in Zone 66 during all open seasons must have at least one antler with three antler points. The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 66.

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Permit Bow Season – October 25 to December 31, 2003 (54 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 100 permits will be available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season – December 1-6, 13 and 20, 2003 (8 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 10 permits will be available.

Permit Shotgun Season – December 1-6, 13 and 20, 2003 (8 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 55 permits will be available.

Winter Bow Season – January 1-31, 2004 (27 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer.

Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37 and Zone 52):

Hunters must comply with all Fort Dix regulations. Persons hunting on the Base must pay an annual fee of \$18.50 and must sign in and out at Range 14 on a daily basis when hunting. Military training will take precedence over hunting. **Permits for Zones 37 and 52 will only be available through the lottery.** Please call (609) 562-4676 for further information and fee schedules. Deer hunting is not allowed on Christmas Day or New Year's Day in Zones 37 or 52.

Any antlered deer taken in Zone 37 during all open seasons must have at least one antler with three antler points.

Fall Bow Season – September 27 to October 24, 2003 (24 days) – **bag limit** – two deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked as valid for the taking of a 3rd or more deer are not valid in Zones 37 or 52.

Permit Bow Season – October 25 to November 8 and November 15-29, 2003 (26 days) – **bag limit** – two deer per permit. A total of 190 permits will be available for Zone 37 and 65 permits will be available for Zone 52.

Six-day Firearm Season – December 8-13, 2003 – **bag limit** – two antlered deer.

Permit Muzzleloader Season – November 10-14; December 15-31, 2003; and January 2-10, 2004 (27 days) – **bag limit** – two deer per permit. A total of 300 permits will be available for Zone 37 and 180 permits will be available for Zone 52.

Permit Shotgun Season – December 27, 2003 (1 day) – **bag limit** – one deer per permit. A total of 75 permits will be available for Zone 37 and 25 permits will be available for Zone 52.

Winter Bow Season – January 2-31, 2004 (26 days) – **bag limit** – two deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked as valid for the taking of a 3rd or more deer are not valid in Zones 37 or 52.

Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (Zone 53):

There will be limited public hunting for hunters who are sponsored by the current members of the Navy Lakehurst Rod and Gun Club. Military training will take precedence over hunting. **Permits for Zones 53 will only be sold at Lakehurst.** Please call (732) 323-2911 for further information or contact John Joyce, Naval Air Engineering Station, Code 872, Route 547, Lakehurst, NJ 08733-5065. Deer hunting is not allowed on Christmas Day in Zones 53.

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Fall Bow Season – September 27 to October 24, 2003 (24 days) – **bag limit** – two deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked as valid for the taking of a 3rd or more deer are not valid in Zone 53.

Permit Bow Season – October 25 to November 29, 2003 (31 days) – **bag limit** – two deer. A total of 35 permits will be available.

Six-day Firearm Season – December 8-13, 2003 – **bag limit** – two antlered deer.

Permit Muzzleloader Season – November 29; December 1-6, 15-31, 2003; and January 1-10, 2004 (30 days) – **bag limit** – two deer per permit. A total of 50 permits will be available.

Permit Shotgun Season – December 17-19, 2003 and January 10-17, 2004 (10 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 41 permits will be available.

Winter Bow Season – January 1-31, 2004 (27 days) – **bag limit** – two deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked as valid for the taking of a 3rd or more deer are not valid in Zone 53.

Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54):

Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for Arsenal employees and designated persons only. **Permits for Zone 54 will only be sold at the Arsenal.** Please contact Jonathan De Ventor at (973) 724-4691 for further information. Deer hunting is allowed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zone 54.

Fall Bow Season – September 27 to October 24, 2003 (24 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer.

Permit Bow Season – October 25 to December 31, 2003 (58 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 40 permits will be available.

Six-day Firearm Season – December 8-13, 2003 – **bag limit** – two antlered deer.

Permit Muzzleloader Season – December 1, 2, 15-31, 2003; and January 1-10, 2004 (26 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 25 permits will be available.

Permit Shotgun Season – December 8-13 and 27, 2003 and January 10, 2004 (8 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 25 permits will be available.

Winter Bow Season – January 1-31, 2004 (27 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer.

Special Areas – U.S. Fish and Wildlife National Wildlife Refuge System

Special U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regulations are in effect throughout all authorized deer hunting seasons, in addition to State game laws and regulations. The following federal regulations apply to all National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) 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 or not one is in possession of a weapon.
3. All firearm hunters (muzzleloaders 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 requirement).

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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 the 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 will be open for all six deer seasons. Season dates and bag limits for Deer Management Zone 34 will apply.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 56, Zone 57 and Zone 58):

Hunters wishing to hunt the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR will need to apply for the appropriate Zone 56, 57 and/or 58 permit(s) through the mail. Please use the enclosed permit application. The purchase of a Zone 22, 42 and/or 51 permit does not allow hunters to hunt anywhere on the E.B. Forsythe NWR!

All Zone 56, 57 and 58 permits must be validated by Refuge personnel. Permittees must personally apply at either the Brigantine or Barnegat (USFWS) Division Office, at orientation sessions or during the first day of over-the-counter sales at the NJDFW Nacote Creek Office only. For additional and updated hunting information, please call the Barnegat Division at (609) 698-1387 or the Brigantine Division at (609) 652-1665 or by Internet at <http://forsythe.fws.gov/>.

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

Permit Shotgun Season - December 15-19, 2003 – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. Successful hunters are required to register their deer at the NJDFW Nacote Creek Office. A total of 25 permits will be available. Zone 56 is closed to deer hunting at all other times.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 57 and Zone 58) will be open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

Fall Bow Season (Zone 57 only) – September 6 to October 24, 2003 (42 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. An antlerless deer must be taken first from September 6-26, 2003. Bow hunters must obtain a \$10.00 access permit from the USFWS. Access will be granted to the first 25 hunters on a first-come, first-served basis.

Permit Bow Season – October 25 to November 22 and November 27-29, 2003 (28 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 40 permits will be available for Zone 57 and 50 permits will be available for Zone 58.

Permit Muzzleloader – December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29-31, 2003; and, January 1-9, 2004 (21 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 40 permits will be available for Zone 57 and 50 permits will be available for Zone 58.

Permit Shotgun Season – December 8-13, 2003; and, January 10-31, 2004 (25 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 40 permits will be available for Zone 57 and 75 permits will be available for Zone 58.

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

Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38):

Hunters wishing to hunt the Great Swamp NWR will need to apply for a Zone 38 permit through the mail. Please use the enclosed permit application.

The Refuge will be open for Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun hunting only and closed to deer hunting at all other times. The daily quota of hunters allowed afield is 250. **Leftover muzzleloader and shotgun permits for Zone 38 will be sold at the Refuge Office only.** In addition to the State permit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will charge a \$22.00 fee (\$11.00 for holders of Golden Age or Golden Access passports) for the issuance of a federal hunting permit (free of charge to hunters under the age of 17). Please call Refuge Wildlife Biologist Craig Bitler at (973) 425-1222 Extension 15 for further information regarding fees, hunt procedures and regulations after receiving a Zone 38 permit.

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

Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season (concurrent) – November 19-22, 2003 (4 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. The Refuge emphasizes the harvest of adult does and manages for older age-class bucks. A total of 10 muzzleloader and 290 shotgun permits will be available.

Zone 38 is closed to deer hunting at all other times.

Supawna Meadows NWR (Zone 59):

Hunters wishing to hunt Supawna Meadows NWR will need to apply for a Zone 59 permit through the mail. Please use the enclosed permit application.

In addition to the State permit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will charge a \$20.00 fee for the issuance of a federal hunting permit (no charge to holders of a Youth license under the age of 17). Successful applicants must attend one of the orientation sessions scheduled for October 19 (archery, muzzleloader, shotgun and youth) or November 23 (muzzleloader and shotgun). Both sessions begin 10:00 am and will be held at the Refuge. Please call (856) 935-1487 for further information regarding permit availability, fees and Refuge regulations.

Any antlered deer taken in Zone 59 during all open seasons must have at least one antler with three antler points.

Supawna Meadows NWR (Zone 59) will be open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

Permit Bow Season – October 25 to November 21 and November 27-29, 2003 (27 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. A total of 35 permits will be available.

Youth Day – November 22, 2003 – **bag limit** – one deer. Permits will be available from the Refuge office for 25 youth sportsmen (under the age of 17). If more than 25 applications are received, hunters will be chosen by random selection.

Permit Muzzleloader Season – December 15-27, 2003 (11 days) – **bag limit** – unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 25 permits will be available.

Permit Shotgun Season – December 11-13, 2003 (first segment); January 1-3, 2004 (second segment); January 22-24, 2004 (third segment) (three, 3-day segments) – **bag limit** – unlimited

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antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. Permits are valid for one, three-day segment only. A total of 75 shotgun permits will be available.

Zone 59 is closed to deer hunting at all other times.

Wallkill River NWR:

Designated areas of the Refuge will be open to all six deer seasons. Season dates and bag limits for Deer Management Zone 2 will apply. Detailed maps of hunting areas, additional regulations and a signed access permit from the Refuge must be obtained prior to scouting or hunting. The access permit is \$10 and must be carried at all times when hunting on Refuge property. Please call (973) 702-7266 or write Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, 1547 County Route 565, Sussex, NJ 07461 for further information.

Special Areas – Other Public Lands

Bayside PSE&G Tract:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) currently manages this 4,500-acre PSE&G property located in Greenwich Township, Cumberland County. A TNC access permit is required. Please call (609) 861-0600 for permit applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Deer Management Zone 29 apply.

Lizard Tail Swamp:

This 400-acre property, jointly owned by the Division and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), is located in Middle Township, Cape May County. A TNC access permit is required. Please call (609) 861-0600 for permit applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Deer Management Zone 34 apply.

Newark Watershed:

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. Please call (973) 697-2850 for access permit applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Deer Management Zone 3 and Deer Management Zone 6 (including Quality Deer Management restrictions) apply.