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Commissioner's Message

By Bradley M. Campbell

Anyone who spends time in New Jersey's great outdoors knows why sportsmen and women say the Garden State offers some of the best wildlife-related recreation found anywhere on the East Coast.

From the ridgetops in the Highlands to the sandy shores of southern Cape May, New Jersey boasts more than a million acres of publicly owned open space, including 118 wildlife management areas in which a rich variety of habitats and a wealth of wildlife resources are maintained and enhanced.

Every year, New Jersey's wildlife contributes to our economy by attracting millions of people who enjoy all kinds of recreational opportunities from hunting and fishing to hiking and bird watching. We know, too, that the aesthetic value of these natural resources and the ways they enrich our quality of life cannot be measured in dollars.

New Jersey's ability to develop and maintain abundant and diverse wildlife resources and habitats depends in large part on our strong partnership with the sportsmen and women who pursue the traditions of hunting and fishing in our great state. Through the purchases of hunting and fishing licenses, New Jersey's hunters and anglers have funded a multitude of programs to restore

and protect our fish and wildlife. Elsewhere in this edition of New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest, for example, you can read about New Jersey's successful trap-and-transfer program that has reestablished a flourishing population of the once-nearly extinct wild turkey.

As longstanding advocates of environmental stewardship, New Jersey's sportsmen and women are also valuable partners in Gov. James E. McGreevey's effort to end the rampant sprawl that is rapidly devouring our open space, and threatening to spoil our precious water supplies and other vital natural resources.

Before all the state's remaining land is lost, we must find ways to balance New Jersey's future growth needs with the fundamental needs of our people so we all can enjoy a cleaner, healthier environment and the accompanying benefits which include a vibrant economy and more opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Under Governor McGreevey's leadership, New Jersey is on a new path to smart growth. Protecting our water resources and our open space is among the governor's highest priorities, and initiatives such as these are key to ensuring suitable habitats for wildlife to flourish. Offering our citizens and visitors better access to natural areas will enable hunters to preserve their sporting traditions for generations to come, and will keep New Jersey's economy strong.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Division of Fish and Wildlife has a proud history of safeguarding its wealth of natural resources. We are now entering a new era of environmental protection, one that requires all of us to renew our commitment to stewardship by strengthening protection of New Jersey's land, water and air through smart growth.

On behalf of everyone at DEP, I thank you for your continued interest in managing and enhancing New Jersey's wildlife resources. Have a safe and successful season.

Be A Mentor, Keep Hunting Tradition Alive

By Marty McHugh

Providing public access to New Jersey's fish and wildlife resources is a key part of our long-standing mission at the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

During the past several years, Fish and Wildlife has stepped up its efforts to help New Jerseyans learn more about the state's unique natural resources and ways to enjoy them. As part of our work, we partner with the Fish and Game Council to encourage people to experience the wonders of New Jersey's outdoors through special programs such as "Take Me Fishing" events, free fishing days, "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" workshops and a variety of youth hunting days.

Popular with the public, these recreational programs offer novice hunters and anglers opportunities for pleasant, memorable learning experiences with a teacher or mentor. At Fish and Wildlife, we are grateful for the many volunteers who generously devote time and talent to teaching others the skills of hunting and fishing.

Growing up in New Jersey, I was fortunate to have as mentors my father, uncles, cousins and family friends, all of whom contributed greatly to

OUR MISSION:

To protect and manage the state's fish and wildlife to maximize their long-term biological, recreational and economic value for all New Jerseyans.

OUR GOALS:

To maintain New Jersey's rich variety of fish and wildlife species at stable, healthy levels and to protect and enhance the many habitats on which they depend.

To educate New Jerseyans on the values and needs of our fish and wildlife and to foster a positive human/wildlife co-existence.

To maximize the recreational and commercial use of New Jersey's fish and wildlife for both present and future generations.

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License Information & Fees 2003–2004

(Licenses are valid from date of purchase to Dec. 31 of each year.)

Firearm Licenses

Resident Firearm Hunting (16–64 yrs.)	\$ 27.50
Senior Resident Firearm Hunting (65 yrs & older)	15.50
Non-Resident Firearm Hunting	135.50
Non-Resident Two-Day Small Game Firearm Hunting	36.50
Special One-Day Hunting	12.50
(On Commercial Preserves Only)	
Youth (10–15, see page 4)	FREE

Bow and Arrow Licenses

Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting	31.50
Senior Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting (65 yrs & older)	16.50
Non-Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting	135.50
Youth (10–15, see page 4)	FREE

Trapping Licenses

Resident Trapping	32.50
Non-Resident Trapping	200.50

Permits

Deer Permits for Bow, Shotgun or Muzzleloader	28.00
Youth Deer and Turkey Permit	12.00
Turkey Season Permit	21.00
Rifle Permit (2-year Permit)	19.00
Youth Rifle Permit	10.00

Stamps

Pheasant & Quail Stamp	40.00
Resident Waterfowl Stamp	5.00
Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp	10.00

Miscellaneous Licenses

All-Around Sportsman	72.25
(Includes Resident Firearm Hunting, Bow & Arrow Hunting & Fishing Licenses)	
Duplicate License	2.00

See page 4 for additional license information

New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Telephone Directory

Internet Address www.njfishandwildlife.com

Commercial Preserves & Semi-Wild Preserves	609-984-6211
Hunting Permit Hotline	609-292-9192
DEP ACTION LINE - 24 HOURS	877-WARNDEP
Exotic & Nongame Captivity Permits	609-292-9591
Falconry Permit Information	908-735-8793
Field Trial Permits	609-259-2132
General Information	609-292-2965
Horseback Riding Permits	609-259-2132
Hunter Education	877-2HUNTJ
Hunting, Fishing, & Duplicate Licenses	609-292-2965
Operation Game Thief	800-222-0456
Outstanding Deer Program	609-292-9450
Pheasant & Quail Stocking Information	609-984-0547
Rifle Permit Information	609-984-1400
Trout Stocking Hotline	609-633-6765
Wildlife Conservation Corps Information	856-629-1014
Wildlife Management Area Information	609-984-0547

Trenton Office

501 E. State St., Station Plaza 5, 3rd Floor, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400	
Endangered and Nongame Species	609-292-9400
Freshwater Fisheries	609-292-9450
Land Management	609-984-0547
Law Enforcement	609-292-9430
Marine Fisheries	609-292-2083
Shellfisheries	609-984-5546
Wildlife Education	609-292-9450
Wildlife Management	609-292-6685

Freshwater Fisheries Lab

PO Box 394, Lebanon, NJ 08833	908-236-2118
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Northern Region Office

26 Route 173 W., Hampton, NJ 08827	
Wildlife Management	908-735-7040
Endangered and Nongame Species	908-735-8975
Hunter Education	877-2HUNTJ
Wildlife Control	908-735-8793
Land Management	973-383-0918
Law Enforcement (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties)	908-735-8240

Pequest Trout Hatchery and

Natural Resource Education Center 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863	908-637-4125
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Central Region Office

1 Eldridge Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691	
Land Management	609-259-2132
Hunter Education	877-2HUNTJ
Wildlife Control	609-259-7955
Law Enforcement (Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties)	609-259-2120

Southern Region Office

220 Blue Anchor Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081	
Information	856-629-0090
Hunter Education	877-2HUNTJ
Land Management	856-629-5006
Freshwater Fisheries	856-629-4950
Wildlife Control	856-629-7224
Law Enforcement (Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties)	856-629-0555

Nacote Creek Research Station

P.O. Box 418, Route 9, Milepost 51 Port Republic, NJ 08241	
Marine Fisheries	609-748-2020
Shellfisheries	609-748-2040
Marine Education	609-748-2031
Wildlife Management	609-748-2063
Marine Law Enforcement	609-748-2050

Bivalve Shellfish Office

P.O. Box 432, Port Norris, NJ 08349	856-785-0730
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Hunting & Trapping Licenses

*Deer Permits are valid for the 2003–2004 hunting season.
New Jersey sporting licenses are valid for the calendar year.*

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. It is unlawful for any person age 12 or older to trap without a trapping license. See below for youth license information. All hunters and trappers must openly display their license or permit on their outer clothing and must show their license to any police officer or any person requesting to see it.

Licenses and stamps may be purchased from participating county or municipal clerks, license agents and selected Division of Fish and Wildlife offices.

Farmer License Exemption A farmer and the immediate members of the family who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit (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. *Also: See Farmer Deer Permits section.*

Hunter & Trapper Education Requirements New Jersey requires that anyone applying to hunt with a shotgun, rifle or bow 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.

The New Jersey Hunter Education course is now offered as a home study video-based program. Students can obtain course materials at most license agents and Division field offices. After completing an extensive homework assignment, the student may choose from a list of testing facilities and dates to complete their Hunter Education course. More details on the program, including course material availability, facility locations and dates, see page 70 or go to the Division's web page www.njfishandwildlife.com or call 877-2HUNTJ.

Lost Licenses Lost licenses can be replaced at all Division regional offices, the Trenton office and the Pequest Natural Resource Education Center. To replace a lost license, either mail or hand deliver the carbon copy issued with the license along with a \$2 check to any Division law enforcement office, the Trenton office, or Pequest. Duplicate stamps will not be issued, but may be purchased separately.

National Guard, Licenses Eligible National Guard personnel are entitled to free licenses, permits, and stamps. Further information can be obtained by writing to: NJ Department of Military/Veteran Affairs, 101 Eggert Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, Attn: 1st Sgt. Turrien, or call 609-530-6866.

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. Non-immigrant aliens who temporarily import firearms

to the United States must first obtain a Form 6 Import Permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). The approval may take up to 12 weeks. Contact ATF's Explosives Imports Branch at 202-927-8320 or download a form from their web site at www.atf.treas.gov.

Non-Resident Servicemen, Licenses Any person on active duty in the armed services may buy a resident hunting license upon presenting a previous resident license (from this or any other state) of the appropriate type or proof of successfully completing the appropriate hunter education course to the agent.

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 Resident licenses may be purchased if one has resided in the state for 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 results in a five year revocation. 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. The Division may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

Social Security Numbers on Licenses Public Law 1998c1 "The Child Support Program Improvement Act" requires that the Division of Fish and Wildlife collect and maintain a record of Social Security numbers whenever a license or permit is sold. The visible display of the Social Security number on the license is not required and therefore it is the official policy of the Division that the holder of the license may black out their Social Security number once the license has been purchased. No other changes may be made to the license.

Youth Licenses, Resident & Non-Resident Properly licensed youth hunters ages 10–13 may hunt only when accompanied by a properly licensed adult aged 21 or older. Youths, 15 years of age and under, are able to hunt, fish, and trap for free, provided they have passed a Hunter Education course. Youth hunters who have passed a hunter education course should have received their new Youth Firearm or Youth Bow and Arrow license. The Youth Firearm, Bow and Arrow or Trapping License is valid from time of issuance until end of the year that he or she turns 16. Resident and nonresident youths who have not received their license can obtain licenses by calling the Division's Pequest, Trenton, Northern, Central or Southern region offices.

Disabled Veteran's Licenses, Stamps and Permits

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

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

Disabled Veteran hunting licenses are available at the Division's Trenton office, as well as selected Division field offices. For questions, call (609) 292-2965.

Disabled Veterans are entitled to **one free permit for the Permit Bow Season, and one free firearm permit (your choice), for either the Permit Shotgun or the Permit Muzzleloader Seasons**. Disabled Veterans **cannot** receive free permits at license agents. These free permits **only** can be obtained through the Division. To ensure inclusion on our database, Disabled Veterans are encouraged to apply for free deer permits by mail using the special Disabled Veteran application (see below). In the event that the deadline is missed, Disabled Veterans may obtain their free permits at selected Division offices.

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 course (archery, shotgun or rifle) certificate applicable to the license for which you are applying or 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.
3. To obtain the free Disabled Veteran Deer permits one must first have a Disabled Veteran hunting license.
4. Those applying for free deer permits must fill out one 2003 Disabled Veteran Deer Permit Application. Applications will be sent to all Disabled Veterans who are currently listed in our database. If you do not receive an application, one can be obtained at selected

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2003–2004 Hunting Permits and Stamps

Permits

Beaver & Otter Permits

- Trapping allowed by special permit only.
- Applications and additional information will be available beginning September 30 on the Division's web site (www.njfishandwildlife.com) and at Division offices.
- Application period is **October 15–November 15**.
- Leftover permits will be made available over-the-counter. During the week of December 1, 2003 check the web site or call the permit hotline at 609-292-9192, to learn if and when those sales will take place.
- See trapping regulations, page 54.

Black Bear Hunting Permits

A total of 10,000 special black bear hunting permits will be available to properly licensed firearm hunters who successfully complete a mandatory black bear hunting seminar. Black bear permit applicants must submit their name, mailing address, 2003 firearm hunting license number, telephone number, and all other required information on applications provided by the Division which will be available at Division offices and license agents during the first week of August. Permits are free, however **applications must be received by the Division of Fish and Wildlife at the address provided on the application no later than September 30, 2003**. If more than 10,000 applications are received, a random lottery will be conducted. Black bear hunting permits are not transferable and must be in the possession of the hunter while hunting black bear. Hunters are limited to one black bear hunting permit.

Captive Wildlife Permits

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

- Nongame and Exotics—609-292-9591
- Game birds and Mammals—609-984-6211 or from our web site, www.njfishandwildlife.com

Disabled Veteran's Licenses, Stamps & Permits

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- Division offices, on the Division web site (www.njfishandwildlife.com) or by calling (609) 292-2965. **Do not** complete the regular application found in this Digest.
5. Disabled Veteran applications will be accepted for **all zones** that are open for deer hunting; this includes zones sold only at license agents and zones that still have a lottery system. Disabled Veterans may purchase additional permits at the regular price of \$28.
- Using a Disabled Veteran Permit Application does not give the applicant preference in the lottery.

Coyote, Red and Gray Fox Hunting Permits

- Permits are required to hunt coyote, red or gray fox from February 2–16, 2004.
- Application period: **October 15–November 15**.
- To apply, send a \$2 application fee and a 3 x 5-inch index card with your name, mailing address, date of birth and **evening** telephone number.
- Write "Special February Coyote/Fox Season" on bottom of index card.
- Application fee must be in the form of a check or money order payable to "NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife"
- Mail the fee and index card to: NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife, Coyote Permits, PO Box 003, Trenton, NJ 08625-0003.
- Permits will also be made available at Division offices beginning January 19, 2004.
- See coyote and fox hunting regulations, pages 50 and 52.

Deer Road-Kill Permits

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

Deer Season Permits

- Permits are required during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Seasons.
- Permits may be purchased either at participating license agents or through a mail-in lottery, depending on the zone. See pages 6 to 10 for details.
- Permits are valid only for the season and zone indicated, are non-transferable and non-refundable.
- **For the mail-in lottery, permit applications must be postmarked by August 31.**

Falconry Permits

Hunting with raptors (birds of prey) is allowed only with a Falconry Permit and a hunting license. See the section on falconry for hunting rules, page 53.

Rifle Permits

A valid rifle permit is required for coyote, deer, squirrel and woodchuck hunting with a muzzle-loading rifle; raccoon and opossum hunting with a .22 caliber rifle; and for dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat with a .22 caliber rifle. Initial rifle permit applicants must be at least 10 years old and have successfully completed a rifle hunter education course. Applications for rifle permits may be obtained at the Division's Trenton Office or our web site. Rifle permits for 10 to 17 years olds will be valid only for muzzleloader. No persons under 18 years old may hunt with centerfire or rimfire rifles.

Turkey Hunting Permits

- Hunting by permit only.
- Spring and fall season applications are made simultaneously on one application.
- Applications are located in the 2004 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement, available in late January/early February at Division offices, on our web site and at participating license agents.
- Applications must be postmarked between January 25 and February 23.

Turkey Permits, Fall

- At press time, the 2003 Fall Turkey Permit Lottery has not been completed.
- **Tentative** date: Monday, September 29, 2003 has been scheduled for over-the-counter sale of leftover permits, if available.
- After July 18, 2003 check the web site or call the 24-hour automated Permit Hotline at 609-292-9192 for more detailed information.

Permits for Farmers

Deer Season

- Approved farmers are eligible for one **free** bow, shotgun and muzzleloader permit for the applicable deer management zone.
- Farmers may submit only one application.
- **Preferred farmer application period: June 1–August 31.**
- For all applications received after October 1, the Division cannot guarantee that permits will be received in time for opening day.
- Farmers on our database were sent applications in early June.
- To ensure inclusion in our database, farmers are strongly urged to submit completed applications early.
- There are two types of farmer permits, **occupant** and **non-occupant**. Applicants may decide for which permit it is easiest to qualify.
- For Farmer Deer Permits **only a qualified farmer or the spouse or children of that farmer who reside in the farmer's household**, are eligible to apply for occupant and non-occupant farmer deer permits.
- Farmer Permits are contingent upon approval by the Division's Bureau of Law Enforcement.
- Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at license agents) regular deer permits in addition to the free farmer permits.
- Farmer Permits are **ONLY** available through the Division's Trenton Office.

Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

- Applicant must be the owner, leasee or immediate family (spouse and children only) who actually **reside on** the farm property.
- Must have at least five acres of land 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.

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- Farmer(s) and their immediate family members (spouse and children only) 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.
- If applying to hunt 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 in the entire zone for which the permit was applied.
- 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 Turkey Permits

- Qualified farmers may apply only if their land is in a turkey hunting area open to hunting.
- Approved farmers will receive a permit valid for both the entire spring and fall seasons if they apply for both permits on their Farmer Turkey Permit Application.
- Applications will be made available at Division offices, the Division web site, county agricultural agents and from conservation officers throughout the state.
- Farmer Turkey permits are available only to the farmer and immediate family who **reside on** the farm.
- For the purpose of Farmer Turkey Permits “immediate family” includes the spouse, child, 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.
- Application period is January 23–February 23. Farmers whose applications are received after February 23 cannot be guaranteed that their permits will arrive by opening day.

Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions

Permits for Physically Challenged Hunters

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

Permits to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle

A permit to shoot or hunt from a standing vehicle that is parked off the road may be issued to licensed hunters who have a permanent or irreversible physical disability which limits their ambulatory ability, suffer from cardiovascular disease and are classified as Class 3 or 4 heart patients according to American Heart Association standards, or 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 Division of Motor Vehicles or by displaying the sign, provided by Fish and Wildlife, in the rear window of the vehicle being used.

Bow Use Permit

A special bow use permit may be issued to disabled hunters who cannot use a conventional bow as described in the Game Code. This permit will allow the alteration of a long bow, recurved bow or compound bow with a mechanical device that will enable the archer to draw and cock the bow at full or partial draw length or in cases of demonstrated need, a permit to use a crossbow may be issued. Special bow use permit applicants must have a disability that meets any one of the following criteria: amputation or other loss of one or both arms above the wrist; an amputation or other loss of index or middle finger on the hand used to draw and release the bow; permanent, substantial loss of function or range of motion in one or both arms, one or both hands, or one or both shoulders; or suffer from cardiovascular disease and are designated as a Class 3 or 4 heart patient according to the American Heart Association standards. These permits will only be issued if the need is certified by a licensed physician.

Information about permits for hunters with disabling conditions can be requested in writing from the Division’s Trenton Office, Handicapped Permits, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625 or downloaded directly from our web site: www.njfishandwildlife.com

Stamps

Stamps are not transferable to another person and are not valid unless signed across the face in ink.

Pheasant & 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) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated Wildlife Management Areas shall have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp (free youth hunting licenses include pheasant & quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood, Howardsville, Heislerville, Tuckahoe, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. Other designated areas include the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Fort Dix. Pheasant and quail stamps are valid for the calendar year, January–December.

New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp

Anyone 16 or older who hunts waterfowl must possess a New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp in addition to the Federal Duck Stamp. Both of these stamps are valid for the fiscal year, July 1–June 30. An HIP number is also required. See page 56 for details.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (Application postmark deadline—AUGUST 31, 2003)

- Note:** A rifle permit is required while muzzleloader hunting. Hunters are limited to purchasing one permit per zone for each of the permit seasons (permit bow, permit muzzleloader, permit shotgun). Blank applications may be photocopied. Print clearly. Follow instructions carefully.
- HUNTER INFORMATION:** Complete the hunter’s name, birth date, mailing address, Social Security number and daytime telephone number.
 - HUNTING LICENSE NUMBER:** Please be aware that we no longer have permit ID Stubs on hunting licenses. Bow applicants must include their 2003 Archery or 2003 All-Around license number. Shotgun or muzzleloader applicants must include the number from their 2003 Firearm or 2003 All-Around license. Those who applied for a hunter education course by August 31, should enter “8888888888” in the license box.
 - PERMIT BOW SECTION:** To apply for a bow permit, write your zone choices next to the “B” under the first lottery section. For a second bow permit, write your zone choices
 - PERMIT FIREARM SECTION:** To apply for a shotgun or muzzleloader permit, place an “S” (shotgun) or “M” (muzzleloader) in the box and write your zone choices under the first lottery section. For an additional firearm (shotgun or muzzleloader) permit, place an “S” (shotgun) or “M” (muzzleloader) in the box and write your zone choices under the second lottery section. Reminder: Hunters will only be able to take one buck during each of the permit seasons regardless of the number of permits they have.
 - PERMIT FEE:** A \$28 fee (\$26 permit fee plus a \$2 nonrefundable application fee) per adult permit or a \$12 fee (\$10 permit fee plus a \$2 nonrefundable application fee) per youth permit must accompany your application. You must enclose with your application a check or money order payable to “NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife”. Include your name and address on checks and money orders. Applications not chosen to receive permits will receive a refund for permit fee only (\$26 or \$10 per permit in late January).
 - Cut out application along dotted line and mail with all fees to the address below. Envelopes must be postmarked by August 31.
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Deer Season Permits

Permit hunting seasons play a major role in the Division's deer management program. The three permit seasons provide a means to control hunting pressure, and thereby 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.

- Permits are required to hunt during the permit bow, permit muzzleloader and permit shotgun seasons.
- **Permits are zone specific and are valid for the duration of the specified zone's permit season, even when that season extends into the 2004 calendar year.**
- Hunters are limited to purchasing **one permit per zone for each of the permit seasons.** Example: If you hunt only in Zone 19, you are limited to purchasing one muzzleloader, one bow and one shotgun 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 how many permits one has, hunters are limited to taking **one buck** during each of the permit seasons. (See *Licenses, Permits and Tagging Requirements* for details, page 21.)
- Either a regular, non-resident or youth hunting license is a prerequisite to purchasing a deer

permit. See page 4 for more information regarding hunting licenses.

- Muzzleloader season permits are not valid unless accompanied by both a valid rifle permit and a firearm or all-around hunting license.
- It is illegal to use a permit for a zone or season or hunter other than what is written on the permit. Deer permit violations are subject to a fine of \$100–\$500 for each offense.
- The cost per permit is \$28 for each adult and \$12 for each youth permit.

Permits Available at Participating License Agents

- Permits may be purchased at participating license agents (listed on page 13) only for the following zones: **1–19, 21–31, 34–36, 41–43, 45–51, 55, 63 and 65.** (See *Mail-in Lottery Permits* for zones with lower quotas).
- Bow, muzzleloader and shotgun permits will be available for sale **beginning September 8, 2003.**
- Participating license agents will be selling permits through **February 14, 2004.**
- Hours of operation and types of payment accepted vary according to license agent.
- To purchase a permit at a license agent, a hunter **MUST** present his or her valid current year's hunting license.
- Hunters need not be present; a person may purchase a permit for an absent hunter only if

they show the hunter's valid hunting license. **Photocopies of licenses are not accepted.**

- The **hunter** is responsible to know in what zone and period they want to hunt.
- Hunters are urged to review their permit **before** leaving the license agent.
- Once a permit has been paid for and leaves the store, **there will be no returns, exchanges or refunds. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- As with licenses, hunters are reminded to keep the purchaser's copy in a separate, safe location. This is your receipt and proof of permit, should the original be lost.

Special Area Deer Management Zones

- Special areas include Federal Military Installments, certain state and county parks and national wildlife refuges.
- Zone dependant, permits are either purchased over-the-counter at the special area, or through the mail in lottery.
- There may be specific, qualifying criteria which hunters must meet before obtaining a permit. Some zones are not open to the public.
- Refer to the *Special Area Hunting Seasons* section on page 35 for specific details and instructions.

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Be A Mentor, Keep Hunting Tradition Alive

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my interest in and knowledge of hunting and fishing, my appreciation and understanding of natural resources and even my career choices.

Studies show most people who enjoy hunting were introduced to the sport by a family member or friend. By sharing their knowledge, experienced hunters help beginners learn hunting techniques, safety and ethics. Mentoring often leads to new friendships and hunting companions. The strong bonds that develop between hunting partners can last a lifetime. I can personally attest to the strength of the lifelong relationships developed among the relatives and friends with whom I have shared many days in the field.

While there are times we all relish the solitude that hunting offers and may prefer to hunt alone, we also cherish memories that include our hunting buddies. We remember the hunting camp conversations, the duck-blind badgering, sharing in our partners' successes, reminding them about their failures, and the sunrises and sunsets over the marsh, fields or forests—the good times and the good-natured ribbing to be recounted for years to come.

Sometimes, men and women who have enjoyed hunting for years may decide to abandon the sport. This decision is often attributed to the loss of something they considered essential to the hunting experience, such as a favorite hunting

spot, a hunting buddy or even a beloved hunting dog. In some cases, hunters relocate and simply don't know how to find good hunting locations or opportunities in a new state. Further, most private hunting land is posted, open only to a club, family or small group.

Many of us have the knowledge and experience necessary either to introduce newcomers to hunting or to encourage a hunter to continue pursuing the sport, so we should consider serving as mentors. Keep in mind that when we invite a family member, friend or acquaintance to join us for a day in the field, we also are preserving the tradition of hunting in New Jersey.

For myself, I consider it a responsibility and a tribute to my mentors to pass along the hunting knowledge, values and ethics they thoughtfully conveyed to me. For all of us, mentoring a new hunter could be the beginning of many years of camaraderie and the first of many rewarding experiences in New Jersey's great outdoors.

Marty McHugh is director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Deer Season Permits (continued from page 9)

Military Zones

Military base zones include the following: Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54), Earle NWS (Zones 39 & 40), Lakehurst NAES (Zone 53), FAA Tech Center (Zone 66) and Fort Dix (Zones 37 & 52). All have lower quotas and a limited amount of permits will be made available. Due to heightened security measures, permits for most military base zones will be available for purchase only at each base location except permits for Ft. Dix, Zones 37 and 52, will be sold through the mail-in lottery. Permits will be available beginning September 7, 2003, however please refer to the Special Area Section on page 35 for complete details. At the time of this printing the status of zone 66, FAA Tech. Center, is still unknown—prospective hunters should refer to the information on Zone 66 in the Special Area Section.

Mail-In Lottery Permits

Zones which have a limited permit quota necessitate a mail in lottery. Hunters may apply for a total of four deer permits (two bow, two firearm) through the mail-in lottery. Two random lotteries will be conducted. The first lottery will choose applicants from the first lottery section of the permit application.

The second lottery will assign permits leftover from the first lottery. These permits will be assigned, where available, to applicants completing the second lottery section of the application.

The second lottery is NOT a continuation of the first lottery. The computer will attempt to fill the first, second, or third choice of each applicant in the second lottery *independent* of any previous request in the first lottery. If permits remain after both computerized lotteries are conducted, they will be available for purchase over-the-counter at selected Division offices.

- Permits will be available by lottery **ONLY** for the following zones: **37, 38, 52, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 64 and 67.**
- Application and instructions can be found on page 6 and 7.
- Applications must be **postmarked by August 30, 2003.**
- **Only ONE application per hunter.** If you make a mistake do not submit a second application. The computer will automatically void both applications. See *Notification*, below.
- Consult the permit quotas for lottery zones table on the table below to ascertain your chances of winning a permit. This table shows last years permit quotas and the number of applicants, you can use it to compare to this year's permit quotas.

returned for correction, to be resubmitted promptly.

- Any applicant not selected to receive a permit will receive a notice of non-selection. A refund, minus a \$2 application fee, will be issued at a later date.
- All applicants will receive notification by October 17 for bow permits, and October 24 for shotgun and muzzleloader permits.
- If you have not received notification by these dates, contact the Division.
- Hunters not receiving a deer permit *or* notice of non-selection must contact the Division before the end of the appropriate season or the hunter will not receive a refund for undeliverable permits or those lost in the mail.
- For questions concerning the permit process, call the 24-hour automated permit hotline: 609-292-9192.

Over-the-Counter Sale of Leftover Lottery Permits

- Should there be leftover permits after both computerized lotteries are conducted, they will be sold over-the-counter at selected Division offices.
- Leftover permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Sale of permits will be Mondays through Fridays only, **tentatively beginning Monday October 27, 2003.**
- During the week of October 17, 2003, check the web site or call the 24-hour automated permit hotline at 609-292-9192 for more detailed information.

Notification

- Late applications will be returned.
- Incorrect or incomplete applications will be

2003 Permit Quotas For Lottery Zones

This table shows the permit quotas for 2002 along with the number of applicants who requested that zone as their first choice in the first lottery. The 2003 Permit Quota is also listed. Hunters can ascertain their chances of winning a permit by looking at the number of permits allotted (the permit quota) and comparing them to the number of permits requested.

ZONE	2002 Permit Bow Quota	1st Choice Bow Requests 2002	2003 Permit Bow Quota	2002 Permit Shotgun Quota	1st Choice Shotgun Requests 2002	2003 Permit Shotgun Quota	2002 Permit Muzzleloader Quota	1st Choice Muzzleloader Requests 2002	2003 Permit Muzzleloader Quota
37*	190	N/A	190	47	N/A	75	390	N/A	300
38	0	0	0	290	281	290	10	4	10
52*	65	N/A	65	25	N/A	25	180	N/A	180
56	0	0	0	25	21	25	0	0	0
57	40	18	40	40	16	40	40	8	40
58	50	27	50	50	45	75	50	19	50
59	35	36	35	75	23	75	25	18	25
61	30	19	40	80	25	80	30	11	40
64	0	0	0	100	175	100	0	0	0
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* See Fort Dix segment in the Special Areas Hunting Section on page 36.

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REGULATIONS

Highlights of Important Changes in the 2003–2004 Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Sportsmen and women can anticipate another outstanding year afield during the 2003–2004 hunting seasons.

New Jersey's black bear season will be open for the first time since 1970 in the area north of Interstate 78 and west of Interstate 287. A total of 10,000 permits are available and participants must successfully complete a black bear hunting seminar. The season is scheduled from December 8–13, 2003, but may be closed earlier by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection or the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, based upon early season harvest results. Refer to the Black Bear Hunting Regulations (page 49) for hunting regulations and permit application information.

The New Jersey Fish and Game Council has changed this year's deer hunting regulations to better achieve the state's deer-management objectives, to maximize recreational opportunity and to simplify regulations.

Earn-A-Buck requirements were removed from Deer Management Zone 5 and were added to Deer Management Zones 15 and 49 for the fall 2003 deer seasons. The Earn-A-Buck regulation ends after December 13, 2003 in all regular management zones for the 2003–2004 deer hunting seasons.

The fall bow season will open on September 6 in many deer management zones, including several zones that were not open for the early season last year. (See Deer Regulation Sets 4, 6 & 8 for additional zones open for the early season). Where the season is open, hunters are reminded that they must harvest an antlerless deer first from September 6–26, 2003 before harvesting or attempting to harvest an antlered deer. The regular fall bow season will open on September 27 in all other zones open for the season. The fall bow season ends on October 24, 2003 in all zones.

Zone 57, the central portion of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, will be open for the fall bow season. (See Special Area Deer Management Regulations, page 35.)

Hunters are reminded they may purchase only one special season permit per zone per season.

The regular Permit Bow Season will be October 25–November 22 and November 27–29, 2003. The extended season again will run through December 31, 2003 with several zones changed from the regular season format to the extended season format. (See Regulation Sets 4, 6 & 8).

The Youth Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, November 22, 2003.

The Six-day Firearm "Buck" Season is December 8–13, 2003.

The muzzleloader permit season has been extended from nine to 13 days for Zone 4 (See Regulation Set 1).

A 10-day permit shotgun season format was substituted for the seven-day format. The new 10-day format will include December 17–19, 2003 and January 10–17, 2004. The change was made to provide an intermediate season format and to provide additional Saturdays for winter bow and small game hunting without concurrent shotgun permit hunting.

See the Deer Regulation Sets and Deer Hunting Regulations for specific information regarding seasons dates, bag limits, special area hunting opportunities and additional changes in regulations by management zone. Note: There are no zones assigned to regulation sets 5 and 7 for the 2003–2004 deer hunting seasons.

The daily bag limit for chukar partridge has been increased from three to seven.

Permit requirements have changed for adults supervising juvenile turkey hunters, age 10 to less than 14. Now, those supervising adults who are not also hunting are required to possess only a valid firearm or bow license, whichever is applicable. Supervising adults are no longer required to have a turkey-hunting permit for the zone and period while supervising the youth hunter, unless the adult is also hunting. This change was made to increase recreational hunting opportunity for juvenile hunters.

The bag limit for beaver trapping has been reduced from 10 to eight beavers per permit in order to increase the number of permits available from 137 to 175. The change will increase recreational trapping opportunity.



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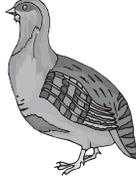
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General Hunting Regulations

This is not the full law. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further details. 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 6, 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 a bow or firearm of any kind.

.22 Rifles

A valid rifle permit must be possessed while hunting with a .22 caliber rifle.

It is unlawful to possess and use .22 caliber rifle except while hunting woodchuck, [no rifle hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)] hunting raccoon and opossum with hounds, and dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat.

.22 caliber rifles must be loaded with short cartridges only, except when hunting woodchuck.

.22 caliber rifles need not be plugged, but must be loaded with no more than three shells. No 10-17 year olds may hunt with any rimfire or centerfire rifle.

.17 caliber legal only for hunting woodchuck.

Bow and Arrow

"Bow" means any long bow, recurve bow or compound bow that is hand held and hand drawn, with no mechanical device built into it or attached to it that will enable the archer to lock the bow at a full or partial draw. All draw locking and draw holding devices are prohibited. Hand held release devices are permitted.

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

Arrows fitted with heads other than specified for deer, turkey, coyote 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.

It is unlawful to:

- use a crossbow or variation,
- use or possess a poison arrow or one with an explosive tip,
- use a bow one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise during any 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.

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 September 1 to October 1, 2003 and from March 1 to May 1, 2004. Training hours shall be one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

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

Note: For special areas and regulations for dog training on WMAs see the section of Wildlife Management Area Regulations, page 58.

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.

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 the Division of Fish and Wildlife, or call 908-735-8793.

SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED:

- Carrying a loaded firearm or nocked arrow within 450 feet of a building or school playground without possessing written permission from the owner or lessee.
- 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.
- Hunting for or shooting any wildlife by aid of a light, except when hunting raccoon, coyote or opossum while on foot.
- 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 is prohibited.
- 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.
- Using electronic calling devices except when hunting for fox, raccoon, crow and coyote.
- Loaded firearms in a motor vehicle. Possession of a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle is considered proof of pursuing or taking of wildlife.
- Transporting an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle.
- Shooting into a squirrel's nest.

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.

Farmer Regulations

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

Farmers and their lessees occupying or farming their land, members of their immediate families, 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.

Farmers may trap foxes 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 Division law enforcement office must be notified within 24 hours of killing a coyote.

Firearms and Missiles

A person may not go into the woods or fields with a firearm except during prescribed seasons.

Airguns are not legal hunting firearms.

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) or coyote. Rimfire and centerfire rifles not legal to hunt deer

For hunting, rimfire and centerfire rifles is not capable of holding more than three shells at one time. Rifles need not be plugged but may not be loaded with more than three rounds.

Hunter Orange

Hunters must wear a cap made of 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.

This applies to all persons while hunting deer, bear, rabbit, hare, squirrel, fox, railbirds, and game birds including while in a tree stand.

Exceptions: this law does not apply to waterfowl, crow, wild turkey, coyote, woodchuck nor bow-hunters except that a bow hunter using a deer decoy must wear hunter orange, as described above, while transporting the decoy into and out of the woods and fields.

Muzzleloading Rifles

It is unlawful to use smokeless powder in a muzzleloader while hunting in New Jersey.

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.

It is unlawful to hunt with a muzzleloading rifle on WMAs, except for deer and squirrel hunting during the special season in certain zones. For muzzleloader rifle squirrel hunting, see page 51. For muzzleloader deer hunting, see pages 21 and 22. For rifle permit information, see page 5.

Non-Resident Game Removal

A non-resident licensee may remove from the state each day a daily bag limit of game. However,

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General Hunting Regulations

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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 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 or turkey that he himself or she herself did not kill unless it has a tag bearing the name, address, telephone number, license and permit numbers of the person who killed the deer, bear 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 customers name, current address, day and evening telephone number, hunting license number, and possession seal number of any black bear, deer or turkey 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.

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.

Persons are allowed to hunt raccoon or opossum between midnight on Saturday and one hour before sunrise on Sunday during the prescribed season.

Trespass Law

Hunters and trappers are **required** to secure written permission prior to entering posted lands to hunt. On agricultural lands, the law provides that these lands need not be posted to enforce the trespass law. Hunters must ask permission to recover a deer.

Hunters must not hunt in unharvested crops without 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 two years.

Wildlife

Taxidermists note: the sale of wild birds and game animals or parts thereof is prohibited in New Jersey. Legally trapped furbearers may be sold. Questions concerning the above should be directed to regional Division law enforcement offices.

It is illegal to capture, kill, injure or have in possession any wild bird other than a game bird.

No one may rob a bird'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.

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 bobcats. It is illegal to kill, attempt to kill or possess bobcats, except parts of bobcats legally taken in other states may be possessed but not sold in New Jersey.

Wildlife Damage Control

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

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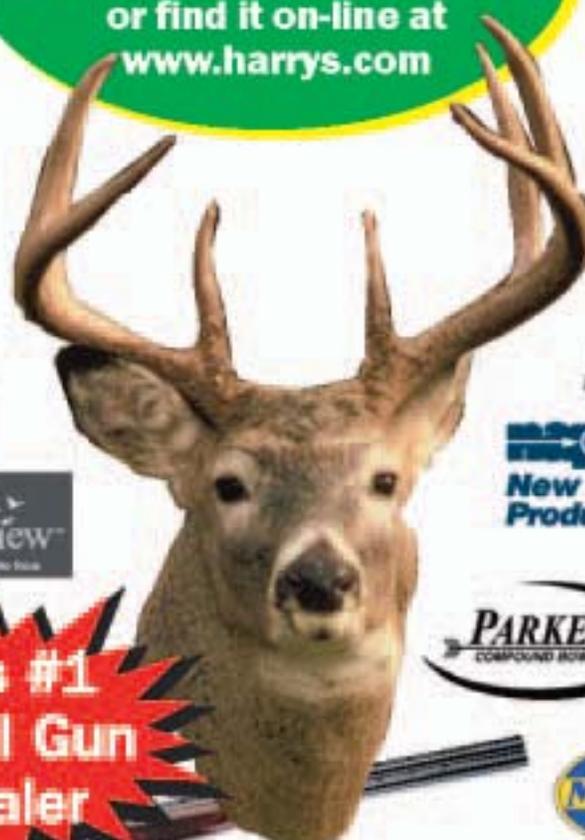
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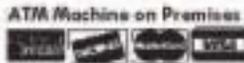
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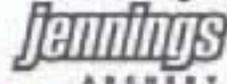
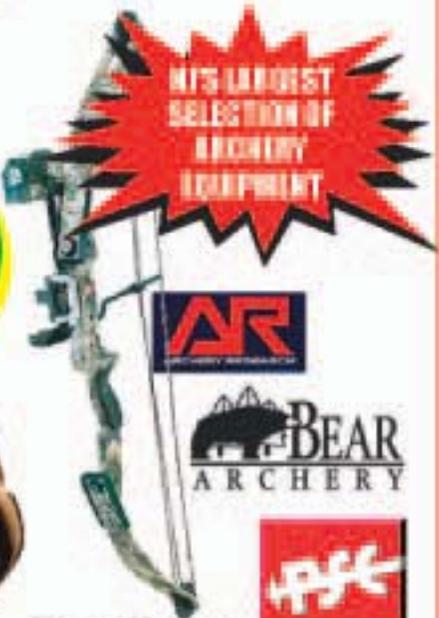


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Deer Hunting Regulations

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

Only ONE antlered deer may be taken per season statewide, regardless of the number of special season permits in possession. **To be legal, all deer harvested must be registered at an official deer check station (see page 44) and have a metal possession seal affixed to the deer. Only after registering the first deer may a hunter take or attempt to take another deer, where legal, unless specifically written as an exception.**



Licenses, Permits and Tagging Requirements

- See pages 4 and 5 for details on license, permit and 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 permit for a given zone during each of the permit seasons.** For example a hunter may buy a muzzleloader permit for zones 18, 21 and 24, however he/she may not purchase two muzzleloader permits for zone 24. A hunter may purchase a bow permit, a muzzleloader permit and a shotgun permit for zone 24, however he/she may not purchase two bow permits (or two shotgun permits or two muzzleloader permits) for zone 24. **Transportation tags from 2003 permits are valid for the entire length of the permit bow, muzzleloader or shotgun seasons, including January and February 2004, if the zone specified on the original permit is open for hunting during these dates.**
- **Tagging Requirements**—Hunters taking an antlered deer must have an “Antlered Buck Stub” from their current and valid hunting license and must **immediately** detach, date and initial the buck stub valid for that season in which the antlered deer is harvested. All harvested deer shall be tagged immediately with a completely filled in “transportation tag” and shall be transported to a checking station before 8 p.m., during the Fall Bow season and before 7 p.m. during all other seasons. Upon checking the deer, the transportation tag, and buck stub if applicable, must be surrendered to the check station operator. **Buck stubs from 2003 firearm licenses ARE VALID for the entire permit muzzleloader and permit shotgun seasons, including January and February 2004, if your zone is open for hunting during these seasons. Do NOT use the buck stub from your 2004 firearm license in January or February!**
- It is unlawful to use a bow and arrow for hunting deer using a firearm license or shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit.

Key Concepts and Definitions

- “Quality Deer Management Zones” include Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, 59, 63, 66 and 67. The harvest of antlered deer from these zones during any open season is restricted to deer having at least one antler having a minimum of three antler points as defined below.
- “Earn-A-Buck Zones” include Zones 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 36, 38, 40, 41, 49, 50, 51 and 67. The first deer harvested by the sportsmen from these zones during any open season through December 13, 2003 must be an antlerless deer as defined below.
- “Special Area Deer Management Zones” include Zones 37, 38, 39, 40, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 64, 66 and 67. They are generally small, publicly owned properties administered by county, federal or state agencies (other than the Division of Fish and Wildlife) where deer season dates, bag limits or regulations differ from those of the surrounding deer management zone. See page 35–38 for details.
- “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.
- “Antlered deer” is defined as any deer with at least one antler measuring at least three inches in length as described above.
- “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 deer that have shed their antlers are considered antlerless deer.
- “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 December 31 of the year in which he or she turns 16 years of age. **The Youth Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, November 22, 2003.** The bag limit for youth hunters on this day is ONE deer of either sex. Point restrictions do not apply to deer taken on this day by youth hunters.

Bag Limits

- Properly licensed hunters are limited to taking one antlered buck per season (regardless of the *(continued on page 22)*)

Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting:

Season(s)	Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)	Firearm sights; Bow releases
Fall bow Permit bow Winter bow	Bow—long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broad-head with a minimum width of 3/4"	Hand-held release devices are permitted
Permit muzzleloader	Muzzleloader—rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. 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	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 3 shells	Slugs—lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabotted 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	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")	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 3 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")	

Deer Hunting Regulations *(continued from page 21)*

What should be done if I recover my deer too late and/or the deer check station is closed and I cannot arrive at another check station before they close?

1. Go home and immediately call the nearest NJ Fish & Wildlife Law Enforcement Office.

For deer harvested in these counties:

Bergen	Morris	Union
Essex	Passaic	Warren
Hunterdon	Somerset	
Hudson	Sussex	

Call the Northern Region

Law Enforcement Office at (908) 735-8240.

For deer harvested in these counties:

Burlington	Monmouth
Mercer	Ocean
Middlesex	

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For deer harvested in these counties:

Atlantic	Cumberland
Camden	Gloucester
Cape May	Salem

Call the Southern Region

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2. Leave a message on the recorder with your name, phone number, hunting license number and the deer management zone from which the deer was taken.

3. Check your deer the following morning at the nearest deer check station. If weather conditions necessitate butchering the deer immediately, you must bring the head and hide to be checked the next day.

After harvesting a deer—Mandatory Deer Check Requirement

- 1. Tag your deer**—deer transportation tags must be filled in completely with ink, detached from license or permit, and securely attached to the deer immediately after it has been killed and before moving the deer.
- Upon killing an antlered buck, hunters must immediately date, initial and detach the buck stub from their license and attach the stub to the deer with the transportation tag.
- 3. Bring your deer to an official deer check station**—be discreet when transporting deer to and from a check station, butcher or taxidermist. Deer must be taken *by the person who killed the deer*, on the day killed, to the nearest check station by 8 p.m. during the regular fall bow season, and by 7 p.m. during all other seasons. The buck stub must be surrendered with the transportation tag at the deer check station. Personnel at the check station will attach a legal, metal possession seal to the deer, and, if applicable, will issue a New Jersey Supplemental Transportation Tag for the harvest of another deer. Consult this *Digest* for a listing of official deer check stations to locate the one closest to your place of hunting.
- 4. Remember:** Bring your hunting license and applicable deer season permit to the check station.

Firearms and Ammunition & Sights

- See page 15 for general hunting regulations which also apply to deer hunting.
- All Firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in 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.
- 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.
- Only **one** muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader may be in possession while deer hunting.

- Only **black powder or black powder equivalents**, including Clean Shot, GOEX Clear Shot and Pyrodex, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting. Modern smokeless powder is strictly prohibited while hunting game with a muzzleloading firearm.
- Special Area Deer Management Zones** may have regulations that **differ** from the statewide regulations. See page 35 for details.

After checking your deer—Possession/Sale

- Metal possession seals (affixed to deer at check stations) **must** be kept until all venison is consumed **and** as long as you keep any part or parts, including antlers, are kept. Persons with deer mounts should write their name, legal possession seal number, date of kill, and season of harvest on back of the mounting plate for future reference.
- It is illegal to sell deer meat, deer antlers or any part of a deer **except** deer hides. 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 had 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 or 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.

Decoys and Electronic Devices

- Persons may hunt with the aid of deer decoys statewide in those zones open for deer hunting during the fall bow, permit bow and winter bow seasons only.** When carrying or moving deer decoys for the purpose of hunting, persons must wear a fluorescent orange hat or other 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, which cast a beam of light upon the deer.

Baiting Regulation

- Baiting is allowed for deer hunting. Hunters may hunt for deer while in a tree, on the ground, or in a structure 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.

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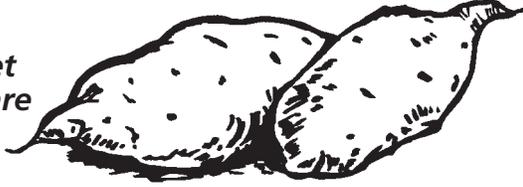
number of permits purchased) during the fall bow, permit bow, permit muzzleloader, permit shotgun and winter bow seasons. Two antlered bucks may be taken during the six-day firearm season. **Exception:** *If two antlered bucks are taken during the six-day firearm season, the antlered buck bag limit for permit shotgun is zero. HUNTER'S CHOICE: take two antlered bucks during six-day firearm, or one antlered buck during six-day firearm and one antlered buck during permit shotgun.* The antlerless bag limit for these seasons will be either one, two, or unlimited depending on the zone and season.

- Two deer may be taken at a time in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 25, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 64 during the permit muzzleloader and permit shotgun seasons, respectively (in those zones open for those seasons), until the season concludes.

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2002–2003 Deer Harvest Summary

New Jersey deer hunters harvested 63,786 deer during the 2002–2003 season. This represents a nine percent decrease from the 2001–02 harvest of 69,970 deer, and is a continued response to the ongoing effort to reduce the deer population on approximately 68 percent of the state's deer range. The season total is the fourth highest in state history.

Total harvests for each of the six seasons and Youth Day were as follows: Fall Bow–11,305; Permit Bow–9,051; Six-day Firearm–10,588; Permit Shotgun–20,912; Permit Muzzleloader–10,231; Winter Bow–894; and Youth Day–805. The total harvest consisted of 20,966 antlered bucks and 42,820 antlerless deer.

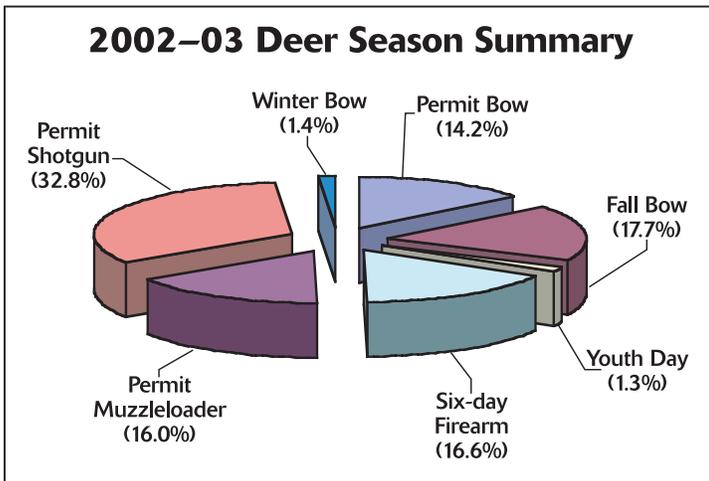
Hunterdon County once again ranked highest in overall harvest (11,602), with Sussex County coming in second (6,714), and Warren County a close third (6,710).

Most importantly, hunters harvested 42,820 antlerless deer, broken down by weapon type as follows: Archery–15,458 (36.1 percent); Muzzleloader–7,922 (18.5 percent); and Shotgun–19,440 (45.4 percent).



Preliminary 2002–03 Total Deer Harvest By Season and Zone

DMZ	DEER SEASONS							Total
	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Youth Day	Six-day Firearm	Permit Muzzleloader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	
1	103	91	9	180	176	53	16	628
2	419	334	46	468	584	850	32	2,733
3	108	139	12	130	238	23	12	662
4	203	180	23	201	352	47	31	1,037
5	958	559	70	873	644	1,850	32	4,986
6	225	216	31	201	245	63	23	1,004
7	496	363	16	434	313	917	20	2,559
8	1,189	889	40	988	577	2,038	46	5,767
9	463	295	11	143	103	429	56	1,500
10	803	562	15	584	526	1,188	32	3,710
11	468	349	22	334	295	675	7	2,150
12	1,090	759	30	649	531	1,682	42	4,783
13	639	442	5	147	103	384	146	1,866
14	506	359	19	308	217	1,109	40	2,558
15	242	200	15	230	139	992	9	1,827
16	137	135	22	279	166	90	16	845
17	120	111	17	181	165	517	3	1,114
18	109	102	11	195	199	14	18	648
19	231	228	23	281	243	767	17	1,790
21	102	125	17	377	235	23	31	910
22	42	53	10	57	55	95	9	321
23	116	167	23	414	331	27	24	1,102
24	42	58	14	151	189	14	17	485
25	136	132	14	172	173	923	3	1,553
26	119	197	30	370	353	633	10	1,712
27	101	122	13	134	252	284	11	917
28	206	167	25	210	281	295	7	1,191
29	125	104	19	127	231	350	10	966
30	72	67	17	63	135	68	9	431
31	67	58	6	40	110	106	8	395
34	78	114	31	162	250	146	26	807
35	201	180	22	179	233	567	4	1,386
36	112	83	1	18	24	60	13	311
37	29	11	3	22	97	6	2	170
38	0	0	0	0	1	266	0	267
39	11	21	0	19	63	199	2	315
40	13	5	0	0	26	14	1	59
41	247	218	15	237	149	506	1	1,373
42	68	36	11	68	60	429	5	677
43	14	29	6	84	56	6	3	198
45	22	58	18	107	148	15	7	375
46	17	45	10	147	101	27	8	355
47	31	28	5	52	54	178	6	354
48	119	107	12	175	133	536	6	1,088
49	65	21	1	20	20	106	5	238
50	331	212	13	123	112	448	25	1,264
51	158	124	5	96	86	546	27	1,042
52	9	9	2	13	50	18	1	102
53	14	20	2	8	24	7	6	81
54	6	13	0	14	7	19	0	59
55	14	21	1	30	20	10	2	98
56	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34
57	1	2	0	1	5	13	0	22
58	0	11	1	4	10	24	0	50
59	0	16	1	0	8	22	0	47
61	0	4	0	3	3	13	0	23
63	54	41	4	34	67	60	2	262
64	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	95
65	42	44	16	50	67	6	4	229
66	12	15	0	0	4	30	1	62
67	0	0	0	0	192	0	0	192
Unk	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	11,305	9,051	805	10,588	10,231	20,912	894	63,786



Preliminary 2002–03 Total Deer Harvest by County and Season

COUNTY	Deer Seasons							Total
	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Youth Day	Six-Day Firearm	Permit Muzzleloader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	
Atlantic	245	349	59	631	596	1,423	25	3,328
Bergen	16	6	0	18	12	2	1	55
Burlington	611	613	88	1,136	1,045	1,609	81	5,183
Camden	114	105	21	149	125	194	9	717
Cape May	66	91	27	143	202	125	20	674
Cumberland	374	373	80	499	804	675	47	2,852
Essex	37	26	3	7	12	16	4	105
Gloucester	263	245	25	327	323	1,003	8	2,194
Hudson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunterdon	2,667	1,914	77	1,720	1,454	3,689	81	11,602
Mercer	468	304	28	350	232	971	19	2,372
Middlesex	265	195	14	200	143	723	14	1,554
Monmouth	658	530	36	525	464	1,697	55	3,965
Morris	1,112	791	37	579	434	1,541	94	4,588
Ocean	385	377	42	732	644	630	76	2,886
Passaic	92	106	8	80	178	22	10	496
Salem	403	399	48	400	648	894	22	2,814
Somerset	1,189	910	24	595	424	1,607	197	4,946
Sussex	1,147	842	115	1,252	1,609	1,647	102	6,714
Union	1	2	0	6	0	4	0	13
Warren	1,191	871	73	1,236	878	2,432	29	6,710
Unknown	1	2	0	3	4	8	0	18
State	11,305	9,051	805	10,588	10,231	20,912	894	63,786

REGULATIONS

Preliminary 2002–03 Deer Harvest Per Square Mile of Deer Range

Deer Mgmt. Zone	Deer Range (sq mi)	Antlered Buck Harvest per sq mi	Total Deer Harvest per sq mi
1	64	5.2	9.8
2	170	6.3	16.1
3	160	2.1	4.1
4	64	7.3	16.2
5	239	5.5	20.9
6	160	3.6	6.3
7	110	6.2	23.3
8	221	7.6	26.1
9	75	4.3	20.0
10	120	8.2	30.9
11	75	7.8	28.7
12	175	6.9	27.3
13	90	4.8	20.7
14	190	3.1	13.5
15	88	6.8	20.8
16	140	3.8	6.0
17	92	4.6	12.1
18	75	4.8	8.6
19	164	4.0	10.9
21	181	3.2	5.0
22	16	8.6	20.1
23	171	3.9	6.4
24	172	1.6	2.8
25	151	2.6	10.3
26	127	5.4	13.5
27	102	3.3	9.0
28	105	4.5	11.3
29	67	4.7	14.4
30	48	3.8	9.0
31	43	2.7	9.2
34	112	3.1	7.2
35	160	2.9	8.7
36	34	2.2	9.1
37	21	4.0	8.1
38	10	3.2	26.7
39	15	6.2	21.0
40	1	9.0	59.0
41	42	8.4	32.7
42	43	3.7	15.7
43	27	4.7	7.3
45	62	2.8	6.0
46	69	2.9	5.1
47	58	1.7	6.1
48	90	4.5	12.1
49	5	12.8	47.6
50	123	2.3	10.3
51	80	2.3	13.0
52	20	5.1	5.1
53	8	4.5	10.1
54	5	5.6	11.8
55	5	8.8	19.6
56	1	9.0	34.0
57	1	4.0	22.0
58	4	3.3	12.5
59	2	4.5	23.5
61	5	1.6	4.6
63	19	5.8	13.8
64	3	6.0	31.7
65	16	6.9	14.3
66	3.3	4.5	18.8
67	15	1.5	12.8
STATE	4714.3	4.9	16.1

2003–04 NJ Deer Season Regulation Sets Reference Chart

Color Coded to Regulation Sets (page 28) and Zone Map (page 40)

ZONE	Season and bag limits may be found under the indicated Regulation Set
1	Regulation Set # 2
2	Regulation Set # 4
3	Regulation Set # 2
4	Regulation Set # 1
5	Regulation Set # 6
6	Regulation Set # 3
7	Regulation Set # 8
8	Regulation Set # 8
9	Regulation Set # 8
10	Regulation Set # 8
11	Regulation Set # 8
12	Regulation Set # 8
13	Regulation Set # 8
14	Regulation Set # 8
15	Regulation Set # 8
16	Regulation Set # 4
17	Regulation Set # 6
18	Regulation Set # 2
19	Regulation Set # 6
20	Zone is not designated
21	Regulation Set # 2
22	Regulation Set # 4
23	Regulation Set # 2
24	Regulation Set # 2
25	Regulation Set # 6
26	Regulation Set # 4
27	Regulation Set # 4
28	Regulation Set # 4
29	Regulation Set # 4
30	Regulation Set # 3
31	Regulation Set # 4
32	Zone is not designated
33	Zone is not designated
34	Regulation Set # 3

ZONE	Season and bag limits may be found under the indicated Regulation Set
35	Regulation Set # 4
36	Regulation Set # 8
37	Special Area Hunting Season
38	Special Area Hunting Season
39	Special Area Hunting Season
40	Special Area Hunting Season
41	Regulation Set # 8
42	Regulation Set # 6
43	Regulation Set # 2
44	Zone is not designated
45	Regulation Set # 2
46	Regulation Set # 2
47	Regulation Set # 4
48	Regulation Set # 6
49	Regulation Set # 8
50	Regulation Set # 8
51	Regulation Set # 8
52	Special Area Hunting Season
53	Special Area Hunting Season
54	Special Area Hunting Season
55	Regulation Set # 3
56	Special Area Hunting Season
57	Special Area Hunting Season
58	Special Area Hunting Season
59	Special Area Hunting Season
60	Zone is not designated
61	Special Area Hunting Season
62	Zone is not designated
63	Regulation Set # 4
64	Special Area Hunting Season
65	Regulation Set # 3
66	Special Area Hunting Season
67	Special Area Hunting Season

No zones assigned to Regulation Sets 5 and 7.

Regulation Sets For The 2003–04 Deer Seasons

Regulation Set #1

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
 - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note: Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

ZONE(S): 4

Fall Bow (24-days): September 27 to October 24, 2003 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

Permit Bow (28-days): October 25 to November 22 and November 27–29, 2003 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

Youth Day (1-day): November 22, 2003. Season bag limit is one deer of either sex. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

Permit Muzzleloader (13-days): December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003. Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone.

Six-day Firearm (6-days): December 8–13, 2003. Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

Permit Shotgun (1-day): December 17, 2003. Season bag limit is one deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone.

Winter Bow (27-days): January 1–31, 2004 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.



Regulation Set #2

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
 - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note: Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

ZONE(S): 1, 3*, 18, 21, 23, 24, 43, 45, 46

* Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zone 3 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

Fall Bow (24-days): September 27 to October 24, 2003 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

Permit Bow (28-days): October 25 to November 22 and November 27–29, 2003 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

Youth Day (1-day): November 22, 2003. Season bag limit is one deer of either sex. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

Permit Muzzleloader (21-days): December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003; and Jan. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2004. Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone.

Six-day Firearm (6-days): December 8–13, 2003. Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

Permit Shotgun (1-day): December 17, 2003. Season bag limit is one deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone.

Winter Bow (27-days): January 1–31, 2004 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

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Regulation Set #3

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
 - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note:** Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

ZONE(S): 6*, 30, 34, 55, 65

* Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zone 6 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

Fall Bow (24-days): September 27 to October 24, 2003 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

Permit Bow (28-days): October 25 to November 22 and November 27–29, 2003 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

Youth Day (1-day): November 22, 2003. Season bag limit is one deer of either sex. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

Permit Muzzleloader (21-days): December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003; and Jan. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2004. Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone.

Six-day Firearm (6-days): December 8–13, 2003. Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

Permit Shotgun (3-days): December 17–19, 2003. Season bag limit is two deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone.

Winter Bow (27-days): January 1–31, 2004 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.



Regulation Set #4

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
 - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note:** Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

ZONE(S): 2, 16, 22, 26, 27*, 28, 29*, 31, 35*, 47, 63*

* Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zones 27, 29, 35 or 63 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

Fall Bow (42-days): September 6–26, 2003 (excluding Sundays). First deer must be antlerless. September 27 to October 24, 2003 (excluding Sundays). First deer may be antlered or antlerless. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

Permit Bow (54-days): October 25 to November 22 and November 27 to December 31, 2003 (excluding Sundays and Christmas Day, December 25). Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

Youth Day (1-day): November 22, 2003. Season bag limit is one deer of either sex. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

Permit Muzzleloader (21-days): December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003; and Jan. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2004. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone.

Six-day Firearm (6-days): December 8–13, 2003. Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

Permit Shotgun (10-days): December 17–19, 2003; and, January 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, 2004. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone.

Winter Bow (27-days): January 1–31, 2004 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

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Regulation Set #5

ZONE(S): No Zones Assigned to Set #5



Regulation Set #6

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
 - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note: Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

ZONE(S): 5, 17, 19, 25, 42 and 48

Fall Bow (42-days): September 6–26, 2003 (excluding Sundays). First deer must be antlerless. September 27 to October 24, 2003 (excluding Sundays). First deer may be antlered or antlerless. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

Permit Bow (54-days): October 25 to November 22 and November 27 to December 31, 2003 (excluding Sundays and Christmas Day, December 25). Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

Youth Day (1-day): November 22, 2003. Season bag limit is one deer of either sex. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

Permit Muzzleloader (46-days): December 8–13, 2003. Antlerless deer only. December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003; and Jan. 1–31, 2004 (excluding Sundays). **Antlered or Antlerless.** Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm (6-days): December 8–13, 2003. Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

Permit Shotgun (34-days): December 8–13, 2003. Antlerless deer only. December 17–19, 2003; and, January 3–31, 2004. Antlered or Antlerless. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Winter Bow (27-days): January 1 – 31, 2004 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.



Regulation Set #7

ZONE(S): No Zones Assigned to Set #7

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Regulation Set #8

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
 - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note: Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

EARN-A-BUCK ZONE(S): 7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51

* Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zones 9 or 13 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

Fall Bow (42-days): September 6 to October 24, 2003 (excluding Sundays).

Earn-A-Buck: Must take an ANTLERLESS deer first from any Earn-A-Buck Zone.

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within regulation sets # 1, 2 or 3.

Permit Bow (54-days): October 25 to November 22 and November 27 to December 31, 2003 (excluding Sundays and Christmas Day, December 25).

Earn-A-Buck: Must take an ANTLERLESS deer first from any Earn-A-Buck Zone through December 13, 2003.

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

Youth Day (1-day): November 22, 2003. Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified Youth hunters only. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

Permit Muzzleloader (62-days): November 24, 25, 26, 28 and December 8–13, 2003. Antlerless deer only. December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003; and Jan. 1–Feb. 14, 2004 (excluding Sundays). Antlered or Antlerless. Earn-A-Buck: Must take an ANTLERLESS deer first from any Earn-A-Buck Zone through December 13, 2003. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm (6-days): December 8–13, 2003.

Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

Permit Shotgun (50-days): November 24, 25, 26, 28 and December 8–13, 2003. Antlerless deer only. December 17–19, 2003; and, January 3–Feb. 14, 2004. Antlered or Antlerless. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Winter Bow (39-days): January 1–Feb. 14, 2004

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.



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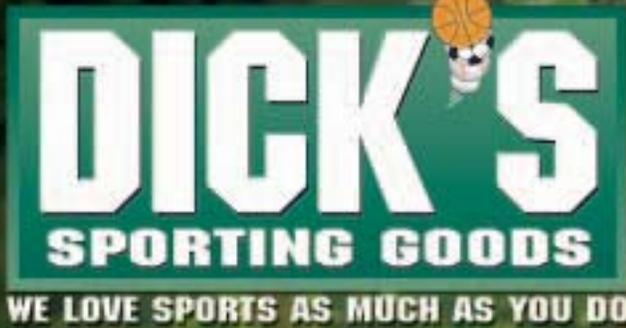
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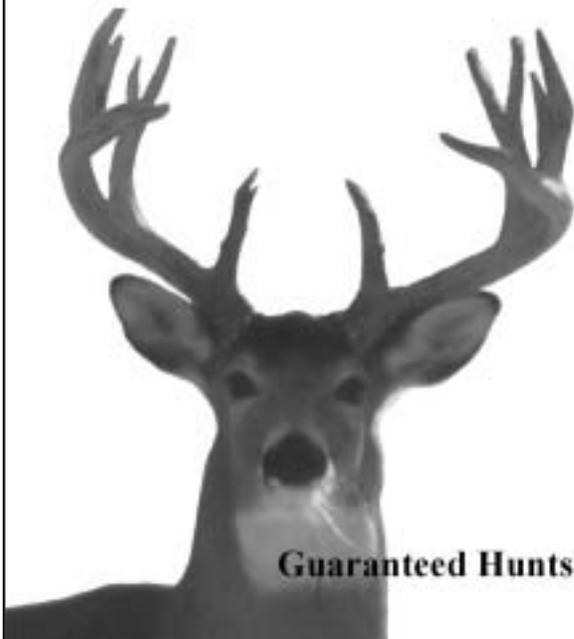
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NOTE: Only one antlered deer may be taken per season (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

**(See NOTE above)*

Special Areas— County and State Parks

Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61):

Hunters must apply for a Zone 61 permit through the mail-in lottery with the enclosed permit application.

Permit Bow Season—October 25, 2003 to January 31, 2004 (84 days)—**bag limit**—unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered 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 must apply for a Zone 67 permit through the mail-in lottery with the enclosed permit application.

Permit Muzzleloader Season—November 10–13 and 17–20, 2003 (11 days)—**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. 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 a.m. or after 6 p.m. The Division of Parks and Forestry charges a non-refundable \$20 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.

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Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64):

Hunters must apply for a Zone 64 permit through the mail-in lottery with 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 and ONE antlered 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 information on park regulations 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 by September 1 at the Morris County Park Police, located at 300 Mendham Road, and pay a non-refundable processing fee (\$15 for county residents and \$30 for non-residents) at that time. Hunters will be offered a \$5 rebate for each doe harvested, up to the actual registration fee. 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):

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 be sold only 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

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during all open seasons must have at least one antler with at least three antler points.

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

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

Permit Bow Season (Zone 39)—October 25 to December 31, 2003 (58 days)—**bag limit**—unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered 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 Season (Zone 39)—December 1–6, 15–20, 22–31, 2003; and, January 1–31, 2004 (48 days)—**bag limit**—unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered deer.

Winter Bow Season (Zone 40)—January 1–31, 2004 (27 days)—**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, 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.

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

Permit Bow Season—October 25 to December 31, 2003 (54 days)—**bag limit**—unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered deer.* A total of 55 permits will be available.

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

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

Hunters must apply for Zones 37 and 52 permits through the mail-in lottery with the enclosed permit application. A total of 5 percent of the permit quota will be held in reserve at Fort Dix for special military related circumstances. 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 each day when hunting. Military training will take precedence over hunting. 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 at least three antler points.

Fall Bow Season—September 27 to October 24, 2003 (24 days)—**bag limit**—two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked as valid for the taking of a third 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, only ONE may be antlered. 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,

only ONE may be antlered. 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, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked as valid for the taking of a third 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 Zone 53 will be sold only at Lakehurst NAES.** 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.

Fall Bow Season—September 27 to October 24, 2003 (24 days)—**bag limit**—two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked as valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in Zone 53.

Permit Bow Season—October 25 to November 29, 2003 (31 days)—**bag limit**—two deer, only ONE may be antlered. 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, only ONE may be antlered. 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 and ONE antlered deer.* A total of 41 permits will be available.

Winter Bow Season—January 1–31, 2004 (27 days)—**bag limit**—two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked as valid for the taking of a third 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 be sold only at Picatinny 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.

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

Permit Bow Season—October 25 to December 31, 2003 (58 days)—**bag limit**—unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered 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).
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 must apply for Zone 56, 57 and/or 58 permit(s) through the mail-in lottery with the enclosed permit application.

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 and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered deer. A total of 40 permits will be available for Zone 57 and 50 permits will be available for Zone 58.

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 and ONE antlered 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 and ONE antlered deer.* A total of 40 permits will be available for Zone 57 and 75 permits will be available for Zone 58.

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

Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38):

Hunters must apply for a Zone 38 permit through the mail-in lottery with the enclosed permit application. The refuge will be open concurrently for permit muzzleloader and permit shotgun hunting only and closed to deer hunting at all other times. The refuge emphasizes the harvest of adult does and manages for older bucks. **Leftover muzzleloader and shotgun permits for Zone 38 will be sold only at the refuge office.** In addition to the state permit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will charge a \$22 fee (\$11 for

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Anthony Larusso II, with his father, Mike, of Howell. Mike's 165 pound, nine-point buck scored 125 4/8, making it eligible for the Pope and Young Club's record book.

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holders of Golden Age or Golden Access passports) for the issuance of a federal hunting permit; permits are to hunters under age 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 Seasons (concurrent)—November 19–22, 2003 (4 days)—**bag limit**—unlimited antlerless deer, and ONE antlered 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 must apply for a Zone 59 permit through the mail-in lottery with the enclosed permit application. In addition to the State permit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will charge a \$20 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 a.m. 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, and ONE antlered 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, and ONE antlered 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 antlerless deer, and ONE antlered 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 for all six deer seasons. Hunters must obtain a \$10 refuge permit; youths permits are free. Detailed maps of hunting areas, additional regulations and a signed refuge access permit must be in

possession while scouting or hunting. For further information visit our web site at www.wallkillriver.fws.gov, call (973) 702-7266 or write Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, 1547 County Route 565, Sussex, NJ 07461.

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. See page 21.

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Position Statement on the Recreational Use Of All-terrain Vehicles:

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife reminds sportsmen and women that the responsible use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) must be restricted to private land with permission only. The use of ATVs is prohibited on Wildlife Management Areas. ATV riders should drive responsibly, avoiding damage to habitat and wildlife. Respect our natural resources and the rights of others.



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Deer Management Zone Descriptions

Note: Shaded zones represent a change for this year.

Zone No. 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 New York State line to Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Branchville; then north-west along Rt. 206 to the 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 No. 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 No. 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. 23; 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 No. 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 Road); then south on Rt. 645 to the intersection with Rt. 646 in Hainesville (Jagger Road); 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 Road); then south-east along Rt. 560 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south on Rt. 206 to the intersection with the base of the Kittatinny Ridge at Culvers Inlet; then southwest along the east base of the Kittatinny Ridge to the Delaware River at the Delaware Water Gap north and west of Quarry

Road; 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 No. 5: That portion of Warren and Sussex Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the base of the Kittatinny Ridge and Rt. 206 at Culvers Inlet; 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 Quarry Road; then northeast along the base of the Kittatinny Ridge to its intersection with Rt. 206, the point of beginning.

Zone No. 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. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to the point of beginning at Allamuchy. Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54) is excluded from Zone 6.

Zone No. 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 No. 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 No. 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 No. 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.

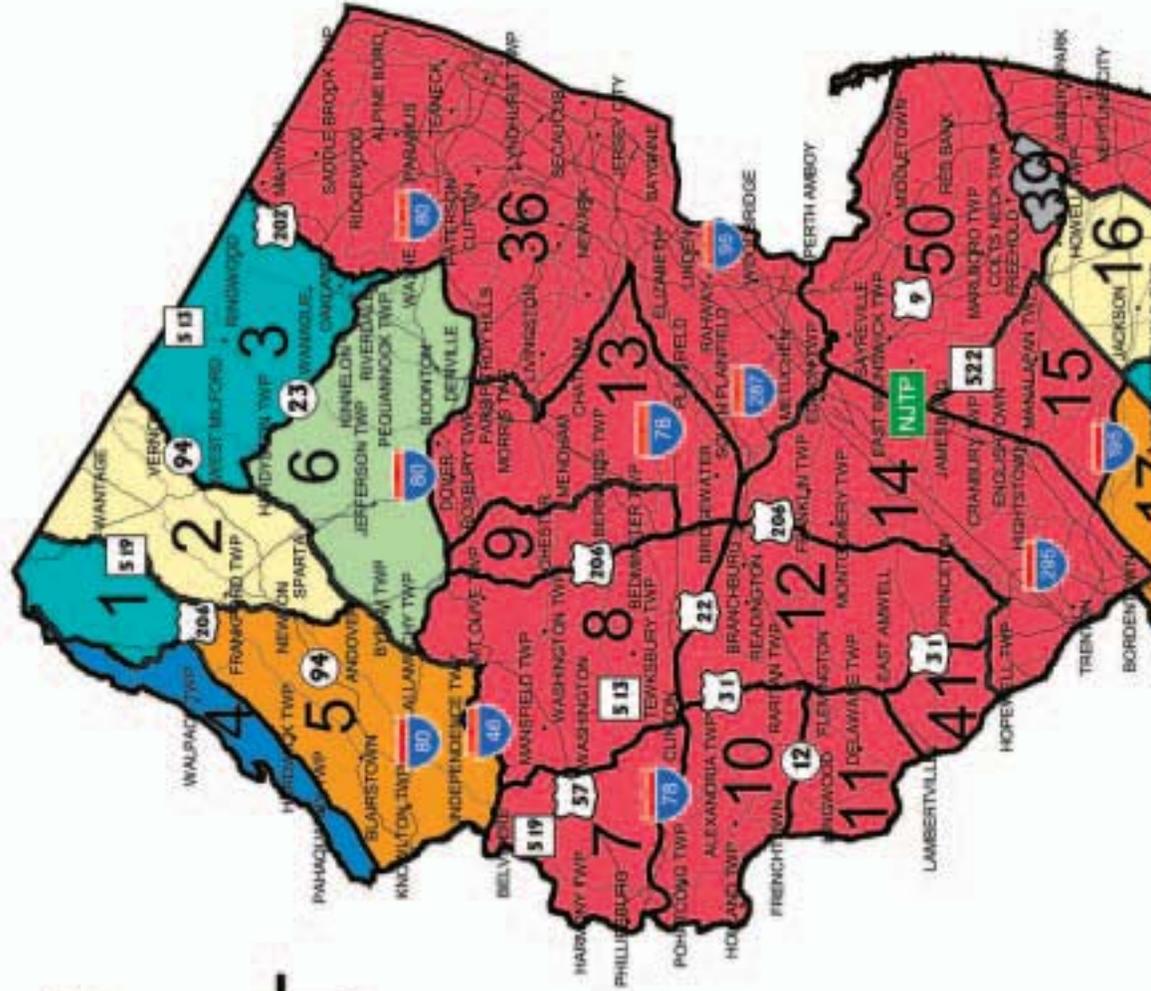
Zone No. 11: That portion of Hunterdon County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 12 and 31 and 202 at Flemington; then southwest along Route 202 to the Delaware River; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Route 12 at Frenchtown; then east along Route 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 No. 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 No. 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 east on Calais Rd. to Morris Tpk.; then north and west on Morris Tpk. to Rt. 10; then west on Rt. 10 to Rt.

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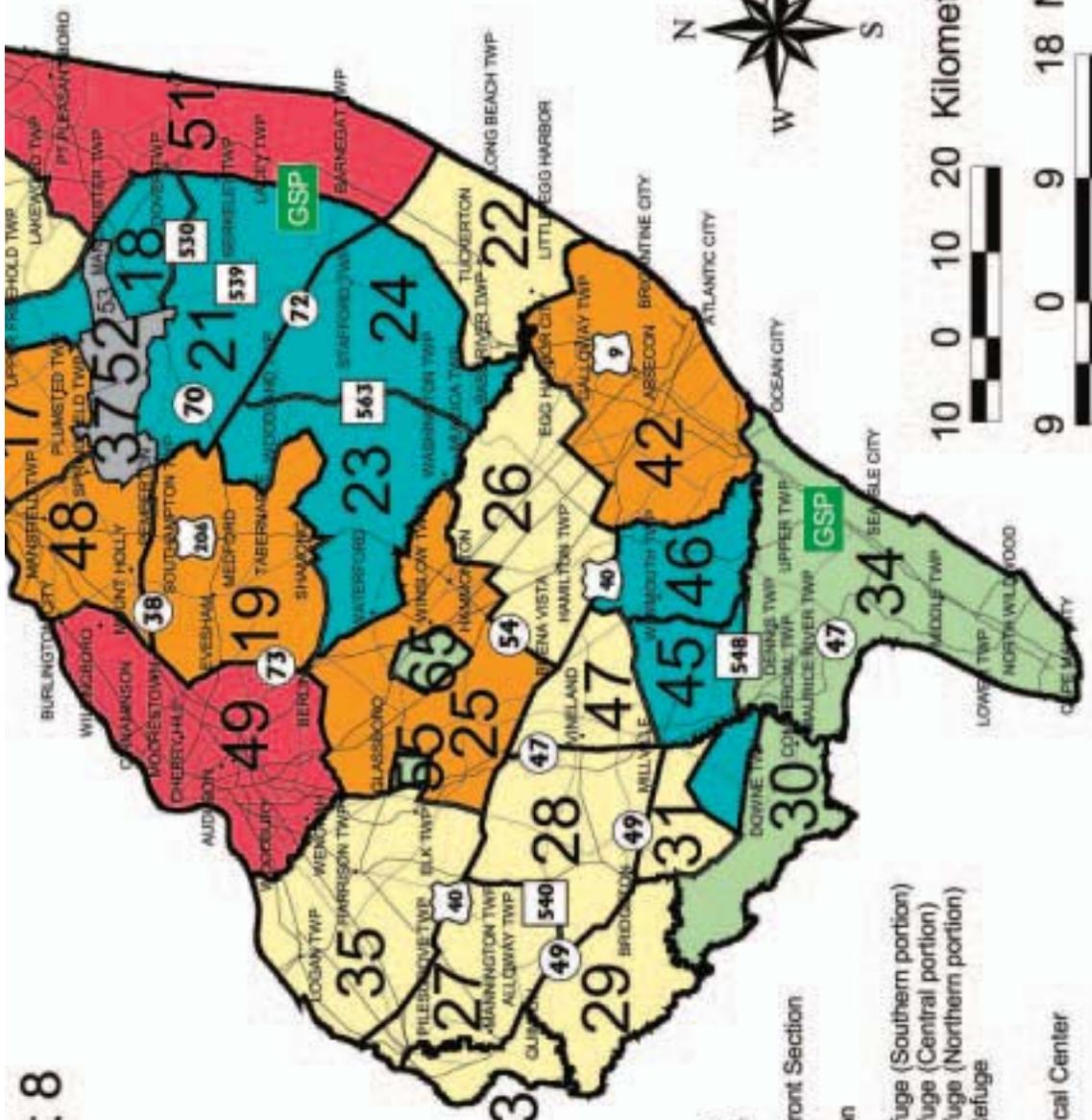
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- 37 Fort Dix Reservation (Western portion)
- 38* Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
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- 57* Edwin B Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Central portion)
- 58* Edwin B Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Northern portion)
- 59* Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
- 61* Atlantic County Parks System
- 64* Monmouth Battlefield State Park
- 66* Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center
- 67* High Point State Park

*Not shown on map

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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 No. 14: That portion of Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset and Burlington Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 22 and 206 at Somerville, then east along Route 22 to its intersection with Interstate 287; then south on Interstate 287 to its intersection with Route 18; then south on Route 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 Route 545 which becomes Farnsworth Avenue; then continuing northwest on Farnsworth Ave. to its intersection with W. Burlington Street; 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 Route 546 at Washington's Crossing; then east on Route 546 to its intersection with Route 206 at Lawrenceville; then north along Route 206 to the point beginning at Somerville. Rotary and Blauguard Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

Zone No. 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 No. 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 No. 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 Road (Prospertown-Colliers Mills Road: Rt. 640) then southeast along Hawkin Road (Prospertown-Colliers Mills Road: Rt. 640); to the intersection with Colliers Mills Road; then west along Colliers Mills Road 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 Fort Dix Military Reservation; then westward along the Fort Dix Military Reservation 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 No. 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 Fort Dix Military Reservation; then northward along the Fort Dix Military Reservation boundary to the northernmost intersection of the Fort Dix Military Reservation 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 Road; then east along Colliers Mills Road to the intersection with Hawkin Road (Prospertown-Colliers Mills Road: Rt. 640); then northwest along Hawkin Road (Prospertown-Colliers Mills Road: Rt. 640) to the intersection with Rt. 537 near Prospertown; 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 No. 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 Road; then west on Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 644 (Buddtown-Ong's Hat Road); 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 Road; then southwest on Burr's Mill Rd. to its intersection with Avenue Road; then south on Avenue Rd. to its intersection with Sooy Place Road; 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 Road); then south and southeast on Rt. 532 to its intersection with South Park Rd.; then south

on South Park Rd. to its intersection with White Horse-Speedwell Rd.; then south on White Horse-Speedwell Rd. to its intersection with Eagle Rd.; then southwest on Eagle Rd. to its intersection with the railroad tracks; then west following the railroad tracks to their intersection with Carranza Rd.; then northwest on Carranza Rd. to its intersection with Tuckerton Rd.; then north and northwest on Tuckerton Rd. to its intersection with Forked Neck Rd. (Dingletown Rd.); then west along Forked Neck Road to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 541, Stokes Road; then northwest along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Willow Grove Road; then southwest on Willow Grove Road to its intersection with Atsion Road; then northwest on Atsion Road to its intersection with Rt. 534, Jackson Road; 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 Road); then northeast on Rt. 616, Hanover Street, into the town of Pemberton to its intersection with Elizabeth Street, then east on Elizabeth Street, which becomes Pemberton-Brown's Mills Road (Rt. 687) to its intersection with Rt. 530 (Pemberton-By-Pass Road); then east on Rt. 530 to its intersection with Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Road), the point of beginning. Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37) is excluded from Zone 19.

Zone No. 20: Not designated.

Zone No. 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 Road) at Four Mile Circle; then northwest on Rt. 644 to its intersection with Turkey Buzzard Bridge Road; then northeast on Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Road); then northwest on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Rt. 530 (Pemberton-Brown's Mills Road); 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 (Zones 37 and 52) are excluded from Zone 21.

Zone No. 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

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its intersection with Stage Road; then west along Stage Road to its intersection with Leektown Road; then west along Leektown Road (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 No. 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 Road); then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Albertson Brook (about 4 miles north of Hammonton); then westward along Albertson Brook until it becomes Blue Anchor Brook; then westward along Blue Anchor Brook to its intersection with Rt. 30, near Cedar Ave., south of Ancora; then northwest along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 73; then north on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 534, Jackson Road; then east along Rt. 534 to its intersection with Atsion Road; then southeast on Atsion Road to its intersection with Willow Grove Road; then northeast on Willow Grove Road to its intersection with Rt. 541, Stokes Road; then southeast along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Forked Neck Road; then east along Forked Neck Road (Dingletown Rd.) to its intersection with Tuckerton Rd.; then southeast and south on Tuckerton Rd. to its intersection with Carranza Rd., then southeast on Carranza Rd. to its intersection with the railroad tracks; then east following the railroad tracks to their intersection with Eagle Rd.; then northeast on Eagle Rd. to its intersection with White Horse-Speedwell Rd.; then north on White Horse-Speedwell Rd. to their intersection with South Park Rd.; then north on South Park Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 532 (Chatsworth Rd.); then northwest on Rt., 532 to its intersection with Irick's Causeway; then northeast on Irick's Causeway to its intersection with Sooy Place Road (Vincentown-South Park Road); then northwest on Sooy Place Rd. to its intersection with Avenue Road; then northeast on Avenue Rd. to its intersection with Burr's Mill Road; 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.

Zone No. 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 Road; then west along Stage Road to its intersection with Leektown Road; then west along Leektown Road (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 No. 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 Road); then southeast on Rt. 610 to its intersection with Rt. 655 (Fries Mill Road) 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 Road 635 (Hurville-Grenloch Road); then eastward on County Road 635 to its intersection with County Road 705 (County House Road); then southeast along Rt. 705 to its intersection with County Road 688 (Turnerville-Hickstown Road); then eastward along County Road 688 to its intersection with County Road 689 (Berlin-Crosskeys Road); then northeast along County Road 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 Blue Anchor Brook, just past Cedar Avenue, south of Ancora; then eastward along Blue Anchor Brook until it becomes Albertson Brook at Fleming Pike; then eastward along Albertson Brook to its intersection with Rt. 206 (about four miles north of Hammonton); then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Great Swamp Branch (just past the intersection of Rt. 206 and Middle Road); then eastward along Great Swamp Branch to its intersection with Nescochague Creek; then eastward along Nescochague Creek to Nescochague Lake, at Pleasant Mills; then westward along the north and western shore of Nescochague Lake to its intersection with Hammonton Creek; then westward along Hammonton Creek to its intersection with Rt. 30 (White Horse Pike), near

Hammonton; then southeast on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Weymouth Road (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 Street; then south along Eighth Street 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 No. 26: That portion of Atlantic and Burlington Counties 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 Avenue; then north on Cologne Avenue to its intersection with Duerer Street; then east on Duerer Street 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 south along the west bank of Nescochague Creek to Nescochague Lake; then southwest along the western bank of Nescochague Lake to its intersection with Hammonton Creek; then westward along Hammonton Creek to its intersection with Rt. 30 (White Horse Pike), near Hammonton; then south on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Weymouth Road (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 Street; then southwest along Eighth Street 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 No. 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

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2003-2004 Mandatory

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) is a program that enables hunters to donate venison, providing high quality protein to needy individuals throughout the New Jersey. In it's sixth year, HHH will continue to operate with limited funding. Therefore **hunters wishing to donate deer must also donate a minimum of \$20 towards the \$65 processing fee. However, once funding runs out, hunters donating deer will have to pay the entire \$65 fee charged by participating butchers.** Last year, hunters donated over 21,700 lbs. of venison. The Division urges individual deer hunters and hunting clubs to consider donating funds to this worthy cause. Since funding is not expected to meet demand, hunters are urged to check with NORWESCAP, the Food Bank of Monmouth County or one of the participating butchers before harvesting a deer intended for donation.

In order to satisfy their regular customers, butchers will not accept donated deer during the Six-Day Firearm Buck Season (December 8-13, 2003).

Participating Butchers Include:

John Person

Lebanon • (908) 735-4646

Bishop's Market

Whitehouse Station • (908) 534-9666

V. Roche & Sons

Whitehouse Station • (908) 534-2006

A & A Country Butchers

Washington • (908) 689-5537

Newton High School

Newton • (973) 383-7573 ext. 243

Mark Godek Butcher Shop

Marlboro • (732) 462-3695

The Pork Roll Store

(formerly the Meat Factory)

Allentown • (609) 259-6335

To donate to the Hunters Helping the Hungry program, make checks payable to either the NORWESCAP Food Bank Venison Fund, 201 North Broad St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 (for questions call Cathy Rummel at 908-454-4322) or the Food Bank of Ocean and Monmouth Counties Venison Fund, 516 Passaic Ave., Spring Lake, NJ 07762 (732 974-2265).

Fall Bow Permit Bow 6-Day Firearm Permit Muzzle Loader Permit Shotgun Winter Bow

	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	6-Day Firearm	Permit Muzzle Loader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow
Atlantic County						
Muskett's Tavern, 343 W. White Horse Pike, Absecon, 609-646-9726	x	x	3	3	3,4	x
Captain Howard's, 326 Philadelphia Ave., Egg Harbor City, 609-965-7955	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nacote Creek Research Station, Rt. 9 North, (2.5 miles north of Smithville), 609-748-2043			3		6	
N.E. Hand & Son, 6016 Main St., Mays Landing, 609-625-4941	x	x	3	3	3,4	x
Nesco Package Goods, Rt. 542, Nesco, 609-561-8704	x	x	x	x	x	x
The Port Store, Clarks Landing Rd., Port Republic, 609-652-1616	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sugar Hill Sub & Deli, 153 Somers Pt. Rd. (Rt. 559), Mays Landing, 609-625-0538	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ted's Taxidermy, 713 Rt. 40 (1/10 mile west of Rt. 54), Buena, 856-697-8585	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bergen County						
Britt's Bait & Tackle, 41 River Rd., Oakland, 201-651-0900	x	x	x	x	x	x
Targeteers Sporting Goods, 101 Rte. 46 West, Saddle Brook, 201-843-7788	x	x	x	x	x	x
Burlington County						
Hedger House, 4265 Route 563, Chatsworth, 609-726-9006	x	x	x	x	x	x
Indian Mills Texaco, 1231 Rt. 206 South, Shamong, 609-268-0303	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mike's Sporting Goods, 1414 Rt. 38, Hainesport, 609-267-7978	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nixon's General Store, Chatworth Rd. & New Rd. Jct, Tabernacle, 609-268-9800	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pine Barren Stove & Sport Shop, Rt. 72, Chatsworth, 609-726-1550	x	x	3	2,3	1,3	x
Schneider Supply, 390 Lakehurst Rd. (Rt. 530), Browns Mills, 609-893-2323	x	x	3	2,3	1,3	x
Sportsmen's Center, U.S. Rt. 130 North, Bordentown, 609-298-5300	x	x	x	x	x	x
Camden County						
Atco Sports, 177 Atco Ave., Atco, 856-767-9446	x	x	x	x	x	x
Creek Keepers, 1130 Black Horse Pike (Rt. 168), Blackwood, 856-227-3328	x	x	x	x	x	x
Russell's PIC-II, 386 White Horse Pike, Ancora, 609-567-9886	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sicklerville Hardware, 540 Williamstown Rd., Sicklerville, 856-728-3800	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cape May County						
Belleplain Supply & Gun Center, Hands Mill Rd., Belleplain, 609-861-2345	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fletcher's Corner, 212 South Rt. 47, Cape May Court House, 609-465-4949	x	x	x	x	x	x
Just Sports, 21 Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, 609-465-6171	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cumberland County						
Busnardo's Sport Center, 886 North Pearl St., Bridgeton, 856-451-6272	x	x	x	x	x	x
Van Meter Archery, Hopewell Shopping Center, Rt. 49, Bridgeton, 856-453-2855	x	x	x	x	x	x
Maurice River Sports Center, 329 W. Main St., Millville, 856-825-5500	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neighborhood Deli, jct. Cedarville & Buckshtum Rds., Millville, 856-825-0044	x	x	x	x	x	x
TG Towing, 120 Hesstown Road, Millville, 856-825-6829	x	x	x	x	x	x
Essex County						
The Bullet Hole, 78 Rutgers St., Belleville, 973-759-5844	x	x	x	x	x	x
Gloucester County						
A&M Meats, Wolfert Frieson Rd., Mullica Hill, 856-478-0370	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sportsmen's Outpost, Fries Mill Rd., Williamstown, 856-881-3244	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hudson County						
Summit Indoor Archery Lanes, 443-445 Central Ave., Jersey City, 201-653-1443	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hunterdon County						
Boan's Marine, 1296 Rte. 179, Mt. Airy, 609-397-3311	x	x	x	x	x	x
Brown's Auto Body, 1173 Rte. 579, Quakertown, 908-735-7800	x	x	x	x	x	x
Carousel Deli & Bakery, Rte. 179 & Wertsville Rd. Jct., Ringoes, 908-788-5180	x	x	x	x	x	x
Jugtown Mountain Campsites, 1074 Rte. 173 East, West Portal, 908-735-5995	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lakeside Deli, 1878 Rte. 31 North, Clinton, 908-638-3354	x	x	x	x	x	x
Milford Napa Auto Parts, 1002 Milford-Frenchtown Rd., Milford, 908-996-2288	x	x	x	x	x	x
Person's Processing, 1221 Rte. 31 South, Lebanon, 908-735-4646	x	x		x	x	x
Sportsman's Rendezvous, 174 Rte. 31 North (in Sportman's Plaza), Flemington, 908-788-5828	x	x	x	x	x	x
The Corner Store, jct. Rt. 12 & Rt. 519, Baptistown, 908-996-7648	x	x	3,7	x	x	x
V. Roche & Sons, 9 High St., Whitehouse Station, 908-534-2006	x	x		x	x	x
Mercer County						
Mignella's Hillbilly Hall, N. Greenwood Ave., Hopewell, 609-466-9856	x	x	x	2	1	x
Slim's Fins and Furs, 21 E. Broad St., Hopewell, 609-466-3773	x	x	3	x	x	x
Trigger and Reel, 60 Arctic Parkway, Ewing, 609-695-2818	x	x	3	2,3	1,3	x
Washington Crossing State Park, Phillips Farm location, Harbortown-Bear Tavern Rd., Washington Crossing, 609-737-0623			5			
Middlesex County						
All Season's Sports & Taxidermy, 1938 Englishtown Rd. (Rt. 527), Jamesburg, 732-521-1616	x	x	x	x	x	x
S & B Sportsman Shop, 2166 Rt. 130, North Brunswick, 732-297-5129	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sayreville Sportsman, 52 Washington Rd., Sayreville, 732-238-2060	x	x	x	x	x	x
Monmouth County						
Bill and Ken's Taxidermy, 70 Rt. 35 North, Keyport, 732-888-0465	x	x	x	x	x	x
Colts Neck General Store, 38 Rt. 537 (west of Rt. 34), Colts Neck, 732-462-5185	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sportsman's Shop, Rt. 35 & 3rd Ave., Neptune, 732-775-9044	x	x	x	x	x	x
Morris County						
Bordy's Outdoors, 177 Columbia Tpke., Florham Park, 973-966-8006	x	x	x	x	x	x
Buck & Bass, 15 Weldon Rd., Lake Hopatcong, 973-663-4009	x	x	x	x	x	x

REGULATIONS

Deer Check Stations

	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	6-Day Firearm	Permit Muzzle Loader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow
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Joe's Mobile @ Madison Car Care, 122 Main St. (in the rear of the building), Madison, 973-377-0058	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bob Riley Auto Repair, 22 Merry Lane, E. Hanover, 973-386-1805	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Vernon Coach & Motor Works, 960 Mt. Kemble Ave., Morristown, 973-425-0700	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parsippany Bait, Sport & Tackle, 180 Parsippany Rd. (behind Green Hills Shopping Ctr.), Parsippany, 973-887-3300	X	X	X	X	X	X
R & S Sports Center, Rte. 46 & New St. Jct., Budd Lake, 973-347-1944	X	X	X	X	X	X
The Country Sportsman, 63 Hamburg Tpke., Riverdale, 973-839-7622	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ocean County						
Al's Grill & Cream Ridge Sporting Goods, 465 Rt. 539 (south of Rt. 537), Cream Ridge, 609-758-0699	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brick Armory, 231 C—Chambers Bridge Rd. (north of Rt. 70 and after Ocean Ice Rink), Brick, 732-477-0800	X	X	X	X	X	X
Grizz's Forked River Bait and Tackle, 232 North Main St. (Rt. 9), Forked River, 609-693-9298	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jackson Sporting Goods, 271 S. New Prospect Rd. (north of Rt. 526), Jackson, 732-363-1533	X	X	3	2,3	1,3	X
Just Plain Jane's, 581 E. Veterans Hwy. (Rt. 528), Jackson, 732-928-9854	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lucille's Country Cooking, 1496 Rt. 539, Warren Grove, 609-698-4474	X	X	X	X	X	X
Scott's Bait & Tackle, 945 Radio Rd., Mystic Island, 609-296-1300	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sportsman's Shanty, 420 Chandler Rd., Jackson, 732-367-0033	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tip's Hardware, 218 Main St. (Rt. 9), West Creek, 609-296-3192	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lakehurst Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10061, 20 Union Ave. (across from Eckerd Drug), Lakehurst, 732-657-6609	X	X	X	X	X	X
Passaic County						
Frank's Tackle, 81 Ringwood Ave. (Rte. 511), Wanaque, 973-835-2966	X	X	X	X	X	X
Frank's Tackle, 1846 Rte. 23 North, West Milford, 973-838-7522	X	X	X	X	X	X
Totowa Bait & Tackle, 10 Albion Ave., Totowa, 973-956-0825	X	X	X	X	X	X
Salem County						
Bradway's Farm Market, Rt. 49 and Jericho Road, Quinton, 856-935-0500	X	X	X	X	X	X
Buck Stop, 989 Alvine Road, Norma, 856-794-1281	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe & Sandi's Country Store, Main St., Canton, 856-935-1414	X	X	X	X	X	X
North American Archery & Muzzleloader, Pole Tavern Circle, Monroeville, 856-358-8180	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sam's Super Service, 290 Rt. 40 (jct. Rt. 553), Elmer, 856-358-3488	X	X	X	X	X	X
Somerset County						
Gladpack Sunoco, 1 Pottersville Rd., Gladstone, 908-234-1355	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hillsborough Outdoor Sports Center, 170 Township Line Rd. (in Longships Complex), Belle Mead, 908-359-0837	X	X	X	X	X	X
Neshanic Station Farm, Home & Garden Center, 101 Fairview Dr., Neshanic, 908-369-5131	X	X	X	X	X	X
Millstone Sport Shop, 20 North River St., East Millstone, 908-359-5713	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sussex County						
Bill's Hideaway, 1284 Rte. 23 South, Colesville, 973-875-4794	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hainesville General Store, 283 Rte. 206 South, Hainesville, 973-948-4280	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jumboland, Rte. 206, Branchville, 973-948-6802	X	X	X	X	X	X
Layton Hotel, Rte. 560, Layton, 973-948-0809	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mastodon Sport Center, 34 Highland Lakes Rd. (Rte. 638), Highland Lakes, 973-764-0200	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sig Borstad Archery & Hunting Supply, Old Rudetown Rd., McAfee, 973-827-6527	X	X	X	X	X	X
Simon Peter Sport Company, 660 Rte. 206 South, Newton, 973-786-5313	X	X	X	X	X	X
Stillwater Supply, Stillwater Station Rd., Stillwater, 973-383-4970	X	X	X	X	X	X
Swartwood Country Store, 911 Newton-Swartwood Rd., Newton, 973-383-5470	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vernon Crossing Tire & Auto, Vernon Crossing Rd., Vernon, 973-764-6171	X	X	X	X	X	X
Union County						
Charlie Brenner's Sport Shop, 344 St. George Ave. (Rte. 27), Rahway, 732-382-4066	X	X	X	X	X	X
Warren County						
57 West Deer Processing, 2664 Rte. 57 West, Stewartville, 908-859-1725	X	X	X	X	X	X
Country Meats of Washington, 51 S. Lincoln Ave., Washington, 908-689-1266	X	X	X	X	X	X
County Line Sport Shop, 10 Rte. 46 West, Hackettstown, 908-852-9897	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hi-Way Sport Shop, 253 Rte. 31 South, Washington, 908-589-6208	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lyle Smith's Big K, 606 Rte. 519 (Hope-Johnsonburg Rd.), Johnsonburg, 908-459-4487	X	X	X	X	X	X
Phillipsburg Bait & Tackle, 1229 S. Main St., Pohatcong, 908-454-0695	X	X	X	X	X	X
YOJ Sports, 1077C Rt. 94, Marksboro, 908-362-5540	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marksboro Deli, 1024 Rt. 94, Marksboro, 908-362-9600	X	X	X	X	X	X
The Owl's Nest, 97 Rte. 519, Warren Glen, 908-995-7903	X	X	X	X	X	X
Warren County Outdoors (was Red Hawk Outfitters), 128 Rt. 94, Blairstown, 908-362-8666	X	X	X	X	X	X

- 1 Deer may not be checked at this station on Monday, Nov. 24, 2003. Please bring deer to another station for registration.
- 2 Deer may not be checked at this station on Monday, Dec. 1, 2003. Please bring deer to another station for registration.
- 3 Deer may not be checked at this station on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003. Please bring deer to another station for registration.
- 4 Deer may not be checked at this station on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003. Please bring deer to another station for registration.
- 5 Station will check deer for the opening day of the 6-day Firearm Season only (Dec. 8, 2003).
- 6 The Nacote Creek Office will be open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. from Dec. 15 through Dec. 19, 2003
- 7 Deer may not be checked at this station on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003. Please bring deer to another station for registration.

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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 No. 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 with 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 Road) 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 No. 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 No. 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 Road (County Road 676); then west on Haleyville-Mauricetown Road 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 Road (County Road 629); then southwest on Newport-Centre Grove Road to its intersection with Rt. 553, then northwest on Rt. 553 to Fairton, the point of beginning.

Zone No. 31: That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersections of Routes 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 Road (County Road 670); then northwest on Buckshutem Road to its intersection with Cedarville Road (County Road 610); then southwest on Cedarville Road to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Road

(County Road 629); then southwest on Newport Centre Grove Road 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 No. 32: Not designated.

Zone No. 33: Not designated.

Zone No. 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 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 southeast 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 No. 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 Road); 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; the 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 No. 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. 23 near Wayne; then south on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then southwest 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 New York 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 No. 37: That portion of Fort Dix Military Reservation, U.S. Dept. of the Army, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington County.

Zone No. 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 No. 39: That portion of Naval Weapons Station Earle, U.S. Department of the Navy designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

Zone No. 40: That portion of Naval Weapons Station Earle, Waterfront Section, U.S. Department of the Navy, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

Zone No. 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 No. 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 Street; then west on Duerer Street to its intersection with Cologne Avenue; then south on Cologne Avenue 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 (exclud-

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ing 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 No. 43: That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Buckshutem Road (County Road 670) and Cedarville Road (County Road 610); then southwest on Cedarville Road to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Road (County Road 629); then southwest on Newport Centre Grove Road 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 Road (County Road 676) at Mauricetown Station; then east on Haleyville Road 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 Road; then northwest on Buckshutem Road to its intersection with Cedarville Road, the point of beginning.

Zone No. 44: Not designated.

Zone No. 45: That portion of Cumberland, Atlantic and Cape May Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Broad Street (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 Millmay; 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 Street (Rt. 552 spur), the point of beginning.

Zone No. 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 Millmay; 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 No. 47: That portion of Gloucester, Atlantic and Cumberland 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 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 No. 48: That portion of Burlington County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Route 38 near Moorestown; then east along Route 38 to its intersection with Route 530; then east along Route 530 along the Pemberton by-pass to its intersection with the southern boundary of Fort Dix Military Reservation; then northward along the western Fort Dix boundary to its intersection with County Road 670; then east on County Road 670 to its intersection with Route 545 at Wrightstown; then northwest on Route 545 which becomes Farnsworth Avenue; then continuing northwest on Farnsworth Ave. to its intersection with W. Burlington Street; 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 Route 541 at the City of Burlington; then southeast along Route 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 Route 38, the point of beginning. New Bold and Burlington Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

Zone No. 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 Road 689 (Cross Keys Road) at Berlin; then southwest along County Road 689 to its intersection with County

Road 688 Turnersville-Hickstown Road); then west along County road 688 to its intersection with County Road 705; then northwest along County Road 705 (County House Road) to its intersection with County Road 635 (Grenlode-Hurville Road); then southwest on County Road 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 No. 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 Route 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. Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64), Naval Weapons Station Earle (Zones 39 and 40), and Fort Monmouth (Zone 62), are excluded from this zone.

Zone No. 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 route 38 (Wayside Road) 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

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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 No. 52: That portion of Fort Dix Military Reservation, U.S. Department of the Army, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Ocean County.

Zone No. 53: That portion of Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Center, U.S. Department of the Navy, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Ocean county.

Zone No. 54: That portion of U.S. Army Armament Research and Development Command (ARRADCOM), U.S. Department of the Army, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Morris County.

Zone No. 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 Avenue); 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 No. 56: That portion of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, located south of Stoney Hill Road, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

Zone No. 57: That portion of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of Stoney Hill Road and south of the Mullica River, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

Zone No. 58: 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, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean Counties.

Zone No. 59: That portion of Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Salem County.

Zone No. 60: Not designated.

Zone No. 61: Those portions of the Atlantic County Park System, County of Atlantic, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

Zone No. 62: Not designated.

Zone No. 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 through Killcohook National Wildlife Refuge 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. The Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 59) is excluded from Zone 63.

Zone No. 64: That portion of Monmouth Battlefield State Park, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

Zone No. 65: That portion of Camden and Gloucester Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 322 and County Road Rt. 659 (Malaga-New Brooklyn Rd.) in Monroe Township, Gloucester County; then northeast along Rt. 659 to its intersection with County Road Rt. 536 at New Brooklyn; then northward along Rt. 536 to its intersection with County Road 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 Road; then southwest along Piney Hollow Road to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west along Rt. 322 to its intersection with County Road Rt. 659, the point of beginning.

Zone No. 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 No. 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.

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Black Bear Regulations

Black Bear Hunting Season: December 8–13, 2003.

Following commencement of the black bear season, the Commissioner of DEP or the Director may, after consultation with the Council Chairman, close the season. The Commissioner or the Director will announce such closure, which will become effective 24 hours from the daily legal closing time of the day on which the decision is made, based upon data obtained and reviewed by the Division. 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 the Division's web site (www.njfishandwildlife.com).

Hunting Hours: Legal hunting hours for black bear shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

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

Special permit requirement: All black bear hunters must have a current and valid firearm hunting license and a special "Black Bear Hunting Permit" issued by the Division. See Black Bear Permits, page 5. Hunters are limited to one black bear hunting permit.

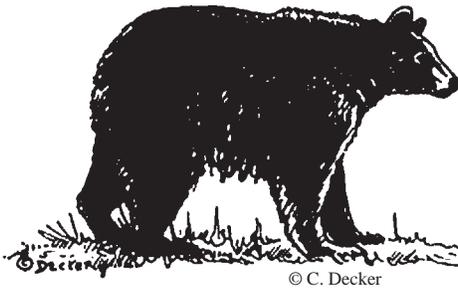
Mandatory Bear Hunter Seminar: All successful permit applicants must successfully complete a bear hunting seminar conducted by the Division. Applicants will be able to designate on their application their first, second and third preference for seminar location and date. The Division will notify successful applicants of the date, time, and location of the bear hunting seminar they must attend.

Juvenile Bear Hunters: Juvenile hunters aged 10 through 13 on or before Dec. 8, 2003, must possess both a valid youth license and have a black bear hunting permit. Juvenile hunters must be under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult (21 years of age or older) while bear hunting. The adult must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Direct supervision means the juvenile hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The juvenile hunter may not hunt independently of the adult.

Firearms and Ammunition Legal For Bear Hunting:

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

Muzzleloader Rifle: single-barrel, single shot rifles not less than .45 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions. Double barrel muzzleloaders prohibited. Persons hunting with muzzleloader rifle must also possess a current and valid rifle-hunting permit.



Baiting: No person shall attempt to take or kill a black bear or have in their possession or control any firearm, or other weapon of any kind, while elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind within 300 feet of a baited area. On National Wildlife Refuges and at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait is prohibited. Hunters should also check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on any hunting area.

Additional Black Bear Hunting Regulations:

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

Black Bear Hunting Area is located as follows: That portion of Warren, Hunterdon, Somerset, Morris, Passaic, Bergen and Sussex Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Interstate Route 78 (I-78) and the east bank of the Delaware River at Phillipsburg; then east along I-78 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287 (I-287); then north

and east along I-287 to its intersection with the New Jersey state line at the New York border; then north and west along the New Jersey state line to its intersection with the Delaware River; then south along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with I-78 at Phillipsburg, the point of beginning, shall be open to black bear hunting. The islands of Mashipacong, Namanock, Minisink, Depew, Tocks, Poxono and Labor lying in the Delaware River are included in the black bear hunting area. All other areas of New Jersey shall remain closed to black bear hunting.

After Harvesting a Bear—Mandatory Bear Check Requirement: Properly licensed hunters who harvest a black bear shall immediately complete and affix to the bear the "Black Bear Transportation Tag" from their Black Bear Hunting Permit. Information included on the black bear transportation tag shall include: the hunter's name, address, current firearm license number; date and time of kill; nearest road, county and municipality of kill; and the sex of the black bear. Successful hunters must take the black bear to a designated check station by 8 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 8 p.m. on the date of the kill must be reported immediately by telephone to the Northern Region Office of the Bureau of Law Enforcement (908-735-8240). Hunters must provide their name, address and a telephone number where they can be reached on the telephone message recording device, if a Division representative is not available. Said black bear must be brought to a designated black bear check station on the next weekday to be registered and to receive a legal possession seal.

Mandatory Black Bear Check Stations:

Warren County:

- Pequest Wildlife Management Area, 605 Pequest Road, Oxford
- Worthington State Forest, Old Mine Road, Hardwick Township

Morris County:

- Black River Wildlife Management Area, 275 North Road, Chester

Sussex County:

- Stokes State Forest, 1 Coursen Rd, Branchville
- Wawayanda State Park, 885 Warwick Turnpike, Hewitt
- Kittatinny Valley State Park, 2 Airport Rd., Newton

Passaic County:

- Ringwood State Park, Old Concession Stand, Sloatsburg Road behind Ringwood Manor, Ringwood

Small Game Hunting Regulations



A current and valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-around Sportsmen) is required to pursue any small game species. Hunting for those species found on page 52 and 53 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. (See exceptions for **Coyote and Fox**, deer regulations, semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves.)

See 2003–04 Small Game Hunting Seasons on pages 52 and 53 for dates, hunting hours and daily limits for all small game species open for hunting. Hunting with firearms is prohibited on state wildlife management areas designated as pheasant and quail stamp areas on November 7, 2003 except in tidal marshes open to an ongoing waterfowl season. (see **Pheasants**).

Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns or bow and arrow. Shotguns may be no larger than 10 gauge and hold no more than three shells. Shot size may be no larger than #4 fine shot. Compound bows must have a minimum peak weight of 35 pounds. All other bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds.

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

Coyote and Fox

The duration of the coyote and fox hunting season is as follows: Bow and Arrow only—September 27 to November 7, 2003; and, Firearm or Bow and Arrow—November 8, 2003 to February 16, 2004. The hours of hunting coyote and fox are 8 a.m. to one half hour after sunset on November 8, 2003 and on other days from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. The use of dogs is not allowed during the fox and coyote season (bow and arrow only), during the six-day firearm season, or on the Wednesday of the shotgun permit deer season immediately following the six-day firearm season.

Bows must have a minimum 35-lb draw (long and recurve bows) or 35-lb peak weight (compound bows). Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4 inches. Shotguns may not be smaller than .410 or larger than 10 gauge capable of holding no more than 3 shells. Shot size may not be larger than #4 fine shot.

Properly licensed persons hunting deer during the six-day firearm, muzzleloader permit or shotgun permit deer seasons may kill fox or coyote, when the person is in possession of a valid deer transportation tag for the applicable deer season (e.g., before harvesting a deer). All hunting must

cease immediately upon harvesting deer and completing the deer transportation tag(s). Hunting fox or coyote while deer hunting may resume following the issuance of a New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag for the applicable deer season (provided the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached). Only applicable missiles approved for deer hunting may be used to take fox and coyote incidental to deer hunting during the deer seasons described above. **Note:** fine shot may not be in possession while deer hunting.

There is no bag limit for fox. The coyote daily bag limit is two. **All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours.**

Coyote and Fox, Special February Season

A Division issued permit will be required to hunt coyote during the special coyote and fox season (February 2–16, 2004). Hunting methods are restricted to calling and stand hunting. No person may stalk or attempt to approach a coyote or fox for the purpose of hunting. A predator calling device (electronic, mouth blown or other) must be in possession while hunting during the special season. The use of dogs or bait is prohibited. Fluorescent hunter orange is not required on outer clothing while hunting during this season, but it is recommended that it be worn while moving to and from hunting areas.

Coyote and fox may be hunted with bow and arrow, shotgun and single barrel muzzleloader rifles between one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. Bows must have a minimum 35-lb draw (long and recurve bows) or 35-lb peak weight (compound bows). Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4 inches. Shotguns may not be smaller than 12 or larger than 10 gauge capable of holding no more than 3 shells. Shot size may not be larger than #2 or smaller than #4 fine shot. Muzzleloading rifles shall be no less than .44 caliber. Smoothbore muzzleloaders shall be single barreled. Between one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise, only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns with #2 or #4 fine shot may be used. Portable lights are allowed. **All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours.**

Permits shall be applied for as follows: A three-inch by five-inch index card containing the applicant's name, mailing address, date of birth and evening telephone number must be submitted to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 003, Trenton, NJ 08625-0003, between October 15 and November 15. Applicants should write "Coyote Hunting Season" at the bottom of the card. A \$2 processing fee is required. Make check or money order payable to "New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife".

Pheasants

The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either sex in Pheasant Hunting Zones 1 and 3, on all wildlife management areas and on the Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station. Hunters should not take or attempt to take female pheasants elsewhere or to have female pheasants in their possession unless in the areas described above. The daily bag limit is two male pheasants in Pheasant Hunting Zone 2. See exceptions for semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves.

Pheasant Hunting Zone 1: That portion of Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren Counties lying north of Route 80 from the Delaware River eastward to its convergence with Route 95 and continuing eastward on Route 95 to the Hudson River at Fort Lee.

Pheasant Hunting Zone 2: That portion of Burlington Camden, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Somerset, Sussex and Warren Counties lying south of Route 80 from the Delaware River eastward to its convergence with Route 95 and continuing eastward on Route 95 to the Hudson River at Fort Lee, and north of the Ben Franklin Bridge on the Delaware River and Route 30 in Camden, then eastward on Route 30 to its intersection with Route 38, then east on Route 38 to its intersection with Route 70, then continuing eastward and northeast on Route 70 to its intersection with the Manasquan River near Brielle, then eastward along the Manasquan River to the Atlantic Ocean.

Pheasant Hunting Zone 3: That portion of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem Counties lying south of the Ben Franklin Bridge on the Delaware River and Route 30 in Camden, then eastward on Route 30 to its intersection with Route 38, then east on Route 38 to its intersection with Route 70, then continuing eastward and northeast on Route 70 to its intersection with the Manasquan River near Brielle, then eastward along the Manasquan River to the Atlantic Ocean.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas: Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose youth license remains valid through Dec. 31 of the year they turn 16) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated wildlife management areas shall have in possession a current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp (Youth Hunting licenses include pheasant and quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood, Howardsville, Heislerville, Tuckahoe, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. Other areas where possession of a current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp is required include the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Fort Dix Military Reservation. **The hunter must sign in ink across the face of the stamp.**

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Pheasant and Quail Stocking

The Division anticipates game bird stocking levels to be of 55,000 pheasants and 11,000 quail.

The Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Tuckahoe, Millville, Nantuxent, Pequest, Port Republic, Walpack and Whittingham WMAs will be stocked with pheasants for the following dates:
November 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27 and 29
December 2, 4, 6, 20, 23, 27, 30 and Jan. 3, 2004

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

November 8, 15, 22, 27 and 29
December 6, 20, 23, 27, 30 and Jan. 3, 2004

The Greenwood Forest and Peaslee WMAs will be stocked with quail for the following dates:
November 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27 and 29
December 2, 4, 6, 20, 23, 27, 30 and Jan. 3, 2004

Pheasants, Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Youth hunters, who are in possession of a valid Youth Hunting License and accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult, will be permitted to hunt pheasant, quail and/or chukar partridge on licensed semi-wild or commercial preserves on Saturday, November 1, 2003, the Youth Pheasant Hunting Day. Hunting for certain species of game birds is allowed from Nov. 8, 2003 to March 15, 2004 on semi-wild and Sept. 1, 2003 through May 1, 2004 on commercial shooting preserve lands that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These species of game may be hunted on Sunday only on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands.

All game taken on semi-wild or commercial preserves must be properly tagged before transport.

A person may legally hunt on semi-wild or commercial preserves for game species under license during the deer seasons, but no shot larger than #4 fine may be used. Pheasant of either sex may be taken.

Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle Season

Persons holding a current and valid rifle firearm license and rifle permit may hunt for squirrels from sunrise to one half hour after sunset with a muzzleloading rifle (.36 caliber or smaller loaded with a single projectile) during the periods September 27 to November 7, 2003; and, January 3 to February 16, 2004. 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; and in that portion of Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington,

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

Woodchuck

All persons in possession of a rifle while hunting must have a current and valid rifle permit in addition to the current hunting license. No rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is permitted on state owned WMAs, parks, forests or recreation areas. Farmers and their agents may use shot not larger than #4 buckshot to control woodchucks causing damage. Hours of hunting are sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

Woodchuck Season Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)
Mar. 1 to Sept. 24, 2003 and Mar. 1 to Sept. 29, 2004	Center-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight.
		Larger than .25 caliber	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight not exceeding 100 grains in weight.
	Rim-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point or soft point
	Muzzleloading rifle—single-shot, single barrel. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	No restriction	Must be loaded with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet.
Sept. 27 to Dec. 6, Dec. 15, 16 and 18-31, 2003; and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2004	Bow long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"
	Shotgun—single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot—sizes not larger than #4 fine shot
	Bow long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"
	Shotgun—single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot—sizes not larger than #4 fine shot

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Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Chukar partridge and Quail	Nov. 8, 2003 to Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Chukar—7 Quail—7	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page 50).
Coyote and Fox Bow, Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun	Bow and Arrow only: Sept. 27 to Nov. 7, 2003	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Coyote—2 Fox—None	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003. Rifle permit required when hunting with a rifle
	Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 8, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Coyote—2 Fox—None	Closed Dec. 8–13 and Dec. 17, 2003 except as noted (see page 50). All coyotes must be reported within 24 hrs.
Special Eastern Coyote and Fox Season Shotgun Only	Feb. 2–16, 2004	1/2 hour <i>after</i> sunset to 1/2 hour <i>before</i> sunrise	Coyote—2 Fox—None	Permit required. 10 or 12 Gauge Shotgun (#2 or #4 shot only). All coyotes must be reported within 24 hrs.
Crow	Aug. 11, 2003 to Mar. 20, 2004 on Mondays and Thurs.–Sat. only	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003 Closed Dec. 8–13, 2003 See Migratory Bird Regs.
Gallinule & Rail (Clapper, Sora and Virginia)	Sept. 1 to Nov. 8, 2003	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Gallinule—10 Rail, Clapper—10 Rail, Sora and Virginia—25 (in aggregate)	HIP number required See Migratory Bird Regs.
Goose, Canada (Early Season)	Sept. 1–30, 2003	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	8	HIP number required See Migratory Bird Regs.
Grouse (Ruffed)	Sept. 27 to Dec. 6* Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	3	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Opossum & Raccoon	Oct. 1, 2003 to Mar. 1, 2004	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	Opossum—None Raccoon—None	Closed Dec. 8–13 and Dec. 17, 2003
Pheasant	Nov. 8 to Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	2**	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page 50)
Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit	Nov. 8 to Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Cottontail—4 Hare—1 Jackrabbit—1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Sea ducks	Sept. 18, 2003 to Jan. 20, 2004	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	7, not more than four of which may be scoters	HIP number required See Migratory Bird Regs.
Snipe	Sept. 19, 2003 to Jan. 3, 2004	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	8	HIP number required See Migratory Bird Regs.
Squirrel	Sept. 27 to Dec. 6,* Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Squirrel Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 27 to Nov. 7, 2003* and Jan. 3 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	5	Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see page 51)
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	Hunting Period N— Oct. 27 to Nov. 1, 2003	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	1	Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1–11, 20 and 21 only
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	Apr. 19 to May 28, 2004	1/2 hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. See 2004 Turkey Permit Supplement

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Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Woodchuck— Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	Mar. 1 to Sept. 24, 2003. Mar. 1 to Sept. 29, 2004.	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	Rifle permit required if hunting with rifle Rifle hunting prohibited on State properties
Woodchuck— Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 27 to Dec. 6* Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Woodcock	North: Oct. 16 to Nov. 8,* 2003; South: Nov. 8–29 and Dec. 26–27, 2003	Sunrise to sunset		HIP number required See Migratory Bird Regs. 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Youth Turkey Day	Apr. 17, 2004	1/2 hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. See 2004 Turkey Permit Supplement
Youth Upland Bird Day	Nov. 1, 2003	8 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant—2**	Selected WMAs & licensed semi-wilds (See page 68)
Youth Waterfowl Day	Sept. 27, 2003	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset		See Migratory Bird Regs.

* No firearm hunting is permitted on November 7, 2003 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.

** The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either-sex in Pheasant Hunting Zones 1 and 3 and on all wildlife management areas and on Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station. The daily bag limit is two male pheasants in Pheasant Hunting Zone 2. (See page 50).

No Sunday hunting. See exceptions on pages 16 and 51.



2003–2004 New Jersey Small Game Falconry Seasons

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Chukar partridge and Quail	Sep. 1 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2003; and, Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Chukar—7 Quail—7	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page 50)
Pheasant	Sep. 1 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2003; and, Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	2***	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page 50)
Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit	Sep. 1 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2003; and, Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Cottontail—4 Hare—1 Jackrabbit—1	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Squirrel	Sep. 1 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2003; and, Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	5	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Woodchuck	Mar. 1 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2003.	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
	Jan. 1 to Dec. 4 and Dec. 13, 14, 16–31, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 13, 2004

*** The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either-sex in Pheasant Hunting Zones 1 and 3 and on all wildlife management areas and on Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station. The daily bag limit is two male pheasants in Pheasant Hunting Zone 2. (See page 50).

2003–2004 Trapping Regulations

- A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See page 4 for license information.
- All traps set or used must bear a legible tag of durable material with the name and address of the person setting, using and maintaining the traps. A trap identification number issued by the Division may be used in lieu of a name and address (contact the Bureau of Wildlife Management at 609-292-6685 for more information).
- When trapping beaver or otter, the trap tag must be clearly visible above the level of water or ice.
- 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 Division law enforcement office within 24 hours.**
- Licensed trappers at least 18 years of age and in possession of a valid rifle permit may carry a .22 caliber rifle, and use only .22 caliber short rim-fire cartridges, to kill legally trapped animals



other than muskrats. Firearms may not be loaded with more than three rounds.

Traps, body gripping type (snares)

Body gripping restraining snares shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. No person shall set, use or maintain any type of snare unless they have first satisfactorily completed a Division approved trapper education course and carry on their person appropriate certification thereof. This training is part of New Jersey's basic trapper education course.
2. *Except when submerged under water or when set for mink and muskrat*, all snares of the body gripping type used in trapping must be constructed of aircraft cable of crucible wire measuring 5/64 to 3/32 inches in diameter and be equipped with a swivel. Mink and muskrat body gripping snares must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 1/32, 3/64 or 1/16 inches in diameter, be equipped with a swivel and set within 50 feet of the mean high water line.
3. *Except when set for mink and muskrat*, no body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained with the distance between the ground or walking surface to the top of the loop greater than eighteen inches. No mink or muskrat body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained with the distance between the ground or walking surface to the top of the loop greater than seven inches.
4. *Except when submerged under water or when set for mink and muskrat*, no body gripping

snare shall be set, used or maintained unless it is equipped with a stop six inches from the end to restrict loop closure to no less than six inches in circumference and a stop to restrict the average diameter of the loop opening to no greater than eight inches. Mink and muskrat body gripping snares must be equipped with a stop to prevent the average diameter of the loop opening from exceeding four inches.

5. All natural baits consisting of fish, bird or mammal carcasses or flesh used in trapping with body gripping restraining snares must be covered or concealed from view except when placed or located a distance of 30 feet or more from any set snare.

Traps, Conibear or killer-type

No Conibear 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 possess a Conibear or killer-type trap having a jaw spread greater than six inches without a permit for beaver or river otter. A Conibear or killer-type trap with a jaw spread of no more than ten inches may be used for beaver or river otter. Jaw spread shall be measured across the trigger of a set trap to the inner edges of the jaws. 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.

2003–2004 New Jersey Trapping Zones, Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Zone	Inclusive Dates	Season Limits	Notes
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel & Coyote	Statewide (except WMAs)	Nov. 15, 2003 through Mar. 15, 2004	None	6 a.m. on Nov. 15, 2003
All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.	State WMAs	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15, 2004	None	6 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2004
Mink, Muskrat & Nutria	Northern Zone* (except WMAs)	Nov. 15, 2003 through Mar. 15, 2004	None	6 a.m. on Nov. 15, 2003
	Southern Zone** (except WMAs)	Dec. 1, 2003 to Mar. 15, 2004	None	6 a.m. on Dec. 1, 2003
	State WMAs	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15, 2004	None	6 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2004
Beaver	By Special Permit only	Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2004	8 / permit	Max. of 5 traps in use***
River Otter	By Special Permit only	Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2004	1 / season	Max. of 3 traps in use

* Those portions of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren Counties lying north of a line beginning at the intersection of US Route 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Route 1 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Route 440; then east along Route 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey – New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.

** Those portions of the Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem Counties lying south of a line beginning at the intersection of US Route 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Route 1 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Route 440; then east along Route 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey – New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.

*** Holders of both a Special Permit and a Special Site Specific Permit may use five additional traps per Special Site Specific Permit provided they are used only on the property or site specified in the Special Site Specific Permit. The bag limit per Site-Specific Permit is 10 beavers.

Fall and Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations



Non-hunting adults accompanying youth turkey hunters must have in possession **only** a valid hunting license.

Fall 2003 Turkey Hunting Regulations

Fall turkey hunting is by permit only. Apply for fall permits on the application for spring gobbler hunting permits. The application period for fall 2003 permits closed February 28, 2003; permits were mailed to successful applicants in July. If you did not apply last winter, leftover permits tentatively will be sold beginning Monday, September 29, 2003 (There will be no Saturday sales for leftover Fall season turkey permits). Call the permit hotline for more information at (609) 292-9192. The 2003 fall turkey season will consist of one six-day hunting segment, N, from Monday, October 27 through Saturday, November 1, 2003. Fall hunting hours are one half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset. Turkey Hunting Areas 1-11 and Turkey Hunting Areas 20 and 21 will be open for hunting. Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16 and 22 are closed to fall hunting.

Turkey hunters may take only one wild turkey of either sex per permit during the fall season. However, hunters may only take one turkey per day regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds. Dogs and artificial decoys may be used while turkey hunting in the fall season; however, the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. All turkey hunters are required to have a calling device with them while turkey hunting. Turkeys may not be hunted by a group of hunters larger than five individuals. 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 #7 1/2 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. Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle for hunting turkeys. Turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of any baited area.

Successful fall turkey hunters must complete the transportation tag on their fall hunting permit immediately upon killing a turkey and must take the bird to an official wild turkey check station by 7 p.m. on the day it is killed. The hunter who killed the bird is the only person who may transport and check the turkey.

Turkey Hunting Information and Permit Application

A permit is required for both spring and fall turkey hunting. All turkey season permits will be valid on any lands on which hunting is allowed, public or private, within each turkey hunting area. The application period for next fall, 2004 permits is February 1-23, 2004. For the Spring (2004) season, 29,250 permits will be available; 3,840 permits will be available for Fall 2004. Completed forms must be mailed to Trenton between February 1 and February 23, 2004.

Spring Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting is by permit only. Hunters with permits for the spring season may hunt only in the Turkey Hunting Area and the hunting segment for which their permit is valid. Spring hunting hours are one half hour before sunrise until 12 noon daily. Hunters may take only one male wild turkey on each permit. Hunters who obtain more than one permit may take a turkey on each permit but only one gobbler may be taken per day, no matter how many permits are held by the hunter.

Spring Gobbler Season-2004 Season Dates for Turkey Hunting Permits

Segment A: Mon., April 19-Fri., April 23; **Segment B:** Mon., April 26-Fri., April 30; **Segment C:** Mon., May 3-Fri., May 7; **Segment D:** Mon., May 10-Fri., May 14; **Segment E:** Mon., May 17-Fri., May 21; Mon., May 24-Fri., May 28; **Segment G:** Sat., April 24; Sat., May 1; Sat., May 8; Sat., May 15; Sat., May 22.

No dogs may be used for spring turkey hunting. Artificial decoys may be used while spring turkey hunting however, the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. Spring turkey hunters may not stalk or attempt to approach turkeys for the purpose of killing the bird. All hunters are required to have a calling device with them while turkey hunting. Turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of any baited area. No shot size larger than #4 fine shot or smaller than #7 1/2 fine shot may be used for turkey hunting. Hunters may not use shotguns larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge for

Youth Turkey Hunt Day
April 17, 2004
See page 69

turkey hunting. Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle for taking wild turkeys.

Successful spring turkey hunters must complete the transportation tag on their spring hunting permit immediately upon killing a turkey and must take the bird to an official wild turkey check station by 3 p.m. on the day it is killed. The hunter who killed the turkey is the only person who may transport and check the turkey.

Information

Booklets with turkey hunting information, regulations and application forms will be available at license agents and Division offices by late January 2004. Applicants will apply for both spring and fall seasons on one form. Hunters may submit only one application for turkey permits. Duplicate applications will cause all applications to be voided.

The latest information on turkey hunting techniques is presented at turkey hunting seminars, some of which are sponsored by the Division. These seminars stress safety, calling techniques and "setting up". New turkey hunters are especially encouraged to attend a seminar. Check your newspaper and the application booklet for seminars scheduled for your area in March and April.

Fall Turkey Permits

At press time, the 2003 Fall Turkey Permit Lottery has not been completed.

Tentative date: Monday, September 29, 2003 has been scheduled for over-the-counter sale of leftover permits, if available.

After July 2003 check the website or call the 24 hour automated Permit Hotline at 609-292-9192 for more detailed information.

Fall 2003 Turkey Check Stations

ATLANTIC

Ted's Taxidermy, 713 Route 40, Buena, 856-697-8585

BURLINGTON

Sportsman's Center, Route 130, Bordentown, 609-298-5300

CAPE MAY

Fletcher's Corner, 212 South Rt. 47, Cape May Court House, 609-465-4949

CUMBERLAND

Blackwater Sports Center, 2228 Delsea Dr., Vineland, 856-691-1571

Busnardo's Sport Center, 886 North Pearl St, Bridgeton, 856-451-6272

Maurice River Sports Center, 329 W. Main St., Millville, 856-825-5500

Van Meter Archery Co., 597-5 Shiloh Pike (Rt. 49), Bridgeton, 856-453-2855

HUNTERDON

Clinton Outfitters, 1738 Rt 31 North, Clinton, 908-638-9292

Lakeside Deli, 1878 Rt. 31 N., Clinton, 908-638-3354

Sportsman's Rendezvous, Route 31, Speedway Plaza, Flemington, 908-788-5828

Boan's Marine, 1296 Route 179, Lambertville 609-397-3311

The Corner Store, Rt. 12 And Rt. 519, Baptistown, 908-996-7648

Carousel Deli And Bakery, Rt. 179 And Wertsville Rd., Ringoes, 908-788-5180

Jim Brown's Auto Body, 1173 Rt. 579, Quakertown, 908-735-7800

Jugtown Mountain Campsites, 1074 Rt. 173 East, Asbury, 908-735-5995

MERCER

Trigger And Reel Sport Shop, 60 Arctic Parkway, Ewing, 609-695-2818

Slim's Fins and Furs, 10 Seminary Ave., Hopewell, 609-466-3773

MIDDLESEX

Sayreville Sportsmen, 52 Washington Ave., Sayreville, 732-238-2060

MORRIS

Parsippany Bait And Tackle, 180 Parsippany Road, Parsippany, 973-887-3300

The Country Sportsman, 63 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, 973-839-7622

Buck-n-Bass, Route 15, Jefferson, 973-663-4009

R&S Sports, 3 New Street, Budd Lake, 973-347-1944

River Run Taxidermy Studio, 99 West Mill Rd., Long Valley, 908-876-1966

County Line Sport Shop, #10 Route 46, Hackettstown 908-852-9897

PASSAIC

Frank's Bait and Tackle, 1846 Route 23 North, West Milford, 973-838-3729

Greenwood Lake Sports Center, 1745 Greenwood Lake Turnpike, Hewitt, 973-728-1000

SALEM

North American Archery, 439 Rt 77, Monroeville, 856-358-81808

Joe And Sandy's Country Store, Main St And Friendship Rd, Canton, 856-935-1414

Bradway's Farm Market, Jericho Rd & Rt 49, Salem, 856-935-5698

SOMERSET

Glad-pack Sunoco, 1 Pottersville Rd, Peapack-Gladstone, 908-234-1355

SUSSEX

Hainesville General Store, 283 Rt. 206 South, Hainesville, 973-948-4280

Stokes Sport Shop, 29 Rt 206 South, Branchville, 973-948-5448

Simon-Peter Bait And Tackle, Route 206 And Brighton Rd, Newton, 973-786-5313

Stillwater Supply, 90 Stillwater Station Road, Stillwater, 973-383-4970

Sig Borstad Hunting Supply, 7 Old Rudetown Road, McAfee, 973-827-6527

Mastodon Sport Shop, 34 Highland Lakes Rd. (Rt.638), Vernon, 973-764-0200

WARREN

Alpine Meats, Rt. 94 N., Blairstown, 908-362-8568

Hi-Way Sport Shop, Box 253, Route 31 North, Washington, 908-689-6208

The Owl's Nest, 97 Rt 519, Warren Glen, 908-995-7903

The Big K, 606 Route 519, Johnsonburg, 908-459-4487

2003–04 Migratory Bird Regulations



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

1. To hunt crows you need a **New Jersey hunting license**—See pages 3 and 4 for hunting license requirements and fees.
2. To hunt woodcock, rail, snipe, coots or gallinule you need a **New Jersey hunting license and Harvest Information Program (HIP) number**; see below for HIP information.
3. To hunt ducks, geese or brant you need a **New Jersey hunting license, HIP number, Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp and New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp**. Both Federal and State stamps are required for waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older and must be signed in ink across the stamp's face. Federal stamps are available at U.S. Post Offices. State stamps are available from agents who sell hunting licenses.

ATTENTION Migratory Bird Hunters

Obtain your HIP number by calling **1-800-WETLAND**, the automated system operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or by registering through the Division's website at www.njfishandwildlife.com. The HIP number and phone call are **FREE**. Hunters must first obtain a hunting license before calling HIP and have the license number at hand you call. Then write your assigned HIP number on the front of your hunting license in the space next to "2003/04 Fall/Winter NJ HIP#". Call 888-764-7343 if you need assistance getting your HIP number.

The HIP number is valid from September 1, 2003 until March 10, 2004.

If you hunt migratory birds in another state, you will need to get an HIP number in that state following their HIP procedures.

Many migratory bird regulations are not confirmed at press time for this *Digest*. Watch for press releases in late August for information on season dates and bag limits. When finalized, migratory bird hunting regulations will be published in the "New Jersey 2003–04 Migratory Bird Regulations" available in September at license agents and Division offices. Migratory bird regulations will also be available on the Division web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com as soon as they are finalized. **Migratory bird season dates published in the Migratory Bird Regulations supersede those printed in this *Digest* if there are discrepancies.**

The following dates, although expected to be approved, will not become final until approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in August:

Dates	
September Canada Goose	Statewide Sept. 1–30
Rails, Gallinules (Moorhens).	Statewide Sept. 1–Nov. 8
Sea Ducks	Special Sea Sept. 18–Jan. 20, 2004 Duck Area
Snipe	Statewide Sept. 19–Jan. 3, 2004
Crows (Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat).	Statewide Aug. 11–Mar. 20, 2004 (Except closed Dec. 8–13, 2003)
Woodcock	North Zone Oct. 16–Nov. 8 South Zone Nov. 8–Nov. 29 & Dec. 26–Dec 27
Mourning Dove	Statewide Closed
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day.	Statewide Sept. 27

Hunters: Report Banded Birds

Individuals recovering banded migratory birds are reminded to report the band number by calling the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) in Washington, D.C., toll free at **1-800-327-BAND**. Bands can also be reported via the BBL's web site at www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/ or through a link with the Division's web site: www.njfishandwildlife.com. When you contact the BBL, provide the band number, date the bird was recovered, exact location the bird was recovered (including the nearest town) and the method of recovery (for example, shot or found dead). Hunters may keep the bands. In most cases, the operator will be able to keypunch the band number and instantly tell the caller the date and location of banding, as well as the age and sex of the bird at banding. In all cases, the BBL will mail the caller a Certificate of Appreciation with the same information. The information provided by banding data is critical in making management decisions regarding migratory birds.

Atlantic Brant Patch Program

The Brant Patch is a five patch limited edition series which began in 2000 and is a fund raising project of the Susquehanna River Wetlands Trust (SRWT). Proceeds from Brant Patch sales are provided to the Atlantic Flyway Council to be used for research projects concerning the Atlantic Brant. The 2000 patch was designated Banding Project, while remaining year patches are designated Research Project. This reflects the change where the banding part of the program became completely funded and the research is now centered around satellite and conventional radio tracking collars and data analysis. Dave Barnes created the artwork for the first two patches; the third patch was designed by a committee without a specific artist. The 2003 patch is based on a set of decoys custom carved for SRWT by Mike and Susan Veasy. An active artist competition is currently being considered to develop the 2004 patch.



Each \$5 patch is 4 inches in diameter, with an iron-on backing

Shipping and Handling Charges:

1-2 patches.....	\$1
3-5 patches.....	\$2
6-10 patches.....	\$3
11-25 patches.....	\$4
26-50 patches.....	\$5
51 and up.....	\$6

Atlantic Brant Patch Order Form

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Quantity Ordered:

2000 patches _____ 2001 patches _____ 2002 patches _____

2003 patches _____

Total # Patches _____ X \$ 5 per patch = _____

Shipping & Handling (per chart above) = _____

TOTAL _____

Make checks payable to SRWT.

Send To: SRWT Brant Patches
2500 Hafer Rd.
Fayetteville, PA 17222

Hunt 2003

FREE! New Jersey Waterfowlers Clinic

Every year, experienced waterfowlers throughout New Jersey join together dedicating their time and energy to present the "New 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, dos 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, October 5, 2003

Location: Tip Seaman Park, Tuckerton, NJ

Time: 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Please **register in advance** so we can plan accordingly. Call George Larson at 732-870-8473 or Bill Schaf at 732-928-1275.

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

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Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Regulations

Regulations for use of Wildlife Management Areas are established by the Division of Fish and Wildlife with penalties of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200.

Information on these regulations and permit applications may be obtained by writing to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400.

The Division may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

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

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 receipt from a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license. The boat ramp maintenance permit shall be purchased for a fee of \$15 from the Division offices at the Pequest Trout Hatchery Natural Resource Education Center, Northern, Central and Southern Region, Nacote Creek, Bivalve, Tuckahoe, Lebanon and Trenton offices. Boat Ramp Maintenance Permits may also be purchased through the mail from N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625, Att: Boat Ramp Permit. Persons 70 years and older are not required to obtain a boat ramp maintenance permit, but must affix proof of age to the driver's side rear window in their vehicle.

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| 1. Round Valley Angler Access | 4. Dennis Creek | 8. Menantico Ponds |
| 2. Kingwood | 5. Tuckahoe | 9. Prospertown Lake |
| 3. Assunpink | 6. Mad Horse Creek | |
| | 7. Union Lake | |

Dog Training, Exercising & Hunting

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

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|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Assunpink | 5. Colliers Mills | 9. Manasquan |
| 2. Millville | 6. Glassboro | 10. Stafford Forge |
| 3. Black River | 7. Hainesville | 11. Whittingham |
| 4. Clinton | 8. Tuckahoe | |

All dogs must be properly licensed. A person may exercise or train dogs on any WMA from September 1 to April 30. There shall be no exercising or training of dogs on any WMA on November 7, 2003, 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 foxes, raccoons, rabbits and hares. For more information call 609-984-0547.

Field Trials

Permits for use of Wildlife Management Areas for running of field trials may be granted by the Division.



Higbee Beach

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 to Dec. 16, 2003.

Horseback Riding

Horseback riding is allowed by permit only from the Division of Fish and Wildlife on designated areas. Call 609-259-2132. This permit must be displayed on outer clothing while riding.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting with firearms is prohibited on November 7, 2003 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp areas except in tidal marsh open to an ongoing waterfowl season.

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

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

Motor Vehicles & Other Forms of Conveyances

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.

The use of dog sleds and dog carts, off road vehicles, ATV's, trailbikes, or snowmobiles is prohibited on all WMAs unless authorized by the Division.

Outboard Motors

Only electric motors are allowed on freshwater areas with the exception of Union Lake where an outboard motor, not exceeding 10 hp, may be used. On Prospertown Lake, only manually operated boats and canoes are allowed.

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 Division approved activities.

Target Practice

Only archery, shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, muzzleloading rifle 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, .22 caliber, rimfire rifles and muzzleloaders; no other firearms allowed. See page 59 for a complete list of ranges.

Waterfowl Blinds

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

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

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 the Division.

REGULATIONS

Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Ranges

The following information pertains to NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife facilities. Information on privately operated facilities is available at "Where To Shoot," a site maintained by the National Shooting Sports Foundation at www.nssf.org.

- All WMA regulations apply.
- At least one member of the shooting party must have a current, valid hunting license in possession.
- Shotgun range: fine shot only.
- Archery range: target or practice tips only (NO broadheads).
- Muzzleloading rifle and shotgun range: muzzleloading firearms, shotguns with rifled slugs or buckshot and modern rimfire (.22 caliber) rifles only.
- No handguns or centerfire rifles permitted.

NORTHERN REGION

Hunterdon County

Clinton WMA

Route 173W, Clinton
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)

Morris County

Black River WMA

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

Note: Closed weekends from the third Saturday in May through the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, as well as on the Christmas and Easter holidays. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. during this summer period, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the rest of the year. Hunter education classes will continue to be held at the range and will not be affected by the new hours.

Sussex County

Flatbrook-Roy WMA

Route 615, Layton
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (75 yards)

Warren County

Pequest WMA

Pequest Road, Oxford
Archery

CENTRAL REGION

Monmouth County

Assunpink WMA

Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd.,
Upper Freehold Twp.
Shotgun, Archery

Turkey Swamp

Georgia Road, Freehold Twp.
*special regulations apply call 732-842-4000
Archery

Ocean County

Colliers Mills WMA

Off Colliers Mills & Hawkins Rds.,
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 & 100 yards)

Stafford Forge WMA

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

SOUTHERN REGION

Atlantic County

Makepeace Lake WMA

Elmwood-Weymouth Road, Weymouth
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)

Gloucester County

Winslow WMA

Piney Hollow Road, Monroe Twp.
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)

Cape May County

Tuckahoe WMA

Off Tuckahoe Road (Route 631), Tuckahoe
Shotgun, Archery

Cumberland County

Millville WMA

Ackley Road (Route 718), Millville
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)



HUNT SMART Courtesy Card

Visitor's Copy - Not Transferable

I request permission to enter your property for the following purpose:

Dates from: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Limitations: _____

Hunter can hunt within 450 feet of buildings: Yes No

Landowners Name: _____

Address: _____

LANDOWNER COPY

Permission given to: _____

Address: _____

Vehicle Make _____ Yr. ____ Color _____

Vehicle Lic. No. _____ No. in Party _____

Dates from: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Limitations: _____

Other licenses, tag no.: _____

Permission dates from: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Limitations: _____

Hunter can hunt within 450 feet of buildings: Yes No

New Jersey Uses Cutting-edge Technology To Track Deer-Vehicle Collisions

Nearly every New Jersey driver has seen the results of a deer-vehicle collision. Ever wonder just how many, and where, white-tailed deer are struck throughout the state each year?

Can these deer-vehicle fatalities provide valuable information to guide future harvest

strategies and improve motorists' safety? The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's White-tailed Deer Research Project intends to answer these questions.

Under a cooperative project between Fish and Wildlife and the state Department of Transportation, information about deer carcasses is being collected for at least one full year. This deer-vehicle accident data will be summarized and analyzed several ways.

The Deer Research Project aims to develop a deer population index based on the number of deer-vehicle accidents. A population index measures how an animal population changes over time. Such an index may supplement the current method using deer check station data to estimate white-tailed deer population levels.

After being collected in the field, the deer carcass location information will be plotted using a Geographic Information System (GIS) and overlaid on state road maps. These maps will determine "hot spots" areas where deer-vehicle accidents are frequent and may indicate areas where the deer population needs to be reduced.

State transportation officials will use the data to determine placement of deer crossing warning signs, fencing and/or animal crossing bridges and tunnels to reduce deer-car collisions. Both of these strategies are expected to result in safer roads for people.

In addition, the maps developed from this study may demonstrate a relationship between the number of deer-vehicle accidents and deer habitat. A more accurate count and exact loca-

tion of the white-tailed deer killed annually by vehicles will be a valuable tool in New Jersey's deer management efforts.

The data will help identify where existing deer management strategies appear to be adequate and will conversely reveal where management strategies may need to be adjusted.

In New Jersey, the transportation department is responsible for the removal of white-tailed deer from all roadways except toll roads such as the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike.

One contract vendor in each region (north, central and south) removes deer carcasses. When motorists see a white-tailed deer carcass on the side of the road, they should contact the local police department with the deer's exact location. The police will contact the right people to remove the carcass.

Under the new project, Fish and Wildlife has supplied the deer-removal people with hand-held computers equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) capabilities.

They record data such as the deer's sex, presence of antlers, roadway name and posted speed limit. They then take a reading for the deer's exact location (based on the Earth's latitude and longitude) using the GPS function and stores all of the information in the hand-held computer.

The deer pickup service will periodically download the information and send it to both the transportation department and Deer Research Project staff to analyze.

- Jodi L. Powers, Senior Wildlife Biologist



Your purchase of hunting equipment supports Wildlife Restoration

I agree to conduct myself safely, responsibly and lawfully, respecting the landowner, property, and others using it. I accept the responsibilities which are part of the activities which I pursue. I agree to comply with the instructions of the landowner while on this property.

I understand that the laws of New Jersey absolve the landowner from liability for non-paying recreationists engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, and certain other activities, except in the case of willful or malicious failure to guard or warn of hazards.

Signed _____ (visitor)

Date ____/____/____

This card provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish & Wildlife



HUNT SMART Courtesy Card

I hereby give permission to: (visitor's name)

_____ to enter my property for the purpose listed on the reverse side of this card. He/she has agreed to act safely responsibly, and lawfully and to accept responsibility for his/her actions.

Signed _____ (landowner, lessee, or operator)

Date ____/____/____

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What is an "Outstanding" Deer?

An outstanding deer may be a hunter's first deer, a buck that meets a sportsman's own ideal image for a "rack," a veteran hunter's first deer taken with a different sporting arm (such as a muzzleloader rifle), or a deer that meets certain criteria for antler development or body weight as determined by New Jersey's Outstanding White-tailed Deer Program.

The most commonly used system for rating antlers in North America was developed by the Boone and Crockett Club in 1949-1950. This scoring method replaced the various systems that involved counting all points on which a ring could be hung, or measuring only main beam length or the greatest outside spread. The Boone and Crockett Club system gives credit to antler length, spread, number of points, massiveness and symmetry. This measurement system is used by the New Jersey Outstanding White-tailed Deer Program and is also the basis for the Pope & Young Club's Bowhunting Big Game Records Program.

Recognition of exceptional body size as determined by field dressed weight is generally limited to state trophy deer programs. For example, New Jersey's Outstanding White-tailed Deer Program recognizes bucks with field dressed weights exceeding 200 pounds, confirmed on a certified scale. A new category for does exceeding 135 pounds (field dressed) was added during the 1990-91 deer seasons.

New Jersey's Outstanding White-tailed Deer Program was initiated in 1964 and includes categories for typical and nontypical antlered deer taken with bow, shotgun and muzzleloading rifle, in addition to the weight categories listed above. Minimum scores were revised in September 1996 and are as follows:

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

Any properly licensed hunter, regardless of residency, is eligible to enter the Outstanding Deer Program. Deer must be taken in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey. Additional rules and requirements are included with official entry forms. Application forms and instructions are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Outstanding Deer Program, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400. There is no entry fee. All qualified entries will be added to New Jersey's all-time list.

Quality Deer Management programs are bound to result in a significant increase in the number of outstanding deer added to the all-time list. Perhaps in as little as three to five years, depending on the area in question, results will be seen.

Each year, outstanding deer entries are displayed and recognized at the Garden State Deer Classic. Be sure to join the Division of Fish and Wildlife in celebrating New Jersey's outstanding white-tailed deer at our *new* location for the Garden State Deer Classic in January at the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show. See the ad on this page for details.

Following is a list of the top scoring deer and the hunter who participated in the 2003 Garden State Deer Classic. The Classic showcased the outstanding deer taken during the 2001-2002 deer seasons. Ranks listed represent placement on the all-time list within each category.

New Jersey Outstanding Deer Awards Program

All deer harvested during 2001-2002 seasons and officially measured for the 2003 Garden State Deer Classic

Division	Category	All Time Rank	Score	County of Harvest	Hunter	Hometown
Antlered	Archery (Typical)	20	149 7/8	Monmouth	Joe Meglio	Howell
		63	140 0/8	Ocean	Christopher O'Connell	Jackson
		69	139 1/8	Salem	David Armanini	Landisville
	Archery (Non-Typical)	16	155 4/8	Morris	Jeff Melillo	Wayne
		37	141 7/8	Somerset	Mark Spoto	Montville
		46	138 3/8	Mercer	R. Bruce Grey	East Windsor
	Muzzleloader (Typical)	1	159 0/8	Hunterdon	Marty French	Ringoes
		3	155 5/8	Sussex	Ivan Vandenberghe	Hewitt
		9	142 6/8	Cumberland	Faustino X. Wulderk	Bridgeton
	Muzzleloader (Non-Typical)	16	138 1/8	Monmouth	Eric Malko, Sr.	Howell
	Shotgun (Typical)	41	148 4/8	Sussex	Keith E. Lynch, Jr.	Allentown
		70	143 1/8	Warren	Ralph Scott	Hampton
80		141 5/8	Burlington	Clinton R. Miller, Jr.	Marlton	
Shotgun (Non-Typical)	21	159 1/8	Sussex	Jay Burd	Newton	
	27	154 3/8	Morris	John H. McCormick, Jr.	Williamstown	
135	Bow	No Entry				
Pound	Shotgun	5	154	Salem	Richard K. Hughes	Clayton
Doe	Muzzleloader	4	142	Monmouth	Duane Carr	Howell
200 Pound Buck	Bow	13	220	Warren	Raymond R. Lasso	Blairstown
		23	211	Hunterdon	Richard Milheim	Frenchtown
		28	206	Middlesex	William Bush	Somerset
		28	206	Mercer	William F. Voorhees	Yardville
	Muzzleloader	No Entry				
Shotgun	No Entry					



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New Jersey's black bears are productive, research shows

The black bear population in the Garden State is on the rise. Female black bears are large, averaging 208 pounds in the winter den in March. They also are very productive, and give birth to an average of 2.7 cubs per litter.



Cub in cherry tree
Photo by P. Carr



Bear at gazebo.
Photo by P. Carr



Three cubs in den
Photo by P. Carr



Cub with tags
Photo by P. Carr

From 1984 through 2003, Fish and Wildlife's personnel weighed and measured 463 cubs-of-the-year in winter dens. Researchers' data documents cub births in January and February. In New Jersey, the sex ratio is 51 percent females and 49 percent males. In the winter dens during March, when cubs are about two months old, females average 4.5 pounds, and males average 4.8 pounds.

About 42 percent of New Jersey's female bears have three cubs. Litters of four and two occur almost equally, 23 percent and 24 percent respectively. About 11 percent of all females have just one cub. Fish and Wildlife's personnel have studied one litter of five cubs, which occur at a rate of 1 percent. By tagging two-month-old cubs in March, then verifying the surviving yearlings in the den the following year, Fish and Wildlife has documented first-year cub survival at a minimum of 70 percent. Cubs travel with the female for 16 to 18 months, when she breeds again.



White chest blaze
Photo by P. Carr



Cinnamon cub w/female
Photo by R. Shramko

Across North America, black bears can vary greatly in color—from jet black or shades of brown to blonde or white, such as the one found on the islands off the coast of British Columbia. Researcher believe that brown and lighter colors are an adaptation to sparse foliage in forest canopies, possibly explaining the greater number of brown and cinnamon-colored black bears in the western states.

Here in New Jersey, the bears are predominately black. Lighter-colored black bears are seen occasionally in New Jersey, but other colors are rarely found. Last winter, however, Fish and Wildlife's bear research team tagged a cinnamon-colored cub in a winter den in Sandyston Township, Sussex County. The male cub and a black sibling were found with a black adult female who had previously produced all-black litters. Among the black bears handled by the research team last year, about 25 percent had a white chest patch or blaze.

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New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Conducts Atlantic Brant Radio Telemetry Study with Partners

We were flying 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle, searching for radio-tagged Atlantic brant, when the pilots' voice crackled over the intercom, "The cloud cover is lowering. It's time to head back to the airport."

I felt disappointed our search for brant was ending, but I also was concerned. As the plane banked to the west, I could see the clouds had indeed become considerably lower and thicker.

Would the reduced visibility be a problem in reaching our destination, the airport at Hall Beach? Hall Beach, population 400, seemed an awfully tiny spot in the vast Canadian wilderness, especially when we had to fly 100 miles through low clouds over the cold waters of the Foxe Basin to find it.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

I had logged about 50 hours in airplanes following 34 radio-tagged Atlantic brant to find out more about their migration route, timing and staging areas.

We learned that brant are late migrators; they don't leave the United States until mid-to-late May, long after most ducks and other geese. During April and May, large concentrations of brant stage in and around New York City, feeding heavily on marine algae, the newly emerging shoots of *Spartina* grass, and on lawn grass in parks and golf courses (Figure 1).

Historically, brant staged in large numbers near Cape Cod,

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Atlantic Brant Radio Telemetry Study



Figure 1. May 10, 2002 locations of Atlantic brant marked with standard radio transmitters as determined by aerial survey. Map created by of Nathan Zimpfer, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife.



Figure 2. Locations of Atlantic Brant marked with standard radio transmitters as determined by aerial surveys June 29 through July 3, 2002. Map created by of Nathan Zimpfer, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Why is the radio telemetry study important for Atlantic brant management? On average 70 percent of the world's Atlantic brant population winters in New Jersey. Brant are popular with birders and waterfowl hunters. The population is relatively small for a hunted species, however, so it must be monitored closely.

Current population size and annual production of young are key pieces of information needed to set hunting regulations. But waterfowl managers may not have good information on the current year's production when regulations are set in late July.

Weather in the Arctic breeding grounds is an essential factor in determining brant production. During years with an early snow melt and little flooding, brant usually have above average production. If the snow melt is late, production is usually low. Waterfowl managers plan to develop a production model using satellite images to measure snow melt, flooding, and plant growth during the critical breeding period to estimate annual production for July regulation setting. The radio telemetry study takes the necessary first step in developing a production model by identifying breeding colonies throughout the range of Atlantic brant.

The study also illustrates that staging-area conditions can affect production. Atlantic brant use spring staging areas to gather nutrition necessary for migration and breeding. During June 2002, for example, conditions in the high Arctic were good, and the snow melt was somewhat early. However, conditions on the James Bay staging area were much colder than normal. Even though their breeding grounds were in good condition, brant arrived late and had low production last

year. Waterfowl managers must incorporate staging-area conditions into any models developed to predict brant production.

Identifying migration pathways and staging areas of Atlantic brant ensures the habitat is adequately protected. The radio telemetry study revealed brant no longer heavily use their historic migration route through coastal New England. Rather, the metropolitan areas of northern New Jersey, New York City, western Long Island, and western Connecticut are now important spring staging areas for brant in the U.S. In Canada, James Bay is a critical staging area for brant.

Further, the study serves as an educational tool, highlighting the importance of habitat in the Atlantic brant life cycle as well as the complexities of managing this migratory game species. Information on brant biology and the purpose and the results of the study has been posted on the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife web site (www.njfishandwildlife.com).

This study is the result of a partnership among numerous wildlife agencies in both Canada and the U.S., and is conducted through the Atlantic Flyway Council. Sportsmen have been important partners in this effort. The New Jersey Waterfowler's Association, the Susquehanna Waterfowl Trust, Waterfowl USA, and The South Shore Waterfowler's Association of Long Island, NY contributed towards radio transmitters and assisted with capture efforts. A patch program, administered by the Susquehanna Waterfowl Trust, has provided funds each year of the study. See page 57 to obtain a brant patch to support this research study.

New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Conducts Atlantic Brant Radio Telemetry Study with Partners

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Massachusetts, before continuing up the coastline to Canada. Very few radio-tagged brant were found along this traditional migration route up the New England coast. Most brant departed the Atlantic coast by heading north via the Hudson River Valley.

Canadian biologists learned that the radioed brant stopped briefly in the St. Lawrence River Valley before continuing

to James Bay, 900 miles north of New York City.

Brant stay on the James Bay staging grounds for several weeks, feeding heavily on eelgrass to build energy and accumulate fat reserves needed to finish migration to their Arctic breeding grounds, 1,000 miles north on James Bay.

When brant arrive on the arctic breeding ground in mid-June, the land is thawing from a long winter and will not provide much food. Female brants use stored body fat for egg production, and males, for territorial defense. By the time the eggs hatch, the brief but intense Arctic summer will have bloomed, providing bountiful food for adults and goslings alike.

As it turned out, our pilot had no problem locating Hall Beach through the clouds. Flying with a team of Canadian Wildlife Service biologists, we planned to search most of the Foxe Basin and the northern edge of Hudson's Bay.

We were working on one of the most important objectives of our study: to clarify boundaries of the breeding range of Atlantic brant and search for previously unknown breeding colonies.

The moment we reached the western shore of Baffin Island, we picked up the signal from a radio-tagged brant. During the next hour, we received several more signals.

It seemed this study, which had taken several years to organize and required the cooperation of six states, a Canadian province and territory, and the governments of Canada and the United States, would finally work, as long as the weather cooperated.

Fortunately, the weather cleared that afternoon and remained good for the next four days, allowing us to fly more than 4,000 miles over most of our planned search areas. We located 18 radio-tagged brant and identified numerous breeding colonies (Figure 2).

In addition to tagging 34 brant with standard transmitters, we deployed 10 satellite transmitters on brant. These radios send location data to satellites several times a week, eliminating biologists' need to search large areas for a radio signal. Movements of the satellite-radioed brant are mapped and available on the fish and wildlife section of the New Jersey Department of

Environmental Protection's Web site (www.nj.gov/dep).

Since satellite radios are considerably more expensive than standard radios, only a small number were used. But the intensive information we received from the small sample of satellite radios, combined with comprehensive data from the larger number of standard radios, gives us a good picture of Atlantic brant migration.

In addition to the 16 brant radio-tagged in New Jersey, 15 brant had been tagged in New York and three brant had been tagged in Virginia during February, 2002. Then last fall, we flew five radio monitoring flights along the mid-Atlantic coast. A total of 17 radio contacts were made during these flights. In addition, sportsman have recovered, reported and returned nine radio-tagged brant during the 2002-03 hunting season. All of these radios have been refurbished and reused.

This past winter, an additional 25 brant were marked with standard radios and 12 were marked with satellite radios. Brant were radio marked from southern Virginia through eastern Connecticut.

In May 2002, brant were congregating in staging areas around New York City. Weekly survey flights are being conducted, and plans are being finalized to return to the breeding grounds.

– Paul Castelli, Supervising Wildlife Biologist



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Species Profile: When It Comes to Busy, Leave It To Beavers

Easily recognized by its broad, flat tail and long front teeth, the beaver (*Castor canadensis*) played an important role during colonial times. In the mid-1600s, the fur trade for beaver numbered nearly 10,000 pelts per season just within the settlements of "New Sweden," which encompassed parts of New Jersey's Gloucester and Salem counties.

Historical reports tell of settlers making trips to New Amsterdam (Manhattan) in 1643 to barter beaver pelts for livestock and supplies. Seven oxen were traded for 124 pelts; one cow for 22 pelts and 75 bushels of rye traded for 32 pelts. Beaver skins were used to make waterproof clothing, particularly hats.

As the number of colonists grew, a high, unregulated demand for beaver pelts, combined with extensive deforestation and land cultivation, reduced the beaver population. By the early 1800s, beavers were nearly wiped out in New Jersey.

In 1902, only two active sites were noted in Sussex County. The Board of Fish and Game Commissioners closed the trapping season in 1903, and during the next few decades, began a restocking program with beavers brought in from Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The beaver population rebounded, and special permit trapping seasons were authorized intermittently between 1947 and 1968 in various counties, and then annually in 1970. Today, beavers can be found in suitable habitat throughout New Jersey, and occasionally even in the state's metropolitan areas.

The beaver is a mammal and North America's largest rodent. Adults weigh from 30 to occasionally more than 70 pounds. Beavers have thick fur that varies from brownish-black to yellowish-brown and a large, muscular tail. The fur consists of two layers, an outer layer of coarse guard hairs and an undercoat that is dense, soft and waterproof.

Both males and females have musk sacs, called castors, which produce an oily, heavily scented "castoreum" used to mark their territory. Two other glands located at the base of the tail secrete the oil used to groom and waterproof its fur.

Contrary to popular belief, beavers do not carry mud on their tails or use their tails to pat



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mud into place on their dam or lodges. The tail serves as a rudder while swimming, a temperature regulator, and also stores fat.

Beavers live in family groups or colonies. Breeding occurs in January and February. About three and one-half months later, the female gives birth to four to eight young, called kits. Kits stay with the colony until their second year when they reach sexual maturity and are either driven away by the adults or leave voluntarily to establish a new colony.

Beavers' front teeth are always growing. To keep them properly worn down, the animals must gnaw continually. Beavers favor the barks of birch, poplar, maple, willow, cherry, hazelnut, viburnum, alder, beech, ash, dogwood, pine and hemlock.

They also eat grasses, sedges and the roots of cattail or water lily in the spring and summer, and consume up to two pounds of food daily.

The only animal capable of modifying its environment, the beaver can construct its dam, lodge or burrow in suitable woodland habitat adjacent to a lake, stream, marsh or river.

By constructing a dam, beavers raise the water level necessary to float building materials and food over to the lodge or cache area.

Beavers may periodically make the dam higher to raise the water level, allowing them to reach more food without leaving the safety of the water. (Beavers are slow movers on dry land.)

All members of the beaver colony, except the very young, help keep the dam in good repair.

Beavers construct lodges by layering mud and sticks over a bank burrow entrance or in a shallow area of already elevated water.

The lodge is roughly conical and may be six to eight feet high when completed. The top of a lodge is loosely constructed to allow adequate ventilation. (Some beavers do not build lodges, choosing instead to live in burrows under stream banks.) Tunnels lead under water from the dry, hollow chamber inside.

Beavers use tree branches and limbs near the lodge to build a stockpile, or food cache. These caches enable the beaver to continue their activities throughout the winter, even if the watercourse is covered by ice.

Beavers' activities promote habitat diversity, and can both positively and adversely affect humans, other wildlife, plants and the environment.

Dam construction can flood roads, yards and agricultural areas, and beaver often damage trees on residential properties that border streams and ponds. Ponds that beavers create can benefit aquatic-based species such as wood ducks, herons, muskrats, otters and frogs, but eliminate habitat for land-dwelling creatures such as deer, rabbits and squirrels.

Large beaver ponds can also provide fishing areas and flood water and sediment control by slowing storm runoff.

In some cases, impounding shallow cold-water streams increases water temperatures, and creates sediment detrimental to trout. Impoundments can also flood roads, agricultural fields and backyards.

In recent years, beaver populations have increased and expanded their range throughout suitable habitat in New Jersey and across North America.

Beavers have few natural enemies in New Jersey. Beaver populations are controlled through highly regulated trapping during January and February. As it is with all other wildlife, Fish and Wildlife's goal is to maintain a healthy beaver population in harmony with the needs of New Jersey's residents.



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Just a few months ago, Fish and Wildlife's biologists and technicians completed the final phase of the trap-and-transfer program, launched in 1978, the year after 15 gobblers and seven hens from New York and Vermont were released in Sussex County. During the first several years, the original birds took full advantage of excellent breeding and production conditions. Next biologists and technicians began trapping and relocating birds to other parts of the state.

Last winter alone, cold temperatures and above-average snowfall created ideal conditions for trapping wild turkeys, and 115 birds were caught and relocated. Hunting opportunities have increased over time as the turkey population rebounded. Indeed, turkey hunting zones now exist across New Jersey, and 21,000 spring turkey hunting permits are issued every year. The trap-and-transfer program has distributed enough turkeys throughout the state that the birds likely will relocate themselves into any remaining unoccupied habitats.

Trapping and transferring turkeys is challenging work. Turkeys are wary, and they have quick reflexes; so powerful rocket nets must be used to capture the birds. When 20 unsuspecting turkeys line up to eat corn near a hidden rocket net, only about 10 to 15 birds will be caught. Under ideal conditions, however, the 40-foot by 40-foot rocket nets can capture up to 30 birds in a single attempt. During Fish and Wildlife's 25-year trap-and-transfer effort,



Conservation Officer Tim Cussen releases a wild turkey from its transport box.

rocket nets were used 166 times.

A summary of the data on the program shows that Fish and Wildlife biologists and technicians caught and transferred a total of 1,378 turkeys, including 128 adult gobblers, 242 young males or jakes, 611 adult hens, and 397 young females or jennys.

During the program, 77 birds from other states were released into New Jersey habitats. In fact, New Jersey received turkeys from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia and South Carolina in the hope these coastal plain birds would easily adapt to similar habitats in the Pinelands areas. New Jersey showed its generosity as well by sending birds trapped in the Garden State to help establish

turkey populations in Delaware, Illinois and Ontario.

The following table presents the number of birdstransferred into New Jersey by county from 1978 to 2003.

County	Number Released	County	Number Released
Atlantic	65	Monmouth	75
Burlington	251	Morris	75
Cape May	81	Ocean	265
Camden	15	Passaic	31
Cumberland	186	Salem	21
Gloucester	46	Somerset	19
Hunterdon	61	Sussex	83
Middlesex	35	Warren	59

—Tony McBride, Principal Biologist

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These are just some of the comments heard by fish and wildlife conservation officers, who are frequently asked about their work. The 50-member force is responsible for enforcing wildlife laws in any place where you can take or possess wildlife, on public or private land.

The public is likely to see a conservation officer in the woods, fields and waterbodies statewide.

Like state troopers, state park rangers and state conservation officers are law enforcement officers employed by the State of New Jersey. While they all have graduated a police academy and have full police powers, they differ in their mission.

And while the public easily recognizes the more than 2,300 troopers who wear blue and gold and patrol the state highways and rural communities, enforcing the laws of New Jersey, there is some confusion about the



green-and-gray-uniformed rangers and conservation officers.

Unlike the troopers whose agency is part of the state Department of Law and Public Safety, conservation officers and rangers are part of New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Conservation officers and rangers attend police academies with municipal police officers. There are about 80 park rangers in the Division of Parks and Forestry, which is also within DEP, who serve as the police force for more than 325,000 acres of state parks and forests.

Rangers handle all calls from theft and domestic violence to littering, while at the

same time remaining knowledgeable about the historic and natural areas where they work.

The state's conservation officers (or game wardens as they are often called) are part of the Division of Fish and Wildlife within DEP. Although conservation officers have full police authority, their primary mission is to enforce all laws regarding the taking and possession of wildlife.

Conservation officers often patrol the state's parks and forests where they may work closely with state park rangers, in addition to over 276,000 acres of wildlife management areas under the control of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Conservation officers also have jurisdiction on privately owned farms, forests, beaches or other lands, including pet stores, zoos, fish markets and even private residences.

The every day duties and responsibilities of the conservation officer are varied and demanding.

For instance, an officer could be checking hunters or anglers in the morning to ensure they are properly licensed and obeying regulations and investigating a report of illegal

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Officers of the Green and Gray Promote Wildlife Conservation

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possession of an exotic animal at mid-day.

They could be chasing down illegally operated ATVs on Wildlife Management Areas in the afternoon and testifying in court at night in a case in which they wrote a summons.

Conservation officers write about 5,000 summonses each year resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines that go back into the Hunter and Angler Fund, which is used exclusively for fish and wildlife conservation purposes. The fees paid for licenses also go into this fund.

There are demanding requirements to become a conservation officer. To be eligible, one must have graduated from an accredited college with a bachelor's degree in biology or natural resource management with at least 18 credit hours in fisheries or wildlife science.

After applying, candidates must pass a written Civil Service test. Those who score the highest may be invited for an oral interview and, if successful—and lucky—a job offer.

After being hired, new recruits are required to move to the county where they will patrol. Usually there is a maximum of two officers to patrol a county and since conservation officers are on call 24 hours a day, they must reside in the county where they patrol. Recruits then take 142 hours of instruction in wildlife law enforcement by the Bureau of Law Enforcement's own instructors.

For the next phase of training, recruits are sent to various county police training academies for over five months where they receive the exact same training as municipal police officers.

After graduation, new officers will ride with a more experienced officer for up to one year while they learn the nuances of the job.

Training does not stop here but continues throughout their career. Every year, officers will receive additional training in first aid, search and seizure and self defense.

Four times a year, conservation officers must requalify with the handguns, shotgun or rifle they use in the line of duty.

Extensive training and requalifying are essential because a conservation officer's job has the potential to be dangerous. Seven conservation officers have died in the line of duty in New Jersey. Most people whom conservation officers encounter are armed with a gun, a knife or both.

The level of training for New Jersey's conservation officers is so comprehensive that

most conservation officers become certified police instructors with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety.

The sporting public may have the impression that since conservation officers are always in the field, woods and water with hunters and anglers, they must have many opportunities to hunt and fish themselves. Yet conservation officers work most frequently when most sportsmen and women are likely to be enjoying the outdoors. This includes the peak hunting and fishing seasons and weekends and holidays.

After learning of these requirements, one may wonder why anyone would want to be a conservation officer. The answer is simple: although it is increasingly difficult to recruit and retain officers, those who make this a career do so because they care deeply about New Jersey's fish and wildlife resource and are extremely dedicated in their role in ensuring its conservation.

While making routine stops, conservation officers enjoy the opportunity to answer

questions from sportsmen and women about our wildlife. Conservation officers know that what they are doing is very important and they believe that while most people are law abiding, there will always be a small segment of the population who will not obey wildlife laws.

These violators will take or destroy wildlife or its habitat wherever and whenever they chose, for their personal satisfaction, regardless of the long-term detriment. Conservation officers know that by limiting the negative impacts of these violators, New Jersey will have a diversity and abundance of fish and wildlife to enjoy for years to come.

Many fish and wildlife populations have been restored and the hunting and fishing traditions have been preserved due to the responsible behavior of most hunters and anglers and the vigorous enforcement of fish and wildlife laws by New Jersey conservation officers.

—Mark Leonard, Conservation Officer

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Evan F. Nappen, Esq. "the gun law guru"

Evan F. Nappen, Esq., "the gun law guru," is an attorney dedicated to defending constitutional liberties. His extensive technical knowledge of guns, knives, weapons and an in-depth comprehension of NJ law allows him to advise honest citizens of their rights, how to save their possessions and stay out of jail.

Mr. Nappen's website at www.evannappen.com features daily gun news with new headlines and article links continuously updated. From his office in Eatontown, NJ, he provides legal assistance to gun owners from Sussex to Cape May. In addition to being a member of the NJ and PA Bar, Mr. Nappen is admitted to the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Nappen is a well-known author for his books on New Jersey Gun, Knife and Weapon Law. His current book, *Nappen II: New Jersey Gun, Knife and Weapon Law*, is available at most gun stores (for a dealer listing—check the website). This book explains over 150 topics in an easy-to-read question and answer format with special comments from Mr. Nappen's 15 years of experience handling firearm and weapon cases. His recent articles have appeared in *Blade* magazine concerning knife law and in *Knives 2002* and *Sporting Knives 2003*, published by Krause Publications. His first book, *Nappen on New Jersey*

Gun Law, sold out the first printing of over 5,000 copies. Many honest citizens have contacted, confided to and thanked Mr. Nappen that the information helped to save them from what could have been a disaster in their lives and liberty.

The NJ Courts have declared: "When dealing with guns, the citizen acts at his peril." Because of this, law-abiding gun, knife and weapon owners must know and exercise their rights. To protect oneself, Mr. Nappen has created a system in which your basic constitutional protections are summed up as three simple rules. These three rules are explained thoroughly in *NAPPEN II*. It's a must read for any gun, knife or weapon owner in NJ.

Mr. Nappen is a Life Member of the National Rifle Association and is a certified instructor in Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Home Safety. An avid hunter and fisherman, he and his family have spent many weekends target shooting, boating, fishing and hunting. His oldest son, Ethan, earned his New Jersey Hunting License for both shotgun and bow at the age of 10. His 6-year-old son, Nathanael, loves to catch lunker bass and outfishes everybody in the family.

The Law Firm of Evan F. Nappen, Attorney at Law is a professional corporation, which is dedicated to helping their clients in all aspects of gun, knife and weapon law, including legal representation for any and all crimes in any and all courts. Professional services are also offered for issues concerning Fish and Game law, Domestic Violence, gun seizures and forfeitures, licenses and permits, NICS purchase denials and expungements (clear your record).

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Selected Wildlife Management Areas for the Youth Pheasant Hunt Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003

WMA	Guided Morning	Open After 1 pm	Open All Day
Whittingham	X	X	
Black River	X	X	
Flatbrook			X
Clinton	X	X	
Assunpink	X	X	
Colliers Mills	X	X	
Glassboro			X
Millville	X	X	
Peaslee	X	X	

Guided: Pre-registration required.

Open—Afternoon: Any youth hunter with a valid youth hunting license accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult (aged 21 or older), will be permitted to hunt on the listed Wildlife Management Areas on November 1, 2003 from 1 p.m. until sunset.

Open—all day: Any youth hunter with a valid youth hunting license accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult (aged 21 or older), will be permitted to hunt on the listed Wildlife Management Areas on November 1, 2003 from 8 a.m. until sunset.

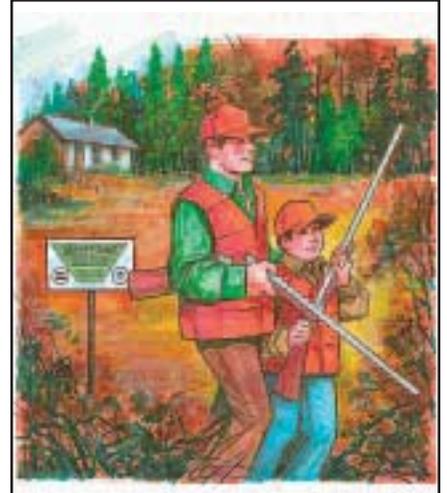
Youth Waterfowl Hunt Day Sept. 27, 2003 TAKE A KID HUNTING

Youth hunters with a valid youth license and accompanied by a non-shooting adult (aged 21 or older), will be permitted to hunt for waterfowl statewide from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset on Sept. 27, 2003. See the migratory bird supplement and watch for news releases for further details.

Non-toxic shot required.

Bag limit: Same as regular duck and early Canada goose seasons. No federal or state duck stamp, or HIP number are required for youths hunting on this date.

TAKE A KID HUNTING Pheasant Hunt: November 1, 2003



The 2003 Take a Kid Hunting Pheasant Hunt will allow properly licensed hunters with a valid youth license to hunt on one of nine stocked Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) on Saturday morning, November 1, 2003. In a cooperative effort between the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the NJ State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, volunteer hunting mentors with trained bird dogs will guide youth hunters on a 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 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 each session. 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 below to: Take a Kid Hunting, NJ Div. of Fish & Wildlife, Northern Region Hunter Education, 26 Rt. 173 W, Hampton, NJ 08827. All entries must be postmarked by October 17, 2003. Information will be mailed on October 24, 2003.

Youth Hunter

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Youth Hunting License # _____

1. Select WMA (Check only 1):

- Assunpink Black River Clinton Colliers Mills
 Millville Peaslee Whittingham

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

- NO YES-2002

3. With what gauge shotgun will you be hunting?

- 12 16 20 28 .410

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

Youth Upland Bird Hunt Day Saturday, November 1, 2003

Youth hunters with a valid youth license, accompanied by a licensed, non-hunting adult 21 years or older, will be permitted to hunt on licensed semi-wild preserves. Youths can hunt for pheasants, quail, and/or chukars on Saturday, November 1, 2003 from 8 a.m. to sunset. This is a great opportunity for hunters belonging to semi-wild preserves to introduce youth hunters to upland bird hunting without competition from adult hunters.

YOUTH HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Deer Hunt Day

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 22, 2003**



TAKE A KID HUNTING!

Youth hunters with a valid youth hunting license will be allowed to hunt statewide for one deer on Saturday, November 22, 2003. The youth hunter **MUST** be under the immediate supervision of a person who is at least 21 years old and who has a valid firearm license. For the purposes of this section, direct supervision is defined as both the youth hunter and parent/guardian set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit and not hunting independently of each other. The adult **CANNOT** hunt or possess a firearm. The adult can grunt call or rattle for the youth. In addition to the youth, the adult accompanying the youth should wear the required hunter orange. Youths can hunt with either a shotgun or muzzleloader for one deer of either sex. If the youth is hunting with a muzzleloader, both the youth and the adult must have a valid rifle permit. Neither the Earn-A-Buck requirement nor antler point restrictions will apply on that day for the youth hunter. This hunt will be an extension of the six-day firearm season so no special season deer permit is required. The youth hunter must tag his/her deer with a homemade transportation tag. The tag must include the youth hunting license number, sex of deer, number of antler points, date, zone, county and township from which the deer was taken, and must say "taken during the 6-day firearm season-youth hunt". The youth hunter will not be given a supplemental tag when the deer is checked. The bag limit for the youth hunt day is only **ONE** deer of either sex. This is a great opportunity to introduce youth hunters to deer hunting!



Matthew Castelli, 12, with his dad, Paul, share a duck blind with Labrador Lucy, at the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, Brigantine Division.

J. Kaskey/The Press of Atlantic City



Ryan and Daniel Powell of West Milford both harvest turkeys on Youth Turkey Hunt Day, 2002 in Wawayanda State Park.

Youth Turkey Hunt Day

Youth hunters with a valid youth license who have obtained a turkey permit may begin their spring turkey season on the special youth turkey hunting day, April 17, 2004. Youth must be accompanied and supervised by an adult 21 years or older who possess a valid New Jersey hunting license.



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- Choose one or both of these quality items for the hunter or collector.
- "New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife" etched on each knife blade.

ORDER FORM

Item #	Description	Price each	Qty	Total
NJ470T	Schrade Old Timer 4 7/8" Beast ; lock blade, partial serration, blade lifter, nylon sheath with custom blade etch	\$24.95		
NJ430T	Schrade Old Timer 3 7/8" Pocket Beast ; lock blade, partial serration, blade lifter, pocket clip with custom blade etch	\$19.95		
SPECIAL: Order Two knives and receive a 3rd knife Free: 4 1/2" Lock Back w/Sheath—A \$12.95 Value!				
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	Shipping and Handling	\$5.00		
TOTAL				\$

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Outdoor Skills Workshop for Women



New Jersey's "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" (BOW) Program is part of a nationwide effort to help women overcome barriers to participation in outdoor recreation by providing opportunities to try new activities. Since it began at the University of Wisconsin in 1991, the program has exploded in popularity. BOW can be found in 44 states and eight Canadian Provinces across North America. New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has been offering BOW workshops since 1995.

Although BOW workshops are designed for women, they offer anyone 18 years old or older opportunities to try new outdoor activities, improve existing skills, and meet other outdoor enthusiasts. The three-day BOW and one-day "Beyond BOW" workshops offer hands-on instruction in hunting, angling, and related outdoor pursuits in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere.

All of our instructors have many years of experience afield. They were chosen for their ability to pass on their knowledge and their belief in encouraging anyone who has an interest to get involved in the outdoors.

To find out more about the BOW program, log on to our web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com or mail in the coupon below. Those with an e-mail account can subscribe to the BOW list-serve (electronic mail service). The BOW list-serve will send automatic updates about the BOW program and workshop availability. It's simple to subscribe. Go to the Division's web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com and click on the link for mailing lists located on the left-hand side of the homepage. Fill out the electronic form and click submit. That's it! A confirmation message will ask you to return an authorization code. Once this is done, you'll be ready to receive automatic updates about New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's BOW Program.

To be placed on the BOW mailing list, complete this coupon and send to: New Jersey Fish & Wildlife, 26 Rt. 173W., Hampton, NJ 08827.

Outdoor Skills Workshop

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____

State _____ Zip _____

New Hunter Education Program Is a Proven Success

The Hunter Education Program's new video-based home study program has been implemented for one full year, and one thing is clear: the transition from the traditional program to the new home study program is a tremendous success! For the first time in 17 years the decline in the number of student graduates slowed and nearly stabilized. Compared with the 5,017 graduates during the final year of the traditional program (2001), this first year using the home study program graduated 4,725 students. While this shows a slight decline in the total number of graduates, good news can be found when reviewing the total number of *course completion cards* issued for the three disciplines of shotgun, archery and muzzleloader hunter education courses.

Home study graduates were issued an additional 948 course completion cards compared to the 280 additional cards issued to the graduates of the traditional program. This additional opportunity increases the total course completion cards issued for the home study program to 5,673, compared with 5,297 for the traditional program. This increased opportunity is a direct result of the home study format. Now, students may complete all three disciplines in one day, provided they have completed the homework, then pass the field walk, range exercises and written exam for each discipline.

Feedback from hunter education instructors indicates the students are now much better prepared with the home study format. This, combined with the training instructors provide during the field session day, has allowed our program to place a safer hunter in the field.

Hunter education classes are conducted March through June and August through November. Class size is limited, so beat the rush and apply now to take your hunter education class. For a complete list of locations and dates, go to the Division web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com or any license agent.

New Jersey's hunter education program is continually recognized as one of the best programs in the country. Our home study hunter education program ensures that hunting in the Garden State will continue to be one of the safest outdoor activities. For more information call our hunter education office at 877-2HUNT NJ. Remember, pass on the tradition—invite a friend to enroll in the hunter education program or donate your time and expertise by becoming an instructor.

—Paul Ritter, Principal Biologist

Continue the Tradition

Become a Hunter Education Instructor with the Division's new Home Study Program.

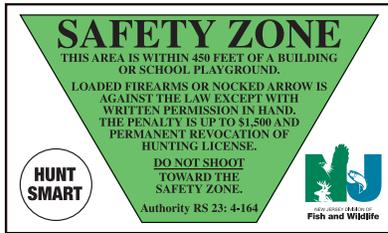


The Division's Hunter Education Unit is looking for New Jersey's best sportsmen and women to become instructors and teach utilizing this exciting new format. A minimum of 6 weekend days each year are required.

Call 856-629-0552 leave your name and address to receive an application. Or visit our web site: www.njfishandwildlife.com

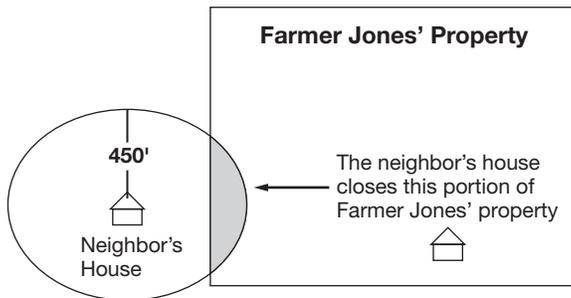
SAFETY ZONE Awareness: Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

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 wildlife habitat and huntable land, such that SAFETY ZONE awareness is even more critical for modern hunters.



What is a SAFETY ZONE?

- The SAFETY ZONE is the area within 450 feet of a building or school playground, even if not occupied.
- 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 which can stop a misdirected bullet 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. Hunt SMART and remind your hunting partners to Hunt SMART.
4. Know the law.

Remember, failure to hunt safely and responsibly is inexcusable. You must always be a responsible hunter, aware of your surroundings, the target and what may lie beyond the target. The principles of hunter education do not disappear at the completion of a course, but 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 now flourishing. Here, hunter conduct will be watched closely; the image we portray can have a great impact on the tolerance for our sport. So 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 2003–2004 Hunting Seasons

Cape May NWR

24 Kimbles Beach Road, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
(609) 463-0994; fw5rw_cpmnwr@fws.gov

- Deer—See “Special Area Hunting Season Information;” see page 37.
- No refuge permit is required. Special hunting conditions apply.

Great Swamp NWR

152 Pleasant Plains Road, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920-9615
(973) 425-1222; fw5rw_gsnwr@fws.gov

- Deer—See “Special Area Hunting Season Information;” see page 37.

In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a Refuge permit. There is a \$22 fee for a refuge permit. Special hunting conditions apply.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR

P.O. Box 72, Great Creek Road, Oceanville, New Jersey 08231-0072
(609) 652-1665; fw5rw_fbrnwr@fws.gov

- Deer—See “Special Area Hunting Season Information;” see page 37.
- Waterfowl • Special Snow Goose Season

No specific Refuge permit is required. Hunters wanting to participate in the snow goose hunt must have a reservation. Special hunting conditions apply. Information can be obtained through the mail, at dispensers, or at the refuge.

Supawna Meadows NWR

197 Lighthouse Road, Pennsville, New Jersey 08070
(856) 935-1487; fw5rw_spmnwr@fws.gov

- Deer—See “Special Area Hunting Season Information;” see page 38.
- Waterfowl • September Canada Goose

In addition to required state licenses and permits, deer hunters must obtain a refuge permit. There is a \$20 fee for this permit. Special hunting conditions apply.

Wallkill River NWR

1547 County Route 565, Sussex, New Jersey 07461-4013
(973) 702-7266; fw5rw_wrnwr@fws.gov • <http://wallkillriver.fws.gov>

- Deer—See “Special Area Hunting Season Information;” see page 38.
- Migratory Birds except crow • Spring and Fall Turkey (Zone 5)
- September and Special Winter Canada Goose

In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a refuge permit. There is a \$10 fee for a refuge permit except youths are free. Special hunting conditions apply.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has a new web-based tool called i-MapNJ.

If you have access to the web, here is a way to create maps of your favorite Wildlife Management Areas. i-MapNJ also provides a wealth of other environmental information.

This interactive program is updated on a regular basis so most of the latest information is available.

To access i-MapNJ, go to the DEP's web site at www.state.nj.us/dep. Click the i-MapNJ button in the left column.

If you do not have access to the web and are interested in a specific Wildlife Management Area, call (609) 984-0547 to request a map.

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 access fees or have other special regulations. Refer to the section entitled "Special Area Hunting Season Information" or contact the appropriate authority for additional information. See page xx 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.

Zone Public Land Open to Hunting

- 1**
 - Flatbrook-Roy WMA
 - Hainesville WMA
 - Stokes State Forest
- 2**
 - Kittatinny Valley State Park
 - Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge (see "Special Areas")
- 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
 - Wanaque WMA
 - Waywayanda State Park
- 4**
 - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
 - Flatbrook-Roy WMA
 - Stokes State Forest
 - Walpack WMA
 - Worthington State Forest
- 5**
 - Bear Swamp WMA
 - 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
 - Fanny State Park
 - Morris County Park System - Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Silas Condict Park (see "Special Areas")
 - Newark Watershed (see "Special Areas")
 - Rockaway River WMA
 - Sparta Mountain WMA
 - Weldon Brook WMA
 - Wildcat Ridge WMA
- 7**
 - Clinton WMA
 - Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Union Forge Preserve, Tower Hill Reserve (see "Special Areas")
- 8**
 - Musconetcong River WMA
 - 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—Black River Park, Schooley's Mountain Park (see "Special Areas")
 - Musconetcong River WMA
 - Pequest WMA

- 9**
 - South Branch WMA
 - Voorhees State Park
 - Black River WMA
- 10**
 - Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Musconetcong Gorge, the Drag Strip Property, Hoffman Park, Schick Reserve, South Branch Reservation, Uplands Reserve (see "Special Areas")
- 11**
 - Musconetcong River WMA
 - Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Lockatong Nature Preserve, the Case Farm, Wescott Nature Preserve (see "Special Areas")
- 12**
 - Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Cushetunk Mountain Park, Sourland Mountain Nature Preserve, Deer Path Park, South Branch Reservation (see "Special Areas")
- 13**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 14**
 - Assunpink WMA (Washington Twp section only)
 - Pigeon Swamp State Park
 - Six Mile Run Reservoir State Park (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 15**
 - Assunpink WMA
- 16**
 - Turkey Swamp WMA
- 17**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 18**
 - Colliers Mills WMA
 - Manchester WMA
 - Whiting WMA
 - Medford WMA
 - Wharton State Forest
- 19**
 - Double Trouble State Park
 - Forked River Mountain WMA
 - Greenwood Forest WMA
 - Lebanon State Forest
- 21**
 - Bass River State Forest
 - Wharton State Forest
 - Bass River State Forest
 - Green Bank State Forest
 - Penn State Forest
 - Stafford Forge WMA
 - Swan Bay WMA
 - Warren Grove Recreation Area
 - Wharton State Forest
- 22**
 - Cedar Lake WMA
- 23**
 - Great Egg Harbor River WMA
 - White Oak Branch WMA
- 24**
 - Winslow WMA
- 25**
 - Great Egg Harbor River WMA
 - Makepeace Lake WMA
 - Port Republic WMA
 - Hammonton Creek WMA
- 26**
 - Salem River WMA
 - Thundergut Pond WMA
 - Elmer Lake WMA
 - Union Lake WMA
- 27**
 - Bayside PSE&G Tract (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
 - Gum Tree Corner WMA
 - Mad Horse Creek WMA
 - Maskellis Mill Pond WMA
- 28**
 - Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15–Aug. 1)
 - Dix WMA
 - Egg Island WMA
 - Fortescue WMA
 - Nantuxent WMA
 - New Sweden WMA
- 29**
 - Millville WMA
 - Buckshutem WMA
 - Beaver Swamp WMA
 - 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 Area Hunting Season Information")
- 30**
 - No public deer hunting land
 - No public deer hunting land
 - Fort Dix Military Reservation (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 31**
 - Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 32**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 33**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 34**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 35**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 36**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 37**
 - Fort Dix Military Reservation (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 38**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 39**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 40**
 - No public deer hunting land

- 41**
 - Alexauken Creek WMA
 - Mercer County Parks—Baldpate (Kuser) Mountain
 - Mercer County Parks—Howell Living History Farm
- 42**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 43**
 - Millville (Bevan) WMA
- 44**
 - Menantico Ponds WMA
 - Peaslee WMA
- 45**
 - Gibson Creek WMA
 - Great Egg Harbor River WMA
 - Tuckahoe WMA
 - Maple Lake WMA
 - Peaslee WMA
 - Peaslee WMA
- 46**
 - Peaslee WMA
- 47**
 - Peaslee WMA
- 48**
 - Rancocas State Park (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 49**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 50**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 51**
 - Allaire State Park
 - Manasquan River WMA
 - Manahawkin WMA
- 52**
 - Fort Dix Military Reservation (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 53**
 - Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 54**
 - No public deer hunting land
- 55**
 - Glassboro WMA
- 56**
 - Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 57**
 - Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 58**
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- 59**
 - Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 60**
 - Round Valley Recreation Area (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 61**
 - Atlantic County Park System (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 62**
 - Abbotts Meadow WMA
- 63**
 - Monmouth Battlefield State Park (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 64**
 - Winslow WMA
- 65**
 - Winslow WMA
- 66**
 - Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")
- 67**
 - High Point State Park (see "Special Area Hunting Season Information")

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20th Anniversary Edition
2003 New Jersey Duck Stamp Print



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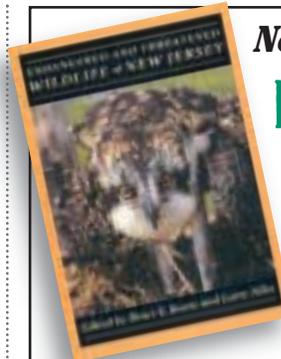
New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee is proud to announce its 20th Anniversary Edition Waterfowl Stamp painted by artist James Killen. New Jersey decoy carver Clarence Fennimore carved a pintail decoy in the Delaware, working bird style, depicted in the painting. This 20th Anniversary Edition's waterfowl stamp and print features a black Labrador Retriever with a pintail decoy, and is the first in the Retriever Puppy Series.

Artist James Killen has won many national and international awards, including over 16 state duck stamps. Recently, Ducks Unlimited selected him as their "International Artist of the Year" for 2003-2004. He is the first artist to receive this prestigious award three times! The distinctive style and quality of Killen's artwork has generated millions of dollars for numerous conservation groups such as Ducks Unlimited International, National Wild Turkey Federation, and Pheasants Forever. Many gift items feature Killen art, as well as home furnishings and apparel. A new book, "The Art of Jim Killen" was released in 2000 and has over 140 color plates and sketches.

Decoy carver Clarence Fennimore began carving in the late 1980s in the Barnegat Bay style, but soon switched to the Delaware River style. Fennimore carves in the traditional hollow-cedar style, painted in oils, and uses these today on Barnegat Bay. He is an active member of the New Jersey Decoy Collectors Association and was honored as their feature "Carver of the Year" for their 2002 Annual Show. Fennimore is a volunteer carver at the Tuckerton Seaport demonstrating his decoy making techniques. In the summer of 2001, he was the contemporary carver featured at the Tuckerton Seaport Museum.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife administers the New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Program. Proceeds from the sale of New Jersey's duck stamps and prints total over \$3.9 million to date, all to acquire wetlands for waterfowl habitat and public use. The New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee has committed to the purchase of over 13,000 acres of waterfowl habitat. The committee will continue to be involved with the enhancement of thousands of additional acres for the benefit of wildlife.

Limited edition, signed and numbered prints of the 20th New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp may be purchased directly from New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. Visit us on the Web at www.njfishandwildlife.com to see our other products. To order a print, order forms are available on our Web site or by sending a self-addressed, stamped, #10 envelope to: ATTN: Waterfowl Prints, N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400.



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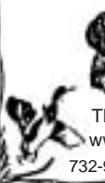
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