

## REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.

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

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

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

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

### Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit

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

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

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

### Dog Training, Exercising and Hunting

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

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

All dogs must be properly licensed. Dogs may be exercised or trained on any WMA from Sept. 1 to April 30.

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

### Field Trials

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

### Higbee Beach

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 until 12:01 a.m. on Dec. 14, 2015.

### Horseback Riding

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

### Hunting Regulations

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

The quail season is closed statewide with the exception of the Peaslee and Greenwood WMAs. See *Pheasants*, page 61.

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

For coyote and fox hunting: the use of .17 and .22 caliber rimfire or .17 through .25 caliber centerfire rifle ammo is allowed on WMAs. See *Coyote/Fox* ammo chart on page 60 for additional restrictions.

The use of air guns to hunt rabbit and squirrel is allowed on WMAs. See *Air Guns* page 28, and *Squirrel, Regular Season* on page 62.

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

### Motor Vehicles and Other Forms of Conveyance

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

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

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

### Outboard Motors

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

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

### Restricted Hours

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

### Target Practice

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

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

- ♦ **Shotgun Range:** for use with clay birds and the patterning of fine shot;
- ♦ **Archery Range:** approved backstops at select ranges, no broadheads allowed;
- ♦ **Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun Slug Range:** for sighting in with shotgun slugs or buckshot, .177 or .22 caliber rimfire rifles and muzzleloaders; no other firearms allowed. See page 71 for a list of ranges and requirements.

### Waterfowl Blinds

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

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

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

### Warning to Violators

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



### Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Ranges

The following information pertains to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife facilities. Information on privately operated facilities is available at "Where To Shoot," a site maintained by the National Shooting Sports Foundation at [www.wheretoshoot.org](http://www.wheretoshoot.org)

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

### Northern Region

#### Hunterdon County

##### Clinton WMA

Route 173W, Clinton

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

#### Morris County

##### Black River WMA

Route 513 (Dover-Chester Rd.), Chester

- ♦ Archery, open year-round.
- ♦ Shotgun: Closed weekends from the third Saturday in May through the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, as well as on Christmas and Easter. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. during this summer period, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the rest of the year. Hunter education classes will continue at the range and are not affected by these new hours.

#### Sussex County

##### Flatbrook WMA

Route 615, Layton

- ♦ Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (75 yards)

#### Warren County

##### Pequest WMA

Pequest Rd., Oxford

- ♦ Archery

### Central Region

#### Monmouth County

##### Assunpink WMA

Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd., Upper Freehold Twp.

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

##### Turkey Swamp Park

Georgia Rd., Freehold Twp.

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

#### Ocean County

##### Colliers Mills WMA

Off Colliers Mills and Hawkins Rds., Jackson Twp.

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

##### Stafford Forge WMA

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

- ♦ Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

### Southern Region

#### Atlantic County

##### Makepeace Lake WMA

Elmwood-Weymouth Rd., Weymouth

- ♦ Shotgun, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

#### Gloucester County

##### Winslow WMA

Piney Hollow Rd., Monroe Twp.

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

#### Cape May County

##### Tuckahoe WMA

Off Tuckahoe Rd. (Rt. 631), Tuckahoe

- ♦ Archery
- ♦ Shotgun range is closed.

#### Cumberland County

##### Millville WMA

Ackley Rd. (Rt. 718), Millville

- ♦ Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

## Landowner-Hunter/Trapper Agreement Card

### HUNT/TRAP SMART Courtesy Card

#### Visitor's Copy — Not Transferable

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

Dates from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Limitations \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter may hunt within 450 feet (150 feet for bow) of buildings:  Yes  No

Landowner's 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 may hunt within 450 feet (150 feet for bow)

of buildings:  Yes  No

# Garden State Deer Classic

### January 7–10, 2016

At the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show

Raritan Center  
Edison, New Jersey

New Youth Division!  
See page 73.



### See New Jersey's most outstanding white-tailed deer for 2014–15

Awards ceremony on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

**Applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2015 to enter a deer harvested during last year's 2014–15 hunting seasons. No exceptions!**

To arrange for an official measurer to score your New Jersey white-tail, contact Cindy Kuenstner at (609) 633-7598.

Deer will not be measured at the Deer Classic.

**See entry details on page 73.**

#### Brought to you by:

- NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
- NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs
- United Bowhunters of New Jersey
- New Jersey Outdoor Alliance
- Conservation Foundation
- Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show

Visit [gsoss.com](http://gsoss.com)

Promises to be the show of the year!

## Landowner-Hunter/Trapper Agreement Card

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 and Wildlife



### HUNT/TRAP 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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



Outdoor Recreation on Private Property is a Privilege — NOT A RIGHT



### NEW JERSEY'S OUTSTANDING WHITE-TAILED DEER PROGRAM has a new Youth Division!

The Outstanding Deer Program is designed to showcase the fine quality deer produced in the Garden State and recognize the hunters who harvested them with a bow, crossbow, shotgun or muzzleloading rifle.

Joining the program's regular Open Division is a **new Youth Division** for hunters ages 10–16 with eased entry requirements reduced by 10 points (inches) for all Antler categories and a reduction in the Weight categories by 10 or 20 pounds for doe and buck, respectively. (See table below for minimum entry requirements.)

For the Antler Category, Youth Division deer may be unofficially scored by our trained volunteers who need not be an official measurer. All Open Division deer *must* be scored by an official measurer. Visit our website at [NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm) for the **list of official measurers** (see page bottom for *Entering the Outstanding Deer Program*; then bottom of next page), program background, rules, score/entry forms and more.

Youth Division hunters must be prepared to submit a digital, high resolution, respectful photo of hunter and deer *after* their entry has been confirmed. (Day of harvest field photos must be Photoshopped or cropped to conceal any blood or the body cavity.) A family photo is encouraged! **Only Youth Division hunters** (not Open Division hunters who may email or call Cindy, below) may arrange for a measuring appointment by calling John Messeroll of the State Federation of Sportsmen's Club at (732) 735-1672. Don't wait for the deadline to approach before having your deer scored.

#### Applications are due Nov. 1 — NO EXCEPTIONS.

First place **Youth Division** hunters in each category may display a mounted deer at the Garden State Deer Classic (see page 72), whether as a European skull mount or a taxidermy mount. **All other Youth Division entrants'** photos will be *digitally displayed* at the event. **Open Division** hunters will be invited to display their deer mount, as always, at the Deer Classic.

The Outstanding Deer Program follows the measuring standards developed by the Boone and Crockett Club. This scoring system gives credit to antler length, spread, number of points, mass and symmetry. Legally harvested deer must have been taken under the Boone and Crockett-defined rules of fair chase. Deer taken from enclosed hunting lands are not eligible.

#### Note: It is best to have the rack measured before it is mounted. Don't wait!

In the Weight categories, the program recognizes exceptional body size as determined by the field-dressed weight, all vitals removed. Minimum eligible weights are listed in the chart. Bucks must be weighed on a certified scale\* (no truck scales\*\*) with the weighmaster's signature on a letterhead receipt or on the entry form, available on our website; does must be weighed either on a Fish and Wildlife regional office scale or on a certified scale with proof as above.

Any properly licensed hunter, regardless of residency, is eligible to enter the Outstanding Deer Program with their deer from the previous year's hunting seasons. Deer must be taken in accordance with New Jersey wildlife laws and regulations. Official entry form consists of the original score sheet, hunter information form plus a clear photo of the hunter *with* their deer. These forms with instructions are available on Fish and Wildlife's website [NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm). There is no entry fee.

For questions about the **Open Division**, email Cindy Kuenstner at [Cindy.Kuenstner@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Cindy.Kuenstner@dep.nj.gov) or call (609) 633-7598.

Qualifying entries for deer harvested during the 2014–15 hunting seasons are recognized at the 2016 Garden State Deer Classic. Join Fish and Wildlife in celebrating New Jersey's outstanding white-tailed deer where this event takes place in January at the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show, Edison. See the ad on page 72 for more information.

The table at right lists the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2015 Garden State Deer Classic which **showcased outstanding deer taken during the 2013–14 deer hunting seasons, not the most recent 2014–15 hunting seasons.** These deer will be honored at the January 2016 Deer Classic and printed in next year's *Digest*. 🍖

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

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

### 2015 Garden State Deer Classic Winners\*

Rank	Name	Score / Weight	County Harvested	DM Zone
<b>135 Pound Doe — Shotgun</b>				
1st	Fred Heydorn, Jr.	157	Somerset	14
<b>200 Pound Buck — Archery</b>				
1st	Hunter Delfa	220	Somerset	14
2nd	Mark Spoto	207	Morris	36
3rd	Joseph E. Ruggieri	205	Sussex	6
<b>Non-typical Archery</b>				
1st	Brian Nee	182 6/8	Monmouth	50
2nd	Anthony Santini	158 2/8	Hunterdon	10
3rd	Chris Schmidt	147 0/8	Monmouth	50
4th	Ryan Miller	145 5/8	Burlington	19
<b>Non-typical Crossbow</b>				
1st	Darren Guglielmelli	166 2/8	Ocean	16
2nd	Larry Newell	157 1/8	Ocean	18
3rd	John Pizzuro	149 6/8	Hunterdon	12
<b>Non-typical Muzzleloader</b>				
1st	Gary Hochhauser	160 1/2	Monmouth	16
<b>Non-typical Shotgun</b>				
1st	Glenn C. Poeppel	150 4/8	Salem	27
2nd	Shea Jones	138 3/8	Cumberland	45
<b>Typical Archery</b>				
1st	Douglas W. Schneider	152 2/8	Warren	5
2nd	William Schneider	150 5/8	Somerset	14
3rd	Courtney Lynne Erndl	142 2/8	Monmouth	50
<b>Typical Crossbow</b>				
1st	Don Ciancarelli	170 1/8	Cumberland	29
2nd	Keith Yasunas	158 1/8	Hunterdon	11
3rd	Andrew Tancredi	151 3/8	Middlesex	15
<b>Typical Muzzleloader</b>				
1st	Anthony D'Aniello	140 3/8	Somerset	12
2nd	Joseph Ribas	138 3/8	Monmouth	17
3rd	Randy Cuntala	128 2/8	Warren	5
<b>Typical Shotgun</b>				
1st	Thomas J. Mol	151 1/8	Sussex	6
2nd	Ashlyn Petersen	133 2/8	Middlesex	15
3rd	Brandon Totten	131 5/8	Burlington	17

\* For deer harvested during the 2013–14 hunting seasons.

### Outstanding Deer Program Minimum Requirements

Antler Category	Open Division Minimum	Youth Division Minimum
<b>Typical</b> Shotgun, Bow, Crossbow, Muzzleloader, Velvet	125	115
<b>Non-typical</b> Shotgun, Bow, Crossbow, Muzzleloader, Velvet	135	125
Weight Category		
<b>Buck:</b> Shotgun, Bow, Crossbow, Muzzleloader	200 lbs.	180 lbs.
<b>Doe:</b> Shotgun, Bow, Crossbow, Muzzleloader	135 lbs.	125 lbs.

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

\*\* A truck scale is not acceptable as the increments are too large.