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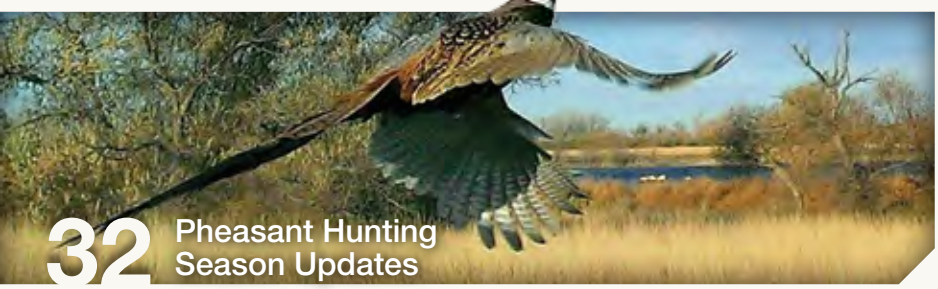

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Licenses are valid from date of purchase to Dec. 31 of each year. For Internet license sales go to www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. See also pages 16–17 for license agent listings.

FIREARM LICENSES

Resident Firearm Hunting (16–64 years)	$27.50
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Non-Resident Two-Day Small Game (not turkey) & Waterfowl Firearm Hunting	$36.50
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Youth Firearm (ages 10–15, see page 8)	FREE

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Senior Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting (65 years & older)	$16.50
Apprentice Sr. Resident Bow & Arrow*	$16.50
Non-Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting	$135.50
Apprentice Non-Resident Bow & Arrow* (14 and older)	$135.50
Youth Bow (ages 10–15, see page 8)	FREE

TRAPPING LICENSES

Resident Trapping	$32.50
Non-Resident Trapping	$200.50
Youth Trapping (ages 12–15, see page 8)	FREE

PERMITS

Deer Permits for Bow, Shotgun, Muzzleloader or Bucks	$28
Youth Deer and Turkey Permit (ages 10–15)	$12
Turkey Season Permit	$21
Black Bear Permit	$2
Rifle Permit (Valid from July 1–June 30, 16 years old and older)	$10.50
Rifle Permit, Youth (Valid from July 1–June 30, under 16 only)	$6
Beaver Trapping Permit	$17
Coyote/Fox Permit	$2
Otter Trapping Permit	$2

STAMPS

Pheasant & Quail Stamp	$40
Resident Waterfowl Stamp (Valid July 1–June 30)	$5
Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp (Valid July 1–June 30)	$10

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES

All-Around Sportsman (Includes Resident Firearm Hunting, Bow and Arrow Hunting and Fishing Licenses. (With Buddy Fishing License, $62.50)	$72.25
Duplicate License, Permit or Stamp	$2

- New licenses become available on Dec. 15 annually. See page 7 for additional license information.

* Apprentice hunters must purchase any related stamp, permit or HIP certification as required of all hunters.

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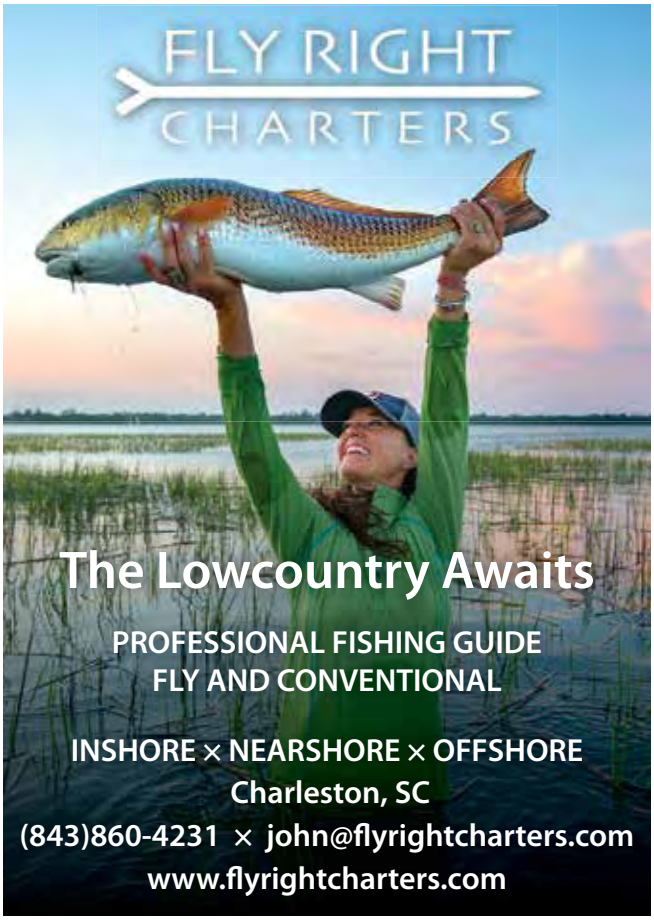

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New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

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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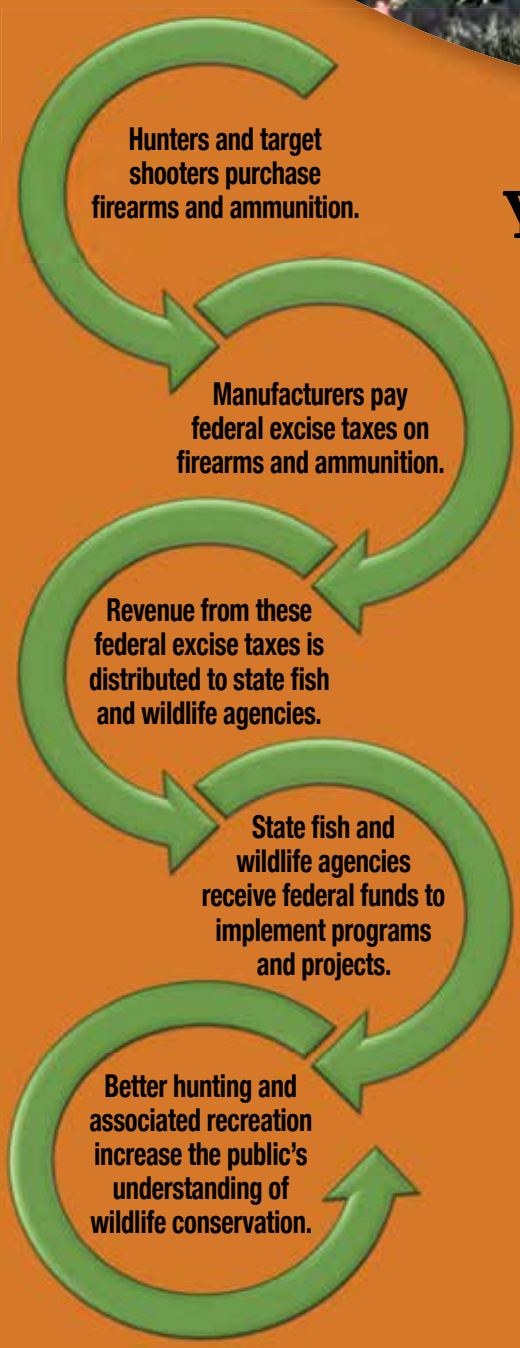

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When you purchase hunting and shooting equipment in New Jersey, excise tax dollars – paid by manufacturers of ammunition, firearms, and archery equipment – come back to New Jersey to support wildlife conservation!
This is the federal **Wildlife Restoration Program.**

Your license fees and federal Wildlife Restoration dollars produce the following benefits:

- Management and restoration of wildlife species throughout the state
- Acquisition of suitable wildlife habitat and/or public access for hunting or other wildlife-oriented recreation.
- Development, maintenance and restoration of Wildlife Management Areas throughout the state for the benefit of the public
- NJ's pheasant hunting program
- Creation of hunter education and R3 programs

Director's Message

DAVE GOLDEN

Over the course of the past year, so much in our world has changed. As our society adapts to new and unfamiliar social norms, a renewed interest in the outdoors has emerged. Visitation to our wildlife management areas reached record numbers during the summer of 2020 as people left the confinement of their homes to seek solace in the natural world. The comfort and rejuvenation that nature provides has long been recognized by the readers of the *New Jersey Hunting & Trapping Digest*. After all, hunters are well known as the country's "original conservationists." It is your license purchases that fund the management of wildlife and wildlife management areas in New Jersey. We appreciate the continued support you show to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. We work hard to provide safe and abundant wildlife and open space opportunities.

During the most challenging periods of 2020, the men and women of Fish and Wildlife worked through mounting obstacles to deliver on our agency's commitment of maintaining abundant wildlife and quality public lands for all New Jerseyans. Our conservation police officers have been in the field and on the waters each day throughout the COVID-19 crisis, enforcing hunting and fishing regulations while upholding order and public safety on our wildlife management areas.

With a continued focus on early successional habitats, our Land Management staff also has been in the field throughout this crisis, maintaining and creating field and young forest habitats across the state. Look for evidence of their hard work when visiting our Stafford Forge, Winslow, Sparta Mountain, South Branch and Flatbrook wildlife management areas, just to name a few.

Speaking of fields, who's ready for some pheasant hunting? This year the Division of Fish and Wildlife will be providing additional opportunities on wildlife management areas for the pheasant hunting season, as part of its Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation or R3 program. Pheasant & Quail Stamp buyers can look forward to additional pheasants getting stocked this season. Check the stocking schedule on page 50 to know when the birds are going out and where they are going.

Visitors to some of Fish and Wildlife's outdoor shooting ranges are already enjoying the new, safe, high-quality renovation projects on which our staff worked industriously during the first half of 2020. Renovations are complete at our Clinton and Millville muzzleloader ranges. These renovated ranges have new benches and covered shooting stations to provide comfort and safety for range users. More range projects like this are on the way. Similar renovations should be completed soon at the Colliers Mills and Stafford Forge ranges. Sight in your firearm at one of these free outdoor ranges before heading into the field this season! Additional details about our ranges are found on page 65.

While our ranges were being renovated, many of our online services continued to be innovated. Fish and Wildlife's new Electronic License System provides easy access for purchasing licenses and permits from the comfort of your home. Our convenient Automated Harvest Reporting System now allows you to report your turkey harvest. Another new online offering this season is zone maps for deer, bear, waterfowl, turkey, beaver/otter plus other species. Having an accurate understanding of the zone boundaries where you hunt or trap is a critical component of your legal participation in these activities. Online maps are found on our website (www.njfishandwildlife.com/hunt-trap_zones.htm) and are meant to help you *know before you go*.

As you page through this year's *Digest*, you may notice several simpler, more straightforward regulation tables. The new archery and firearm deer tables (pages 33 and 34) consolidate New Jersey's deer regulations into an easy-to-read format. The deer license/permit table on page 27 provides new and returning hunters with a quick understanding of what's needed for each season while the Take a Kid Hunting Youth Hunt table spells out dedicated youth hunt days at-a-glance on page 18. The new formats are designed to better deliver information to keep you safe and legal in the field. Look for additional design changes in upcoming editions of the *Digest*.

By all accounts, 2020 has been an incredibly unique year. We're all looking forward to the familiar feel of fall and getting back into the woods for the start of our hunting and trapping seasons. Time afield — with friends or by yourself — is one of the best remedies to relieve stress and soothe the soul. The outdoors awaits, so know the regulations, grab your gear and go have fun!

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This nationwide initiative is generating new participation in hunting and the shooting sports, welcoming new and former hunters while addressing the declining numbers as many older participants leave the activity. The R3 effort will help create the next generation of conservationists while stabilizing critical wildlife conservation funding.

Will you be part of the solution?

Mentored Hunting Program

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife is actively seeking volunteer hunting mentors. Mentors must show safe, ethical and responsible use of archery and firearm equipment in the pursuit of game species.

Mentor roles include:

- Assisting one-on-one with prospective novice hunters and target shooters.
- Sharing knowledge and experience at skill-based clinics, seminars, and workshops.
- Participating at field-to-fork style programming.

Questions about the **Mentored Hunting Program** and application requests can be directed to r3mentoredhunt@dep.nj.gov or (856) 629-1014.

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Archery Trade Association

Regulations in red are new this year.

DEER PERMITS ARE VALID for the 2020–2021 hunting *season*. New Jersey sporting licenses are valid for the *calendar year* and expire on Dec. 31. Beaver and river otter trapping permits are valid for the 2020–21 trapping season. For permit and license fees, see page 1.

Licenses

All persons hunting or trapping must be properly licensed. It is unlawful for any person age 10 or older to hunt without a hunting license. (See *Farmer License Exemption*, page 8.) It is unlawful for any person age 12 or older to trap without a trapping license. Hunting licenses are valid for the calendar year and expire on Dec. 31 regardless the purchase date. See page 1 for license and permit fees. See page 10 for youth license information.

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

First time customers can create their profile and establish their unique 9-digit Conservation ID Number on the Division's license website (www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com) from a computer or at a license agent (see agent list, page 16). This CID number will become the customer's permanent identification number and will be printed on each license, permit, or stamp purchase.

A first-time **hunting** license must be obtained at an agent by showing an appropriate Hunter Education course completion card or with a prior **resident** hunting license (firearm or bow and arrow) from any state. All subsequent licenses can be purchased online or at any license agent. All hunters and trappers must openly display their license in the middle of the back on their outer clothing and must show their license to any law enforcement officer or any person requesting to see it. Farmers hunting their own land must also display any deer season permit.

Internet Sales Site

Go to www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com or purchase from a license agent listed on page 16. See also *Non-resident Licenses* and *Resident Licenses*, page 8.

Print Your Hunting License at Home for Immediate Use!

ALL online purchases:

- print from home on plain paper (credit card and convenience fees apply)
- valid immediately
- *free* unlimited home reprints
- order on green, durable stock, $2

In one online visit, also purchase for family members or a hunting partner by using *"Add a Profile"* during your transaction. Added customer(s) must have already completed their child support certification.

Apprentice License

An Apprentice License allows a new hunter to participate in the sport but does not require completion of a hunter education course. Apprentice Hunters MUST hunt under the direct supervision and guidance of a hunting mentor, hunting together as a unit in the same location. Mentors must be 21 years of age or older and must possess a valid NJ Hunting License for the hunting method (bow or firearm) being used.

Both residents and non-residents are eligible. Individuals are limited to two apprentice licenses per type per lifetime. The Apprentice License **cannot** be used as proof of the hunter education requirement for purchasing a regular license. Due to N.J. Firearm ID Card regulations, Firearm Apprentice Licenses are limited to individuals 18 years of age and older. An archery Apprentice License holder must be 14 years of age or older.

There are no free youth apprentice licenses. Apprentice license holders are NOT eligible for a Bear Permit, coyote permit, Rifle Permit or Muzzleloader Deer Permit and may not hunt with any type of rifle. An air gun is not considered a rifle. See *Firearms and Missiles* beginning on page 21.

Apprentice hunters must ALWAYS hunt under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter and cannot hunt at night nor hunt for coyote, fox or black bear. **Apprentice hunters must adhere to hunting laws, regulations and must purchase all hunting permits, stamps or the HIP certification, as required.**

Apprentice Licenses are available at License Agents and online.

Child Support Certification

The "Child Support Program Improvement Act" requires Fish and Wildlife to collect and maintain

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Disabled Veteran Licenses, Stamps & Permits

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

For the purposes of this program, legislation defines eligible disabled veterans as "…any resident of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service from any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been declared by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability of any degree…"

New applicant disabled veterans may obtain their hunting and fishing licenses and stamps by mailing their application to the address listed. Fish and Wildlife offices will no longer accept Disabled Veteran Certifications in person. For more information and updates, go to www.njfishandwildlife.com/dvinfo.htm.

Applications for disabled veteran certification and your first disabled veteran license may be made via the mail by sending the application and all required documentation to:

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

All licenses, stamps and permits for which the veteran is eligible will be free of charge. Disabled Vet status does not give preferential treatment in any lottery. For questions call (609) 292-2965.

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 be certified for disabled veteran status in our license system.
2. Applicant must provide a hunter education (archery, firearm, shotgun or rifle) course certificate applicable to the license for which he or she is applying or a previously issued resident archery or firearm license or Rifle Permit. Resident licenses from other states issued to hunters 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/turkey permits one must *first* have a **free** disabled veteran hunting license.

LICENSE INFORMATION

Regulations in red are new this year.

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Social Security Numbers and child support obligation certification for all sporting license applications.

Certifications must be completed prior to a customer's first purchase each license year regardless of whether the purchase is made online or at a license agent. The online child support certification allows an individual to complete the form from the privacy of their home. Once completed—the certification remains valid for the calendar year in which the certification was completed.

Farmer License Exemption

See farmer and hunting permit information, page 24.

All farmers must have a Conservation Identification Number (CID#). Register online now for a free CID# at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. No purchase is required.

Hunter and Trapper Education Requirements

New Jersey requires that everyone, age 10 and above, applying to hunt with a firearm or bow must show a previous resident license of the appropriate type from this or any state, or a course completion card from the appropriate hunter education course to obtain a regular license, see *Apprentice License*, page 7. Anyone, age 12 and above, applying to trap furbearing animals must show a previous resident trapping license from this or any state, or a trapper education course completion card. See also *Youth Licenses*, this page.

NEW: All hunter education students must first complete the HunterCourse.com online program, which covers both firearm and bow, then pass the 100-question test. Print your completion voucher. (The New Jersey Study Guide/Workbook will NOT be accepted.)

Next, students must register for a specific date/time at one of the mandatory live-fire sessions listed on this *Hunter Education Registration Site* **(a registration code is not required)**: https://he.aspirafocus.com/huntersafety/Account/Register?controllingSpc=38.

Students must register for each discipline (firearm or bow) separately and for different times. **Do not register for two sessions in the same time slot.**

Students must bring their completion voucher to the live-fire session.

For more information, visit NJFishandWildlife.com/hunted.htm. For questions, email NJHunterEd@dep.nj.gov or call the Hunter Education office at (856) 629-0552.

Trapper Education courses are offered once in the spring and four times in the months of September and October. To enroll in a trapper education course, go to the Fish and Wildlife website or call (856) 629-0552 to register.

Lost Licenses

A license, permit or stamp can be replaced at any license agent or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site, www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. A $2 fee is charged for each duplicate license/permit.

The new Electronic License System offers more convenience. When purchased at a license agent, hunters may request an emailed PDF license copy. When purchased online and home-printed, hunters may also purchase a duplicate durable license which will be mailed. Duplicate, home-printed licenses are free.

New Jersey National Guard Licenses

New Jersey National Guard personnel in good standing are entitled to free sporting licenses, permits and stamps. These privileges are available at all license agents, however hunters and anglers should first confirm with the DMVA office to ensure they are certified in the system. Call (609) 530-6866, e-mail or write to: MSG (Ret.) Robert Greco, NJ DMAVA, 101 Eggert Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

Non-resident Licenses

Non-residents must show either a resident license from their state or proof of successfully completing an appropriate hunter education course in order to obtain a license to hunt or trap in New Jersey. See *Apprentice License*, page 7). (See *License Information and Fees*, page 1 for license types and also *Youth Licenses, Resident and Non-resident*, this page.) Non-immigrant aliens who temporarily import firearms to the United States must first obtain an application for the permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). For importation of firearms, use form ATF Form 5330.3A. The approval may take up to 12 weeks. Contact ATF's New Jersey field office at (609) 989-2142 or download forms from their website at www.atf.gov/firearms/firearms-forms.

Non-resident hunters: For more information on non-resident hunting, go to NJFishandWildlife.com/nonrshnt.htm.

Military Licenses, Active Duty

Any person on active duty in the armed services, regardless of their current residency, may buy a New Jersey resident hunting license. Obtain an Apprentice License (page 7) or present a previous resident license (from this or any other state) of the appropriate type or show proof to the license agent of successful completion of the appropriate hunter education course along with proof of your current active duty status in the armed services.

One-day License

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

Resident Licenses

A resident license may be purchased if one has maintained their domicile in New Jersey for at least six months prior to the purchase.

Revocation of Licenses

Anyone convicted of a second fish and game violation, in this or any other state, within a period of five years will have their New Jersey hunting and fishing privileges revoked for a minimum of two years. Certain violations carry greater periods of revocation, ranging from three years to lifetime revocation. Two convictions of *any* wildlife management area regulation will result in a five-year revocation of *all* sporting privileges. Two convictions of the following will result in lifetime revocation: safety zone violation, causing damage to real or personal property and negligent use of a firearm or bow. Fish and Wildlife may revoke any special use permit or other authorization granted by N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife (excluding hunting or fishing licenses, which are revoked under statutory authority) for violation or due cause. See page 13 for New Jersey's participation in the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

Youth Licenses, Resident and Non-Resident

A Youth Firearm or Youth Bow and Arrow License is valid from 10 years of age (or age when purchased) through Dec. 31 of the year when the youth turns 16. A Youth Trapping License is valid from 12 years of age through Dec. 31 of the year the youth turns 16. Note that properly licensed youth hunters age 10–13 may hunt only when under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult hunter age 21 or older. See also *Youth Hunters*, page 23. **Youth licenses are available free to youths who have completed the hunter or trapper education course; see this page for course information.** See also *Take a Kid Hunting* pages 18–19.

Permits for Hunters and Trappers

Lottery Permit Application Process

Specific permit information for hunting wild turkey, beaver or otter is now located *with the regulations* for each species. For permit and license fees, see page 1.

Lotteries are conducted to allocate spring turkey, beaver and otter hunting or trapping permits. **There is no lottery for fall turkey permits.** To receive high-demand permits, you should first apply in the lottery. Apply at license agents or online. Be sure to have your Driver License or Social Security number on hand. A non-refundable $2 application fee is charged for each lottery application.

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

Application via the Internet— *Before You Start*

Have ready your:

- Driver License or Social Security number
- Hunting zone number with season/time period

- Payment as credit card or e-check with checkbook and bank routing number
- Enter information carefully. Each step allows for making corrections. **Once a transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges.** Permit applicants will have the opportunity to edit their application at any time during the permit application period. Applicants are responsible to make application carefully. When the process is complete, print the confirmation page or note the transaction number for your records.

Application at License Agent Locations—*Know Before You Go*

- Know your Driver License number or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB.)
- Know your desired permit zone and, if applicable time period. The store proprietor or clerk is not responsible to know the zone/area of your hunting/trapping property. Be sure to review the map and zone descriptions at home before you arrive at the license agent.
- To speed your transaction, write down your information (DOB, first, second and third choices) and hand it to the license agent.
- NOTE: Agents are not able to print a receipt. It's important to have the clerk orally verify your application choices and to provide your transaction number. Keep this transaction number; it can be helpful should a problem occur with your application.

Know the Deadline to Claim Your Permit!

Claim your permit by 11:59 p.m. on these dates:

- **Beaver/otter permit claim deadline:** Nov. 30, 2020
- **Spring turkey permit claim deadline:** March 24, 2021

IMPORTANT: Check your permit award status in your customer profile; don't rely on e-mail or postcard notification. There is only a short window to claim the awarded permit(s).You MUST claim your permit *BEFORE* the claim period has ended! Unclaimed permits become available for over-the-counter sales. NO EXCEPTIONS! Check your application status online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com.

- Each agent decides what types of payment to accept. Learn this in advance, then have the correct payment ready when you arrive.

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

Once the lottery is complete, applicants will be notified of their results. Those who select email notification are reminded to set your junk/spam folder to accept this notification. **IMPORTANT:** the notification may fail to arrive due to email issues (email filters, data storage capacity) or postcard delivery delays. **It is the customer's responsibility to know the deadlines and check their profile or contact the Division if they are unsure of their award status.**

Claiming Your Permit

Lottery permit winners may claim their permit(s) at any license agent or online. See the lottery permit claim dates in the callout box above for beaver/otter and spring turkey permits. At the time of application, the hunter paid only the non-refundable $2 application fee; the balance of the actual permit fee must still be paid. Internet-claimed permits are subject to an additional convenience fee.

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LICENSE INFORMATION

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Purchasing Non-lottery and Unclaimed Lottery Permits

Leftover (unclaimed) lottery permits and non-lottery permits are available at license agents and online. During every transaction there are several opportunities to review your information for accuracy. A complete review at each step will allow you to make corrections, if necessary. **Note: Once a purchase transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges.** When purchasing permits at a license agent, speed your transaction by presenting to the agent a written note with your Driver License or Social Security number and DOB, plus the season and zone of your permit choices.

Check Your Lottery Application and Status Online!

Review, change or check your lottery application:

Go to: **www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com**

Deer Hunting Permits

Permits are required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons. There is no lottery for deer permits. See *Special Areas*, page 38, for specific deer permit requirements on those properties.

For details, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 14. See page 1 for fees.

Farmer Permits

See farmer hunting and permit information, page 24.

Falconry Permits

Hunting with raptors (birds of prey) is allowed only with both a falconry permit and a hunting license. For information see *Falconry*, page 20.

Rifle Permits

All persons in possession of a rifle (modern or muzzleloading rifle including a smoothbore muzzleloader firing a single projectile) while hunting or trapping must have a valid Rifle Permit. See the specific regulations for each game or furbearing animal for the specific rifles allowed. A Rifle Permit is not required for hunting with an air gun. Initial Rifle Permit applicants must be at least 10 years old and have successfully completed the Firearms or discontinued Rifle Hunter Education Course, or have a resident license or Hunter Education card from any state which includes use of a rifle. See page 1 for Rifle Permit fees.

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

Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions

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

Permits to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle

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

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

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

For more information on these permits, call (609) 292-1473 or write: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Handicapped Permits, MC501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or downloaded directly from our website: NJFishandWildlife.com/disinfo.htm.

Permits, Other

Captive Wildlife Permits

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

- Nongame and exotics permits at NJFishandWildlife.com/exotic_apps.htm;
- Game birds and mammals: (609) 984-0530, NJFishandWildlife.com/captpermits.htm.

Deer Road-kill Permits

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

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Tracking Dog Permits, Certification

Fish and Wildlife may issue permits to dog handlers who possess a certified tracking dog for the daytime or nighttime search and recovery of deer lost by a hunter during any deer hunting season prescribed by the Game Code. **Minimum certification:** UBT-1 from United Blood Trackers, Inc., or the equivalent from another recognized tracking dog organization. A photo of each certified dog must accompany the application. ***Each handler must possess a valid New Jersey hunting license for the current year.*** For more information on obtaining a permit, go to: www.NJFishandWildlife.com/deer_trackingdog.htm. **See also *Dogs, Hunting and Training*, page 20 and the tracking dog feature on page 31.**

Stamps

Stamps (such as federal migratory bird stamps) are not transferable to another person and are not valid unless signed across the face in ink. Stamps need not be affixed to the license. State waterfowl "stamps" and Pheasant and Quail stamps now print either directly on your hunting license or as a separate stub, replacing the former paper stamp for these privileges.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp

Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds who are still eligible to use their youth firearm license) hunting or possessing pheasant (or quail only on Greenwood Forest or Peaslee WMAs) on the following designated wildlife management areas must have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp:

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

New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp

Anyone 16 or older who hunts waterfowl must possess a New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp in addition to the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp. Both stamps are valid for the fiscal year, July 1–June 30. A Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is also required. For HIP details, see *Migratory Bird Regulations*, page 59.

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CONSERVATION POLICE CONTACTS

Lt. Shannon Martiak NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Lt. Mascio and CPO Riviello posting ***Restricted Area*** signs in Greenwood WMA, Lacey Twp.

Law Enforcement and Regulation Information

For regulation questions, contact a New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office that serves the county where you hunt or fish.

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

After business hours, contact the 24-hour DEP Action Line at (877) WARN-DEP or (877) 927-6337.

Are You Being Watched?

CPO Adam Merritt

A report of possible night deer poaching to Fish and Wildlife Conservation Police Officer Adam Merritt resulted in the successful prosecution of two poachers in Wantage Township, Sussex County.

Evidence was found in December leading to an investigation that continued for weeks.

On January 31, the same witness notified CPO Merritt of two people entering the woods, one carrying a crossbow, just an hour before sunset — not the time when most would begin a hunt. Within minutes after legal hunting hours ended, Conservation Police Lt. Sutton arrived to the area. The permit bow deer season in DMZ 2 was now officially closed.

Watching through binoculars, a person in a tree stand was observed with a crossbow across his lap, shining a red light onto a nearby tripod feeder. Another red light was observed in the woods nearby.

CPO Merritt arrived as backup shortly before the individuals left their stands — 2 1/2 hours after dark. When the officers made contact, one person's crossbow was still cocked with a bolt on the rail. The crossbows of both individuals had mounted lights. One individual had a loaded pistol in a belt holster. Cellular trail cameras and remote motion sensors were also found in the area.

Upon conviction, the violators, one from Garfield, the other from Lodi, were assessed $4,234 and $2,234 in penalties and court costs.

Fish and Wildlife Director Dave Golden said, "Practices like those employed by these two violators are unacceptable to legal hunters and to the non-hunting public alike. I thank the witness who first observed this suspicious activity and reported it to our Conservation Police."

All wildlife law violations and other environmental concerns such as illegal dumping can be reported to the DEP's emergency response line at 1-877-WARN-DEP (877-927-6337.)

HUNTERS: *Know Before You Go!*

Two separate fish and wildlife convictions for violating any New Jersey saltwater, freshwater, trapping or hunting law within a five-year period will cause you to lose your hunting and fishing privileges for two-to five-years! This means convictions for taking under-sized or over limit striped bass in Marine waters can prevent you from hunting!

Wildlife management area violations such as possession of alcohol, swimming, ATV use and illegal dumping also fall under fish and wildlife offenses and can result in license revocation.

Don't take a chance on losing your license because you heard the wrong information! If you have any questions regarding hunting or fishing regulations, please call your regional Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office before going in the field.

The overwhelming majority of New Jersey hunters, trappers and anglers are ethical, law abiding citizens with a low tolerance for those not willing to follow the laws. If you see a violation occurring, report it immediately by calling 1-(877) WARN-DEP.

CPO Lt. Shannon Martiak/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Police Officers Riviello, Garofalo and Lt. Mascio conducting off-road vehicle patrol at Colliers Mills WMA, Jackson Township.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

New Jersey is member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, a multi-state agreement designed to 1. enhance protection of wildlife resources in member states, 2. provide equal treatment of non-resident hunters/anglers/trappers, and 3. improve compliance with citations or summonses issued for wildlife violations.

Responsible hunters and anglers want wildlife violators removed from the population of ethical sporting enthusiasts.

Under the Compact, information about suspension of sporting license privileges for people convicted of wildlife violations in New Jersey will be shared with participating Compact states. The other Compact member states determine if the individual would also be suspended according to their own state laws.

Similarly, New Jersey will be provided with information on individuals suspended for convictions under the law of all Compact states. When reviewed, if the violation(s) would lead to suspension under New Jersey's laws, that individual's privileges will also be suspended in New Jersey.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If an individual has a wildlife license or privilege suspension in any Compact state, **it is the individual's responsibility to first contact the licensing authority in the state where they intend to hunt, fish, trap, harvest shellfish or otherwise take or possess wildlife to determine their eligibility before purchasing any license or engaging in those activities.**

Under New Jersey law, two convictions of any violation of the fish and game laws of this ***or any other state*** within five years will result in a two-year hunting and fishing license suspension.

Individuals with wildlife violation convictions or license suspensions received outside of New Jersey may call the Compact Administrator at (609) 259-3347 to determine his or her license eligibility in New Jersey.

For more information on the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, including which states are members, consult the Fish and Wildlife's website at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/violators_compact.htm

CPO Jordan Holmes/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Police Officers enforce wildlife laws throughout the year. Here, CPO Adam Merritt patrols Spruce Run Reservoir. Violations, whether for fishing or for hunting, can lead to a loss of hunting license privileges.

Deer Season Permits

PERMIT INFORMATION

Regulations in red are new this year.

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

Apprentice License Holders!
All hunting permit requirements and regulations apply to Apprentice License holders.

Farmer deer permit information is detailed in the Farmer Hunting Information section beginning on page 24. Farmers purchasing non-farmer permits should also read this deer season permit section, below.

For purchasing procedures, see *Permits for Hunters and Trappers*, page 8.

- A permit is required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons.
- The zone-specific deer permit is valid **only** for hunting antlerless deer. **To take an antlered buck during any permit season, hunters must purchase one Antlered Buck Permit. An Antlered Buck Permit is not zone-specific but is valid only when used in conjunction with a zone-specific deer permit.**
- Hunters are still limited to purchasing one Antlered Buck Permit *per permit season* (i.e., one Antlered Buck Bow Permit, one Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit and one Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit). **Buck permits are valid in any zone for which the hunter has a valid antlerless zone-specific permit.**
- **Note: Only one deer at a time may be taken during any permit season even if you possess both an antlered and antlerless permit, except in those zones where two deer at a time may be harvested during the Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons as per the deer regulation table on page 33–34.**
- Antlerless deer permits are zone-specific and are valid for the duration of the specified zone's permit season, including when that season extends into the 2021 calendar year. Hunters are still limited to purchasing one zone-specific permit per zone per permit season. Example: If you hunt only Zone 19, you may purchase only one muzzleloader, one bow and one shotgun antlerless permit for Zone 19. If you hunt in more than one zone you may purchase one muzzleloader, one bow and one shotgun permit for each zone.
- Regardless of the number of zone-specific antlerless permits in possession, **hunters are limited to taking one buck during each of the permit seasons ONLY after first purchasing a Buck Permit for that season.** (See *Deer Hunting Regulations, Licenses and Permits* for details, page 27.)
- A resident, non-resident or youth hunting license is a prerequisite to purchase a deer permit. See pages 1 and 10 for hunting license information.
- Muzzleloader season permits are not valid unless accompanied by both a valid Rifle Permit and a Firearm or All-around Sportsman License while hunting.
- Permits are valid only for the season and zone indicated, are **non-transferable** and **non-refundable**.
- **It is illegal to use a permit for a zone, season or hunter other than those named on the permit. Deer permit violations are subject to a fine of $100–$1,000 for each offense.**
- The cost per permit [both the Antlerless (zone-specific) Deer Permit or Antlered Buck Permit] is $28 for each adult and $12 for each youth permit.

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

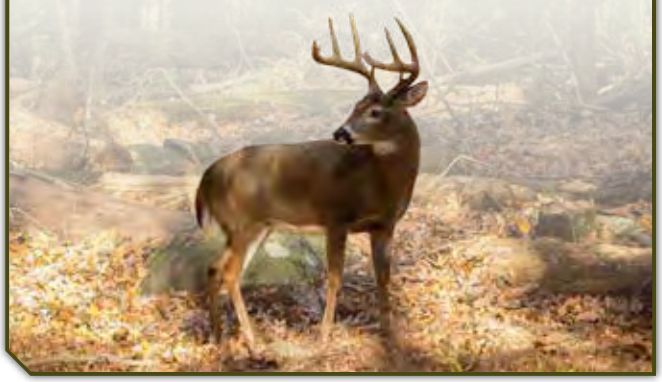
- The following deer management zones have permit quotas that far exceed hunter demand: Zones 1–19, 21–31, 34–36, 41–43, 45–51, 55, 63, 65, 67 and 68. These permits are available on a first come, first served basis. In the unlikely event that sales reach the permit quota for a specific zone and season combination, those permit sales will end.

Antlered Buck Permit Deadlines!

Antlerless zone-specific permits may be purchased beginning **Sept. 14, 2020** through the last day of the season for that zone. Hunters are encouraged to purchase their Antlered Buck Permit and their zone-specific permit(s) for each season in the same transaction. Those who initially purchase only an antlerless zone-specific permit before the season opens should remember the following deadlines:

- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Bow Season must be purchased by **Oct. 31** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Muzzleloader Season must be purchased by **Nov. 23** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Shotgun Season must be purchased by **Dec. 16** at 11:59 p.m.

For hunters who do not purchase any antlerless zone-specific deer permit until *after* the season opens, an Antlered Buck Permit may be purchased only *with* the initial antlerless zone-specific permit. There will be no other chance to purchase an Antlered Buck Permit.



- Permits sales are available at license agents listed on page 16 and on Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com.
- Hours of operation and types of payment accepted vary according to license agent. Be prepared.
- To purchase a permit at a license agent a hunter must present his or her valid, current year's hunting license.
- A person may purchase a permit for an absent hunter only when the following conditions are met:
  1. The absent hunter has already completed a Child Support Certification (see page 7) online or at a license agent and
  2. The buyer shows the absent hunter's valid hunting license and identifying information (date of birth and Conservation ID Number or Social Security Number). License photocopies not accepted.
- The hunter is responsible to know in what zone and season he or she wants to hunt.
- Hunters are urged to review their permit before leaving the license agent.
- **Once a permit fee is paid and the buyer leaves the store, there will be no returns, exchanges or refunds. No exceptions.**
- Permits purchased online will now print as PDF documents. Hunters may use those afield or may purchase duplicates printed on durable material. If purchased, the duplicate durable license copy will arrive in 7–10 business days. Additional fees apply.

Special Area Deer Management Zones

- Special Areas include federal military installations, certain state and county parks and national wildlife refuges. Special Area zones include: 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64, 66, 67, 68 and 70. Some of these zones have specific qualifying criteria which hunters must meet before obtaining a permit. Certain zones are not open to the public. It is the hunters' responsibility to arrange for property access prior to purchasing a permit.
- **There is no lottery for Special Area Permits.** Permits will be available for a limited time on a first-come, first-served basis. **Note: Most of these Special Areas permits will be available for sale only for a limited time. It is the hunters responsibility to pay attention to all deadlines. Exceptions cannot be made.**
- Refer to a specific Special Area (see *Special Areas Hunting Seasons*, page 38) for complete details including when each permit sale will occur.

Military Zones

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

Refer to a specific Special Area (see *Special Areas Hunting Seasons*, page 39) for complete details including when each permit sale will occur.

Bow, Muzzleloader, Shotgun and Antlered Buck Permits

Bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and antlered buck permits will be available for sale beginning at 10:00 a.m. on MONDAY, **Sept. 14, 2020** and continue until each season ends. Some seasons run through Feb. 20, 2021. See deer regulation tables, pages 33-34.

License and Permit Agents

ELECTRONIC PERMIT AND LICENSE SYSTEM

IMPORTANT: License agents change frequently. Call the agent before going or refer to our website for active license agents: NJFishandWildlife.com/agentlst.htm.

ATLANTIC

A. Ferrucci & Son, 454 Pineyhollow Rd, Newfield . . . . . (856) 697-1663
Bass Pro Outdoor World, 30 N. Christopher Columbus Blvd, Atlantic City . . . . . (609) 449-4500
Buck Tails Outfitters, 6390 Harding Highway, Mays Landing . . . . . (609) 829-2229
Butterhof's Farm & Home Supply, 5715 White Horse Pk, Egg Harbor City. . . . . (609) 965-1198
DC Sportsman, 366 E. Wheat Rd, Unit C, Buena . . . . . (856) 457-5433
Dick's Sporting Goods, 210 Consumer Square, Mays Landing . . . . . (609) 407-1711
Galloway Ace / Smith Bros., 322 South Pitney Rd., Absecon . . . . . (609) 567-7400
Range 129, 129 Pleasant Ave., Absecon . . . . . (609) 380-2557
Wal-Mart #2108, 4620 Blackhorse Pike, Mays Landing. . . . . (609) 625-8200
Wal-Mart #2254, 55 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton . . . . . (609) 567-2700

BERGEN

Dick's Sporting Goods, 240 Rt. 17 North, Paramus . . . . . (201) 216-2926
Ramsey Outdoor Store, 835 Rt. 17 South, Ramsey . . . . . (201) 327-8141
Tackle World, 174 Route 17 North. Rochelle Park . . . . . (201) 587-0011
Targeteers Sporting Goods, LLC, 101 Rt. 46, Saddlebrook . . . . . (201) 843-7788
Wal-Mart #5752, 174 Passaic St, Gargield . . . . . (973) 330-3550

BURLINGTON

Cheyenne Mountain Outfitters, 244 Rt. 130, Bordentown . . . . . (609) 570-8430
Dick's Sporting Goods, 1300 Nixon Dr., Mt. Laurel. . . . . (856) 802-1225
Dick's Sporting Goods, 2703 Rt. 541 Towne Crossing , Burlington Twp. . . . . (609) 747-0400
Fresh Farm Market, 201 E. Broad St., Palmyra . . . . . (856) 786-0200
Mighty Joe's Grill & Deli, 1231 Rt. 206, Shamong . . . . . (609) 268-0303
Wal-Mart #2841, 1740 Rt. 38, Lumberton. . . . . (609) 702-9200
Wal-Mart #1869, 150 Rt. 70 East, Marlton . . . . . (856) 983-2100
Wal-Mart #2040, 2106 Burlington-Mt. Holly, Burlington. . . . . (609) 386-8400
Wal-Mart #2871, 2501 Rt. 130 So., Cinnaminson . . . . . (856) 303-2119
Wal-Mart #5944, 934 Rt. 73, Mt. Laurel . . . . . (856) 372-6130

CAMDEN

Dambly's Garden Center, 51 West Factory Rd., Berlin . . . . . (856) 767-6883
Dick's Sporting Goods, 2130 Rt. 70 West, Cherry Hill. . . . . (856) 317-8394
Wal-Mart #1807, 265 Rt. 73 North, West Berlin. . . . . (856) 753-8787
Wal-Mart #4456, 315 Whitehorse Pike South, Somerdale . . . . . (856) 545-9052
Wal-Mart #5047, 130 Blackhorse Pike, Audubon. . . . . (856) 310-1470
Wal-Mart #5340, 500 Rt. 38, Cherry Hill . . . . . (856) 665-5430

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Avalon Hodge Podge, 2389 Ocean Dr., Avalon . . . . . (609) 967-3274
Belleplain Supply Co. Inc., 346 Handsmill Rd., Belleplain. . . . . (609) 861-2345
City Of Ocean City, 861 Asbury Ave., Ocean City . . . . . (609) 525-9324
Sea Gear Outfitters, 795 Rt. 109, Cape May . . . . . (609) 884-0330
United Uniforms, 1050 Rt. 47, Rio Grande . . . . . (609) 849-9347
Upper Township, 2100 Tuckahoe Rd., Tuckahoe . . . . . (609) 628-2805
Wal-Mart #3337, 3159 Rt. 9 South, Rio Grande. . . . . (609) 465-2204

CUMBERLAND

Blackwater Sports Center, 2228 North Delsea Dr., Vineland. . . . . (856) 691-1571
Butch's Gun World, 1025 W. Landis Ave., Vineland. . . . . (856) 692-1010
Commercial Township, 1768 Main St., Port Norris. . . . . (609) 785-3100
Dick's Sporting Goods, 3849 S. Delsea Dr., Vineland . . . . . (856) 776-7630
Franzwa Trailer Sales Inc., 2134 So. Second St., Millville. . . . . (856) 825-0111
Greenhorn Outdoors, 1135 Shiloh Pk., Bridgeton. . . . . (856) 451-0971
The Girls Place Bait & Tackle, 3574 S. Delsea Dr., Port Elizabeth . . . . . (856) 825-4565
The Gun Rack, 1726 North West Blvd., Vineland . . . . . (856) 692-4773
Wal-Mart #2109, 2291 N. Second St., Millville . . . . . (856) 825-4200
Wal-Mart #3339, 1070 West Landis Ave, Vineland. . . . . (856) 205-0040
Wal-Mart #5384, 1130 Hwy. 77, Bridgeton . . . . . (856) 453-0418

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Bullet Hole Annex, 236 Washington Ave., Belleville . . . . . (973) 759-8800
Bullet Hole Inc, 78 Rutgers St., Belleville . . . . . (973) 759-3968

GLOUCESTER

The Arsenal Gun Shop, 1924 Cooper St., Deptford. . . . . (856) 232-4867
Bob's Little Sport Shop, 316 N. Delsea Dr., Glassboro . . . . . (856) 881-7575
Borough of Swedesboro, 1500 Kings Hwy, Swedesboro . . . . . (856) 467-0202
Dick's Sporting Goods,1450 Almonesson Rd Deptford Gloucester . . . . . (856) 384-8533
Sportsman's Outpost, 2517 Fries Mill Road, Williamstown. . . . . (856) 881-3244
Twp. Of Greenwich, 420 Washington St., Gibbstown . . . . . (856) 423-1038
Wal-Mart #1742, 3501 Rt. 42, Turnersville . . . . . (856) 629-3888
Wal-Mart #3422, 2000 Clements Bridge Rd., Deptford . . . . . (856) 384-3211
Wal-Mart #3774, 1840 S. Whitehorse Pk, Williamstown . . . . . (856) 629-2054
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Wal-Mart #5867, 500 Bayonne Crossing Way, Bayonne . . . . . (201) 620-6137

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The Sporting Life, 653 Hwy 22E., Whitehouse Station . . . . . (908) 923-4332
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Wal-Mart #2518, 100 Marketplace Blvd., Hamilton . . . . . (609) 585-1463
Wal-Mart #3266, 839 Rt. 130 North, E. Windsor . . . . . (609) 443-6159
Wal-Mart #5012, 1750 Nottingham Way, Hamilton . . . . . (609) 438-4093

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Auto Parts Of Woodbridge, 108 Main St., Woodbridge . . . . . (732) 634-6264
Dick's Sporting Goods, 325 State Rt. 18, E. Brunswick . . . . . (732) 651-3284
Dick's Sporting Goods, 366 Woodbridge Center Dr., Woodbridge . . . . . (732) 621-8400
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Savage Cerakote, 210 Summerhill Rd.-Suite 5, Spotswood. . . . . (732) 425-4996
Sayreville Sportsman, 52 Washington Rd., Sayreville. . . . . (732) 238-2060
Wal-Mart #2003, 979 Rt. 1 South, North Brunswick . . . . . (732) 545-4499
Wal-Mart #2633, 1303 Centennial Ave, Piscataway . . . . . (732) 562-1771
Wal-Mart #2825, 1126 Rt. 9, Old Bridge . . . . . (732) 525-8030
Wal-Mart #3078, 290 State Rt. 18, East Brunswick. . . . . (732) 955-0871
Wal-Mart #4153, 2825 Rt. 18, Old Bridge . . . . . (732) 955-0139
Wal-Mart #5201, 2220 Rt. 27, Edison . . . . . (732) 650-1297
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Dick's Sporting Goods, 650 Trotters Way, Freehold . . . . . (732) 358-1400
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Wal-Mart #3236, 326 W. Main St., Freehold . . . . . (732) 780-3048
Wal-Mart #5142, 3575 Rt. 66 West, Neptune . . . . . (732) 922-8084

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Ramsey Outdoor Store, 281 Rt. 10 E., Succasunna . . . . . (973) 584-7798
Rich's Refrigeration, 4 King St, Morristown . . . . . (973) 234-5868
Wal-Mart #3291, 40 International Dr. South, Flanders . . . . . (973) 347-7400
Wal-Mart #3443, 48 Rt. 23 North, Riverdale . . . . . (973) 835-5812
Wal-Mart #3598, 235 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls. . . . . (973) 889-8646
Wal-Mart #5077, 300 Wooton St., Boonton . . . . . (973) 299-3943
Wal-Mart #5178, 220 Enterprise Dr., Rockaway . . . . . (973) 361-6089

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Animals & Gardens Unlimited, 14 Jacobstown Rd, New Egypt . . . . . (609) 752-0000
Creekside Outfitters, 403 Rt. 9, Waretown . . . . . (609) 242-1812
Dick's Sporting Goods, 223 Stafford Park Blvd., Manahawkin . . . . . (609) 597-5396
Dick's Sporting Goods, 487 Rt. 70, Brick . . . . . (732) 477-4844
Downe's Bait & Tackle, 287 Brennan Concourse, Bayville . . . . . (732) 269-0137
Garden State Yacht & Sales, 101 Rt. 35 South, Pt. Pleasant . . . . . (732) 892-4222
Grizz's Forked River B & T, 103 Lacey Rd., Forked River . . . . . (609) 693-9298
Hook House Bait & Tackle, 2701 Rt. 37 East, Toms River . . . . . (732) 270-3856
Lacey Marine, 308 Rt. 9 South, Forked River . . . . . (609) 693-0151
Pells Fish and Sport, 335 Mantoloking Rd., Brick. . . . . (732) 477-2121
Pineland Sporting Goods, 959 W. Veterans Hwy., Jackson . . . . . (732) 598-6676
Wal-Mart #1844, 950 Rt. 37 West, Toms River . . . . . (732) 349-6000
Wal-Mart #1921, 525 Rt. 72 West, Manahawkin . . . . . (609) 978-8300
Wal-Mart #1977, 1872 Rt. 88, Brick . . . . . (732) 840-7772
Wal-Mart #3830, 631 Rt. 9 So., Little Egg Harbor . . . . . (609) 296-2430
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City of Newark (Watershed), 223 Echo Lake Rd., Newfoundland . . . . . (973) 697-1724
Dick's Sporting Goods, 76 Willowbrook Blvd., Wayne. . . . . (973) 200-8077
No. Haledon General Store, 20 Manchester Ave, No. Haledon . . . . . (973) 427-1653
Tackle and Field, 81 Ringwood Ave, Wanaque . . . . . (973) 835-2966
Totowa Bait & Tackle Shop, 10 Albion Ave., Paterson. . . . . (973) 956-0825

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SJ Gas and Shine, 290 Rt. 40, Elme . . . . . (856) 358-3488
Wal-Mart #2041, 709 S. Broadway, Pennsville . . . . . (856) 935-8200

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Middlebrook Firearms, 288 Rt. 22, Green Brook . . . . . (732) 529-6897
Wal-Mart #2651, 100 N. Main St., Manville. . . . . (908) 575-8997
Wal-Mart #5111, 1501 Rt. 22 West, Watchung . . . . . (908) 756-1925

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Bait & Boat, 13 Rt. 183, Stanhope. . . . . (973) 345-5797
Garden State Bow & Reel, 2760A Rt. 23N,. Stockholm . . . . . (973) 697-3727
Griffin & Howe, 270 Sparta-Stanhope Rd., Andover. . . . . (973) 398-2670
Simon Peter Sport Co., 660 Rt. 206 South, Newton . . . . . (973) 786-5313
Skylands Sport Shop, 33 Rt. 206 So., Augusta . . . . . (973) 300-5883
Stokes Forest Sport Shop, 29 Rt. 206 South, Branchville. . . . . (973) 948-5448
Wal-Mart #2090, 230 Rt. 23, Franklin . . . . . (973) 209-4242
Wal-Mart #2604, 26 Hampton House Rd., Newton . . . . . (973) 300-1859
YOJ Sports, 196 Main St, Andover. . . . . (973) 786-7382

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Dick's Sporting Goods, 2700 Rt. 22 E., Union . . . . . (908) 964-2580
Wal-Mart #3292, 900 Springfield Road, Union. . . . . (908) 624-0644
Wal-Mart #3469, 1601 W. Edgar Blvd., Linden . . . . . (908) 474-9055

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Hi-Way Sport Shop, 253 Rt. 31 North, Washington. . . . . (908) 689-6208
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Pequest Trout Hatchery, 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford . . . . . (908) 637-4125
Smitty's Liquors & Deli, 89 Rt. 46, Delaware . . . . . (908) 475-5933
The Owl's Nest, 97 Rt. 519, Phillipsburg . . . . . (908) 995-7903
Wal-Mart #2497, 1236 Rt. 22, Phillipsburg . . . . . (908) 454-3622
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Take A Kid Hunting

Deer, Waterfowl and Turkey Youth Hunt Days

Take this great opportunity to introduce youth hunters to hunting!

All youth hunters must have a valid youth hunting license. See *Youth Licenses*, page 8.

- **Supervision:** The youth hunter MUST be under the direct supervision of a person who is at least 21 years old and who has a valid firearm or bow and arrow license corresponding to the season hunted. Direct supervision is defined as both the youth hunter and the adult mentoring hunter set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit, not hunting independently. The adult does not need a zone or area permit to supervise, only their valid license, CANNOT hunt on any youth days but may call for the youth. **Youth hunters do not need a harvest number during youth hunts or non-permit deer seasons.**

For additional harvest reporting requirements, see page 30.

TAKE A KID HUNTING!

Who can hunt?	**Youth hunters aged 10 to 16, accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age with valid license appropriate to weapon used.** Properly licensed adult MUST be set up together with Youth Hunter (same tree, blind, etc). **Direct supervision only.** See ***Youth Licenses***, page 8. ADULTS MAY NOT HUNT ON THIS DAY
What do I need?	• A valid Youth Hunting License (See ***Youth Licenses***, page 8.) • A valid Rifle Permif if using a muzzleloader (adult also) • A HIP Number if hunting waterfowl • A Youth Turkey Permit if hunting Youth Turkey Day **Seasons are open Statewide unless otherwise noted.**

	Dates	Bag Limits	Report Your Harvest
Deer	September 26, 2020	1 deer, either sex ARCHERY ONLY	Antler Point Restrictions and Earn-A-Buck regulations do not apply. Fill in Harvest Report Card, page 25, or hand-made card with same info prior to using Automated Harvest Report System.
	November 21, 2020	1 deer, either sex SHOTGUN or MUZZLELOADER ONLY	
Waterfowl	NORTH Zone — Youth ONLY, Oct. 3	Bag limits: same as during regular season except 2 scaup. See page 62 for details.	See pages 59-63 for all waterfowl hunting requirements. For FAQs on youth hunts, go to www.njfishandwildlife.com/yth-vet_waterfowl_day.htm.
	SOUTH Zone — Youth ONLY, Oct. 10		
	COASTAL Zone — Youth ONLY, Nov. 7		
	Statewide — Youth Feb. 6.		
Turkey	April 24, 2021	1 male turkey	Fill out Turkey Report Card on Permit prior to using Automated Harvest Report System to check-in bird. If no bird is taken this day, Youth Permit may be used during Hunting Period Y.

YOUTH DEER HUNTING

See table below.

Erich Geiger

After passing on a doe, then readying to shoot a spike, this beautiful 9-pointer stepped into range. Hunter Geiger, 12, of Byram, on a father-son hunt from a ground blind in DMZ 7, made a clean shot, downing the buck in 30 yards. High-fives, hugs and tears of pride and joy followed. His dad Erich said, "When you watch your kids catch their first fish or take their first deer, it's even better than doing it yourself."

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING

See table, left.

Edward Thurman

Natalie Raines proudly displaying a hooded merganser after an enjoyable hunt in the Coastal Zone.

YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING

See table, left.

Mike Amico

With great patience and straight shooting, Ryan Wright, 16 of Ocean County, used a 12-gauge shotgun to harvest his first gobbler called in by Christina Krajscovics.

WMA Youth Pheasant Hunt Days

All youth hunters must have a valid youth hunting license. See *Youth Licenses*, page 8.

» Oct. 31 and Nov. 2–6, 2020 Rain or Shine!

This year's Take a Kid Hunting Pheasant Hunt will allow properly licensed and supervised youth hunters (see table, below) to hunt any of the 10 stocked Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) on Saturday, Oct. 31 and Monday–Friday, Nov. 2–6.

In a cooperative effort between the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, volunteer hunting mentors with trained bird dogs will guide youth hunters on a Saturday, Oct. 31 pheasant hunt. This experience will increase the young hunters' opportunity for harvesting a pheasant in a setting which encourages responsible and safe hunting practices.

All guided morning hunt participants must pre-register and be accompanied to the check-in by a parent or guardian who 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.

A limited number of youth hunters will be allowed on each WMA during the guided morning hunts. To register, go to NJFishandWildlife.com/ythpheas_register.htm and select the wildlife management area where you wish to hunt. For each WMA, when registration reaches capacity, that area disappears from the online registration options. Select one of the remaining locations. ***Priority will be given to first time participants.*** Register early; spaces fill quickly!

Online registration for the Oct. 31 guided youth hunt opens Sept. 8 and closes Oct. 16. ***No late registrations will be accepted.*** Pheasant hunt information packets will be mailed to registered youth hunters on or around Oct. 19.

Selected Wildlife Management Areas for Youth Pheasant Hunting

WMA	Guided AM Oct. 31 only	Open 1 PM Oct. 31	Open All Day Oct. 31	Open All Day Nov. 2–6
Whittingham	•	•		•
Black River	•	•		•
Flatbrook			•	•
Clinton	•	•		•
Assunpink	•	•		•
Colliers Mills	•	•		•
Glassboro			•	•
Millville	•	•		•
Peaslee	•	•		•
Winslow	•	•		•

Guided Morning—pre-registration required.

Open—afternoon: Any properly licensed and supervised youth hunter (see *Who can hunt?* top of table, page 18) will be permitted to hunt on the listed wildlife management areas on October 31 from 1 p.m. until sunset. **No registration required.**

Open—all day: Any properly licensed and supervised youth hunter (see *Who can hunt?* top of table, page 18) will be permitted to hunt on the listed wildlife management areas on Oct. 31 and Nov. 2 – 6 from 8 a.m. until sunset. **No registration required.**

Semi-wild Preserves Upland Bird Youth Hunt Day

All youth hunters must have a valid youth hunting license. See *Youth Licenses*, page 8.

» Saturday, October 31, 2020

Properly licensed and supervised youth hunters (see *Who can hunt?* top of table, page 18) are permitted to hunt on licensed semi-wild hunting preserves for pheasant, quail and/or partridge on Saturday, October 31 from 8 a.m. to sunset. Take advantage of this great opportunity for hunters belonging to semi-wild preserves to introduce youth hunters to upland bird hunting without competition from adult hunters who may not hunt on this day.

Veteran / Active Military Waterfowl Hunts

Veterans and Active Military are welcome during two statewide, Veterans/Active Military Hunting Days on Feb. 6 and 13.

See page 61 for details.

YOUTH PHEASANT HUNTING

See table, page 18.

Keith Griglak/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Proud father and son enjoying the Take a Kid Pheasant Hunting program at Black River WMA.

Instructors NEEDED!

Become an instructor with Fish and Wildlife's Hunter Education Program.

Our Hunter Education Unit is looking for New Jersey's best sportsmen and sportswomen to become instructors at locations where students take the test and field course after first having completed the home study portion.

Call (856) 629-0552

Leave your name and address to receive an application.

Or complete the application form at: **NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/hunted/hntedinstr.pdf.**

Regulations in red are new this year.

THIS IS NOT THE FULL LAW. The information in this *Digest* is based on N.J.S.A. Title 23, Title 13:1B-34 and N.J.A.C. 7:25-5. The amended regulations are known as the Game Code and implement the statute laws. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Law Enforcement for further details. See *Law Enforcement Conservation Police Contacts*, page 12, for regional Law Enforcement offices. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal documents.

No person shall hunt except as prescribed by law. See section *Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions*, page 10, for special rules.

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

Baiting

Pursuant to NJSA 23:4-24.2, no person shall kill, destroy, injure, shoot, shoot at, take, wound, or attempt to take, kill or wound a game bird or game animal, or have in 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.

Pursuant to NJSA 23:4-24.3, a "baited area" shall mean the presence of placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered agricultural products, salt, or other edible lure whatsoever capable of attracting or enticing such birds or animals.

Safety Tips for Crossbow Shooting Success

- Keep fingers and thumb low on the crossbow forearm, below the rail; the flight path of string and cable can cause serious injury.
- Never cock a crossbow while in a tree stand, except for crank-type models.
- Before shooting, check that bow limbs will hit nothing when they flex forward during the release. Crossbow limbs store enough energy to knock a hunter to the ground should the bow contact the tree or your stand.

To see all **10 Safety Tips for Crossbow Shooting Success**, scan this QR code or go to NJFishandWildlife.com/crossbow_safety_tips.htm.

Growing and unharvested crops shall not be considered baiting or feeding game birds or game animals.

Pursuant to NJSA 23:4-24.4, the above restriction does NOT apply to deer hunting. Hunters targeting deer while elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind may be within *any* distance of a baited area.

Bow and Arrow

"Bow" means any long bow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow. Hand held release devices are permitted. Air bows are not legal for hunting.

See additional regulations under *Specifically Prohibited*, page 23 and page 28 for a table on sporting arms legal for deer hunting.

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

See crossbow safety tips, below. Crossbows are now legal for bowfishing except for Greenwood Lake. Crossbows are permitted for hunting migratory birds. See below for restrictions when taking game birds in flight.

All arrows used for hunting deer, bear, turkey, coyote, fox or woodchuck must be fitted with an edged head of well-sharpened metal and a minimum width of ¾ inches.

It is illegal to cast a visible beam or spot onto a game animal.

New Jersey does not regulate arrow/bolt length or weight, broadhead cutting edge length or bow sight magnification.

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

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

See *Safety Zones*, page 22 and *Safety Zone Awareness*, page 75.

It is unlawful to:

- use or possess a poison arrow or one with an explosive tip
- **use an edged head for taking game birds in flight**
- use a bow one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise during any hunting season
- use a bow and arrow from any vehicle, moving or stationary
- have both a firearm and bow in possession or under control while hunting
- **transport in a vehicle a crossbow in the cocked position**

Closed Seasons

There is no hunting or trapping season for bobcat, fisher, mourning dove, ruffed grouse, sandhill crane and king rail in New Jersey. See *Protected Wildlife*, page 22.

Dogs, Hunting and Training

Allowing dogs to run at large is prohibited.

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

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

It is illegal to use dogs to pursue or run deer or black bear or to track wounded deer or bear. However, a hunter may use the services of a dog handler in possession of a valid, Fish and Wildlife-issued Tracking Dog Permit with a certified tracking dog for the search and recovery of deer lost during any deer hunting season prescribed by the Game Code. See page 10 for certification requirements.

Note: Regulations for dog training on wildlife management areas are on page 64.

Delaware River, Hunting

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

Drones, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Drones or unmanned aircraft are prohibited for the purposes of hunting or trapping and cannot be used to harass, scout, drive, track, retrieve or rally wildlife.

Falconry

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

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

Beginning falconers must be sponsored by an experienced falconer.

No person shall possess a firearm while hunting with raptors.

For additional information, write to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or call (908) 735-6938.

Farmer Regulations

See farmer hunting and permit information, page 20.

Firearms and Missiles

For the purpose of hunting in New Jersey, *firearms* refer to a shotgun, muzzleloader (rifled or smoothbore), air gun and modern rifle.

- Possession and use of silencers are illegal on any firearm. Title 2C:39-1 g. classifies a **firearm silencer** as "any instrument, attachment, weapon or appliance for causing the firing of any gun, revolver, pistol, or other firearm to be silent, or intended to lessen or muffle the noise of the firing of any gun, revolver, pistol or other firearm." Pursuant to Title 2C:39-3 c. "Any person who knowingly has in his possession any firearm silencer is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree."
- The use of "smart" rifles or guns for hunting is prohibited. Computer-aided hunting devices would negate the tenet of fair chase, giving hunters an unfair advantage by allowing a computer to target the prey.
- A person may not go into the woods or fields with a firearm except during prescribed seasons.
- It is unlawful to possess in the woods and fields shot larger than #4 fine shot except for hunting deer, bear, waterfowl, woodchuck (farmers only) and coyote/fox during the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season. This shall not apply to the lawful use of ammunition for air guns; see *Air Guns*, this page.
- Rimfire and centerfire rifles are not legal to hunt deer.
- **See sections on specific game animals for permitted firearms and ammunition.** See table on page 28 for sporting arms legal for deer hunting.
- No person shall use a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells at one time or that may be fired more than three times without reloading except for the September Canada goose season (see page 61) and during a light goose conservation order season, if any.
- See also *Specifically Prohibited* page 23 and *Safety Zones*, page 22.

Air Guns

"Air gun" means any shoulder-mounted firearm which by the force of a spring, air or other non-ignited compressed gas expels a missile or projectile and has a rifled or smooth barrel, using ammunition no smaller than .177 caliber and no larger than .22 caliber producing projectile velocities of not less than 600 feet per second measured at the muzzle. Pursuant to Title 2C:39-1 f., air guns are classified as a firearm. Air gun BBs are not legal for hunting. Air guns are now legal for taking cottontail rabbit, hare and gray squirrel. **A Rifle Permit is not required.** Modern air guns have sufficient power to take small game plus are quieter and lighter than some shotguns, making them an ideal tool for smaller-framed hunters. Air guns hunting information is now part of the basic shotgun hunter education course.

IMPORTANT: See *Firearms and Missiles*, above, for the law regarding silencing mechanisms that also apply to air guns.

Muzzleloaders

It is unlawful to use smokeless powder in a muzzleloader while hunting in New Jersey. Only black powder or black powder equivalents, such as Pyrodex and Triple Se7en, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting.

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

It is unlawful to hunt with a muzzleloading rifle on WMAs, except for deer, bear and during the special seasons for coyote/fox and squirrel hunting. For muzzleloader rifle squirrel hunting, see page 50. For muzzleloader deer hunting, see page 28. For Rifle Permit information, see page 10. For muzzleloader coyote/fox hunting, see page 48.

Rifles, Modern

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

Rifles for small game hunting are allowed using limited types of .22 caliber rimfire ammo and are legal only for taking woodchuck (ammo restrictions, page 58), raccoon and opossum with hounds (.22 shorts only) plus coyote and fox during the Special Permit Season (ammo restrictions, page 54). NO rifle woodchuck hunting on wildlife management areas or state parks, forests and recreation areas. Small game hunting with centerfire rifles is limited to not larger than .25 caliber for coyote and fox (see page 48) and .25 caliber or larger for woodchuck (see page 52). See also *Firearms and Missiles*, this page.

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

See chart on page 52 for details on small caliber rifle ammunition legal for hunting woodchucks and page 48 for the special permit coyote/fox season.

Shotguns

Shotguns larger than 10-gauge are prohibited for hunting. Shotguns may not be capable of holding more than three shells except for September Canada goose hunting and during the Spring Light Goose Conservation Order; see page 61. For information on legal shot sizes, see regulations for each game species to be hunted.

Hunter Harassment

It is illegal to obstruct or attempt to obstruct or annoy a person lawfully taking wildlife as per N.J.S.A. 23:7A-1 through N.J.S.A. 23:7A-3. This includes making loud noises or gestures designed to disturb, alarm, drive, attract or affect the behavior of wildlife.

Hunter Orange

Firearm hunters must wear a cap made of solid daylight fluorescent orange or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material visible from all sides at all times while engaged in hunting. A camo-orange hat alone is not adequate. This applies to all persons while hunting with a firearm for deer, bear, rabbit, hare, squirrel, coyote, fox, railbirds, and game birds including while in a tree stand. See exceptions

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below along with ground blind hunting fluorescent orange requirements.

Wearing a hunter orange hat is mandatory when firearm hunting for small game on wildlife management areas stocked with pheasant or quail. See list of WMAs at *Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas*, page 11.

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

Exceptions: the hunter orange law does not apply to waterfowl, crow, wild turkey, coyote/fox (during the special permit season, page 49), woodchuck nor bowhunters except a bowhunter using a deer decoy must wear hunter orange, as above, while transporting a decoy into or out of the woods. During the Six-day Firearm Season, it is recommended that bowhunters wear hunter orange.

Injured or Orphaned Wildlife

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

Landowner Liability Act

For sport or recreational activities, whether property is posted or not, and whether the land is maintained or left natural, the property owner is not required by law to keep the property safe for use by hunters or anglers. Property owners are not required to warn others of hazards on the land or any structures. A property owner who gives permission to hunt or fish on their land does not incur liability for any injury to that sportsman to whom permission was granted. *Reference: N.J.S.A. 2A:42A-2 et seq.* **Note: A landowner's liability changes if a fee is charged (or other consideration) or if there is a "willful or malicious failure" to warn of a dangerous condition on the property.**

Possession of Certain Wildlife by Persons, Taxidermists & Butchers

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

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

Protected Wildlife

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

No one may rob a bird's nest.

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

There is no open season on ruffed grouse, bobcat or fisher. It is illegal to intentionally kill or attempt to kill a grouse, bobcat or fisher in New Jersey. For more information about bobcat (including incidentally trapped) and fisher, see page 57. **Bobcat pelts from animals legally harvested in other states may be possessed or sold provided a CITES tag from the state of harvest is attached. Fishers legally harvested in other states may be possessed or sold.**

See also *Possession of Certain Wildlife*, above.

Property Damage

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

Public Land Hunting

For public land hunting, refer to pages 38, 45, 55 and 74.

Sale of Wildlife

The sale of wild birds and game animals, or parts thereof, is prohibited in New Jersey with the following exceptions: legally trapped furbearers may be sold plus the sale of white-tailed deer hides, tails and the lower portion of the legs is legal. See *Closed Seasons*, page 20. For questions, contact a regional Fish and Wildlife law enforcement office; see page 12.

Safety Zones

No firearm hunter or trapper may carry a loaded firearm or hunt within 450 feet of a building or any school playground, even if unoccupied, except the owner or lessee of a building, and persons specifically authorized by him in writing. No bowhunter may carry a nocked arrow or hunt within 150 feet of a building or within 450 feet of any school playground, even if unoccupied, except the owner or lessee of a building, and persons specifically authorized by him

Edible Portions Guide

Edible portions do not include meat from the head or neck; meat that has been damaged by the method of taking; bones, sinew, and meat reasonably lost as a result of butchering, boning, or close trimming of bones, or viscera. Edible portions do not include meat from diseased or scavenged carcasses. See *Wanton Waste of Game*, page 23.

For white-tailed deer and black bear:

- Front quarters to the knee
- Hind quarters to the hock
- Backstrap/tenderloin — the meat along the backbone, between the front and hind quarters

For rabbit and squirrel:

- Front shoulders
- Thighs
- Backstrap

For game birds such as turkey:

- breast, legs and thighs

For game birds other than turkey:

- breast

in writing. Persons authorized to bowhunt *within* 150 feet of a building must hunt from an elevated position to shoot down toward the ground. Note: persons authorized to hunt or trap with a firearm within 450 feet, or with bow and arrow within 150 feet of a building must be in possession of that written permission while hunting or trapping. Shooting into a safety zone is prohibited. (See *Safety Zone Awareness*, page 75, for diagram and safety zone explanation.)

Stealing Traps or Trapped Animals

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

Sunday Hunting

No person may hunt with firearms or any weapon or carry a gun in the woods or fields or on the waters on Sunday except on semi-wild and commercial shooting preserve lands for the purpose of shooting stocked game; and when using a .22 rifle for dispatching trapped animals.

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

Persons are allowed to hunt raccoon or opossum on Sunday mornings only between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and one hour before sunrise during the prescribed season.

Stands and Blinds on State Parks, Forests

The State Park Service has modified its policy on the use of hunting tree stands and ground blinds on state parks, forests and recreation areas where hunting is allowed. To view the updated policy, visit the State Park Service website at NJParksandForests.org/stand-blind_policy.htm.

Trespass Law

Hunters and trappers must have permission (oral or written) from the landowner or lessee prior to entering either posted lands or agricultural lands—which are not required to be posted. Hunters must obtain permission to enter posted land and agricultural land to recover deer. Hunters and trappers may not enter unposted land after having been forbidden to trespass by the owner, lessee or occupant either by verbal notice or when the land has been conspicuously posted with intervisible signs displayed not fewer than ten to a mile along the exterior boundaries and at all roads, trails and rights-of-way entering such land.

If a hunter or trapper is charged with trespass, they must provide documentation of written permission in court for their defense. See page 31 for the Hunt SMART Courtesy Card.

Wanton Waste of Game

It is unlawful for any person who kills or wounds any white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey, rabbit, squirrel, pheasant, quail, partridge, or waterfowl while engaged in any hunting to refuse or neglect to make a reasonable effort to retrieve, retain or lawfully take into possession such game animal or bird.

It is unlawful for any person to take, kill, or capture any game mammal or game bird and remove from the carcass the head, hide or antlers and leave the edible portions of the carcass and meat to waste except for a furbearer, crow or woodchuck. See *Edible Portions Guide* on page 22.

It is unlawful for any person to place, leave, dump or abandon a game mammal, game bird or wildlife carcass or parts of it along or upon a public right-of-way or highway, or on public or private property, including a waterway or stream, without the permission of the owner or tenant, or on any wildlife management area or state park. Make every effort to retrieve your game, remove the animal from the field—except entrails may be left discretely in the field—consume the edible portions and properly dispose of the remains such as bagged in your household trash.

Wildlife Damage Control

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

Note: Persons who kill a coyote must notify a Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. See page 12.

Youth Hunters

A youth hunter is the possessor of a youth hunting license—or the immediate family member of a qualified occupant farmer—who is at least age 10. Youth hunter status continues until Dec. 31 of the year in which the youth turns 16. For youth hunters from age 10 through 13, they MUST hunt under the direct supervision of a person who is at least 21 years old and who has a valid firearm or bow and arrow license corresponding to the season hunted. Direct supervision is defined as both the youth hunter and parent/guardian set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit, not hunting independently. See also *Youth Licenses*, page 8. Youth licenses are free to youths ages 10–15 upon completion of a hunter or trapper education course. Youth hunters no longer receive their license at the course. See *Hunter and Trapper Education Requirements*, page 8; *Youth Licenses*, page 8. Visit the *Take a Kid Hunting* section and special youth hunt days, pages 18–19.

Specifically Prohibited

- Carrying a loaded firearm within 450 feet, or a nocked arrow within 150 feet of a building or within 450 feet of any school playground (whether or not occupied) is prohibited, except the owner or lessee of a building and persons specifically authorized by him in writing may hunt with a firearm within 450 feet or a bow within 150 feet of the building. **Note:** persons authorized to hunt with a firearm within 450 feet or with a bow and arrow within 150 feet of a building must be in possession of that written permission while hunting. (See page 75 for diagram with complete safety zone explanation. See also *Safety Zone*, page 22.)
- 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, including ATVs.
- Sights which project a spot or light onto the game animal.
- Hunting for or shooting any wildlife by aid of a light, except when hunting raccoon, opossum while on foot or when hunting coyote/fox during the special coyote/fox season.
- Hunting or shooting with the aid of a light attached to or carried in a vehicle.
- On national wildlife refuges, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait. Also, no Sunday hunting on these lands.
- Hunting with arrows, darts or any other device propelled by any means that is used for the purpose of injecting or delivering any type of drug into an animal.
- Possessing a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle, including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). Possession of a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle is considered proof of pursuing or taking of wildlife.
- Transporting an uncased firearm in or on a motor vehicle or ATV or transporting a cocked crossbow in or on a motor vehicle or ATV.
- Shooting into a squirrel's nest.
- The removal of the skin or feathers or mutilation of any wild bird or mammal in the woods or fields for the purpose of concealing sex or identity is illegal.

In the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the following apply:

- Baiting is prohibited.
- No permanent tree stands or screw-in steps are permitted.
- You cannot possess a loaded firearm while on any publicly traveled roadway within the area.
- Trapping is prohibited.
- No Sunday bowhunting.

Farmer License Exemption

A farmer and members of the immediate family (see definition below) who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit. (See page 25 for a cut-out Harvest Report Card.) All hunting, fishing and trapping must be conducted in the manner provided by law during the prescribed seasons. A farm is defined as an area of at least five acres and having gross income of at least $500, and tax assessed as farmland. This exemption does not apply to a tenant or employee who is not an immediate family member.

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

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

All Farmer Deer Hunters: Before going hunting, be sure to go to Fish and Wildlife's website (NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm) and write down the DMZ, county, township and Deer Management **Unit** of your hunt location *prior* to harvesting a deer! Record this info on your license, permit or the Deer Harvest Report Card (page 25) to have it accessible for when you report your deer harvest and to record your assigned Confirmation Number. When reporting a deer harvest on your farm property, farmers do not need a Harvest Number during the non-permit deer seasons. To report a deer call (855) I HUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865 or online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. See page 30 for additional reporting information.

Farmer Regulations

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

Farmers and their lessees occupying or farming their land, members of their immediate family (see definition above), or their farming employees may kill crows, woodchuck and fox on farm property at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. However, they must use legal firearms, ammunition and other lawful procedures. See also *Wildlife Damage Control*, page 23. See also *General Regulations*, page 20.

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

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

Farmers may trap fox destroying poultry, crops or property at any time, subject to state law and local ordinances. Farmers or their agents may shoot or trap coyotes by lawful procedures at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. **A regional Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office must be notified within 24 hours of killing a coyote.** See *Law Enforcement* page 12 or *Telephone Directory* page 80.

Permits for Farmers

Fish and Wildlife reviews the Farmer Permit database periodically to ensure compliance.

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

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

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

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

Farmer Deer Permits

- Farmers may claim deer permits beginning MONDAY, Sept. 14, 2020 at 10 a.m. at any license agent or via the internet sales site.
- Approved farmers are eligible for one free bow, shotgun and muzzleloader permit and one free Antlered Buck Permit for each of the three permit seasons. See *Farmer License Exemption*, above. See also *Farmer Regulations*, above.
- Two types of farmer permits—occupant and non-occupant farmer—allow the applicant to decide for which permit it is easiest to qualify; see below. Farmers who must change the occupancy status for their deer permit should call (609) 292-1473.
- Only a qualified farmer and members of the immediate family who reside on the farm, are eligible to apply for occupant and non-occupant farmer deer permits.
- Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at any license agent) regular deer permits in addition to the free farmer permits. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 14.
- Farmers are eligible for a Farmer Buck Permit which are limited to only one per person per season. If a farmer claims their FARMER Buck Permit they cannot purchase a regular Antlered Buck Permit. Likewise, if a farmer first purchases an Antlered Buck Permit, the farmer cannot claim a Farmer Buck Permit. The Antlered Buck Permit is valid for any zone in which the farmer has an antlerless permit for the season.

Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

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

Non-Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

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

Farmer Turkey Permits

Farmers may claim **fall** season turkey permits beginning MONDAY, September 14, 2020 at 10 a.m. at any license agent. Farmer Turkey Permits are only for Occupant Farmers. Fall Turkey Season is now open in all Turkey Hunting Areas. Farmers may claim 2021 **spring** season turkey permits beginning MONDAY, March 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. If you experience a problem obtaining the fall permit at a license agent, call (609) 292-1473.

Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at any license agent) regular turkey permits in addition to the free farmer permits.

Farmer Bear Permits

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

Farmers undergoing re-inspection this year must complete the bear permit information in the mailing that was sent. All others need not re-apply. Application forms may be obtained from Fish and Wildlife's website or at county agricultural extension offices.

Application deadline: Sept. 1. There is no fee; all qualified applicants will be able to claim their Farmer Bear Permit at license agents or online beginning September 14, 2020. The Farmer Bear Permit will be valid for both segments. However, the bag limit remains at one bear.

Submit only one farmer application per individual during the initial application period. Application for a farmer black bear permit shall not preclude a farmer (as a holder of a valid hunting license) from applying for—and Fish and Wildlife issuing—regular black bear season permit(s).

NOTE: Special Farmer Black Bear Permits will NO LONGER be mailed to farmers.

Deer Harvest Trends in New Jersey

New Jersey deer hunters harvested 45,650 deer during the 2019–2020 seasons.

The harvest for this year's deer season is 10.2 percent lower than the 50,861 deer taken in 2018–19. The antlerless portion of the 2019–2020 harvest was 26,798 deer, down 8.6 percent from 2018–19. The antlered portion of the 2019–2020 harvest was 18,852 deer, down 12.5 percent from 2018–19.

Scan this code for additional deer harvest information through the 2019–2020 hunting seasons or go to NJFishandWildlife.com/qr/trends.htm.

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

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

Circle sporting arms used: S/G, M/L, vertical bow, crossbow.

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

Check only one white box:

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

Confirmation Number:

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Button Buck		Broken			

Confirmation Number:

Bill Klimas

Bedded white-tail buck

Regulations in red are new this year.

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

ONLY ONE ANTLERED DEER may be taken per season statewide regardless of the number of antlered buck permits in possession, except two deer may be taken during the Six-Day Firearm Season. To be legal, all deer harvested must be reported using Fish and Wildlife's Automated Harvest Report System (see page 30), either online or by telephone. Hunters will be assigned a Confirmation Number in place of the metal possession seal formerly provided at check stations. This Confirmation Number, like the metal seal, must be kept with the deer and its parts.

Note: Only one deer at a time may be taken during any permit season even if you possess both an antlered and antlerless permit, **except** in those zones where two deer at a time may be harvested during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun, Permit Muzzleloader and Winter Bow seasons.

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

Feral Hogs

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

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Deer Management Zone Boundaries

Deer management zone (DMZ) boundary descriptions are now available by scanning this QR code with your mobile device or by visiting our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/deerzones.pdf. Review the map on page 42 for general DMZ borders.

For quicker results, use the **Deer Hunting Location Viewer** at NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm with simple instructions above the viewer's map to determine the deer management zone (zone), county, township and deer management unit (unit) where you hunt. Write down all of this information and keep it accessible while in the field for when you must report your deer harvest.

Key Concepts and Definitions

- **Antlered deer** is defined as any deer with at least one antler measuring at least three inches in length as defined below.
- **Antler length** is defined as the maximum length of a deer antler measured from the lowest outside edge of the antler burr along the outer curve to the most distant point of what is or appears to be the main antler beam. For the purposes of this definition, the antler length does not include the pedicel or portion of skull between the skull plate and base of the antler point.

Six-day Firearm Deer Season

Dec. 7–12, 2020
Dec. 6–11, 2021

(Season always opens the second Monday after Thanksgiving.)

- **Antler point** is defined as any point at least one inch long from its tip to its base line, and the length must exceed the width at some location at least one inch down from the tip.
- **Antlerless deer** is defined as any deer that does not have an antler length measuring at least three inches. For the purposes of this definition, adult male deer that have shed their antlers, button bucks and adult males with antlers less than three inches are considered antlerless deer.
- **Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or Antlered Buck Bow Permit** refers to the antlered buck permits available for purchase which are valid *only* when used in conjunction with the antlerless, zone-specific deer season permit. The antlered buck permits contain an antlered deer Harvest Report (formerly called a transportation tag) and allows for the pursuit and harvest of an antlered deer only.
- **Antler Point Restriction** zones include Zones 3, 9, 13, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 47, 63 and 67. The harvest of antlered deer from these zones during any open season is restricted to deer with at least one antler having a minimum of three antler points as defined above. The goal of the antler point restriction strategy, as part of Quality Deer Management, is to reduce harvest pressure on the 1½ year-old antlered deer in the expectation that they will survive to produce larger antlers as older animals.
- **Special Areas Deer Management** zones include Zones 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64, 66, 67, 68 and 70. They are generally small, publicly-owned properties administered by county, federal or state agencies (other than Fish and Wildlife) where deer season dates, bag limits or regulations differ from those of the surrounding deer management zone. See page 38 for details.
- **Youth Hunter** status applies to the possessor of a valid Youth Hunting License (or the immediate member of a qualified occupant farmer who is at least 10 years of age) and continues until Dec. 31 of the year in which he or she turns 16 years of age. **The Youth Bow Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020. The Youth Firearm Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020.** The bag limit for youth hunters on this day is one deer of either sex. Antler Point Restrictions and Earn-A-Buck requirements do not apply for deer taken on this day by youth hunters. See page 18 for details. See page 25 for a cut-out Harvest Report Card.

Licenses and Permits

- See *License, Permits and Stamps*, page 7, for details and for Hunter Education requirements.
- Additional hunting licenses may not be purchased in order to harvest additional deer.
- Although hunters may purchase multiple deer permits, **they are limited to only one zone-specific ANTLERLESS permit per zone during each of the permit seasons.** For example, a hunter may buy an ANTLERLESS muzzleloader permit for each of Zones 18, 21 and 24. A hunter may purchase a bow permit, a muzzleloader permit and a shotgun permit for Zone 24; however, they may not purchase two ANTLERLESS bow permits (nor two shotgun permits nor two muzzleloader permits) for Zone 24.
- It is unlawful to use a bow and arrow for hunting deer while using a firearm license (except during the Six-day Firearm Season) and unlawful while using a shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit. A bow and arrow license and permit (when required) must be in possession using this hunting equipment. In addition, in zones where the Six-day Firearm Season overlaps with the Permit Bow Season, bowhunters with a valid Permit Bow Season zone permit may continue to hunt using their bow and arrow license and must register their harvest with their zone permit Harvest Report Number. Hunters without a Permit Bow Season zone permit who want to use a bow during the

What Do I Need to Hunt Deer in New Jersey?

See page 33–34 for season dates and bag limits.

Season	Hunting License	Zone-Specific Antlerless Deer Permit	Antlered Buck Permit	Rifle Permit	Notes
Fall Bow Winter Bow	Archery or All-Around Sportsman	No	No	No	
Permit Bow	Archery or All-Around Sportsman	Yes, valid only for harvesting antlerless deer	Yes, required only for harvesting an antlered buck	No	Antlered buck permit valid only when hunter also possesses a zone-specific antlerless permit
Youth Days	See Youth Hunt Day regulations on page 18				
Permit Muzzleloader	Firearm or All-Around Sportsman	Yes, valid only for harvesting antlerless deer	Yes, required only for harvesting an antlered buck	Yes	Antlered buck permit valid only when hunter also possesses a zone-specific antlerless permit
Six-Day Firearm	Archery, Firearm, or All-Around Sportsman	No	No	Yes, if using ML	License type depends on weapon used
Permit Shotgun	Firearm or All-Around Sportsman	Yes, valid only for harvesting antlerless deer	Yes, required only for harvesting an antlered buck	No	Antlered buck permit valid only when hunter also possesses a zone-specific antlerless permit

Regulations in red are new this year.

Six-day Firearm Season MUST also possess a valid Firearms Hunting License and register their harvest using Harvest Report Number on their firearm license.

- **The zone-specific Bow, Muzzleloader and Shotgun Permits are valid ONLY for the pursuit and harvest of ANTLERLESS deer.** Hunters who want to pursue and take an antlered deer during any of these seasons must purchase an Antlered Buck Bow, Antlered Buck Muzzleloader or Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit. Hunters may purchase only one Antlered Buck Permit per season. An Antlered Buck Permit must be used in conjunction with zone-specific antlerless permit. The Antlered Buck Permit is not zone-specific; it is valid for use in any zone for which the hunter already holds a zone-specific antlerless season permit, but only one buck may be harvested per season. Adult deer permits are $28; youth deer permits are $12.

Antlered Buck Permit Deadline!

REMINDER: See page 14 for deadlines to purchase Antlered Buck Permits.

Firearms, Ammunition and Sights

- See page 20 and the chart below for general hunting regulations which also apply to deer hunting.
- **All firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in vehicles, including on all-terrain vehicles.** A muzzleloader is considered unloaded when, in the case of a percussion cap rifle or shotgun, the percussion cap has been removed from the nipple; in the case of a flintlock, when the powder is removed from the pan and a boot or cover made of nonmetallic material is placed over the frizzen.
- Hunters using or possessing **any shotgun slug** in the field during the deer seasons must have a shotgun with adjustable open iron or peep sights or a scope affixed to the shotgun.
- **Telescopic sights** of any magnification (scope power) are permitted for deer hunting on **all** firearms, including muzzleloader rifles and smoothbore muzzleloader shotguns. No permits are required for telescopic sights.
- Any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer is prohibited.
- Shotgun shells containing single spherical projectiles referred to as **pumpkin balls are prohibited.**
- While deer hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for deer hunting.
- Muzzleloaders are legal during the Six-day Firearm season where the hunter must also possess the annual Rifle Permit. See page 10.

WARNING: Tree Stand Hunters

Hunters are cautioned to avoid placing treestands in or near ash trees weakened by the Emerald Ash Borer beetle. First detected in New Jersey in 2014, beetle damage is not always evident although a tree's structural integrity might already be seriously compromised. Evaluate any tree carefully but note that ash trees may die quickly, concealing their risky status. For more information and ash tree ID tips, visit www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/emeraldashborer.html.

- When hunting during the *overlapping* firearms seasons for deer and when in possession of the proper permits for the current seasons, hunters may carry the firearms legal for the current seasons. For example, when Six-day Firearm and Permit Muzzleloader seasons run concurrently, a hunter may be in possession of a shotgun and *either* a muzzleloading rifle *or* smoothbore muzzleloader.
- Double-barreled muzzleloading rifles are not permitted during the Six-day Firearm or Permit Muzzleloader seasons.

Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting

Season(s)	Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Draw Weight	Projectile(s)	Firearm sights; Bow releases
Fall Bow Permit Bow Winter Bow	**Bow**: long, recurve, compound or crossbow.	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¾"	Handheld release devices are permitted
Permit Muzzleloader Season	**Muzzleloader**: rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal. Double-barrel firearms prohibited.	**Rifle**: not less than .44 caliber **Smoothbore**: not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Must be loaded with a single projectile only	Telescopic sights permitted
Six-day Firearm Season	**Bow**: long, recurve, compound or crossbow.	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¾"	NOTE: bowhunters must possess both a firearm **and** a bow and arrow license during this season.
	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	**Slugs**: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or 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. Electronic ignitions are not legal.	**Muzzleloading rifle**: single shot not less than .44 caliber **Smoothbore**: single or double-barrel not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	**Muzzleloading rifle**: single projectile **Smoothbore**: buck shot not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	Telescopic sights permitted
Permit Shotgun Season	**Shotgun**: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	**Slugs**: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug **Buck shot**: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs
	Muzzleloader: single or double-barrel smoothbores only (no rifles.) Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	**Buck shot**: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	—

- Only one muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader may be in possession while deer hunting, but not both simultaneously.
- Only **black powder or black powder equivalents,** such as Pyrodex and Triple Se7en, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting. Modern smokeless powder is strictly prohibited while hunting game with a muzzleloading firearm.
- **Special Areas Deer Management Zones** may have regulations that **differ** from the statewide regulations. See page 38 for details.

Blinds and Tree Stands

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

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

The State Park Service has modified its policy on the use of hunting tree stands and ground blinds on state parks, forests and recreation areas where hunting is allowed. To view the updated policy, visit the State Park Service website at NJParksandForests.org/stand-blind_policy.htm.

Baiting

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

Decoys and Electronic Devices

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

Bag Limits

- For all seasons except Six-day Firearm, properly licensed and permitted hunters are limited to taking one antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless, zone-specific permits purchased, when applicable.
- During fall bow in early season zones, the hunter need only harvest one antlerless deer to satisfy the antlerless-first requirement and may then harvest a buck in any zone where the early season is open.
- Bag limits for the fall bow and winter bow seasons are as prescribed for each zone (see Archery Deer Hunting table, page 33) except that once a hunter has met the bag limit in a given regulation set, he or she may not harvest additional deer from any zone in that regulation set or in one of identical or more restrictive bag limits. However, the hunter may subsequently hunt in a zone with a more liberal (greater) antlerless bag limit as described in the regulations.
- **Bowhunters may take two antlered deer legally on a Bow or All-around Sportsman License, one antlered deer each during the Fall Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Hunters who want to pursue and harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Bow Season must purchase a buck permit valid only when used in conjunction with the zone-specific antlerless Bow Permit. For permit purchasing deadline, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 14.**
- **Bowhunters may take antlered deer with their bow during the Six-day Firearm season, provided that they have a current and valid firearm license in addition to an archery license, or have an All-around Sportsman License. Bow hunters who bag an *antlered* deer during the Six-day Firearm Season with their bow must use the Harvest Report for the Six-day season from their firearm or All-around Sportsman License only.** However, in zones where the Permit Bow Season overlaps with the Six-day Firearm Season, bowhunters with a valid Permit Bow Season zone permit may continue to hunt using their bow and arrow license and must register their harvest with their Permit Bow Season zone permit Harvest Report Number.
- Firearm hunters legally may take two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season on a firearm or All-around Sportsman License. Hunters will be assigned a Confirmation Number upon reporting their first Six-day Firearm Season buck using the new Automated Harvest Report System, allowing the immediate pursuit and harvest of a second buck. Hunters who want to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun or Permit Muzzleloader seasons must purchase a buck permit for the corresponding season, valid only when used in conjunction with the zone-specific antlerless Shotgun or Muzzleloader permit. If hunters take a second antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, their Shotgun Permit Season bag limit is then restricted to antlerless deer only. For purchasing deadlines, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 14.

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- Remember, although two antlered bucks may be taken during the Six-day Firearm Season, when that occurs, **the antlered buck bag limit for the Permit Shotgun Season is then zero**. Hunters may choose: take either two antlered bucks during Six-day Firearm Season, or one antlered buck during Six-day Firearm Season and one antlered buck during Permit Shotgun Season (while possessing an Antlered Buck Permit.) The antlerless bag limit for these permit seasons will be one, two or unlimited depending on the zone and season. See Firearm Deer Hunting table, page 34.
- **Note: Only one deer at a time may be taken during any permit season even if you possess both an antlered and antlerless permit, except in those zones where two deer at a time may be harvested during the Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons.**

Mandatory Harvest Report and Tag Requirements

All hunters are required to report harvested deer on the day killed using the Automated Harvest Report System and now must immediately tag your deer.

Before you go hunting:

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

In the field:

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

1. **Immediately fill out the Harvest Report that is part of your license or permit** (or a Harvest Report card found on page 25) with the exception of the Confirmation Number (a number automatically assigned by the system which replaces the metal possession seal). **Leave the Harvest Report attached to the license.** The Harvest Report is *not* used as a tag. See item 2 below for tagging details.
2. **Hunters are required to tag all deer upon harvest and before transporting the deer. The tag must include the hunter's CID, both the date and zone of harvest, antler points and confirmation number, if applicable. Make your own tag or use the Deer Harvest Report Card on page 25.**
3. **Report your harvest via the Automated Harvest Reporting System** (by phone or online as printed on every hunting license and permit) by 8 p.m. during the Fall Bow Season or by 7 p.m. for all other seasons. If unable to access the Automated Harvest Reporting System by the designated time, the deer shall be reported immediately by telephone to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office (see page 12 for Law Enforcement listings). The hunter must continue to attempt accessing the Automated Harvest Report System until they receive a Confirmation Number for that deer.
4. **Record your assigned Confirmation Number on your Harvest Report or card.** Keep this report in your license holder – Do **not** attach to the deer. Retain your Confirmation Number as long as the deer or its parts are in possession. To report the harvest of additional antlerless deer during the *same* season (and zone, if applicable) **reuse** the *same* Harvest Report Number from that season's antlerless Harvest Report for all other antlerless deer taken in this season. Since the license or permit report only has space for two Confirmation Numbers, use the Harvest Report Card in this *Digest* (page 25) and on our website, or make your own card on which to record your harvest data and Confirmation Number for each deer.

NOTE: A hunter may be required to produce the head of the deer—or produce records relating to the location of the head such as the butcher or taxidermist who has possession of the deer's head—upon request by a conservation police officer within 48 hours after a deer harvest is reported.

Harvest Reports from 2020 permits are valid for the entire length of the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons, including January and February 2021, if the zone specified on the original permit is open for hunting during these dates.

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

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

After Harvesting a Deer

Even when in possession of deer that have been reported already, each deer *must* be tagged with their assigned Confirmation Number, when applicable, and other information. See *Mandatory Harvest Report and Tag Requirements* on this page for tagging details. See page 25 for a Harvest Report Card for use when each of your license or permit Harvest Reports have been filled. Be discreet when transporting your deer to the butcher, taxidermist or home; rinse away excess blood, turn the field-dressed side to face in toward your vehicle and push the tongue back into the deer's mouth.

Deer Recovery with Tracking Dogs, Restricted

Dog handlers in possession of a New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife-issued Tracking Dog Permit may assist hunters to recover legally harvested deer during the day or night. For a list of authorized handlers with certified tracking dogs, go to www.NJFishandWildlife.com/deer_trackingdog.htm. For tracking dog permit information, see *Tracking Dog Permits* under *Permits, Other*, page 10.

After Reporting Your Deer – Possession or Sale

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

Spotlighting

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

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.

Who Let the Dogs Out?

Responsible hunters all strive to make that perfect shot. Afterwards, tracking conditions can sometimes be challenging.

To speed recovery of your harvest, call in the skills of a certified tracking dog. These trained dogs and their handlers have an impressive track record at finding difficult-to-recover deer while supporting the conservation ethic by which hunters live. Don't hesitate to utilize this option if the need arises!

To locate a tracking dog and to read more about Who Let the Dogs Out by Senior Biologist Keith Griglak, visit www.NJFishandWildlife.com/artdogtrack20.htm.

Another of many successful tracks by Mac handled by Casey Florek.

Landowner-Hunter/Trapper Agreement Card

HUNT/TRAP SMART Courtesy Card

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

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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

Updates to the 2020 Pheasant Hunting Season

By Carole Stanko, Chief, Bureau of Wildlife Management

Tom Pagliaroli

Pat Carr

This year's pheasant hunting season promises to be outstanding!

The Division of Fish and Wildlife will be providing additional opportunities for this year's pheasant hunting season, as part of its Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) program.

See page 50 for stocking details or click for the pheasant and quail stocking maps: www.njfishandwildlife.com/pheasmaps.htm.

Buy your Pheasant & Quail Stamp now!

Pat Carr

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 _____/_____/_____

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HUNT/TRAP SMART

HUNT/TRAP SMART Courtesy Card

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

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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)*_____

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HUNT/TRAP SMART

***New* Format for Deer Hunting Regulations!**

Deer hunting regulations are now easier to read and understand. The nine Regulation Sets have been reformatted into two tables — one each for archery and firearm hunting.

Regulation Sets: groups of deer management zones with the same season length and bag limits still exist in the Game Code and are used by wildlife managers to develop deer management strategies.

Archery Deer Hunting by Season and Zone • 2020–21

Season	Dates	Zones**	Bag Limits	Notes
Fall Bow	Sept. 12–Oct. 2, 2020[a] Oct. 3–30, 2020[b]	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	**a** - First deer must be antlerless during this period (not required for Youth hunters) **b** - Either sex
		5, 19, 25, 42, 48	9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer at a time may be taken)	
		6, 7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 17, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51	unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer at a time may be taken ***except for Zone 6***)	
	Oct. 3–30, 2020	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46	1 deer, either sex	
		1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26	2 deer, 1 antlered and 1 antlerless	
		30*, 55, 63*, 65	2 deer, 1 antlered and 1 antlerless	
Youth Day Archery	Sept. 26, 2020	ALL Zones Listed Above	1 deer, either sex	Must be accompanied by licensed, non-hunting adult
Permit Bow	Oct. 31–Nov. 21, 2020	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46	1 deer, either sex	Antlered deer may be taken when the hunter possesses **both** an Antlered Buck Bow Permit and a valid zone-specific antlerless deer permit.
		1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26	2 deer, 1 antlered and 1 antlerless	
		30, 55, 63*, 65	2 deer, only 1 may be antlered	
	Oct. 31–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2020	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
		5, 19, 25, 42, 48	9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer at a time may be taken)	
		6, 7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 17, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51	unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer at a time may be taken ***except for Zone 6***)	
Winter Bow	Jan. 1–31, 2021	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46	1 deer, either sex	
		1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26	2 deer, 1 antlered and 1 antlerless	
		30*, 55, 63*, 65	2 deer, 1 antlered and 1 antlerless	
		2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
		5, 19, 25, 42, 48	9 antlerless and 1 antlered	
		6	unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered	
	Jan. 1–Feb. 20, 2021	7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 17, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51	unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer at a time may be taken)	

* Any antlered deer taken must have at least three antler points on one side of rack

** See page 38 for Special Areas deer regulations — **Zones 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64, 66, 67, 68 and 70**

NOTE: Archery deer hunting on Sunday is legal ONLY on WMAs and private property.

Youth Day — see page 18 for details.

FIREARM REGULATIONS

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Firearm Deer Hunting by Season and Zone • 2020–21

Season	Zones**	Dates	Bag Limits	Notes
Six-Day Firearm	ALL zones listed below	Dec. 7–12, 2020	2 antlered deer (only one buck at a time may be taken)	If 2 antlered deer are harvested, the opportunity to take an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season is forfeited.
Youth Day Firearm	ALL zones listed below	Nov. 21, 2020	1 deer, either sex	Must be accompanied by a licensed, non-hunting adult
Permit Muzzleloader	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46	Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 19–24, 26–31, 2020	1 deer, either sex	Antlered deer may be taken only when the hunter possesses **both** an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit and a valid zone-specific antlerless deer permit.
	1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26	Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2020	2 deer; 1 antlered and 1 antlerless	
	6, 30*, 55, 63*, 65	Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2020; Jan. 1–9, 2021	2 deer; (1 antlered and 1 antlerless, or 2 antlerless)	
	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2020; Jan. 1–9, 2021	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	5, 19, 25, 42, 48	Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2020; Jan. 1–30, 2021	9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer at a time may be taken)	
	7, 8, 9*, 12, 17, 41	***Antlerless only:*** Dec. 7–12, 2020 ***Either sex:*** Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2020; Jan. 1–Feb. 13, 2021	unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer at a time may be taken)	
	10, 11, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51	***Antlerless only:*** Nov. 23–25, 27, and Dec. 7–12, 2020 ***Either sex:*** Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2020; Jan. 1–Feb. 13, 2021	unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer at a time may be taken)	
Permit Shotgun	1, 3*, 4, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 34*, 43, 45, 46	Dec. 16–18, 2020	1 deer, either sex	Antlered deer may be taken only when the hunter possesses **both** an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit and a valid zone-specific antlerless deer permit.
	6, 30*, 55, 63*, 65	Dec. 16–18, 2020	2 deer	
	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	Dec. 16–18, 2020 and Jan. 9–16, 2021	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	5, 19, 25, 42, 48	Dec. 16–18, 2020; Jan. 2–30, 2021	9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer at a time may be taken)	
	7, 8, 9*, 12, 17, 41	***Antlerless only:*** Dec. 7–12, 2020 ***Either sex:*** Dec. 16–18, 2020; Jan. 2–Feb. 13, 2021	unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer at a time may be taken)	
	10, 11, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51	***Antlerless only:*** Nov. 23-25, 27 and Dec. 7–12, 2020 ***Either sex:*** Dec. 16–18, 2020; Jan. 2–Feb. 13, 2021	unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer at a time may be taken)	

* Any antlered deer taken must have at least 3 antler points on one side of rack.

** See page 38 for Special Areas deer regulations — **Zones 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64, 66, 67, 68 and 70**

NOTE: Firearm deer hunting is not open on Sundays.

Youth Day — see page 18 for details.

Retired Fish and Wildlife fisheries biologist Hugh Carberry hunted this "white leg" buck in Voorhees, Camden County for two years. The buck was harvested with a crossbow in mid-November moments after the big guy finished sparring with a lesser buck.

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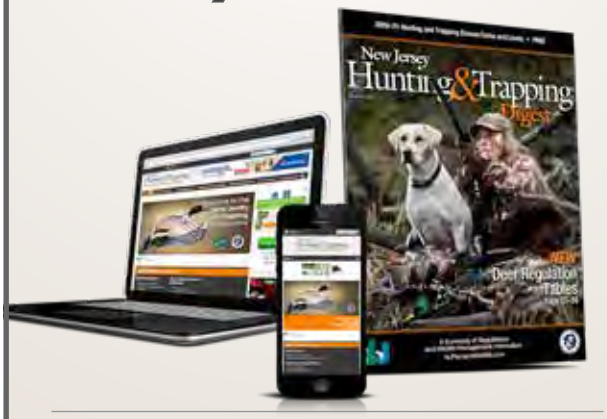

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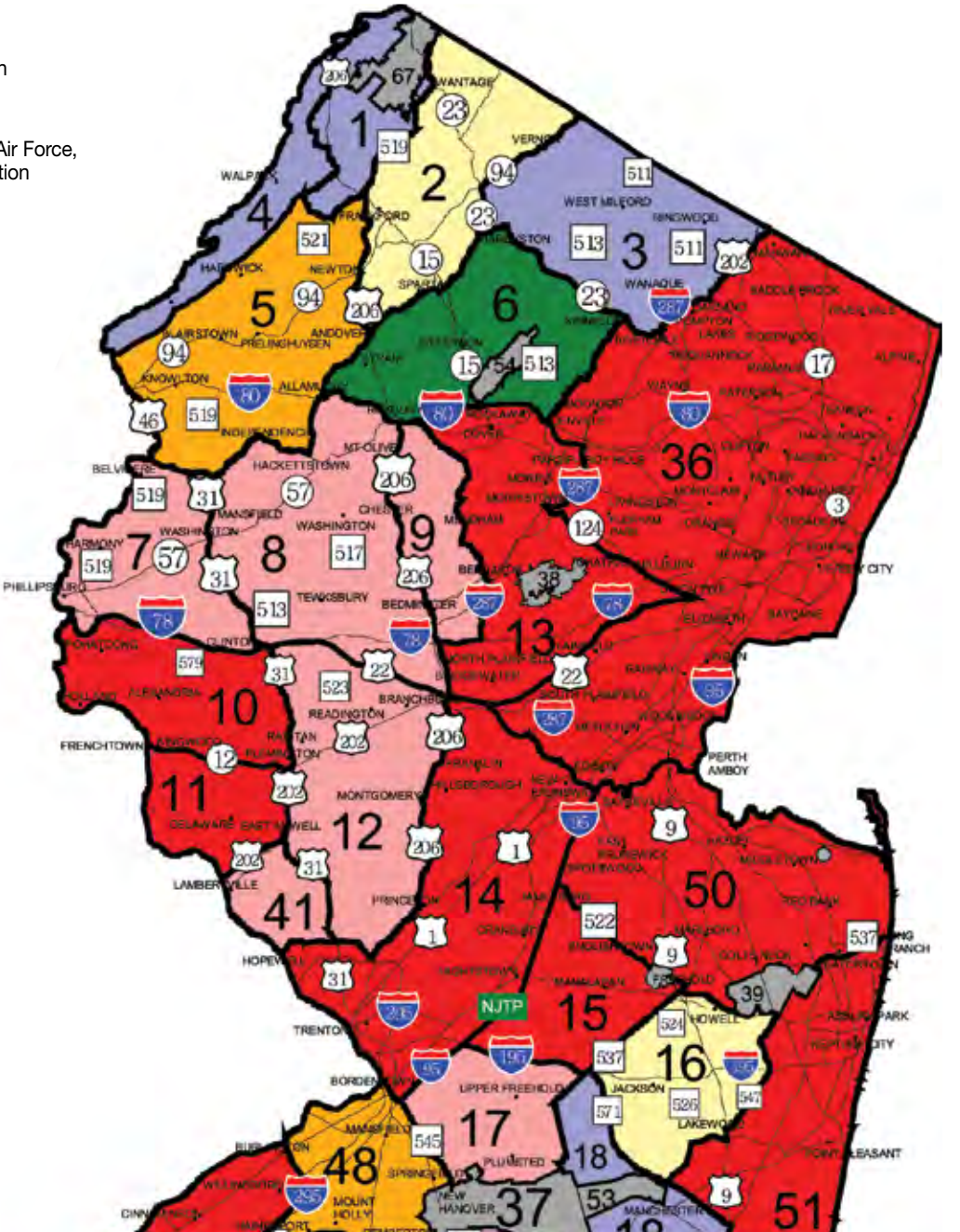
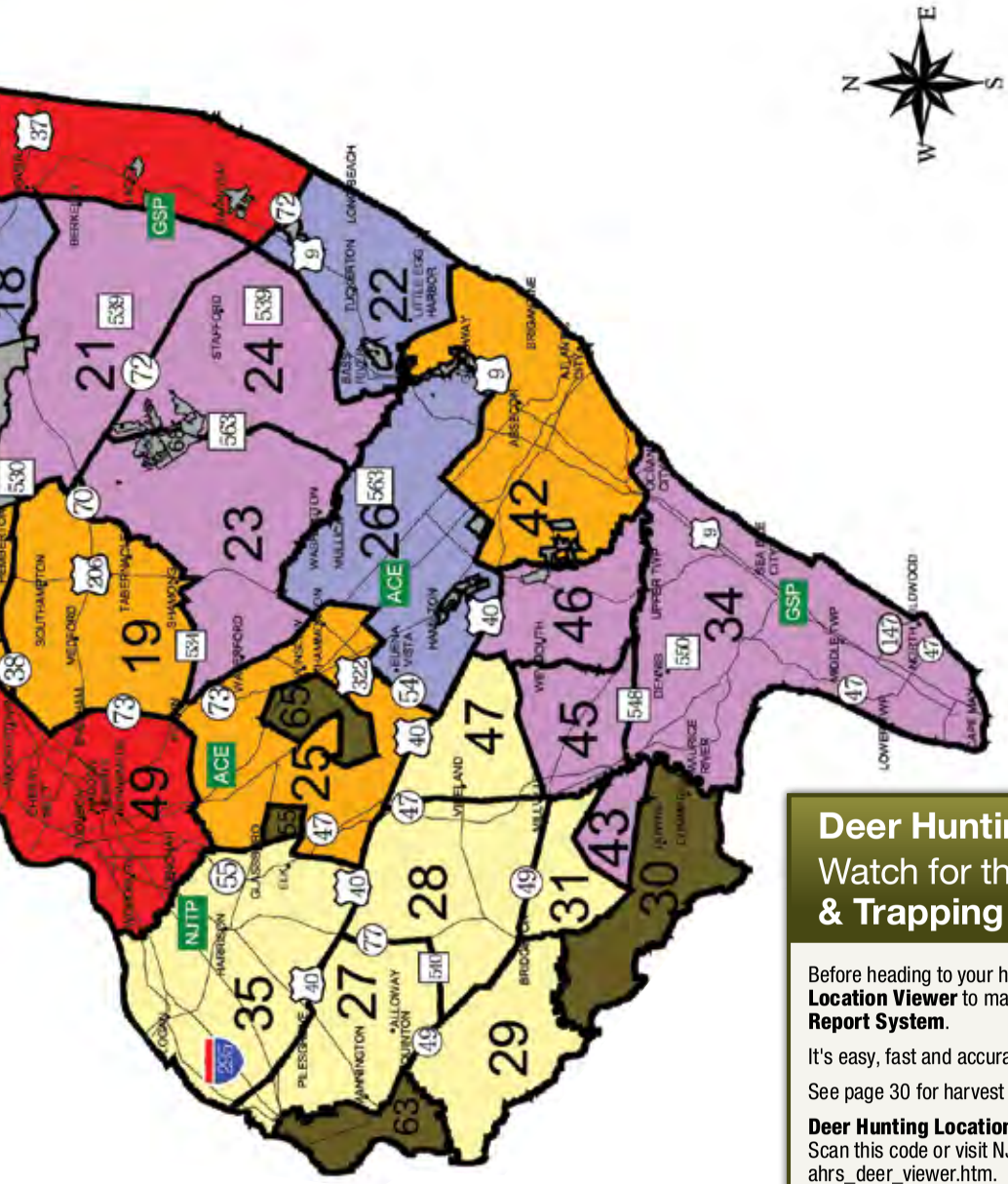
64†	Monmouth Battlefield State Park
66†	Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center
67	High Point State Park
68	Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve
70	Edwin B. Forsythe NWR

† Not shown on map

Scan this QR code with your mobile device for the detailed deer management zone boundary descriptions or go to our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/deerzones.pdf

* Map is for reference only. Use a county map or see NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs_deer_viewer.htm while following zone boundary descriptions referenced by the QR code above.

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SPECIAL AREAS INFORMATION

Due to COVID-19, before hunting these lands, visit the website of the property owner/manager to confirm that access is open.

Regulations in red are new this year.

All Special Areas

All Special Area Permits go on sale on a first-come, first-served basis at 10 am on MONDAY, September 14, 2020. Refer to specific areas for the closing deadline since permit sales for certain special areas are available only for a limited time.

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

Special Areas – County and State Parks

Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61)

Permits for Zone 61 will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2020. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. The permit quotas for Zone 61 are as follows: 60 permits will be available for the Permit Bow Season, 60 permits will be available for the Permit Muzzleloader Season and 100 permits will be available for the Permit Shotgun Season.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 31–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 60 permits are available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 30–Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–31, 2020; Jan. 1–9, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 60 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 7–12, 2020; **Please note:** Hunting during the Six-day Firearm Season on Atlantic County Park property (Zone 61) is NOT open to all hunters. **ONLY** hunters with a current, valid Zone 61 Permit Shotgun Season permit may hunt the property during Six-day Firearm Season. **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 7–12, 2020 and 16–18, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. **Please note:** Hunting during the Winter Bow Season on Atlantic County Park property (Zone 61) is NOT open to all hunters. **ONLY** hunters with a current valid Zone 61 Permit Bow Season permit are allowed to hunt the property during Winter Bow Season.

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

Cheesequake State Park (Zone 50)

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

Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park (Zone 11)

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

High Point State Park (Zone 67)

To hunt High Point State Park, hunters must purchase a Zone 67 permit from a license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever occurs first. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 14.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 2–5 and 9–12, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. The hunter's first deer must be antlerless. Successful hunters may then harvest an antlered deer if in possession of an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. A total of 350 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. Two deer may be taken at one time. **Only those portions of Zone 67 that are south and west of Rt. 23 will be open for the winter bow season.**

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

Hunterdon County Park System

Parks within the Hunterdon County Park System that are open to deer hunting require a park access permit. Applications are available at the Hunterdon County Arboretum, Rt. 31, Lebanon, NJ. Before hunting, call (908) 782-1158 for more information, or log onto co.hunterdon.nj.us and click on Parks and Recreation.

Mercer County Parks

The Mercer County Park Commission operates deer management programs at several parkland properties. Hunters much obtain a county-issued permit to hunt on county parkland.

Baldpate Mountain (DMZ 41) in Hopewell Township is open on select days during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader, Permit Shotgun, Six-day Firearm and Winter Bow Seasons.

Mercer Meadows (DMZ 12) is open for Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow Seasons.

To hunt Baldpate Mountain or Mercer Meadows, call (609)303-0706, email jstark@mercercounty.org or check the website at www.mercercountyparks.org for season dates and other regulations.

Howell Living History Farm (DMZ 41) is open for select days during the Permit Muzzleloader, Permit Shotgun and Winter Bow Seasons. Call (609)737-3299 for more information.

Deer Hunting is prohibited at all other times.

Middlesex County Park System

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

Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64)

To hunt Monmouth Battlefield State Park, hunters must apply for a Zone 64 Permit. **Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26.** Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online via the Internet. A total of 100 permits will be available for the Permit Shotgun Season. All hunters are required to complete and return a registration packet to Monmouth Battlefield State Park office prior to Dec. 1, 2020.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 7–12, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 7–12, 2020; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–Feb. 20, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

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

Monmouth County Park System

Portions of specified parks within the Monmouth County Park System are open to deer hunting. A park system permit is required. Call (732) 842-4000 or visit monmouthcountyparks.com for maps and more information.

Morris County Park System

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

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

Ocean County Parks Department

The Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation oversees the stewardship of the county's Natural Lands Trust properties. Currently under the Natural Lands Trust Program over 13,000 acres of land is open to hunting. A full list of properties that are open to hunting can be obtained via the interactive map at www.planning.co.ocean.nj.us/natlands.htm or by calling the Parks Department (732) 506-9090. A complete list of rules and regulations may be viewed or downloaded from the website. At this time, there is no registration process or permit necessary to hunt on any Ocean County Natural Lands Trust properties. Hunters are encouraged but not required to call or email to inform us what properties you are hunting. This information is valuable for numerous safety related reasons, including notification if a prescribed burn is scheduled to take place. For more information regarding hunting please contact Geoffrey Lohmeyer at glohmeyer@co.ocean.nj.us or 732-506-9090 x 5941; or Mark Villinger at mvillinger@co.ocean.nj.us or 732-929-2054 x3055.

Rancocas State Park (Zone 48)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 48 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Visit www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/rancocas.html for more information.

Round Valley Recreation Area (Zone 12)

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

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

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Winter Bow and limited firearm seasons. Deer Management Zone 14 regulations apply. A free parking access permit is required for all seasons in addition to any applicable NJ Fish and Wildlife hunting permit(s). The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. To obtain parking pass permits, hunters must contact the park office at (609)924-5705 or on the park website at www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/drcanal.html.

Spruce Run Recreation Area (Zone 7)

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

Washington Crossing State Park (Zone 41)

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

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

Earle Naval Weapons Station Depot (Zone 39)

(Zone 40 has been incorporated into Zone 39.) Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for civilian employees or military personnel assigned to the base. Hunters must purchase a Zone 39 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever comes first. See ***Deer Season Permits***, page 14. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Earle prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 39 does NOT guarantee access to Earle Naval Weapons Station. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used. Please contact Eric Helms at (732) 866-2337 for more information. Deer hunting is allowed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zone 39.

Fall Bow Season (Zone 39): Sept. 12–Oct. 30, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 12–Oct. 2, 2020. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season (Zone 39): Oct. 31–Dec. 31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 190 permits are available. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 39): Dec. 7–12, 2020; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 39): Nov. 30 and Dec. 1–5 and 14–31, 2020, and Jan. 1–Feb. 13, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 39): Dec. 5, 7–12, 19, and 26, 2020 and Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 and Feb. 6 and 13, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 160 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season (Zone 39): Jan. 1–Feb. 20, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

SPECIAL AREAS INFORMATION

Due to COVID-19, before hunting these lands, visit the website of the property owner/manager to confirm that access is open.

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

The Technical Center is open to deer hunting through a cooperative agreement between the FAATC, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (NJSFSC). Membership in the NJSFSC is required to obtain access to the Technical Center for deer hunting. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 66 must have approval from the administrative authority of FAA Technical Center (Zone 66) before purchasing a Zone 66 Permit. Call (609) 485-4928 for more information.

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

The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 66.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 12–Oct. 2, 2020; First deer must be antlerless. Oct. 3–Oct. 30, 2020; antlered or antlerless deer. **Bag limit**: unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 31–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 80 permits are available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 28–Dec. 5, and 11, 12, 2020 and Jan. 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 15 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Nov. 28–Dec. 5, and 11, 12, 2020 and Jan. 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the **Bag limit** in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 65 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

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

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

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

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 12–Oct. 30, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 12–Oct. 2, 2020. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 31–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 330 permits are available for Zone 37. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 7–12, 2020; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 30 and Dec. 1–5, 14–24, and 26–31, 2020 and Jan. 2–9, 2021; **Bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered only for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. A total of 480 permits are available for Zone 37.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 26, 28, and 29, 2020; **Bag limit:** two deer, one may be antlered only for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to two antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available for Zone 37.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 2–Feb. 20, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

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

Hunters must purchase Zone 53 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever comes first. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 14. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to the Lakehurst section prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 53 does NOT guarantee access to the Lakehurst section. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

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

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 12–Oct. 30, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 12–Oct. 2, 2020. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 31–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 100 permits are available. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 7–12, 2020; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 28, 30 and Dec. 1–5, 14–24, 26–31, 2020 and Jan. 1–9, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 100 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 7–12 and 16–18, 2020 and Jan. 2–9, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–Feb. 20, 2021; **Bag limit:** two deer—only one may be antlered.

Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54)

Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for active duty or retired military personnel and Picatinny Arsenal federal civilian employees or retirees only. Contact Brad Garie at (973) 724-3594 or Conservation Law Enforcement Officer James Opalecky at (973) 724-8647 for more information. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day in Zone 54. There is no Sunday bow hunting allowed in Deer Management Zone 54.

Hunters must purchase a Zone 54 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits will be for sale until the season ends or the permit quota is reached. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 14. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Picatinny Arsenal prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a Zone 54 permit does NOT guarantee access to Picatinny Arsenal. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that can not be used.

Fall Bow Season: Oct. 3–30, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 31–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer A total of 60 permits are available. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 7–12, 2020; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 14–31, 2020 and Jan. 1–9, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 7–12 and 19, 2020 and Jan. 2 and 4–8, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

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

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

1. Hunting over bait or distributing bait is prohibited on all refuges.
2. The use of a spotlight or other artificial light—including automotive headlights—for the purpose of spotting, locating or taking any wildlife is prohibited on all refuges, regardless of whether one is in possession of a weapon.
3. All firearm hunters (muzzleloader and shotgun) must wear an outer garment consisting of at least **200 square inches of solid fluorescent orange** while deer hunting on any refuge.
4. Entry is prohibited on all refuge lands posted *Area Closed* and on refuge roadways posted with Inholders Only signs.
5. The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter, is prohibited on all refuges.

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

Cape May NWR

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

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

To hunt Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, hunters must possess the proper permits. **Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on MONDAY, Sept. 30.** There are NO exceptions. Permits will be available for sale at all License Agents and online.

Only designated sections of the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR are open for deer hunting. All other areas are closed. The refuge only allows deer hunting by permit. While the Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons may overlap the Six-Day Firearm season dates, refuge hunting is only conducted under applicable permit regulations, not Six-day Firearm Season regulations.

In addition to the appropriate DMZ permit, hunters must purchase an Annual Refuge Permit at https://forsythe.recaccess.com/#. Parking tags will be issued with the refuge permit. Maps and

Due to COVID-19, before hunting these lands, visit the website of the property owner/manager to confirm that access is open.

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hunter information are also available at www.fws.gov/refuge/Edwin_B_Forsythe/. Not all refuge deer hunting zones are posted with National Wildlife Refuge property and boundary signs. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the zone boundaries.

The refuge encourages hunter feedback on your refuge hunting experience. For any questions, information or comments regarding refuge-specific hunting regulations or activities, call the refuge manager at (609) 652-1665. Additional information about the refuge may also be found at the refuge's Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/ForsytheNWR.

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

- **Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 56):** Dec. 14–18, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 25 permits are available for Zone 56.

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

- **Permit Bow Season (Zone 57):** Oct. 31–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.
- **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 57):** Nov. 30–Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2020 and Jan. 1–9, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.
- **Permit Shotgun (Zone 57):** Dec. 7–12, 2020 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 16–18, 2020 and Jan. 2–31, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.

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

- **Permit Bow Season (Zone 58):** Oct. 31–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 45 permits are available for Zone 58.
- **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 58):** Nov. 30–Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2020 and Jan. 1–9, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 45 permits are available for Zone 58.
- **Permit Shotgun (Zone 58):** Dec. 2–4 and 7–12, 2020 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 16–18, 2020 and Jan. 2–9, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 60 permits are available for Zone 58.

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

- **Permit Bow Season (Zone 70):** Oct. 31–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 20 permits are available for Zone 70.
- **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 70):** Nov. 30–Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2020 and Jan. 1–9, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 20 permits are available for Zone 70.
- **Permit Shotgun (Zone 70):** Dec. 16–18, 2020 and Jan. 9–16, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 30 permits are available for Zone 70.

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

Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38)

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

The refuge is open only for Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun season hunting and closed to deer hunting at all other times. Hunters may apply only for either a Permit Muzzleloader or a Permit Shotgun permit, not both. Hunters must obtain a valid state hunting permit plus a refuge hunting permit. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge hunting permit fee is $26 ($13 for holders of a Senior, Golden Age, or Golden Access Passport. Youth Hunters with a valid New Jersey Youth Hunting License are free.).

NOTE: Great Swamp hunting permits must be purchased through RecAccess online services. Go to https://greatswamp.recaccess.com/ then create a RecAccess account to pay by credit card. The process is easy; user instructions are available via www.RecAccess.com. For more information regarding the deer hunt, contact the refuge Visitor Services Manager, Jonathan Rosenberg at (973) 425-0215 ext. 1.

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

- **Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season (concurrent):** Oct. 31 and Nov. 4–7, 2020. On Oct. 31 (Saturday), hunting is only for youths who possess a valid New Jersey Youth hunting license and a Zone 38 permit. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed but non-hunting adult that is at least 21 years of age. **Bag limit: two deer**—either one antlerless and one antlered or two antlerless. Hunters must be in possession of the appropriate Antlered Buck Permit before attempting to take an antlered deer. A total of 200 muzzleloader and 200 shotgun permits are available. The eastern side of the refuge (approximately 4,000 acres) will be open to muzzleloader hunting only and the western side of the refuge (approximately 3,700 acres) will be open to muzzleloader and shotgun hunting.

Supawna Meadows NWR (Zone 63)

Supawna Meadows NWR is open for Fall Bow, Youth Bow Day, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons ONLY! Zone 63 Bow dates, bag limits and regulations apply. The use of firearms is prohibited on Supawna Meadows NWR. No refuge permit fee is required to hunt Supawna Meadows NWR. For more information, call (609) 463-0994.

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

Wallkill River NWR (Zone 2)

Designated areas of the refuge are open during all six deer seasons. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 2 apply. An annual hunting map, additional regulations and a signed access permit from the refuge must be obtained prior to scouting or hunting. The access permit is $30 (permit is free for youth; discounts available for those with Federal Senior or Access Passes) and must be signed and carried at all times when hunting on refuge property. Permits can be purchased online at www.WallkillRiverPermits.com; for more information, visit our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/Wallkill_River/visit/hunting.html, or call (973) 702-7266.

Special Areas – Other Public Lands

Bayside PSEG Tract (Zone 29)

Hunters interested in hunting this 4,500-acre PSEG property located in Greenwich Township, Cumberland County may visit www.pseg.com/environment/estuary or call (888) MARSHES for more information. Driving of deer is prohibited on all PSEG lands. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 29 apply.

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

Hunters must purchase Zone 68 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet

license sales site. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 18. **The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access prior to purchasing a permit.** The purchase of a deer permit for Zone 68 does NOT guarantee access to Zone 68. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve are managed by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. Designated areas of these preserves are open to deer hunting. Contact the Foundation directly at www.njconservation.org/deer-management/ for more information.

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

Horseshoe Bend Park (Zone 11)

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

Kingwood Township—Ukarish Property (Zone 11)

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

Lizard Tail Swamp (Zone 34)

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

Newark Watershed (Zones 3 and 6)

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

Abbotts Meadow WMA—Formerly Salem Country Club (Zone 63)

The section of Abbotts Meadow WMA—Formerly Salem Country Club, located in Elsinboro Twp., Salem County is open for Fall Bow, Youth Bow Day, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons ONLY! The use of firearms is prohibited on this section of Abbotts Meadow WMA—Formerly Salem Country Club. For more information, call (609) 748-2065.

Antler Point Restrictions apply. Antlered deer must have at least one antler with three or more antler points.

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS

Annual Convention and Awards Banquet
April 23–25, 2021

Port-O-Call Resort
Ocean City, NJ

Join us for science-based wildlife management and hunting/fishing/trapping-related presentations and interactive discussions.

For details, go to **www.njsfsc.org/njsfsc-convention**

Hunters Helping the Hungry Needs Help with Meat-processing Costs

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

The program, which donated more than 25,307 pounds of venison (more than 101,228 servings from 731 hunter-provided deer) to food banks and charitable organizations last year alone, operates with limited funding. Butchers who participate in the Hunters Helping the Hungry program receive $75 to process the donated deer. **Due to recommendations from our friends at the NJ Farm Bureau working with the NJ Dept. of Agriculture, HHH was awarded a grant that allows us to waive the hunter's portion of the processing fees for hunter-donated deer weighing 50 lbs or more (dressed hanging weight) for the entire 2020–21 season. The hunter's fee for deer weighing under 50 lbs (dressed hanging weight) remains at $40.** If the program's funding runs out, hunters who donate deer will have to cover the entire cost for meat-processing.

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

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

Participating Butchers Include:

Newton High School, Newton
(973) 383-7573 x243 (Call first for instructions.)

Game Butchers
The Person Family, Lebanon (908) 735-4646

Hunterdon Deer Butcher (908) 797-2315
51 Old Franklin School Rd., Pittstown

Bishop's Market
Whitehouse Station (908) 534-9666

V. Roche & Son, LLC Meat Processing
9 High St., Whitehouse Station (908) 534-2006

Farmer's Butcher Shop
91 Titus Mill Rd., Pennington (609) 737-0514

The Buck Stop,Stanley Mihalecz (856) 794-1281
989 Alvine Rd., Pittsgrove, Salem Co.

Bringhurst Fine Meats/Catering
Berlin (856) 767-0110

Butchers *might* not accept donated deer during the Six-day Firearm Buck Season, decided by individual butchers on a day-to-day basis, from Dec. 7–12, 2020, so they can accommodate their regular customers. Hunters should contact the butcher in advance.

For upcoming fundraising events such as sporting clay shoots, a golf outing and a 3-D archery shoot, visit HuntersHelpingtheHungry.org.

REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.

THE BLACK BEAR hunting season consists of two separate segments, A and B. Segment A is October 12–17, 2020. The season bag limit is one bear per permit, but only one bear may be taken per segment, regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds. In total, a hunter with valid permits may harvest up to two bears, one in each segment.

State Lands

All state lands, including all state forests, parks, recreation areas, historic sites, natural areas and wildlife management areas, were closed to hunting of black bears as of August 30, 2018 and will remain closed for the 2020 season.

Black Bear Hunting Permits

A total of 11,000 black bear hunting permits, allocated by bear management zone, will be available to properly licensed hunters and farmer hunters. These permits are valid for the entire black bear hunting season, including Segment A in October and Segment B in December. A hunter may not possess more than two unfilled permits at any time during the entire season; these permits must be for different zones.

If no bear is taken during Segment A, the permit(s) is still valid for hunting in Segment B. If a hunter harvests a bear during Segment A, that permit is no longer valid, though the hunter may purchase a replacement permit for that same zone to use during Segment B, if available when permit sales re-open on Nov. 1. Hunters who purchase only one permit prior to the end of Segment A, and ***do not harvest a bear*** during Segment A, may continue to use that permit during Segment B, plus may purchase a second permit after Nov. 1 *for a different zone*.

Hunters who purchase two permits prior to the end of Segment A and ***do not fill either permit during Segment A*** may NOT purchase a third permit when permit sales reopen in November.

Permit sales are broken into two periods: 10 a.m. on Sept. 9–Oct. 19 and again beginning at 10 a.m. on Nov. 1 until the end of the season or until permit quotas are reached. Hunters are strongly urged to purchase permits during the early sales period. Permits can be purchased at licenses agents or online.

For permit application process, changes, status check and to claim your permit, see details on page 9.

Don't Wait to Buy Bear Permits!

There is no lottery for bear permits. All hunters (especially hunters who plan to hunt only in Segment B) are **strongly encouraged to purchase their permit(s) during the September 14–October 17 sales period** rather than wait until permit sales re-open on November 1 since bear permits **may sell out** in some zones before the Segment A hunting period ends.

2020 Black Bear Hunting Permit Quota

Black Bear Management Zone	# of Permits
1	2,000
2	3,000
3	3,000
4	2,000
5	1,000

Following commencement of the black bear season, the Fish and Wildlife Director may announce

Essential Black Bear Bowhunting Strategies

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Improve your black bear hunting success while showing respect for the wild game you pursue. Be prepared to make a quick, clean harvest.

- Hunters ***must*** ONLY take ***high-percentage*** shots.
- Keep all shots ***within 20 yards***.
- Shoot **only** when a bear is standing ***on all fours***, broadside or slightly quartering away.
- The front leg ***must be extended forward*** to create access to the vital area.
- Black bear's long hair and thick belly fat make it more difficult than with a deer to determine the location of the vital zone.

See Black Bear Hunting Tips — Including Bowhunter Info! on page 46.
Other important black bear hunting FAQs are answered on our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/bearseason_faq.htm.

Black Bear Shot Placement Guide

The quartering-away position offers the best lethal approach.
Further behind the shoulder is the best aiming spot.
Avoid a shot that will hit the paunch area.

Gun or Bow

Wait for this near front leg to move forward like the image shown at left.

Images from IBEP

Remember these shot placement images and make wise decisions for a successful harvest!

closure of the entire season or extension of Segment B of the season based upon data obtained and reviewed by Fish and Wildlife. A season closure, if announced, will become effective 24 hours from the daily legal closing time of the day on which the decision is made. The dates of a Segment B season extension, if announced, will be Wednesday, December 16 through Saturday, December 19, 2020. Hunting regulations for the Segment B season extension will be the same as those during the regular part of Segment B. Only those permit holders with a valid permit(s) for Segment B who did not harvest a bear during the regular part of Segment B may hunt during the Segment B extension. The notification number for season closure or extension is the permit hotline number, (609) 292-9192. Season closure or extension notification will also be announced by news release, radio and Fish and Wildlife's website NJFishandWildlife.com.

Black Bear Hunting Season

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

2020 Black Bear Season Hunting Dates

Hunting Segment	Legal Sporting Arms	Dates
A	Archery	Mon., Oct. 12–Sat., Oct. 17, 2020
A	Archery / Muzzleloader	Thurs., Oct. 15–Sat., Oct. 17, 2020
B	Shotgun / Muzzleloader	Mon., Dec. 7–Sat., Dec. 12, 2020
B Extension (if authorized)	Shotgun / Muzzleloader	Wed., Dec. 16–Sat., Dec. 19, 2020

Apprentice License holders are not eligible to hunt black bear. The skills necessary to hunt black bear are not commensurate with an introductory hunting experience as the apprentice license program is intended to provide.

Bag Limit: One bear of either sex and any age may be harvested per permit, but only one bear may be harvested per segment, regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds. A total of two bears may be harvested per hunter—one bear in segment A and one bear in segment B, with valid permits. 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 archery or firearm or all-around sportsman hunting license and a special Black Bear Hunting Permit issued by Fish and Wildlife. See *Black Bear Management Zones* this page; see also *Black Bear Hunting Permits*, page 44.

Youth Bear Hunters: Youth hunters with a valid hunting license must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Youth hunters aged 10 through 13 on or before October 11, 2020 must be under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult (21 years of age or older) while bear hunting. The adult must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Direct supervision means the youth hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The youth hunter may not hunt independently of the adult.

Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Bear Hunting

Shotgun (Segment B only): not smaller than 20 gauge nor larger than 10 gauge with rifled slugs and capable of holding not more than three rounds. Lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug. Buckshot is prohibited.

Muzzleloader Rifle (only during the last three days of Segment A plus all of Segment B): must be single-barrel, single shot rifles not less than .44 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions are allowed. Double barrel muzzleloaders prohibited. Persons hunting with a muzzleloader rifle must also possess a current and valid rifle hunting permit.

Archery Equipment: (Segment A only) Bows used for bear hunting (long, recurve, compound or crossbow) must have a minimum draw pull weight of 35 pounds at the archers draw length (long and recurve bow) or peak weight (compound bow), or 75 pounds minimum draw weight for a crossbow. Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4 inch.

Additional Black Bear Hunting Regulations

- Firearm black bear hunters must wear a hat of solid fluorescent hunter orange or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material visible from all sides at all times while bear hunting and **all** bear hunters must follow the fluorescent orange requirements pertaining to hunting from a ground blind as specified under *Hunter Orange*, page 21. During the last three days of Segment A, bowhunters in tree stands should consider wearing hunter orange.
- It shall be illegal to use dogs to pursue or run black bears.
- No person shall attempt to take or kill a black bear or have in their possession or control any firearm, bow 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.
- Allowable hunting methods: stand hunting, still-hunting or drive hunting.
- Hunters using or possessing any shotgun slug in the field during the bear seasons must have a shotgun with adjustable open iron or peep sights or a scope affixed to the shotgun.
- Telescopic sights of any magnification (scope power) are permitted for bear hunting on all firearms (including muzzleloading rifles) and also on crossbows.
- 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 bear in a den structure.

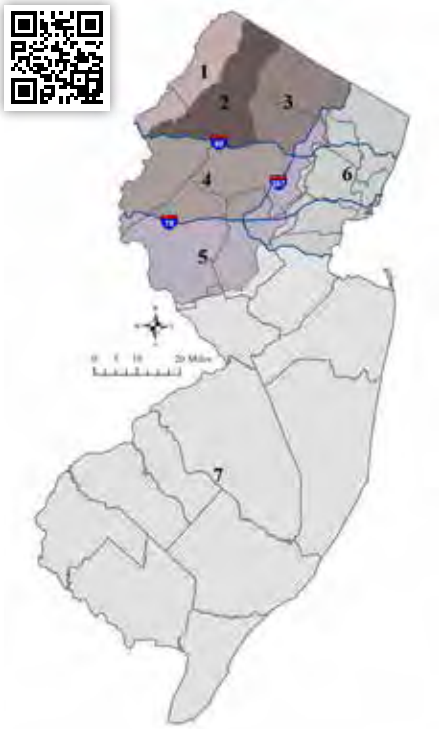
Black Bear Hunting on State Lands

All state lands, including all state forests, parks, recreation areas, historic sites, natural areas and wildlife management areas, were closed to hunting of black bears as of August 30, 2018 and will be remain closed for the 2020 season.

Black Bear Management Zones

Map for general reference only.

For a complete description of the Black Bear Management Zones, scan this QR code or see Fish and Wildlife's bear management zone webpage at NJFishandWildlife.com/bearzonemap.htm.



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After Harvesting a Bear – Mandatory Bear Check Requirement

Due to COVID-19, the mandatory bear check procedure has changed. Read all details below. Bear check will *not* be available through the automated system.

Properly licensed hunters who harvest a black bear shall immediately complete and affix to the bear hide the Black Bear Transportation Tag from their Black Bear Hunting Permit. Information to report on the black bear transportation tag shall include: hunter's name, address, Conservation ID number; date and time of kill; nearest road; county and municipality of kill and the sex of the black bear. When field dressing a black bear, leave the sex organs intact, attached to the body. **A harvested black bear may be quartered and brought out of the field in sections. Due to COVID-19, there will be no traditional bear check stations for the 2020 bear hunting season, yet there is still a physical checking requirement.** Successful hunters must call (908) 735-0216 for instructions on mandatory check-in no later than 8 p.m. during Segment A or by 6 p.m. during Segment B. 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 called in by closing time on the date of the kill must be reported immediately by telephone to the Northern Region Office, Bureau of Law Enforcement (908) 735-8240. On the telephone message recording device, hunters must leave their name, address and a telephone number where they can be reached. The hunter will be contacted with instructions for the bear to be registered and to receive a legal possession seal. To protect the meat from spoilage, the hunter may retain only the head and hide for checking the next day. Note: within 48 hours after a bear is checked, a hunter may be required to produce the meat of the bear or produce records relating to the location of the meat, such as a butcher shop, upon request of a conservation police officer. After Saturday during the regular season segments or Saturday during a season extension (if announced), hunters reporting a bear harvest via the Law Enforcement recorder will be contacted by a Fish and Wildlife biologist on Sunday to legally check the bear and to collect biological data.

Black Bear Season Extension

In the event of a season extension, bear check information will be announced via the permit hotline (609) 292-9192, news release, and on Fish and Wildlife's website NJFishandWildlife.com.

See section above for special instructions on how to check bears for the 2020 hunting season.

Black Bear Game Care

As when cooking any raw meat, care must be taken to prevent exposure to disease when consuming wild game. Black bear are known to carry *Trichinella*, a parasite commonly associated with pork. States nationwide report incidents of bears infected with *Trichinella* and New Jersey is no different. A *Trichinella* infection (Trichinellosis) is a risk only if the meat is cooked improperly. To ensure bear meat is safe to eat, be sure it's cooked to an internal temperature of 170 degrees for at least 15 seconds.

Toxoplasmosis, most commonly associated with cats, is another parasitic disease that may be transmitted to humans if meat is not handled properly. To eliminate any health risks associated with Toxoplasmosis make sure no one who may be pregnant handle raw bear meat and always cook the meat thoroughly as you would for *Trichinella*. If you follow these simple guidelines you can enjoy your bear meat without any concern for exposure to *Trichinella* or Toxoplasmosis. **Note: Black bear management zones are different from deer management zones. Choose carefully when purchasing a black bear permit. For the 2020 season, only zones 1–5 are open for hunting.**

Black Bear Hunting Tips — Including Bowhunting Info!

Scan this code for tips on hunting New Jersey's black bear or visit NJFishandWildlife.com/qr/beartips.htm.

Proper Meat Handling

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

How Far Can Your Firearm Shoot?

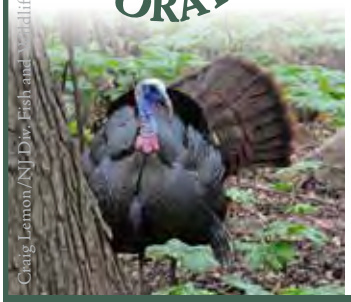
12 gauge maximum distances for shot sizes:

No. 6	708 feet or 236 yards
No. 0	1,845 feet or 615 yards
No. 00	1,895 feet or 632 yards
Slug, 1 oz	3,780 feet or 1,260 yards

Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute, Inc.
Safety Series, 1075 Post Road, Riverside, CT 06878

* Distances above are with barrel held at an elevated angle for maximum trajectory. Always consider the angle of your barrel when shooting.
* Never shoot at or over the crest of a hill.
* All distances are approximate and can vary depending on the shotgun's gauge/choke and ammunition used.

WILDLIFE RESTORATION



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Your Dollars Support Wildlife Conservation

The Wildlife Restoration Program funds up to 75 percent of conservation project costs, with state fish and wildlife agencies typically matching the remaining 25 percent through hunting and fishing license revenues. Since the program's inception, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has received over $100 million in Pittman-Robertson funds, matching it with approximately $33 million in license revenues and other sources.

Your Dollars Make a Difference!

How it Works:

1. Hunters and target shooters purchase guns and ammunition.
2. Manufacturers pay federal excise taxes on guns and ammunition.
3. Revenue from these excise taxes is distributed to state wildlife agencies.
4. State wildlife agencies use these funds to purchase land for wildlife habitat and to manage wildlife populations.
5. **Results:** Millions of acres of important habitat have been set aside to help ensure the future the diversity and healthy abundance of wildlife populations.

REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.

A CURRENT AND valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-Around Sportsman) is required to pursue any small game species. See page 20 for *General Hunting Regulations*. **The season for ruffed grouse is closed statewide.** The use of dogs, unless specifically stated otherwise, is permitted to pursue any small game species, except wild turkey. Hunting for those species shown on page 51 is prohibited during the statewide Six-day Firearm (deer) Season and on the Wednesday of the Permit Shotgun (deer) Season that immediately follows the Six-day Firearm Season. For exceptions, see *Coyote and Fox* and *Semi-wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting* sections below. **Sunday hunting is prohibited;** see *Raccoon and Opossum*, page 49 plus *Semi-wild and Commercial Shooting Preserves*, page 52, for exceptions.

Season Dates and Bag Limits: The *Small Game Hunting Seasons* table on page 51 lists dates, hunting hours and daily bag limits for all small game species open for hunting.

General Small Game Hunting Methods: Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns or bow and arrow and limited hunting with small caliber rifles; see air gun and coyote/fox regulations. See also *General Hunting Regulations*, page 20.

Shotgun: Unless specifically stated otherwise, shotguns for small game hunting may be single or double barrel, rifled or smoothbore and not larger than 10-gauge or smaller than .410 caliber and capable of holding no more than three shells.

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

Bow and Arrow: All bows must meet the requirements specified in *General Hunting Regulations*, page 20. **For taking game birds in flight, arrows equipped with an edged head are prohibited. Flu flu arrows are required for taking game birds in flight.**

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

Five-step Guide to Using the Coyote/Fox Regulation Chart

1. Which column(s) include the **date** you want to hunt?
2. What **weapon type** will be used?
3. Follow across the row of *Permit Requirements* for **weapon/shot size/hunting hours** to determine if a permit is required.
4. For **non-permit seasons** (*Bow Only* and *General* seasons), follow regulations in the column that includes your hunt date.
5. For **Special Permit Season**, follow regulations in column matching hunting hours.

Coyote / Fox Seasons

An Apprentice License is not valid for taking coyotes or fox at any time.

Season	Bow Only Season	General Season (Bow or Shotgun)	Special Permit Season (Bow, Shotgun, Muzzleloading or Modern Rifle)	
Dates	Oct. 3–Nov. 6 (except Sundays)	Nov. 7–March 15 (except Sundays and Dec. 7–12, 16)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15 (except Sundays*)	
Permit Requirements	**None**	**None**	**Permit required when:** • Using shotgun **shot sizes larger than #4 fine through #3 buck** • **Nighttime** hunting • Using a **muzzleloading rifle** aside from when deer hunting • Using a **modern rifle** (centerfire and rimfire rifles)	
Hours	½ hour **before** sunrise to ½ hour **after** sunset	½ hour **before** sunrise to ½ hour **after** sunset, except 8 a.m. start on Nov. 7	½ hour **before** sunrise to ½ hour **after** sunset	½ hour **after** sunset to ½ hour **before** sunrise*
Weapon Type and Projectiles Permitted	**Bow**: long, recurve, compound or crossbow (***See Bow and Arrow Regulations***, pg. 26)	**Bow**: long, recurve, compound or crossbow (***See Bow and Arrow Regulations***, pg. 26)	**Bow**: long, recurve, compound or crossbow (***See Bow and Arrow Regulations***, pg. 26)	**Shotgun**: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells. **Shot Size**: no smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than T. * Hunting must cease at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday evenings
	All Firearms Prohibited	**Shotgun**: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells. **Shot Size**: no larger than #4 fine.	**Shotgun**: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells. **Shot Size**: no smaller than BB or larger than #3 Buck. Pellets must be lead or a tungsten-nickel-iron hybrid.	
		All Rifles Prohibited	**Muzzleloading rifle**: single-shot, single barrel no less than, .44 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted, loaded only with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet. Electronic ignitions prohibited. **Centerfire rifles**: from .17 to maximum of .25 caliber with soft point or hollow point bullets and maximum of 80 grains. **Rimfire rifles**: from .17 to maximum of .22 caliber with soft point or hollow point bullets and maximum of 50 grains. • A modern rifle magazine does not need to be pinned (plugged), but it may not be loaded with more than 3 cartridges.	
Manner	Call, stalk or stand	Call, hound, stalk or stand	Call or stand	
Method	Ground, elevated or other structure	Ground, elevated or other structure	Ground, elevated or other structure	
Bait	Not closer than 300 ft. when hunter elevated or in other structure	Not closer than 300 ft when hunter elevated or in other structure	Use prohibited	
Predator Call	Allowed (manual/electronic)	Allowed (manual/electronic)	Required (manual/electronic)	
Decoys	Allowed (no live decoys)	Allowed (no live decoys)	Allowed (no live decoys)	
Dogs	Use prohibited	Allowed (except Dec. 7–12, 16)	Use prohibited	
Hunter Orange	Optional	Required (if using a firearm)	Optional	
Daily Bag Limit	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	

Guns under *Firearms and Missiles*, page 21.

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

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

Coyote and Fox, General and Special Permit Seasons

See chart on page 48 for the bow only, general and special permit season regulations for coyote and fox.

The Special Permit Season Allows Hunters to:

1. Hunt at night with 10-12 gauge shotgun and shot size #4 fine to "T".
2. Use 10-20 gauge shotgun using shot size "BB" to #3 Buckshot during daylight.
3. Use a muzzleloading or small caliber rifle during daylight.
4. Hunt without the hunter orange requirement.
5. Use of dogs is prohibited when hunting under Special Permit provisions.

Purchasing a Special Coyote/Fox Permit:

- A $2 permit is **required**.
- Permits are available at any license agent, or via www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com
- A license must be purchased prior to, or in conjunction with, the purchase of a special season coyote/fox permit.

Harvest Reporting:

- All **coyote** and **GRAY fox** harvests must be reported by 8 p.m. on the day of harvest. **RED** fox harvests do **NOT** need to be reported.
- Use deer management zone (DMZ) boundaries to report harvest location.

Two Options for Reporting:

1. Call **1-855-I HUNT NJ (1-855-448-6865); OR**
2. Report at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com via mobile device or computer

Firearm Ammunition Legal for Hunting Coyote and Fox in New Jersey

Scan this QR code or visit us at NJFishandWildlife.com/coyote-fox_ammo.htm for a reference chart useful for coyote-fox hunting during seasons that overlap other game species.

ADDITIONAL Harvest of Coyote/Fox Allowed

In addition to regulations specified in the page 48 table, hunters have the following opportunities:

- **Turkey Season** — Properly licensed turkey hunters may legally harvest **coyotes**, but NOT fox, if encountered incidental to legal turkey hunting. Turkey hunters shall not actively pursue coyotes or have coyote calls or decoys in possession.
- **Firearm Deer Seasons** — Properly licensed deer hunters may legally harvest coyotes or fox incidental to legal deer hunting during the **Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader** and **Permit Shotgun** seasons only if the coyote or fox is encountered before the hunter has taken the *season* bag limit of deer. After the *daily* bag limit of deer has been taken, the hunter must cease hunting immediately. Incidental hunting of coyote or fox while deer hunting may resume the following day (provided the season remains open and the *season* bag limit of deer has not been reached).
  - » **Only applicable projectiles used for deer hunting** may be used to take coyote and fox incidental to deer hunting in the seasons outlined.

Other Important Notes:

- Coyote and fox hunting are allowed on WMAs including all legal sporting arms listed in the table on page 28.
- **Baiting** for coyote/fox is prohibited while hunting elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind within 300 feet of a baited area.

Rabbit and Hare

The rabbit and hare hunting season will begin the last Saturday in September. The early opening date allows for hunting opportunity when rabbit populations are at their peak. Air guns may be used for taking cottontail rabbit and hare using ammunition not smaller than .177 caliber or larger than .22 caliber. See also *Air Guns* under *Firearms and Missiles*, page 21 and *General Small Game Hunting Methods*, page 48.

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 51 for season dates and bag limits.

Raccoon and Opossum

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 51 for season dates and bag limits.

Hours: Hunting may not begin until one hour after sunset on the opening day of the season. On all other days open during the season, the hours of hunting are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise. Persons may hunt raccoon and opossum on Sunday mornings only between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and one hour before sunrise during the prescribed season.

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

Apprentice License holder are not permitted to use rifles, obtain rifle permits or hunt at night.

Andrew Burnett/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Frank Virgilio receives an award at the N.J. Predator Hunters Convention from President Ted Borz.

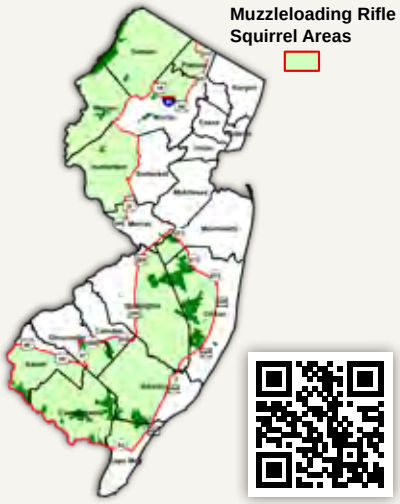
Dog Training: Dogs may be trained during the month of September and from March 2 to May 1, inclusive. The training hours are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

Squirrel, Regular Season

Air guns may be used for taking squirrel using ammunition not smaller than .177 caliber or larger than .22 caliber. See also *Air Guns* under *Firearms and Missiles*, page 21 and *General Small Game Hunting Methods*, page 48. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 51.

Squirrel Muzzleloading Rifle Season Zones

For a complete description of the squirrel hunting areas, scan this QR code with your mobile device or go to NJFishandWildlife.com/qr/squirrelzones.htm.



Regulations in red are new this year.

Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle Season

Persons holding a current and valid firearm license and rifle permit may hunt for squirrels from sunrise to ½ hour after sunset with a muzzleloading rifle (.36 caliber or smaller loaded with a single projectile) during the periods Sept. 26–Nov. 6 and Jan. 2–Feb. 20. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 51.

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

Pheasant

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 51 for season dates and bag limits. See exceptions page 52 for semi-wild and commercial preserve hunting.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas: Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose Youth License remains valid until Dec. 31 in the year they reach 16 years of age) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated wildlife management areas shall have in possession a current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp (Youth Hunting licenses include pheasant and quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville (Bevan), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Howardsville), Heislerville, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Rockport, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. A current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp is also required at the Delaware River National Recreation Area.

Pheasant and Quail Stocking

Wearing a hunter orange **hat** is required for all firearm small game hunters on wildlife management areas stocked with pheasant or quail.

Fish and Wildlife anticipates pheasant and quail releases to follow the table below. The table is a proposed schedule. To see the most up to date stocking schedule changes or other necessary adjustments, visit our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/smgame_info.htm.

Pheasants are stocked after dark, the evening before the date listed on the chart.

Maps showing the specific field locations for every stocked wildlife management area are now available here: NJFishandWildlife.com/pheasmaps.htm.

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Stocking Maps

Scan this QR code or follow the link for maps of the pheasant and quail stocked fields for each stocked WMA. Go to NJFishandWildlife.com/pheasmaps.htm.

Areas Open to Quail Hunting

The statewide quail hunting season is closed except at Peaslee WMA and Greenwood Forest WMA where Fish and Wildlife will provide hunters and falconers the opportunity to hunt for quail.

No person may release quail for dog training purposes on the following WMAs: Buckshutem, Dix, Egg Island, Fortescue, Millville (Bevans), Nantuxent, New Sweden and Stafford Forge.

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 51 for season dates and bag limits. Exception: This statewide closure does not apply to certain semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves that were permitted to stock quail during the 2009–10 season.

Pheasant Stocking Schedule 2020

(Birds stocked the evening prior to the hunting dates listed.)

		Sat 11/7	Tues 11/10	Thurs 11/12	Sat 11/14	Tues 11/17	Thurs 11/19	Sat 11/21	Tues 11/24	Thurs 11/26	Sat 11/28	Sat 12/19	Tues 12/22	Thurs 12/24	Tues 12/29	Thurs 12/31	Season Total
Northern Region	Berkshire Valley	80	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	50	50	820
	Black River	290	170	170	260	170	170	170	170	260	170	170	170	170	170	170	2,850
	Clinton	340	200	200	300	200	200	200	200	300	200	200	200	200	200	200	3,340
	Delaware Water Gap* N.R.A.	530	320	320	480	320	320	320	320	480	320	320	320	320	320	320	5,330
	Flatbrook	350	210	210	310	210	210	210	210	310	210	210	210	210	210	210	3,490
	Pequest	290	170	170	260	170	170	170	170	260	170	170	170	170	170	170	2,850
	Walpack	80	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	50	50	820
	Whittingham	280	170	170	250	170	170	170	170	250	170	170	170	170	170	170	2,820
Central Region	Assunpink	540	320	320	480	320	320	320	320	480	320	320	320	320	320	320	5,340
	Colliers Mills	330	200	200	300	200	200	200	200	300	200	200	200	200	200	200	3,330
	Greenwood-Howardsville Section	80	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	50	50	820
	Manahawkin	80	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	50	50	820
	Manasquan	190	110	110	170	110	110	110	110	170	110	110	110	110	110	110	1,850
	Medford	140	80	80	130	80	80	80	80	130	80	80	80	80	80	80	1,360
	Stafford Forge	260	160	160	230	160	160	160	160	230	160	160	160	160	160	160	2,640
	Fort Dix	60	0	0	50	50	0	0	0	70	60	60	0	0	0	0	350
Southern Region	Dix	210	130	130	190	130	130	130	130	190	130	130	130	130	130	130	2,150
	Glassboro	170	100	100	150	100	100	100	100	150	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,670
	Heislerville	80	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	50	50	820
	Mad Horse	150	90	90	140	90	90	90	90	140	90	90	90	90	90	90	1,510
	Millville	570	340	340	520	340	340	340	340	520	340	340	340	340	340	340	5,690
	Nantuxent	190	110	110	170	110	110	110	110	170	110	110	110	110	110	110	1,850
	Port Republic	80	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	70	50	50	50	50	50	50	820
	Tuckahoe	180	110	110	160	110	110	110	110	160	110	110	110	110	110	110	1,820
	Winslow	230	140	140	210	140	140	140	140	210	140	140	140	140	140	140	2,330
Statewide Totals		5,780	3,430	3,430	5,180	3,480	3,430	3,430	3,430	5,200	3,490	3,490	3,430	3,430	3,430	3,430	57,490

Quail Stocking Schedule 2020

(Birds stocked the evening prior to the hunting dates listed.)

Statewide	Sat 11/7	Tues 11/10	Thurs 11/12	Sat 11/14	Tues 11/17	Thurs 11/19	Sat 11/21	Tues 11/24	Thurs 11/26	Sat 11/28	Sat 12/19	Tues 12/22	Thurs 12/24	Tues 12/29	Thurs 12/31	Season Total
Greenwood	600	280	260	400	280	400	400	280	600	260	260	400	400	280	400	5,500
Peaslee	600	280	260	400	280	400	400	280	600	260	260	400	400	280	400	5,500

For maps showing the areas to be stocked with pheasants during the small game season, visit NJFishandWildlife.com/smgame_info.htm.

* Number stocked subject to change based on pre-season farming practices and field conditions. Check for updates at the DFW website link, above.

2020–21 Small Game Hunting Seasons

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Bobwhite (quail)	**Closed statewide; except at Peaslee & Greenwood WMA (see Notes)** **At Peaslee & Greenwood WMAs ONLY:** Nov. 7–Dec. 5; Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 to Jan. 31 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	4	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7 **Quail may be hunted ONLY at Peaslee and Greenwood Forest WMAs. Pheasant and Quail Stamp required.** **Season closed in remainder of the state. (See exceptions under *Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting*, page 52.)**
Coyote* and Fox*, General **All coyote must be reported by 8:00 PM**	**Bow and Arrow only:** Oct. 3–Nov. 6 **Firearm or Bow and Arrow:** Nov. 7–Dec. 5; Dec. 14, 15 & 17–31 to Mar. 15 (except Sundays)	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7 Deer hunters may harvest coyote and fox during all open deer seasons with restrictions as specified under Small Game Hunting, ***Coyote and Fox***, page 48. **Rifle Permit required in possession when hunting with rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting).**
Coyote* and Fox*, Special Permit Season **All coyote must be reported by 8:00 PM**	**Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Jan.1–Mar. 15 (except Sundays) (permit required)**	Permit holders may hunt day and night with certain restrictions; see **Notes** at right. **Sunday hunting for coyote/fox is not legal. All such hunting must end at 11:59 p.m. Saturday night and may resume at 12:01 a.m. Monday morning.**	No limit	For complete details, and for when a permit is required, see Small Game Hunting, ***Coyote and Fox***, page 49. Calling and standing hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession. See ***Coyote/Fox Season*** table, page 48, for firearm and ammo restrictions. **Rifle Permit required in possession when hunting with any legal rifle, allowed only during daytime hunting hours.** During night hunting (½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise), only 10–20 gauge shotguns are permitted. See pellet restrictions in table on page 48. **Coyote/fox Permit required.**
Crow (Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat.)**	Aug. 10–Dec. 5** and Dec. 14–Mar. 20 (See **Notes**.)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7 Maximum shot size is #4
Grouse, Ruffed	Closed statewide No exceptions	Season closed	0	Ruffed grouse may not be harvested anywhere in the state. See page 52.
Opossum, Raccoon	Oct. 1–Mar. 1 (except Sunday evenings)	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	No limit	**Rifle Permit required when hunting with rifle.** 7:41 p.m. start on Oct. 1. Closed Dec. 7–12 & 16.
Pheasant & Partridge	Nov. 7–Dec. 5; Dec. 14, 15 & 17–31 to Feb. 15 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Partridge — 7 Pheasant — 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see ***Small Game Hunting*** page 50).
Rabbit, Hare & Jackrabbit	Sept. 26–Dec. 5; Dec. 14, 15 & 17–31 to Feb. 20 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail — 4 Hare — 1 Jackrabbit — 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7. Air guns are legal to harvest rabbits, hare and jackrabbit. See ***Rabbit and Hare***, page 49.
Squirrel, Gray	Sept. 26–Dec. 5; Dec. 14, 15 & 17–31 to Feb. 20 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7. Air guns are legal to harvest squirrel. See ***Squirrel, Regular Season*** page 49.
Squirrel, Gray: Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 26–Nov. 6 and Jan. 2–Feb. 20 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	**Rifle permit required.** Designated areas only (see ***Squirrel, ML Rifle Season*** page 50).
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	(Period N) Oct. 24, 26–31	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.	1 Turkey (either sex) per permit	Permit required. All Turkey Hunting Areas statewide are now open to fall hunting. See page 53.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	(Periods A to E) April 26–May 28, 2021	½ hour before sunrise to noon; starting May 17, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. See turkey hunting regulation, page 53.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth)	(Period Y) April 24–May 28, 2021	½ hour before sunrise to noon; starting May 17, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. See turkey hunting regulation, page 53.
Woodchuck: Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	Mar. 2–Sept. 30, 2020 (except Sun.) Mar. 1–Sept. 29, 2021 (except Sun.)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	**Rifle Permit required when hunting with rifle.** Rifle hunting prohibited on state property (see ***General Hunting Regulations***, page 20 and ***Woodchuck***, page 52).
Woodchuck: Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 26–Dec. 5; Dec. 14, 15 & 17–31 to Feb. 15 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Woodcock**	**North of Rt. 70:** Oct. 17–31; Nov. 3–28 (except Sundays) **South of Rt. 70:** Nov. 7–Dec. 1; Dec. 17–Jan. 2, 2021 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to sunset	3 daily; 6 possession	**HIP number required (see page 59).** 8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Youth Turkey Day	April 24, 2021	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	**Permit required.**
Youth Upland Bird Days	Oct. 31 & Nov. 2–6	8 a.m. to sunset	Partridge — 7 Pheasant — 2 Quail — 4	Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (see page 18).

* All harvested coyotes and GRAY fox must be reported using the electronic license system by 8 pm. on the day of harvest. See page 49 for details.

** The starting time to hunt migratory birds on Nov. 7 only on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas shall be 8 a.m. See list of areas, page 50.

Regulations in red are new this year.

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Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Hunting for pheasant, quail and partridge is allowed from Nov. 7 to March 15 on semi-wild and from Sept. 1 through May 1 on commercial shooting preserves (which also allows mallards) that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These game birds may be hunted on Sunday only on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands.

Youth hunters (in possession of a valid Youth Hunting License and accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult) will be permitted to hunt pheasant, quail and partridge on licensed semi-wild preserves on Saturday, Oct. 31—the Youth Upland Bird Hunting Day.

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

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

Woodchuck

All persons in possession of a rifle (including a muzzleloading rifle) while hunting woodchuck must have a current and valid rifle permit in addition to the current hunting license. **Rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is prohibited on state wildlife management areas, state parks, state forests or state recreation areas.** Farmers and their agents may use shot not larger than #4 buckshot to control woodchuck causing damage. Hours of hunting are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. See chart above for woodchuck hunting details.

Woodchuck Season

Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)
March 2 to Sept. 20, 2020 March 1 to Sept. 29, 2021	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 80 grains in weight.
	Rim-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point or soft point of any weight not exceeding 50 grains in weight.
	Muzzleloading rifle: single-shot, single barrel. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	No restriction	Must be loaded with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet.
	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¾"
	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot
Sept. 26–Dec. 5 and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31, 2020	**Bow**: long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¾"
Jan. 1–Feb. 15, 2021	**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

Ruffed Grouse Season Closed

Ruffed grouse rely on young forest habitat which currently comprise only 5% of state forest lands. This lack of habitat has caused grouse populations to decline below the level necessary to support a hunting season. In an effort to reduce the decline, the grouse hunting season is closed statewide. No exceptions.

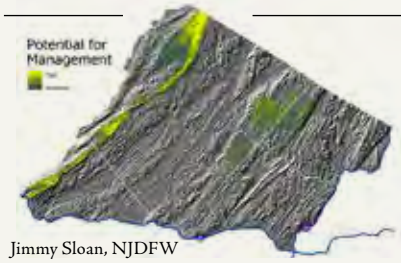
Ruffed Grouse in New Jersey

Ruffed grouse harvests have fallen precipitously over time. The population can no longer support a recreational hunting season.

Fish and Wildlife is developing a predictive model to direct habitat improvements where they will have the greatest benefit. See the latest on grouse in New Jersey by following the links below.

Grouse Season Closure:
www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2019/grouse_closed.htm

Ruffed Grouse Ecology
by Joseph R. Garris, Upland Game and Furbearer Research Project at www.njfishandwildlife.com/artgrouse_ecology.htm



Jimmy Sloan, NJDFW

New Jersey's Grouse Priority Areas Siting Tool
by James Sloan, Senior Biologist, Upland Game and Furbearer Research Project: www.njfishandwildlife.com/artgrouse_g-past.htm.

2021 Spring Gobbler Hunting Season Dates

Hunting Period	Dates
Youth Turkey Hunting Day (10–16 years of age) **Hunting Period Y**	Sat., April 24 If no turkey is harvested on this youth hunt day, Period Y permits may be used in the designated zone for balance of season until a bird is harvested
Hunting Period A	Mon., April 26–Fri., April 30
Hunting Period B	Mon., May 3–Fri., May 7
Hunting Period C	Mon., May 10–Fri., May 14
Hunting Period D	Mon., May 17–Fri., May 21; Mon., May 24–Fri., May 28
Hunting Period E	All Saturdays, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22

Turkey Hunting Areas

Map for general reference only. For a complete description of the Turkey Hunting Area boundaries, scan this QR code with your mobile device or visit our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/qr/turkeyareas.htm.

Turkey Hunting and Spring Gobbler Permit Information

Note: Harvest reporting of wild turkeys is now automated. See page 54 for details.

Turkey Hunting Permits, General

This hunting *Digest* contains information for both the 2020 Fall Turkey Season and 2021 Spring Turkey Season. Turkey hunting is by permit only. **NOTE: For the permit application process, lottery notes, changes, status check and directions on how to claim your permits, see details on pages 9–10.** See page 1 for fees.

Turkey Permits, 2020 Fall Season

A turkey hunting permit is required and may be purchased at license agents or online at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com.

Fall turkey permits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020. Permits will be available until the permit quota is reached or the season ends.

Turkey Permits, 2021 Spring Season

- Spring turkey permits are allocated by lottery. Hunters who apply in the lottery have a much greater chance of receiving their desired area and period choices than hunters who wait for over-the-counter sales of leftover permits.
- Application Period January 25–February 22.
- Award notifications will begin when the lottery is held, and permit pickup begins March 1. Permits **must** be claimed by 11:59 pm on March 24.
- **All permits awarded in the lottery will be available to claim until 11:59 p.m. on March 24. Unclaimed awarded permits will be redistributed in the over-the-counter sale. Application fee(s) will not be refunded for unclaimed permits.**
- Over-the-county sale of leftover permits: 10 a.m. MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021 until permits sell out or the season ends, whichever occurs first.

Spring 2021 Gobbler Season Permits

Hunters are limited to filing only one application which allows for up to two permits, one in the first lottery and one in the second lottery. See pages 8–9 for instructions.

First Lottery

- Selects applicants from the Spring Season First Lottery.
- See table above for dates of the five turkey hunting period segments.
- All youth applicants aged 10 to 15 (**16 for those still eligible to hunt using their Youth License**) **are guaranteed to** receive their first choice permit request in the first lottery for the spring Period Y season. Youth permits are not counted in the permit season quotas. Period Y Permits are also available during the over-the-counter sales period.

Youth Turkey Hunt Day

April 24, 2021 (See page 18)

If no turkey is harvested on this youth hunt day, Period Y permits may be used by the youth hunter in the designated zone for the balance of the season until a bird is harvested (see page 18).

All youth turkey hunters 10 to 16 years of age must possess a valid **spring turkey hunting permit** in addition to their **youth** hunting license.

Youth hunters must be accompanied by a properly licensed, non-hunting adult age 21 or older who may not shoot on this youth day.

This season is considered an **extension** of the regular season permit held by the youth.

If youth hunter harvests a turkey on this youth hunting day, the "Y" Period permit is no longer valid for future hunting.

See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General,* this page. For farmers, see *Farmer Turkey Permits*, page 24.

Stalking is Illegal

Use of a hand-held decoy or a turkey tail-on-a-stick as camouflage to sneak up on a turkey is prohibited. In New Jersey, stalking of wild turkeys is illegal, both for ethical reasons and for personal safety.

Regulations in red are new this year.

- Hunters possessing a **Permit to Shoot From a Standing Vehicle** are guaranteed one first lottery permit only for the Spring Season. Any additional permit purchased is taken from the available permit quota and is not guaranteed. Individuals possessing a Permit to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle must apply and/or purchase their permits via their home computer or go to a license agent.

Second Lottery

- Assigns unissued first lottery permits (leftover) to applicants who applied for a permit in the second lottery.
- Youth permit requests for the second lottery are **not** guaranteed. A youth's second permit (or more) is valid *only* for the one designated hunting period A, B, C, D or E.

Consider your requests carefully! If you request the same turkey hunting area and period in both the first and second spring lotteries, you could receive two permits for the identical area and period combination. **Permits will not be exchanged if you receive the permits requested on your application.**

IMPORTANT: Hunters who are awarded two permits in the lottery must claim (purchase) ***both*** at the same time. Hunters cannot claim only one awarded permit.

Turkey Season Dates and Hunting Hours

The 2020 fall turkey season will consist of one seven day hunting segment, N, (excluding Sunday) from Saturday, Oct. 24 through Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020. Fall hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

Hunting hours for the spring season are one-half hour before sunrise until noon daily, except hunting hours for the **last two weeks** of the spring turkey season (including all of period D and the **last Saturday** of period E) are changed to one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Expanded hunting hours during the last two weeks of the season allow opportunities for working and youth hunters.

Coyotes (but not fox) may be harvested incidentally while turkey hunting. See page 49.

David Van Selous

Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Turkey Hunting Regulations

- **Bag Limit:** Fall season: turkeys of either sex are legal. Spring season: only male turkey may be taken; bearded hens may not be taken in the spring. For both seasons, the bag limit is one turkey per permit, *but* only **one** bird may be taken in a given day, regardless of the number of permits a hunter holds.
- Artificial decoys may be used while turkey hunting, except the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. Dogs may be used for turkey hunting **only** during the fall season. All hunters are required to possess a calling device while turkey hunting. The use of a hand-held decoy or a turkey tail-on-a-stick as camouflage to sneak up on a turkey is prohibited. **Stalking a turkey is not legal. Electronic calls are not legal.**
- Hunting methods during the spring gobbler season are restricted to calling or stand hunting.
- The maximum group size while turkey hunting is five hunters.
- Hunters may not attempt to chase or drive turkeys for the purpose of putting them in range of other hunters. However, during the fall season only, hunters may rush a flock of turkeys to cause the flock to scatter.
- No shot larger than #4 fine shot or smaller than #7½ fine shot may be used for turkey hunting.
- Hunters may not use shotguns larger than 10-gauge or smaller than 20-gauge for turkey hunting. Shotguns must be plugged to be capable of holding no more than three shells.
- Fluorescent hunter orange is not required to hunt turkeys.
- Spring turkey hunters may only harvest coyotes (not fox) incidentally while turkey hunting.
- Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle to hunt turkeys. Bows used for turkey hunting (long, recurve, compound or crossbow) must have a minimum draw pull weight of 35 pounds at the archer's draw length (long and recurve bow), or peak weight (compound bow), or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow). Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4 inch.
- While turkey hunting, a weapon may not be in possession within 300 feet of any baited area.

Mandatory Turkey Harvest Reporting Requirement (Spring and Fall)

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

Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Mandatory Harvest Reporting:

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

1. **Immediately fill out the Turkey Report Card that is part of your permit** with the exception of the Confirmation Number, the number automatically assigned when the turkey is reported. **Hunters are required to tag their turkey upon harvest and before transporting the turkey. Attach the Turkey Report Card to the turkey. The tag must include the hunter's CID, date and THA of harvest.**
2. Record the turkey's sex, age and take measurements of the beard and longer spur, if applicable. **Measure *BEFORE* starting the harvest report process to have your answers ready.** See sexing, aging and measuring wild turkeys at www.njfishandwildlife.com/turkey_reporting.htm. Use the ½ inch ruler provided on your turkey Turkey Report Card to determine if the longest spur is less than, equal to, or greater than ½ inch. Measure the spur from the very base where it meets the leg scales to the very tip. Use a ruler or tape measure, or a dollar bill (which is 6 inches in length) to determine if the beard is less than, equal to, or greater than 6 inches in length. Measure the beard from the skin at its base to the end of the longest filament.
3. **Report your harvest via the Automated Harvest Reporting System** (by phone or online as printed on every hunting license and permit). During the fall season, a turkey harvest must be reported by 7 p.m. During Youth Turkey Hunting Day, hunting periods A, B, C and the first three Saturdays of hunting period E, **the turkey harvest must be reported by 3 p.m.** During hunting period D and the last Saturday of hunting period E, the turkey harvest must be reported by 9 p.m. If unable to access the Automated Harvest Reporting System by the designated time, the turkey shall be reported immediately by telephone to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office listed on page 12. The hunter must continue to attempt accessing the Automated Harvest Report System until they receive a Confirmation Number for that turkey. When reporting, you will be asked for the turkey's sex, age (juvenile or adult), beard measurement (equal to or greater than 6 inches, or less than 6 inches), and spur measurement (equal to or greater than ½ inch, or less than ½ inch). Again, please take the measurements BEFORE you begin the reporting process.
4. **Record your assigned Confirmation Number on your Turkey Report Card.** Retain your Confirmation Number as long as the turkey or its parts are in possession.

Turkey Hunting Seminars

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

Public Turkey Hunting Land in New Jersey

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 1
- Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area
- Flatbrook-Roy WMA
- Hainesville WMA
- Stokes State Forest

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 2
- Bear Swamp WMA
- Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area
- Flatbrook-Roy WMA
- Paulinskill WMA
- Stokes State Forest
- Swartswood State Park
- Trout Brook WMA
- Walpack WMA
- White Lake WMA

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 3
- Columbia WMA (partial)
- Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area
- Worthington State Forest

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 4
- Allamuchy Mountain State Park
- Beaver Brook WMA
- Columbia WMA (partial)
- Honey Run WMA
- Jenny Jump State Forest
- Stephens State Park
- Whittingham WMA

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 5
- Kittatinny Valley State Park
- Paulinskill WMA

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 6
- Abram Hewitt State Forest
- Hamburg Mountain WMA
- Long Pond Ironworks State Park
- Norvin Green State Forest
- Ramapo Mountain State Forest
- Ringwood State Park
- Wawayanda State Park

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 7
- Berkshire Valley WMA
- Farny State Park
- Rockaway River WMA
- Sparta Mountain WMA
- Weldon Brook WMA
- Wildcat Ridge WMA

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 8
- Buckhorn Creek WMA
- Clinton WMA
- Musconetcong River WMA
- Pequest WMA
- Pohatcong Creek WMA

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 9
- Black River WMA
- Hacklebarney State Park
- Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA
- Musconetcong River WMA
- Pequest WMA
- Rockport WMA
- South Branch WMA
- Voorhees State Park

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 10
- Black River WMA

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 11
- Alexauken Creek WMA
- Lockatong WMA
- Six Mile Run Reservoir State Park (bow only)

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 12
- Assunpink WMA
- Turkey Swamp WMA

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 14
- Brendan T. Byrne State Forest
- Colliers Mills WMA
- Double Trouble State Park
- Forked River Mountain WMA
- Edwin B. Forsythe NWR
- Greenwood Forest WMA
- Manahawkin WMA
- Manasquan WMA
- Manchester WMA
- Medford WMA
- Pleasant Run WMA
- Whiting WMA

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 15
- Wharton State Forest

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 16
- Bass River State Forest
- Hammonton Creek WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Edwin B. Forsythe NWR
- Penn State Forest
- Port Republic WMA
- Stafford Forge WMA
- Swan Bay WMA
- Warren Grove Recreation Area
- Wharton State Forest

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 20
- Abbotts Meadow WMA
- Cohansey River MWA
- DOD Ponds WMA
- Elmer Lake WMA
- Gum Tree Corner WMA
- Harrisonville Lake WMA
- Mad Horse Creek WMA
- Maskells Mill Pond WMA
- Salem River WMA
- Thundergut Pond WMA

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 21
- Buckshutem WMA
- Cedar Lake WMA
- Cedarville Pond WMA
- Cohansey River WMA
- Dix WMA
- Egg Island WMA
- Fortescue WMA
- Glassboro WMA
- Nantuxent WMA
- New Sweden WMA
- Millville WMA
- Parvin State Park
- Union Lake WMA
- White Oak Branch WMA
- Winslow WMA

TURKEY HUNTING AREA 22
- Beaver Swamp WMA
- Belleplain State Forest
- Cape May Wetlands WMA
- Dennis Creek WMA
- Gibson Creek WMA
- Great Egg Harbor WMA
- Heislerville WMA
- Higbee Beach WMA
- Makepeace Lake WMA
- Maple Lake WMA
- Menantico Ponds WMA
- Peaslee WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA

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Deer shot on a preserve are not eligible for Boone & Crockett, Pope & Young or New Jersey's Outstanding Deer Program.

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General Trapping

- A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See pages 1 and 7 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. Trap tags with a previous Fish and Wildlife-issued trap identification number or the trapper's Conservation Identification Number (CID#) may be used in lieu of name and address to mark each trap.
- No traps or trap stakes are to be set prior to 6:00 a.m. on the first day of any open trapping season indicated in this section.
- **No trapper may set cable restraint traps prior to 6 a.m. on Jan. 1 on any wildlife management area where pheasants or quail are released.** Areas include Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Bevans (Millville), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, Greenwood Forest (incl. Howardsville), Heislerville, MacNamara (Tuckahoe), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Winslow and Whittingham WMAs. **ONLY cage and foot-encapsulating traps or traps set for mink, muskrat or nutria may be set on the above WMA between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31.** Trapping is prohibited at all times on the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.
- All traps must be checked and tended at least once every 24 hours, preferably in the morning except traps set for semi-aquatic species in tidal waters only must be checked once per calendar day.
- 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 report their harvest via the Automated Harvest Report System by 8 pm. on the day of harvest.
- Licensed trappers may use an air gun (not smaller than .177 caliber nor larger than .22 caliber) or a center- or rim-fire rifle (not larger than .22 caliber) using only .22 caliber short ammunition to dispatch legally trapped animal other than muskrat. Youth trappers (ages 12–13) using any firearm to dispatch must be accompanied by—and under the direct supervision of—a properly licensed adult (at least 21 years of age). **A Rifle Permit is required when using center- or rim-fire rifles, but is not required when using an air gun**. Firearms may not be loaded with more than three rounds. See pages 22 and 75 for safety zone information that also applied to trappers. While trapping is legal within a safety zone, one cannot possess a loaded firearm within a safety zone unless having written permission, in possession, from the property owner or lessee.

Beaver and River Otter

Beaver may be taken only by properly licensed trappers in possession of a special beaver trapping permit valid for an entire management zone, or a special damage control beaver permit valid as designated on the permit. River otter may only be taken by properly licensed trappers in possession of a special river otter trapping permit valid for an entire management zone.

Beaver and Otter Permits

- Beaver and otter trapping are allowed by special permit only.
- Application can be made at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. Applicants must have a current and valid trapping license to apply.
- Additional information—including zone maps, boundary and permit quotas descriptions—becomes available Sept. 14 on Fish and Wildlife's website, NJFishandWildlife.com or call (609) 292-1473.
- For the permit application process, changes, status check and directions on how to claim your permits, see details on pages 8–9.
- Lottery application period: Oct. 1–31. Applicants may apply only for one beaver trapping permit and/or one otter trapping permit.
- Successful beaver permit applicants are given first opportunity for otter permits in their respective zone.
- Award Notification will begin when the lottery is run and Permit Pickup begins Nov 4. Permits must be claimed by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov 30.
- Unclaimed, awarded permits will be redistributed in the over-the-counter sale. Application fee(s) for unclaimed permits will not be refunded.
- Over-the-counter sale of leftover and unclaimed permits: 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec 2. Leftover permits will be sold at all license agents and at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales at www.NJFishandWildlife.com. For leftover and unclaimed permit availability, see our website Dec. 1.

NOTE: To review, change or check your lottery application, go to: www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com.

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

Other beaver/otter rules and regulations:

- **Season Dates:** Dec. 26–Feb. 9
- **Bag Limits:** 8 beaver per permit; 1 otter per season.
- Recreational permit holders may use up to five traps daily per zone for beaver and up to three traps daily for otter. Damage control beaver permit holders may use up to 10 traps daily per site. Holders of both recreational and damage control beaver permits in the same zone may use a maximum of 10 traps daily. All traps must be checked and tended at least once per every 24 hours unless in tidal waters.
- **Trappers may only possess one Special River Otter Trapping Permit per season.**
- All beaver and otter trap tags must be clearly visible above the water or ice.
- A Fish and Wildlife-issued Beaver Transportation Tag or Otter Transportation Tag must be affixed to the beaver or otter carcass **immediately upon taking possession of the animal**.
- All otters harvested incidentally by beaver trappers (i.e., trappers possessing a beaver permit but not an otter permit) must be fully surrendered to the Division of Fish and Wildlife. The entire carcass, including the pelt, must be surrendered.
- All successful trappers (or their agents) must present their beaver and/or otter pelts at a designated

check station for examination where pelt tags will be affixed. **All otter carcasses must be surrendered when pelts are registered, as required by the Game Code. Failure to submit your carcass will result in the issuance of a citation by the Bureau of Law Enforcement.**

- Trappers are requested to properly flesh and stretch all pelts for examination. Additional information on check stations will be provided to all permit holders.
- Fish and Wildlife will staff check-in stations at the Assunpink, Clinton, Flatbrook, Tuckahoe and Winslow WMAs and the Newfoundland Fire Company (tentative) on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 (9 a.m.–noon). Successful trappers who cannot attend the scheduled dates should contact either Joseph Garris at (908) 735-7040 or Jimmy Sloan (609) 223-6048 prior to Feb. 12 to make alternate arrangements.
- Permit holders will be notified via email, telephone or U.S. mail in the event the beaver and otter trapping season is extended for any reason, and notified of any change in the pelt registration date.

Bobcat and Fisher

Bobcats are classified as Endangered in New Jersey and are widely distributed across the state's northern counties. Fishers have returned naturally—thanks to reintroduction efforts in NY and PA—to their historic range and have been documented in several northern and southern counties.

There is no open season for either bobcat or fisher. Possession is restricted to those animals legally harvested in other U.S. states or Canadian provinces with proper documentation.

Trappers finding a bobcat on their trapline are required to report the occurrence within 24 hours by calling 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337), but are strongly encouraged to call IMMEDIATELY upon discovery of a bobcat (or fisher) in any trap. If the bobcat is alive, call 1-877-WARN-DEP. A Fish and Wildlife Trapper Response Team technician will go to the site to safely release the bobcat. Data will be collected from the animal and ear tags will be inserted for future identification.

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

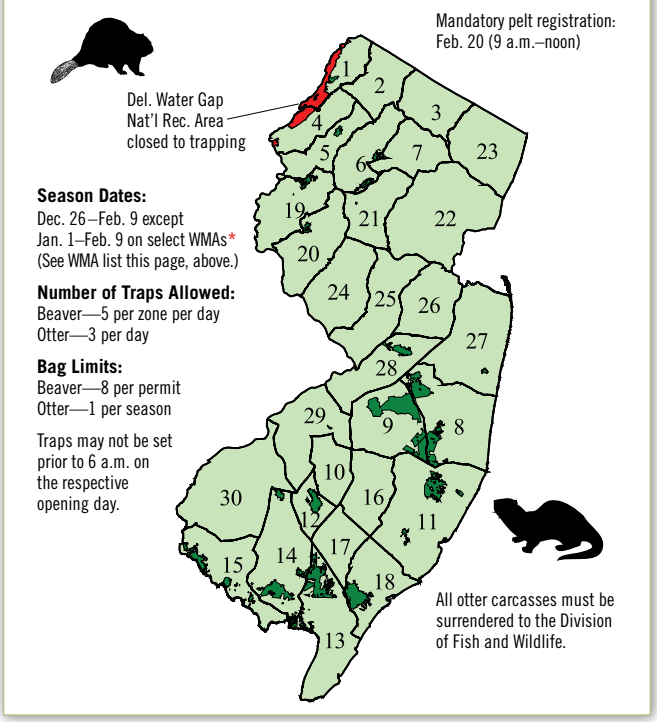
- **Season Dates:** Nov. 15–Mar. 15* (Exception: fisher—no open season. Call 1-877-927-6337 to report any fisher capture.)
- **Bag Limits:** No daily or seasonal bag limit for any of these species.
- No trap may set prior to 6 a.m. Nov. 15. All traps must be tended once every 24 hours, preferably in the morning.

***The following state wildlife management areas are closed to trapping with *cable restraints* until 6 a.m. Jan. 1:** Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Bevans (Millville), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, Greenwood Forest (incl. Howardsville tract), Heislerville, MacNamara (Tuckahoe), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Winslow and Whittingham. Cage and foot-encapsulating traps may be set on these WMAs beginning 6 a.m. Nov. 15. **Trapping is prohibited at all times on the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.**

Mink, Muskrat and Nutria Trapping

- **Season Dates:** *(North Zone)* Nov. 15–Mar. 15 in those portions of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties lying north and west beginning at the intersection of U.S. Rt. 1 and the Delaware River at Trenton; then north along Rt. 1 to its intersection with I-287; then south along I-287 to its intersection with Rt. 440; then east along Rt. 440 to the NJ-NY state line.
- **Season Dates:** *(South Zone)* Dec. 1–Mar. 15 in those portions of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem counties lying south and east of the aforementioned line above.
- **Bag Limits:** No daily or seasonal bag limits for any of these species.
- Traps may not be set prior to 6 a.m. on the respective opening day. All traps set for these semi-aquatic species in tidal waters **only** must be checked once per calendar day. Non-tidal water sets must be checked once every 24 hours, preferably in the morning.
- **Trapping is prohibited at all times on the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.**

Beaver and River Otter Trapping Zones



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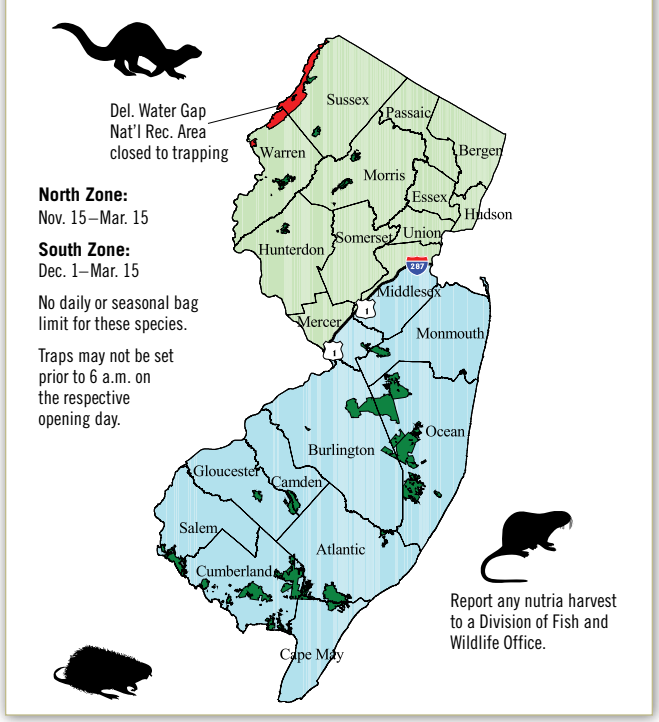

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Traps, Body-gripping or Killer-type

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

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

Beaver and otter trap tags must be placed above the water line and exposed to view.

Traps, Live-capture Cable Restraints

- No person shall set, use or maintain any type of snare unless they have first passed a Fish and Wildlife-approved trapper education course and carry on their person appropriate certification thereof.
- All live capture cable restraints must include a relaxing-type lock, except when submerged underwater or when set for mink, muskrat, nutria or weasel.
- A relaxing lock is defined as one that stops tightening when the animal stops pulling against the cable restraint. Cam-locks and spring-assisted locking systems are prohibited.
- All natural baits consisting of fish, bird or mammal carcasses or flesh used in trapping with live-capture cable restraints must be covered or concealed from view except when placed at least 30 feet from any trap set.

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

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

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

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

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

Traps, Live-capture Foot Encapsulating

Enclosed or foot encapsulating (also known as enclosed foothold or dog-proof traps) traps are now legal for trapping. These traps have been specifically designed to capture species such as raccoon and opossum (which possess a degree of manual dexterity) while minimizing the capture of non-target animals especially domestic dogs and cats. Enclosed foothold traps are a live-restraint trap which do not result in the death of the captured animal or in the potential for significant injury.

These traps are subject to the following requirements:

- All triggering and restraining mechanisms shall be enclosed by a housing.
- The triggering and restraining mechanism is accessible only by a single opening when the trap is set.
- The access opening does not exceed 2 inches in diameter or when measured diagonally.
- The triggering mechanism can be activated only by a pulling force.
- The trap has a swivel-mounted anchoring system.

Traps, Live-capture, Steel-jawed Type

It is illegal to possess or use any steel-jawed leg-hold type trap (i.e., any coil-spring or longspring trap) anywhere in New Jersey except for educational purposes. Foot-encapsulating traps do not fall under this trap category and may be possessed and used.

Bobcat Information

If an accidental bobcat trapping occurs, it is **mandatory** that you immediately call NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife's Trapper Response Team at **(877) WARN-DEP (877-927-6337)** while the bobcat is held in the trap so that we may obtain genetic samples.

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

Scan this code for Trapping Tips to Prevent the Accidental Capture of —and Injury to — Bobcat or visit NJFishandWildlife.com/qr/traptips.htm

Have You Seen This Cat?

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

Contact our agency if you have observed a bobcat:

- **Live and trail cam photos**—Complete a brief sighting report form: www.njfishandwildlife.com/ensp/rprtform.htm. *Data from south Jersey is of particular interest.*
- **Dead on the road**—call 1-877-WARN-DEP (877-927-6337) to report the carcass location.

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

New Jersey Migratory Bird Regulations

Major Changes for the 2020–2021 Season

- The brant season has increased to 50 days. The bag limit will remain at 2 birds.
- The scaup bag limit is reduced to 1 bird during the first 40 days, and 2 birds during the last 20 days, of the duck season in each zone.
- The gallinule daily bag limit is reduced to 1 bird.

Waterfowl Stamps

Both the New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Certification and Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) are required for all waterfowl hunters 16 years and older and must be signed in ink. New Jersey Stamp Certifications are available from license agents and from the Licenses and Permits button on Fish and Wildlife's website. Federal stamps are available from some U.S. post offices and online at www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp/buy-duck-stamp.php.

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

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

Harvest Information Program (HIP)

All hunters, including Apprentice License holders, must obtain an HIP certification **before** hunting ducks, geese, brant, coot, woodcock, rails, snipe or gallinules. Hunters may purchase an HIP certification **from a License Agent or Online at NJ.WildlifeLicense.com.** Both methods allow hunters to go hunting immediately after registering.

HIP certification should be carried in the hunter's license holder and are valid from Sept. 1 to April 15 the following year. Information collected for HIP is confidential and used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for conducting migratory bird harvest surveys.

Hunters: Report Banded Birds

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

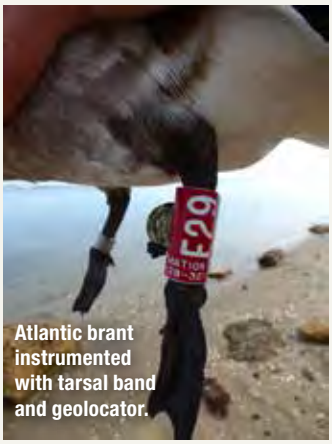
1. **Online:** reportband.gov
2. **Write:** to the address inscribed on the band.

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

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

Did you Harvest a Marked Atlantic Brant?

During winter 2018, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife initiated a multi-year collaborative Atlantic brant migration and breeding ecology study with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Canadian Wildlife Service and University of Missouri.



Atlantic brant instrumented with tarsal band and geolocator.

- If you shoot or find dead a brant with a geolocator or backpack transmitter, contact Ted Nichols at (609) 628-3218 or e-mail ted.nichols@dep.nj.gov to return the device(s). To obtain data from a geolocator, we must have the device in hand. Geolocators are clear, plastic electronics about the size of a "fat nickel," attached to a red and white plastic leg band with a plastic cable lock tie. Hunters who want to retain a geolocator or transmitter as a keepsake will be provided with a replica unit.
- If you see a brant with a colored leg band: Please report the observation to U.S. Bird Banding Lab at REPORTBAND.GOV.
- If a bird with leg band only is shot or found dead: Please report to U.S. Bird Banding Lab at REPORTBAND.GOV.

Your cooperation and interest is appreciated. For more information on this study, see www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2019/brantstudy19.htm.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days

Youth hunters must possess a valid Youth Firearms License—OR be less than 16 years of age and qualified to hunt without a license under the farmer license exemption (see page 8)—to hunt the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days as detailed on page 18.

Summary of Federal Regulations

The following is a synopsis of Federal Regulations that pertain to the hunting of migratory game birds. More information can be found at: www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/waterfowl_federal_regs.pdf or by calling the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Office at (908) 787-1321.

No persons shall take migratory game birds:

- By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. **Baiting** means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them. **Baited area** means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.
- With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machinegun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance;
- With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells. **Exceptions: In New Jersey, shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells are permitted during the September Canada goose season and the Light Goose Conservation Order.**
- From or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;
- From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance;
- From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress there from has ceased. Exception: crippled birds may be shot from craft under power in the Special Sea Duck Area.
- By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl;
- By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds. **Exceptions: In New Jersey, hunters can use electronic calls during: crow season, September Canada goose season and the Light Goose Conservation Order.**
- By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird.

Tagging requirement—No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

Custody of birds of another—No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

Species identification requirement—No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons, unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.

New Jersey State Regulations

State laws and regulations may be more stringent but not more lenient than those prescribed in federal regulations (50 CFR Part 20).

Restrictions:

a. **Migratory bird hunting is not permitted on Sunday in New Jersey.**
b. No person may take rails or snipe while possessing shot other than non-toxic shot.
c. The starting time to hunt waterfowl on opening day of pheasant season (Nov. 7, 2020) is 8 a.m. on wildlife management areas stocked with pheasant and quail except the tidal waters or marshes of those WMAs. See page 50 for pheasant and quail stocked WMAs. The starting time to hunt waterfowl on opening day of the pheasant season conforms to the regular start time (e.g. 1/2 hr. before sunrise) on private

Nontoxic Shot Regulations

In New Jersey, no person may take ducks, geese, brant, coots, rails, snipe or moorhens while possessing shot other than approved non-toxic shot which includes: steel, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron-polymer, bismuth-tin, copper-clad iron, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron, corrosion-inhibited copper shot, and tungsten-tin-bismuth shot types. Shot size may not exceed Size T (0.200 inch) for waterfowl. See www.fws.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/hunting/nontoxic.php for more information. For crows and woodcock, shot size may not exceed Size #4 and although lead shot is permitted, hunters are encouraged to use non-toxic shot.

Hunting Hours

See page 73 for sunrise/sunset table.

- Duck, goose, brant, coot, rail, moorhen, snipe—**1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset**. For example, if sunrise is 6:30 a.m. and sunset is 5:00 p.m., hunting hours for these species are 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Woodcock—**sunrise to sunset**.
- Crow—**sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset**.
- September Canada Goose and the Spring Light Goose Conservation Order—**1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset**.

Waterfowl Blinds

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

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

Any blind used on these WMAs must be portable and completely removed by day's end. Blinds remaining on WMAs are subject to confiscation and disposal by Fish and Wildlife.

land, tidal marshes, WMAs not stocked with pheasant and quail, and the tidal marsh portions of pheasant and quail stocked WMAs.

d. There shall be **no open season** for hunting any game birds or animals including migratory waterfowl:
   - » In or on the shores of the Shark River in Monmouth County.
   - » In that portion of the Manasquan River from the ocean inlet upstream to Route 70 bridge.
   - » On Herring Island and that portion of Barnegat Bay lying between northern and southern tips of Herring Island easterly to adjacent shoreline of Mantoloking Boro, Ocean County.
   - » On Parker Creek and Oceanport Creek, Monmouth County, or the shores thereof, southwest or upstream of the Conrail R.R. bridge.
   - » On the **non-tidal portions** of Cox Hall Creek WMA in Cape May County.
   - » In the waters or shoreline of Barnegat Inlet westward from the COLREGS Demarcation Line; to the north end of Broadway in Barnegat Light; then northwest to Red Buoy 14 in the channel (39.763783 N; 074.109283 W); then northeast to the westernmost section of rock jetty at Island Beach State Park.

All migratory bird closure areas are described in detail at NJFishandWildlife.com/migbirdzones.htm

e. It is unlawful for any person to leave the edible portions (defined as the breast meat) of migratory birds (excepting crows) to waste. Edible portions (see illustration, page 22) do not include meat that has been damaged by the method of taking; bones, sinew and meat reasonably lost as a result of butchering, boning, or close trimming of bones; or viscera.

f. Waterfowl hunting on Delaware River is governed by state boundaries and restricted to respective state seasons.

g. Permanent blinds may not be constructed on some state wildlife management areas.

h. Arrows with flu-flu type fletching are required for taking *flying* game birds. Arrows with edged heads are prohibited for taking *flying* game birds.

2021 Spring Light Goose Conservation Order — Feb. 16–Apr. 3, 2021

1. Electronic calls are permitted.
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. A valid hunting license, federal and state duck stamps, HIP certification and NJ Light Goose Conservation Order (CO) Permit ($2) are required.
5. The NJ Light Goose CO Permit is available ONLY from the Internet sales site.

The light goose permit will not be available until January 2021. As part of the permit process, hunters will be required to report their activity and harvest as requested on the permit. Check the Division's web site in late winter for more details.

Falconry—Special season dates and bag limits apply. Contact NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife at (908) 735-6938.

Bill Klimas

Attention Waterfowl Hunters

Special Regulations Permitted During September Canada Goose Season, Sept. 1–30, 2020 Only

Special regulations designed to help curb the growth of resident population Canada geese.

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

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

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

Veterans/Active Military Waterfowl Hunting Days

Feb. 6 — Statewide joint Veterans/Military and Youth waterfowl hunt day

Feb. 13 — Statewide Veterans/Military ONLY waterfowl hunt day

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allowed states to choose special hunting days for Veterans and Active Military personnel in recognition of their service to our country. Waterfowl hunting outside the regular season is allowed on the day(s) officially designated as "Veterans/Active Military Waterfowl Day." New Jersey has two Veterans/Active Military Hunting Days, one of which runs concurrent with a special Youth Hunting Day.

Active Military includes members of Armed Forces on active duty, including National Guard and Reserves (other than active duty for training). Veterans includes those who served in the active military, naval or air service and who were discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. Participants in Veterans/Active Military Waterfowl Hunting Days must carry while hunting one of the documents which applies to their status to be eligible to participate:

1. Active military identification card
2. Copy of honorable discharge certificate DD-214

Bag limits for these days include ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots and gallinules. **Bag limits are the same as those allowed in the regular season in each zone except the scaup limit is 2 per day.**

FAQs for special veteran/active military and youth hunt days:
www.njfishandwildlife.com/yth-vet_waterfowl_day.htm.

Regulations in red are new this year.

Migratory Bird Zoned Hunting Seasons, 2020–21

Migratory Bird Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits[1]
North Zone		
Ducks, Mergansers and Coot	Oct. 10–Oct. 17 Nov. 7–Jan. 7	**Ducks:** 6 in aggregate from Duck Limits* below; **Mergansers**[2]: 5 **Coot:** 15
Scaup	Oct. 10–Oct. 17 Nov. 7–Dec. 15	1
	Dec. 16–Jan. 7	2
Brant	Oct. 10–Oct. 17 Nov. 7–Dec. 26	2
Canada Geese (Regular Season) — Singly or in aggregate to include Cackling and White-fronted Goose	Nov. 26–Nov. 28 Dec. 26–Jan. 26	2
Youth Only Waterfowl Hunt Days	Oct. 3	See footnote[3]
South Zone		
Ducks, Mergansers and Coot	Oct. 17–Oct. 24 Nov. 14–Jan. 14	**Ducks:** 6 in aggregate from Duck Limits* below; **Mergansers**[2]: 5 **Coot:** 15
Scaup	Oct. 17–Oct. 24 Nov. 14–Dec. 22	1
	Dec. 23–Jan. 14	2
Brant	Oct. 17–Oct. 24 Nov. 14–Jan. 2	2
Canada Geese (Regular Season) — Singly or in aggregate to include Cackling and White-fronted Goose	Nov. 26–Nov. 28 Dec. 26–Jan. 26	2
Youth Only Waterfowl Hunt Days	Oct. 10	See footnote[3]
Coastal Zone		
Ducks, Mergansers and Coot	Nov. 14–Nov. 17 Nov. 26–Jan. 30	**Ducks:** 6 in aggregate from Duck Limits* below; **Mergansers**[2]: 5 **Coot:** 15
Scaup	Nov. 14–Nov. 17 Nov. 26–Jan. 7	1
	Jan. 8 –Jan. 30	2
Brant	Nov. 14–Nov. 17 Nov. 26–Jan. 19	2
Canada Geese (Regular Season) — Singly or in aggregate to include Cackling and White-fronted Goose	Nov. 14–Nov. 17 Nov. 26–Jan. 30	2
Youth Only Waterfowl Hunt Days	Nov. 7	See footnote[3]

Migratory Bird Statewide Hunting Seasons

Migratory Bird Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits[1]
Canada Geese (September Season[4])	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15
Light Geese - Regular Season[5]	Oct. 16–Feb. 15	25, singly or in aggregate
Light Geese - Conservation Order[5]	Feb. 16–Apr. 3	No limit
Rail (Sora, Clapper and Virginia) and Gallinule	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Sora & Virginia rail: 25 total or aggregate; Gallinule:1; Clapper rail: 10
Snipe	Sept. 12–Jan. 14	8
Crow	Aug. 10–Dec. 5 Dec. 14–Mar. 20 Mon., Thur., Fri., Sat. Only	No limit
Youth and Veterans/Military Day	Feb. 6	See footnote[3]
Veterans/Military **Only** Day	Feb. 13	See footnote[3]

***Ducks Limits** – 6 ducks in aggregate and may not include more than:

Black duck - 2	Canvasback - 2	Long-tailed duck - 4	Ring-necked duck - 6	Wigeon - 6
Black-bellied whistling duck - 6	Eider - 4	Mallard - 2 (including no more than 1 hen)	Ruddy duck - 6	Wood duck - 3
	Gadwall - 6		Scaup - See above.	
Blue-winged teal - 6	Goldeneye - 6	Pintail - 1	Scoter - 4	
Bufflehead - 6	Green-winged teal - 6	Redhead - 2	Shoveler - 6	

1 **Possession Limits:** three times the daily limit for all species during each of the corresponding seasons. Exceptions: light geese and crows have no possession limit.

2 **Mergansers** including common, red breasted and hooded, in aggregate of which only 2 may be hooded. Merganser limits are in addition to duck limits. See ***Duck Limits***, above.

3 Includes ducks, geese, brant, merganser, coot and gallinule. Bag limits are same as allowed in regular season in each zone except scaup which is 2 scaup per day.

4 See special regulations only for **September Canada goose** hunting, page 61.

5 Light geese include greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese

Migratory Bird Zones

All migratory bird zones are described in detail at NJFishandWildlife.com/migbirdzones.htm

Waterfowl Zones

Applies to hunting duck, coot, merganser, regular season Canada goose, brant, regular season light goose and Youth Waterfowl Days.

Coastal Zone: That portion of the State seaward of a line beginning at the New York State line in Raritan Bay and extending west along the New York State line to NJ 440 at Perth Amboy; west on NJ 440 to the Garden State Parkway; south on the Garden State Parkway to NJ 109; south on NJ 109 to Cape May County Rt. 633 (Lafayette St.); south on Lafayette St. to Jackson St.; south on Jackson St. to the shoreline at Cape May; west along the shoreline of Cape May beach to COLREGS Demarcation Line 80.503 at Cape May Point; south along COLREGS Demarcation Line 80.503 to the Delaware state line in Delaware Bay.

North Zone: That portion of the State west of the Coastal Zone and north of a line extending west from the Garden State Parkway on NJ 70 to the NJ Turnpike, north on the turnpike to U.S. 206, north on U.S. 206 to U.S. 1 at Trenton, west on U.S. 1 to the Pennsylvania State line in the Delaware River.

South Zone: Portion of the State not within the North Zone or the Coastal Zone.

Special Sea Duck Zone

Waters of the Atlantic Ocean seaward from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) Demarcation Lines (jetty and inlet mouths). For more detailed information see: www.njfishandwildlife.com/migbirdzones.htm.

Woodcock Zones

North Zone—North of Rt. 70.

South Zone—South of Rt. 70.

Special Winter Canada Goose Season Hunting Areas

The two hatched areas are open to hunting. Scan this QR code with your mobile device or visit NJFishandWildlife.com/qr/migbirdzones.htm for detailed Special Winter Canada Goose Season hunting areas and all migratory bird hunting zone boundaries.

Other Migratory Bird Seasons

Migratory Bird Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits[1]
Woodcock - North Zone	Oct. 17–Oct. 31 Nov. 3–Nov. 28	3
Woodcock - South Zone	Nov. 7–Dec. 1 Dec. 17–Jan. 2	3
Sea Ducks in Special Sea Duck Zone Only[2] (Black, Surf and White-winged Scoter; Long-tailed Duck and Eider only)	Nov. 7–Jan. 15	5, but no more than 4 scoters in aggregate, 4 long-tailed ducks or 4 eiders
Sea Ducks Outside Special Sea Duck Season	Same as ducks by zone	Count toward the bag limit of 6 ducks
Canada Geese (Special Winter Season Zones) — Singly or in aggregate to include Cackling and White-fronted Goose	Jan. 27–Feb. 15	5
Swans, harlequin duck, king rail, sandhill crane and mourning dove	Closed	No Season

1 **Possession Limits:** three times the daily limit for all species during each of the corresponding seasons. Exceptions: light geese and crows have no possession limit.

2 **Special Sea Duck Zone:** All New Jersey coastal waters seaward from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) Demarcation Lines shown on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Nautical Charts and further described in 33 CFR 80 Districts 1 and 5.

New Jersey Waterfowlers Clinic — CANCELED for 2020

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

Forty 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 youths, the event has been transformed into an opportunity for anyone 10 and up to spend a fun and interesting day learning about waterfowling!

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

- **Free breakfast and lunch to all attending!**
- **Date:** Canceled for 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns
- **Location:** Tip Seaman Park, Tuckerton, NJ
- **Time:**

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

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

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, metal detecting, swimming, picnicking and the use of unmanned aerial vehicles known as drones.

Wildlife management area (WMA) regulation violations carry 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.**

For special WMA permits that allow for activities otherwise prohibited on WMAs, write 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 (for the waterbodies listed below), or a photocopy of a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license with your Conservation ID number clearly displayed. For privacy, all other personal information may be blacked out. The boat ramp maintenance permit fee is $15, available from license agents or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site. For more information see: NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

Persons 70 years and older do not need a boat ramp maintenance permit or a license, but must affix to their window proof of age, such as a former license displaying your date of birth.

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

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

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

Any person releasing partridge or pheasant for dog training must have a game bird receipt in their possession. Additional regulations involving 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 apply. **For a link to maps showing the dog training areas on these select WMAs, go to www.NJFishandWildlife.com/dogtrain.htm.** 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. 4, 2020.

Horseback Riding

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

Hunting Regulations

Firearm hunting on wildlife management areas on the day prior to the opening of the regular small game season for pheasants and quail is allowed.

The quail season is closed statewide with the exception of the Peaslee and Greenwood WMAs. See *Areas Open to Quail Hunting*, page 50.

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 .177 and .22 caliber rimfire or .177 through .25 caliber centerfire rifle ammo is allowed on WMAs. See Coyote/Fox ammo chart on page 48 for additional restrictions.

The use of air guns to hunt rabbit and squirrel is allowed on WMAs. See *Air Guns* page 21, and *Squirrel, Regular Season* on page 49.

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 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. For mountain bike and paddleboard regulations, visit our website.

Outboard Motors

Only electric motors are allowed on freshwater lakes and ponds on WMAs 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. A boat license and New Jersey boat safety certificate are required to operate a power vessel on non-tidal waters of New Jersey. A boat license is not required for non-powered vessels.

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 unless a user brings their own target;
- **Muzzleloader Rifle Range:** for sighting in with shotgun slugs or buckshot, .177 or .22 caliber rimfire and airgun rifles and muzzleloaders; no other firearms allowed.
- **Centerfire Rifle Range:** See page 65 for a list of ranges and requirements for sighting in with shotgun slugs or buckshot, .177 or .22 caliber rimfire and air guns, muzzleloader and centerfire rifles up to and including .30 caliber; no other firearms allowed.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or Drones

The use of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) or drone is prohibited on WMAs. A UAV is computer-controlled for nearly their entire flight either autonomously or by remote control by a pilot and has the capacity for autonomous flight and navigation. See *Drones*, page 20, for additional regulations.

Waterfowl Blinds

All waterfowl hunting blinds, except for those blinds constructed by Fish and Wildlife for agency-sanctioned waterfowl hunting program, on state wildlife management areas, including those constructed by a hunter, shall be available for public use on a first-come, first-served basis. No permanent waterfowl blinds, including pit blinds, shall be constructed, hunted from or used in any manner on any of the following WMAs:

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

Any blind used in these WMAs must be portable and shall be completely removed at the day's end. Blinds remaining in WMAs are subject to confiscation and disposal by Fish and Wildlife.

Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Ranges

- All WMA regulations apply.
- All ranges, with the exception of the Black River range, 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 tips only. NO broadheads allowed on any WMA range, regardless of the target used.
- **Muzzleloading rifle range:** muzzleloading firearms, shotguns (rifled slug, buckshot), modern rimfire rifles (**.177, .22 caliber**) and air guns in calibers legal for hunting are allowed.
- No handguns - Centerfire rifles are permitted at the Clinton, Colliers Mills and Millville ranges only.

NOTICE: Range Renovations, Closures
Muzzleloader ranges scheduled for renovation include Colliers Mills and Stafford Forge WMAs. Portions of these ranges may be open occasionally during the process. Shotgun ranges are open but cannot accommodate air guns, shotgun slugs, buckshot or rifles of any type. Plan ahead for sighting in and practice prior to the hunting seasons! The renovations—including ***covered shooting stations, new benches and berm enhancements***—are based on NRA guidelines. Check our website for schedule updates and closures: NJFishandWildlife.com/ranges.htm.

Range Descriptions

Range Designation	Allowable Firearm/Archery Equipment	Shot/Projectile Type	Target Type
Archery Range	Cross, Compound, Recurve, and Long Bows	Field Tip Only	Bag Target, provided by NJDFW
		Broadhead	Bag or 3-D target, provided by user
Shotgun Range	All gauges legal for hunting in NJ	Fine Shot Only	Clay birds, patterning boards
Muzzleloader Rifle Range	Muzzleloader and Shotgun	Rifle/Sabot Slugs, Buckshot	Paper targets
	Rimfire Rifles (.17 and .22 Caliber)	Rimfire ammunition	Spinnning , paper targets
	Air guns (.177 and .22 Caliber)	Pellet	Spinnning , paper targets
Centerfire Rifle	Centerfire Rifle ≤ .30 Caliber	Single projectile	Paper targets
	Muzzleloader and Shotgun	Rifle/Sabot Slugs, Buckshot	Paper targets
	Rimfire Rifles (.17 and .22 Caliber)	Rimfire ammunition	Spinnning , paper targets
	Air guns (.177 and .22 Caliber)	Pellet	Spinnning , paper targets

Ranges by Region

County	Wildlife Mangement Area	Archery Range	Shotgun Range	Muzzleloader Rifle Range	Centerfire Rifle	Location
Northern Region						
Hunterdon	Clinton	✓	✓		✓ (100 Yards)*	Rt. 173 W, Clinton
Morris	Black River	✓	✓*			Rt. 513 (Dover-Chester Rd.), Chester
Sussex	Flatbrook	✓	✓	✓ (75 yards)		Rt. 615, Layton
Warren	Pequest	✓				Pequest Rd., Oxford
Central Region						
Monmouth	Assunpink	✓	✓*			Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd., Upper Freehold Twp.
	Turkey Swamp	✓*				Georgia Rd., Freehold Twp.
Ocean	Colliers Mills	✓			✓ (100 Yards)	Off Colliers Mills and Hawkins Rds., Jackson Twp.
	Stafford Forge	✓	✓	✓ (100 Yards)		Off Rt. 539, south of Warren Grove, Little Egg Harbor Twp.
Southern Region						
Atlantic	Makepeace Lake		✓	✓ (100 Yards)*		Elmwood-Weymouth Rd., Weymouth
Gloucester	Winslow	✓				Piney Hollow Rd., Monroe Twp.
Cape May	Tuckahoe	✓				Off Tuckahoe Rd. (Rt.631), Tuckahoe
Cumberland	Millville	✓	✓		✓ (50 and 200 Yards)	Ackley Rd. (Rt. 718), Millville

* See range-specific restrictions below.

Range-specific Restrictions

NORTHERN REGION

Hunterdon County

CLINTON WMA

- All target frames must measure a minimum 30 inches from base to 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 eliminates the risk of ricochet to ensure all projectiles are collected in the berm behind the 100 yard target.
- Spinner type targets for **.177** and .22 caliber **firearms** MUST be placed directly at the base of the 25 yard berm to direct all bullets into the berm. These targets are not to be used at other yardage or target mound placements.

Morris County

BLACK RIVER WMA

- 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 are not affected by range hours.

CENTRAL REGION

Monmouth County

ASSUNPINK WMA

- **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.)

SOUTHERN REGION

Atlantic County

MAKEPEACE LAKE WMA

Elmwood-Weymouth Rd., Weymouth

- **Target requirements:** bottom of paper target in a frame **must be at least 30 inches above the ground.** Only place target frame ***on top of a mound*** at the 25, 50 or 75 yard lines. This minimum target height eliminates risk of ricochets, ensuring all projectiles are collected in the berm behind the 100-yard target.
- Spinner type targets for **.177** and .22 caliber **firearms** MUST be placed directly at the base of the 25 yard berm to direct all bullets into the berm. Do not use these targets at other yardage or target mound placements.

Garden State Deer Classic

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See page 67.

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To locate an official measurer to score your white-tail, visit our website at www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/deer_scorers.pdf.

Deer will not be measured at the Deer Classic.

See entry details on page 67.

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Joining the program's regular Open Division is a **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** category requirements by 10 or 20 pounds for doe and buck, respectively. (See table below for minimum entry requirements.)

Legally harvested deer must be taken under the Boone and Crockett-defined rules of fair chase. Deer taken from enclosed hunting lands are not eligible.

Applications are due Nov. 1 — NO EXCEPTIONS. No entry fee.

All deer must be scored by an official measurer. Visit our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm for program background, rules, score/entry forms plus a **list of official measurers**. (See page bottom at *Entering the Outstanding Deer Program*. Follow link at second page bottom.)

Don't wait for the approaching deadline to schedule with an official measurer. Racks waiting at the taxidermy shop can be "borrowed" for scoring then returned to the taxidermist for mounting. A rack is easier and safer to transport and measure than a mount. **Ask your taxidermist to have the mount completed by Dec. 31 to be ready for the January Deer Classic.** (See page 66.)

Weight categories recognize exceptional body size as determined by the **field-dressed weight, all vitals removed**. See chart for minimum eligible weights. 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 signature proof, as above.

Any properly licensed hunter, resident or non-resident, is eligible to enter their deer ***harvested from the previous year's hunting seasons***. Deer must be taken in accordance with New Jersey wildlife laws and regulations.

Official entry consists of the original score sheet, hunter information page plus a clear photo of the hunter with their deer, preferably a field photo from the day of harvest. Forms with instructions are available on Fish and Wildlife's website NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm.

For questions, email Fish and Wildlife at NJFishandWildlife@dep.nj.gov or call (908) 637-4125. **Qualifying entries for deer harvested during the 2019–20 hunting seasons will be recognized at the 2021 Garden State Deer Classic.**

Join Fish and Wildlife in celebrating New Jersey's outstanding white-tailed deer at the January at the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show in Edison. See ad on page 66 for more information.

The table at right lists the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2020 Garden State Deer Classic which **showcased outstanding deer taken during the 2018–19 deer hunting seasons, not the most recent 2019–20 hunting seasons.** These deer will be honored at the January 2021 Deer Classic and printed in next year's *2021 Hunting & Trapping Digest*.

2020 Garden State Deer Classic Winners*

	Rank	Name	Score/Weight	DMZ	Hometown
Youth Division	**Youth – Typical Crossbow**				
	1st	Alexandra Margelis	120 3/4	14	Hillsborough
	Youth Typical Shotgun				
	1st	Dylan N. Pastuck	145 1/2	31	Cape May Ct House
	Youth Non-typical Crossbow				
	1st	Levi Mains	132 5/8	15	Millstone
	Youth Non-typical Muzzleloader				
	1st	Chris Hulsman	169 1/4	6	Stanhope
	135 Pound Doe Shotgun				
Open Division	1st	Edward J. Mitana, II	136 Pounds	27	Gibbstown
	200 Pound Buck Crossbow				
	1st	Michael S. Novak	225 Pounds	5	Lake Hopatcong
	2nd	Keith Malespina	212 Pounds	14	Trenton
	Typical Muzzleloader				
	1st	David Van Selous	138 5/8	41	Pennington
	2nd	Jason Smith	133 7/8	28	Elmer
	3rd	Jeff Schlump	132 1/2	35	Pedricktown
	Typical Shotgun				
	1st	Marty French	150 1/8	7	Ringoes
	2nd	Zachary Wallace	138 5/8	48	Lumberton
	3rd	Gerry DuMont	129 1/2	7	Lebanon
	Non-typical Shotgun				
	1st	Robert Lanza	149 5/8	5	Hewitt
	2nd	Rick Gangemi	135 1/4	48	Burlington
	Typical Crossbow				
	1st	Sal Gaccione	149 7/8	12	Bedminster
	2nd	Michael R. Beltrone, Jr.	142 5/8	2	Highland Lakes
	3rd	Michael Liberi	139 0/8	49	Sicklerville
	Non-typical Crossbow				
	1st	Anthony Marabuto	151 7/8	15	Cream Ridge
	Typical Archery				
	1st	Melvin Sliker, Jr.	143 1/2	2	Wantage
	2nd	Chris Schmidt	140 1/2	15	Manalapan
	3rd	Matt Winemiller	139 1/4	51	Wall
	Non-typical Archery				
	1st	Rick Dunk	137 1/2	15	Millstone
	Velvet Non-typical Archery				
	1st	Ryan Polhemus	153 1/4	17	New Egypt

* For deer harvested during the 2018–19 hunting seasons.

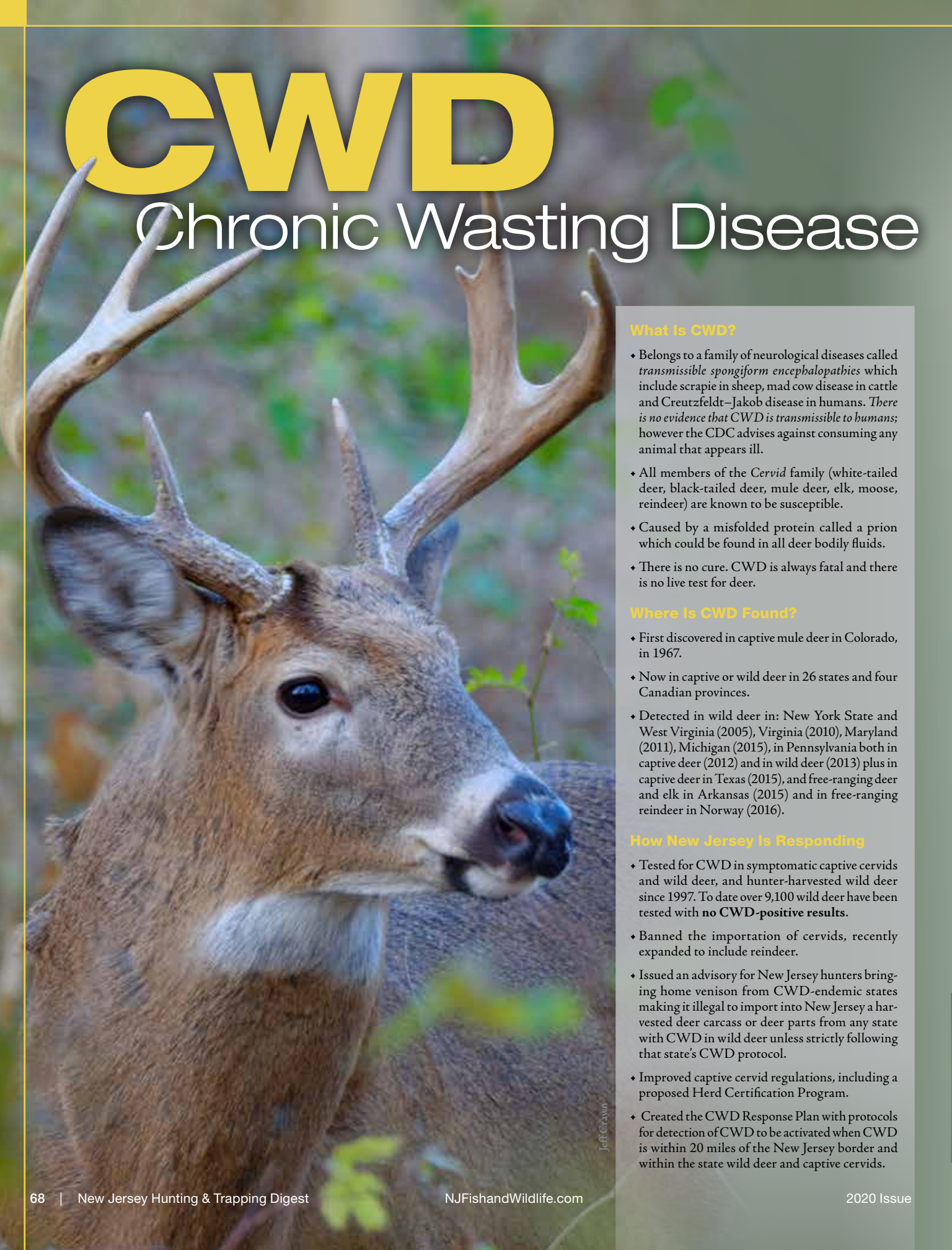
Levi Mains

First Place winner in the Youth Non-typical Crossbow category at the 2020 Garden State Deer Classic is Levi Mains of Millstone, whose buck scored 132 5/8. Congratulations!

Outstanding Deer Program Minimum Requirements

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

CWD
Chronic Wasting Disease



Jeff Crawn

What Is CWD?

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

Where Is CWD Found?

- First discovered in captive mule deer in Colorado, in 1967.
- Now in captive or wild deer in 26 states and four Canadian provinces.
- Detected in wild deer in: New York State and West Virginia (2005), Virginia (2010), Maryland (2011), Michigan (2015), in Pennsylvania both in captive deer (2012) and in wild deer (2013) plus in captive deer in Texas (2015), and free-ranging deer and elk in Arkansas (2015) and in free-ranging reindeer in Norway (2016).

How New Jersey Is Responding

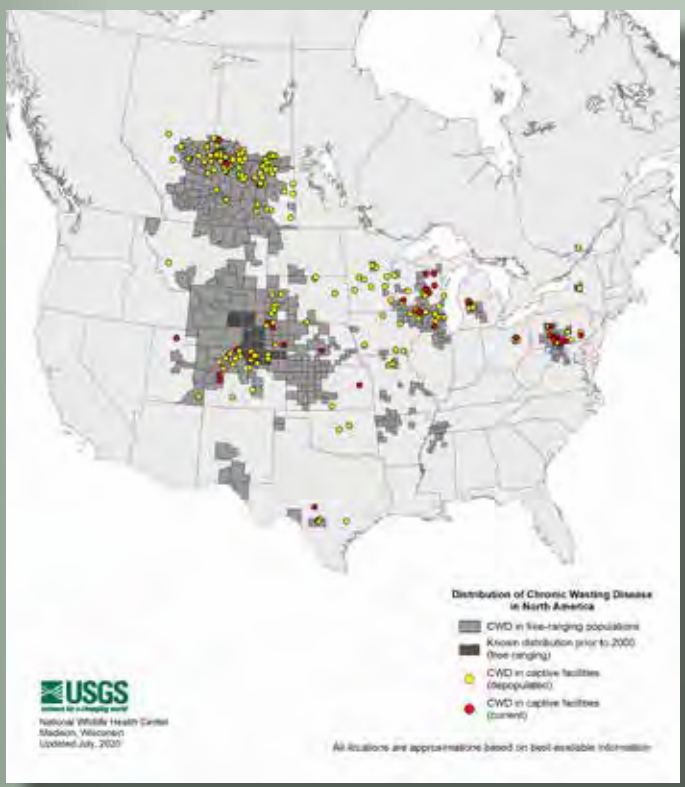
- Tested for CWD in symptomatic captive cervids and wild deer, and hunter-harvested wild deer since 1997. To date over 9,100 wild deer have been tested with **no CWD-positive results**.
- Banned the importation of cervids, recently expanded to include reindeer.
- Issued an advisory for New Jersey hunters bringing home venison from CWD-endemic states making it illegal to import into New Jersey a harvested deer carcass or deer parts from any state with CWD in wild deer unless strictly following that state's CWD protocol.
- Improved captive cervid regulations, including a proposed Herd Certification Program.
- Created the CWD Response Plan with protocols for detection of CWD to be activated when CWD is within 20 miles of the New Jersey border and within the state wild deer and captive cervids.

Attention!

Urine-Based Deer Lures Advisory

The DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife recommends the use of synthetic, non-urine-based scents or lures for deer hunting. The infectious prions which cause Chronic Wasting Disease can be spread through urine-based lures. Studies have shown the prions can survive for years in contaminated soils and the environment. Urine-based scents and lures are not treated to kill the prions as heat or chemical treatments would also reduce the desired scent characteristics. Hunters using urine-based scents should place them in areas out of contact with deer, the ground or vegetation.

▶▶ Chronic Wasting Disease in North America



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

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

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Fran DiDonato, Univ. Missouri

By Ted Nichols, Supervising Wildlife Biologist

Fish and Wildlife is working on a multi-year Atlantic brant study in collaboration with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Canadian Wildlife Service, and University of Missouri. Check out our video of a study bird's 1000-mile, 2020 spring migration to James Bay at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jZwXsbAL5w&feature=youtu.be

New York DEC

Over 2,300 Atlantic brant have been marked with various auxiliary bands or transmitters gathering data to achieve study objectives. Further details on study objectives and marker types can be found on Fish and Wildlife's website at: www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2019/brantstudy19.htm

Michael Stolzman

Brant handling in New Jersey

Can Your Property Support Quail?

If your property is potential quail habitat, you may be eligible for financial or technical assistance through Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Working Lands for Wildlife to help cost-share quail habitat establishment or improvements. Quail Forever, NRCS and New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife teamed up to establish quail habitat on private lands in South Jersey. To establish or improve your own quail habitat – which also benefits multiple declining, threatened and endangered birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and pollinators – contact Austin Damminger at (856) 649-4641 or adamminger@quailforever.org.

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The tournament is sponsored by NJDEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and Division of Parks and Forestry, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Jersey Coast Anglers Association and New Jersey Beach Buggy Association.

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PUBLIC DEER HUNTING LAND IN NEW JERSEY

Due to COVID-19, prior to hunting these lands, hunters should visit the website of the property owner/manager to confirm that access is open.

NEW JERSEY HAS more than 750,000 acres of public land available to the deer hunter. This list is arranged by deer management zone for public land open to deer hunting. Generally, only areas with 100 acres or more of upland habitat are listed. State parks and forests that allow hunting may have some sections which are closed to hunting. Some areas allow deer hunting only during certain seasons, require an access fee or have other special regulations. Refer to the *Digest* section *Special Areas Hunting Season Information* page 38 or contact the appropriate authority for details. See page 75 for hunting opportunities on national wildlife refuges in New Jersey.

Remember: Hunters must have permission to hunt agricultural land even if the land is not posted. Hunters should obtain permission before hunting any private property. Hunters are advised not to purchase a deer permit for a zone in which they have no place to hunt.

Updates since last year are noted below in red.

Use the **Deer Location Viewer** to help identify these sites: www.njfishandwildlife.com/ahrs_deer_viewer.htm.

Zone Public Land Open to Deer Hunting

1
- Bear Swamp WMA
- Flatbrook—Roy WMA
- Hainesville WMA
- Stokes State Forest

2
- Kittatinny Valley State Park
- Paulinskill WMA
- Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- Wawayanda State Park

3
- Abram Hewitt State Forest
- Hamburg Mountain WMA
- Long Pond Ironworks State Park
- Newark Watershed (see *Special Areas*)
- Norvin Green State Forest
- Ramapo Mountain State Forest
- Ringwood State Park
- Wawayanda State Park

4
- Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
- Flatbrook—Roy WMA
- Stokes State Forest
- Walpack WMA
- Worthington State Forest

5
- Beaver Brook WMA
- Columbia WMA
- Honey Run WMA
- Jenny Jump State Forest
- Paulinskill WMA
- Swartswood State Park
- Trout Brook WMA
- White Lake WMA
- Whittingham WMA

6
- Allamuchy Mountain State Park
- Berkshire Valley WMA
- Farny State Park
- Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- Newark Watershed (see *Special Areas*)
- Rockaway River WMA
- Sparta Mountain WMA
- Weldon Brook WMA
- Wildcat Ridge WMA

7
- Buckhorn Creek WMA
- Clinton WMA
- Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Union Forge Preserve, Tower Hill Reserve (see *Special Areas*)
- Musconetcong River WMA
- Spruce Run Recreation Area

8
- Allamuchy Mountain State Park
- Black River WMA
- Hacklebarney State Park
- Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Cold Brook Preserve, Teetertown Ravine Nature Preserve, Point Mountain Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA
- Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- Musconetcong River WMA
- Pequest WMA
- Rockport WMA
- South Branch WMA
- Voorhees State Park

9
- Black River WMA
- Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)

10
- Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Musconetcong Gorge, the Drag Strip Property, Hoffman Park, Schick Reserve, South Branch Reservation, Uplands Reserve (see *Special Areas*)
- Musconetcong River WMA

11
- Horseshoe Bend Park—Kingwood Township (see *Special Areas*)
- Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Lockatong Nature Preserve, the Case Farm, Wescott Nature Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- Lockatong WMA

12
- Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Cushetunk Mountain Park, Sourland Mountain Nature Preserve, Deer Path Park, South Branch Reservation (see *Special Areas*)
- Mercer County Parks—Pole Farm Section
- Round Valley Recreation Area
- South Branch WMA

13
- Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)

14
- Assunpink WMA (Robbinsville Twp section only)
- Pigeon Swamp State Park
- Six Mile Run Reservoir State Park (see *Special Areas*)

15
- Assunpink WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Charleston Springs Golf Course, Perrineville Lake Park (see *Special Areas*)

16
- Butterfly Bogs WMA
- Turkey Swamp WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Bear Swamp Tract of Manasquan Reservoir, Howell Park Golf Course, Turkey Swamp Park, Yellowbrook Tract of Manasquan River Linear Park (see *Special Areas*)

17
- Colliers Mills WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Clayton Park, Crosswicks Creek Park (see *Special Areas*)
- Pleasant Run WMA
- Prospertown Lake WMA

18
- Colliers Mills WMA
- Manchester WMA
- Whiting WMA

19
- Medford WMA
- Wharton State Forest

21
- Double Trouble State Park
- Forked River Mountain WMA
- Greenwood Forest WMA
- Lebanon State Forest

22
- Bass River State Forest

23
- Wharton State Forest

24
- Bass River State Forest
- Penn State Forest
- Stafford Forge WMA
- Swan Bay WMA
- Warren Grove Recreation Area
- Wharton State Forest

25
- Cedar Lake WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Penbryn Pond WMA
- Wharton State Forest
- White Oak Branch WMA
- Upper Great Egg Harbor Greenway

26
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Hammonton Creek WMA
- Makepeace Lake WMA
- Port Republic WMA

27
- Salem River WMA
- Thundergut Pond WMA

28
- Buckshutem WMA
- Elmer Lake WMA
- Parvin State Park
- Union Lake WMA

29
- Bayside PSE&G Tract (see *Special Areas*)
- Cohansey River WMA
- Gum Tree Corner WMA
- Mad Horse Creek WMA
- Maskells Mill Pond WMA
- Stowe Creek State Park

30
- Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15–Aug. 1)
- Dix WMA
- Egg Island WMA
- Fortescue WMA
- Nantuxent WMA
- New Sweden WMA

31
- Millville WMA
- Buckshutem WMA

34
- Beaver Swamp WMA
- Belleplain State Forest
- Cape May Coastal Wetlands WMA
- Cape May National Wildlife Refuge
- Dennis Creek WMA
- Heislerville WMA
- Higbee Beach WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA
- Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve (see *Special Areas*)

35
- D.O.D. Ponds
- Harrisonville Lake WMA

36
- Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)

37
- Fort Dix Military Reservation (see *Special Areas*)

38
- Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)

39
- No public deer hunting land

41
- Alexauken Creek WMA
- Mercer County Parks—Baldpate (Kuser) Mountain
- Mercer County Parks—Howell Living History Farm

42
- Port Republic WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA

43
- Millville (Bevan) WMA

45
- Menantico Ponds WMA
- Peaslee WMA

46
- Gibson Creek WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA (Lenape Farms Tract)
- Maple Lake WMA (Lenape Farms Tract)
- Peaslee WMA

47
- Peaslee WMA

48
- Rancocas State Park (see *Special Areas*)

49
- No public deer hunting land

50
- Cheesequake State Park
- Monmouth County Park System—Hartshorne Woods Park, Tatum Park, Thompson Park, Big Brook Park, Huber Woods, the Ramanessin Section of Holmdel Park (see *Special Areas*)

51
- Allaire State Park
- Manasquan River WMA
- Manahawkin WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Shark River Park, Rt. 33 Tract and Shark River Park—East of Remsen Mill Rd. (see *Special Areas*)

53
- Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (see *Special Areas*)

54
- No public deer hunting land

55
- Glassboro WMA

56
- Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)

57
- Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)

58
- Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)

61
- Atlantic County Park System (see *Special Areas*)

63
- Abbotts Meadow WMA
- Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)

64
- Monmouth Battlefield State Park (see *Special Areas*)

65
- Winslow WMA
- White Oak Branch WMA

66
- Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (see *Special Areas*)

67
- High Point State Park (see *Special Areas*)

68
- Franklin Parker Preserve (see Special Areas)

70
- Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)

Maps Available

Maps and information on hunting land is also available from the following sources:

Wildlife Management Area Maps
Free download. Maps and information on lands administered by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. Both topographic and road maps available. *NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaland.htm* Photocopies also available of individual WMA maps on USGS base. Free. Specify which WMA. NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife, WMA Map Request MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 (609) 984-0547.

NJ Hunting and Trapping Zone Maps Now Online!
New this season are hunting and trapping zone maps for deer, bear, waterfowl, turkey, beaver/otter plus other species. Maps are available at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt-trap_zones.htm.

USGS Topographic Maps
Free download. Topo quads available. *www.state.nj.us/dep/njgs/pricelst/usgsbase.htm*

State Parks and Forests Maps
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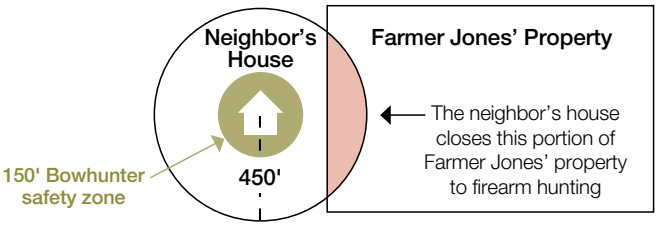
SAFETY ZONE Awareness: Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

NEW JERSEY HUNTERS enjoy many types of hunting, numerous days afield and generous bag limits. But development and other human encroachment on the forests and fields of the Garden State has changed both wildlife habitat and land suitable for hunting, such that SAFETY ZONE awareness is even more critical for hunters.

What is a SAFETY ZONE?

- The firearm SAFETY ZONE is the area within 450 feet of a building or school playground, even if not occupied. For bowhunters, the SAFETY ZONE around buildings is 150 feet **but remains 450 feet from a school playground**. See *Safety Zone*, page 22.
- The SAFETY ZONE is the place where you, the hunter, cannot carry a loaded firearm or nocked arrow unless you have written permission in hand.
- The SAFETY ZONE was established by legislation in 1946 as an area to place some physical distance, a buffer, between hunters and homeowners.
- The SAFETY ZONE could be land where there is suitable wildlife habitat for adaptable species, like the white-tailed deer, cottontail rabbit and Canada goose.
- The SAFETY ZONE is not a magic shield and cannot stop a misdirected projectile from entering the area around a home.



What can you do to heighten your SAFETY ZONE awareness?

1. Post SAFETY ZONE signs.
2. Talk with landowners.
3. Scout hunting property annually to be aware of new construction or other changes.
4. Hunt SMART and remind your hunting partners to Hunt SMART.
5. Know the law. Know the land.

Remember, failure to hunt safely and responsibly is inexcusable. Always be a responsible hunter. Always be aware of your surroundings, the target and what may lie beyond the target. The principles of good conduct learned at your hunter education course are called into practice every time you hunt.

Take special care hunting on "high visibility" property, habitat where our adaptable wildlife species—especially white-tailed deer—are flourishing. Here, hunter conduct will be watched closely; the image we portray can have a great impact on the tolerance for our sport. Hunting these *Special Areas* carries added responsibility for you, as a hunter, to exercise restraint and make superior judgment decisions.

Hunting Opportunities on New Jersey's National Wildlife Refuges: 2020–21 Hunting Seasons

Hunting on national wildlife refuges is not permitted unless specifically opened as listed below. ***No Sunday hunting on national wildlife refuges.*** **Due to COVID-19, before hunting these lands, visit the refuge website to confirm that access is open.**

Cape May NWR

24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
(609) 463-0994; fws.gov/refuge/cape_may/

- **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 41.**
- **Migratory game birds except crow—on refuge lands north of Rt. 550 or west of Rt. 47**
- **Turkey, rabbit and squirrel hunting in select areas only.**

No refuge permit is required. Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

Great Swamp NWR

32 Pleasant Plains Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
(973) 425-0215 ext. 1; https://greatswamp.recaccess.com/

- **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 42.**

In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a Refuge permit for $26 ($13 for holders of a Senior, Golden Age, Access, or Golden Access pass; youths are free with a valid New Jersey youth hunting license).

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR

800 Great Creek Rd., Oceanville, NJ 08231-0072;
(609) 652-1665; www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/

- **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 41.**
- **Waterfowl**
- **Turkey (spring only) and squirrel hunting in select areas only.**

Information can be obtained at the refuge, at dispensers, at the headquarters, on the refuge website, or through the mail. An Annual Refuge Hunting Permit is required to hunt all seasons. Go to https://forsythe.recaccess.com/# to buy a permit. Interactive and hard copy maps and information can be obtained on the refuge website.

Supawna Meadows NWR

c/o Cape May NWR, 24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210, (609) 463-0994; www.fws.gov/refuge/supawna_meadows/

- **Deer—Bowhunting only. Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 42.**
- **Waterfowl**

Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

Wallkill River NWR

1547 County Rt. 565, Sussex, NJ 07461-4013; (973) 702-7266;
www.fws.gov/refuge/wallkill_river/

- **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 42.**
- **Migratory Birds except crow**
- **Turkey, spring and fall (Zone 5)**
- **Black bear—Segment A and Segment B**
- **Small game—squirrel and rabbit only**

Note: the refuge is closed to Sunday hunting.

In addition to required state licenses, hunters must purchase a Refuge hunt permit(s) at https://wallkillriver.recaccess.com (Discounts for Senior, Golden Age, Access, or Golden Access pass and youths with a valid New Jersey youth hunting license).

- **Additional hunting opportunities**
  - » **Hunters with Disabling Conditions:** A Disabled Hunter Area exists at 119 Owens Station Rd. Sussex, NJ (see refuge hunt map). Hunters must possess a valid NJ Permit to Hunt or Shoot from a Stationary Vehicle in addition to the Disabled Refuge Hunt Permit.
  - » **Mentored Hunts:** The refuge partners with the National Wild Turkey Federation to offer mentored hunts for youth, women and disabled hunters. Registration is required and space is limited. Contact the refuge for dates and details.

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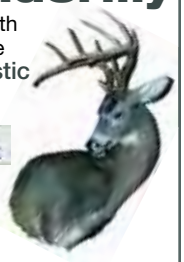

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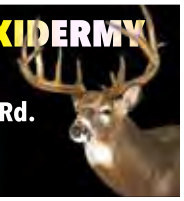

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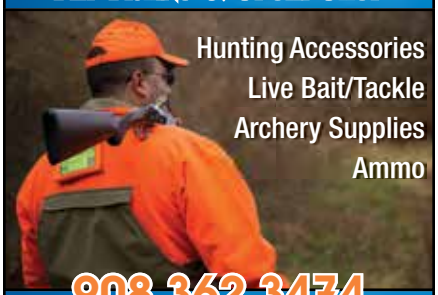

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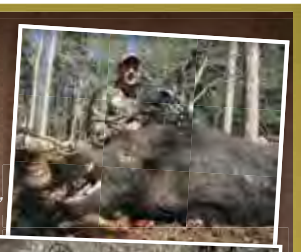

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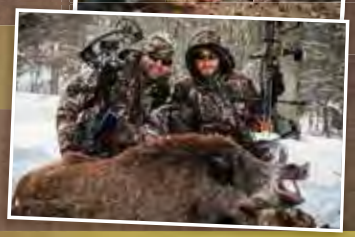

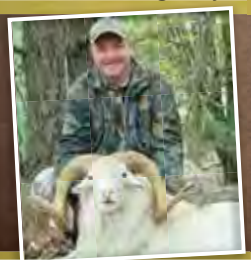

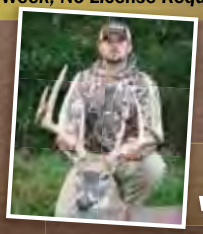

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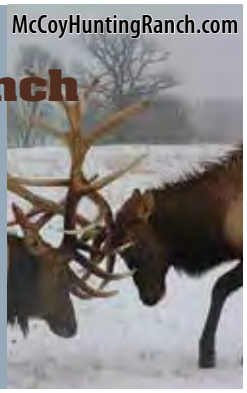

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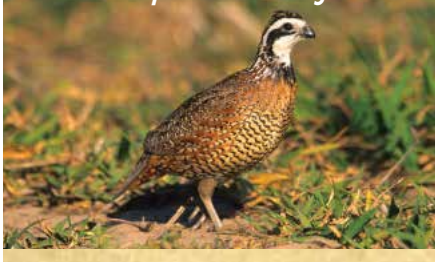

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