

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.

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

### Dog Training, Exercising and Hunting

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

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

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](http://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. 14, 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](http://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:

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

Any blind used in these 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](http://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 Broadhead	Bag Target, provided by NJDFW 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	Spinning, paper targets
Centerfire Rifle	Air guns (.177 and .22 Caliber)	Pellet	Spinning, paper targets
	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	Spinning, paper targets
	Air guns (.177 and .22 Caliber)	Pellet	Spinning, paper targets

### Ranges by Region

County	Wildlife Mangement Area	Archery Range	Shotgun Range	Muzzleloader Rifle Range	Centerfire Rifle	Location
<b>Northern Region</b>						
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
<b>Central Region</b>						
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.
<b>Southern Region</b>						
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](http://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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New Jersey's Outstanding Deer Program showcases the fine quality deer produced in the Garden State while recognizing the hunters who harvested them with a bow, crossbow, shotgun or muzzleloading rifle. Our Program follows the measuring standards developed by the Boone and Crockett Club. This scoring system gives credit to antler length, spread, number of points, mass and symmetry.

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](http://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](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm).

For questions, email Fish and Wildlife at [NJFishandWildlife@dep.nj.gov](mailto: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
<b>Youth – Typical Crossbow</b>				
1st	Alexandra Margelis	120 3/4	14	Hillsborough
<b>Youth Typical Shotgun</b>				
1st	Dylan N. Pastuck	145 1/2	31	Cape May Ct House
<b>Youth Non-typical Crossbow</b>				
1st	Levi Mains	132 5/8	15	Millstone
<b>Youth Non-typical Muzzleloader</b>				
1st	Chris Hulsmann	169 1/4	6	Stanhope
<b>135 Pound Doe Shotgun</b>				
1st	Edward J. Mitana, II	136 Pounds	27	Gibbstown
<b>200 Pound Buck Crossbow</b>				
1st	Michael S. Novak	225 Pounds	5	Lake Hopatcong
2nd	Keith Malespina	212 Pounds	14	Trenton
<b>Typical Muzzleloader</b>				
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
<b>Typical Shotgun</b>				
1st	Marty French	150 1/8	7	Ringoes
2nd	Zachary Wallace	138 5/8	48	Lumberton
3rd	Gerry DuMont	129 1/2	7	Lebanon
<b>Non-typical Shotgun</b>				
1st	Robert Lanza	149 5/8	5	Hewitt
2nd	Rick Gangemi	135 1/4	48	Burlington
<b>Typical Crossbow</b>				
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
<b>Non-typical Crossbow</b>				
1st	Anthony Marabuto	151 7/8	15	Cream Ridge
<b>Typical Archery</b>				
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
<b>Non-typical Archery</b>				
1st	Rick Dunk	137 1/2	15	Millstone
<b>Velvet Non-typical Archery</b>				
1st	Ryan Polhemus	153 1/4	17	New Egypt

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



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

### 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.

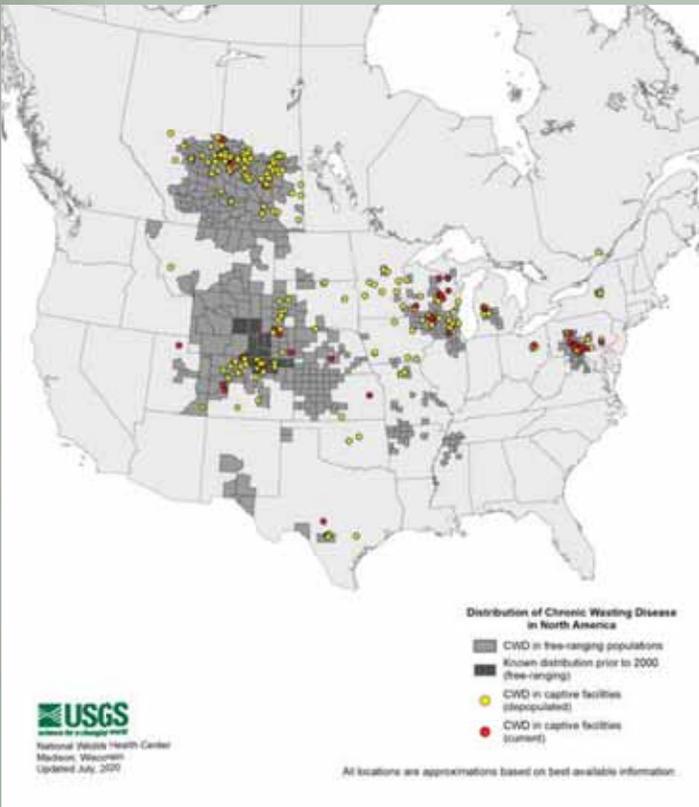
Jeff Crawn

# 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](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/cwdinfo.htm) for more information on CWD in New Jersey and the New Jersey CWD Response Plan.

Visit [cwd-info.org](http://cwd-info.org) for more comprehensive CWD information.



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# Check out our Atlantic brant video!

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jZwXsbAL5w&feature=youtu.be)



Fran DiDonato, Univ. Missouri



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 web-site at: [www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2019/brantstudy19.htm](http://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](mailto:adamminger@quailforever.org).



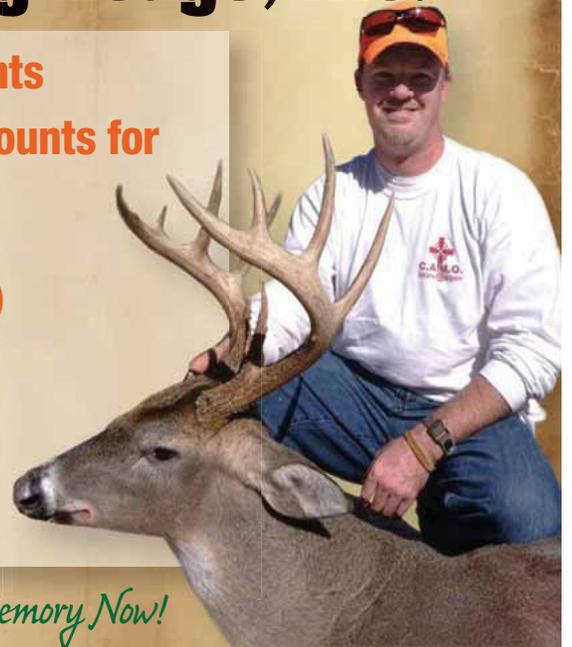
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All funds raised by the tournament go toward improving beach access, surf fishing instruction programs and equipment plus marine education and restoration projects.

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.

**For more information visit:**

[www.NJFishandWildlife.com/gsf.htm](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com/gsf.htm) or call (609) 748-4347



Celebrate 30 years of family fun and great fishing at the 2021 Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament!

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**Report Abuse of our Outdoor Heritage!**

**1-855-OGT-TIPS**

**24 Hours a Day, Seven Days a Week**

The person who poaches, pollutes habitat and abuses public land tarnishes the image of sportsmen and robs us of our fish and wildlife as well as tax and license dollars. You can make a difference.

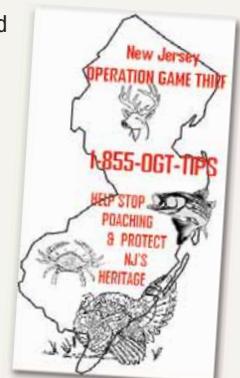
**Call OGT to report:**

- Negligent use of firearms
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TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

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Times listed are ACTUAL times with Daylight Savings Time already shown.



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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](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/ahrs_deer_viewer.htm).

### Zone Public Land Open to Deer Hunting

- 1 • Bear Swamp WMA  
• Flatbrook—Roy WMA  
• Hainesville WMA
- 2 • Stokes State Forest  
• Kittatinny Valley State Park  
• Paulinskill WMA  
• Walkkill 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  
• Fanny 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.—Cushtunk 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 • Assumpink WMA (Robbinsville Twp section only)  
• Pigeon Swamp State Park  
• Six Mile Run Reservoir State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 15 • Assumpink 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  
• Hammonont Creek WMA  
• Makepeace Lake WMA  
• Port Republic WMA  
• Salem River WMA  
• Thundergut Pond WMA
- 28 • Buckshtem WMA  
• Elmer Lake WMA  
• Parvin State Park  
• Union Lake WMA
- 29 • Bayside PSE&G Tract (see *Special Areas*)  
• Cohansie 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  
• Millville WMA  
• Buckshtem 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 • Cheesapeake State Park  
• Monmouth County Park System—Hartshorne Woods Park, Tatum Park, Thompson Park, Big Brook Park, Huber Woods, the Ramanessin Section of Holmdel Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 51 • Allaire State Park  
• Manasquan River WMA  
• Manahawkin WMA  
• Monmouth County Park System—Shark River Park, Rt. 33 Tract and Shark River Park—East of Remsen Mill Rd. (see *Special Areas*)
- 53 • Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (see *Special Areas*)
- 54 • No public deer hunting land
- 55 • Glassboro WMA
- 56 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 57 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 58 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (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](http://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](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt-trap_zones.htm).

#### USGS Topographic Maps

Free download. Topo quads available. [www.state.nj.us/dep/njgs/pricelst/usgsbase.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/njgs/pricelst/usgsbase.htm)

#### State Parks and Forests Maps

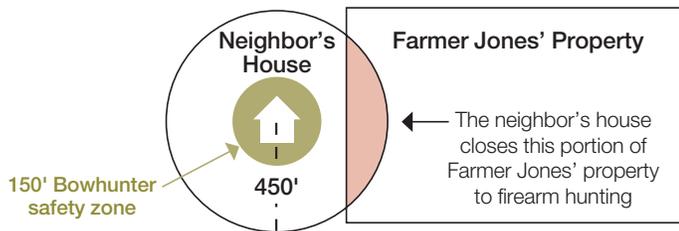
Free download. Find a state park, forest, recreation area or marina by location. [www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/parkindex.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/parkindex.html). Maps and information on lands administered by the Division of Parks and Forestry. Specify which park or forest. Free. NJ DEP, Division of Parks and Forestry MC 501-04, PO Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 (800) 843-6420

### 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/](https://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/](https://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/](https://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/](https://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. ♪