Wildlife Management Area

**Regulations**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:** alcoholic beverages, camping, geocaching, cutting or damaging vegetation, removing timber or firewood, dumping, fires, metal detecting, swimming, picknicking 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 5. Mad Horse Creek
2. Assunpink 6. Union Lake
3. Dennis Creek 7. Manantico Ponds
4. Tuckahoe

**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 on the following select WMAs:

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. Whitingham
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 hunting woodchucks on WMAs.

**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.

The use of air guns to hunt rabbit and squirrel is allowed on WMAs. See Coyote/Fox ammo chart on page 48 for additional restrictions.

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Firearms allowed.

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 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.

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**Central Region**

| Monmouth | Assunpink                | ✓             | ✓             | ✓(100 Yards)             |                 | 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                 | ✓             |               |                         |                 | Pinney 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.
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What Is CWD?

- Belongs to a family of neurological diseases called transmitable 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 transmitable 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.

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.
Chronic Wasting Disease in North America

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.

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

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
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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For more information visit: www.NJFishandWildlife.com/gsft.htm or call (609) 748-4347

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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 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
2 • Batsto—Rt. 70 WMA
3 • Battleground State Park
4 • Batsto State Forest
5 • Blackwater State Park
6 • Pocono WMA
7 • Wharton State Forest
8 • Appalachian Trail WMA
9 • Broadway WMA
10 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Monocloncorgone, the Drag Strip Property, Hoffman Park, Schick Reserve, South Branch Reservation, Uplands Reserve (see Special Areas)
11 • Horseshoe Bend Park—Ringwood Township (see Special Areas)
12 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Lockatong Nature Preserve, the Case Farm, Wescott Nature Preserve (see Special Areas)
13 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Cushetunk Mountain Park, South Branch Mountain Nature Preserve, Deer Path Park, South Branch Revolution (see Special Areas)
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26 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Monmouth County Park System—Bear Swamp Tract of Manasquan River Reserve; Howell Park Golf Course, Turkey Swamp Park, Yellowbrook Tract of Manasquan River
27 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Colliers Mills WMA
28 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Monmouth County Park System—Clayton Springs Golf Course, Pinesville Lake Park (see Special Areas)
29 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Pleasant Run WMA
30 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Prospectown Lake WMA
31 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Colliers Mills WMA
32 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Manchester WMA
33 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Whiting WMA
34 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Medford WMA
35 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Wharton State Forest
36 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Drum Point State Park
37 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Wharton State Forest
38 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Greenwood W-map WMA
39 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Lebanon State Forest
40 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Russell State Forest
41 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Bass River State Forest
42 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Penn State Forest
43 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Stafford Forge WMA
44 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Swan Bay WMA
45 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Warren Grove Recreation Area
46 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Wharton State Forest
47 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Great Egg Harbor River WMA
48 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Penbryn Pond WMA
49 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Wharton State Forest
50 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—White Oak Branch WMA
51 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Upper Great Egg Harbor Greenway
52 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Great Egg Harbor River WMA
53 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Hammonetin Creek WMA
54 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Makepeace Lake WMA
55 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Port Republic WMA
56 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Salem River WMA
57 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Thundergut Pond WMA
58 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Bucks Slough WMA
59 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Elmer Lake WMA
60 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Parvin State Park
61 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Union Lake WMA
62 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Bayside PSEG Tract (see Special Areas)
63 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Cohansey River WMA
64 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Gum Tree Corner WMA
65 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Mad Horse Creek WMA
66 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Maskells Mill Pond WMA
67 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Stowe Creek State Park
68 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15–Aug. 1)
69 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Dix WMA
70 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Egg Island WMA
71 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Forte Reserve WMA
72 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Nantucket WMA
73 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—New Sweden WMA
74 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Millville WMA
75 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Bucks Slough WMA
76 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Beaver Swamp WMA
77 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Belleville State Forest
78 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Cape May Coastal Wetlands WMA
79 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Cape May National Wildlife Refuge
80 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Dennis Creek WMA
81 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Hestellite WMA
82 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Hegeb Beach WMA
83 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Tuckahoe WMA
84 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve (see Special Areas)
85 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—D.O.D. Ponds
86 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Harrisonville Lake WMA
87 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Morris County Park System (see Special Areas)
88 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Fort Dix Military Reservation (see Special Areas)
89 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (see Special Areas)
90 • Hunterdon County Parks WMA—No public deer hunting land
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) 692-1665; 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.

Walkkill River NWR
1547 County Rt. 565, Sussex, NJ 07461-4013; (973) 702-7266; www.fws.gov/refuge/walkkill_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://walkkillriver.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 Disability 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.