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License Information & Fees 2008–09

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

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Youth (10–15, see page 12)	FREE

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Non-Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting	\$135.50
Youth (10–15, see page 12)	FREE

Trapping Licenses

Resident Trapping	\$32.50
Non-Resident Trapping	\$200.50
Youth (12–15) Trapping	FREE

Permits

Deer Permits for Bow, Shotgun, Muzzleloader or Bucks	\$28
Youth Deer and Turkey Permit	\$12
Turkey Season Permit	\$21
Rifle Permit (1-year permit, 16 years old and older)	\$10.50

Rifle Permit, Youth (1-year permit, under 16 only)	\$6
Beaver Trapping Permit	\$17
Otter Trapping Permit	\$2

Stamps

Pheasant & Quail Stamp	\$40
Resident Waterfowl Stamp	\$5
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Miscellaneous Licenses

All-Around Sportsman	\$72.25
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Duplicate License	\$2

See page 10 for additional license information.

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Commissioner's Message



By LISA P. JACKSON

A bow hunter was perched in his tree stand near a wooded swamp in Passaic County last fall when he heard what he believed was rifle or pistol fire and saw two men ride by on an all-terrain vehicle. Immediately, he made a cell-phone call to conservation officers in the Department of

Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife.

It was the right thing to do. The hunter's timely tip led to the conservation officers' apprehension of three men and launched an intensive investigation into the indiscriminate killing of wildlife and illegal firearms possession. Soon after, the trio was successfully prosecuted, and ordered to pay fines and surrender their hunting licenses.

Our conservation officers' impressive and well-publicized investigation is one of many examples of the fine work they're doing every day in New Jersey's fields, forests, back bays, rivers, ocean waters and even on our city streets. During the past 12 months alone, our conservation officers logged upward of 79,000 hours patrolling our land and waters, conducted more than 50,000 field inspections, signed nearly 4,300 complaints, wrote some 345 warnings and made more than two dozen criminal arrests.

But we point with pride to this particular poaching incident last season for a special reason. It underscores the value of the partnership forged between our conservation officers and the

sporting community. And it speaks volumes about the respect true sportsmen and sportswomen have for the law and for the wildlife that our laws conserve.

As uniformed employees of the DEP, our conservation officers are among our most visible professionals. Well-educated and highly trained, our officers not only uphold the lawful harvests of fish and game, they also safeguard our precious natural resources from abuse and protect the public's safety.

What's more, our conservation officers do the important work of educating residents and visitors about the oftentimes complex array of state wildlife laws and regulations. Indeed, conservation officers' role in public education is increasingly valued as they help New Jerseyans learn more about living with wildlife, encourage a deeper appreciation for our natural resources and spark interest in wildlife-conservation careers.

Elsewhere in this Digest, you can find a listing of telephone numbers that will put you in touch with our conservation officers should anything go amiss any time you go afield.

With leisure time seemingly so hard to come by these days, law-abiding hunters and anglers deserve a world-class experience when you choose to hunt, fish and enjoy the great outdoors here in New Jersey. We believe this hunting season will exceed your expectations – thanks in no small measure to the dedicated men and women in Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Law Enforcement.

Lisa P. Jackson is Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Director's Message



By DAVE CHANDA

This past year, the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife bid farewell to 13 valued employees through retirements. Although we wish them a happy and healthy retirement, the challenge of replacing the vast experience and institutional knowledge that each of these employees provided this Division is enormous.

Together they represent nearly 300 years of service to the fish and wildlife resources of the state. On behalf of our entire agency, I would like to thank these professionals for a job well done. Acknowledging staffing and budget challenges, the Division must take a step back and weigh its program priorities. Difficult decisions need to be made in setting goals, while ensuring that we provide essential services to all of our constituents.

In the meantime, wildlife continues to thrive in New Jersey. Scientifically-based management and the wildlife

professionals who work for this agency continue to make the difference. Habitat protection continues to be a priority. The Division is actively collecting data necessary to ensure appropriate management decisions are made for all of our wildlife species, and that their populations and the values they offer are sustained. This is especially important as we consider changes in the Game Code, which take two years to enact and require significant staffing resources.

Hunters and anglers have responded by continuing to support the Division through the purchase of license and permits. Sportsmen and sportswomen contributed generously to the Division's revenue stream during the 2007-2008 deer seasons through the purchase of antlered buck permits. High participation in this program – 76 percent of permit bow hunters, 47 percent of permit shotgun hunters, and 69 percent of permit muzzleloader hunters – contributed more than \$1.25 million to the Division's coffers. This significant financial support demonstrates the sporting community's dedication to conserving wildlife in New Jersey.

The Division is also able to continue research on several

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priority species by partnering with both governmental and private partners. These partnerships will prove to be more and more important as a means to enhance traditional resources.

The 2008-2009 hunting seasons will see no change in regulations from the previous year, but there are some significant changes proposed for 2009-2010. Among these proposals are the addition of crossbows as a legal device for deer hunting, a Deer Management Assistance Program for landowners to better cope with problematic deer densities and changes to the Spring Turkey Season format. An article on page 6 contains more information on crossbows, and an article on page 80 has an overview of other significant proposals for amendments to the 2009-2010 Game Code.

The times ahead may be challenging. However, we will set our priorities wisely, and keep you informed about our ongoing work to offer sportsmen and sports-women a first-rate hunting experience in New Jersey. We thank you for your continued support.

Dave Chanda is the Director
of the Division of Fish and Wildlife

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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Crossbows:

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By Carole Kandoth, Principal Biologist

The crossbow is a popular hunting tool throughout the United States. Since 2002, eight states have added crossbow hunting. New Jersey hunters have shown an increased interest in hunting with crossbows based on requests to Fish and Wildlife to add them as a legal sporting arm. New Jersey now has a proposal to expand the opportunity to use crossbows for deer hunting to all hunters beginning in the 2009-2010 deer seasons. Crossbows are NOT legal for the 2008-09 deer seasons except for hunters issued a physically-challenged hunting permit.

The Fish and Game Council, which sets Garden State hunting regulations via the Game Code, acknowledges this growing interest in crossbows, as well as an objection to crossbows among some hunters. Fish and Wildlife's role

Did you know that only two states in the country do not allow the use of a crossbow for hunting? Did you know that only four states place an age restriction on crossbow use? Did you know that New Jersey is one of 17 states that allow physically challenged hunters to use crossbows? Did you know that a change is in the works?

is to provide the Fish and Game Council with scientific data upon which to make regulatory decisions.

To that end, Fish and Wildlife conducted an opinion survey of resident hunting license holders about their preference regarding crossbow hunting. The report to the Council also compared the capabilities of crossbows and compound bows, plus reviewed the experience of other states that hunt with this equipment. In addition, Fish and Wildlife biologists examined the current research and literature to identify crossbow misconceptions.

For the survey, Fish and Wildlife biologists contacted a random selection of resident sportsmen and sportswomen representing all New Jersey hunters. Each license-holder type – i.e., all-around, archery, firearm, etc. – was

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sampled in the same proportion as they exist in the hunter population. This ensured all user groups were represented fairly. The survey demonstrated support for the expanded use of crossbows across all user groups. To view the survey results, go to www.NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/2008/xbowsurvey07.pdf.

Crossbows resemble a firearm in that their short limbs are transversely mounted on a rifle stock and they have a trigger with a safety. The shooting technique is similar to shooting a rifle and is simple to learn. After cocking, crossbows hold the bowstring in the cocked position without the shooter's continued effort and are released mechanically with a trigger. With practice, crossbows are accurate and easily mastered.

However, the range and velocity of a crossbow is comparable to those of a compound bow. And just as with a compound, long or recurve bow, crossbow hunters must still develop shooting skills to be successful: correct cocking technique, proper stance, breath control, careful aim, smooth trigger pull and follow-through along with the ability to judge distance.

Crossbows will also enable aging hunters with various physical limitations not defined as a handicap, to continue with or to come back to the sport they love.

Data collected from the 48 states that currently have some type of crossbow hunting (including New Jersey) indicate that crossbows are as safe as other types of bows; their use does not increase either hunting accidents or wounding of game. The success rate of crossbow hunters is equal to – or only slightly better than – hunters with compound bows. No state with legalized crossbow use during the archery seasons has needed to reduce the bag limit nor shorten the archery seasons as a result of crossbow hunting.

The Council's proposal to broaden crossbow use is based on the positive attributes of crossbow hunting. These benefits include improved hunter recruitment and retention, better deer management in areas of suburban/rural interface and increased agency revenue. Crossbows may encourage a greater participation by youths, women and others who have difficulty drawing a regular bow to engage in the sport and start (or maintain) a family hunting tradition.

Crossbows will also enable aging hunters with various physical limitations not defined as a handicap, to continue with or to come back to the sport they love. Crossbows can be a practical alternative in populated areas where firearms discharge has been restricted by local ordinance. This will assist Fish and Wildlife to achieve deer management objectives where hunter access has been

Crossbow hunter image was deleted due to the hunter's unsafe hand position.

Fingers must always remain clear of the flight rail and path of the bow string or cable any time a crossbow is cocked.

limited. And while no additional fees will be charged to hunt with a crossbow, additional revenue is anticipated through an increase in archery license and Permit Bow Season permit sales.

After reviewing the survey results and the documentation provided by Fish and Wildlife biologists, the Fish and Game Council voted to amend the 2009-10 Game Code to broaden the definition of a bow to include crossbows, and allow their use for deer hunting in any open bow season for legal hunters of all ages. If adopted, this proposed amendment will not take effect until the 2009-10 hunting season.

Game Code changes to include crossbow hunting, as well as the other proposed changes to hunting and trapping regulations (see Proposed Changes to Hunting in New Jersey, page 80) are subject to a public comment period whereby the citizens of New Jersey can express their opinion. Check periodically on Fish and Wildlife's Web site (www.NJFishandWildlife.com) for details on the public comment period, public meeting dates and to view the proposed changes to the Game Code. And remember, crossbows are NOT legal during the 2008-09 deer seasons. 🏹

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LICENSE INFORMATION

Deer Permits are valid for the 2008–2009 hunting season.
New Jersey sporting licenses are valid for the calendar year.

All persons hunting or trapping must be properly licensed. It is unlawful for any person age 10 or older to hunt without a hunting license. It is unlawful for any person age 12 or older to trap without a trapping license. See page 1 for license and permit fees. See page 12 for youth license information. All hunters and trappers must openly display their license *and* any applicable deer, turkey or bear permit 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.

Licenses, permits and stamps may be purchased using Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site (www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/) or from approved license agents listed on page 20.

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

Child Support Certifications

The "Child Support Program Improvement Act" requires Fish and Wildlife to collect and maintain Social Security Numbers and a child support obligation certification from license applicants and to make the collection of this

information part of the license application. To comply, Fish and Wildlife, working with the Division of Law in the Office of the Attorney General, created the Supplemental License Application available on the Fish and Wildlife Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/child_support_info.htm or at license agents.

The online child support application allows an individual to be certified from the privacy of their home. Once completed - either over the Internet or at a license agent - the certification remains valid for the calendar year in which the certification was completed.

Farmer License Exemption

A farmer and the immediate members of the family who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit. For details, see *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 29.

Hunter and Trapper Education Requirements

New Jersey requires everyone applying to hunt with a shotgun, rifle 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.

The New Jersey Hunter Education Program is offered as a home study, video-based course. Students may obtain course materials at most license agents and Fish and Wildlife field offices. After completing an extensive homework assignment, the student will choose from a list of testing facilities and dates to complete their hunter education course. For more Hunter Education Program details, including course material availability, facility locations, dates, and course registration, go to Fish and Wildlife's Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/hunted.htm or call (877) 2HUNT NJ.

Trapper education courses are offered four times throughout the state in the months of September and October. To enroll in a trapper education course, go to the Fish and Wildlife Web site or call (877) 2HUNT NJ 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.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/. Licenses and permits which contain transportation tags can be duplicated at license agents or on the Internet sales site only *one* time. All subsequent duplicates of these license ➤

Disabled Veteran Licenses, Stamps and Permits

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

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

New applicant disabled veterans may obtain their hunting and fishing licenses and stamps at the following Fish and Wildlife field offices:
Pequest Trout Hatchery/Natural Resource Ed. Ctr, Oxford, Warren Co., (909) 637-4125; Central Region Office, Upper Freehold Twp., Monmouth Co., (609) 259-2132; and Southern Region Office, Sicklerville, Camden Co., (856) 629-0090.

All licenses, stamps and permits for which the veteran is eligible will be free of charge. This does not give preferential treatment in any lottery.

Disabled Veteran Applicants:

1. Documentation of current benefits for a service-connected disability and proof of honorable discharge (such as a copy of your DD-214, VA card or monthly check stub) must be presented to obtain a free disabled veteran license.
2. Applicant must provide a hunter education course (archery, shotgun or rifle) certificate applicable to the license for which 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 prior to establishing residency in New Jersey will be accepted if the license indicates the sporting arm for which it was valid. Non-resident licenses from other states are not acceptable.
3. To obtain the free disabled veteran deer/turkey permits one must first have a **free** disabled veteran hunting license.

and permit types must be handled in person at Fish and Wildlife regional offices or the Pequest Natural Resource Education Center. The Trenton Office is no longer open to the public for license and permit sales.

National Guard Licenses

Eligible National Guard personnel are entitled to free licenses, permits and stamps. Further information can be obtained by visiting www.nj.gov/military/fishing_application.html or writing to: NJ Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, 101 Eggerts Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, Attn: 1st Sgt. Turrian, or call (609) 530-6866.

Non-resident Licenses

Non-residents must show either a resident license from their state or proof of successfully completing an appropriate hunter education course in order to obtain a license to hunt or trap in New Jersey.

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

Non-resident Servicemen Licenses

Any person on active duty in the armed services, regardless of their current residency, may buy a New Jersey resident hunting license. 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 resided in the state for at least six months immediately prior to application.

Revocation of Licenses

Anyone convicted of a second fish and game violation within a period of five years will have their New Jersey hunting and fishing privileges revoked for two years. Certain violations carry greater periods of revocation, ranging from three years to lifetime revocation. Two convictions of any wildlife management area regula-

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tion will result in a five-year revocation. Two convictions of the following will result in lifetime revocation: safety zone violation, causing damage to real or personal property and negligent use of a firearm or bow. Fish and Wildlife may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

Youth Licenses, Resident and Non-Resident

See *Take a Kid Hunting* pages 22-24. Properly licensed youth hunters ages 10 -13 may hunt only when under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult age 21 or older. Youths 15 years of age and under are able to hunt, fish, and trap for free, provided they have passed a Hunter Education course. Youth hunters who pre-registered and successfully completed a hunter education course will receive their youth license at the course. A Youth Firearm or Youth Bow and Arrow License are valid from the time of issuance until end of the year when the youth turns 16.

Permits for Hunters and Trappers

Lottery Permit Application Process

A lottery is conducted to allocate turkey, beaver, otter, black bear and certain deer permits. To receive certain permits you must first apply for the lottery. The application period is listed

below with each permit type. Apply at license agents or via the Internet. Be sure to have your Conservation ID (CID) on hand. A non-refundable \$2 application fee is charged for each lottery application.

Hunters or trappers will have three choices in each lottery. 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 number of permits allocated (permit quota.)


Application via the Internet - Before you Start:

- Know your Conservation ID (CID) number or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB.)
- Know your desired permit zone and, if applicable, time period or season. IMPORTANT: After a period of inactivity, the Internet transaction will time out, requiring you to start over from the beginning.
- Have your payment ready. Internet transactions may be paid either by electronic check (e-check) or major credit card. For e-check transactions, have ready your bank routing number and your check book before you begin.
- 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 now, if necessary. Once a transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges. Applicants will have the opportunity to edit their application at any time during the application period; see *Changing Your Lottery Application*, page 14. 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 Conservation ID (CID) number or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB.) Know your desired permit zone and, if applicable time period or season. 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. Not sure of your area? Study a county map, then use a pencil or highlighter, follow the zone or area description shown either on Fish and Wildlife's Web site, in this hunting *Digest* or in the turkey permit supplement to trace the zone boundary.
- To speed your transaction, write down your information (CID#, DOB, lottery type, first, second and third choices) and hand it to the license agent.

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- NOTE for applying at license agents: Agents using a VeriFone® machine (a special keypad) can print a transaction receipt, but might do so only at your request. Therefore, you should ask for a receipt of the transaction. This receipt will list your choices and the transaction number. Agents using Web-based (computer) systems may or may not be able to print a receipt. ASK FIRST! When an agent cannot print a receipt, it's important to have the clerk orally verify your application choices and provide your transaction number. Keep this transaction number; it can be helpful should a problem occur with your application.
- Each agent decides what types of payment to accept. Learn this in advance, then have the correct payment ready when you arrive.

Changing Your Lottery Application

Regardless of where or how you applied for a lottery, applicants may review their information at any time from any computer with Internet access. Check your application status or edit your application if you discover a correction is necessary. With your CID and DOB, visit www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/ to access your profile and follow the prompts. Applications may be edited only during the actual application period. Once the application period is closed, it is impossible to change your application. License agents and Fish and Wildlife offices DO NOT have the ability to change your application once submitted. Only you can make changes, so take care during the application process.

Application Status Check

Hunters and trappers may check their application status at any time. Go to the licensing Web site (www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/) to access your profile using your CID and DOB, then follow the prompts. The license system displays if the lottery has been run and if you won a permit. When the system shows 'pending,' the lottery has not been completed. During the application period the system displays your application as 'pending'.

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

Once the lottery is complete, applicants will be notified of their results. When hunters or trappers first apply, the system may have asked your choice for either e-mail or postcard lottery results notification. For those who choose e-mail, be sure to review your junk or spam e-mail filters so the lottery results notification is accepted by your computer. When applying at a license agent, applicants may or may not be asked to choose a notification mode. Some license issuing machines must use the default method of mailing a postcard notification. Applicants who don't receive notification by the date posted in this *Digest* can check their application status online.

Claiming Your Permit

Lottery permit winners may claim their permit(s) by going to any license agent or via the Internet. See the corresponding lottery permit "pick up" dates listed in this *Digest* for beaver/otter, deer and fall turkey permits. Recall that at the time of application, you paid only the non-refundable \$2 application fee; the actual permit fee must still be paid. At license agents, be sure to bring your CID; tell the agent you're there to pick up your Fish and Wildlife-awarded lottery permit. Permits claimed via the Internet are subject to an additional convenience fee and will take 7-10 business days to arrive.

Purchasing Non-lottery and Unclaimed Lottery Permits

Leftover (unclaimed) lottery permits and non-lottery permits are available at license agents and via the Internet. Internet purchases CANNOT be printed from home. Plan ahead, as it may take 7-10 business days for your permit(s) to arrive. 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 now, if necessary. **Once a 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 CID# and DOB, plus the season and zone of your permit choices.

Beaver and Otter Permits

- Beaver and otter trapping are allowed by special permit only.
- Additional information - including the zone map and descriptions - becomes available Sept. 17 on Fish and Wildlife's Web site, www.NJFishandWildlife.com.
- Application period: Oct. 1-31.
- Leftover permits, if available, will be sold at all license agents and at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. For current availability, see our Web site or call the Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192 during the week of Nov. 24, 2008. If permits remain unsold after the lottery, leftovers will be sold beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, 2008. Permits will be available at all license agents and via the Internet.
- For trapping season information including regulations, season dates and bag limits see *Trapping Regulations*, page 67.

Black Bear Hunting Permits

The black bear hunting season is closed until the DEP Commissioner approves a comprehensive black bear management policy. Should this policy contain provisions for a black bear season, information will be posted on Fish and Wildlife's Web site.

Coyote, Red and Gray Fox Hunting Permits

- A \$2 permit is required to hunt coyote, red or gray fox during the special permit season from Jan. 19 - Feb. 16, 2009.
- Permits will be available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site beginning Dec. 15, 2008. A 2009 hunting license must be purchased prior to, or in conjunction with, the purchase of a 2009 Coyote/Fox Permit.
- For season details, see coyote and fox hunting regulations, page 61.

Deer Hunting Permits

Permits are required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons.

Permits may be purchased either at a license agent, at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/ or through ➤

the deer permit lottery system for select zones. For details, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 17.

Farmer Permits

See *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 29.

Falconry Permits

Hunting with raptors (birds of prey) is allowed only with both a falconry permit and a hunting license. For hunting regulations see *Falconry*, page 26.

Rifle Permits

A valid rifle permit is required, and must be in possession, while hunting coyote, deer, fox, squirrel and woodchuck with a muzzleloading rifle; raccoon and opossum hunting with a .22 caliber rifle; and for dispatching trapped animals, other than muskrat, with a .22 caliber rifle. Initial rifle permit applicants must be at least 10 years old and have successfully completed a rifle Hunter Education Course.

- Rifle permits may be purchased at license agents or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Rifle permits for 10- to 17-years-olds will be valid only for muzzleloaders. No persons under age 18 may hunt with centerfire or rimfire rifles.
- Rifle permits are valid from July 1 - June 30.

Turkey Hunting Permits, General

- Turkey hunting is by permit only. For turkey season details, see page 65.
- Spring and fall permit applications are now handled on two separate applications; only one application may be made for each season.
- Complete instructions for the 2009 Spring Gobbler season will be detailed in the *2009 Wild Turkey Hunting Season Permit Supplement*, available in late January at license agents, Fish and Wildlife offices, and on our Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com.

Turkey Permits, 2008 Fall Season

- Fall turkey hunting is by permit only.
- The 2008 Fall Turkey Permit Lottery Application period is Aug. 1 - Sept. 7.
- Award notification and permit pickup will begin Sept. 22.

- Leftover permits will go on sale beginning Monday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m., first come, first served, at license agents and at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/.
- Detailed information on the application procedures, season dates, bag limits and permit quotas are available in the *2008 Wild Turkey Hunting Season Permit Supplement*, which can be found on Fish and Wildlife's Web site or at license agents.

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Licenses, Permits & Stamps

LICENSES AND PERMITS

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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 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 being used for the purpose of 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 the vehicle being used.



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Special Bow Use Permit applicants must have a disability that meets any one of the following criteria: amputation or other loss of one or both arms above the wrist; an amputation or other loss of index or middle finger on the hand used to draw and release the bow; permanent, substantial loss of function or range of motion in one or both arms, one or both hands, or one or both shoulders; or suffer from cardiovascular disease and are designated as a Class 3 or 4 heart patient according to the American Heart Association standards. These permits will be issued only if the need is certified by a licensed physician.

Additional information about permits for hunters with disabling conditions is available by writing: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Handicapped Permits, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400 or downloaded directly from our Web site: www.NJFishandWildlife.com/disinfo.htm

Permits, Other

Captive Wildlife Permits

The possession, ownership and release of wildlife is regulated and allowed only for limited purposes. Information and applications may be obtained online or by calling: Nongame and Exotics Permits at (908) 735-5450, www.NJFishandWildlife.com/exotic_apps.htm; or for Game birds and Mammals: (609) 292-2966, www.NJFishandWildlife.com/captpermits.htm.

Deer Road-Kill Permits

Deer accidentally killed by motor vehicles may be possessed for private consumption only by obtaining a free permit from the local police department or from a Fish and Wildlife regional law enforcement office. The permit only authorizes the possession of the meat for consump-

tion and is good only for 90 days. The possession of all other parts such as antlers, under terms of this permit, is expressly prohibited. Wrapped venison packages must be labeled with the permit number.

Stamps

Stamps (such as state and 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. Pheasant and quail "stamps" now print directly on your license at the time of purchase, replacing the former paper stamp for these privileges.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp

Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose youth license remains valid through the end of the year in which they turn 16) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated wildlife management areas shall have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp (the free youth hunting license includes a 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, 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.

New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp

Anyone 16 or older who hunts waterfowl must possess a New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp in addition to the Federal Duck Stamp. Both 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 73. ♫

Deer Season Permits

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.

Farmer deer permit information is detailed in the *Farmer Hunting Information* section beginning on page 29. Farmers purchasing non-farmer permits should also read this deer season permit section, below.

For application and purchasing procedures, see *Permits for Hunters and Trappers*, page 12.

- A permit is required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons.
- The regular, zone-specific deer permit is valid **only** for the hunting of antlerless deer. To take an antlered buck, hunters must purchase an Antlered Buck Permit. These Antlered Buck Permits are not zone-specific but are valid only

when used in conjunction with a regular, 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 permit.
- Regular 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 2009 calendar year. Hunters are still limited to purchasing one zone-specific permit per 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 regular 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 30.)
- A resident, non-resident or youth hunting license is a prerequisite to purchase a deer permit. See page 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 Hunting 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-\$500 for each offense.
- The cost per permit (both the regular Antlerless (zone specific) Deer Permit or Antlered Buck Permit) is \$28 for each adult and \$12 for each youth permit.

Important:

Antlered Buck Permits may be purchased only during specific timeframes. Antlered Buck Permits must be purchased before by 11:59 p.m. on the first day of each permit season as follows:

- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Bow Season **must be purchased by Nov. 1** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Muzzleloader Season **must be purchased by Dec. 1** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Shotgun Season **must be purchased by Dec. 17** at 11:59 p.m.
- For hunters who do not purchase a deer permit until after the season opens, an Antlered Buck Permit **may be purchased only with** the initial regular antlerless zone-specific permit. There will be no other chance to purchase an Antlered Buck Permit after your initial permit purchase for a given permit hunting season.
- There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Permits Available at Participating License Agents (Non-lottery 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 without a lottery 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.
- Permits sales are available at license agents listed on page 20 and on Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/. See Lottery Permits, below, for zones with lower permit quotas.
- **Bow, muzzleloader and shotgun permits will be available for sale beginning Monday, Oct. 6, 2008 at 10 a.m. and continue until each season ends. Some seasons run through Feb. 14 2009. See the Regulation Sets, page 44.**
- Hours of operation and types of payment accepted vary according to

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2008 Permit Quota for Special Areas Which are Issued from a Lottery

ZONE	Bow Permits	Muzzleloader Permit	Shotgun Permit
37*	300	480	100
38	0	200	200
56	0	0	25
57	40	40	40
58	35	35	50
61	40	40	80
64	0	0	100
70	15	15	25

* 5% of the permit allocation for Zone 37 will be held on base for military's special dispensation.

Deer Season Permits

PERMIT INFORMATION

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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 through the Integrated Electronic Licensing System via the Internet 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 via the Internet will take 7-10 days for delivery. Hunters will have the option to pay extra for express delivery.

Special Area Deer Management Zones

- Special Areas include federal military installations, certain state and county parks and national wildlife refuges.
- Select 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 applying for or purchasing a permit.
- Refer to *Special Areas Hunting Seasons* on page 47 for details.

Military Zones

Military base deer management zones include the following: Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54), Earle NWS (zones 39 and 40), Lakehurst NAES (Zone 53), FAA Tech Center (Zone 66) and 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.

Hunters interested in a Fort Dix, Zone 37 permit must apply in the lottery.

Lottery Permit Zones

Permits will be available by lottery for the following zones: 37, 38, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64 and 70.

Zones which have a limited deer permit quota require a lottery. Hunters may apply for a total of four deer permits (two bow, two firearm) through the lottery. Lottery applications may be submitted at license agents and on Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site, www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/. Two random lotteries will be conducted; afterwards, remaining permits may be available for purchase over-the-counter. See *Special Areas*, page 47 for details.

- For complete instructions on the lottery permit application, drawing and purchase processes, see *Permits for Hunters*

and *Trappers* in the *Licenses, Permits and Stamps* section, page 10.

- Submit only one lottery permit application per hunter.

Lottery - Important Dates

- **Deadline: Applications must be submitted before 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 7, 2008. The application period opens Aug. 1.**
- **Permit award notification and permit pickup begins the week of Sept. 22.** (Note: All permits awarded in the lottery will be held in reserve for pickup at a license agent or will be mailed if claimed via the Internet.)
- Hunters awarded permits in the lottery may also purchase an Antlered Buck Permit while claiming your awarded lottery permit(s) beginning Sept. 22.

Over-the-Counter Sale of Leftover Lottery Permits

- Beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008, permits which remain unclaimed will be sold over-the-counter at license agents and at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site, www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/.
- Leftover permits will be sold on a first come, first served basis.
- A list of available unclaimed permits will be posted on Fish and Wildlife's Web site.

Note: Not all Special Areas permits will be sold over-the-counter. Qualifying hunters should apply for a permit in the lottery instead of waiting for possible leftover permits. See the *Special Areas Information* beginning on page 47.

For questions concerning the permit process, call the 24-hour automated Permit Hotline: (609) 292-9192. ☎

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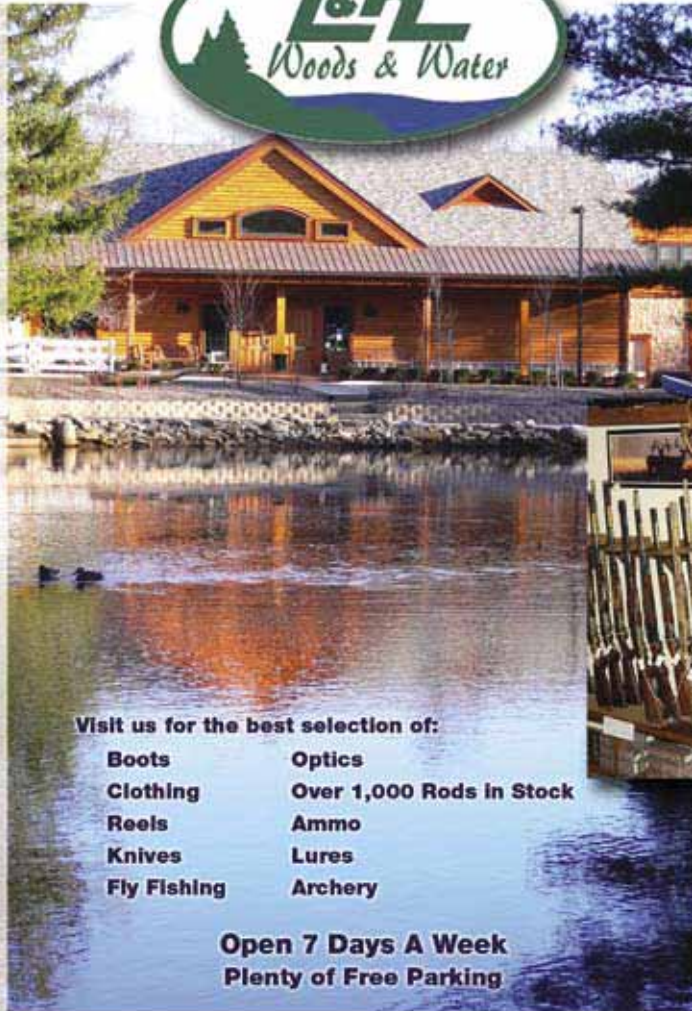


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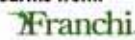
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TAKE A KID HUNTING

Pheasant Hunt: November 1, 2008

The 2008 Take a Kid Hunting Pheasant Hunt will allow properly licensed hunters with a valid youth license to hunt on one of nine stocked Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) on Saturday morning, Nov. 1, 2008. 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 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 hunt participants must pre-register and be accompanied to the check-in by a parent or guardian. Parents or guardians are welcomed and encouraged to follow the hunters through the fields. All pre-registered hunters will receive an information packet. One session will be offered, starting at 7 a.m.

Only 50 youth hunters will be allowed on each WMA during each session. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of slots available, a random drawing will be held to select participants. To register, please send the application below to:

Take a Kid Hunting, NJ Div. of Fish and Wildlife, Northern Region Hunter Education, 26 Rt.173 W, Hampton, NJ 08827. All entries must be postmarked by Oct. 18, 2008. Information will be mailed around Oct. 28, 2008.

Selected Wildlife Management Areas for the Youth Pheasant Hunt:

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

Guided Pre-registration required.

Open—Afternoon: Any youth hunter with a valid youth hunting license under the direct supervision of a licensed, non-shooting adult (aged 21 or older), will be permitted to hunt on the listed Wildlife Management Areas on Nov. 1, 2008 from 1 p.m. until sunset. No registration required.

Open—all day: Any youth hunter with a valid youth hunting license under the direct supervision of a New Jersey-licensed, non-shooting adult (aged 21 or older), will be permitted to hunt on the listed Wildlife Management Areas on Nov. 1, 2008 from 8 a.m. until sunset. No registration required.

Youth Hunter

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Youth Hunting License # _____

1. Select WMA (Check only 1):

- Assunpink Black River Clinton Colliers Mills
 Millville Peaslee Whittingham

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

- NO YES-2007 Other (list year) _____

3. With what gauge shotgun will you be hunting?

- 12 16 20 28 .410 caliber

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

5. Breed of dog: _____



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Youth Deer Hunting Days

Youth Bow Hunt, Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008

Youth Firearm Hunt, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008

Take this great opportunity to introduce youth hunters to deer hunting!

WHO CAN HUNT: Hunters with a valid youth hunting license.

- 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 parent/guardian set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit, not hunting independently. The adult **CANNOT** hunt or possess a firearm or bow. The adult may grunt, call or rattle for the youth. In addition to the youth, the adult accompanying the youth should wear the required hunter orange during the youth firearm deer hunt.

BAG LIMITS: Youth may hunt statewide for one deer of either sex on each of the above dates.

- During the Youth Firearm Deer Hunt, youths may hunt either with a shotgun or muzzleloader.
- If the youth is hunting with a muzzleloader, both the youth and the adult must possess a valid rifle permit.
- Antler Point Restrictions do **NOT** apply on these days for the youth hunter.
- These hunts are extensions of the Fall Bow and Six-day Firearm seasons; no special season deer permit is required. Youth hunters may still harvest one antlered deer during the Fall Bow Season, and two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season.

TAGGING REQUIREMENT: The youth hunter must tag their deer with a homemade transportation tag, or cut out the deer transportation tag provided on page 35.

- The tag must include the youth hunting license number or Conservation ID number, sex of deer, number of antler points, date, zone, county and township from which the deer was taken, and must say "Taken during the Bow (or Firearm) Youth Hunt." No supplemental tags are issued when Youth Hunt deer are checked.



Glenn Mealy

It happened so fast. Tyler Mealy, 11, had no time to get nervous when his dad, Glenn, grunted but barely slowed down a buck as it moved through an open area in New Egypt's Zone 17 on Youth Day. The next loud grunt stopped the buck, now looking right at Tyler, who put into action what dad taught him: a perfect double-lung shot at 55 yards with a 20-gauge Remington 870 youth slug gun and Lightfield slugs. This was Tyler's first time hunting.

TAKE A KID HUNTING

Youth Upland Bird Hunt Day

Saturday, November 1, 2008

Youth hunters with a valid youth license, under the direct supervision of a New Jersey-licensed, non-hunting adult 21 years or older, will be permitted to hunt on licensed semi-wild hunting preserves. Youths may hunt for pheasant, quail and/or chukar on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 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.

Youth Turkey Hunt Day

April 11, 2009

Youth hunters with a valid youth license who have obtained a turkey permit may begin their spring turkey season on the special youth turkey hunting day, April 11, 2009. Youth must be under the direct supervision of an adult 21 years or older who possesses a valid New Jersey hunting license.



Ted Nichols

After a longbeard called in by her dad at dawn failed to present a good shot, 13-year old Molly Nichols persevered by walking several miles to locate another bird. The turkey strutted for 15 minutes before coming into range. Molly took the bird at 20 yards. The 19-pound gobbler, sporting 7/8 inch spurs and a 10-inch beard, was taken on Peaslee WMA.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days



A fine day of duck hunting on great Bay WMA was shared between Michael Castelli of Galloway and Brooke Devlin of Tuckerton.



Youth hunters with a valid youth hunting license and under the direct supervision of a non-shooting New Jersey-licensed adult hunter (age 21 or older) will be permitted to hunt for waterfowl from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset on the following dates by zone:

- North Zone Oct. 4**
- South Zone. Nov. 7-8**
- Coastal Zone. Oct. 25**

COASTAL ZONE Each youth hunter may participate on all three days. See the New Jersey 2008-09 *Migratory Bird Regulations* for further details including written zone boundary descriptions and species bag limits. Non-toxic shot is required. Federal and state waterfowl stamps are not required on these youth days. Daily bag limits for ducks, Canada geese, brant, snow geese, coots, moorhens and gallinules will be the same as those allowed during the regular season.

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General Hunting

REGULATIONS

This is not the full law. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further details. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal documents.

No person shall hunt except as prescribed by law. See section *Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions*, page 16, for special rules.

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

Bow and Arrow

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

All bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds at the archer's draw length, except compounds, which must have a minimum peak draw weight of 35 pounds. All arrows used for hunting deer, turkey, coyote, fox or woodchuck must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal head with a minimum width of 3/4 inches.

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

It is unlawful to:

- use a crossbow or variation without a special bow use permit
- use or possess a poison arrow or one with an explosive tip
- use a bow one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise during any 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

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 each year. 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.

Note: Regulations for dog training on wildlife management areas are on page 82.

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.

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. ➤

Specifically Prohibited:

- Carrying a loaded firearm or nocked arrow within 450 feet of an occupied building or any school playground is prohibited, except the owner or lessee of a building and persons specifically authorized by him in writing may hunt within 450 feet of the building. Note: persons authorized to hunt within 450 feet of a building must be in the possession of the written permission when hunting. (See p. 89 for diagram with complete safety zone explanation.)
- 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.
- 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.
- Hunting with arrows, darts or any other device propelled by any means that is used for the purpose of injecting or delivering any type of drug into an animal.
- Using electronic calling devices except when hunting for fox, raccoon, crow and coyote.
- 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.
- Shooting into a squirrel's nest.

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

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

No person shall possess a firearm while hunting with raptors.

For additional information, write to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400 or call (908) 735-8793.

Farmer Regulations

See *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 29.

Firearms and Missiles

- A person may not go into the woods or fields with a firearm except during prescribed seasons.
- Airguns are not legal hunting firearms.
- It is unlawful to possess in the woods and fields shot larger than #4 fine shot except for hunting deer, bear, waterfowl, woodchuck (farmers only) and coyote/fox during the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season.
- Rimfire and centerfire rifles are not legal to hunt deer.
- See sections on specific game animals for permitted firearms and ammunition.
- 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 74.

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.

Exceptions: this law does not apply to waterfowl, crow, wild turkey, coyote/fox (during the special permit season, page 61), woodchuck nor bowhunters except that a bow hunter using a deer decoy must wear hunter orange, as described above, while transporting the decoy into and out of the woods and fields.

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 Seven, 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. 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, coyote/fox and squirrel hunting during the special season in certain zones. For muzzleloader rifle squirrel hunting, see page 64. For muzzleloader deer hunting, see page 31. For rifle permit information, see page 15. For muzzleloader coyote/fox hunting, see page 61.

Non-Resident Game Removal

A non-resident licensee may remove from the state each day a daily bag limit of game. However, a non-resident may not

take more than two day's bag limit from the state after one week's stay (Sunday to Saturday inclusive.) This does not apply to game raised or killed at a licensed commercial preserve and legally tagged.

Possession Of Certain Wildlife By Persons, Taxidermists & Butchers

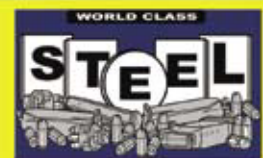
No person shall have in possession a deer, bear, migratory game birds or turkey that he himself or she herself did not kill unless it has a tag bearing the name, address, telephone number, license and permit numbers of the person who killed the deer, bear, migratory game birds or turkey. Those in the business of processing deer, bear or turkey, that is butchers, taxidermists, etc., shall keep a ledger of all of their customers. Each customer's name, current address, day and evening telephone numbers, hunting license number, and possession seal number of any black bear, deer or turkey being processed shall be included in the ledger. The ledger shall be made available for inspection upon request during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by any law enforcement officer or employee of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

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General Hunting

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Taxidermists note: The sale of wild birds and game animals or parts thereof is prohibited in New Jersey. Legally-trapped furbearers may be sold. Questions should be directed to a regional Fish and Wildlife law enforcement office.

Property Damage

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

Rifles, .22 caliber

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

It is unlawful to possess and use .22 caliber rifle except while hunting woodchuck, (no rifle hunting on wildlife management areas) hunting raccoon and opossum with hounds, and dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat.

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

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

See chart on page 64 for details on small caliber rifle ammunition legal for hunting woodchucks.

Safety Zone

No hunter may carry a loaded firearm or knocked bow and arrow within the Safety Zone of 450 feet from a building or school playground, even if not occupied. Exception: a hunter must have written permission in possession from the owner or qualified lessee to be within the Safety Zone with a loaded firearm or knocked arrow. See *Safety Zone Awareness*, page 89. Shooting into a Safety Zone is prohibited.

Shotguns

Shotguns larger than 10-gauge are prohibited. Shotguns may not be capable of holding more than three shells except for September Canada goose hunting; see page 74. For information on legal shot sizes, see regulations for each game species to be hunted.

Sunday Hunting

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

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

Trespass Law

Hunters and trappers 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 also 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.

If a hunter or trapper is charged with trespass, they must provide documentation of written permission in court for their defense. See page 83 for the Hunt SMART Courtesy Card.

Wildlife

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

No one may rob a bird's nest.

The removal of the skin or feathers or mutilation of any wild bird or mammal in the woods or fields for the purpose of concealing sex or identity is illegal.

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

There is no open season on bobcat. It

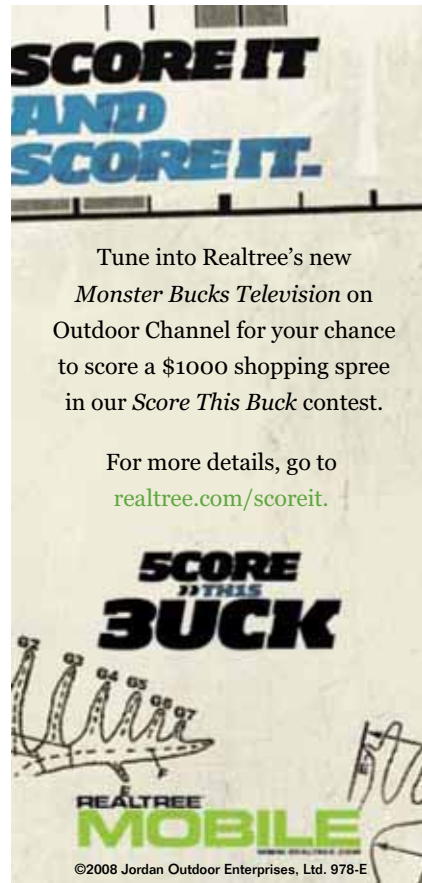
is illegal to kill, attempt to kill or possess bobcats except parts of bobcats legally taken in other states may be possessed but not sold in New Jersey.

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 Web site, www.NJFishandWildlife.com.

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. ☺



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Farmer License Exemption

A farmer and the immediate members of the family who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit. (See page 35 for a cut-out farmer deer transportation tag.) 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.

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 families, or their farming employees may kill crows, woodchuck and fox on farm property at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. However, they must use legal firearms, ammunition and other lawful procedures. See also *Wildlife Damage Control*, page 28. See also *General Regulations*, page 26.

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.

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 Telephone Directory page 96.

Permits for Farmers

- Fish and Wildlife maintains a farmer database. Farmers who received farmer deer or turkey permits in 2006, 2007 or 2008 are in our database already and

need not reapply.

- New farmers or farmers who have not received permits since 2006 MUST apply. Applications are available on Fish and Wildlife's Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/farmer.htm or at your local county agricultural extension office.
- The preferred application period for farmers is June 1 - August 1.
- Once approved and in the new license system, 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, Oct. 6, 2008 at 10 a.m. at any license agent.
- 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 the Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192.
- Only a qualified farmer or the spouse or children of that farmer who reside in the farmer's household, are eligible to apply for occupant and non-occupant farmer deer permits.
- 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 17.

Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

- Applicants must be the owner, lessee or immediate family (spouse and children only) 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 their immediate family members (spouse and children only) may qualify, up to a total of five people.
- Must actively till at least 30 acres of land which is tax-assessed as farmland.
- Woodlots do not qualify.
- 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 in the entire zone for which the permit was applied.
- An applicant who lives on a farm and actively tills at least 30 acres may apply either as an occupant or a non-occupant.

Farmer Turkey Permits

Farmers may claim fall season turkey permits beginning Monday, Oct. 6, 2008 at 10 a.m. at any license agent.

Qualified farmers may apply only if their land is in a turkey hunting area open to hunting.

Farmer turkey permits are available only to the farmer and immediate family who reside on the farm.

For the purpose of farmer turkey permits, "immediate family" includes the spouse, mother, father, child, stepchild, stepparent, legal guardian, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, great grandparent, brother, sister, stepsister, stepbrother, brother-in-law and sister-in-law of the farm owner or lessee who resides thereon.

Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at any license agent) regular turkey permits in addition to the free farmer permits. See the turkey permit supplement, distributed each January or on our Web site for details. 🍗

Deer Hunting

REGULATIONS

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



Only one antlered deer may be taken per season statewide, except during the Six-Day Firearm Season, regardless of the number of antlered buck permits in possession. To be legal, all deer harvested must be registered at an official deer check station (see page 58) and have a metal possession seal affixed to the deer. Only after registering the first deer may a hunter take or attempt to take another deer, where legal, unless specifically written as an exception.

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.
- **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 regular, antlerless, zone-specific deer season permit. The antlered buck permits contain an antlered deer transportation tag and allows for the pursuit and harvest of an antlered deer only.

- **Earn-A-Buck regulations are reduced in Zones 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50 and 51.** The hunter's first deer harvested from these zones during the early **Fall Bow Season only** (through October 3, 2008) must still be an antlerless deer as defined above; the second deer may be antlered. Earn-A-Buck is removed from Permit Bow and Permit Muzzleloader seasons. Earn-A-Buck is a tool to reduce the growth of deer herds in areas where the harvest of antlerless animals under regular harvest guidelines is insufficient to reach desired population levels.
- **Antler Point Restriction zones** include Zones 3, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, 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.

Six-day Firearm Season Dec. 8 – 13, 2008

- **Special Areas Deer Management zones** include Zones 37, 38, 39, 40, 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 47 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. 27, 2008. The Youth Firearm Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008.** The bag limit for youth hunters on this day is *one* deer of either sex. Antler Point Restrictions do not apply for deer taken on this day by youth hunters. See page 35 for a cut-out youth transportation tag.

Licenses and Permits

- See *License, Permits and Stamps*, page 10, 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 regular, 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 or 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.
- The regular, 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 additional 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 regular, zone-specific antlerless permit. The Antlered Buck Permit is *not* zone-specific; it is valid for use in any zone for which the a hunter already holds a regular, zone-specific antlerless season permit, but only one buck may be harvested per season. Adult deer permits are \$28; youth deer permits are \$12.

IMPORTANT: Antlered Buck Permits must be purchased by 11:59 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 1 for Permit Bow; Dec. 1 for Permit Muzzleloader and Dec. 17 for Permit Shotgun seasons, **UNLESS** you are buying your first zone-specific antlerless permit **AND** an Antlered Buck Permit at the same time on a later date.

Firearms, Ammunition and Sights

- See page 26 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.
- 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.

- 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 state-wide regulations. See page 47 for details.

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Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting:

Season(s)	Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Weigh	Projectile(s)	Firearm sights; Bow releases
Fall Bow Permit Bow Winter Bow	Bow—long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"	Hand-held release devices are permitted
Permit Muzzleloader	Muzzleloader—rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Double-barrel firearms prohibited	Rifle—not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore—not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Must be loaded with a single projectile only	Telescopic sights permitted
Six-day Firearm	Shotgun—single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore Muzzleloader—single-shot, single barrel rifle OR single or double-barrel smoothbore shotgun. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells 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	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") Muzzleloading rifle—single projectile Smoothbore—buck shot not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs Telescopic sights permitted
Permit Shotgun	Shotgun—single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore Muzzleloader—single or double-barrel <i>smoothbores</i> only (no rifles.) Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	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") Buck shot—sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs

Deer Hunting

REGULATIONS

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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.
- Bowhunters may take two antlered deer legally on a bow or all-around 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 an Antlered Buck Bow Permit valid **only** when used in conjunction with the regular, zone-specific antlerless Bow Permit. For permit purchasing deadline, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 17.
- Firearm hunters legally may take two antlered deer during the Six-

day Firearm Season on a firearm or all-around license. Hunters will receive a supplemental tag upon checking in their first Six-day Firearm Season buck, allowing the 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 an Antlered Buck Shotgun or Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, valid only when used in conjunction with the regular, zone-specific antlerless Shotgun or Muzzleloader Permit. If hunters who 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 17.

- 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 *Regulation Sets*, page 44.
- Two deer may be taken at a time in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 25, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54, 56, 64, and 66 and 68 during the Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons (in those zones open for both of those seasons) until the season concludes. See *Regulation Sets*, page 44.

Tagging Requirements - Transportation Tag

Immediately upon harvesting any deer, hunters must complete in ink all information requested on the Transportation Tag either attached to your *license*, the regular, zone-specific deer *permit*, the *Antlered Buck Permit*, or the *supplemental tag*. Be sure to use the Transportation Tag corresponding to the hunting season in which the deer was harvested. ➤

What should be done when a deer is recovered too late to register at a check station?



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

Call the Northern Region Law Enforcement Office at (908) 735-8240 for deer harvested in these counties:

Bergen	Morris	Union
Essex	Passaic	Warren
Hunterdon	Somerset	
Hudson	Sussex	

Call the Central Region Law Enforcement Office at (609) 259-2120 for deer harvested in these counties:

Burlington	Monmouth
Mercer	Ocean
Middlesex	

Call the Southern Region Law Enforcement Office at (856) 629-0555 for deer harvested in these counties:

Atlantic	Cumberland
Camden	Gloucester
Cape May	Salem

2. Leave a message on the recorder with your name, phone number, hunting license number, sex of deer and from which deer management zone the deer was taken.
3. Check your deer the following morning at the deer check station closest to your home. If weather conditions necessitate butchering the deer immediately, the hunter must bring the head and hide to be checked the next day.

1. A valid transportation tag first must be detached from your license or permit then securely attached to the deer immediately after it has been killed.
2. **Youth and farmer hunters** creating a hand-written transportation tag must include the following information: Conservation ID number, date, hunting season, gender of deer, number of antler points, county, township and deer management zone. See page 35 for a printed Youth/Farmer Transportation Tag.
3. Transportation Tags from 2008 permits are valid for the entire length of the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons, including January and February 2009, if the zone specified on the original permit is open for hunting during these dates.
4. **All Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags** are valid on the day of issuance for taking another deer.
5. See *Mandatory Deer Check Station Requirement* below.

After Harvesting a Deer: Mandatory Deer Check Requirement

Immediately upon harvesting a deer, hunters must complete in ink all required tags.

1. **All hunters are required to register harvested deer.** Bring your deer to the closest official deer check station (see *Deer Check Stations*, page 58).
2. **Be discrete** when transporting your deer to and from a check station, butcher or taxidermist; 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.
3. Deer must be taken to the check station by the hunter who killed the deer on the day killed, by 8 p.m. during the regular Fall Bow Season, and by 7 p.m. during all other seasons.
4. Transportation Tags must be surrendered to the check station operator. Check station personnel will attach a legal metal possession seal to the deer, and, if applicable, will issue a New Jersey Supplemental Transportation Tag for the harvest of another deer. It is the hunter's responsibility to confirm that the seal is attached and locked on the deer.

Remember: Bring your hunting license and applicable deer season permit(s) to the deer check station.

After checking your deer – Possession/Sale

- Metal possession seals (affixed to deer at check stations) **must** be kept until all venison is consumed **and** as long as you keep any part or parts, including antlers. Persons with deer mounts should write their name, legal possession seal number, date of kill and season of harvest on back of the mounting plate for future reference.
- It is illegal to sell deer meat, deer antlers or any part of a deer **except** deer hides. However, nonprofit organizations conducting wild game dinners for social and fundraising events may offer game or furbearer meat (the sale of which is otherwise prohibited) provided that the meat 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.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Guidance

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) affects the central nervous system of deer family species. Most scientists believe the disease is caused by an infectious protein or prion. CWD has been diagnosed in mule deer, white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer and mule deer, white-tailed deer hybrids and North American elk. Moose have been experimentally infected through oral inoculation.

There is no evidence linking CWD to disease in humans; however, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization recommend that people do not consume meat from an apparently sick deer, elk or any animal found dead or known to be positive for CWD. Also, as

a precaution in areas where CWD has been identified, hunters are advised not to eat tissues known to harbor CWD prions (lymph nodes, tonsils, spleen, pancreas, brain, and spinal cord) and to "bone out" the meat.

CWD has been diagnosed in deer and elk in 13 states and two Canadian Provinces:

Colorado ¹	Alberta, Canada ²
Illinois ³	Nebraska ¹
Kansas ²	New Mexico ³
New York ¹	Minnesota ²
Utah ³	South Dakota ¹
Montana ²	Wisconsin ¹
Oklahoma ²	West Virginia ³
Wyoming ^{1*}	

Saskatchewan, Canada¹

¹ CWD in both captive and wild deer

² CWD in captive deer only

³ CWD in wild deer only

* captive research herd

CWD can be transmitted among adult deer, and the prions have been found in the brain, eyes, spinal cord, spleen, tonsils and lymph nodes. Prions in these tissues of infected deer can potentially infect other deer if they are disposed of improperly.

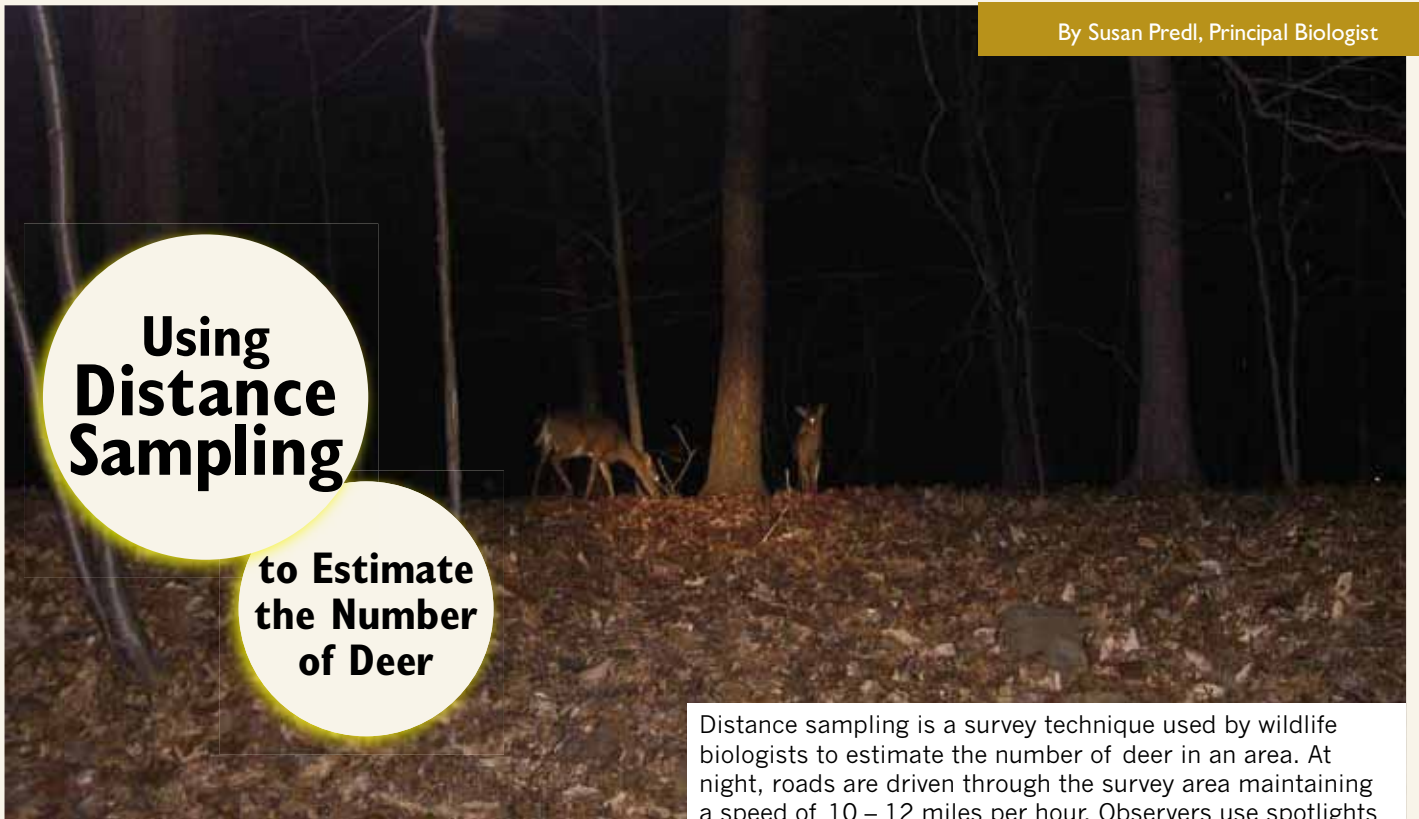
To ensure you do not inadvertently spread CWD prions from the above-listed states:

- Follow the rules of the states in which you hunt to ensure you do not spread CWD
- Bring back to New Jersey only hides, capes and boned meat free of spinal cord, brain and associated lymph nodes
- Bring back to New Jersey skull plates free of brain residue and disinfected by soaking in a 30 percent Clorox solution for 15 minutes
- Do not dispose of carcasses (particularly skull, brain, spinal cord, lymph nodes) in the wild when you return to New Jersey. The remains of an eviscerated butchered deer or elk must be disposed of in the household trash where it will be delivered to an appropriate landfill.

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Using Distance Sampling

to Estimate the Number of Deer



Distance sampling is a survey technique used by wildlife biologists to estimate the number of deer in an area. At night, roads are driven through the survey area maintaining a speed of 10 – 12 miles per hour. Observers use spotlights to find and count deer, then measure the distance between observer and deer with a laser range finder.



Although the technique is easy, it is also time-consuming. Frequently, wildlife personnel drive the survey route multiple times over the course of several evenings to obtain the proper sample size.



There is a decreasing probability of seeing deer as they are further from the road. To obtain a valid population estimate, at least 50 groups of deer must be observed.



The number of miles driven, the number of deer seen and the distances from the observer to the deer are entered into Distance 5.0, a computer program which calculates the deer population estimate of the survey area.



New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has used this technique to estimate deer populations in several areas. Locations include deer browse study sites, such as High Point State Park, Sussex County; suburban municipalities where Community Based Deer Management programs were in place such as Watchung Borough, Somerset County and in county parks where deer culls have occurred, such as South Mountain Reservation, Essex County.

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- Butchers must use food-waste dumpsters for appropriate disposal of larger quantities of deer remains in landfills.
- Taxidermists must not dispose of curing salts, deer or elk carcasses or body parts in the wild where deer may find them. Taxidermists with larger quantities of animal parts must use food-waste dumpsters for appropriate disposal.
- For the latest CWD information, visit our Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/cwdinfo.htm.

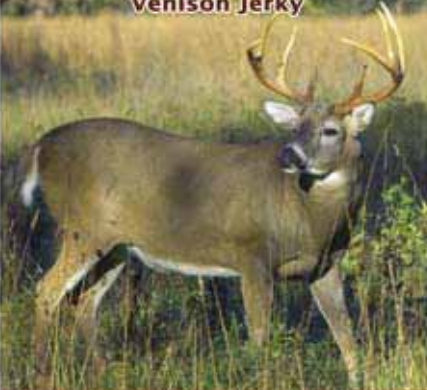
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Date Deer Killed _____ County _____

Signature _____ Township _____

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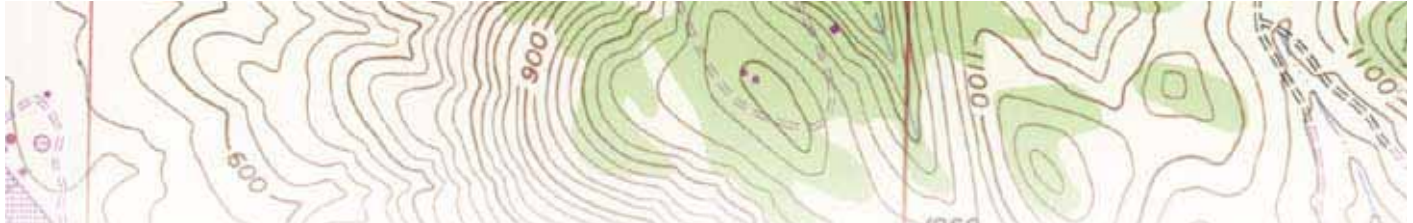
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Zone 1: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 (River Rd.) and Mashipacong Rd.; then west along the northern boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the east bank of the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York state line; then east along the state line to Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Branchville; then northwest along Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 633; then south along Rt. 633 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then northwest along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then northwest on Rt. 521/Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 560; then west along Rt. 560 to the intersection with Ridge Rd.; then north on Ridge Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 646; then east on Rt. 646 to the intersection with Rt. 645 in Hainesville; then north on Rt. 645 to the intersection with Rts. 206 and 521; then north on Rts. 206 and 521 to Montague; then north on Rt. 521 (River Rd.) to the intersection with Mashipacong Rd., the point of beginning. The island of Mashipacong lying in the Delaware River is included in this zone. High Point State Park (Zone 67) is excluded from Zone 1.

Zone 2: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 94 and the New York state line; then south along Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Hamburg; then southeast along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Franklin; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Andover; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Newton; then north along Rt. 519 to the New York state line; then east along the New York state line to Rt. 94 to the point of beginning.

Zone 3: That portion of Sussex, Morris, Passaic, and Bergen counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 94 and the New York state line; then east along the New York state line to its intersection with Rt. 202 near Suffern; then south along Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 287 in Oakland; then south on Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 23 in Riverdale; then west along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Hamburg; then north along Rt. 94 to the point of beginning on the New York state line.

Zone 4: That portion of Sussex and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 (River Rd.) and New Mashipacong Rd.; then running along Rt. 521 to the intersection with Rt. 206 in Montague; then south on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 645 (Layton-Hainesville Rd.); then south on Rt. 645 to the intersection with Rt. 646 in Hainesville (Jagger Rd.); then west on Rt. 646 to the intersection with Ridge Rd.; then south on Ridge Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 560 (Dingman's Bridge Rd.); then southeast along Rt. 560 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then south along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Beavans Rd. at the Hampton Twp. – Frankford Twp. border; then northwest along Beavans Rd. to its intersection with the base of the Kittatinny Ridge then southwest along the east base of the Kittatinny Ridge to the Delaware River at the Delaware Water Gap north and west of Quarry Rd.; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the northern park boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area; then east along the northern park boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to Rt. 521 (River Rd.), the point of beginning. Namanock, Minisink, Depew, Tocks, Poxono and Labar Islands in the Delaware River are included in this zone.

Zone 5: That portion of Warren and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 and Beavans Rd. at the Hampton Township – Frankford Township border; then

southeast on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 633; then north on Rt. 633 to its intersection with Rt. 206 in Branchville; then southeast along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Branchville; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Newton; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Andover; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Hackettstown; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with the Zone 4 boundary at the Delaware Water Gap north and west of Quarry Rd.; then northeast along the base of the Kittatinny Ridge to its intersection with Beavans Rd. at the Hampton Twp. – Frankford Twp. border; then southeast along Beavans Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 521 at the point of beginning.

Zone 6: That portion of Morris, Sussex, Passaic, Warren and Essex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 80 and Rt. 517 at Allamuchy; then northeast along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Franklin; then southeast along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 618; then south along Rt. 618 to its intersection with Rockaway Valley Rd.; then southwest along Rockaway Valley Rd. to its intersection with Diamond Spring Rd.; then south along Diamond Spring Rd. with West Main St. in Denville; then south along West Main St. to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to the point of

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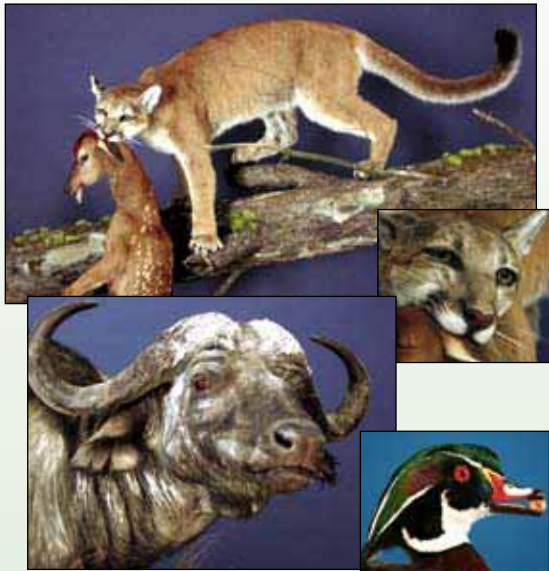
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beginning at Allamuchy. Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54) is excluded from Zone 6.

Zone 7: That portion of Hunterdon and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 78 at Clinton; then north along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Buttsville; then west on Rt. 46 to the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then south along the east bank of the Delaware to its intersection with Rt. 78 at Phillipsburg; then east along Rt. 78 to the point of beginning at Clinton.

Zone 8: That portion of Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 22 and 206 near Somerville; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 80 near Netcong; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Allamuchy; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Hackettstown; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 31 at Buttsville; then southeast along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 22 at Clinton; then east along Rt. 22 to the point of beginning at Somerville.

Zone 9: Those portions of Morris and Somerset counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 206 and Rt. 80 near Netcong; then east along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then east on Rt. 46 to the intersection with Rt. 10 in Ledgewood; then east on Rt. 10 to the intersection with Morris Tpk.; then east and south on Morris Tpk. to Calais Rd.; then west on Calais Rd. to Combs Hollow Rd.; then south on Combs Hollow Rd. to Calais Rd.; then south on Calais Rd. to Mountain Ave. in Mendham; then south and east on Mountain Ave. to Hilltop Rd. (Rt. 525); then south on Rt. 525 to the intersection with Rt. 78; then west on Rt. 78 to the intersection with Rt. 206 near Pluckemin; then north on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 80 in Netcong, the point of beginning.

Zone 10: That portion of Hunterdon and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 12 in Flemington; then north along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 78 at

Clinton; then west along Rt. 78 to the Delaware River at Phillipsburg; then south along the east bank of the Delaware River to Rt. 12 at Frenchtown; then east along Rt. 12 to the point of beginning at Flemington.

Zone 11: That portion of Hunterdon County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 12 and 31 and 202 at Flemington; then southwest along Route 202 to the Delaware River; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Route 12 at Frenchtown; then east along Route 12 to the point of beginning at Flemington. Shyhawks, Treasure, Rush, Bull and Eagle Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

Zone 12: That portion of Somerset, Hunterdon and Mercer counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 22 at Clinton; then east on Rt. 22 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Somerville; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 546 at Lawrenceville; then west on Rt. 546 to its intersection with Rt. 31 at the Pennington traffic circle; then north along Rt. 31 to the point of beginning at Clinton. That portion of Round Valley Recreation Area designated as open to deer hunting is included in Zone 12.

Zone 13: That portion of Morris, Somerset and Union counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 22 and 206 at Somerville; then north on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 78 near Pluckemin; then east on Rt. 78 to the intersection with Rt. 525; then north on Rt. 525 to Mountain Ave. in Mendham; then north and west on Mountain Ave. to Calais Rd.; then north on Calais Rd. to Combs Hollow Rd., then north on Combs Hollow Rd. to Calais Rd.; then east on Calais Rd. to Morris Tpk.; then north and west on Morris Tpk. to Rt. 10; then west on Rt. 10 to Rt. 46 in Ledgewood; then west on Rt. 46 to the intersection with Rt. 80 near Netcong; then east on Rt. 80 to the intersection with Rt. 511; then south on Rt. 511 to the intersection with Rt. 124 in Morristown; then southeast along Rt. 124 to the intersection with Rt. 82; then southwest along Rt. 82 to the intersection with Rt. 22; then southwest along Rt. 22 to the point of beginning at Somerville. The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 38) is excluded from Zone 13.

Zone 14: That portion of Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 22 and 206 at Somerville, then east along Route 22 to its intersection with Interstate 287; then south on Interstate 287 to its intersection with Route 18; then south on Route 18 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 545; then northwest on Route 545 which becomes Farnsworth Ave.; then continuing northwest on Farnsworth Ave. to its intersection with W. Burlington St.; then southwest on W. Burlington St. to its intersection with Interstate 295; then north on Interstate 295 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Bordentown; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware River to Route 546 at Washington's Crossing; then east on Route 546 to its intersection with Route 206 at Lawrenceville; then north along Route 206 to the point beginning at Somerville. Rotary and Blauguard Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

Zone 15: That portion of Monmouth, Mercer and Middlesex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Rt. 522 near Jamesburg; then south on the Turnpike to its intersection with Interstate 195, then east on Rt. I-195 to its intersection with Rt. 537 near Holmeson; then northeast on Rt. 537 to its intersection with Rt. 522 in Freehold; then northwest on Rt. 522 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike, the point of beginning. Monmouth Battlefield State Park is excluded from this zone.

Zone 16: That portion of Monmouth and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 537 and Rt. 571 ►



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near Holmeson; then southeast on Rt. 571 to the intersection with Rt. 547; then northeast on Rt. 547 through Farmingdale to the intersection with Tinton Falls Rd.; then north on Tinton Falls Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 33 and Rt. 34; then north on Rt. 34 to the intersection with the fenced boundary of the Earle Naval Weapons Depot property; then westward along the fenced border of the Earle Depot to the intersection with Rt. 33; then west along Rt. 33 to the intersection with Rt. 537 in Freehold; then southwest on Rt. 537 to the intersection with Rt. 571 near Holmeson, the point of beginning.

Zone 17: That portion of Mercer, Monmouth, Burlington and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Interstate 195; then east along Interstate 195 to the intersection with Rt. 537 near Holmeson; then southwest along Rt. 537 to the intersection with Hawkin Rd. (Prospertown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640) then southeast along Hawkin Rd. (Prospertown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640); to the intersection with Colliers Mills Rd.; then west along Colliers Mills Rd. to its intersection with Woodruff Rd.; then southwest along Woodruff Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 539; then southeast along Rt. 539 to the border of Fort Dix Military Reservation; then westward along the Fort Dix Military Reservation boundary to Rt. 545 near Wrightstown; then northwest along Rt. 545 to the intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection Interstate 195 the point of beginning.

Zone 18: That portion of Ocean County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 530 and the Garden State Parkway at South Toms River; then west along Rt. 530 to the intersection with Rt. 70; then west along Rt. 70 to the border of Fort Dix Military Reservation; then northward along the Fort Dix Military Reservation boundary to the northernmost intersection of the Fort Dix Military Reservation border and Rt. 539; then northwest along Rt. 539 to the intersection with Woodruff Rd.; then northeast along Woodruff Rd. to the intersection with Colliers Mills Rd.; then east along Colliers Mills Rd. to the intersection with Hawkin Rd. (Prospertown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640); then northwest along Hawkin Rd. (Prospertown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640) to the intersection with Rt. 537 near Prospertown; then northeast along Rt. 537 to the intersection with Rt. 571 near Holmeson; then southeast along Rt. 571 to the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to the point of beginning near South Toms River.

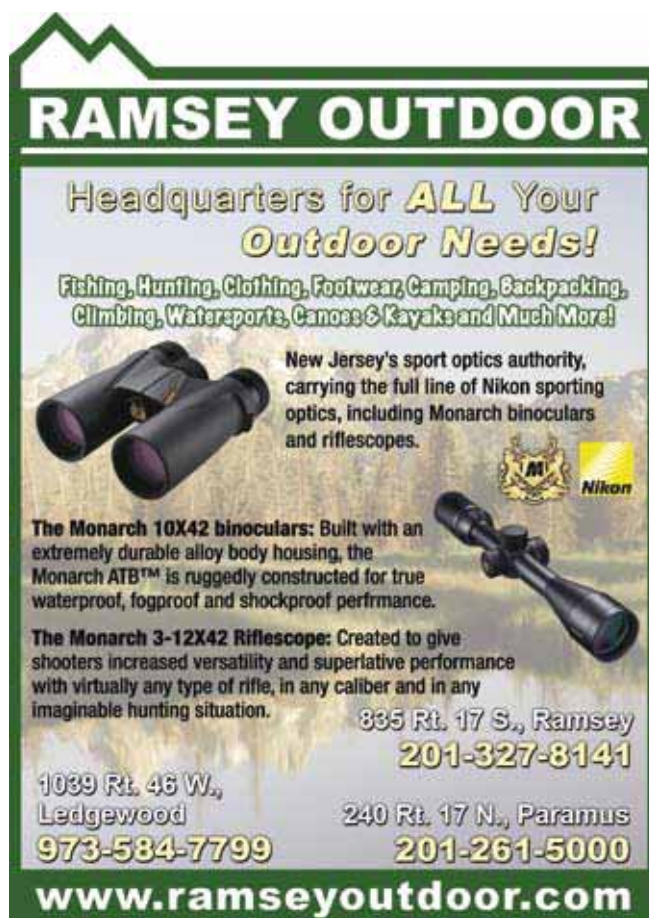
Zone 19: That portion of Burlington and Camden counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 530 and Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd.; then west on Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 644 (Buddtown-Ong's Hat Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 644 to its intersection with Rt. 70 at Four Mile Circle; then west on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Burr's Mill Rd.; then southwest on Burr's Mill Rd. to its intersection with Ave. Rd.; then south on Ave. Rd. to its intersection with Sooy Place Rd.; then south on Sooy Place Rd. to its intersection with Irick's Causeway; then southwest on Irick's Causeway to its intersection with Rt. 532 (Chatsworth Rd.); then south and southeast on Rt. 532 to its intersection with South Park Rd.; then south on South Park Rd. to its intersection with White Horse-Speedwell Rd.; then south on White Horse-Speedwell Rd. to its intersection with Eagle Rd.; then southwest on Eagle Rd. to its intersection with the railRd. tracks; then west following the railRd. tracks to their intersection with Carranza Rd.; then northwest on Carranza Rd. to its intersection with Tuckerton Rd.; then north and northwest on Tuckerton Rd. to its intersection with Forked Neck Rd. (Dingletown Rd.); then west along Forked Neck Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 541, Stokes Rd.; then northwest along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Willow Grove Rd.; then southwest on Willow Grove Rd. to its intersection with Atsion Rd.; then northwest on Atsion Rd. to its inter-

section with Rt. 534, Jackson Rd.; then west along Rt. 534 to its intersection with Rt. 73; then north along Rt. 73 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 38; then east along Rt. 38 to its intersection with Rt. 530; then east along Rt. 530 to its intersection with Rt. 616 (Vincentown-Pemberton Rd.); then northeast on Rt. 616, Hanover St., into the town of Pemberton to its intersection with Elizabeth St., then east on Elizabeth St., which becomes Pemberton-Browns Mills Rd. (Rt. 687) to its intersection with Rt. 530 (Pemberton-By-Pass Rd.); then east on Rt. 530 to its intersection with Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Rd.), the point of beginning. Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37) is excluded from Zone 19.

Zone 20: Not designated.

Zone 21: That portion of Ocean and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 530 and the Garden State Parkway near South Toms River; then south along the Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 72; then northwest along Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 644 (Buddtown-Ong's Hat Rd.) at Four Mile Circle; then northwest on Rt. 644 to its intersection with Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd.; then northeast on Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Rd.); then northwest on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Rt. 530 (Pemberton-Browns Mills Rd.); then east along the southern border of Fort Dix Military Reservation to its intersection with Rt. 70; then east on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Rt. 539 and Rt. 530 near Whiting; then east along Rt. 530 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway near South Toms River, the point

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of beginning. Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37) is excluded from Zone 21.

Zone 22: That portion of Ocean and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Garden State Parkway and Rt. 72 near Manahawkin; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Stage Rd.; then west along Stage Rd. to its intersection with Leektown Rd.; then west along Leektown Rd. (which turns into Rt., 653 to its intersection with the Wading River; then south along the east bank of the Wading River to its intersection with the Mullica River and the Atlantic-Burlington County line; then east along the Atlantic-Burlington County line to the Atlantic Ocean, then east to the Atlantic Ocean; then north along the Atlantic Ocean to Rt. 72 at Ship Bottom; then west along Rt. 72 to the Garden State Parkway, the point of beginning. The Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 58) is excluded from Zone 22.

Zone 23: That portion of Burlington, Atlantic and Camden counties lying with a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 563 and the Mullica River at the Atlantic-Burlington County line near Green Bank; then north and west along the north bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with Rt. 542 at Pleasant Mills; then west along Rt. 542 to its intersection with Nescochague Creek; then northwest along Nescochague Creek to Great Swamp Branch; then westward along Great Swamp Branch to its intersection with Rt. 206 (just south of the intersection of Rt. 206 and Middle Rd.); then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Albertson Brook (about 4 miles north of Hammonton); then westward along Albertson Brook until it becomes Blue Anchor Brook; then westward along Blue Anchor Brook to its intersection with Rt. 30, near Cedar Ave., south of Ancora; then northwest along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 73; then north on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 534, Jackson Rd.; then east along Rt. 534 to its intersection with Atsion Rd.; then southeast on Atsion Rd. to its intersection with Willow Grove Rd.; then northeast on Willow Grove Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 541, Stokes Rd.; then southeast along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Forked Neck Rd.; then east along Forked Neck Rd. (Dingletown Rd.) to its intersection with Tuckerton Rd.; then southeast and south on Tuckerton Rd. to its intersection with Carranza Rd., then southeast on Carranza Rd. to its intersection with the railRd. tracks; then east following the railRd. tracks to their intersection with Eagle Rd.; then northeast on Eagle Rd. to its intersection with White Horse-Speedwell Rd.; then north on White Horse-Speedwell Rd. to their intersection with South Park Rd.; then north on South Park Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 532 (Chatsworth Rd.); then northwest on Rt., 532 to its intersection with Irick's Causeway; then northeast on Irick's Causeway to its intersection with Sooy Place Rd. (Vincentown-South Park Rd.); then northwest on Sooy Place Rd. to its intersection with Ave. Rd.; then northeast on Ave. Rd. to its intersection with Burr's Mill Rd.; then northeast on Burr's Mill Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 70; then east on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Rt. 72 at Four Mile Circle; then southeast on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 563; then southwest along Rt. 563 to its intersection with the Mullica River at the Atlantic-Burlington County line, the point of beginning near Green Bank.

Zone 24: That portion of Burlington and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 563 and Rt. 72; then southeast along Rt. 72 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Parkway to its intersection with Stage Rd.; then west along Stage Rd. to its intersection with Leektown Rd.; then west along Leektown Rd. (which turns into Rt. 653) to its intersection with the Wading River; then south along the east bank of the Wading River to its intersection with the Mullica River and the Atlantic-Burlington County line; then west along the north bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with Rt. 563 near Green Bank; then north along Rt. 563 to its intersection with Rt. 72, the point of beginning.

Zone 25: That portion of Salem, Gloucester, Atlantic and Camden counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 54 and Rt. 40 near Buena; then west on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then north on Rt. 553 to its intersection with Rt. 610 (Aura Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 610 to its intersection with Rt. 655 (Fries Mill Rd. then north on Rt. 655 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 47 at Glassboro; then north on Rt. 47 to its intersection with County Rt. 635 (Hurville-Grenloch Rd.); then eastward on County Rd. 635 to its intersection with County Rd. 705 (County House Rd.); then southeast along Rt. 705 to its intersection with County Rd. 688 (Turnerville-Hickstown Rd.); then eastward along County Rd. 688 to its intersection with County Rd. 689 (Berlin-Crosskeys Rd.); then northeast along County Rd. 689 to its intersection with Rt. 73 at Berlin; then south on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 30; then southeast along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Blue Anchor Brook, just past Cedar Ave., south of Ancora; then eastward along Blue Anchor Brook until it becomes Albertson Brook at Fleming Pike; then eastward along Albertson Brook to its intersection with Rt. 206 (about four miles north of Hammonton); then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Great Swamp Branch (just past the intersection of Rt. 206 and Middle Rd.); then eastward along Great Swamp Branch to its intersection with Nescochague Creek; then eastward along Nescochague Creek to Nescochague Lake, at Pleasant Mills; then westward along the north and western shore of Nescochague Lake to its intersection with Hammonton Creek; then westward along Hammonton Creek to its intersection with Rt. 30 (White Horse Pike), near Hammonton; then southeast on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Weymouth Rd. (Rts. 640-559); then southward on Weymouth Rd. to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then west along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Eighth St.; then south along Eighth St. to its intersection with Rt. 322; then westward on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 54; then southward on Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 40 near Buena, the point of beginning. Zone 65 is excluded from Zone 25.

Zone 26: That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 40 and 54 near Buena; then southeast on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 50; then north on Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then east on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Cologne Ave.; then north on Cologne Ave. to its intersection with Duerer St.; then east on Duerer St. to its intersection with Rt. 575; then northeast on Rt. 575 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then north along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with the Mullica River and the Atlantic-Burlington County line; then northwest along the south bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with Rt. 542 at Pleasant Mills; then west on Rt. 542 to its intersection with Nescochague Creek at Pleasant Mills; then south along the west bank of Nescochague Creek to Nescochague Lake; then southwest along the western bank of Nescochague Lake to its intersection with Hammonton Creek; then westward along Hammonton Creek to its intersection with Rt. 30 (White Horse Pike), near Hammonton; then south on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Weymouth Rd. (Rts. 640-559); then south on Weymouth Rd. to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then northwest along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Eighth St.; then southwest along Eighth St. to its intersection with Rt. 322 (Black Horse Pike); then northwest along Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 54; then southwest along Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 40 at Buena, the point of beginning. The Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61) is excluded from Zone 26.

Zone 27: That portion of Cumberland and Salem counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 77 and 40 at Pole Tavern; then northwest on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 48; then west on Rt. 48 through Penns Grove to the Delaware River; then south along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with the Salem Canal at Deepwater; then eastward along the south bank ➤

of the Salem Canal to its intersection with the Salem River; then southward along the west bank of the Salem River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Salem; then southeast on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Salem County Rt. 667 (Pecks Corner-Cohansey Rd.) at Pecks Corner; then eastward along Rt. 667 to its intersection with Rt. 540; then east along Rt. 540 to its intersection with Rt. 77; then north on Rt. 77 to its intersection with Rt. 40 at Pole Tavern, the point of beginning.

Zone 28: That portion of Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 77 and 40 at Pole Tavern; then east on Rt. 40 to its intersection of Rt. 47 at Malaga; then south on Rt. 47 to its intersection of Rt. 49 in Millville; then west on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Salem County Rt. 667 (Pecks Corner-Cohansey Rd.) at Pecks Corner; then eastward along Rt. 667 to its intersection with Rt. 540; then east on Rt. 540 to its intersection with Rt. 77; then north on Rt. 77 to Pole Tavern, the point of beginning.

Zone 29: That portion of Salem and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning with the intersection of Rts. 77 and 49 at Bridgeton; then northwest on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Alloway Creek at Quinton; then southwest along the northern bank of the Alloway Creek to its intersection with the Delaware River; then south along the east bank of the Delaware River to the Cohansey River; then along the northwest bank of the Cohansey River to Bridgeton, the point of beginning.

Zone 30: That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at Fairton on the Cohansey River; then west along the south bank of the Cohansey River to the Delaware River; then southeast along the east bank of the Delaware River to the Maurice River; then north along the west bank of the Maurice River to Haleyville-Mauricetown Rd. (County Rd. 676); then west on Haleyville-Mauricetown Rd. to its intersection with the Central RailRd. of New Jersey (C.R.R.N.J.); then west along the C.R.R.N.J. line to its intersection with Newport-Centre Grove Rd. (County Rd. 629); then southwest on Newport-Centre Grove Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 553, then northwest on Rt. 553 to Fairton, the point of beginning.

Zone 31: That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersections of Routes 77 and 49 at Bridgeton; then east on Rt. 49 to the Maurice River near Millville; then south along the west bank of the Maurice River near Millville; then south along the west bank of the Maurice River to Buckshutem Creek; then west on the north bank of Buckshutem Creek to its intersection with Buckshutem Rd. (County Rd. 670); then northwest on Buckshutem Rd. to its intersection with Cedarville Rd. (County Rd. 610); then southwest on Cedarville Rd. to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Rd. (County Rd. 629); then southwest on Newport Centre Grove Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 553; then northwest along Rt. 553 to the Cohansey River at Fairton; then north on the east bank of the Cohansey River to Bridgeton, the point of beginning.

Zone 32: Not designated.

Zone 33: Not designated.

Zone 34: That portion of Cumberland and Cape May counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 47 and Rt. 548 in Port Elizabeth; then east on Rt. 548 to its intersection with Rt. 49; then northwest on Rt. 49 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River at Head of River; then eastward along the south bank of the Tuckahoe River and Atlantic-Cape May County line to Great Egg Harbor Bay; then continuing eastward along the Atlantic-Cape May County line to the Atlantic Ocean at the Great Egg Harbor Inlet; then southwest along the Atlantic Ocean to Delaware Bay; then north and west along the east bank of Delaware Bay to the Maurice River; then north along the east bank of the Maurice River to Port Elizabeth and Rt. 548, the point of beginning.

Zone 35: That portion of Salem and Gloucester counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the east bank of the Delaware River at Penns Grove; then southeast on Rt. 48 to its intersection with Rt. 40; then southeast on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then north on Rt. 553 to the intersection with Rt. 610 (Aura Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 610 to its intersection with Rt. 47 at Clayton; then north on Rt. 47 to its intersection with County Rt. 635 (Lambs Rd.) at Glassboro; then west on Rt. 635 to its intersection with Mantua Creek at Glassboro; then northwest along the Mantua Creek to the Delaware River; then southwest along the east bank of the Delaware River, to Penns Grove, the point of beginning. Chester and Mond's Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

Zone 36: That portion of Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Passaic, Morris, Union, Somerset and Middlesex Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 202 and the New York state line near Suffern; then south on Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 287 in Oakland; then south along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 23; then Rt. 23 northwest to its intersection with Rt. 618; then south along Rt. 618 to its intersection with Rockaway Valley Rd.; then southwest along Rockaway Valley Rd. to its intersection with Diamond Spring Rd.; then south along Diamond Spring Rd. with West Main St. in Denville; then south along West Main St. to its intersection with Rt. 80; then east on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 511; then south on Rt. 511 to its intersection with Rt. 510; then west on Rt. 510 to its intersection with Rt. 124 at Morristown; then southeast on Rt. 124 to its intersection with Rt. 82; then southeast along Rt. 82 to its intersection with Rt. 22; then southwest on Rt. 22 to its intersection with Rt. 287 near Somerville; then southeast on Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 18 near South Bound Brook; then southeast on Rt. 18 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then north on the Turnpike to its intersection with the Raritan River; then east along the north bank of the Raritan River to Raritan Bay and the New York state line; then north along the state line to Arthur Kill and west bank of the Hudson River; then west along the New Jersey-New York border to the point of beginning near Suffern.

Zone 37: That portion of Fort Dix Military Reservation, U.S. Dept. of the Army, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean counties.

Zone 38: That portion of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Morris County.

Zone 39: That portion of Naval Weapons Station Earle, U.S. Department of the Navy designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

Zone 40: That portion of Naval Weapons Station Earle, Waterfront Section, U.S. Department of the Navy, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

Zone 41: That portion of Hunterdon and Mercer counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 31 and Rt. 202 at Ringoes; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 546 at the Pennington traffic circle; then west along Rt. 546 to the Delaware River; then north along east bank of Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 202; then north along Rt. 202 to the point beginning at Ringoes.

Zone 42: That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the south bank of the Mullica River and the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 575; then southwest along Rt. 575 to its intersection with Duerer St.; then west on Duerer St. to its intersection with Cologne Ave.; then south on Cologne Ave. to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 50; then south

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on Rt. 50 to its intersection with the Great Egg Harbor River at Mays Landing; then south along the east bank of the Great Egg Harbor River to the Atlantic-Cape May County line in Great Egg Harbor Bay; then eastward along the Atlantic-Cape May County line to its intersection with the Atlantic Ocean at the Great Egg Harbor Inlet; then northeast along the Atlantic Ocean to Great Bay; then west along the south shore of Great Bay to the confluence of the Mullica River; then west along the south bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway, the point of beginning. The Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Zones 56 and 57), the Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61) and the lands (excluding Laurel Memorial Park Cemetery), Rd.s, right of ways and easements within the contiguous boundary of the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (Zone 66) are excluded from Zone 42.

Zone 43: That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Buckshutem Rd. (County Rd. 670) and Cedarville Rd. (County Rd. 610); then southwest on Cedarville Rd. to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Rd. (County Rd. 629); then southwest on Newport Centre Grove Rd. to its intersection with the Central RailRd. of New Jersey (C.R.R.N.J.); then east on the C.R.R.N.J. line to its intersection with Haleyville Rd. (County Rd. 676) at Mauricetown Station; then east on Haleyville Rd. to its intersection with the Maurice River at Mauricetown; then north along the west bank of the Maurice River to the north bank of Buckshutem Creek at Laurel Lake; then west along the north bank of Buckshutem Creek to Buckshutem Rd.; then northwest on Buckshutem Rd. to its intersection with Cedarville Rd., the point of beginning.

Zone 44: Not designated.

Zone 45: That portion of Cumberland, Atlantic and Cape May counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of BRd. St. (Rt. 552 spur) and Delsea Drive (Rt. 47); then northeast along Rt. 552 spur to Rt. 552; then continuing northeast along Rt. 552 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River at Milmay; then south along the west bank of the Tuckahoe River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Hunter's Mill; then southeast on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 548; then west on Rt. 548 to its intersection with Delsea Drive (Rt. 47) and the Manumuskin River in Port Elizabeth; then west along the south bank of Manumuskin River to its intersection with the Maurice River; then north along the east bank of the Maurice River to its intersection with Rt. 49 in Millville; then east on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Delsea Drive (Rt. 47); then north on Rt. 47 to its intersection with BRd. St. (Rt. 552 spur), the point of beginning.

Zone 46: That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 49 and the Tuckahoe River at Hunter's Mill; then southeast along Rt. 49 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River and the Atlantic-Cape May County line at Head of River; then eastward along the north bank of the Tuckahoe River to Great Egg Harbor Bay and the Egg Harbor Township line on the Egg Harbor River; then northwest along the west bank of the Egg Harbor River to its intersection with Rt. 40 at Mays Landing; then west on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Estell Ave; then south on Estell Ave. to its intersection with Rt. 552 then southwest on Rt. 552 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River at Milmay; then south along the east bank of the Tuckahoe River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Hunter's Mill the point of beginning. The Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61) is excluded from Zone 46.

Zone 47: That portion of Gloucester, Atlantic and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 47 and 40 at Malaga; then southeast on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Estell Ave.; then south on Estell Ave to its intersection with Rt. 552; then southwest on Rt. 552 to spur 552; then west on spur 552 to its intersection with Rt. 47 at Millville; then north on Rt. 47 to Malaga, the point of beginning.

Zone 48: That portion of Burlington County lying within a continuous

line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Route 38 near Moorestown; then east along Rt. 38 to its intersection with Route 530; then east along Rt. 530 along the Pemberton by-pass to its intersection with the southern boundary of Fort Dix Military Reservation; then northward along the western Fort Dix boundary to its intersection with County Rd. 670; then east on County Rd. 670 to its intersection with Route 545 at Wrightstown; then northwest on Route 545 which becomes Farnsworth Ave.; then continuing northwest on Farnsworth Ave. to its intersection with W. Burlington St.; then southwest on W. Burlington St. to its intersection with Interstate 295; then north on Interstate 295 to its intersection with Crosswicks Creek at Bordentown; then west along the south bank of Crosswicks Creek to its intersection with the Delaware River at Bordentown; then southwest along the east bank of the Delaware River to Route 541 at the City of Burlington; then southeast along Route 541 to its intersection with Interstate 295; then southwest along Interstate 295 to its intersection with Rancocas Creek; then east along Rancocas Creek to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Route 38, the point of beginning. New Bold and Burlington Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

Zone 49: That portion of Gloucester, Camden and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the mouth of Mantua Creek on the Delaware River; then northeast along the east bank of the Delaware River to Rt. 541 at the City of Burlington; then southeast along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Interstate 295; then southwest along Interstate-295 to its intersection with Rancocas Creek; then east along the Rancocas Creek to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 73; then south along Rt. 73 to its intersection with County Rd. 689 (Cross Keys Rd.) at Berlin; then southwest along County Rd. 689 to its intersection with County Rd. 688 Turnersville-Hickstown Rd.); then west along County Rd. 688 to its intersection with County Rd. 705; then northwest along County Rd. 705 (County House Rd.) to its intersection with County Rd. 635 (Grenlode-Hurville Rd.); then southwest on County Rd. 635 to its intersection with Mantua Creek; then northwest along Mantua Creek to its mouth at the Delaware River, the point of beginning. Petty Island lying in the Delaware River is in this zone.

Zone 50: That portion of Monmouth and Middlesex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Rt. 522 near Jamesburg; then southeast on Rt. 522 to the intersection with Rt. 537 at Freehold; then southwest on Rt. 537 to the intersection with business Rt. 33; then east on Rt. 33 to the intersection with the western edge of the fenced boundary of the Earle Naval Weapons Depot; then north and east along the fenced boundary of the Earle Depot to the intersection of County Route 38 (Wayside Rd.) and Rt. 547 at the most eastern point of the fenced boundary of Naval Weapons Station-Earle; then northeast on Rt. 547 to the intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then north on the Garden State Parkway to the intersection with Rt. 36 near Eatontown; then east on Rt. 36 to the Atlantic Ocean; then north along the Atlantic coastline to the Raritan Bay; then south and west along the southern shore of Raritan Bay to the Raritan River; then continuing west along the south bank of the Raritan River to the intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to the intersection with Rt. 522, the point of beginning. Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64), and Naval Weapons Station Earle (Zones 39 and 40), are excluded from this zone.

Zone 51: That portion of Monmouth and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 547 and Rt. 571 near Lakehurst; then southeast along Rt. 571 to the intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south on the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 72 near Manahawkin; then east along Rt. 72 to the Atlantic Ocean at Ship Bottom; then north along the Atlantic coastline to the intersection with Rt. 36 in Long Branch; then west on Rt. ➤

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36 to the intersection with the Garden State Parkway near Eatontown; then south on the parkway to the intersection with 547; then south on Rt. 547 to the intersection with county route 38 (Wayside Rd.) at the eastern fenced boundary of Naval Weapons Station-Earle; then south along the eastern fenced boundary of Naval Weapons Station-Earle to the intersection with Rt. 34; then south on Rt. 34 to the intersection with Tinton Falls Rd. and Rt. 33; then south on Tinton Falls Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 547 (Asbury Rd.); then south on Rt. 547 through Farmingdale to the intersection with Rt. 571, the point of beginning.

Zone 52: Not designated.

Zone 53: That portion of Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Center, U.S. Department of the Navy, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Ocean county.

Zone 54: Those portions of Picatinny Arsenal, U.S. Department of the Army, Installation Management Agency (IMA), designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Morris County.

Zone 55: That portion of Gloucester County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 47 and 322 at Glassboro; then east along Rt. 322 (County Rt. 536) to its intersection with Rt. 655 (Fries Mill Rd.); then south on Rt. 655 to its intersection with Rt. 610 (Academy Ave.); then west on Rt. 610 to its intersection with Rt. 47 (Delsea Drive) at Clayton; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 322 at Glassboro, the point of beginning.

Zone 56: That portion of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, located south of Stoney Hill Rd., designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

Zone 57: That portion of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of Stoney Hill Rd. and south of the Mullica River, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

Zone 70: Those portions of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, including the Barnegat Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of the Mullica River and south of Rt. 72, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean Counties.

Zone 58: Those portions of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, including the Barnegat Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of the Mullica River and north of Rt. 72, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Ocean county.

Zone 59: Not designated.

Zone 60: Not designated.

Zone 61: Those portions of the Atlantic County Park System, County of Atlantic, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

Zone 62: Not designated.

Zone 63: That portion of Salem County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Salem Canal and the Delaware River at Deepwater; then eastward along the south bank of the Salem Canal to its intersection with the Salem River; then southward along the west bank of the Salem River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Salem; then southeastward on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Alloway Creek at Quinton; then southwest along the northern bank of the Alloway Creek to its intersection with the Delaware River; then northward along the east bank of the Delaware River and New Jersey State line to Finns Point and Fort Mott State Park; then northward along the New Jersey state line to the Delaware River; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware River; then northwestward along the east bank of the Delaware River and New Jersey state line to its intersection with the Salem Canal at Deepwater, the point of beginning.

Zone 64: That portion of Monmouth Battlefield State Park, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.


Zone 65: That portion of Camden and Gloucester counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 322 and County Rd. Rt. 659 (Malaga-New Brooklyn Rd.) in Monroe Township, Gloucester County; then northeast along Rt. 659 to its intersection with County Rd. Rt. 536 at New Brooklyn; then northward along Rt. 536 to its intersection with County Rd. Rt. 720 (Brooklyn-Blue Anchor Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 720 to its intersection with Rt. 73 near Blue Anchor; then southward along Rt. 73 to its intersection with Piney Hollow Rd.; then southwest along Piney Hollow Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west along Rt. 322 to its intersection with County Rd. Rt. 659, the point of beginning.

Zone 66: That portion of Atlantic County including lands, Rd.s, right of ways and easements within the contiguous boundary of the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center, excluding Laurel Memorial Park Cemetery. Lands open for deer hunting only and persons authorized to hunt deer on the facility shall be determined by the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center, the administrative agency.

Zone 67: That portion of High Point State Park, located north and east of Deckertown Turnpike (Rt. 650), designated as open to hunting, lying within Sussex County.

Zone 68: That portion of the Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve, designated as open to deer hunting, lying within Woodland Township, Burlington County.

Zone 70: Those portions of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, including the Barnegat Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of the Mullica River and south of Rt. 72, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean Counties. ♫



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Deer Pick-up Times Early Season: Sat. 9 am–2 pm From Thanksgiving– End of January Thurs. 7 pm–9 pm Sat. 9 am–2 pm Deer Drop Off 24-7 \$20.00 deposit on all deer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NEW BBQ Snack Sticks •• Venison BBQ •• Burger (with pork or bacon) •• Sausage (hot or sweet) •• Deer Roll •• Kielbasa •• Bologna •• Honey Bologna •• Bologna with Cheese •• Snack Sticks •• Reconstructed Jerky •• Hot Dogs •• Seasoned Patties •• Smoked Tennessee Sausage •• Minute Steaks •• Dried Beef •• Marinated Chops •• Jerky •• Cape out service •
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Deer Season

REGULATION SETS

REGULATION SET #1: ZONE - 4

- Legal hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. No deer hunting on Sundays.
- For more details, see Deer Hunting Regulations section, page 30.
- **Note:** Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Bonus Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.

Fall Bow (24 days): Oct. 4-31, 2008 Season bag limit is two deer - only ONE may be antlered.

Permit Bow (25 days): Nov. 1-29, 2008 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)

Youth Day - Bow (1 day): Sept. 27, 2008

Youth Day - Firearm (1 day): Nov. 22, 2008 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.

Winter Bow (27 days): Jan. 1-31, 2009 Season bag limit is two deer - only ONE may be antlered.

Permit Muzzleloader (12 days): Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24 and 26-30, 2008 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)

Six-day Firearm (6 days): Dec. 8-13, 2008 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Shotgun Season (1 day): Dec. 17, 2008 Season bag limit is one deer. This deer may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit, or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)

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REGULATION SET #2: ZONES - 1, 3*, 21, 23, 24, 43, 45, 46

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

- Legal hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. No deer hunting on Sundays
- For more details, see Deer Hunting Regulations section, page 30.
- **Note:** Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Bonus Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.

Fall Bow (24 days): Oct. 4-31, 2008 Season bag limit is two deer - only ONE may be antlered.

Permit Bow (25 days): Nov. 1-29, 2008 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)

Youth Day - Bow (1 day): Sept. 27, 2008

Youth Day - Firearm (1 day): Nov. 22, 2008 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.

Winter Bow (27 days): Jan. 1-31, 2009 Season bag limit is two deer - only ONE may be antlered.

Permit Muzzleloader (21 days): Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008; Jan. 1-9, 2009 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)

Six-day Firearm (6 days): Dec. 8-13, 2008 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Shotgun Season (1 day): Dec. 17, 2008 Season bag limit is one deer. This deer may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm season, then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)

REGULATION SET #3: ZONES - 6, 18, 30, 34, 55, 65

- **Legal hunting hours:** ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. No deer hunting on Sundays.
- For more details, see Deer Hunting Regulations section, page 30.
- **Note:** Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Bonus Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.

Fall Bow (24 days): Oct. 4-31, 2008 Season bag limit is two deer - only ONE may be antlered.

Permit Bow (25 days): Nov. 1-29, 2008 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)

Youth Day - Bow (1 day): Sept. 27, 2008

Youth Day - Firearm (1 day): Nov. 22, 2008 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.

Winter Bow (27 days): Jan. 1-31, 2009 Season bag limit is two deer - only ONE may be antlered.

Permit Muzzleloader (21 days): Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008; Jan. 1-9, 2009 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)

Six-day Firearm (6 days): Dec. 8-13, 2008 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Shotgun Season (3 days): Dec. 17-19, 2008 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm season, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)

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REGULATION SET #4: ZONES - 2, 16, 22, 26, 27*, 28, 29*, 31, 35*, 47, 63*

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

- **Legal hunting hours:** ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. No deer hunting on Sunday.
- For more details, see Deer Hunting Regulations section, page 30.
- **Note:** Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Bonus Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.

Fall Bow (42 days):

First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 13-Oct. 3, 2008

First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 4-31, 2008

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow (51 days): Nov. 1-Dec. 24, 26-31, 2008 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)

Youth Day - Bow (1 day): Sept. 27, 2008

Youth Day - Firearm (1 day): Nov. 22, 2008 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for any qualified youth hunter only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm seasons.

Winter Bow (27 days): Jan. 1-31, 2009 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Muzzleloader (21 days): Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008; Jan. 1-9, 2009 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)

Six-day Firearm (6 days): Dec. 8-13, 2008 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Shotgun Season (10 days): Dec. 17-19, 2008; and Jan. 10-17, 2009 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)

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REGULATION SET #6: ZONES - 5, 17, 19, 25, 42, 48

- **Legal hunting hours:** ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. No deer hunting on Sundays.
- **For more details,** see Deer Hunting Regulations section, page 30.
- **Note:** Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Bonus Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.

Fall Bow (42 days):

First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 13-Oct. 3, 2008

First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 4-31, 2008

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow (51 days): Nov. 1-Dec. 24, 26-31, 2008 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)

Youth Day - Bow (1 day): Sept. 27, 2008

Youth Day - Firearm (1 day): Nov. 22, 2008 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for any qualified youth hunter only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.

Six-day Firearm (6 days): Dec. 8-13, 2008 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Winter Bow (27 days): Jan. 1-31, 2009 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Muzzleloader (46 days):

Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008; Jan. 1-31, 2009

Antlerless deer only: Dec. 8-13, 2008

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)

Permit Shotgun Season (28 days):

Antlerless deer only: Dec. 8-13, 2008

Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 17-19, 2008; Jan. 10-31, 2009

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)

REGULATION SET #8: ZONES - 7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51

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

- **Legal hunting hours:** ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. No deer hunting on Sundays.
- **For more details,** see Deer Hunting Regulations section, page 30.
- **Note:** Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Bonus Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.

Fall Bow (42 days):

First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 13-Oct. 3, 2008

First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 4-31, 2008

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow (51 days): Nov. 1-Dec. 24, 26-31, 2008 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)

Youth Day - Bow (1 day): Sept. 27, 2008

Youth Day - Firearm (1 day): Nov. 22, 2008 Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for any qualified youth hunter only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.

Six-day Firearm (6 days): Dec. 8-13, 2008 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Winter Bow (45 days): Jan. 1-Feb. 21, 2009 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Muzzleloader (61 days):

Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008; and Jan. 1-Feb. 14, 2009

Antlerless deer only: Dec. 3-5, 8-13, 2008

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)

Permit Shotgun Season (43 days):

Antlerless deer only: Dec. 3-5, 8-13, 2008

Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 17-19, 2008; and Jan. 10-Feb. 14, 2009

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)

Special Areas Deer Hunting Season Information

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):

To hunt the Atlantic County Park System, hunters must apply for a Zone 61 permit through the lottery. See *Permits for Hunters and Trappers*, page 12.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1, 2008 to Jan. 31, 2009 (78 days) - **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.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008 and Jan. 1-9, 2009 (21 days) - **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.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 8-13, 2008 - **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. 8-13 and 17-19, 2008 (9 days) - **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 80 permits are available.

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 orientation dates. Hunter Orientation attendance is required for Zone 61. The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 61.

Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park (Zone 11):

A portion of the Division of Parks and Forestry's My Ben tract of the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park in Delaware Township in Hunterdon County is open for deer hunting. In addition, Block 8, Lots 8, 18.01 and 18.02 in Stockton Borough as well as Block 56, Lot 8 in Delaware Township are open for deer hunting. Zone 11 regulations apply. Call (609) 924-5705 for more information.

High Point State Park (Zone 67):

There is no lottery for Zone 67 permits this year. 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 are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis, beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 6, 2008. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 17.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 10-13 and 17-20, 2008 (8 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. The hunter's first deer must be antlerless. Successful hunters may then harvest an antlered deer 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.

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 Web site for details on the hunt, hunting maps and regulations at www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/highpoint.html. The High Point State Park Office is located at 1480 Route 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 open to deer hunting require a park access permit. Applications are available at the Hunterdon County Park office, Route 31, Flemington. Before hunting, call (908) 782-1158 for more information.

Mercer County Parks (Zone 41):

Hunters interested in deer hunting on Baldpate Mountain in Hopewell Township (Deer Management Zone 41) should contact the Mercer County Park Commission at (609) 989-6532.

Howell Living History Farm in Hopewell Township (Deer Management Zone 41) is open for limited permit muzzleloader and winter bow hunting. Howell Living History Farm charges a non-refundable \$5 processing fee. Deer hunting in Howell Living History Farm is prohibited at all other times. Call (609) 737-3299 for more information, season dates, maps and access permits before purchasing a Zone 41 permit.

Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64):

To hunt Monmouth Battlefield State Park, hunters must apply for a Zone 64 permit. See *Permits for Hunters and Trappers* for lottery instructions, page 12. All hunters also must attend a mandatory Hunter Orientation meeting on Nov. 19, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Monmouth Battlefield State Park Visitors Center.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 8-13, 2008 (6 days) - **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 100 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 8-13, 2008, (6 days) - **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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1 - Feb. 21, 2009 (45 days) - **bag limit:** Unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

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

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) 745-5988 for maps and more information.

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 www.monmouthcountyparks.com for maps and more information.

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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 Six-Day Firearm 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 for information about permit applications.

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. Before hunting in Rancocas State Park, call (609) 726-1191 or write to Rancocas State Park, c/o Brendan Byrne State Forest, P.O. Box 215, New Lisbon, NJ 08064 for more information and a detailed map.

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 and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 14 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Call the Delaware-Raritan Canal State Park (609) 924-5705 for more information and a detailed map before hunting in Six-Mile Run Reservoir site.

Spruce Run Recreation Area (Zone 7):

Designated portions of the area are open to deer hunting weekdays during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow Seasons. 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) 737-9303 for more information.

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

Earle Naval Weapons Station Depot (Zone 39 and Zone 40):

Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for civilian employees or military personnel assigned to the base. Hunters must purchase a Zone 39 and 40 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008. See the *Deer Season Permits*, page 17. 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 or 40 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 Ray Green, Station Game Warden, (732) 866-2708 for further information. Deer hunting is allowed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zones 39 and 40.

In Zone 40, the hunter's first deer must be antlerless and any antlered deer taken in Zone 40 during all open seasons must have at least one antler with three antler points.

Fall Bow Season (Zone 39): Oct. 4 – 31, 2008 (24 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Fall Bow Season (Zone 40): Sept. 13 – Oct. 31, 2008 (42 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 13 – Oct. 3, 2008.

Permit Bow Season (Zone 39): Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2008 (52 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 110 permits are available.

Permit Bow Season (Zone 40): Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2008 (52 days) - **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.

Youth Day (Zones 39 and 40): Nov. 15, 2008 - **bag limit:** One deer of either sex.

Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 39): Dec. 8 – 13, 2008 - **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.

Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 40): Closed.

Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 39): Dec. 1-6, 15-31, 2008 and Jan. 1-31, 2009 (48 days) - **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 Muzzleloader Season: (Zone 40): Nov. 8, 11, 15, 22, 24-26 and 28-29, 2008 (9 days) - **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 (Zone 39): Dec. 6, 8-13, 20 and 27, 2008 and Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2009 (14 days) - **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.

Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 40): Nov. 8, 11, 15, 22, 24-26 and 28-29, 2008 (9 days) - **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 (Zone 39): Jan. 1 - 31, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Winter Bow Season (Zone 40): Jan. 1 - 31, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

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

The Technical Center is open to deer hunting through a cooperative agreement between the FAATC, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (NJSFSC) and the United Bowhunters of New Jersey (UBNJ). Membership in

either the NJSFSC or UBNJ is required 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) 485-6938 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 are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008 and the permit sale will end for Zone 66 at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, 2008. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 17. **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. 13 to Oct. 31, 2008 (42 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 2008 (55 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bonus Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 80 permits are available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 29 to Dec. 6, 12, 13, 2008 and Jan. 3, 10, 2009 (11 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bonus 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. 29 to Dec. 6, 12, 13, 2008 and Jan. 3, 10, 2009 (11 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bonus 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, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37):

To hunt Fort Dix Military Reservation, hunters must apply for a Zone 37 permit. See lottery instructions on page 12. Applications can be made at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. The application period ends Sept. 7, 2008. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Ft. Dix prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 37 does NOT guarantee access to Fort Dix. 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.**

A total of five percent of the permit quota will be held in reserve at Fort Dix for special military-related circumstances. Hunters must comply with all Fort Dix regulations. Persons hunting on 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.

Any antlered deer taken in Zone 37 during all open seasons must have at least one antler with three antler points.

Fall Bow Season: Oct. 4-31, 2008 (24 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1-Dec. 24 and 26-31, 2008 (51 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck

Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 300 permits are available for Zone 37.

Youth Day: Nov. 15, 2008 - **bag limit:** One deer of either sex.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 8-13, 2008 - **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. 10-14 and Dec. 15-24, 26-31, 2008 and Jan. 2-10, 2009 (27 days) - **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. 20, 2008 (1 day) - **bag limit:** one deer, which 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 unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available for Zone 37.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 2- Feb. 21, 2009 (44 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

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 are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 17. **The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station prior to purchasing a permit.** Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 53 does NOT guarantee access to Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering 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.**

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 or contact John Joyce, Naval Air Engineering Station, Code N8L, Route 547, Lakehurst, NJ 08733-5065. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day in Zone 53.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 13 - Oct. 31, 2008 (42 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 13 - Oct. 3, 2008.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1 - 29, 2008 (25 days) - **bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered *only* for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit. A total of 100 permits are available.

Youth Day: Nov. 15, 2008 - **bag limit:** one deer of either sex.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 8 - 13, 2008 - **bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits 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. 29 and Dec. 1-6, 15-24, 26-31, 2008 and Jan. 1-10, 2009 (30 days) - **bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered *only* for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. A total of 100 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 17-19, 2008 and Jan. 10-17, 2009 (10 days) - **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, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** two deer - only one may be antlered.

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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 Jonathan Van De Venter at (973) 724-4691 for more information. Deer hunting is permitted on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zone 54, except on Sunday. All Zone 54 Permits MUST be purchased before 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2008. Permits will NOT be available after that time.

Hunters must purchase a Zone 54 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available on a first come first, serve basis, beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 6, 2008. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 17. 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. 4, 2008 - Oct. 31, 2008 (24 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2008 (56 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 50 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 8 - 13, 2008 - **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: Dec. 1, 2, 15 - 31, 2008 and Jan. 1 - 10, 2009 (26 days) - **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. 8 - 13, and 27, 2008 and Jan. 10, 2009 (8 days) - **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, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer

Special Areas - U.S. Fish and Wildlife 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. 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 400 square inches of solid fluorescent orange while deer hunting on any refuge (double the state law requirement).
4. Entry is prohibited on all refuge lands posted *Area Closed* and on refuge roadways posted with *Inholders Only* signs.
5. The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter, is prohibited on all refuges.

Most refuges can accommodate individuals who have obtained a permit for

handicapped hunters from 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 apply for the appropriate Zone 56, 57, 58 and/or 70 permit through the lottery. There will be NO sale of leftover permits. Permits are issued ONLY through the lottery; NO exceptions. See *Permits for Hunting and Trapping*, page 12 for lottery instructions. Application can be made on the Internet or at license agents. The application period ends Sept. 7, 2008.

Only designated sections of the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR are open for deer hunting. All other areas are **closed**. Purchasing a Zone 22, 42 or 51 permit **does not** allow hunters to hunt anywhere on the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR.

The former Zone 58 is split into two hunt units. Zone 58 includes all refuge hunt areas in Ocean County north of Route 72. Zone 70 includes all refuge hunt areas in Ocean and Burlington County south of Route 72 and north of the Mullica River. Please note these changes when filling out your permit lottery application.

The refuge will no longer require hunters to come to the refuge for permit validations. Refuge parking permits and hunt maps will be issued to hunters by mail upon receiving notification of permit holders from NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer Management Zone maps for all refuge hunt areas are also available at the E.B. Forsythe NWR headquarters, located in Oceanville, Galloway Township. The refuge headquarters is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hunt maps are also available on the refuge Web site.

The refuge has discontinued conducting deer hunter orientation programs and no longer issues hunter report cards to refuge hunters. However, hunter feedback on your refuge hunting experience is welcomed and encouraged. For any questions, information or comments regarding refuge-specific hunting regulations or activities, call (609) 652-1665 or, from Ocean County, call (609) 294-0777. You may also contact the refuge at: forsythe@fws.gov or visit the refuge Web site at: www.fws.gov/northeast/forsythe.

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

Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 56): Dec. 15-19, 2008 (5 days) - **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): Nov. 1 to Dec. 24, 26 - 31, 2008 (55 days) - **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): Dec. 8-13, 2008 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008 and Jan. 1-9, 2009. (27 days) - **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 a time. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.

Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 57): Dec. 8-13, 2008 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 17 - 19, 2008 and Jan. 10-31, 2009 (28 days) - **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 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): Nov. 1 to Dec. 24, 26 - 31, 2008 (55 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 35 permits are available for Zone 58.

Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 58): Dec. 8-13 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 3-5, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008 and Jan. 1-9 2009. (27 days) - **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 a time. A total of 35 permits are available for Zone 58.

Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 58): Dec. 3 - 5 and Dec. 8-13, 2008 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 17-19, 2008 and Jan. 3-10, 2009 (19 days) - **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 a time. A total of 50 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): Nov. 1 to Dec. 24, 26 - 31, 2008 (55 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 15 permits are available for Zone 70.

Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 70): Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24, 26 - 31, 2008 and Jan. 1-9, 2009 (21 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 15 permits are available for Zone 70.

Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 70): Dec. 17-19, 2008 and Jan. 10-17, 2009 (10 days) - **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 25 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 apply for a Zone 38 permit through the lottery. There will be NO sale of leftover permits. Zone 38 permits are issued ONLY through the lottery; NO exceptions. See Permits for Hunters and Trappers on page 12 for lottery instructions. Application can be made at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. The application period ends Sept. 7, 2008.

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. In addition to the state permit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will charge a \$26 fee (\$13 for holders of a Senior, Golden Age, or Golden Access Passport and youths with a valid 2008 New Jersey Youth hunting license) to issue a federal hunting permit. The refuge will supply additional information on hunt procedures and regulations to those hunters who obtain their Zone 38 permit from NJ Fish and Wildlife via the lottery. For more information, contact Refuge Wildlife Biologist Craig Bitler at (973) 425-1222, extension 15.

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

Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season (concurrent): Nov. 15, 19-22, 2008. Nov. 15 (Saturday) is only for youths, ages 10-15, who possess a valid 2008 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. An antlerless deer must be taken first and this can be followed by a second antlerless deer or an antlered buck, with the appropriate Antlered Buck Permit. 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):

Note: DMZ 59 is no longer designated as a separate zone; Zone 63 regulations now apply.

Supawna Meadows NWR is open for Fall Bow, Youth Bow Day, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons ONLY! The use of firearms is prohibited

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on Supawna Meadows NWR. There is no refuge permit fee 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.

Supawna Meadows NWR is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 13 - Oct. 31, 2008 (42 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 13 to Oct. 3, 2008. First deer may be antlered or antlerless from Oct. 4-Oct.31, 2008.

Youth Day (Bow): Sept. 27, 2008 (1 day) - **bag limit:** one deer of either sex.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1 - Dec. 24, 26 - 31, 2008 (51 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. NOTE: Hunters MUST have a Zone 63 Permit Bow Season permit to hunt the Supawna Meadows NWR during the Permit Bow Season.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1-31, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Supawna Meadows NWR is closed to deer hunting at all other times.

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 \$20 (free for youth) and must be signed and carried at all times when hunting on refuge property. Visit our Web site at

wallkillriver.fws.gov/hunting.htm, call (973) 702-7266 or write Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, 1547 County Route 565, Sussex, NJ 07461 for more information.

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.

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) 622-4521 or (973) 697-2850 for access permit applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 3 and Zone 6 apply. ➤



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

Hunters must purchase their Zone 68 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 17. 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 (908) 234 - 1225 for more information.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 13 - Oct. 31, 2008 (42 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 13 - Oct. 3, 2008.

Permit Bow Season: Nov. 1 - Dec. 24 and 26-31, 2008 (51 days) - **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.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 8-13, 2008 - **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 (47 days): Dec 8-13, 2008 is antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24 and 26-31, 2008; and Jan. 1 - 31, 2009 - **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 80 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season (28 days): Dec 8-13, 2008 is antlerless deer only; Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 17-19, 2008; and Jan. 10 - 31, 2009 - **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 170 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1 - 31, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** Unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

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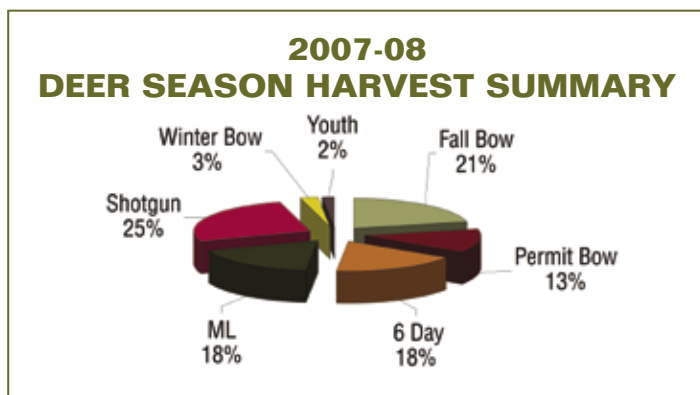
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2007-2008 Deer Harvest

SUMMARIES

New Jersey deer hunters harvested 47,017 deer during the 2007-2008 season between September 8, 2007 and February 16, 2008. The harvest for this year's deer season is the lowest in 17 years, and is 17 percent lower than the 56,673 deer taken in 2006. The antlerless portion of the 2007 harvest was 29,549 animals, down almost 21 percent from 2006. The antlered portion of the 2007 harvest was 17,467 animals, down 10.2 percent from 2006.



2007-08 Deer Harvest by County and Season

County	Total	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	6 Day	ML	Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth
unknown	2					2		
ATLANTIC	2037	335	185	565	441	432	38	41
BERGEN	37	17	5	5	2	2	5	1
BURLINGTON	3984	716	447	673	706	1293	82	67
CAMDEN	544	110	75	140	99	91	20	9
CAPE MAY	552	54	71	142	162	66	37	20
CUMBERLAND	2395	444	303	518	645	378	64	43
ESSEX	93	34	28	7	8	7	8	1
GLOUCESTER	1929	335	254	349	345	575	35	36
HUNTERDON	7348	1793	960	1240	973	2129	171	82
MERCER	1495	334	176	252	130	556	27	20
MIDDLESEX	904	186	107	137	63	381	24	6
MONMOUTH	3336	783	551	423	422	995	138	24
MORRIS	3326	882	530	522	360	860	143	29
OCEAN	1817	416	256	357	346	329	73	40
PASSAIC	449	108	59	77	180	7	12	6
SALEM	2980	591	394	371	809	677	50	88
SOMERSET	3143	890	486	355	314	931	141	26
SUSSEX	5646	1111	702	1081	1522	1005	113	112
UNION	71	3	2			66		
WARREN	4929	852	495	1029	811	1617	51	74
Totals	47017	9994	6086	8243	8338	12399	1232	725

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Total Deer Harvest by Season and Zone

DMZ	Total	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	6 Day	ML	Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth
1	547	95	66	141	203	1	21	20
2	2517	547	322	419	626	519	44	40
3	576	120	74	107	238	16	12	9
4	730	124	109	164	272	14	27	20
5	3786	710	405	787	586	1209	27	62
6	866	163	141	264	200	53	25	20
7	1664	297	174	314	247	587	29	16
8	3690	790	429	739	432	1181	92	27
9	797	291	123	82	56	187	52	6
10	2346	537	290	430	351	645	60	33
11	1455	349	172	223	208	466	20	17
12	3313	790	437	463	384	1124	79	36
13	1314	477	333	76	88	245	82	13
14	1504	411	196	229	92	499	60	17
15	1102	253	152	126	71	457	38	5
16	1148	283	178	202	216	219	31	19
17	958	148	76	166	139	412	5	12
18	416	96	60	117	103	11	19	10
19	1497	305	188	199	207	549	25	24
21	451	69	65	151	125	6	22	13
22	213	89	38	13	32	23	7	11
23	448	79	56	154	134	7	11	7
24	214	26	15	83	76	1	8	5
25	1104	169	92	221	158	442	9	13
26	1045	229	106	314	218	129	25	24
27	1044	199	123	108	315	251	18	30
28	1004	229	127	178	219	196	31	24
29	1119	190	146	125	330	291	17	20
30	390	48	66	94	111	52	9	10
31	326	94	44	48	69	60	8	3
34	696	76	81	173	214	88	42	22
35	1409	264	224	197	331	319	24	50
36	744	235	140	59	70	189	47	4
37	249	62	54	19	90	1	22	1
38	81				18	63		
39	217		27	16	80	91	2	1
40	21				5	13	3	
41	746	165	78	120	94	269	6	14
42	388	49	31	81	76	142	3	6
43	140	23	20	50	39	6	2	
45	230	9	16	103	85	3	7	7
46	225	15	20	100	65	7	8	10
47	241	48	25	74	58	28	7	1
48	1025	142	80	154	118	511	6	14
49	304	83	50	28	25	99	19	
50	1231	333	232	128	99	363	66	10
51	473	112	77	51	30	162	37	4
53	53	22	8	2	10	8	3	
54	49	3	9	8	14	15		
55	76	20	11	18	19	4	3	1
56	16					16		
57	26		3		4	19		
58	16	1	4		1	10		
61	19		3	5	2	8		1
63	332	86	65	44	76	55	2	4
64	37			12		24	1	
65	157	21	20	61	44	1	4	6
66	30	1	1	1	1	25	1	
67	139					139		
68	62	17	4	2	24	14		1
70	1				1			
Total	47017	9994	6086	8243	8338	12399	1232	725

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SUMMARIES

The 2007-08 Deer Harvest per Square Mile of Deer Range			
Deer Mgt. Zone	Deer range (sq. mi.)	Antlered Buck Harvest per sq. mi.	Total Deer Harvest per sq. mi.
1	75	3.7	7.3
2	149	5.5	16.9
3	153	1.8	3.8
4	71	4.5	10.3
5	215	6.5	17.6
6	176	2.9	4.9
7	103	5.9	16.2
8	203	7.1	18.2
9	52	4.1	15.3
10	110	8.8	21.3
11	68	7.7	21.4
12	152	7.3	21.8
13	109	3.1	12.1
14	165	3.2	9.1
15	86	3.6	12.8
16	91	4.8	12.6
17	90	3.6	10.6
18	70	3.1	5.9
19	159	3.0	9.4
21	192	1.3	2.3
22	34	1.7	6.3
23	178	1.4	2.5
24	169	0.8	1.3
25	164	2.4	6.7
26	195	2.5	5.4
27	103	3.0	10.1
28	125	3.2	8.0
29	64	5.1	17.5
30	43	4.6	9.1
31	40	2.6	8.2
34	97	3.3	7.2
35	171	2.9	8.2
36	124	2.0	6.0
37	20	4.2	12.5
38	12	1.5	6.8
39	15	2.7	14.5
40	1	3.0	21.0
41	39	6.9	19.1
42	90	1.6	4.3
43	27	2.6	5.2
45	65	2.2	3.5
46	79	1.7	2.8
47	54	2.1	4.5
48	86	4.0	11.9
49	65	1.5	4.7
50	137	3.1	9.0
51	162	0.9	2.9
53	8	1.3	6.6
54	10	1.5	4.9
55	6	5.0	12.7
56	1	4.0	16.0
57	1	4.0	26.0
58	3	1.3	5.3
61	5	1.8	3.8
63	21	5.5	15.8
64	3	4.0	12.3
65	17	5.6	9.2
66	3	2.7	10.0
67	15	1.3	9.3
68	17	0.5	3.6
70	1	0.0	1.0
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The program, which donated more than 8,000 pounds of venison to food banks and charitable organizations last year alone, operates with limited funding. Butchers who participate in the Hunters Helping the Hungry program receive \$65 to process the donated deer. Currently, hunters who donate deer to feed the hungry must contribute at least \$25 toward that processing fee. 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 www.huntershelpingthehungry.org.

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Targeteers Sporting Goods, 101 Rt. 46 West, Saddle Brook, (201) 843-7788	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Burlington County

Green Bank Inn, 1301 Rt. 542, Green Bank, (609) 965-5630	Open for All Deer Seasons
Hedger House, 4265 Rt. 563, Chatsworth, (609) 894-4565	Open for All Deer Seasons
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New Gretna Munchies, Rt. 9 and South Maple Ave, New Gretna, (609) 296-8050	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Pine Barren Stove & Sport Shop, Rt. 72, Chatsworth, (609) 726-1550	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sportsmen's Center, Rt. 130 North, Bordentown, (609) 298-5300	Open for All Deer Seasons

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Atco Sports, 2209 Atco Ave., Atco, (856) 767-9446	Open for All Deer Seasons
Creek Keepers, 1130 Black Horse Pike (Rt. 168), Blackwood, (856) 227-1923	Not open in December, January and February
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Sicklerville Hardware, 540 Williamstown Rd., Sicklerville, (856) 728-3800	Open for All Deer Seasons

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Fletcher's Corner, 212 South Rt. 47, Dias Creek, (609) 465-4949	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Beaver Dam Boat Rentals, 514 Old Beaver Dam Rd., Newport, (856) 447-3633	Open for All Deer Seasons
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The Bullet Hole, 78 Rutgers St., Belleville, (973) 759-3968	Open for All Deer Seasons
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A&M Meats, Wolfert Station Rd., Mullica Hill, (856) 478-0370	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Boan's Marine, 1296 Rt. 179, Mt. Airy, (609) 397-3311	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Jugtown Mountain Campsites, 1074 Rt. 173 East, West Portal, (908) 735-5995	Open for All Deer Seasons
Lakeside Deli, 1878 Rt. 31 North, Clinton, (908) 638-3354	Open for All Deer Seasons

Milford Napa Auto Parts, 1002 Milford-Frenchtown Rd., Milford, (908) 996-2288	No deer checked during Six-day Firearm
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J. Person Game Butcher, 1221 Rt. 31 South, Lebanon, (908) 735-4646	No deer checked during Six-day Firearm
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V. Roche & Sons, 9 High St., Whitehouse Station, (908) 534-2006	No deer checked during Six-day Firearm
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Mignella's Hillbilly Hall, N. Greenwood Ave., Hopewell, (609) 466-9856	Open for All Deer Seasons
CLOSED MONDAYS	
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Al's Grill & Cream Ridge Sporting Goods, 465 Rt. 539 (south of Rt. 537), Cream Ridge, (609) 758-0616 Open for All Deer Seasons
 American Sportsman, 857 Mill Creek Rd., Manahawkin, (609) 597-4104 Open for All Deer Seasons
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 L & H Woods and Water, 403 Rt. 9, Waretown, (609) 242-1812 Open for All Deer Seasons
 Lucille's Country Cooking, 1496 Rt. 539, Warren Grove, (609) 698-4474 Open for All Deer Seasons
 Scott's Bait & Tackle, 945 Radio Rd., Mystic Island, (609) 296-1300 Open for All Deer Seasons
 Sportsman's Shanty, 420 Chandler Rd., Jackson, (732) 367-0033 Open for All Deer Seasons
 Tip's Hardware, 218 Main St. (Rt. 9), West Creek, (609) 296-3192 Open for All Deer Seasons
 Lakehurst Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10061, 20 Union Ave., Lakehurst, (732) 657-6609 Open for All Deer Seasons

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 Greenwood Lake Sport Center, 1745 Greenwood Lake Tpk., Hewitt, (973) 728-1000 Open for All Deer Seasons
 Totowa Bait & Tackle, 10 Albion Ave., Totowa, (973) 956-0825 Open for All Deer Seasons

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 The Buck Stop, 989 Alvine Road, Norma, (856) 794-1281 Open for All Deer Seasons
 Dunham Deer Cut & Wrapped, 115 Compromise Rd., Mannington, (856) 935-3825 Open for All Deer Seasons
 Sam's Super Service, 290 Rt. 40 (jct. Rt. 553), Elmer, (856) 358-3488 Open for All Deer Seasons

Somerset County

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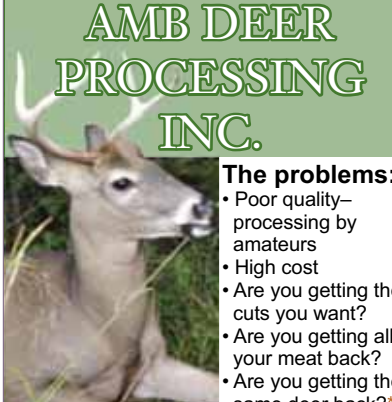
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 RDJ Service Center, 275 Rt. 46, Vienna, (908) 637-4357 Open for All Deer Seasons
 The Owl's Nest, 97 Rt. 519, Warren Glen, (908) 995-7903 Border of Hunterdon County Open for All Deer Seasons
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Does Your Hunter Orange Measure Up?

By Charles Fletcher, Captain Northern Region Law Enforcement

"It's my lucky hat." "I shot my first buck wearing this hat." "This was my father's hunting vest." Conservation officers hear this every year when informing hunters on the condition of their orange hat or outer clothing. The law requires hunters, during specific seasons, to wear a solid, fluorescent hunter orange hat or a garment containing at least 200 square inches of hunter orange material visible from all sides.

Too often conservation officers encounter hunters whose hunting garments are too faded or don't contain adequate orange material to be legal. Camouflage hunter orange garments such as a jumpsuit, jacket or vest may satisfy the requirement if the total orange content is at least 200 square inches and visible from all sides. Statistics prove that hunters who fail to meet the hunter orange requirements are seven times more likely to be injured than those who comply. Hunters who violate the law are subject to a summons and fine. Subsequent hunter orange violations will result in the revocation of hunting and fishing privileges. Be smart, be safe, be legal – be sure your fluorescent hunter orange offers the protection of being seen.

Hunter orange is defined as a daylight fluorescent orange color with a dominant wavelength between 595 and 605 nanometers, excitation purity not less than 85% and a luminance factor of not less than 40%. Beyond this technical jargon, the bottom line for hunters remains: Be safe; wear hunter orange when required and be sure it's bright.



This hunter orange hat is too faded and is *not* legal. Faded orange provides reduced safety. Don't wait to be checked by a Conservation Officer; make sure your hunter orange is still bright.



A camouflage orange hat, without additional orange garments, does *not* meet New Jersey's hunter orange requirement.

Photos By: CO Joseph Kuechler

A current and valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-Around Sportsman) is required to pursue any small game species. See page 26 for *General Hunting Regulations*. 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 65 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 64 for exceptions.

Season Dates and Bag Limits: *The Small Game Hunting Seasons* table on page 63 lists dates, hunting hours and daily bag limits for all small game species open for hunting. Hunting with firearms is prohibited on Nov. 7, 2008 on state wildlife management areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas (see *Pheasants* below) except in tidal marshes open to an on-going waterfowl season.

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

below. See also *General Hunting Regulations*, page 26.

Shotgun - Unless specifically stated otherwise, shotguns for small game hunting may be single or double barrel, rifled or smooth-bore 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 - Compound bows and all other bows must meet the requirements specified in *General Hunting Regulations*, page 26.

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

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

Coyote and Fox, General and Special Permit Seasons

See chart below for both general and special permit season regulations for coyote and fox. All successful coyote hunters

must report any coyote harvested to a Division Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and day-time phone number.

In addition to the coyote and fox seasons described in the chart below, properly licensed persons hunting deer during the Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun deer seasons may kill coyote or fox when the person is in possession of a valid deer transportation tag for the applicable deer season (i.e., before harvesting a deer.) All hunting must cease immediately upon harvesting the daily deer bag limit and completing the deer transportation tag(s.) Incidental hunting of coyote or fox while deer hunting may resume following the issuance of a New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag for the applicable deer season (provided the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached.) Only applicable projectiles approved for deer hunting may be used to take coyote and fox incidental to deer hunting during the deer seasons described above. See *Firearms, Bow and Ammunition* chart, page 31.

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Coyote / Fox Season				
Dates	Oct. 4 to Nov. 7, 2008 Bow and Arrow Only	Nov. 8, 2008 to Feb. 16, 2009 Firearm or Bow	Jan. 19 – Feb. 16, 2009 Special Permit Season	
Hours	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008	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 or compound See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> above.	Bow - long, recurve or compound See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.	Bow - long, recurve or compound See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.	
		Shotgun and Shot Size: See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.	Shotgun – single or double barrel. Not smaller than 12 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells. Shot – sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than “T” shot	Shotgun – single or double barrel. Not smaller than 12 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells. Shot – sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than “T”
		Muzzleloading rifle – Only projectiles approved for deer hunting may be used for incidental coyote or fox harvest. See <i>Notes</i> , below and chart p.30	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.	
Notes	Hunter orange not required. Use of dogs prohibited . Daily bag: 2 coyote, unlimited fox	Hunter orange required when using firearm. Muzzleloading rifle may be used only incidental to deer hunting. Use of dogs permitted except not during Dec. 8-13, and Dec.17. Daily bag: 2 coyote, unlimited fox	While hunting under the provisions of the Special Permit: Hunter orange is not required (but is recommended while traveling to/from hunting areas.) Hunting methods are restricted to calling and stand hunting. A predator-calling device must be in possession. Use of dogs is prohibited. Use of bait is prohibited. Portable lights are allowed	

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In addition to the general Coyote and Fox seasons and incidental coyote or fox harvest while deer hunting, a Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season runs concurrent with the regular small game coyote and fox season. A Fish and Wildlife-issued permit is required to hunt coyote under the provisions of the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season; as follows:

Coyote/Fox permits: \$2, available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site (www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ) beginning December 15. A 2009 hunting license must be purchased prior to or in conjunction with the purchase of a 2009 *Special Coyote and Fox Permit*.

Northern Bobwhite (Quail)

Northern bobwhite (quail) are native to the southern half of New Jersey. In recent years, quail populations have declined throughout their range including New Jersey. In an effort to reverse this decline in New Jersey, two quail hunting zones were delineated in 2005. North of Route 33, where wild quail populations are not known to occur, the statewide season length and bag limit is Nov. 8-Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1-Feb. 16, 2009; the daily bag is seven birds. South of Route 33, the season will end on Jan. 31 and the daily bag limit is four birds. The reduction in season length and bag limit will be monitored to determine if there is an impact on the native quail population.

Pheasant

Pheasant Zones have been eliminated since 2005. The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either-sex statewide and the season dates are Nov. 8-Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1-Feb. 16, 2009. See exceptions below 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, Bevans (Millville), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, MacNamara (Tuckahoe), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, 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

Fish and Wildlife anticipates pheasant releases to be in excess of 50,000 birds, and 11,000 quail for release as follows:

Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, MacNamara (Tuckahoe), Millville (Bevans), Nantuxent, Pequest, Port Republic, Walpack and Whittingham WMAs will be stocked with pheasant for the following dates:

Nov. 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27 and 29

Dec. 2, 4, 6, 20 and 27

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

Nov. 8, 15, 22, 27 and 29

Dec. 6, 20 and 27

Greenwood Forest and Peaslee WMAs will be stocked with quail for the following dates:

Nov. 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27 and 29

Dec. 2, 4, 6, 20 and 27

Fish and Wildlife reminds sportsmen and sportswomen that the stocking schedule is tentative until approved by the Fish and Game Council in early October. The schedule is subject to pheasant production and may change due to emergency weather conditions.

Rabbit and Hare

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 63.

Raccoon and Opossum

Season: Oct. 1, 2008 to Mar. 1, 2009.

Hours: Hunting may not begin until 1 hour after sunset on Oct. 1. On all other days open during the season, the hours of hunting are 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise. Sunday hunting is permitted only between the hours of midnight (Saturday) and 1 hour before sunrise (Sunday).

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 rifles while hunting raccoon and opossum when only .22 caliber shorts are permitted.

Bag Limit: There is no daily or season bag limit for raccoon or opossum.

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.

Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

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/or chukar partridge on licensed semi-wild preserves on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008, the Youth Pheasant Hunting Day.

Hunting for certain species of game birds is allowed from Nov. 8, 2008 to March 15, 2009 on semi-wild and from Sept. 1, 2008 through May 1, 2009 on commercial shooting preserve lands that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These species of game may be hunted on Sunday only on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands.

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

A person may legally hunt on semi-wild or commercial preserves for game

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Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Bobwhite quail	North of Route 33: Nov. 8 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2009	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	7 – North	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008
	South of Route 33: Nov. 8 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 to Jan. 31, 2009		4 - South	Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 62.)
Coyote* and Fox, General All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.	Bow and Arrow only: Oct. 4 to Nov. 7, 2008 Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 8, 2008 to Feb. 16, 2009	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Coyote - 2 Fox – No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008 Open Dec. 8-13 and Dec. 17, 2008 with restrictions as specified under <i>Small Game Hunting, Coyote and Fox</i> , page 61. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting).
Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.	Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Jan. 19 to Feb. 16, 2009 (permit required)	Permit holders may hunt day and night with certain restrictions; see Notes at right.	Coyote - 2 Fox – No limit	For complete details, see <i>Small Game Hunting, Coyote and Fox</i> , page 61. Calling and standing hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle, allowed only during the daytime hunting hours. During night hunting (½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise), only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns with #4 through "T" size shot are permitted.
Grouse, Ruffed	Oct. 16 to Dec. 6** and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008
Opossum & Raccoon	Oct. 1, 2008 to Mar. 1, 2009	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, 2008 Closed Dec. 8-13 and Dec. 17, 2008
Pheasant & Chukar	Nov. 8 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2009	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Chukar – 7 Pheasant - 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 62.)
Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit	Nov. 8 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2009	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail – 4 Hare – 1 Jackrabbit - 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008
Squirrel, Gray	Sept. 27 to Dec. 6** and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2009	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008
Squirrel, Gray Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 27 to Nov. 7, 2008 and Jan. 10 to Feb. 16, 2009	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 64.)
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	(Period N) Oct. 27 to Nov. 1, 2008	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.	1 Turkey (either sex) per permit	Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1 – 11, 20 and 21 only.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	(Periods A to G) Apr. 13 to May 22, 2009	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2009 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth)	(Period Y) Apr. 11 to May 22, 2009	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2009 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Woodchuck - Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	Mar. 1 to Oct. 1, 2008 Mar. 2 to Sep. 30, 2009	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. Rifle hunting prohibited on state property (see <i>General Hunting Regulations</i> , page 28 and <i>Small Game Regulations</i> page 64.)
Woodchuck – Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 27 to Dec. 6** and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2009	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008
Woodcock	See Migratory Bird Regulations**	Sunrise to sunset	3	HIP number required. 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008
Youth Turkey Day	Apr. 11 2009	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. Refer to 2009 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Youth Upland Bird Day	Nov. 1, 2008	8 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant - 2	Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (See page 22)

* All harvested coyote must be reported to a regional Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.

** No firearm hunting is permitted on November 7, 2008 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.

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species under license during the deer seasons, but no shot larger than #4 fine may be used. There are no daily bag or seasonal limits for pheasant, quail, chukar or mallards taken on commercial preserves. There are no daily bag limits for pheasant, quail or chukar 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.

Squirrel, Regular Season

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 63.

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. 27 to Nov. 7, 2008; and, Jan. 10 to Feb. 16, 2009. Firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 6 on those wildlife management areas designated and Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas. Hunting for squirrel in the manner described above is restricted to the areas described below:

Those portions of Passaic, Mercer, Hunterdon, Warren, Morris and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 513 and the New York State line; then south along Rt. 513 to its intersection with Rt. 511; then south along Rt. 511 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15; then north along Rt. 15 to its intersection with the Morris-Sussex County line; then south along the Morris-Sussex County line to the Warren county line; then southwest along the Morris-Warren County line to the Hunterdon County line; then southeast along the Morris-Hunterdon County line to the Somerset County line; then south along the Somerset-Hunterdon County line to its intersec-

Woodchuck Season			
Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)
Mar. 1 to Oct. 1, 2008 Mar. 2 to Sept. 30, 2009	Center-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight.
		Larger than .25 caliber	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight not exceeding 100 grains in weight.
	Rim-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point or soft point
	Muzzleloading rifle – single-shot, single barrel. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	No restriction	Must be loaded with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet.
	Bow long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 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. 27 to Dec. 6, Dec. 15, 16 and 18-31, 2008; and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2009	Bow long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 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

tion with the Mercer County line; then west and south along the Hunterdon Mercer County line to its intersection with Rt. 31; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 546; then west along Rt. 546 to the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York state line; then east along the New York state line to the point of beginning at Lakeside; and in that portion of Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 295 and the Delaware River; then east along Rt. 295 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then east along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 40; then east along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 536; then east along Rt. 536 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 571; then southeast along Rt. 571 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway;

then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Somers Point; then south along Rt. 9 to its intersection with Rt. 83; then west along Rt. 83 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Dennis Creek; then south along the west bank of Dennis Creek to its intersection with Delaware Bay; then northwest along the east shore of Delaware Bay and the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

Woodchuck

All persons in possession of a rifle (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. ☺



On an action-packed morning of gobblers hammering back to every sweet hen call uttered by mentor Rob Warner, left, Christopher Tereszczyn, Jr. bagged this turkey from 35 yards on Youth Turkey Hunt Day.

Youth Turkey Hunt Day April 11, 2009 See page 24

Non-hunting adults accompanying youth turkey hunters need only have in possession a valid hunting license. Turkey hunting is by permit only.

Spring and fall turkey hunting is by permit only. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 15. For farmers, see *Farmer Turkey Permits*, page 29.

Fall 2008 Turkey Hunting Regulations

The 2008 fall turkey season consists of one six-day hunting segment, N, from Monday, Oct. 27 through Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008. Fall hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Turkey Hunting Areas 1-11 and Turkey Hunting Areas 20 and 21 will be open for hunting. Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16 and 22 are closed to fall hunting.

- Bag Limit: One wild turkey of either sex per day during the fall season regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds.
- Dogs and artificial decoys may be used while turkey hunting in the fall season, except the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. All hunters are required to possess a calling device while turkey 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, 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.
- Fluorescent hunter orange is not required to hunt turkey.
- Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle to hunt turkeys.
- Turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of any baited area.

Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must complete the transportation tag on their fall hunting permit and affix it to the bird. The turkey must be taken to an official wild turkey check station by 7 p.m. on the day it is killed *by the hunter who killed the bird*.

2009 Spring Gobbler Hunting Season

Youth Turkey Hunting Day:	Sat., April 11
Segment A:	Mon., April 13 - Fri., April 17
Segment B:	Mon., April 20 - Fri., April 24
Segment C:	Mon., April 27 - Fri., May 1
Segment D:	Mon., May 4 - Fri., May 8
Segment E:	Mon., May 11 - Fri., May 15; Mon., May 18 - Fri., May 22
Segment G:	All Saturdays, April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9 and May 16

Spring 2009 Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting regulations are published in the 2009 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 15.

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 the January 2009 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement for the seminars scheduled during March and April. ☺

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Beaver Dam Boat Rentals, 514 Old Beaver Dam Rd. Newport, (856) 447-3633

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

Big Daddy's Sports Haven, 595 Sherman Ave., Millville, (856) 825-5500

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

Sportsman's Rendezvous, Rt. 31, Speedway Plaza, Flemington, (908) 788-5828

Boan's Marine, 1296 Rt. 179, Lambertville (609) 397-3311

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

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

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Bradway's Farm Market, Jericho Rd & Rt 49, Quinton, (856) 935-5698

Sam's Super Service, 290 Rt. 40, Elmer, (856) 358-3488

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Garden State Bow & Reel, 2760A Rt. 23N, Stockholm, (973) 697-3727

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

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Swartswood Country Store, 911 Newton-Swartswood Rd., Stillwater, (973) 383-5470

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Alpine Meats, Rt. 94 N., Blirstown, (908) 362-8568

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Smitty's Liquor & Deli, 89 Rt. 46, Delaware, (908) 475-5933

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- A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See page 10 for license information.
- All traps set or used must bear a legible tag of durable material with the name and address of the person setting, using and maintaining the traps.
- A trap identification number issued by Fish and Wildlife may be used in lieu of a name / address tag. A photocopy of your current and valid trapping license plus a daytime telephone number will be required. Contact the Bureau of Wildlife Management at (609) 292-6685 for more information.
- No traps or trap stakes are to be set prior to times indicated in this section.
- All traps must be checked and tended at least once every 24 hours, preferably in the morning.
- No trap shall be permitted to remain set on any property at the close of the trapping season.
- No person shall steal or attempt to take traps of another, or remove a trapped animal without permission of the trap owner.
- **Any person (including a farmer) who traps a coyote must notify a Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office within 24 hours.**
- Licensed trappers at least 18 years of age and in possession of a valid rifle permit may carry a .22 caliber rifle and use only .22 caliber short rimfire cartridges to kill legally trapped animals other than muskrat. Firearms may not be loaded with more than three rounds.

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 site-specific 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.

Application can be made at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ. Applicants must have a current and valid trapping license to apply.

Zone maps, boundary descriptions and permit quotas are available on our Web site or call (609) 292-1473. Applicants must have a current and valid trapping license to apply. The application period is October 1-31. Applicants may apply for only one beaver trapping permit and/or one otter trapping permit. If the number of applications exceeds the permit quota, a random lottery drawing will be held to determine permit holders. Successful beaver permit applicants will be given first opportunity for otter permits in their respective zone.

Beaver trappers may indicate on their application if they wish to be considered for a site-specific beaver permit within your chosen zone. Site-specific permits are issued for properties where confirmed beaver damage or nuisance problems exist. A separate, random lottery will determine site-specific permit holders; however, applicants who did not receive a zone-wide beaver permit will have first opportunity for a site-specific permit.

Other beaver/otter rules and regulations:

- Holders of a beaver trapping *zone* permit may use a maximum of five traps daily.
- Holders of a *site-specific* permit may use an additional five traps daily *only* at the location specified on the permit.
- Holders of a river otter trapping permit may use a maximum of three traps daily.
- 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 removal from the trap.

- 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.** Trappers are strongly encouraged to properly flesh and stretch all pelts for examination. Additional information on check stations will be provided to all permit holders.
- Division staff will man check-in stations at the Assunpink WMA, Clinton WMA, Flatbrook WMA, Tuckahoe WMA, Winslow WMA and Newfoundland Fire Company on **Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009** (tentative.) Pelts may also be registered at Space Farms, Sussex County, in conjunction with the NJ Trappers Association's January Fur Auction. Successful trappers that can not attend on the scheduled dates should contact either Joseph Garris at (908) 735-7040 or Andrew Burnett at (609) 748-2058 prior to February 21 to make alternate arrangements.

Traps, Body gripping Restraining Type (Snare)

- 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 natural baits consisting of fish, bird or mammal carcasses or flesh used in trapping with body gripping restraining snares must be covered or concealed from view except when placed at least 30 feet from any trap set.

Body gripping restraining snares set for mink, muskrat and nutria are subject to the following requirements:

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Trapping

REGULATIONS

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- 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 and 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.

Body gripping restraining snares set for coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk and weasel shall be subject to the following requirements:

- All such traps must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring from 5/64 to 1/8 inches in diam-

eter and be equipped with a swivel;

- 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, loops 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, Conibear or Killer-type

No Conibear or killer-type trap shall be used in non-tidal waters unless completely

submerged underwater when the water is at the normal level. In tidal water, such traps must be completely covered at normal high tide.

It is illegal to use, set or possess a Conibear or killer-type trap having a jaw spread greater than 6 inches without a permit for beaver or river otter. A Conibear 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 across the trigger of a set trap to the inner edges of the jaws.

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

Traps, Leg-hold

- It is illegal to possess or use steel-jawed leghold traps anywhere in New Jersey. ♪

2008-09 New Jersey Trapping Zones, Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Zone	Inclusive Dates	Season Limits	Notes
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel & Coyote	Statewide (except stocked WMAs)	Nov. 15, 2008 to Mar. 15, 2009	No limit	6 a.m. start on Nov. 15
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15, 2009	No limit	6 a.m. start on Jan. 1
Mink, Muskrat & Nutria	Northern Zone ² (except stocked WMAs)	Nov. 15, 2008 to Mar. 15, 2009	No limit	6 a.m. start on Nov. 15
	Southern Zone ³ (except stocked WMAs)	Dec. 1, 2008 to Mar. 15, 2009	No limit	6 a.m. start on Dec. 1
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15, 2009	No limit	6 a.m. start on Jan. 1
Beaver	Statewide (except stocked WMAs)	Dec. 26, 2008 to Feb. 9, 2009	8 / permit	Permit required. Max. of 5 traps in use ⁴
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2009		
River Otter	Statewide (except stocked WMAs)	Dec. 26, 2008 to Feb. 9, 2009	1 / season	Permit required. Max. of 3 traps in use
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2009		

1. Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs are: Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Bevans-Cedarville (Millville), Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, MacNamara (Tuckahoe-Corbin City), Walpack, Winslow, Whittingham, Fort Dix Military Reservation and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is closed to trapping.
2. Those portions of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren Counties lying north of a line beginning at the intersection of US Route 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Route 1 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Route 440; then east along Route 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey – New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.
3. Those portions of the Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem Counties lying south of a line beginning at the intersection of US Route 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Route 1 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Route 440; then east along Route 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey – New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.
4. Holders of both a Special Beaver Permit and a Special Site-Specific Beaver Permit may use five additional traps per Special Site-Specific Beaver Permit provided they are used only on the property or site specified in the Special Site-Specific Beaver Permit. The bag limit per Site-Specific Beaver Permit is 10 beavers.

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Return of a Native

By Andrew W Burnett, Principal Biologist

The fisher (*Martes pennanti*) is one of the larger members of the Weasel Family (Mustelidae) with a long, slim body (20-25 inches) and bushy tail (13-15 inches). On average, males weigh more (6-12 lbs.) than females (3-7 lbs.). Fur is dark brown to nearly black with white-tipped hairs over most of its body, producing a somewhat frosted appearance. Similar species are the smaller marten (head and body 14-17 inches, tail 7-9 inches), which has a buff-colored patch on the throat and breast, and the larger wolverine (head and body 29-32 inches, tail 7-9 inches), possessing yellowish stripes on the sides and rump. Neither marten nor wolverine are historically native to New Jersey. Dark-colored domestic cats could easily be mistaken for a fisher, particularly under poor light conditions.

Common names for fisher include black cat, fisher cat and pekan (French). The name fisher probably comes from its superficial resemblance to the European polecat, sometimes called fichet or fitche.

Most female fisher breed for the first time at 12 months of age and produce their first litter at 24 months, after a 327-358 day gestation period. The long gestation includes a 10- to 11-month period of delayed implantation, which limits litters to one per year. Litter size averages 2.8 (1-6 young) and birth occurs in March/April. Breeding occurs soon after birth of the current year's litter.

Fisher are opportunistic predators, and are famous for their ability to prey on porcupine which have few other predators. However, fisher do occur in areas completely devoid of porcupine. Snowshoe hare is the most common prey item; also consumed are grouse, rabbit, squirrel and shrew, as well as plant material such as fruit, nuts and berries. Mice, voles and birds are important components in their fall/winter diet and reptiles, amphibians, bird eggs and insects are eaten when available during spring

and summer. Fisher also consume carrion, especially in winter when other food items are less available, and easily may be lured to a site baited with a beaver, deer or moose carcass.

Fisher prefer areas of extensive mature forest (tree diameters greater than 10 inches) with more than 50 percent tree canopy cover. Fisher are adept tree climbers and can rotate their hind limbs, similar to squirrels, thus permitting a headfirst descent. However, fisher are mainly terrestrial except while in conifer forests or when harassed. Temporary dens are selected from a variety of protected sites while the adult moves about its home range of 6 - 8 square miles. Maternity dens are located in hollow trees.

In the northeast, fisher historically occupied an area extending from central Quebec south to Virginia, including northwestern New Jersey. They were a common resident of the coniferous and mixed conifer/hardwood forests. By the early 20th century, logging operations and unregulated trapping reduced the species' range, particularly along the southern edge. Since then, fisher have reoccupied much of their historical range following reversion of the landscape back to forests, along with protective measures to regulate harvest levels. In many areas, fisher now occupy habitats once considered unsuitable, including second-growth forests fragmented by agriculture and suburban development.

Nearly 200 fisher were re-introduced in northern Pennsylvania a decade ago. South-central Pennsylvania has also been colonized by fisher expanding from West Virginia, where they were introduced in the late 1960s. A trap-and-transfer project undertaken by New York between 1976 and 1979 re-established a

fisher population in the Catskill Mountains by the mid-1980s.

With increasing populations in adjacent states, fisher now appear to be moving into New Jersey. As of April 2008, six confirmed fisher sightings have been reported in New Jersey. Since October 2006, Charles Kontos, a student at the University of Montclair, "captured" three fisher with a trail camera in Stokes State Forest, Sussex County, as part of his graduate research project. Kontos also collected several scat samples later verified as fisher by the Rocky Mountain Conservation Genetics Lab in Missoula, Montana. These scat samples have been genotyped

(a genetic analysis) for comparison to other regional fisher populations. Warren County resident Ralph Corvino photographed a fisher on his property in 2004. These animals are believed to have originated from the Catskill region. Fish and Wildlife has received several unconfirmed reports from the public since fall 2006.

At present, there is no open fisher trapping season in New Jersey, but Fish and Wildlife biologists are interested in fisher sightings. To report a fisher sighting, complete a sighting report form from our Web site (www.NJFishandWildlife.com/forms.htm#other) or e-mail Fish and Wildlife biologist Andrew Burnett at Andrew.Burnett@dep.state.nj.us and type "fisher" into the subject bar. Attach any photos with a detailed description of the animal's behavior and location.

To assist in fisher identification, consult a field guide such as: Burt, W.H. and R.P. Grossenheider, ed. 1976. A field guide to the mammals of North America north of Mexico, 3rd edition (Peterson Field Guide). ISBN 0-395-24084-0 (pbk.). 📖

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Migratory Bird

REGULATIONS

A summary of the migratory bird regulations, below, are confirmed from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and will be published in the *New Jersey 2008-09 Migratory Bird Regulations* booklet available in September at license agents, Fish and Wildlife offices and on the Fish and Wildlife Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com. Migratory bird season dates published in the *Migratory Bird Regulations* booklet supersede those printed in this *Digest* if there are discrepancies.

Migratory Bird Seasons

Season	Area	Dates	Daily Bag Limit
September Canada Goose*	Statewide	Sept. 1-30	15
Rail and moorhen	Statewide	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Sora & Virginia rail: 25 total or aggregate; moorhen and clapper rail: 10
Sea Duck	Special Sea Duck Area	Sept. 23 - Jan. 24, 2009	7, except no more than 4 scoters
Snipe	Statewide	Sept. 19-Jan. 3, 2009	8
Crow (Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat)	Statewide	Aug. 11 - Mar. 21, 2009 (Except closed Dec. 8-13)	No limit
Woodcock	North Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 8	3
	South Zone	Nov. 8-22 & Dec. 26-Jan. 3, 2009	
Mourning Dove	Statewide	Closed	No Season
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	North Zone	Oct. 4	As for regular season for all species
	South Zone	Nov. 7-8	
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 25	

* See special regulations only for September Canada goose hunting, page 74.


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 three ways to report bands:

1. **Online:** www.reportband.gov
2. **Call Toll Free:** (800) 327-BAND
3. **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 or have a certificate mailed to them 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.



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

1. Required to hunt crows: a New Jersey hunting license.
2. Required to hunt woodcock, rail, snipe, coots or moorhens (gallinule): a New Jersey hunting license and Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification; see below for HIP information.
3. Required to hunt ducks, geese or brant: a New Jersey hunting license, HIP certification, Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp and New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp. Both Federal and State stamps are required for waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older (even those still hunting on a youth license) and must be signed in ink across the stamp's face. Federal stamps are available at U.S. post offices, online from Ducks Unlimited. (www.ducksunlimited.org) and many major sporting goods stores who are license agents. Hunters and collectors of waterfowl stamps may purchase state stamps from license agents.

Information For Migratory Bird Hunters

Important Reminder in Obtaining HIP Certification

Hunters must purchase a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification before hunting ducks, geese, brant, woodcock, rails, snipe, coot or moorhens (gallinules) in New Jersey. Hunters may purchase an HIP certification via three sales outlets:

1. License Agents

HIP certification may be purchased at any license agent for a \$2 fee. Hunters will have their HIP certification printed on their license.

2. Internet Sales Site

Hunters may purchase an HIP certification for a \$2 fee on Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site (www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/) then self-print the HIP certifications.

3. Telephone Sales Site

Hunters may purchase their HIP certifications using Fish and Wildlife's telephone sales process (888) 277-2015. Following the sale, hunters will receive a transaction number; write down this number as it may be used immediately for proof of completing an HIP certification. The actual HIP certification will be printed on the license and mailed to the hunter's home. Note: any purchases made using the telephone sales process will incur an additional shipping and handling fee of \$3 plus 2.5% of the total sale.

Hunters must have proof of HIP certification in possession while hunting migratory birds, whether the document is printed on the license, a computer self-printed certification or a transaction number obtained over the phone. This proof of certification should be carried in the hunter's license holder. The HIP certification is valid from Sept. 1, 2008 to March 10, 2009.

All information collected through the program is kept confidential and is used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only to conduct migratory bird harvest surveys. As in the past, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will mail harvest survey information to a small, random group of HIP registrants.



To help identify bobcat distribution and occurrence throughout the state, the ENSP is requesting help from sportsmen and sportswomen by reporting any bobcat sighting using the Endangered and Threatened Wildlife Sighting Report form available online at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/ensp/rprtform.htm.

Attention Waterfowl Hunters: Optional, Regulations Permitted During September Canada Goose Season

At the recommendation of the Atlantic Flyway Council, the US Fish and Wildlife Service approved the use of special regulations to help curb the growth of resident population Canada geese. These special regulations are optional.

1. Electronic calls are permitted.
2. Unplugged guns are permitted. Magazine and chamber may hold up to seven shells.
3. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. This allows hunting one half hour later than past years.

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.

Free! New Jersey Waterfowlers Clinic

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!

Thirty years ago, the clinic began as an opportunity to introduce young people to the world of waterfowl hunting. However, with the growing interest among men and women, as well as children, the event has been transformed into an opportunity for anyone 10 and up to spend a fun and interesting day learning about waterfowling!

Our full-day clinic covers waterfowling from A to Z, and includes bird identification, decoys, calling, guns and ammo, boats, safety, laws and ethics, 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: Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008
- Location: Tip Seaman Park, Tuckerton, NJ
- Time: 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Please **register in advance** so we can plan accordingly. Call George Larson at (732) 870-8473 or write him at widgeon1123@yahoo.com.

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



25th Anniversary Edition 2008 New Jersey Duck Stamp Print Hen and Drake Canvasback

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee is proud to announce the 25th Anniversary Edition Waterfowl Stamp painted by wildlife artist Rob Leslie. The stamp features a hen and drake canvasback.

Artist Rob Leslie currently resides in Turnersville, New Jersey. Originally a Wisconsin native, he graduated from Oconomowoc High School in 1965. As a young man, Leslie left the Badger State for a life on the road as a traveling musician, playing organ and guitar for a rock and roll band known as the Messengers. After settling down in the medical equipment field, he decided to visit the Easton Waterfowl Festival on a whim that proved to be truly inspirational. The experience encouraged him to seriously pursue his own hobby as a wildlife artist.

Less than a year after entering the field of wildlife art, Leslie won the Delaware Duck Stamp Contest and similar contests in Pennsylvania and Idaho. In addition to designing the 2008 25th Anniversary Edition New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp, his art was selected for the Garden State's 1986, 1992 and 1997 stamps. Leslie's art is also featured on several other states' duck stamps and he was chosen as Ducks Unlimited International Artist of the Year in 1996.

Currently, Rob displays his art at the Easton Waterfowl Festival, Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy and Gunning Show, Wings and Water Festival, Havre de Grace Decoy and Wildlife Art Festival, and Toms River Art and Decoy Festival. His original paintings can be viewed at Ron Kobli's Decoys and Wildlife Gallery in Frenchtown, New Jersey.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife administers the New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Program for the purpose of purchasing wetlands for waterfowl habitat. Proceeds from the sale of New Jersey's duck stamps and prints total over \$4,250,000 to date, all to acquire wetlands for waterfowl habitat and public use. The New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee has committed to the purchase of over 13,000 acres of waterfowl habitat. The committee continues to be involved with the enhancement of thousands of additional acres for the benefit of wildlife.

Limited edition, signed and numbered prints of the 25th New Jersey waterfowl stamp may be purchased directly from New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. To purchase a print, order forms are available on our Web site (www.NJFishandWildlife.com) or by sending a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope to: ATTN: Waterfowl Prints, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, New Jersey 07863.



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American Black Duck Research Takes Flight in New Jersey

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Paul Castelli holds a satellite radio - tagged black duck on the Forsythe NWR.

Tina Verkes, Ducks Unlimited

When the autumnal equinox looms closer and daylight wanes, New Jersey's coastal marshes fill with wintering American black ducks as they have done for eons. The period of time between this southward migration and their farewell bid in the spring when they return to their northern breeding grounds is a vital stage in their life cycle.

Here in New Jersey, a winter salt marsh scene would not be complete without a show of black ducks dancing into a cold northwest wind, floating effortlessly on silver-lined wings. In fact, more black ducks winter in New Jersey than anywhere in the world. To gain a better understanding of this critical period in the black duck's life cycle, several major studies are underway in New Jersey as well as other parts of the birds' wintering range.

Along the Atlantic flyway, black duck numbers have suffered long-term declines. Interestingly, black duck numbers in New Jersey have

remained relatively stable following 1970s legislation that protected salt marsh habitat. In other states where coastal development persists, habitat degradation and loss resulted in a continued decline in black duck numbers. New Jersey provides a critical area for wintering black ducks, approximating the center of the birds' wintering range. According to the Mid-winter Waterfowl Survey coordinated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, nearly half of the Atlantic flyway's black duck population winters in New Jersey.

To set population and harvest goals and determine priority areas for restoration and protection, biologists must understand the habitat and nutritional requirements of wintering and migrating black ducks. Toward this end Ducks Unlimited Inc. is coordinating a large multi-study cooperative project. In addition to the Division of Fish and Wildlife the study now involves four state wildlife agencies, two major universities, four national wildlife refuges, and numerous sportsmen's organization (see sidebar page 77) across both the Atlantic and Mississippi flyways.

Identifying Critical Habitats

Satellite transmitters attached to hen black ducks are used to identify important connections between wintering, migration and breeding habitats at the flyway scale.

Satellite transmitters are a relatively new technology that uses GPS (global positioning system) technology to report duck locations to satellites, which relay the information directly to the researcher's desk. These solar-

Follow the Black Ducks!

Visit the Ducks Unlimited Web site to learn more on black duck research spanning the Atlantic and Mississippi flyways and for updates on black duck studies currently underway.

www.ducks.org/blackduckstudy

Once there, click "Follow the Ducks" to watch the movements of birds fitted with transmitters right here in New Jersey. Or go directly to the map with this link:

glaromaps.ducks.org/blackduck/

powered transmitters can last up to three years.

On the local scale, determining areas most important for black ducks wintering in New Jersey is accomplished by securing standard VHF radio transmitters to the birds.

Using specialized monitoring equipment, with direction-finding antennas, researchers are able to receive a beep tone emitted by the birds' radio transmitters. Locations are recorded twice daily throughout the wintering period, day and night, for birds up to two miles away. These data are used to calculate winter home range and habitat use statistics.



Brook Hill

A VHF radio transmitter is affixed to a black duck hen.

Building a Bioenergetic Model to Assess Carrying Capacity

In order to set appropriate population and harvest goals for black ducks, biologists need to understand their energetic requirements as well as the carrying capacity of the habitat. To accomplish this, researchers construct



Tina Yeakes, Ducks Unlimited

Cape May National Wildlife Refuge manager Howard Schlegel releases a satellite-radioed black duck.

a bioenergetic model by answering three energetic questions:

- 1) How much energy do wintering black ducks need?
- 2) What foods do black ducks consume?
- 3) How much energy is available to wintering black ducks in terms of food items on the marsh?

To shed light on these questions, researchers collect data necessary to assemble time-energy budgets. First, flocks of ducks are surveyed to determine the percentage of birds engaged in nine predefined activities: feeding, loafing, sleeping, comfort (preening and wing stretching), agonistic (bothering other ducks), courtship, swimming, walking and flying. Each of the activities has a different energy requirement and after many replications the energy required for one duck to carry out its daily activities can be calculated.

Second, researchers estimate the availability of foods such as snails,

clams, and seeds. This effort, across the landscape, provides an estimate of food energy available as well as any associated depletion rate or seasonal abundance change. Because not all food on the marsh is actually utilized by ducks, crop surveys (examining the food contents of the harvested bird's muscular crop) from hunter-harvested black ducks then verify food usage, food preference and the possibility of any shift in food consumption as resources become depleted. The final result of this bioenergetic model will be an estimate of the carrying capacity for wintering black ducks.

Current population and harvest goals can be reassessed in light of the carrying capacity estimate from the bioenergetics model. From this, the amount of habitat creation or improvement needed to support a desired black duck population level can be estimated and resources available for habitat work can be balanced against expected population gains. Information on critical black duck habitat can also be used to support wetland protection policies.

Increasing the quantity or quality of habitat on the wintering grounds, and in particular New Jersey, should increase the winter survival of black ducks and improve the body condition of hens returning to breeding grounds. Birds with healthier body conditions at the start of the long northward travel back to breeding grounds can result in increased production and survival of young, both crucial for achieving a larger black duck population. ♠

The following partners cooperate to support this critical black duck research:

- New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife**
- Ducks Unlimited, Inc.**
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**
- New Jersey Duck Stamp Committee**
- Black Duck Joint Venture**
- New Jersey Waterfowlers Association**
- University of Delaware**
- Atlantic Coast Joint Venture**
- VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries**
- DE Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Control**
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The Bird Flu: What You Need to Know

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish and Wildlife

USDA United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Wildlife Services

The highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza virus has never been found in New Jersey or North America, but your help is needed for tracking this virus. If you find sick or dead birds, do not handle them. Report dead birds to the USDA - Wildlife Services at (866) 4-USDA-WS

Highly pathogenic avian influenza type H5N1, commonly called "bird flu," is a virus which can be deadly to birds, particularly poultry. Bird flu has received much media attention since the virus also affects humans in portions of Asia and Africa. There are many strains of this virus, each classified as "low pathogenic" or "highly pathogenic," referring to the potential for the virus to kill birds, **not to** infect people.

Avian influenza viruses persist in cool, moist environments such as wetlands. Wetland birds like waterfowl, shorebirds and gulls are considered a natural reservoir for many avian influenza viruses. In waterfowl, the occurrence of low pathogenic virus strains peaks in late summer and early fall but the birds rarely develop debilitating signs. In shorebirds, the peak occurrence of low pathogenic virus exposure occurs during spring migration.

Reports of H5N1-infected birds in Asia, Europe and Africa have increased since this strain was first confirmed. It is found mainly in poultry and wild birds, but may occur in some mammals. Despite a significant surveillance effort in domestic and wild birds, to date the highly pathogenic H5N1 virus has not been found in North America.

What surveillance efforts are being done to detect Bird Flu?

Federal and state agricultural and wildlife agencies will continue to conduct continent-wide surveillance for the highly pathogenic H5N1 virus. Tens of thousands of wild bird and environmental (water and fecal) samples are tested each year. In 2008, more than 60,000 wild birds and 25,000 fecal samples will be tested nationwide.

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife is working in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to monitor wild birds. Emphasis in wild bird surveillance will be on wetland migratory birds, particularly waterfowl.


Waterfowl hunters play a key role in surveillance. Hunters may be approached by various wildlife agency staff at key hunting sites with a request to take samples from harvested birds. Most samples are taken via swabs from the cloaca and mouth of harvested birds. Bird mortality events suggestive of avian influenza will also be investigated.

Information For Hunters

Although the highly pathogenic H5N1 virus is mainly a poultry disease, wild birds appear to play some role in its spread. Currently there is little evidence that hunting dogs can contract the virus. Dog owners should consult their veterinarian for more information about influenza in pets. The risk to hunters appears low, but much is still unknown about this virus. Hunters can take reasonable steps to minimize their chance of contracting any potential bird virus.

Precautions for Handling Harvested Wild Birds

- ✓ Do not handle or consume game animals that are obviously sick or found dead.
- ✓ Wear rubber gloves when cleaning birds.
- ✓ Do not eat, drink or smoke while cleaning birds.
- ✓ Keep your hands away from your face and mouth when cleaning birds.
- ✓ Wash your hands with soap and water immediately after handling birds.
- ✓ Disinfect your work area and knives with a 10% bleach solution.
- ✓ Cook birds completely. The juices should be clear with no pink meat. Use a meat thermometer to ensure the internal meat temperature has reached a minimum of 165° F.


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Wild Turkey Research Project at Work



◀ In suburban backyards, very large flocks of wild turkeys can create a nuisance. Here, turkeys are attracted to corn placed under a drop-net in Bridgeton, Cumberland County.

▼ After the drop-net falls, captured turkeys are carefully removed and individually boxed for travel.



▲ **A rarity!** This adult hen from Bridgeton, Cumberland County, has well developed spurs, an attribute almost never seen in female turkeys.



▲ Wild Turkey Research Project staff band the birds and determine the sex, age and weight of each turkey.



▲ Wild Turkey Research Project technician Marissa Hunt releases an adult gobbler from the transport box while a just-released hen flies past. Wild turkeys in suburban areas like Bridgeton may grow accustomed to people and become a nuisance. These birds may be captured and successfully released into more appropriate habitat.

Next Year: Proposed

to Hunting in New Jersey



By Carole Kandoth, Principal Biologist

Rabbit and Hare

Opening day of rabbit season will move forward from the second week in November to the last Saturday in September.

The opening day of small game traditionally starts on the Saturday closest to November 10 to allow farmers time to harvest crops. This proposal maintains that tradition by keeping the November opening day timing for pheasants, chukar and quail. An earlier rabbit/hare season should not interfere with farming activities since rabbit hunting involves hedgerows, old fields and most often uses a dog to flush and chase game back to the stationary hunter. An earlier open also provides ample opportunity for rabbit/hare hunters to enjoy their sport when rabbit populations are most abundant plus will allow hunting on WMAs without encountering bird hunters and trappers. Private landowners can choose not to allow the earlier open on their property.

Fisher

Add fisher to the Game Code in the section covering raccoon, fox, opossum, weasel and coyote trapping, with a closed season.

New Jersey is at the southern portion of the fisher's natural range; restoration projects are ongoing in New York and Pennsylvania. It is believed that fisher may be migrating southwest into New Jersey from New York's Catskill Mountains. There have been two confirmed sightings (Frelinghuysen Twp., Warren County 2004; Stokes State Forest, Sussex County 2006), and seven unconfirmed sightings from June through December 2007. Game species designation will clarify the fisher's status as a protected furbearer with a closed season.

Coyote

Increase the coyote season length for the special permit night season.

The current season runs from the second week of January to the third week in February. The proposal opens the season from January 1 through March 15 plus removes the bag limit. Coyotes are well established through all 21 counties. Damage complaints have increased and attacks on humans have occurred. An increased number of permit applications prove an increased hunter interest.

Grouse - Create two hunting zones divided by Rt. 70 with seasonally-adjusted opening days.

This confers some protection to the southern population where suitable habitat is in short supply.

Wild Turkey

There are three proposed changes for turkey.

- 1.)** Open spring turkey season one week later, decreasing the season length by one week.
Spring seasons should coincide with the onset of egg incubation by hens. A cooperative research project among eastern states shows that the optimal time for a season opener is around April 25 for northern New Jersey and April 20 for the south. Under this proposal, opening days would fall between April 19 and 26. A later opener will disturb clutching hens less, plus should reduce illegal hen harvest. A later date will also better coincide with the second peak in gobbling activity, as more hens will be on the nest and fewer will be with toms. This proposal will help offset the turkey population decline of the past several years in the central portion of the state.
- 2.)** Redefine the boundaries of Turkey Hunting Areas (THAs) 15, 20 and 21.
Turkey harvest densities have increased in the southern portion of THA 15 over the past 10 years. The southern part of THA 15 will be moved into THAs 20 and 21. This adjustment will open up the shifted areas to fall turkey hunting. The transfer of the appropriate number of permits from THA 15 to THAs 20 and 21 has been calculated based upon land area and hunter densities.
- 3.)** Remove THAs 6, 7 and 10 from the fall hunting season.
The criteria to open a THA for fall hunting is an annual harvest of greater than or equal to one gobbler per square mile of turkey habitat for three consecutive years. If the gobbler harvest in a THA open to fall hunting drops to below 0.75 gobblers/mile sq. for three years in a row, that THA will be removed from the fall hunting season. THAs 6, 7 and 10 meet the criteria for removal.

Changes

Changes to hunting regulations are established by the Fish and Game Council through revisions to the Game Code. The Council voted to accept the following Game Code amendments which are scheduled to be effective in 2009. Visit our Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com for the upcoming public meeting and comment period. **NOTE: These changes WILL NOT be in effect for the 2008-09 seasons.**

- 4.)** Beginning with the 2009 spring turkey lottery, successful applicants will have a deadline for claiming permits.

After the claiming deadline, unclaimed permits are forfeited and become available for over-the counter sale.

White-tailed Deer

There are seven proposed changes for deer.

- 1.)** Expand the use of crossbows to all hunters during the three existing archery seasons.

(For more on this proposal, see Crossbows Coming to a Treestand Near You, page 6.)

- 2.)** Grant authority to the Fish and Game Council to shift the assignment of a deer management zone (DMZ) into a different deer regulation set, provided certain criteria are met. (For current Deer Season Regulation Sets, see page 44.)

Amendments to the Game Code formerly followed an annual cycle; currently, a three year cycle is in effect to accommodate the regulatory process. With the authority to make changes within this three year cycle, the Council can affect a timely response to unforeseen or undesirable deer population changes to better achieve deer management goals, and to avert potentially damaging situations.

- 3.)** Add a new "Regulation Set 9" to the existing deer regulation sets. (For current Deer Season Regulation Sets, see page 44.)

The regulations in the proposed Regulation Set 9 will be more liberal than the most liberal, existing Regulation Set 8

Harvest results from the 2007-08 deer seasons show an antlerless deer harvest reduction during this first year of regulation changes in the Set 8 DMZs. These changes included the removal of the Earn-A-Buck regulation from all seasons except the first three weeks of the Fall Bow Season, and moving the antlerless-only days of Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons from the week of Thanksgiving to the week after Thanksgiving. The proposed Regulation Set 9 will allow the Council to respond to an undesired population growth, should current harvest trends result in undesirable effects.

Regulation Set 9 will have four additional days of antlerless-only hunting for both the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons during Thanksgiving week. Data from previous years shows a significant portion of the overall antlerless harvest occurred during these early November days.

- 4.)** Add a new "Regulation Set 0" to existing deer regulation sets. (For current Deer Season Regulation Sets, see page 44.)

The regulations in the proposed Regulation Set 0 will be more restrictive than the most restrictive existing Regulation Set 1.

Certain DMZs in Regulation Sets 2 and 3, namely Zones 21, 23, 24, 34, 43, 45 and 46, have experienced harvest declines; all are below their population goal. Harvest data from the past six years shows the majority of the antlerless harvest being taken during the Permit Muzzleloader Season. Adoption of a more restrictive regulation set will allow the Council to increase deer populations in DMZs having less productive habitat.

Regulation Set 0 will reduce the Permit Muzzleloader Season by four days and reduce the antlerless bag limit to one per season.

- 5.)** Implement a Deer Management Assistance Program.

Fish and Wildlife has proposed a plan for landowners to better cope with undesirable deer densities on their properties while utilizing the current hunting season regulations and hunters to remove additional antlerless deer. The Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) will be available for the 2009-10 deer seasons. see our Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com for details.

- 6.)** Change regulation sets for DMZs 18, 22 and 26. (For current Deer Season Regulation Sets, see page 44.)

These zones have been experiencing declines in harvest and/or are below the population goal. Zones 22 and 26 will be moved from Set 4 to Set 3; Zone 18 will be moved from Set 3 to Set 2. Moving these zones down one regulation set into a set with more restrictive seasons will allow moderate population increases.

- 7.)** Change a portion of the boundaries between Zones 23 and 25.

A portion of the boundary between Ancora and Hammonton running along Blue Anchor Brook and Albertson Brook will be changed to routes 30 and 206. The brooks comprising part of this border are run seasonally. Changing the boundary to roadways will provide a more definitive border between zones. ♪

Wildlife Management Area

REGULATIONS

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

Regulations for use of wildlife management areas (WMAs) are established by the Division of Fish and Wildlife with penalties of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,500.

Information on these regulations and permit applications may be obtained by writing to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400, or www.NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

Fish and Wildlife may revoke any permit or other authorization issued 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, receipt from a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license, or a photocopy of a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license. Be sure your Conservation ID number is clearly displayed; all other personal information may be blacked out for reasons of privacy. The boat ramp maintenance permit fee is \$15, available from a license agent or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site, www.NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

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

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

Dog Training, Exercising & 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 | 5. Colliers Mills | 9. Manasquan |
| 2. Millville | 6. Glassboro | 10. Stafford Forge |
| 3. Black River | 7. Hainesville | 11. Whittingham |
| 4. Clinton | 8. Tuckahoe | 12. Pequest |

All dogs must be properly licensed. A person may exercise or train dogs on any WMA from Sept. 1 to April 30. There shall be no exercising or training of dogs on any WMA on Nov. 7, 2008, the Friday before the opening day of the regular small game season.

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

Field Trials

Permits for use of wildlife management areas for running of field trials may be granted by the Fish and Wildlife. Permits may be obtained by calling (609) 259-2132.

Higbee Beach

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 to Dec. 14, 2008.

Horseback Riding

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

Hunting Regulations

Hunting with firearms is prohibited on Nov. 7, 2008 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp areas except in tidal marsh open to an ongoing waterfowl season. See *Pheasants*, page 62.

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

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

Motor Vehicles & Other Forms of Conveyances

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

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

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

Outboard Motors

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

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

Restricted Hours

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

Target Practice

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

The following types of ranges are available on designated WMAs statewide: Shotgun Range—for use with clay birds and the patterning of fine shot; Archery Range—approved backstops at select ranges, no broadheads allowed; Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun Slug Range—for sighting in with shotgun slugs or buckshot, .22 caliber rimfire rifles and muzzleloaders; no other firearms allowed. See page 83 for a list of ranges.

Waterfowl Blinds

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

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

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

Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Ranges

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

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

NORTHERN REGION

Hunterdon County

Clinton WMA

Route 173W, Clinton
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

Morris County

Black River WMA

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

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

Sussex County

Flatbrook-Roy WMA

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

Warren County

Pequest WMA

Pequest Road, Oxford
Archery

CENTRAL REGION

Monmouth County

Assunpink WMA

Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd.,
Upper Freehold Twp.
Archery
Shotgun range is **closed**.

Turkey Swamp Park

Georgia Rd., Freehold Twp.
Archery (Special regulations apply. Call (732) 842-4000.)

Ocean County

Colliers Mills WMA

Off Colliers Mills & Hawkins Rds.,
Jackson Twp.
Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)
Shotgun range is **closed**. Reopening in 2009.

Stafford Forge WMA

Off Route 539, south of Warren Grove,
Little Egg Harbor Twp.
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

SOUTHERN REGION

Atlantic County

Makepeace Lake WMA

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

Gloucester County

Winslow WMA

Piney Hollow Road, Monroe Twp.
Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)
Shotgun range is **closed**.

Cape May County

Tuckahoe WMA

Off Tuckahoe Road (Route 631), Tuckahoe
Archery
Shotgun range is **closed**.

Cumberland County

Millville WMA

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



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

Dates from: ___/___/___ to ___/___/___

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Hunter can hunt within 450 feet of buildings: Yes No

Landowner's Name: _____

Address: _____

LANDOWNER COPY

Permission given to: _____

Address: _____

Vehicle Make _____ Yr. ____ Color _____

Vehicle Lic. No. _____ No. in Party _____

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Date ____/____/____

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New Jersey's Outstanding White-tailed Deer Program, initiated in 1964, includes categories for typical and non-typical antlered deer taken with bow, shotgun and muzzleloading rifle, in addition to the weight categories listed below. A velvet category is added for early bow season deer.

In the Antlered Division, New Jersey's Outstanding Deer Program uses the most common system in North America used for rating antlers as developed by the Boone and Crockett Club. This scoring system

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

gives credit to antler length, spread, number of points, massiveness and symmetry. This measurement system also is used by the Pope & Young Club's Bowhunting Big Game Records Program. Deer must have been taken under the rules of fair chase. It is best to have the rack measured *before* it is mounted. Don't wait!

In the Weight Division, the program recognizes exceptional body size as determined by the field dressed weight, including heart and liver removed. Two categories, one for bucks reaching or exceeding 200 pounds (proof of weight must be confirmed on a certified scale* for buck entries - no truck scales** - with the weighmaster's signature on a letterhead receipt or on the entry form, available on our Web site) and one for field dressed does reaching or exceeding 135 pounds (witnessed, non-certified scale at a deer check station or Fish and Wildlife regional office).

Any properly licensed hunter, regardless of residency, is eligible to enter the Outstanding Deer Program. Deer must be taken in accordance with New Jersey wildlife laws and regulations. Applications are due Oct. 1. Additional rules are included on the official application forms. These forms with instructions are available on Fish and Wildlife's Web site www.NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Outstanding Deer Program, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400. State the type of form (Antlered Division, typical or non-typical; Weight Division, 200 Pound Buck or 135 Pound Doe). There is no entry fee.

All qualified entries will be added to New Jersey's All Time List. For questions, call (609) 633-7598.

Qualifying entries for deer taken during the previous hunting seasons are displayed and recognized at the annual Garden State Deer Classic. Join Fish and Wildlife in celebrating New Jersey's outstanding white-tailed deer at the Deer Classic in January at the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show. See the ad on page 84 for details.

The table below is a list of the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2008 Garden State Deer Classic. The Classic showcased the outstanding deer taken during the 2006-2007 deer hunting seasons, not the past 2007-08 hunting seasons. These will be honored at the January 2009 Deer Classic.

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

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

Or contact your county weights and measures office. Be sure to locate a scale before the hunting season begins!

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



2008 Garden State Deer Classic Winners*

Rank	Name	Score / Weight	County Harvested	DM Zone
Typical Archery				
1st	Steven Kotz	161 3/8	Somerset	12
2nd	Joseph Leotta	149 7/8	Gloucester	35
3rd	Larry Hunt	144 4/8	Cumberland	28
Non-typical Archery				
1st	Robert Staudt, Jr.	178 7/8	Somerset	14
2nd	Dante Spina Jr.	178 6/8	Salem	27
3rd	Humberto Herrera	172 1/8	Monmouth	16
3rd	Michael Castro	172 1/8	Monmouth	50
Typical Shotgun				
1st	Paul E. Jones	167 7/8	Hunterdon	11
2nd	Samantha Pankow	160 1/8	Hunterdon	10
3rd	John Casciano	155 0/8	Gloucester	49
Non-typical Shotgun				
1st	David A. Thomas	159 2/8	Middlesex	50
2nd	Mark Spoto	155 7/8	Monmouth	51
3rd	Jeff Mellilo	148 6/8	Monmouth	50
Typical Muzzleloader				
1st	John Wood	155 2/8	Hunterdon	12
2nd	J. Shaun Dalrymple	147 6/8	Sussex	67
3rd	Jeff Hagerty	143 7/8	Warren	7
135 Pound Doe - Archery				
1st	Jerry Yaros	141 lbs.	Middlesex	14
200 Pound Buck - Archery				
1st	Dean Duca	220 lbs.	Gloucester	35
2nd	Scott Breen	210 lbs.	Sussex	2
3rd	Kenneth Baker	203 lbs.	Morris	13
Physically Challenged - Typical Crossbow				
1st	Walter Burbela	141 2/8	Mercer	12
2nd	Joseph Gulli	138 0/8	Gloucester	49

* For deer harvested during the 2006-07 hunting seasons.

Omission: Last year's chart omitted the first place entry of the Physically Challenged - Typical Crossbow category won by Guido Basile with his 133 1/8 deer. Congratulations!

Fall and Winter Trout Stocking Program

Fantastic trout fishing opportunities await anglers at dozens of fall and winter trout-stocked streams and lakes in New Jersey. These waters will be stocked with brook, brown and rainbow trout averaging 14 to 16 inches, and weighing 3 - 5 pounds. These two-year old trout are noticeably larger than the 10-inch trout typically stocked in the spring. Shifting to older, larger two-year old trout has been a huge success with Garden State anglers who not only enjoy these fish through the end of the year, but well into next year's stocking season. Experience for yourself what New Jersey anglers have been raving about!

Fish and Wildlife stocks approximately 20,000 large trout during the two-week fall stocking period, and about 1,000 of these are exceptionally large rainbow trout broodstock measuring 18 - 20 inches. About 5,000 trout are stocked for winter trout fishing just days before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Since waters are stocked throughout the state, there's bound to be a trout-stocked pond, lake or stream near you. Don't miss out on the fun this fall and winter for your chance to catch a lunker trout!

Anglers are reminded that **all streams and lakes are open to fishing on the day of stocking in the fall and winter.**

All stocking dates are announced on the Trout Hotline (609) 633-6765 and on Fish and Wildlife's Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/trtinfo.htm.

Directions to public access locations for trout-stocked waters are also available on our web site.

Fall Trout-Stocked Rivers and Lakes

Fall stocking will occur in the weeks beginning Oct. 6 and Oct. 13, 2008. When available, the stocking schedule will be posted on Fish and Wildlife's Web site and the Trout Stocking Hotline.

Atlantic County: Hammonton Lake

Bergen County: Ramapo River

Burlington County: Crystal Lake,

Sylvan Lake

Camden County: Oak Pond, Grenloch Lake

Cumberland County: Giampetro Park Pond, Mary Elmer Lake, Maurice River

Gloucester County: Grenloch Lake, Greenwich Lake, Iona Lake,

Swedesboro Lake

Hunterdon County: Musconetcong River, S/Br. Raritan River

Mercer County: Colonial Lake, Rosedale Lake

Middlesex County: Farrington Lake, Roosevelt Park Pond

Monmouth County: Manasquan River

Morris County: Black River, Musconetcong River, S/Br. Raritan River, Rockaway River

Ocean County: N/Br. & S/Br. Metedeconk River, Toms River

Passaic County: Wanaque River

Salem County: Schadler's Sand Wash Pond

Somerset County: N/Br. & S/Br. Raritan River

Sussex County: Big Flat Brook, Musconetcong River, Paulinskill River, Pequest River, Walkkill River

Warren County: Musconetcong River, Paulinskill River, Pequest River, Pohatcong Creek



P. Jeremy Garnish

Winter Trout-Stocked Lakes

Stocking dates are Nov. 24 - 26, 2008. When available, the stocking schedule will be posted on Fish & Wildlife's Web site and the Trout Stocking Hotline.

Atlantic County: Birch Grove Park Pond

Bergen County: Mill Pond

Camden County: Haddon Lake, Rowlands Pond

Cumberland County: Shaws Mill Pond

Essex County: Verona Park Pond

Gloucester County: Mullica Hill Pond

Hudson County: Woodcliff Lake

Hunterdon County: Amwell Lake

Middlesex County: Hook's Creek Lake,

Monmouth County: Spring Lake, Topenemus Lake

Morris County: Mt. Hope Pond, Speedwell Lake

Ocean County: Lake Shenandoah

Passaic County: Barbour's Pond, Green Turtle Pond

Salem County: Riverview Beach Pond

Sussex County: Lake Aeroflex, Little Swartswood Lake, Silver Lake, Lake Ocquitunk

Union County: Lower Echo Lake

Warren County: Furnace Lake

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

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

This interactive program is updated regularly so most of the latest information is available.

To access i-MapNJ, go to the DEP's Web site at www.state.nj.us/dep

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Rockport Pheasant Farm: Home of the Rockport Rockets

By Patrick C. Carr, Supervising Biologist
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The birds are an engineered blend of the English Ring-necked Pheasant, the Korean Green Pheasant, the Mongolian Pheasant and the Black Necked Pheasant.

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Rockport Pheasant Farm personnel raise about 60,000 pheasants annually on 34 acres of outdoor pens under the protection of a thick cover of sorghum.



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Pheasants raised at Rockport are a special strain of pheasant developed by game farm personnel, who select breeding individuals to get the best combination of strong flying and overall attractive appearance



Their rapid flight has earned them the well-deserved name Rockport Rockets among those who hunt them.



Information on the WMAs and pheasant stocking dates are found in page 62. Additional information is available on our Web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2008/pheas_sched08.pdf.

Pheasants are stocked on 25 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) statewide for hunters with a pheasant stamp and a current firearm hunting license.



Hunter Access

PUBLIC DEER HUNTING LAND IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey has more than 750,000 acres of public land available to the deer hunter. This list is arranged by deer management zone for public land open to deer hunting. Generally, only areas with 100 acres or more of upland habitat are listed. State parks and forests that allow hunting may have some sections which are closed to hunting. Some areas allow deer hunting only during certain seasons, require an access fee or have other special regulations. Refer to the *Digest* section *Special Areas Hunting Season* Information page 47 or contact the appropriate authority for details. See page 89 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.

Zone Public Land Open to Deer Hunting

- 1 • Bear Swamp WMA
• Flatbrook-Roy WMA
• Hainesville WMA
• Stokes State Forest
- 2 • Kittatinny Valley State Park
• 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
• Paulinskil WMA
• Swartswood State Park
• Trout Brook WMA
• White Lake WMA
• Whittingham WMA
- 6 • Allamuchy Mountain State Park
• Berkshire Valley WMA
• Fanny State Park
• Morris County Park System - Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Silas Condict Park (see *Special Areas*)
• Newark Watershed (see *Special Areas*)
• Rockaway River WMA
• Sparta Mountain WMA
• Weldon Brook WMA
• Wildcat Ridge WMA
- 7 • Clinton WMA
• Hunterdon County Parks Dept. - Union Forge Preserve, Tower Hill Reserve (see *Special Areas*)
• 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 - Black River Park, Schooley's Mountain Park (see *Special Areas*)
• Musconetcong River WMA
- 9 • Pequest WMA
• **Rockport WMA**
• South Branch WMA
• Voorhees State Park
- 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 • Hunterdon County Parks Dept. - Lockatong Nature Preserve, the Case Farm, Wescott Nature Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- 12 • Hunterdon County Parks Dept. - Cushetunk Mountain Park, Sourland Mountain Nature Preserve, Deer Path Park, South Branch Reservation (see *Special Areas*)
• Round Valley Recreation Area
• South Branch WMA
- 13 • No public deer hunting land
- 14 • Assunpink WMA (Washington Twp section only)
• Pigeon Swamp State Park
• Six Mile Run Reservoir State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 15 • Assunpink WMA
• Monmouth County Park System - Charleston Springs Golf Course, Perrineville Lake Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 16 • 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*)
- 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
• White Oak Branch WMA
• Wharton State Forest
- 26 • Great Egg Harbor River WMA
• Hammonton Creek WMA
• Makepeace Lake WMA
• Port Republic WMA
- 27 • Salem River WMA
• Thundergut Pond WMA
• Buckshutem WMA
• Elmer Lake WMA
• Union Lake WMA
- 29 • Bayside PSE&G Tract (see *Special Areas*)
• Cohansy 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 Wetlands WMA
• Cape May National Wildlife Refuge
• Dennis Creek WMA

- 35 • Heislerville WMA
• Higbee Beach WMA
• Tuckahoe WMA
• Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- 36 • D.O.D. Ponds
• **Harrisonville Lake WMA**
- 37 • No public deer hunting land
- 38 • Fort Dix Military Reservation (see *Special Areas*)
- 39 • Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 40 • No public deer hunting land
- 41 • No public deer hunting land
- 42 • Alexauken Creek WMA
• Mercer County Parks - Baldpate (Kuser) Mountain
• Mercer County Parks - Howell Living History Farm
- 43 • Port Republic WMA
- 44 • Millville (Bevan) WMA
- 45 • Menantico Ponds WMA
• Peaslee WMA
- 46 • Gibson Creek WMA
• Great Egg Harbor River WMA
• Tuckahoe WMA
• Maple Lake WMA
• Peaslee WMA
- 47 • Peaslee WMA
- 48 • Rancocas State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 49 • No public deer hunting land
- 50 • 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 - north of Rt. 72 (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
- 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, north of the Mullica River and south of Rt. 72 (see *Special Areas*)

Maps and information on hunting land is also available from the following sources:

USGS Topographic Maps

Topo quads - \$10 ea. State exact location including county, township, road or select a WMA
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection

Maps and Publications

PO Box 438, Trenton, NJ 08625-0438 • (609) 777-1038
www.state.nj.us/dep/njgs

State Parks and Forests Maps

Maps and information on lands administered by the Division of Parks and Forestry. Please specify park or forest. Free.
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection

Division of Parks and Forestry

PO Box 404, Trenton, NJ 08625-0404 • (800) 843-6420

Wildlife Management Area Maps

Maps and information on lands administered by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife Photocopies of individual WMA maps on USGS base available free. Specify which WMA.

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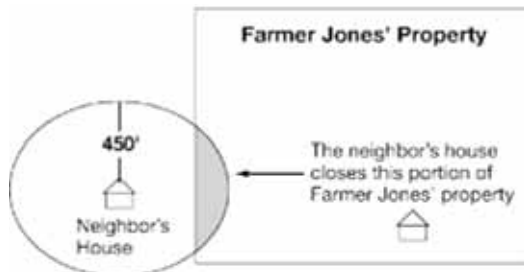
Download maps from our Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaland.htm or create your own map, at i-MapNJ, see page 81.

SAFETY ZONE Awareness: Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

New Jersey hunters enjoy many types of hunting, numerous days afield and generous bag limits. But development and other human encroachment on the forests and fields of the Garden State has changed wildlife habitat and land suitable for hunting, such that SAFETY ZONE awareness is even more critical for modern hunters.

What is a SAFETY ZONE?

- The SAFETY ZONE is the area within 450 feet of a building or school playground, even if not occupied.
- The SAFETY ZONE is the place where you, the hunter, cannot carry a loaded firearm or nocked arrow unless you have written permission in hand.
- The SAFETY ZONE was established by legislation in 1946 as an area to place some physical distance, a buffer, between hunters and homeowners.
- The SAFETY ZONE could be land where there is suitable wildlife habitat for adaptable species, like the white-tailed deer, cottontail rabbit and Canada goose.



- The SAFETY ZONE is not a magic shield which can stop a misdirected bullet from entering the area around a home

What can you do to heighten your SAFETY ZONE awareness?

1. Post SAFETY ZONE signs.
2. Talk with landowners.
3. Hunt SMART and remind your hunting partners to Hunt SMART.
4. Know the law.

Remember, failure to hunt safely and responsibly is inexcusable. You must always be a responsible hunter, aware of your surroundings, the target and what may lie beyond the target. The principles of hunter education do not disappear at the completion of a course, but are called into practice every time you hunt.

Take special care hunting on “high visibility” property, habitat where our adaptable wildlife species—especially white-tailed deer—are now flourishing. Here, hunter conduct will be watched closely; the image we portray can have a great impact on the tolerance for our sport. So hunting these special areas carries added responsibility for you, as a hunter, to exercise restraint and make superior judgment decisions.

Hunting Opportunities On New Jersey's National Wildlife Refuges 2008–2009 Hunting Seasons

Hunting on national wildlife refuges is not permitted unless specifically opened as listed below.

Cape May NWR

24 Kimbles Beach Road, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 (609) 463-0994; www.fws.gov/northeast/capemay

- Deer—*Special Areas Hunting Season Information*; see page 52.
- Migratory game birds except crow—on refuge lands north of Rt. 550 or west of Rt. 47

No refuge permit is required. Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

Great Swamp NWR

241 Pleasant Plains Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-9615 (973) 425-1222; www.fws.gov/northeast/greatswamp

- Deer—*Special Areas Hunting Season Information*; see page 53.

In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a Refuge permit for \$26 (\$13 for holders of a Senior Golden Age or Golden Access Passport and youths with a valid 2008 New Jersey youth hunting license).

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR

800 Great Creek Road, Oceanville, NJ 08231-0072; (609) 652-1665; www.fws.gov/northeast/forsythe

- Deer—*Special Areas Hunting Season Information*; see page 52.
- Waterfowl • Special Waterfowl Hunts

Hunters wanting to participate in the special waterfowl hunts must have a reservation. Special hunting conditions apply. Information can be obtained at the refuge, at dispensers, at the headquarters, on the refuge Web site, or through the mail.

Supawna Meadows NWR

c/o Cape May NWR, 24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210, (609) 463-0994; www.fws.gov/northeast/nj/spm.htm

- Deer—*Special Areas Hunting Season Information*; see page 53.
- Waterfowl

Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge manager for information.

Wallkill River NWR

1547 County Route 565, Sussex, NJ 07461-4013 (973) 702-7266; wallkillriver.fws.gov

- Deer—*Special Areas Hunting Season Information*; see page 54.
- Migratory Birds except crow • Spring and Fall Turkey (Zone 5)
- September Canada Goose

In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a refuge permit. There is a \$20 fee for a refuge permit except youths are free, seniors with a Golden Age passport are \$10. Special hunting conditions apply.



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26 Route 173 W., Hampton, NJ 08827		
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605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863		
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