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License Information & Fees 2009–10

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Firearm Licenses

Resident Firearm Hunting (16–64 years).....	\$27.50
Senior Resident Firearm Hunting (65 years & older).....	\$15.50
Non-Resident Firearm Hunting.....	\$135.50
Non-Resident Two-Day Small Game Firearm Hunting.....	\$36.50
Special One-Day Hunting..... (On commercial preserves only)	\$12.50
Youth (10–15, see page 9).....	FREE

Bow and Arrow Licenses

Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting.....	\$31.50
Senior Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting (65 years & older).....	\$16.50
Non-Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting	\$135.50
Youth (10–15, see page 9).....	FREE

Trapping Licenses

Resident Trapping.....	\$32.50
Non-Resident Trapping.....	\$200.50
Youth (12–15) Trapping (see page 9).....	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
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Beaver Trapping Permit.....	\$17
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Stamps

Pheasant & Quail Stamp.....	\$40
Resident Waterfowl Stamp.....	\$5
Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp	\$10
Miscellaneous Licenses All-Around Sportsman.....	\$72.25
(Includes Resident Firearm Hunting, Bow and Arrow Hunting and Fishing Licenses)	
Duplicate License	\$2

See page 8 for additional license information.

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Commissioner's Message



BY MARK N. MAURIELLO

As hunters and anglers, you appreciate the intrinsic value of protecting our precious open spaces as keenly as anyone.

You've experienced the excitement of pursuing whitetails across open meadows and through dense forests on New Jersey's diverse public hunting lands. You've drawn inspiration while fishing for trout and walleye on our beautiful lakes and rivers. You know the true joy that can be found in the solitude of hunting waterfowl on a vast, quiet marsh.

You've developed a special regard not only for New Jersey's surprisingly varied ecosystems but for the experiences and memories they have given you. And you have passed this appreciation down to your children and grandchildren, sharing your passion for our wild spaces and special places with them often.

On Nov. 3, you will have an opportunity to continue a proud tradition of conservation and environmental stewardship in New Jersey. Voters will be asked to approve a ballot initiative that authorizes \$400 million in bond funds to continue preserving and protecting our open spaces and to develop parks and other recreational opportunities.

The ballot initiative will provide \$90 million for state open-space acquisitions and park improvements. It will make another \$128 million available as grants and loans to fund local open-space purchases and park improvements.

The ballot initiative will provide \$146 million for protection of farmland that is so important to protecting our quality of life in the Garden State. And it will generate \$24 million to the state's Blue Acres program, which allows willing owners to sell flood- and storm-prone properties for conservation. Another \$12 million will fund preservation of historic sites.

Director's Message



BY DAVE CHANDA

Bow and arrow hunting opportunities in our state were greatly enhanced this year by the New Jersey Legislature and the Fish and Game Council. A bill allowing Sunday bow and arrow deer hunting on private property and Wildlife Management Areas was signed by Governor Jon S. Corzine after it was overwhelmingly approved in both the New Jersey Senate and Assembly. This was followed by the Fish and Game Council's adoption of a Game Code amendment allowing the use of crossbows

for hunting in New Jersey. These changes are effective for this year's bow and arrow hunting seasons and both have the potential to increase participation in archery hunting.

Sunday archery hunting is expected to appeal to hunters who no longer hunt due to lack of time and to prospective adolescent hunters with limited time. Since most hunters work Monday through Friday and many also work Saturday, Sunday may be the only day they have time to hunt. Sunday hunting also provides a better chance for parents to pass on the tradition of hunting to children whose Saturdays are increasingly occupied by school or athletic activities. Sunday hunting will likely attract more nonresident archery hunters, too, since the extra weekend hunting day will make trips to our state and higher nonresident license fees more feasible for out-of-state hunters.

Nationally, interest in crossbow use has grown rapidly. All but a few states now allow hunting with a crossbow. New Jersey hunter inquiries about crossbow use in our state prompted a Division of Fish and Wildlife

survey of both New Jersey gun and bow hunters. The survey revealed 73 percent of New Jersey hunters approved of crossbows for deer hunting. Although there was some opposition to approving the use of crossbows, it was far outweighed by those in favor of it.

Like Sunday hunting, crossbows open archery deer hunting to a wider pool of prospective, former and existing hunters. Many hunters and potential hunters have physical limitations, which make using conventional bows difficult for some and impossible for others. The crossbow eliminates many of the physical barriers to participation. Now, all hunters, including seniors, physically challenged, females and youths who choose to use a crossbow have an equal opportunity to participate in archery hunting in New Jersey.

Sunday hunting and the crossbow are both excellent incentives for more hunters to hunt with archery equipment. These incentives create enormous potential for increasing the number of people who participate and the amount of time they spend enjoying the outdoor experience and our bountiful natural resources. Since archery hunting is an increasingly important deer management tool, more archery hunters will also help meet existing and future deer management goals, especially in urban and suburban areas where firearm hunting is limited.

If you are not currently archery hunting in New Jersey, Sunday hunting and the ability to use a crossbow are two big reasons you should choose to experience it soon.

Living in the nation's most densely populated state, New Jersey residents understand better than anyone the importance of setting aside open space for future generations. Outdoors men and women have long been at the forefront.

For nearly three decades, New Jersey relied entirely on sales of fishing and hunting licenses to purchase land for wildlife management areas, a core component of New Jersey's inventory of protected lands. These forests, fields and marshes teem with a diversity of game species that make New Jersey one of the best places to hunt in the entire Northeast.

Because of your support, public hunting lands now span more than 750,000 acres, or nearly 1,200 square miles. Our wildlife management areas alone account for more than 324,000 acres. This is quite a testament to our commitment to preserving open space, protecting our wildlife and habitats, and providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

Since New Jersey held its first Green Acres bond referendum in 1961, voters have demonstrated unwavering support for open space preservation by approving a dozen bonds totaling more than \$2.1 billion. You have been a big part of this success, consistently backing up your outdoor ethic by providing strong support.

Preserving open space has long been recognized as one of the most effective ways to protect our environment and enhance our quality of life. It's an investment in our future. You can take pride in what you've accomplished toward this end—and know that what's important to you and your loved ones is important to all of us.

Mark N. Mauriello is Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Dave Chanda is the Director of the Division of Fish & Wildlife.

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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.
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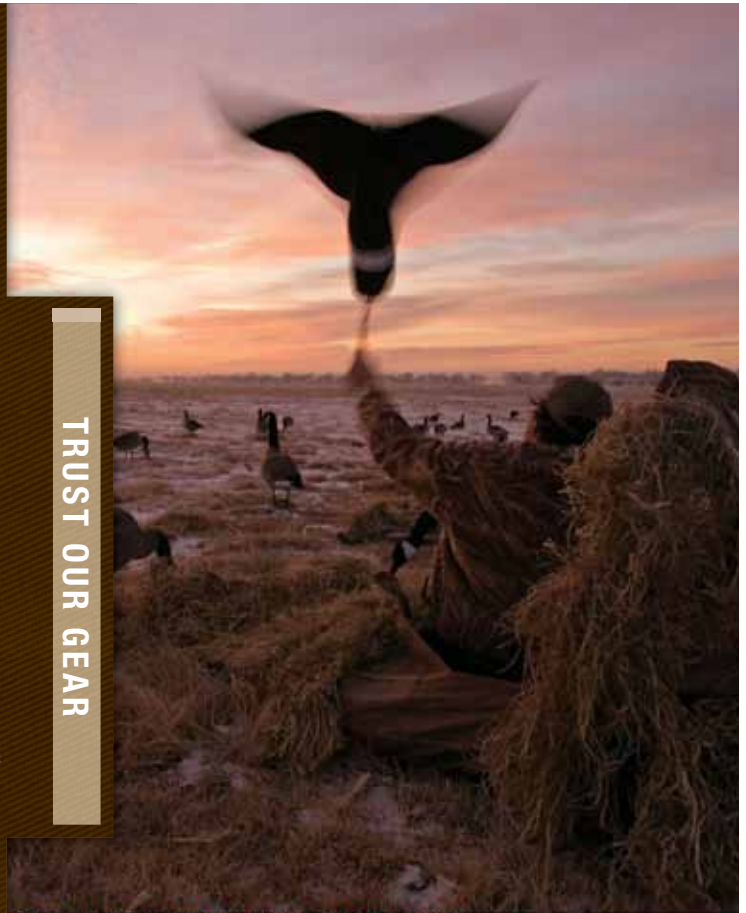
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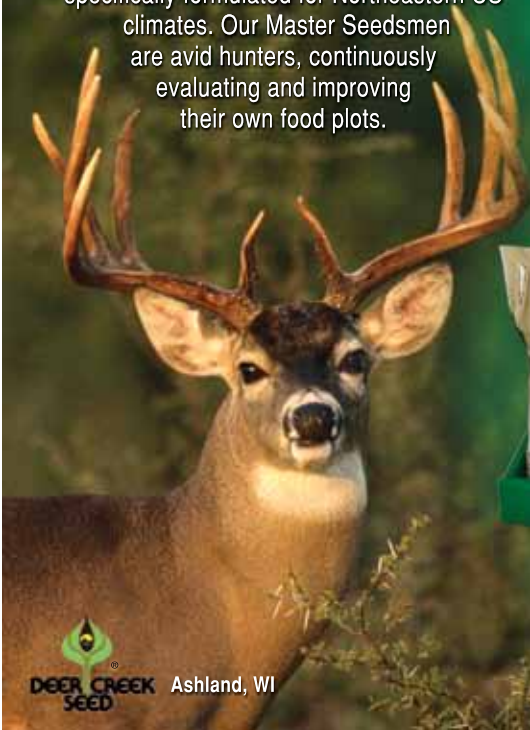
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Highlights of Regulation Changes

2009–2010 HUNTING AND TRAPPING

CHANGES TO DEER regulations for the 2009-10 seasons are complex and involve the addition of a Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP); inclusion of crossbows during all existing bow seasons; legalizing the use of bows during the Six-day Firearm season; addition of a new deer regulation set; changes to regulations for Zones 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 34, 43, 45 and 46; and zone boundary changes between Zones 23 and 25. See *Deer Hunting Regulations* on page 28 and *Deer Management Assistance Program* on page 32 for complete details.

- A Deer Management Assistance Program has been implemented to help landowners cope with undesirable deer densities by utilizing the current season structure to remove additional antlerless deer. This program is for landowners who cannot adequately manage deer populations under the existing bag limits, and is valid only in those deer management zones in Regulation Sets 0, 1, 2 or 3. See page 42 for details.
- Crossbows are now legal for use during all existing bow seasons for legal hunters of all ages. The benefits of crossbows include additional hunter recruitment and retention, better deer management in suburban/rural interface areas, and an increase in hunting license sales resulting in higher revenue for Fish and Wildlife. Crossbows are known to encourage youths, women and others who have difficulty drawing a regular bow to participate in the sport. Crossbows will also enable aging hunters with various physical limitations not defined as a handicap to continue with, or return to, the sport. Crossbows may be a practical alternative in populated areas where firearm discharge has been restricted by local ordinance. Any hunter possessing an All-Around or Bow and Arrow license may use a crossbow. No separate permit is required. Any hunter using a crossbow during the Permit Bow Season will still be required to purchase the appropriate permit(s) for that season.
- Sunday bowhunting for deer is now allowed only on wildlife management areas and private property.
- Bows are added to the list of sporting arms legal for use during the Six-day Firearm Season. A bow is now be legal for the taking of antlered deer during this season, provided the hunter has a current firearm license in addition to an archery license, or has an all-around license. This allows hunters who have permission to hunt deer only with a bow and arrow on a particular property to hunt during this season. Bowhunters who bag an antlered deer during the six-day season will use their Six-day Firearm Season transportation tag from their license to tag a deer. This does NOT increase the antlered bag limit, but rather allows a hunter to harvest antlered deer with a bow instead of a gun during this season.

- A new regulation set, Regulation Set 0, is added. The deer management strategies implemented through existing Regulation Sets 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 progress from the most conservative to the most liberal deer hunting regulations. Established regulation sets retain their existing numerical order to reduce confusion. Since the new regulation set is more conservative than the existing Set 1, it was named Set 0. Zones 21, 23, 24, 34, 43, 45 and 46 have been placed into Regulation Set 0.
- Zone 18 is moved from Regulation Set 3 to Regulation Set 2.
- Zones 22 and 26 are moved from Regulation Set 4 to Regulation Set 3.
- A portion of the boundary between Zones 23 and 25 is changed. The part of the boundary between Ancora and Hammonton along Blue Anchor Brook and Albertson Brook is changed to Rts. 30 and 206. The brooks comprising this portion of the border run seasonally; the change to a roadway boundary is more definitive. See page 37–38 for details.
- Special Areas Changes: See the *Special Areas Deer Hunting Season Information* on page 46.
- Zone 37 (Fort Dix Military Reservation) has season format and permit quota changes.
- Zone 38 (Great Swamp NWR) has permit quota and season date changes.
- Zone 40 (Earle Naval Weapon Station) has season format changes.
- Zone 53 (Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station) has season date and bag limit changes.
- Zone 61 (Atlantic County Parks System) has permit quota changes.

- Zone 67 (High Point State Park) has added the Winter Bow Season.
- Zone 68 (Franklin Parker Preserve) has permit quota changes.

Other Game Code amendments for the 2009–10 hunting seasons include the following:

- Rabbit and hare hunting season dates are moved forward; see page 61.
- Ruffed grouse season south of Route 70 is reduced; see page 61.
- Spring turkey hunting season is reduced by one week; see page 63.
- Turkey Hunting Areas 15, 20 and 21 have adjusted boundaries; see page 64.
- Turkey Hunting Areas 6, 7 and 10 are removed from fall hunting; see page 63.
- Coyote, red fox and gray fox special permit season is increased; coyote bag limit is removed; see pages 59 and 61.
- Beaver trapping permit quotas are adjusted for Beaver Management Zones 13 and 26.
- Fisher (*Martes pinnanti*) is added to the list of furbearing animals subject to a closed season; see page 67.
- King rail is protected as a migratory game species with a closed season.
- Administering a chemical or drug to any regulated wildlife species is prohibited, except with an agency permit. 🐾

REPORTING VIOLATORS

To Report Wildlife Violators

Contact a New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office.

First, check county list to reach the correct office:

- **Northern Region — (908) 735- 8240**
(Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties)
- **Central Region — (609) 259-2120**
(Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean counties)
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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 9 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 (WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/), from approved license agents listed on page 18, or by calling (888) 773-8450.

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

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 27.

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 or download from our Web site. 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 NJFishandWildlife.com/hunted.htm or call (877) 2HUNTJ.

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) 2HUNTJ to register.

Lost Licenses

A license, permit or stamp can be replaced at any license agent, at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site, WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/, or by calling (888) 773-8450. Licenses and permits which contain transportation tags can be duplicated at license agents or on the Internet sales site only twice. All subsequent duplicates of these 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. A \$2 fee is charged for each duplicate license/permit.

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. ➤

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;
- 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 (archery, shotgun or rifle) course certificate applicable to the license for which he or she is applying or a previously issued resident archery or firearm license or rifle permit. Resident licenses from other states issued to hunters 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.

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 regulation 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 21-23. 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 or trapper 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.

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Permits for Hunters and Trappers

Lottery Permit Application Process

A lottery is conducted to allocate turkey, beaver, otter, black bear and select deer permits; application is required for these lottery 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) number 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.
Note: 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*, below. 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 using 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.
- 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 to 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 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 (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.
Note: 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.

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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. 14 on Fish and Wildlife's Web site, 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. Award notifications will go out during the week of Nov. 16, the same time successful applicants may begin to claim their awards. Beaver and Otter Permits awarded in the lottery must be claimed prior to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13. Leftover and unclaimed permits will become available for sale beginning at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, Dec. 15, 2009. Permits will be available at all license agents and via the Internet. For current availability, see our Web site or call the Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192 during the week of Nov. 23, 2009.
- 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. 1–March. 15, 2010.
- Permits will be available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site beginning Dec. 15, 2009. A 2010 hunting license must be purchased prior to, or in conjunction with, the purchase of a 2010 Coyote/Fox Permit.
- For season details, see coyote and fox hunting regulations, page 59.

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 WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/ or through the deer permit lottery system for select zones. For details, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 14.

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Permits

See article on page 32 for details.

Farmer Permits

See *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 27.

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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 24.

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-year-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 63.
- 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 2010 Spring Gobbler season will be detailed in the *2010 Wild Turkey Hunting Season Permit Supplement*, available in late January at license agents, Fish and Wildlife offices, and on our Web site at NJFishandWildlife.com.

Turkey Permits, 2009 Fall Season

- Fall turkey hunting is by permit only.
- The 2009 Fall Turkey Permit Lottery Application period is Aug. 1–Sept. 6.
- Award notification and permit pickup will begin Sept. 21.
- All permits awarded in the lottery will be held until 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 11. Unclaimed, awarded permits will be placed in the over-the-counter sale. Application fee(s) will not be refunded for unclaimed permits
- Leftover permits will go on sale beginning Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m., first come, first served, at license agents and at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/.
- Detailed information on the application procedures, season dates, bag limits and permit quotas are available in the *2009 Wild Turkey Hunting Season Permit Supplement*, which can be found on Fish and Wildlife's Web site or at license agents.
- For more detailed information including the status of available permits, check the Web site or call the 24-hour automated Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192.

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.

To learn the latest information on this issue, hunters may call the Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192. 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: NJFishandWildlife.com/disinfo.htm.

Bow Use Permit

Previously, a special Bow Use Permit was issued to disabled hunters who were not able to use a conventional bow as was described in the Game Code. The Special Bow Use Permit is now superfluous with the New Jersey Fish and Game Council's adoption of the 2009–2012 Game Code. The amended Code expands the definition of "bow" by removing the prohibition on all draw locking and draw holding devices and by including crossbows in the definition. Crossbows are now allowed in any bow and arrow hunting season and other hunting seasons for all species where the use of bow and arrow is allowed. Crossbows must have a minimum draw weight of 75 pounds and a minimum stock length of 25 inches. All crossbow hunters must have in possession a valid archery license. (Note that **crossbows are NOT legal for bowfishing at this time**; bowfishing is covered by the Freshwater Fish Code.) ➤

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

Stamps

Stamps (such as state waterfowl 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. Beginning July 1, 2009 state waterfowl "stamps" will print either directly on your hunting license or as a separate tag, replacing the former paper stamp for these privileges. Pheasant and quail "stamps" now print directly on your license at the time of purchase, replacing the former paper stamp for these privileges. Waterfowl stamps may be purchased ONLY for a specific individual; hunters can no longer purchase multiple stamps on behalf of a fellow hunter

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 (now printed directly on your license at the time of purchase) in addition to the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp. Both stamps are valid for the fiscal year, July 1–June 30. A Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is also required. For HIP details, see *Migratory Bird Regulations*, page 72. 🦌

Deer Season Permits

PERMIT INFORMATION

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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 27. 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 10.

- 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 hunting 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 2010 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 28.)
- A resident, non-resident or youth hunting license is a prerequisite to purchase a deer permit. See pages 1 and 8 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 time frames. 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 Oct. 31** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Muzzleloader Season **must be purchased by Nov. 30** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Shotgun Season **must be purchased by Dec. 16** at 11:59 p.m.
- For hunters who do not purchase 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 18 and on Fish and Wildlife's Internet

sales site www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/. See *Lottery Permit Zones*, page 16, for zones with limited permit quotas.

- Bow, muzzleloader and shotgun permits will be available for sale beginning **TUESDAY, Oct. 13, 2009** at 10 a.m. and continue until each season ends. Some seasons run through Feb. 13, 2010. See *Regulation Sets*, page 42.
- Hours of operation and types of payment accepted vary according to license agent. Be prepared.
- To purchase a permit at a license agent a hunter must present his or her valid, current year's hunting license.
- A person may purchase a permit for an absent hunter only when the following conditions are met:
 1. the absent hunter has already completed a Child Support Certification (see page 8) 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 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 46 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.

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2009 Deer Permit Quota for Special Areas Issued by Lottery Only

Zone	Bow Permits	Muzzleloader Permit	Shotgun Permit
37*	330	480	100
38	0	200	200
56	0	0	25
57	40	40	40
58	35	35	50
61	60	60	100
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.

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Deer Season Permits

PERMIT INFORMATION

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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, WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/. Two random lotteries will be conducted; afterwards, remaining permits may be available for purchase over-the-counter. See *Special Areas*, page 46 for details.

It is the applicant's choice for which firearm season to apply as the first, then second, lottery for firearm deer permits. Applicants cannot submit a first lottery muzzleloader application AND a first lottery shotgun application. The hunter must choose which firearm season is preferred for the first lottery. Applicants may apply for a specific firearm season for both a first AND a second lottery, but cannot win two permits for the same zone and season.

- 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. 6, 2009. The application period opens Aug. 1.
- **Permit award notification and permit pickup begins the week of Sept. 21.** Permits awarded in the lottery must be claimed before 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11. Depending upon the zone, all unclaimed permits are either forfeited or returned to become available for over-the-counter permit sales. Hunters awarded permits in the lottery may claim them at a license agent or via the Internet.

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- Hunters awarded permits in the lottery may also purchase an Antlered Buck Permit while claiming your awarded lottery permit(s) beginning Sept. 21.

Over-the-Counter Sale of Leftover Lottery Permits

- Beginning at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, Oct. 13, 2009, permits which remain unclaimed will be sold over-the-counter at license agents and at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site, 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 46.

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

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Ramsey Outdoor Store, 835 Rt. 17 South, Ramsey	(201) 327-8141
Ramsey Outdoor Store, 240 Rt. 17 North, Paramus	(201) 261-5000
Targeteers Sporting Goods, LLC, 101 Rt. 46, Saddlebrook	(201) 843-7788
The Outdoorsmen Ltd., 529 Anderson Ave, Cliffside Park	(201) 945-7335
The Sports Authority #466, 50 A & S Dr., Paramus	(201) 265-2995
The Sports Authority #477, 200 Ikea Dr., Paramus	(201) 845-5352
Wal-Mart #3562, 189 Rt. 46 W., Saddlebrook	(201) 226-0575

BURLINGTON

Dazell Hardware, 21-23 W. Hampton St., Pemberton	(609) 894-8737
Dick's Sporting Goods, 1300 Nixon Dr., Mt. Laurel	(856) 802-1225
Dick's Sporting Goods, 2703 Rt. 541 Towne Crossing, Burlington Twp.	(609) 747-0400
Fish-N-Things, 40 W. Hampton St., Pemberton	(609) 894-0331
Fresh Farm Market, 201 E. Broad St., Palmyra	(856) 786-0200
Kmart #3077, 1817 Mount Holly Rd., Burlington	(609) 386-3011
L.L. Bean, Inc., 500 Rt. 73 South, Marlton	(856) 810-5560
Mike's Sporting Goods, 1414 Rt. 38, Hainesport	(609) 267-7978
Sportsmen's Center, Rt. 130, Bordertown	(609) 298-5300
Tabernacle Hardware Inc., 1576 Rt. 206 & Hawkins Rd, Tabernacle	(609) 268-9540
The Sports Authority #461, 70 Centerton Rd, Mount Laurel	(856) 778-7220
Wal-Mart #2841, 1740 Rt. 38, Lumberton	(609) 702-9200
Wal-Mart #1869, 150 Rt. 70 East, Marlton	(856) 983-2100
Wal-Mart #2040, 2106 Burlington-Mt. Holly, Burlington	(609) 386-8400
Wal-Mart #2871, 2501 Rt. 130 So., Cinnaminson	(856) 303-2119

CAMDEN

Atco Sports, 2209 Atco Ave., Atco	(856) 767-9446
Creek Keepers Fin & Fur, 1130 S. Blackhorse Pike, Blackwood	(856) 227-1923
Dick's Sporting Goods, 2130 Rt. 70 West, Cherry Hill	(856) 317-8394
Kmart #3027, 1468 Clementon Rd., Clementon	(856) 627-1800
Kmart #3244, 328 So. White Horse Pike, Berlin	(856) 768-0090
Kmart #7204, Brooklawn Shopping Cntr, Brooklawn	(856) 742-0333
Sicklerville Hardware Inc., 540 Williamstown/New Freedom Rd., Sicklerville	(856) 728-3800
The Sports Authority, 3239 Rt. 38, Cherry Hill	(856) 910-7410
Towne News And Tobacco, 81 S. Whitehorse Pike, Berlin	(856) 768-9132
Wal-Mart #1807, 265 Rt. 73 North, West Berlin	(856) 753-8787
Wal-Mart #5047, 130 Blackhorse Pike, Audubon	(856) 310-1470
Wal-Mart #5340, 500 Rt. 38, Cherry Hill	(856) 665-5430

CAPE MAY

Smugglers Cove, 370 83rd St., Stone Harbor	(609) 368-1700
Avalon Hodge Podge, 2389 Ocean Dr., Avalon	(609) 967-3274
Belleplain Supply Co. Inc., 346 Handmill Rd., Belleplain	(609) 861-2345
Capt. Tate's Tackle Box, Rts. 47 & 83, Dennisville	(609) 861-4001
City Of Ocean City, 861 Asbury Ave., Ocean City	(609) 525-9324
Just Sports, 21 W. Mechanic St., Cape May Ct. H.	(609) 465-6171
Kmart #9133, Rt. 9 & 47, Rio Grande	(609) 886-1122
Upper Township, 2100 Tuckahoe Rd., Tuckahoe	(609) 628-2805
Wal-Mart #3337, 3159 Rt. 9 South, Rio Grande	(973) 465-7760
Budd's Bait & Tackle, 109 Fulling Mill Rd., Villas	(609) 886-6935

CUMBERLAND

Beaver Dam Boat Rentals, 514 Old Beaver Dam Rd., Newport	(856) 447-3633
Big Daddy's Sport Haven, 595 Sherman Ave, Millville	(856) 453-9009
Blackwater Sports Center, 2228 North Delsea Dr., Vineland	(856) 691-1571
Butch's Gun World, 1025 W. Landis Ave., Vineland	(856) 692-1010
Commercial Township, 1768 Main St., Port Norris	(609) 785-3100

Dick's Sporting Goods, 2126 N. Second St., Millville	(856) 293-8520
Franzwa Trailer Sales Inc., 2134 So. Second St., Millville	(856) 825-0111
Kmart #3222, 3850 So. Delsea Dr., Vineland	(856) 825-9411
Modern Heating Bait & Tackle, 851 N. Pearl St., Bridgeton	(856) 451-1811
Shire Products, Inc., 389 Lincoln Ave., Vineland	(856) 692-3646
The Girls Place Bait & Tackle, 3574 S. Delsea Dr., Port Elizabeth	(856) 825-4565
The Gun Rack, 1726 North West Blvd., Vineland	(856) 692-4773
Wal-Mart #2109, 2291 N. Second St., Millville	(856) 825-4200
Wal-Mart #3339, 1070 West Landis Ave, Vineland	(856) 205-0040
Wal-Mart #5384, 1130 Hwy. 77, Bridgeton	(856) 453-0418

ESSEX

Bullet Hole Inc, 78 Rutgers St., Belleville	(973) 759-3968
Kmart #7177, 371-411 Main St., Belleville	(973) 751-3331

GLOUCESTER

Bait N' Hook, 1809 Black Horse Pike, Williamstown	(856) 513-2232
Bob's Little Sport Shop, 318 N. Delsea Dr., Glassboro	(856) 881-7575
Dick's Sporting Goods, 399 Almonesson Rd., Deptford	(856) 845-2257
Iron Horse True Value, 2037 S. Black Horse Pike, Williamstown	(856) 629-1200
Kmart #3060, 222 Bridgeton Pike, Mantua	(856) 468-7575
Kmart #3393, Delsea Dr., Glassboro	(856) 589-5150
Sportsman's Outpost, 2517 Fries Mill Road, Williamstown	(856) 881-3244
The Sports Authority #460, 1500 Almonesson Rd., Deptford	(856) 232-9080
The Sports Authority, 141 Tuckahoe Rd., Suite 100, Sewell	(856) 262-6285
Tri-Cell Supply Co., 6 West Black Horse Pike, Williamstown	(856) 561-4285
Twp. Of Greenwich, 420 Washington St., Gibbstown	(856) 423-1038
Wal-Mart #1742, 3501 Rt. 42, Turnersville	(856) 629-4167
Wal-Mart #3422, 2000 Clements Bridge Rd., Deptford	(856) 384-3211

HUDSON

Caso's Gun-A-Rama, 176 Danforth Ave., Jersey City	(201) 435-5099
Kmart #3459, Rt. 440 Kellogg St., Jersey City	(201) 435-2101
Kmart #3499, 200 Passaic Ave, Kearney	(201) 997-9300
The Sports Authority, 31 Mill Creek Dr., Secaucus	(201) 865-0173
Wal-Mart #3520, 400 Park Pl., Secaucus	(201) 325-9280

HUNTERDON

Boan's Marine, 1296 Rt. 179, Lambertville	(609) 397-3311
Lebanon Bait & Sport, 1110 Rt. 22 West, Lebanon	(908) 236-9466
Shannon's Fly & Tackle, 74 B Main St., Califon	(908) 832-5736
Sportsman's Rendezvous, 174 Hwy. 31, Flemington	(908) 788-5828
Wal-Mart #2582, Rt. 513 & I-78, Clinton	(908) 730-8665
Wal-Mart #5069, 3576 Rt. 22 West, Branchburg	(908) 534-7377

MERCER

Brunswick Sports, Inc., 1177 Brunswick Ave., Trenton	(609) 392-4444
Cheyenne Mountain Outfitters, 691 Rt. 130, Robbinsville	(609) 570-8430
Dick's Sporting Goods, 530 Nassau Park Blvd., Princeton	(609) 419-1661
NJ Dept Military/Vet Affair, 101 Eggert Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville	(609) 530-6866
The Sports Authority #465, 3360 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville	(609) 243-8997
Wal-Mart #2171, 101 Nassau Park Blvd., Princeton	(609) 987-0202
Wal-Mart #2518, 100 Marketplace Blvd., Hamilton	(609) 585-1463
Wal-Mart #3266, 839 Rt. 130 North, W. Windsor	(609) 443-6159

MIDDLESEX

Auto Parts Of Woodbridge, 108 Main St., Woodbridge	(732) 634-6264
Carter Drugs, Cliffwood Ave., Matawan	(732) 566-8300
Dick's Sporting Goods, 325 State Rt. 18, E. Brunswick	(732) 651-3284
Dick's Sporting Goods, 366 Woodbridge Center Dr., Woodbridge	(732) 621-8400
Kmart #3339, 645 Hwy. 18, E. Brunswick	(732) 238-6464
Kmart #3438, 1550 St. George Ave., Avenel	(732) 574-3500
Sayreville Sportsman, 52 Washington Rd., Sayreville	(732) 238-2060
The Sports Authority #467, 931 Rt. 1 South, Iselin	(732) 634-3050
The Sports Authority #463, 300 Rt. 18 North, E. Brunswick	(732) 238-3698
The Sports Authority #472, 1327 Centennial Ave., Piscataway	(732) 465-0040
Wal-Mart #2003, 979 Rt. 1 South, North Brunswick	(732) 545-4499
Wal-Mart #2633, 1303 Centennial Ave, Piscataway	(732) 300-1859
Wal-Mart #2825, 1126 Rt. 9, Old Bridge	(732) 525-8030
Wal-Mart #5201, 2220 Rt. 27, Edison	(732) 650-1297
Wal-Mart #5281, 306 Hwy. 9 North, Woodbridge	(732) 826-4652

MONMOUTH

Brielle Bait & Tackle, 800 Ashley Ave., Brielle	(732) 528-5720
Dick's Sporting Goods, 650 Troller's Way, Freehold	(732) 358-1400
Fisherman's Den Inc., Belmar Marina, Rte. 35, Belmar	(732) 681-5005
Kmart #4361, 3010 Hwy. 35, Hazlet	(732) 739-2800
Kmart #7554, 4594 Rt. 9 South, Howell	(732) 363-9191
L & H Woods & Water, 2045 Hwy. 35, Wall	(732) 282-1812
Mac's Bait & Tackle, 1301 Rt. 35, Neptune	(732) 774-4360
Scott's Bait & Tackle, Inc., 57 Main St., Bradley Beach	(732) 988-6450
The Sports Authority #464, 310 E. Hwy. 36 - Suite 602, W. Long Branch	(732) 389-8334
The Sports Authority #473, 3434 Hwy. 35, Hazlet	(732) 203-1470
Wal-Mart #2195, 4900 Rt. 9, Howell	(732) 886-9100
Wal-Mart #3236, 326 W. Main St., Freehold	(732) 780-3048
Wal-Mart #5142, 3575 Rt. 66 West, Neptune	(732) 922-1413

MORRIS

Dick's Sporting Goods, 240 Rt. 10 West, E. Hanover	(973) 428-0889
Dick's Sporting Goods, 387 Mount Hope Ave., Rockaway	(973) 659-1950
Dorsi's Deli & Pharmacy, 184 Central Ave, Stirling	(908) 647-7878
Dover Sport Center, 242 Rt. 46, Dover	(973) 866-3133
Dows Boat Rental, 145 Nolans Point Rd., Lake Hopatcong	(973) 663-3826
Lakes End Marina, 91 Mt. Arlington Blvd., Landing	(973) 398-5707
Ramsey Outdoor Store, 1039 Rt. 46, Ledgewood	(973) 584-7799
The Sports Authority #457, 48 Rt. 23 N, Riverdale	(973) 831-7812
The Sports Authority #468, 142 Rt. 10, East Hanover	(973) 884-4022
The Sports Authority #470, 401 Rt. 10 East, Ledgewood	(973) 927-7737
Wal-Mart #2569, 461 Rt. 10, Ledgewood	(973) 252-7666
Wal-Mart #3291, 40 International Dr. South, Flanders	(973) 347-7400
Wal-Mart #3443, 48 Rt. 23 North, Riverdale	(973) 835-5812
Wal-Mart #3598, 235 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls	(973) 889-8646
Wal-Mart #5077, 300 Wooton St., Boonton	(973) 299-3943
Wal-Mart #5178, 220 Enterprise Dr., Rockaway	(973) 361-6089

OCEAN

American Sportsman, LLC, 857 Mill Creek Rd., Manahawkin	(609) 597-4104
Bob Kislin's Inc., 1214 Rt. 37 East, Toms River	(732) 929-9300
Cream Ridge Sptg. Goods, 465 Rt. 539, Cream Ridge	(609) 758-0699
Dick's Sporting Goods, 223 Stafford Park Blvd., Manahawkin	(856) 597-5396
Downe's Bait & Tackle, 287 Brennan Concourse, Bayville	(732) 269-0137
Fish Bonz Bait & Tackle, 103 Lacey Rd., Forked River	(609) 971-2928
Grizz's Forked River B & T, 232 Rt. 9, Forked River	(609) 693-9298
Kmart #3050, 1930 Rt. 88, Brick	(732) 840-0800
Kmart #3071, 213 Hwy. 37 East, Toms River	(732) 244-3001
Kmart #3641, 733 Rt. 72 West, Manahawkin	(609) 978-0560
L & H Woods & Water, 403 Rt. 9, Waretown	(609) 242-1812
Lacey Marine, Inc., 308 Rt. 9 South, Forked River	(609) 693-9052
Pells Fish And Sport, 335 Mantoloking Rd., Brick	(732) 477-2121
Shenandoah Boating, B & T, 700 Rt. 88, Lakewood	(732) 363-9678
Sportsman Shanty, 420 Chandler Rd., Jackson	(732) 364-1122
Surf City Bait & Tackle, 317 Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	(609) 494-2333
The Chumbucket, 381 Rt. 9, West Creek	(609) 294-2500
The Sports Authority #826, 1 Brick Plaza, Brick	(732) 262-2847
Tip's Hardware, 218 Main St., West Creek	(609) 296-3192
Wal-Mart #1844, 950 Rt. 37 West, Toms River	(732) 349-6000
Wal-Mart #1921, 525 Rt. 72 West, Manahawkin	(609) 978-8300
Wal-Mart #1977, 1872 Rt. 88, Brick	(732) 840-7772

PENNSYLVANIA

Cabela's Retail, Inc., 100 Cabela Dr., Hamburg	(610) 929-7000
H.L.'s Live Bait & Tackle, 78 E. Bridge St., Morrisville	(215) 295-1400

PASSAIC

Frank's Tackle, 81 Ringwood Ave, Wanaque	(973) 835-2966
Garden State Bow & Reel, 2760A - Rt. 23 North, Stockholm	(973) 697-3727
Kmart #3056, 1020 Hamburg Tpke., Wayne	(973) 696-8312
The Sports Authority #462, 81 Willowbrook Blvd., Wayne	(973) 785-3993
The Sports Authority #474, 395 Rt. 3 East, Clifton	(973) 473-5222
Totowa Bait & Tackle Shop, 10 Albion Ave., Paterson	(973) 956-0825

SALEM

Bradway's Farm Market, 149 Jericho Rd., Salem	(856) 935-5698
Sam's Super Service, 290 Rt. 40, Elmer	(856) 358-3488
Shag's Bait & Tackle, 1045 South Broadway, Pennsville	(856) 935-2826
Shooters Station, 198 Salem-Woodstown Rd., Mannington	(856) 935-4599
Wal-Mart #2041, 709 S. Broadway, Pennsville	(856) 935-8200

SOMERSET

Efinger Sporting Goods, 513 W. Union Ave., Bound Brook	(732) 356-0604
Kmart #3558, 1163 Rt. 22 East, N. Plainfield	(908) 561-7050
Kmart #7197, 256 Rt. 206 South, Somerville	(908) 359-1000
Wal-Mart #2651, 100 N. Main St., Manville	(908) 575-8997
Wal-Mart #5111, 1501 Rt. 22 West, Watchung	(908) 756-1925

SUSSEX

Bait & Boat, 13 Rt. 183, Stanhope	(973) 345-5797
Johnny's Marina, 453 Riverstyx Rd., Hopatcong	(973) 398-8500
Sig Borstad Archery & Hunting, 7 Old Rudetown Rd., McAfee	(973) 827-6527
Simon Peter Sport Co., 660 Rt. 206 South, Newton	(973) 786-5313
Stokes Forest Sport Shop, Rd. 2 Rt. 206, Branchville	(973) 948-5448
Wal-Mart #2090, 230 Rt. 23, Franklin	(973) 209-4242
Wal-Mart #2604, 26 Hampton House Rd., Newton	(973) 300-1859

UNION

The Sports Authority #469, 295 Rt. 22 East, Springfield	(973) 376-3800
Wal-Mart #3292, 900 Springfield Road, Union	(908) 624-0644
Wal-Mart #3469, 1601 West Edgar Rd., Linden	(908) 474-9055


WARREN

Chrusz's General Store, 235 Main St., Johnsonburg	(908) 852-0181
Hi-Way Sport Shop, 253 Rt. 31 North, Washington	(908) 689-6208
Smitty's Liquors & Deli, 89 Rt. 46, Delaware	(908) 475-5933
Straco 3 Hunting/Fishing, 147 Mountain Ave., Hackettstown	(908) 852-2829
The Owl's Nest, 97 Rt. 519, Phillipsburg	(908) 995-7903
Wal-Mart #2497, 1236 Rt. 22, Phillipsburg	(908) 454-3622
Wal-Mart #2503, 1885 Rt. 57 Suite 100, Hackettstown	(908) 979-9342
Pequest Trout Hatchery, 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford	(908) 637-4125

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YOUTH DEER HUNTING DAYS

Youth Bow Hunt, Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009

Youth Firearm Hunt, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009



Brian Murphy

On a very cold and windy Youth Deer Hunt Day in Sussex County, Tom Murphy, 11, and his father Brian, arrived at their tree stand around 6 a.m. yet saw nothing but squirrels all day—until around 4 p.m. When the four does approached, Tom knew bucks may follow a few minutes later, “So I figured I’d wait.” But one huge doe in the group was actually a buck! Tom made a clean shot with his 20 gauge Mossberg Bantam to harvest this handsome 8-point buck.

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 33.

- 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.

YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT October 31, 2009

The 2009 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, Oct. 31, 2009. 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 post-marked by Oct. 13, 2009. Information will be mailed around Oct. 22, 2009.

Selected Wildlife Management Areas for the Youth Pheasant Hunt:

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

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 Oct. 31, 2009 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 Oct. 31, 2009 from 8 a.m. until sunset. No registration required.

Youth Pheasant 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—2008
 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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TAKE A KID HUNTING



Joe Gorsky

When young Joseph Gorsky, 12, was erecting a turkey blind with his dad, Joe, in the Delaware River Water Gap National Recreation Area, gobblers were already talking. After nearly three hours of calling and patient waiting, one turkey came in fast at the decoys. Joseph took the tom with a youth model Remington 20 gauge. His gobbler weighed over 19 pounds with an 8½-inch beard and 1-inch spurs.

YOUTH TURKEY HUNT DAY

April 24, 2010

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 24, 2010. Youth must be under the direct supervision of an adult 21 years or older who possesses a valid New Jersey hunting license.

It's great to watch bird dogs working the fields during the Youth Pheasant Hunt. Here, Danny Woodhull prepares for the shot as a pheasant flushes.



Thomas Canny

YOUTH UPLAND BIRD HUNT DAY

Saturday, October 31, 2009

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, Oct. 31, 2009 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 WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

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 ½ hour before sunrise to sunset on the following dates by zone:

North ZoneOct. 3

South ZoneNov. 6–7

Coastal ZoneOct. 31

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.



Paul Castelli

A Sedge Island youth waterfowl hunt was quite memorable for visiting hunter Alex Dwyer, 14, shown here with his dad, Chris, both of Hadley, Massachusetts. Said Alex, "I definitely won't forget this wonderful and beautiful trip. It really was a privilege."



Regulations in **red** are new this year.
Purple text indicates an important note.

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 12, 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, compound bow or crossbow. 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 and **crossbows which must have a minimum draw weight of 75 pounds.**

See crossbow safety tips on this page.

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. For the purpose of discharging a crossbow, hunters may carry judo points or blunt.

Sunday bowhunting for deer is now legal only on private land and state wildlife management areas. It is unlawful to:

- 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.

10 Safety Tips for Crossbow Shooting Success

1. Always read the manufacturers directions and use the recommended arrow (bolt) weight and length.
2. Always visually inspect crossbow and accessories before shooting to ensure all are in good condition.
3. Keep fingers and thumb low on the crossbow forearm, below the rail; the flight path of string and cable can cause serious personal injury.
4. Never walk with a crossbow cocked and arrow loaded.
5. Never cock a crossbow while in a treestand.
6. Always raise and lower unloaded crossbows from a treestand using a haul line.
7. Before shooting, check that bow limbs will hit nothing when they flex forward during the release. Crossbow limbs store enough energy to knock a hunter to the ground should the bow contact the tree or your stand.
8. Carry in your quiver an arrow with either a field point, judo or blunt. Uncock the crossbow at day's end by shooting that arrow into a target or soft ground.
9. Never dry-fire a crossbow; releasing the trigger without an arrow in place can damage to the bow limbs or cause serious personal injury.
10. Never store or transport a crossbow in the cocked position.

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.

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 27.

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 73) and during any light goose conservation order season (see page 72).

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. During the Six-day Firearm Season, it is recommended that bowhunters wear hunter orange. ➤

Muzzleloaders

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

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

It is unlawful to hunt with a muzzleloading rifle on WMAs, except for deer, bear, coyote/fox and squirrel hunting during the special season in certain zones. For muzzleloader rifle squirrel hunting, see page 60. For muzzleloader deer hunting, see page 28. For rifle permit information, see page 12. For muzzleloader coyote/fox hunting, see page 59.

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 page 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. Also, no Sunday hunting on these lands.
- Hunting with arrows, darts or any other device propelled by any means that is used for the purpose of injecting or delivering any type of drug into an animal.
- 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.

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 restriction 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 they 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 bird 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.

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

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General Hunting

REGULATIONS

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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; see page 6.

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 62 for details on small caliber rifle ammunition legal for hunting woodchucks.

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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 73. 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. **See note below.**

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

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.

See also *Possession of Wildlife*, page 25.

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, 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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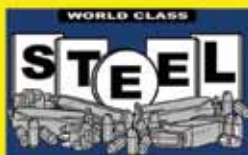
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Farmer License Exemption

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 33 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 26. See also *General Regulations*, page 24.

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.

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

Farmers may trap fox destroying poultry, crops or property at any time, subject to state law and local ordinances. Farmers or their agents may shoot or trap coyotes by lawful procedures at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. **A regional Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office must be notified within 24 hours of killing a coyote.** See *Telephone Directory* page 96.

Permits for Farmers

- Fish and Wildlife maintains a farmer database. Farmers who received farmer deer or turkey permits at any time during the last three years are already in our database and need not reapply.
- New farmers or farmers who have not received permits nor applied for permits since 2006 MUST apply. Applications are available on Fish and Wildlife's Web site at 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 TUESDAY, Oct. 13, 2009 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 14.
- Farmers are eligible for a Farmer Buck Permit which are limited to only one per person per season. If a farmer claims their FARMER Buck Permit they cannot purchase an Antlered Buck Permit. Likewise, if a farmer first purchases an Antlered Buck Permit, the farmer cannot claim a Farmer Buck Permit. The Antlered Buck Permit is valid for any zone in which the farmer has an antlerless permit for the season.

Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

- Applicants must be the owner, lessee or 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 Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Permits

Farmers whose property lies within deer management zones having restricted antlerless bag limits and who need to manage problematic deer populations under current deer hunting seasons may apply for the Deer Management Assistance Program. See page 32 for details. Farmers and their immediate family members may qualify for one free DMAP permit if accepted into the program.

Farmer Turkey Permits

Farmers may claim fall season turkey permits beginning TUESDAY, Oct. 13, 2009 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. ♫



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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 56) 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.

NOTE: Legislation is signed into law allowing Sunday bowhunting for deer only on state wildlife management areas and private property.

Feral Hogs

With the ongoing presence of feral hogs in the Gloucester County area, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife may allow deer hunters in Deer Management Zone 25 to hunt feral hogs during the regular deer seasons. Check Fish and Wildlife's Web site at NJFishandWildlife.com for details.

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.
- **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

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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. 7–12, 2009

- **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 46 for details.
- **Youth Hunter** status applies to the possessor of a valid Youth Hunting License (or the immediate member of a qualified occupant farmer who is at least 10 years of age) and continues until Dec. 31 of the year in which he or she turns 16 years of age. **The Youth Bow Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009. The Youth Firearm Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009.** 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 33 for a cut-out youth transportation tag.

Licenses and Permits

- See *License, Permits and Stamps*, page 8, 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 except during the Six-day Firearm Season (see page 6 for *Highlights of Regulation Changes*), and unlawful while using a shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit. A bow and arrow license and permit (when required) must be in possession using this hunting equipment.
- **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: Oct. 31 for Permit Bow; Nov. 30 for Permit Muzzleloader and Dec. 16 for Permit Shotgun seasons, UNLESS you are buying your first zone-specific antlerless permit AND an Antlered Buck Permit at the same time after these dates.

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) permits are available to help landowners and managers cope with undesirable deer densities while utilizing current deer hunting seasons by removing additional antlerless deer. See the *Deer Management Assistance* article on page 32 for details.

Firearms, Ammunition and Sights

- See page 24 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 muzzle-loading firearm.
- **Special Areas Deer Management Zones** may have regulations that **differ** from the state-wide regulations. See page 46 for details.

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 state-wide 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 14.
- Bowhunters may now take antlered deer with their bow during the Six-day Firearm season, provided that they have a current and valid firearm license in addition to an archery license, or have an all-around license. Bow hunters who bag an antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season with their bow must use the transportation tag for the Six-day season from their firearm or all-around license only. See *Highlights of Regulation Changes* on page 6.

- 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 14.

- 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

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Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting

Season(s)	Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Draw Weight	Projectile(s)	Firearm sights; Bow releases
Fall Bow Permit Bow Winter Bow	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow.	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 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. Electronic ignitions are not legal. Double-barrel firearms prohibited.	Rifle: not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore: not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Must be loaded with a single projectile only	Telescopic sights permitted
Six-day Firearm	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow.	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"	NOTE: bowhunters must possess both a firearm and a bow and arrow license during this season.
	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabotted slug Buck shot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs
	Muzzleloader: single-shot, single barrel rifle OR single or double-barrel smoothbore shotgun. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal.	Muzzleloading rifle: single shot not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore: single or double-barrel not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Muzzleloading rifle: single projectile Smoothbore: buck shot not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	Telescopic sights permitted
Permit Shotgun	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug Buck shot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs
	Muzzleloader: single or double-barrel smoothbores only (no rifles.) Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Buck shot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	—

Regulations in **red** are new this year.
 Purple text indicates an important note.

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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 42.

- 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, 57, 58, 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 42.
- **Additional antlerless deer may be taken under a Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP).** See page 32 for details.
- **A new regulation set with a more restrictive antlerless bag limit is added, called Regulation Set O.** See page 6 for *Highlights of Regulation Changes* to see which zones have changed regulation sets for the 2009–2010 seasons.

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.

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 33 for a printed Youth/Farmer Transportation Tag.
3. Transportation Tags from **2009** permits **are valid for the entire length** of the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons, including January and February **2010**, 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 56).
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.

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



1. **Immediately call the nearest NJ Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Office.** First check counties listed to call the correct 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, Conservation I.D. 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.

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 has been harvested, stored and processed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Spotlighting

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

Deer Hunting

REGULATIONS/CWD

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, Canada ¹		

- 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.
- 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: NJFishandWildlife.com/cwdinfo.htm.



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Deer Management Assistance Program

By Carole Kandoth, Deer Project Leader



WHAT IS THIS NEW DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM?

The **Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)** allows for improved localized deer management in problem areas within a deer management zone when it is either impractical or inappropriate to change the deer harvest strategy zone-wide.

Although New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's progressive deer management regulations have stabilized deer populations statewide where hunters have good access to deer, there still remains areas throughout the state where deer populations are undesirably high. In certain problem areas, a lower bag limit is the limiting factor to successful deer management. Examples of properties that may benefit from DMAP include farms experiencing crop damage that are surrounded by less-productive habitat—thereby mandating conservative season bag limits; forested lands undergoing habitat restoration or corporate parks and suburban communities that formerly served as a deer refuge and now require more liberal bag limits to expedite deer management goals. This program is designed for these scenarios.

DMAP also provides an alternative for municipalities wanting to remove additional antlerless deer without having to apply for a Community Based Deer Management Program permit. DMAP permits are **NOT** intended solely to increase recreational opportunity; DMAP is a tool to better manage deer on problem properties.

DMAP can help improve crop yields, forest health, native plant regeneration and plant diversity while reducing the negative affects of the overabundant deer responsible for environmental degradation, agricultural and property damage plus deer vehicle collisions. DMAP assists landowners by enabling them to remove additional antlerless deer during the existing deer hunting seasons. DMAP is valid **ONLY** in deer management zones in Regulation Sets 0, 1, 2, and 3 (Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 34, 43, 45, 46, 55, and 65 **ONLY**) where antlerless bag limits are restricted.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any landowner, administrative agency or organization unable to adequately manage deer within the existing season structure may qualify. Eligible properties may include federal, state, county, municipal or private lands of at least 10 contiguous huntable acres. Applicants must demonstrate that management attempts under current regulations are inadequate. It is the applicant's responsibility to secure participating hunters. Hunters cannot apply for this program. Participating hunters must be named on the program application. Farmers and their immediate family members may receive one free DMAP permit.

ABOUT THE PERMITS

- DMAP permits are valid for use on properties within Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 34, 43, 45, 46, 55, and 65 **ONLY**.
- DMAP permits are site-specific, meaning they can only be used on the property identified on the application.
- Permits are issued at a rate of one permit per 10 huntable acres per property.
- Each permit is good for the harvest of two **antlerless deer only**. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE MAY AN ANTLERED DEER BE TAKEN WITH A DMAP PERMIT.**
- Only two DMAP permits per hunter per property.
- Permits cost \$28 for adults and \$12 for youths.
- DMAP permits are only valid for use with a current season permit for the zone in which that DMAP property is located. A DMAP permit **IS NOT** a substitute for a regular season permit; it must be used *in addition to* the regular season permit. Hunters must *first* fill the bag limit on their regular season antlerless permit on the property listed on the DMAP application *before* using their DMAP permit to harvest additional antlerless deer.
- DMAP permits are valid during the Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun, and Permit Muzzleloader seasons **ONLY**. Season dates for the approved property are the same as those of the deer management zone where that property is located; the season is not extended by this program. DMAP permits are valid into the next permit season if the two antlerless deer bag limit has not been filled, as long as the hunter has the appropriate hunting license and zone permit for that season.
- Deer harvested under a DMAP permit **MUST** be transported and checked at a regular deer check station per existing regulations.
- Permits may be purchased by the named hunter(s) at select Fish and Wildlife offices or by mail **after** the landowner's/manager's application is approved. Hunters may not submit a program application, only landowners/managers. Hunters must be chosen by the program applicant and listed by name on the application. Fish and Wildlife does not match hunters with landowners/managers. DMAP permits are **NOT** available at license agents. DMAP permits may be paid for by check or money order for the exact amount **ONLY**, made payable to the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife. Cash and credit cards are **NOT** accepted. 🍷

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Deer Management Zone

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS

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 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 Buttzville; 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.

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Be Sure of Your Target and Beyond

Be aware of all SAFETY ZONES.

Violation	First Offense	Repeat Offenses
Deer Permit Violations Hunting without permit, wrong season, wrong zone, permit transfer	\$100 to \$300 fine	\$300 to \$500 fine Two convictions within five years and two-year loss of license
Hunting within 450 ft. of a school playground or building	\$100 to \$300 fine	\$300 to \$1,500 fine and permanent loss of license
Negligent use of a weapon Did cause injury or death of another person	\$500 to \$2,000 fine and five year loss of license	\$1000 to \$4,000 fine and permanent loss of license
Damage or injury to real or personal property of another	Up to \$2,000 fine and five-year loss of license plus restitution for damages	Up to \$2,000 fine and permanent loss of license plus restitution for damages
Careless use of a weapon Shooting into safety zone, handling weapon in unsafe manner	\$100 to \$500 fine and two-year loss of license	\$100 to \$500 fine and two-year loss of license.
Trespass	\$100 to \$200 fine	\$200 to \$500 fine and five-year loss of license



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Deer Management Zone

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS

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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 Buttzville; 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 Rts. 12 and 31 and 202 at Flemington; then southwest along Rt. 202 to the Delaware River; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 12 at Frenchtown; then east along Rt. 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 Rts. 22 and 206 at Somerville, then east along Rt. 22 to its intersection with Interstate 287; then south on Interstate 287 to its intersection with Rt. 18; then south on Rt. 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 Rt. 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 Rt. 546 at Washington's Crossing; then east on Rt. 546 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Lawrenceville; then north along Rt. 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 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. (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640) then southeast



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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 and Rt. 72 at Four Mile Circle; then east on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 563; then south on Rt. 563 to its intersection with Rt. 522 and the railroad tracks; then west following the railroad 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 intersection 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. Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve (Zone 68) 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 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 within 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 south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 30; 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.

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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 (Hurffville-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 Rt. 206; then north 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 Rts. 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 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), Rds., 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 Railroad 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 Broad 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 Broad 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.

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Zone 48: That portion of Burlington County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Rt. 38 near Moorestown; then east along Rt. 38 to its intersection with Rt. 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 Rt. 545 at Wrightstown; then northwest on Rt. 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 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 Rancocas Creek to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 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 (Grenode-Hurfville 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 Rt. 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. 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 Rt. 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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Regulation Set	Regulation Set #0	Regulation Set #1
Zones	21, 23, 24, 34, 43, 45, 46	4
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 24. For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 24. 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 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 24. For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 24. 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 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	Oct. 3–30, 2009 Season bag limit is one antlerless deer—and only one antlered deer.	Oct. 3–30, 2009 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.
Youth Day—Bow	Sept. 26, 2009	Sept. 26, 2009
Youth Day—Firearm	Nov. 21, 2009 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.	Nov. 21, 2009 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.
Permit Bow	Oct. 31–Nov. 28, 2009 Season bag limit is one antlerless deer and one antlered deer 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 one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)	Oct. 31–Nov. 28, 2009 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.)
Permit Muzzleloader	Nov. 30; Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24 and 26–31, 2009 Season bag limit is one antlerless deer and one antlered deer 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 one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)	Nov. 30; Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–29, 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	Dec. 7–12, 2009 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.	Dec. 7–12, 2009 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	Dec. 16, 2009 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.)	Dec. 16, 2009 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.)
Winter Bow	Jan. 1–30, 2010 Season bag limit is one antlerless deer and only one antlered deer.	Jan. 1–30, 2010 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.

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Regulation Set	Regulation Set #2	Regulation Set #3
Zones	1, 3*, 18	6, 22, 26, 30, 55, 65
Info	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 3 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 24. • For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 24. • 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 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 24. • For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 24. • 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 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	<p>Oct. 3–30, 2009 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>	<p>Oct. 3–30, 2009 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>
Youth Day—Bow	<p>Sept. 26, 2009</p>	<p>Sept. 26, 2009</p>
Youth Day—Firearm	<p>Nov. 21, 2009 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.</p>	<p>Nov. 21, 2009 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.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 31–Nov. 28, 2009 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.)</p>	<p>Oct. 31–Nov. 28, 2009 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.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Nov. 30; Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2009; Jan. 1–8, 2010 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.)</p>	<p>Nov. 30; Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2009; Jan. 1–8, 2010 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.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 7–12, 2009 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.</p>	<p>Dec. 7–12, 2009 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.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p>Dec. 16, 2009 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.)</p>	<p>Dec. 16–18, 2009 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.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–30, 2010 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>	<p>Jan. 1–30, 2010 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>

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Regulation Set	Regulation Set #4	Regulation Set #6
Zones	2, 16, 27*, 28, 29*, 31, 35*, 47, 63*	5, 17, 19, 25, 42, 48
Info	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 27, 29, 35 or 63 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 24. • For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 24. • 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 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sundays. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 24. • For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 24. • 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 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	<p>First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 12–Oct. 2, 2009 First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 3–30, 2009 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p>First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 12–Oct. 2, 2009 First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 3–30, 2009 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
Youth Day—Bow	Sept. 26, 2009	Sept. 26, 2009
Youth Day—Firearm	<p>Nov. 21, 2009 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.</p>	<p>Nov. 21, 2009 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.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 31–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2009 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Oct. 31–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2009 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Nov. 30; Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2009; Jan. 1–8, 2010 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.)</p>	<p>Antlered or Antlerless: Nov. 30; Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2009; and Jan. 1–30, 2010 Antlerless deer only: Dec. 7–12, 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. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 7–12, 2009 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.</p>	<p>Dec. 7–12, 2009 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.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p>Dec. 16–18, 2009; and Jan. 9–16, 2010 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.)</p>	<p>Antlerless deer only: Dec. 7–12, 2009 Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 16–18, 2009; Jan. 2–30, 2010 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.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–30, 2010 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p>Jan. 1–30, 2010 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>

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Regulation Set	Regulation Set #8
Zones	7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51
Info	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zones 9 or 13 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sundays. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 24. • For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 24. • 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 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	<p>First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 12–Oct. 2, 2009 First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 3–30, 2009 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
Youth Day—Bow	Sept. 26, 2009
Youth Day—Firearm	<p>Nov. 21, 2009 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.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 31–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2009 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Antlered or Antlerless: Nov. 30; Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2009; and Jan. 1–Feb. 13, 2010 Antlerless deer only: Dec. 2–4, 7–12, 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. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 7–12, 2009 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.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p>Antlerless deer only: Dec. 2–4, 7–12, 2009 Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 16–18, 2009; and Jan. 2–Feb. 13, 2010 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.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–Feb. 20, 2010 Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>

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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 10.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 31, 2009 to Jan. 30, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 60 permits are available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2009 and Jan. 1–8, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 60 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 7–12, 2009; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 7–12 and 16–18, 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. A total of 100 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 hunter 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. Zone 11 regulations apply. Call (609) 397-2949 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. Tuesday Oct. 13, 2009. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 14.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 9–12 and 16–19 2009; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. The hunter's first deer must be antlerless. Successful hunters may then harvest an antlered deer if in possession of an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. A total of 350 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. **Only those portions of Zone 67 that are south and west of Rt. 23 will be open for the winter bow season.** Deer hunting is prohibited in High Point at all other times. Hunters are not permitted in the park before 6 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Hunters must visit

the park's Web site for details on the hunt, hunting maps and regulations at nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/highpoint.html. The High Point State Park office is located at 1480 Rt. 23 South in Sussex. Call (973) 875-4800 for more information on park regulations before applying for a Zone 67 permit.

Hunterdon County Park System

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

Mercer County Parks (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 10. All hunters also must attend a mandatory Hunter Orientation meeting on Nov. 18, 2009, 7 p.m. at the Monmouth Battlefield State Park Visitors Center.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 7–12, 2009; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 7–12, 2009; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–Feb. 20, 2010; **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 monmouthcountyparks.com for maps and more information.

Morris County Park System

In accordance with the Park Commission's deer management program, designated areas of select parks are open for deer hunting on select dates during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Winter Bow, and Permit Shotgun 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) 737-0623 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 Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. See the *Deer Season Permits*, page 14. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Earle prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 39 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 Eric Helms at (732) 866-2337 for more 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. 3–30, 2009; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Fall Bow Season (Zone 40): Sept. 12–Oct. 30, 2009; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 12–Oct. 2, 2009.

Permit Bow Season (Zone 39): Oct. 31–Dec. 31, 2009; **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): Oct. 31–Dec. 31, 2009; **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.

Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 39): Dec. 7–12, 2009; **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): Nov. 30–Dec. 5, 14–31, 2009 and Jan. 1–30, 2010; **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. 7, 11, 14, 21, 23–25 and 27–28, 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 50 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 39): Dec. 5, 7–12, 19 and 26, 2009 and Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2010; **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. 7, 11, 14, 21, 23–25 and 27–28, 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 50 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season (Zone 39): Jan. 1–30, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Winter Bow Season (Zone 40): Jan. 1–30, 2010; **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 Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009 and the permit sale will end for Zone 66 at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 14. **The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to FAATC prior to purchasing a permit.** Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 66 does NOT guarantee access to the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center. **Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.**

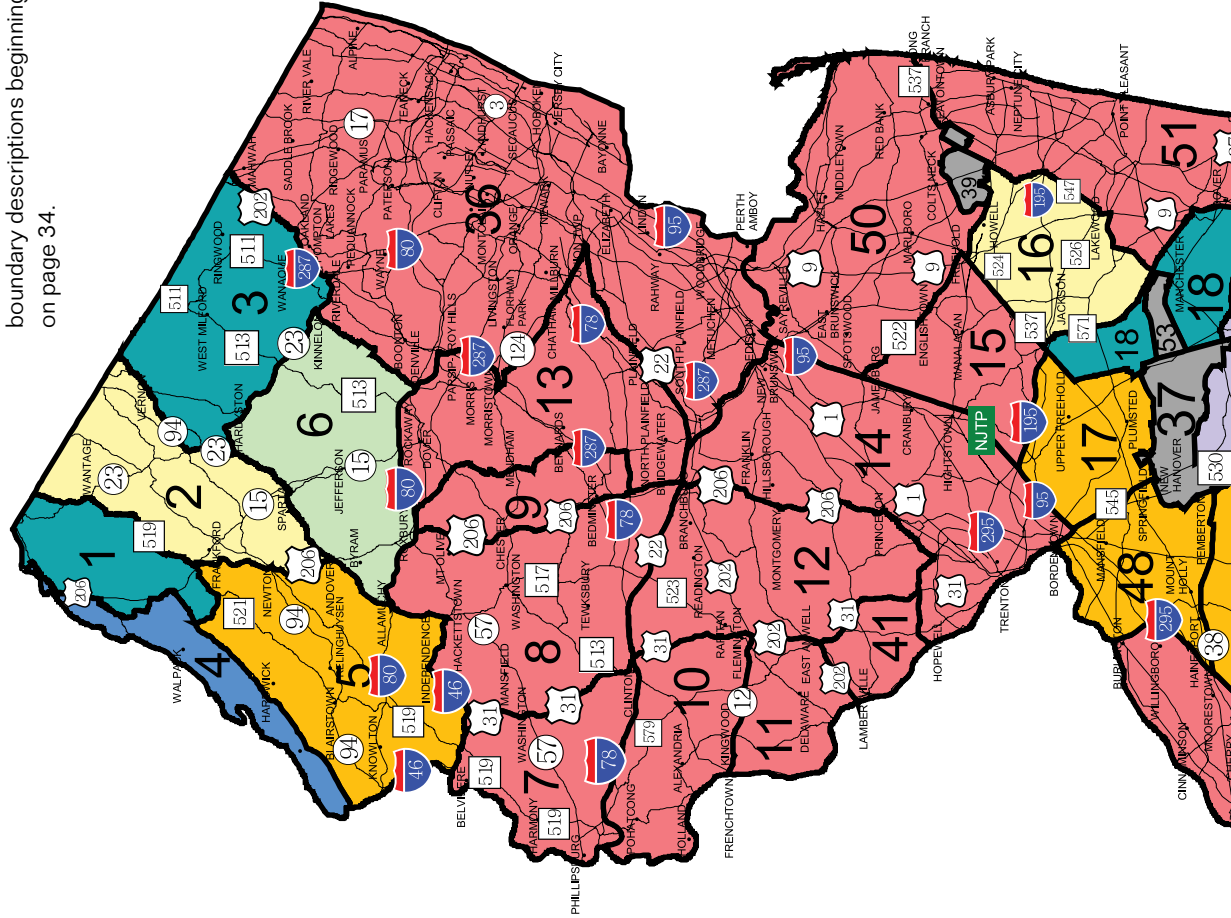
The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 66.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 12–Oct. 30, 2009; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

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New Jersey Deer Management Zones*

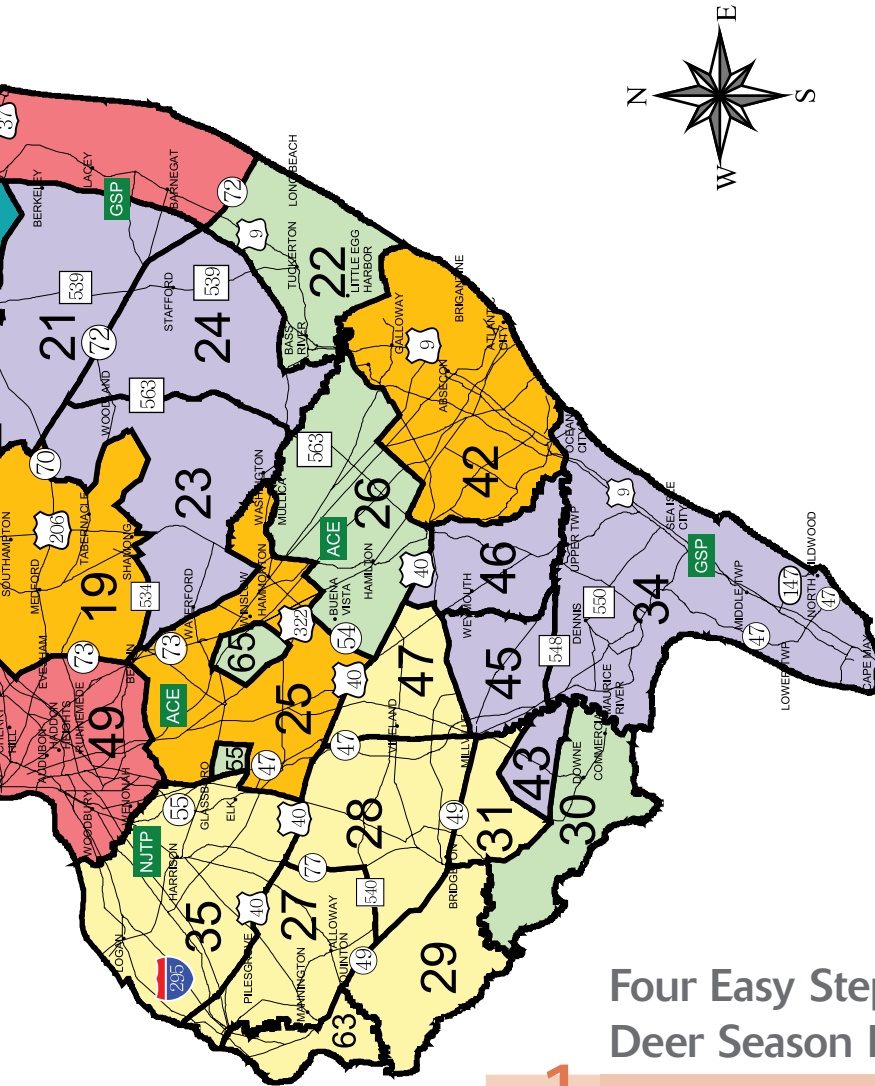
* Map is for reference only. Use a county map while following zone boundary descriptions beginning on page 34.



2009-10 NJ Deer Season Regulation Sets Reference Chart

Zone	For seasons and bag limits, see details in Regulation Sets beginning on page 42.	For seasons and bag limits, see details in Regulation Sets beginning on page 42.
1	Regulation Set # 2	Regulation Set # 8
2	Regulation Set # 4	Special Hunting Area Seasons
3	Regulation Set # 2	Special Hunting Area Seasons
4	Regulation Set # 1	Special Hunting Area Seasons
5	Regulation Set # 6	Special Hunting Area Seasons
6	Regulation Set # 3	Regulation Set # 8
7	Regulation Set # 8	Regulation Set # 6
8	Regulation Set # 8	Regulation Set # 0
9	Regulation Set # 8	Zone is not Designated
10	Regulation Set # 8	Regulation Set # 0
11	Regulation Set # 8	Regulation Set # 0
12	Regulation Set # 8	Regulation Set # 4
13	Regulation Set # 8	Regulation Set # 6
14	Regulation Set # 8	Regulation Set # 8
15	Regulation Set # 8	Regulation Set # 8
16	Regulation Set # 4	Regulation Set # 8
17	Regulation Set # 6	Zone is not Designated
18	Regulation Set # 2	Special Hunting Area Seasons
19	Regulation Set # 6	Special Hunting Area Seasons
20	Zone is not Designated	Regulation Set # 3
21	Regulation Set # 0	Special Hunting Area Seasons
22	Regulation Set # 3	Special Hunting Area Seasons
23	Regulation Set # 0	Special Hunting Area Seasons
24	Regulation Set # 0	Zone is not Designated
25	Regulation Set # 6	Zone is not Designated
26	Regulation Set # 3	Special Hunting Area Seasons
27	Regulation Set # 4	Zone is not Designated
28	Regulation Set # 4	Regulation Set # 4
29	Regulation Set # 4	Special Hunting Area Seasons
30	Regulation Set # 3	Regulation Set # 3
31	Regulation Set # 4	Special Hunting Area Seasons
32	Zone is not Designated	Special Hunting Area Seasons
33	Zone is not Designated	Special Hunting Area Seasons
34	Regulation Set # 0	Special Hunting Area Seasons
35	Regulation Set # 4	Special Hunting Area Seasons

No zones assigned to Regulation Sets 5 and 7.



ZONES SPECIAL AREA

- 37 Fort Dix Reservation
 - 38* Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
 - 39 Earle Naval Weapons Station
 - 40* Earle Naval Weapons Station - Waterfront Section
 - 53 Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station
 - 54* Picatinny Arsenal (Dept of the Army)
 - 56* Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Southern portion)
 - 57* Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Central portion)
 - 58* Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Northern portion)
 - 61* Atlantic County Parks System
 - 64* Monmouth Battlefield State Park
 - 66* Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center
 - 67* High Point State Park
 - 68* Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve
 - 70* Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (northern portion, southern section)
- * Not shown on map

Four Easy Steps to Find Your Deer Season Regs by Zone

- 1 **Start** with the map on this page, then go to the Deer Management Zone Descriptions, page 34, to determine your exact zone boundary. Be sure to check for new boundary changes this year!
- 2 **Use** the Regulation Sets Reference Chart on this page to learn in which regulation set your zone is located.
- 3 **Find** your actual regulation set (see page 42) then confirm that your zone is listed at the top of the set.
- 4 **Locate** your desired hunting season for dates, bag limits and special information for your zone.

Regulations in red are new this year.
Purple text indicates an important note.

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Permit Bow Season: Oct. 31–Dec. 31, 2009; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 80 permits are available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 28–Dec. 5, 11, 12, 2009 and Jan. 2, 9, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 15 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Nov. 28–Dec. 5, 11, 12, 2009 and Jan. 2, 9, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 65 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–30, 2010; **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 10. Applications can be made at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. The application period ends Sept. 6, 2009. 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. 3–30, 2009 - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 31–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2009; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 330 permits are available for Zone 37.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 7–12, 2009; **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. 9–13 and Dec. 14–24, 26–31, 2009 and Jan. 2–9, 2010; **Bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered *only* for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. A total of 480 permits are available for Zone 37.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 26, 28 and 29, 2009; **Bag limit:** two deer, one may be antlered *only* for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available for Zone 37.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 2–Feb. 20, 2010; **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 Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 14. 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, Rt. 547, Lakehurst, NJ 08733-5065. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day in Zone 53.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 12–Oct. 30, 2009; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 12–Oct. 2, 2009.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 31–Nov. 28, 2009; **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. 7–12, 2009; **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. 28–Dec. 5, 14–24, 26–31, 2009 and Jan. 1–9, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 100 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 7–12, 16–18, 2009 and Jan. 9–16, 2010; **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. 1–30, 2010; **Bag limit:** two deer—only one may be antlered.

Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54)

Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for active duty or retired military personnel and Picatinny Arsenal federal civilian employees or retirees only. Contact 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 Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009. 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. Tuesday Oct. 13, 2009. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 14. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Picatinny Arsenal prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a Zone 54 permit does NOT guarantee access to Picatinny Arsenal. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that can not be used.

Fall Bow Season: Oct. 3–Oct. 30, 2009; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 31–Dec. 31, 2009; **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. 7–12, 2009; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 14–31, 2009 and Jan. 1–9, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 7–12, and 26, 2009 and Jan. 9, 2010; **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, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

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 Hunters and Trappers*, page 10 for lottery instructions. Application can be made on the Internet or at license agents. The application period ends Sept. 6, 2009.

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 allows hunters to hunt only those designated areas. The entire refuge is closed for deer hunting during the Six-day Firearm Season.

The former Zone 58 is split into two hunt units. Zone 58 includes all refuge hunt areas in Ocean County north of Rt. 72. Zone 70 includes all refuge hunt areas in Ocean and Burlington counties south of Rt. 72 and north of the Mullica River. Note these changes when completing your permit lottery application.

The refuge no longer requires hunters to come to the refuge for permit validation. Refuge parking permits and hunt maps will be issued to hunters by mail after the refuge receives notification of lottery deer permit holders from New Jersey 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. Not all refuge deer hunting zones are posted with National Wildlife Refuge property and boundary signs. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the zone boundaries.

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

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

1. Hunting over bait or distributing bait is prohibited on all refuges.
2. The use of a spotlight or other artificial light—including automotive headlights—for the purpose of spotting, locating or taking any wildlife is prohibited on all refuges, regardless of whether one is in possession of a weapon.
3. All firearm hunters (muzzleloader and shotgun) must wear an outer garment consisting of at least 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.



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Deer Hunting Season

SPECIAL AREAS INFORMATION

Regulations in **red** are new this year.
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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 or contact the refuge at: forsythe@fws.gov. Visit the refuge Web site at 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. 14–18, 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—not on the refuge—during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 25 permits are available for Zone 56.

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

- **Permit Bow Season (Zone 57):** Oct. 31 to Dec. 24, 26–31, 2009; **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. 7–12, 2009 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2009 and Jan. 1–8, 2010; **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. 7–12, 2009 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 16–18, 2009 and Jan. 9–30, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during 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):** Oct. 31 to Dec. 24, 26–31, 2009; **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. 7–12 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2009 and Jan. 1–8, 2010; **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. 2–4 and Dec. 7–12, 2009 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 16–18, 2009 and Jan. 2–9, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during 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):** Oct. 31 to Dec. 24, 26–31, 2009; **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):** Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24, 26–31, 2009 and Jan. 1–8, 2010; **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. 16–18, 2009 and Jan. 9–16, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during 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 10 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. 6, 2009.

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 2009 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):** Oct. 31 and Nov. 4–7, 2009. Oct. 31 (Saturday) is only for youths, ages 10–15, who possess a valid 2009 New Jersey Youth hunting license and a Zone 38 permit. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed but non-hunting adult that is at least 21 years of age. **Bag limit:** two deer—either two antlerless or one antlerless and one antlered. Hunters using muzzleloaders may take an antlered deer first whereas hunters using shotguns *must* take an antlerless deer first. Hunters must be in possession of the appropriate Antlered Buck Permit before attempting to take an antlered deer. A total of 200 muzzleloader and 200 shotgun permits are available. The eastern side of the refuge (approximately 4,000 acres) will be open to muzzleloader hunting only and the western side of the refuge (approximately 3,700 acres) will be open to muzzleloader and shotgun hunting.

Supawna Meadows NWR (Zone 63)

Note: DMZ 59 is no longer designated as a separate zone but is now incorporated into Zone 63. Zone 63 regulations 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 on Supawna Meadows NWR. No refuge permit fee is required to hunt Supawna Meadows NWR. For more information, call (609) 463-0994.

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

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

- **Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 12–Oct. 30, 2009; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 12 to Oct. 2, 2009. First deer may be antlered or antlerless from Oct. 3–Oct. 30, 2009.
- **Youth Day (Bow):** Sept. 26, 2009; **Bag limit:** one deer of either sex.
- **Permit Bow Season:** Nov. 1–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2009; **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. 1–30, 2010; **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 Rt. 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.

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

Hunters must purchase Zone 68 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 14. 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. 12–Oct. 30, 2009; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 12–Oct. 2, 2009.
- **Permit Bow Season:** Oct. 31–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2009; **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. 7–12, 2009; **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. 7–12, 2009 is antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 14, 15, 19–24 and 26–31, 2009; and Jan. 1–30, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available.
- **Permit Shotgun Season :** Dec 7–12, 2009 is antlerless deer only; Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 16–18, 2009; and Jan. 9–30, 2010; **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. 1–30, 2010; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. ♪



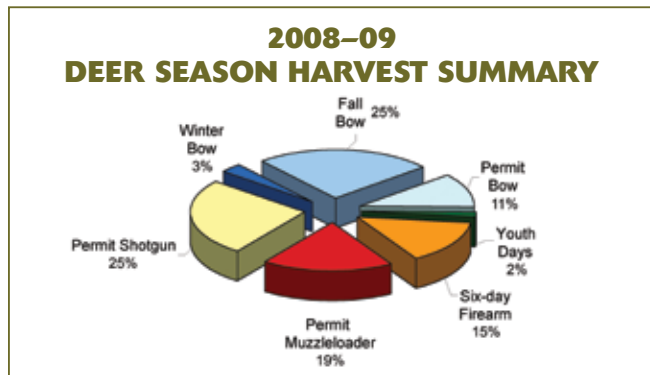
ELY DEER PROCESSING
ElyDeerProcessing.com
(215) 860-0669
 401 Woodhill Road, Newtown, PA 18940

<p style="text-align: center;">Deer Pick-up Times</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Early Season: Sat. 9 am–2 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From Thanksgiving–End of January: Thurs. 7 pm–9 pm Sat. 9 am–2 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deer Drop Off 24-7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$20 deposit on all deer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW Sweet 'n Spicy Cheese Links • • 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 • • Jerky • • Cape out service •
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2008-2009 Deer Harvest

SUMMARIES

NEW JERSEY DEER hunters harvested 53,260 deer during the 2008-2009 season between September 13, 2008 and February 21, 2009. The harvest for this year's deer season was the second lowest harvest in 14 years, and was 13 percent higher than the 47,017 deer taken in 2007. The antlerless portion of the 2008 harvest was 34,859 animals, up almost 18 percent from 2007. The antlered portion of the 2008 harvest was 18,399 animals, up over five percent from 2007. 🦌



2008-09 Deer Harvest by County and Season

County	Total	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	6 Day	ML	Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth
unknown	7	0	2	1	2	2	0	0
ATLANTIC	2290	412	206	537	471	548	57	59
BERGEN	42	17	9	4	4	1	7	0
BURLINGTON	4387	892	471	721	811	1306	109	77
CAMDEN	691	164	95	155	100	138	32	7
CAPE MAY	560	81	82	99	189	58	34	17
CUMBERLAND	2568	576	300	462	697	397	65	71
ESSEX	133	38	16	1	57	15	5	1
GLOUCESTER	2344	554	265	310	461	657	44	53
HUNTERDON	8629	2472	870	1213	1304	2443	220	107
MERCER	1735	447	178	228	161	657	45	19
MIDDLESEX	1127	260	119	177	134	400	27	10
MONMOUTH	3738	1085	503	404	466	1062	183	35
MORRIS	3988	1191	586	430	485	1015	242	39
OCEAN	2060	487	263	379	431	401	54	45
PASSAIC	451	105	78	56	175	7	13	17
SALEM	3428	795	400	350	891	844	60	88
SOMERSET	3770	1218	478	379	426	1029	215	25
SUSSEX	5767	1275	638	937	1685	966	158	108
UNION	35	1	0	0	0	34	0	0
WARREN	5510	1228	531	899	928	1783	59	82
Totals	53260	13299	6089	7742	9878	13763	1629	860

2008-09 Total Deer Harvest by Season and Zone

DMZ	Total	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	6 Day	ML	Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth
1	469	90	66	88	175	6	26	18
2	2586	645	260	376	712	493	58	42
3	611	126	96	90	257	7	15	20
4	703	100	81	160	292	18	35	17
5	4087	959	420	655	740	1208	42	63
6	895	169	130	198	250	78	45	25
7	1930	463	186	275	291	663	27	25
8	4610	1179	489	693	622	1457	126	44
9	1080	414	144	63	77	294	78	10
10	2626	735	270	416	408	693	65	39
11	1604	441	146	216	290	474	20	17
12	3803	1034	375	466	496	1277	114	41
13	1602	657	325	79	106	298	132	5
14	1811	527	193	254	184	548	84	21
15	1298	312	141	183	131	465	52	14
16	1266	380	190	175	233	229	42	17
17	988	213	75	150	147	382	5	16
18	430	87	72	111	116	20	13	11
19	1730	368	188	258	277	584	36	19
21	400	53	56	125	128	5	13	20
22	281	129	34	37	42	31	2	6
23	436	65	55	146	133	2	20	15
24	233	19	36	92	73	3	4	6
25	1408	276	107	214	211	568	14	18
26	1124	234	109	269	245	204	29	34
27	1146	274	151	105	282	282	13	39
28	1186	327	144	182	263	214	35	21
29	1263	268	122	150	366	316	18	23
30	410	65	49	76	123	65	12	20
31	353	104	42	52	85	56	5	9
34	681	100	93	124	232	73	37	22
35	1737	438	201	184	426	388	46	54
36	920	312	161	43	137	163	100	4
37	267	76	50	13	97	2	28	1
38	78	0	0	0	28	50	0	0
39	218	11	22	16	63	94	10	2
40	25	9	0	0	1	15	0	0
41	919	249	80	131	105	332	13	9
42	462	90	46	92	72	139	15	8
43	132	19	26	36	40	0	9	2
45	231	19	29	72	91	9	4	7
46	264	27	22	107	79	5	11	13
47	280	79	23	64	50	59	4	1
48	1136	213	80	167	157	487	14	18
49	374	130	74	21	25	94	28	2
50	1543	502	230	139	124	454	79	15
51	549	151	72	53	47	185	35	6
53	70	20	7	3	22	14	2	2
54	33	5	1	4	10	13	0	0
55	82	15	9	22	26	4	2	4
56	16	0	0	0	0	16	0	0
57	23	0	4	0	7	12	0	0
58	23	0	10	0	2	11	0	0
61	16	1	1	0	7	7	0	0
63	348	78	45	28	84	102	2	9
64	39	0	0	10	0	27	2	0
65	196	29	39	51	62	3	7	5
66	55	2	2	1	2	47	1	0
67	96	0	0	0	96	0	0	0
68	68	11	7	7	25	17	0	1
70	9	0	2	0	6	1	0	0
Total	53260	13299	6089	7742	9878	13763	1629	860

The 2008–09 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	2.7	6.3
2	149	5.7	17.4
3	153	1.8	4.0
4	71	4.3	9.9
5	215	6.1	19.0
6	153	3.0	5.8
7	103	6.2	18.7
8	203	7.8	22.7
9	52	5.4	20.8
10	110	9.0	23.9
11	68	7.8	23.6
12	152	7.9	25.0
13	109	4.1	14.7
14	165	3.7	11.0
15	86	5.0	15.1
16	91	4.5	13.9
17	90	3.4	11.0
18	70	3.0	6.1
19	159	3.4	10.9
21	192	1.2	2.1
22	69	1.2	4.1
23	178	1.3	2.4
24	169	0.9	1.4
25	164	2.8	8.6
26	195	2.4	5.8
27	103	3.4	11.1
28	125	3.8	9.5
29	98	4.1	12.9
30	92	1.8	4.5
31	40	3.7	8.8
34	245	1.2	2.8
35	171	3.3	10.2
36	127	1.9	7.2
37	43	1.8	6.2
38	12	1.7	6.5
39	15	4.1	14.5
40	1	5.0	25.0
41	39	7.9	23.6
42	90	2.0	5.1
43	27	2.6	4.9
45	65	2.0	3.6
46	79	1.9	3.3
47	54	2.2	5.2
48	86	4.2	13.2
49	71	1.7	5.3
50	137	3.5	11.3
51	138	1.2	4.0
53	8	1.4	8.8
54	10	1.1	3.3
55	6	6.2	13.7
56	1	7.0	16.0
57	1	3.0	23.0
58	4	1.5	5.8
61	5	1.0	3.2
63	33	3.1	10.5
64	3	3.3	13.0
65	17	5.9	11.5
66	3	2.3	18.3
67	15	0.3	6.4
68	16	1.2	4.3
70	1	2.0	9.0
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Can You Identify a Buck or Doe Fawn?

Be Selective!

The Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) offers tips to determine in the field the gender and age (fawn/adult) of antlerless deer to avoid harvesting button bucks (fawns). Visit www.QDMA.com.

Body Size and Shape

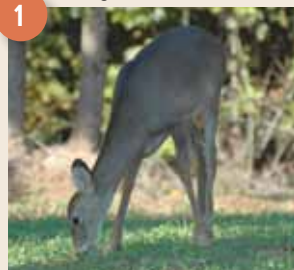
- Wait for two deer to be present for size comparison
- Adult deer body is longer and rectangular in shape; fawns look square
- Doe fawns have a longer, more slender neck; the neck of a buck fawn is shorter and more stout
- Body size difference between fawns and adults is greater in early season; much easier to distinguish buck fawns from adult does then. So harvest does early in the hunting season.

Head Size and Shape

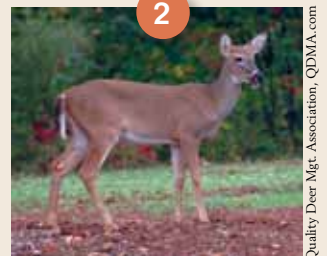
- Adults have a longer nose and forehead. Adult ears are proportional to their heads; fawn ears can appear quite large in comparison.
- Does have a rounded forehead, while bucks have a flatter forehead; these shapes are apparent in fawns. Buck fawn developing antler “buttons” are not always visible.
- Head shape is easier to discern while deer are in their sleeker summer coat.

Behavior

- Fawns are often playful, naive and inquisitive. Adults may be curious, inquisitive but are rarely playful or naive.
- Buck fawns can be more outgoing or aggressive than doe fawns, explaining why a buck fawn is often the first deer to enter a field, food plot or feeding station.
- Adults are more wary and reserved, especially when leaving cover and entering a field or food plot.
- Adults may display aggression toward subordinate adults or fawns by dropping their ears or standing on their hind legs and flailing with their front legs.
- Adults are also typically the lead deer when a group of antlerless deer are traveling.



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Answers: 1. doe, 2. buck, 3. buck, 4. doe



Hunters Helping the Hungry Needs Help with Meat-processing Costs

Hunters Helping the Hungry, an organization that has enabled hunters to donate 350,000 pounds of venison to feed New Jersey families since 1997, now needs some help from the public to cover the costs of professional meat processing.

The program, which donated more than 12,000 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 either \$10 (for field-dressed deer weighing 50 lbs. or more) or \$25 (for deer under 50 lbs.) 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. Anyone interested in making a charitable contribution to offset the program's meat-processing costs may send a check payable to: Hunters Helping the Hungry, P.O. Box 587, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

Participating Butchers Include:

Game Butchers John Person

Lebanon (908) 735-4646

Newton High School—Sussex Co.
Must call for instructions:
(973) 383-7573 x243

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

County Meats of Washington
Washington, Warren County
(908) 689-1266

Phillipsburg High School—Warren Co.
Must call first: (908) 213-2443

Mark Godek Livestock
Marlboro (732) 462-3695

Hometown Butcher
967 Route 524
(Adelphia near Howell)
(732) 462-8149

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


Butchers will not accept donated deer during the Six-day Firearm Buck Season, from Dec. 7–12, so they can accommodate their regular customers.

Hunters: Call before hunting season opens to learn the hours of operation for the check stations near where you hunt! Some locations may not be open on Sundays—call first.

Atlantic County	
Butterhof's Farm & Home Supply, 5715 White Horse Pike (Rt. 30), Egg Harbor City, (609) 965-1198	Open for All Deer Seasons
Muskett's Tavern, 343 W. White Horse Pike, Absecon, (609) 645-3355	Open for All Deer Seasons
Main Street Hardware, 6016 Main St., Mays Landing, (609) 625-4941	Open for All Deer Seasons
Nesco Package Goods, Rt. 542, Nesco, (609) 561-8704	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Port Store, 205 Clarks Landing Rd., Port Republic, (609) 652-1616	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sugar Hill Sub & Deli, 153 Somers Pt. Rd. (Rt. 559), Mays Landing, (609) 625-0538	Open for All Deer Seasons
Ted's Taxidermy, 713 Rt. 40 (1/10 mile west of Rt. 54), Buena, (856) 697-8585	Open for All Deer Seasons
Bergen County	
Targeteers Sporting Goods, 101 Rt. 46 West, Saddle Brook, (201) 843-7788	Open for All Deer Seasons
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
Mighty Joe's Texaco, 1231 Rt. 206 South, Shamong, (609) 268-0303	Open for All Deer Seasons
Mike's Sporting Goods, 1414 Rt. 38, Hainesport, (609) 267-7978	Open for All Deer Seasons
CLOSED MONDAYS except open for deer check on first day of Six-day Firearm, Dec. 7, 2009.	
New Gretna Munchies, Rt. 9 and South Maple Ave, New Gretna, (609) 296-8050	Open for All Deer Seasons
Nixon's General Store, Chatworth Rd. & New Rd. jct., Tabernacle, (609) 268-9800	Open for All Deer Seasons
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
Camden County	
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
Russell's PIC-II, 386 White Horse Pike, Ancora, (609) 567-9886	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sicklerville Hardware, 540 Williamstown Rd., Sicklerville, (856) 728-3800	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Belleplaine Supply & Gun Center, Hands Mill Rd., Belleplaine, (609) 861-2345	Open for All Deer Seasons
Fletcher's Corner, 212 South Rt. 47, Dias Creek, (609) 465-4949	Open for All Deer Seasons
Just Sports, 21 Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, (609) 465-6171	Open for All Deer Seasons
Cumberland County	
Bailey's Seafood, Rt. 47, Port Elizabeth, (856) 825-2621	Open for All Deer Seasons
Beaver Dam Boat Rentals, 514 Old Beaver Dam Rd., Newport, (856) 447-3633	Open for All Deer Seasons
Big Daddy's Sports Haven, 595 Sherman Avenue, Millville, (856) 453-9009	Open for All Deer Seasons
Newport Country Store & Deli, 127 Main St. (Rt. 553), Newport, (856) 447-4747	Open for All Deer Seasons
Essex County	
The Bullet Hole, 78 Rutgers St., Belleville, (973) 759-3968	Open for All Deer Seasons
Gloucester County	
The Bottle Barn, 65 West Broad St., Gibbstown, (856) 423-3608	Open for All Deer Seasons
A&M Meats, Wolfert Station Rd., Mullica Hill, (856) 478-0370	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sportsmen's Outpost, Fries Mill Rd., Williamstown, (856) 881-3244	Open for All Deer Seasons
Hunterdon County	
Boan's Marine, 1296 Rt. 179, Mt. Airy, (609) 397-3311	Open for All Deer Seasons
Carousel Deli & Bakery, Rt. 179 & Wertsville Rd. jct., Ringoes, (908) 788-5180	Open for All Deer Seasons
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
J. Person Game Butcher, 1221 Rt. 31 South, Lebanon, (908) 735-4646	No deer checked during Six-day Firearm
Sportsman's Rendezvous, 174 Rt. 31 North (in Sportman's Plaza), Flemington, (908) 788-5828	Open for All Deer Seasons
V. Roche & Sons, 9 High St., Whitehouse Station, (908) 534-2006	No deer checked during Six-day Firearm
Mercer County	
Mignella's Hillbilly Hall, N. Greenwood Ave., Hopewell, (609) 466-9856	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Salvatore Automotive Service Inc., 302 Lincoln Blvd., Middlesex, (732) 560-0896	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Bill and Ken's Taxidermy, 389 Rt. 79, Morganville, (732) 591-1116	Open for All Deer Seasons
Builder's General Supply Co., 15 Sycamore Ave., Little Silver, (732) 747-0808	Open for All Deer Seasons
Clarksburg Inn, 465 Stagecoach Rd., Clarksburg, (609) 259-2558	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Hunter's Butcher, 967 Rt. 524 (Adelphia-Farmingdale Rd.), Adelphia, (732) 462-8149	Open for All Deer Seasons
L & H Woods & Water, 2045 Rt. 35, Wall, (732) 282-1812	Open for All Deer Seasons
S & S Auto Center, 54 Leonardville Rd., Belford, (732) 741-7733	Open for All Deer Seasons
Morris County	
Mt. Hope Deli, 662 Mt. Hope Ave, Rockaway, (973) 328-7259	Weekdays ONLY, Open for All Deer Seasons
R & S Sports Center, Rt. 46 & New St. jct., Budd Lake, (973) 347-1944	Open for All Deer Seasons
Randolph Garden Center, 1135 Sussex Tpk., Randolph, (973) 895-2667	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Boat Doctor Inc., 169 Rt. 181, Lake Hopatcong, (973) 663-2247 Border of Sussex County	Open for All Deer Seasons
Ocean County	
Al's Grill & Cream Ridge Sporting Goods, 465 Rt. 539 (south of Rt. 537), Cream Ridge, (609) 758-0616	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Chum Bucket, 381 Rt. 9, West Creek, (609)294-2500	Open for All Deer Seasons
Grizz's Forked River Bait and Tackle, 232 North Main St. (Rt. 9), Forked River, (609) 693-9298	Open for All Deer Seasons
Just Plain Jane's, 581 E. Veterans Hwy. (Rt. 528), Jackson, (732) 833-4875	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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Salem County	
Bradway's Farm Market, Rt. 49 and Jericho Road, Quinton, (856) 878-0177	Open for All Deer Seasons
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	
Gladpack Sunoco, 1 Pottersville Rd., Gladstone, (908) 234-1355 (Border of Morris County)	Open for All Deer Seasons
Millstone Sport Shop, 20 North River St., East Millstone, (908) 359-5713	Closed for February seasons
Neshanic Station Farm, Home & Garden Center, 101 Fairview Dr., Neshanic Station, (908) 369-5131	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Fireman Dan's Sports Lounge, 766 Rt. 23, Wantage, (973) 875-9428	Open for All Deer Seasons
Garden State Bow & Reel, 2760 Rt. 23 North, Stockholm, (973) 697-3727 (Border of Passaic County)	Open for All Deer Seasons
Hainesville General Store, 283 Rt. 206 South, Hainesville, (973) 948-4280	Open for All Deer Seasons
Jumboland, Rt. 206, Branchville, (973) 948-6802	Open for All Deer Seasons
Layton Hotel, Rt. 560, Layton, (973) 948-0809	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sig Borstad Archery & Hunting Supply, Old Rudetown Rd., McAfee, (973) 827-6527	Open for All Deer Seasons
Simon Peter Sport Company, 660 Rt. 206 South, Newton, (973) 786-5313	Open for All Deer Seasons
Swartswood Country Store, 911 Newton-Swartswood Rd., Newton, (973) 383-5470	Open for All Deer Seasons
Vernon Crossing Tire & Auto, Vernon Crossing Rd., Vernon, (973) 764-6171	Open for All Deer Seasons
Union County	
NJ Firearms Guild, 344 St. George Ave. (Rt. 27), Rahway, (732) 382-4066	Open for All Deer Seasons
Warren County	
57 West Deer Processing, 220 D Belview Road, Phillipsburg, (908) 619-0195	Open for All Deer Seasons
Alpine Meats, 57 Rt. 94, Blairstown, (908) 362-8568	Open for All Deer Seasons
Hi-Way Sport Shop, 253 Rt. 31 South, Washington, (908) 689-6208	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Dark Moon Tavern Co., 606 Rt. 519 (Hope-Johnsonburg Rd.), Johnsonburg, (908) 459-4555	Open for All Deer Seasons
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
Smitty's Liquor & Deli, 89 Rt. 46, Columbia, (908) 475-5933	Open for All Deer Seasons
Straco 3 Auto Parts, 147 Mountain Ave, Hackettstown, (908) 852-2829	Open for All Deer Seasons
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A CURRENT AND valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-Around Sportsman) is required to pursue any small game species. See page 24 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 61 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 61 for exceptions.

Season Dates and Bag Limits: The *Small Game Hunting Seasons* table on page 61 lists dates, hunting hours and daily bag limits for all small game species open for hunting. Hunting with firearms is prohibited on Nov. 6, 2009 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 24.

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

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

Bow and Arrow: All bows must meet the requirements specified in *General Hunting Regulations*, page 24.

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 coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel or woodchuck may control them by lawful means at any time subject to local ordinances.

Coyote and Fox, General and Special Permit Seasons

The daily bag limit restriction for coyote is eliminated to make the regulations consistent with those for fox. See chart below for both general and special permit season regulations for coyote and fox. **NOTE: All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime 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 29.

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 (WildlifeLicense.com/NJ) beginning December 15. A 2010 hunting license must be purchased prior to or in conjunction with the purchase of a 2010 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 north and south of Rt. 33 in 2005. The season dates and daily bag limits are more liberal north of Rt. 33, where quail are only found as a result of stocking by licensed semi-wild or commercial operations. The season dates and

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Coyote / Fox Season

Dates	Oct. 3 – Nov. 6 Bow and Arrow Only	Nov. 7 – Feb. 15 Firearm or Bow	Jan. 1 – March 15, 2010 Special Permit Season
Hours	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except 8 a.m. start on Nov. 7	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
Weapon Type and Projectiles Permitted	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> above.	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow 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.	Shotgun: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 12 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells.
	Muzzleloading rifle: Only projectiles approved for deer hunting may be used for incidental coyote or fox harvest. See <i>Notes</i> , below and chart on page 29. Electronic ignitions prohibited.	Shot: sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than "T" shot	Shot: sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than "T" shot
Notes	Hunter orange not required. Use of dogs prohibited . Daily bag: unlimited coyote or 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. 7–12, and Dec. 16. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or 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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daily bag limits are more restrictive south of Rt. 33, where the best remaining quail habitat exists and where wild quail populations are known to occur. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 61 for season dates and bag limits. See exceptions below for semi-wild and commercial preserve hunting.

Pheasant

Pheasant Zones were eliminated several years ago. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 61 for season dates and bag limits. 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, Millville (Bevan), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), 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 plans to purchase 11,000 quail for release as follows:

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

- Nov. 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26 and 28
- Dec. 3, 5, 19, 22, 24, 29 and 31

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. 7, 14, 21, 26 and 28
- Dec. 3, 5, 19, 22, 24, 29 and 31

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

- Nov. 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26 and 28
- Dec. 3, 5, 19, 22, 24, 29 and 31

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.

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Rabbit and Hare

The rabbit and hare hunting season will begin the last Saturday in September starting in 2009. The earlier opening date allows for hunting opportunity when rabbit populations are at their peak. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 61 for season dates and bag limits.

Raccoon and Opossum

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 61 for season dates and bag limits.

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

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.

Ruffed Grouse

The Fish and Game Council has once again established two ruffed grouse hunting zones delineated by Rt. 70. North of Rt. 70 the season length will remain as it was last year. South of Rt. 70 the season length will be reduced by approximately three weeks to reduce harvest mortality of the remaining populations in the southern zone. The ruffed grouse zones are identical to those for woodcock and will provide for consistent regulations for these species that are often hunted simultaneously. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 61 for season dates and bag limits.

Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Hunting for certain species of game birds is allowed from Nov. 7 to March 15 on semi-wild and from Sept. 1 through May 1 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.

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, Oct. 31, 2009—the Youth Pheasant Hunting Day.

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

A person may legally hunt on semi-wild or commercial preserves for game birds during deer seasons, but no shot larger than #4 fine may be used. There are no daily bag or seasonal limits for pheasant, quail, 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 61.

Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle Season

Persons holding a current and valid firearm license and rifle permit may hunt for squirrels from sunrise to ½ hour after sunset with a muzzleloading rifle (.36 caliber or smaller loaded with a single projectile) during the periods Sept. 26 to Nov. 6; and, Jan. 9 to Feb. 15. 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 intersection 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

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Small Game Hunting Seasons

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Bobwhite (quail)	North of Rt. 33: Nov. 7 to Dec. 5 and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	7 — North	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
	South of Rt. 33: Nov. 7 to Dec. 5 and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1–30		4 — South	Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 60).
Coyote* and Fox, General <i>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</i>	Bow and Arrow only: Oct. 3 to Nov. 6 Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 7–Feb. 15	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7 Open Dec. 7–12 and Dec. 16 with restrictions as specified under <i>Small Game Hunting, Coyote and Fox</i> , page 59. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting).
Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season <i>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</i>	Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Jan. 1 to March 15 (permit required)	Permit holders may hunt day and night with certain restrictions; see <i>Notes</i> at right.	No limit	For complete details, see <i>Small Game Hunting, Coyote and Fox</i> , page 59. 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. Coyote/fox permit required.
Grouse, Ruffed	North of Rt. 70: Oct. 15 to Dec. 5** and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 South of Rt. 70: Nov. 7 to Dec. 5** and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Opossum & Raccoon	Oct. 1 to Mar. 1	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	No limit	Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. 7:41 p.m. start on Oct. 1 Closed Dec. 7–12 and Dec. 16
Pheasant & Chukar	Nov. 7 to Dec. 5 and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Chukar — 7 Pheasant — 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 60).
Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit	Sept. 26 to Dec. 5 and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail — 4 Hare — 1 Jackrabbit — 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Squirrel, Gray	Sept. 26 to Dec. 5** and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Squirrel, Gray: Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 26 to Nov. 6 and Jan. 9 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 60).
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	(Period N) Oct. 26–31	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.	1 Turkey (either sex) per permit	Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1–5, 8, 9, 11, 20–22 only.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	(Periods A to E) Apr. 26 to May 28	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2010 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth)	(Period Y) Apr. 24 to May 28	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2010 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Woodchuck: Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	Mar. 2 to Sept. 30, 2009 Mar. 1 to Sept. 29, 2010	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 24 and <i>Small Game Regulations</i> page 62).
Woodchuck: Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 26 to Dec. 5** and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Woodcock	See <i>Migratory Bird Regulations</i> **	Sunrise to sunset	3 daily; 6 possession	HIP number required (see page 73). 8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Youth Turkey Day	Apr. 24, 2010	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. Refer to 2010 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Youth Upland Bird Day	Oct. 31	8 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant — 2	Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (see page 21).

* 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 6** on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.

Small Game Hunting

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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 at right for woodchuck hunting details. 🦫

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Woodchuck Season

Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)
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.
Mar. 1 to Sept. 29, 2010	Bow — long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¼"
	Shotgun — single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot
Sept. 26 to Dec. 5;	Bow — long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¼"
Dec. 14, 15 and 17–31, 2009;			
and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	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

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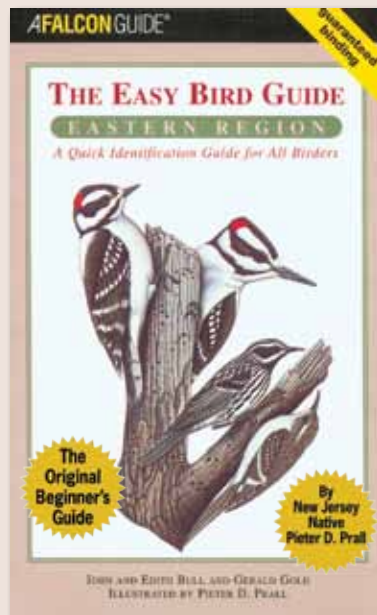
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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO NEW JERSEY TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

Fall Turkey Season Changes

The Fish and Game Council follows specific guidelines to justify opening and closing parts of the state to fall turkey hunting. These guidelines take into account turkey populations by focusing on spring gobbler harvest data. **Turkey Hunting Areas (THAs) 6, 7 and 10 have met the threshold to close the fall season and these areas will be closed to fall hunting during the 2009 fall turkey hunting season.**

Using these same criteria, THA 22 has met the guidelines for opening a fall season. **THA 22 will be open for fall hunting during the 2009 season.** See also *Turkey Hunting Area Boundary Changes*, page 64.

Fall 2009 Turkey Hunting Regulations

The 2009 fall turkey season consists of one six-day hunting segment, N, from Monday, Oct. 26 through Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009. Fall hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Turkey Hunting Areas 1-5, 8, 9, 11, 20-22 are open for fall hunting. Turkey Hunting Areas 6, 7, 10, 12 and 14-16 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*.

Spring Turkey Season Changes

There are many factors that can contribute to changes in the turkey population, and very few of these factors (spring rainfall, for example) can

2010 Spring Gobbler Hunting Season

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

be controlled by wildlife managers. One factor wildlife managers can control is the length and timing of hunting seasons.

Spring gobbler hunting seasons are set to coincide with the time when hens begin to incubate their eggs. In New Jersey, this occurs in late April. Starting a spring season too early can be detrimental to turkey populations because hens abandon nests more readily if they are disturbed before they start to incubate. In addition, illegal take of hens occurs more frequently if a spring season starts before incubation, when hens are still mobile.

The second peak in gobbling activity occurs at the start of incubation, when nesting hens are no longer available to gobblers. The spring season should be timed to better coincide with this peak in gobbling activity.

Local and regional data on wild turkey hens shows that New Jersey's current spring season format is not optimally timed to help prevent nest abandonment and illegal take of hens. **Therefore, New Jersey's spring gobbler season has been reformatted to begin later in April.** This new season structure will favor the success of nesting hens, and will more closely match peaks in gobbling activity. See also *Turkey Hunting Area Boundary Changes*, page 64.



The morning at Winslow WMA was unusually cold when Katelyn Fox, 14, and her dad, Tom, had one gobbler respond to his calls, presenting Katelyn with a 20-yard shot from her 20 gauge. Now in her fourth year of hunting, she is especially proud of taking her third turkey. This one is her largest: over 18 lbs with an 8½-inch beard and 1-inch spurs.

YOUTH TURKEY HUNT DAY APRIL 24, 2010

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If no turkey is harvested on this youth hunt day, Period Y permits may be used in the designated zone for balance of season until a bird is harvested (see page 23).

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 12. For farmers, see *Farmer Turkey Permits*, page 27.

Spring 2010 Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting regulations are published in the 2010 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 12.

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 2010 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement for the seminars scheduled during March and April.

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Fall & Spring Wild Turkey Hunting

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Turkey Hunting Area Boundary Changes

The boundaries of Turkey Hunting Areas (THAs) 15, 20 and 21 have been changed to reflect current information on wild turkey population growth and habitat quality. Specifically, turkey populations in the southern parts of THA 15 have increased substantially over the past 10 years. The habitat in this region is similar to that of THAs 20 and 21, where turkeys have thrived. For these reasons, the southern parts of THA 15 are transferred to adjacent THAs 20 and 21. The northern parts of THA 15 will remain intact.

Follow the new Turkey Hunting Area boundaries carefully. Use the maps below only as a general guide.

- **Turkey Hunting Area 15:** That portion of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 70 and 206 at Red Lion; then south along Rt. 206 to Hammonton; then south along Rt. 54 from Hammonton to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then west along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Rt. 42; then north on Rt. 42 to its intersection with Interstate 76; then north along Interstate 76 to its intersection with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 30 at Camden; then east along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 38; then east along Rt. 38 to its intersection with Rt. 70; then east along Rt. 70 to the point of beginning.
- **Turkey Hunting Area 20:** That portion of Cumberland, Gloucester, Camden, and Salem counties beginning at the intersection of the east bank of the Delaware River and Interstate 76; then southeast on Interstate 76 to its intersection

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with Rt. 42; then south on Rt. 42 to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then south on the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Rt. 536; then south along Rt. 536 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west along Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then south along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 40; then west along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then south along Rt. 553 to its intersection with Rt. 49; then west along Rt. 49 to Bridgeton and its intersection with the Cohansy River; then south along the west bank of the Cohansy River to its confluence with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

- **Turkey Hunting Area 21:** That portion of Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, Camden and Salem counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 40 and 553; then east along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then east along Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 536; then north along Rt. 536 to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then south along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Rt. 54; then south on Rt. 54 to Lincoln Ave. (Rt. 655), in Buena Vista; then southwest along Lincoln Ave. to its intersection with Rt. 55 in Vineland; then south along Rt. 55 to its intersection with Rt. 49; then west along Rt. 49 to the Maurice River; then south along the west bank of the Maurice River to its confluence with Delaware Bay; then west along the Delaware Bay shore to the Cohansy River; then north along the east bank of the Cohansy River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Bridgeton; then east along Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then north along Rt. 553 to the point of beginning.

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- A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See page 8 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 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 applica-

tion 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 otters harvested incidentally by beaver trappers (i.e., trappers possessing a beaver permit but not an otter permit) must be fully surrendered to the Division of Fish and Wildlife. The entire carcass, including the pelt, must be surrendered.
- All successful trappers (or their agents) must present their beaver and/or otter pelts at a designated check station for examination where pelt tags will be affixed. All otter carcasses must be surrendered when pelts are registered, as required by the Game Code. 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.
- Fish and Wildlife will staff check-in stations at the Assunpink, Clinton, Flatbrook, Tuckahoe and Winslow WMAs and the Newfoundland Fire Company on Saturday, Feb. 20 (tentative.) Pelts may also be registered at Space Farms, Sussex County, in conjunction with the New Jersey Trappers Association's January fur auction. Successful trappers who cannot attend the scheduled dates should contact either Joseph Garris at (908) 735-7040 or Andrew Burnett at (609) 748-2058 prior to February 20 to make alternate arrangements.

Fisher

Fishers are returning, naturally and through re-introduction effort in New York and Pennsylvania,

to most of their historic range in the northeastern United States. Fishers have been documented in several northern New Jersey counties and as far south as Cape May County.

The Fish and Game Council defines fisher as a furbearer to clarify its status; however there is no open trapping season at this time; possession is not permitted. If you find a live fisher on your trapline, do not disturb the animal or the set but immediately notify Fish and Wildlife by calling 1-877-WARNDEP (927-6337). A Fish and Wildlife technician will provide further instructions. For a dead fisher on your trapline, call 1-877-WARNDEP; a Fish and Wildlife technician will make arrangements to pick up the animal. Biological samples will be taken from all fisher carcasses then analyzed for age and reproductive status. The data collected will be instrumental to determine when an open season may be established in the future.

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:

- 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 of crucible wire measuring from 5/64 to 1/8 inches in diameter 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.

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

Traps, 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 between the inner edges of the jaws across the trigger of a set trap.

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

Traps, Leg-hold

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

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Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes fulva*)

2009–10 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 – Mar. 15	No limit	6 a.m. start on Nov. 15
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 – Mar. 15	No limit	6 a.m. start on Jan. 1
All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.				
Fisher	Statewide	No open season	0, possession prohibited	Call 1-877-WARNDEP (927-6337) as soon as possible. Surrender entire carcass, including pelt to Division of Fish & Wildlife
Mink, Muskrat & Nutria	Northern Zone ² (except stocked WMAs)	Nov. 15 – Mar. 15	No limit	6 a.m. start on Nov. 15
	Southern Zone ³ (except stocked WMAs)	Dec. 1 – Mar. 15	No limit	6 a.m. start on Dec. 1
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 – Mar. 15	No limit	6 a.m. start on Jan. 1
Beaver	Statewide (except stocked WMAs)	Dec. 26 – Feb. 9	8 / permit	Permit required. Max. of 5 traps in use ⁴
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 – Feb. 9		
River Otter	Statewide (except stocked WMAs)	Dec. 26 – Feb. 9	1 / season	Permit required. Max. of 3 traps in use
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 – Feb. 9		

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 Rt. 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Rt. 1 to its intersection with Interstate Rt. 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Rt. 440; then east along Rt. 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 Rt. 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Rt. 1 to its intersection with Interstate Rt. 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Rt. 440; then east along Rt. 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.

The Bird Flu: What You Need to Know



NJ Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish and Wildlife

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

Background

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 were 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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Northern Bobwhite Research Guides Management Actions

**By Andrew Burnett, Principal Biologist
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In response to the long-term decline in New Jersey's bobwhite population, Division of Fish and Wildlife biologists and partners from two universities have conducted several studies in recent years. These studies used a variety of scientific technical equipment and sophisticated laboratory analyses designed to uncover clues surrounding the bobwhite's failure to thrive. Together, these study results provide a clear picture of the major limiting factors effecting bobwhite and the most effective ways to influence this bird's survival.

From 2006 through 2008, University of Delaware graduate students Bridget Collins and Michael Lohr conducted year-round radio telemetry studies in Cumberland County, New Jersey, to track the movements of radio-tagged bobwhite. Their results indicate that bobwhite reproduction is good, with 14.2 eggs per nest and an overall nest hatch rate of 45 percent. Unfortunately, the research also demonstrates that the annual adult survival of radioed bobwhite is very low. The estimated annual survival rate is only nine percent, not enough to sustain the bobwhite population (Collins 2008, Lohr 2008). *This low adult survival is the primary explanation for the continued downward trend in New Jersey's bobwhite population.*

During the telemetry studies, the primary cause of bobwhite mortality (causes of death) was predators—both avian (hawks, owls) and mammalian, including house cats. Hunting was a relatively small, yet significant factor. All mortality

factors contribute to the bird's current low survival rate and each are influenced by the quality of bobwhite habitat.

In good quality habitat, bobwhite have all their life needs met such as food, water and shelter. Such habitat would afford protection from predators—including



Radio-telemetered male (L) and female (R) northern bobwhite in Cumberland County.

hunters—and support surviving periods of severe winter weather. In poor habitat, bobwhite are at greater risk to predators and severe weather. Unfortunately, the early successional habitats (such as grasslands and scrub-shrub lands) preferred by bobwhite have decreased greatly in recent years.

A scientific model to predict where suitable bobwhite habitat exists in New Jersey was developed by Fish and Wildlife Biologist Gretchen Fowles with the Endangered and Nongame Species Program. Using Geographic Information Systems software Fowles examined the habitat patterns surrounding known bobwhite locations in southern New Jersey. A model was developed that predicts there should be 800,000 acres of suitable bob-

white habitat in New Jersey south of Rt. 33 (Fowles et al. 2008). However, further field work by Fish and Wildlife biologists estimate only 18 percent of this acreage is occupied by bobwhite. The low occupancy rate is likely caused by the fragmentation of bobwhite habitat resulting from urbanization, maturing forests, and “clean farming” practices—all of which reduce the amount of—and connections between—habitats suitable for bobwhite.

Not surprising, Fish and Wildlife research showed bobwhite prefer areas with greater than 10 percent grassland that are interspersed with forest edge, shrub and barren areas. Large blocks of forest, wetland or any urban land use are negatively-associated with bobwhite presence.

It is not unusual for a bobwhite population in a particular area to occasionally experience extirpation (a local extinction). The smaller an area of habitat, the more likely that bobwhite will become extirpated. Normally bobwhite from adjacent, connected habitats would move in and repopulate the area since these birds have a high reproduction rate. However, bobwhite do not travel far, so when these local pockets of habitat are not connected to other existing habitats, it is much less likely that bobwhite will discover and repopulate that available land. As the size—and quality—of habitat patches shrink and the distance between the fragmented land grows, the bobwhite population becomes more likely to experience these local extinctions—and less able to repopulate.

Blueprint for Bobwhite

The Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative provides a national blueprint for bobwhite restoration and will be an important management resource for bobwhite recovery at both the national and local levels (Dimmick et al, 2002). Fish and Wildlife biologists, the N.J. Fish and Game Council, along with representatives from conservation and sporting groups interested in bobwhite, participated in a Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative workshop at the University of Delaware in May 2009 to identify priority areas for bobwhite habitat improvements in New Jersey. Subsequently, Fish and Wildlife met with local partners and selected Cumberland County as New Jersey's first focal area for bobwhite habitat restoration. Fish and Wildlife is committed to working with all interested parties in making bobwhite recovery a reality. Further information on how you can help make a difference will be posted on Fish and Wildlife's Web site as it becomes available.



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From left to right: Paul Castelli (Research Scientist, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife), Don McKenzie (National NBCI coordinator), Larry Herrigty (Assistant Director, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife), William Palmer (Tall Timbers Research Station), Joe Matter (NJ Quail Project), Dr. Christopher Williams (Univ. of Delaware), and Jeanette Vreeland (Acting Chair, NJ Fish and Game Council).

An additional research goal was to develop a new technique to distinguish wild from pen-raised bobwhite. Using feather samples from known populations, Fish and Wildlife scientist Paul Castelli, along with Dr. Lisa Reed from Rutgers University, discovered that ratios of carbon and nitrogen isotopes in the feathers of wild versus pen-raised bobwhite are distinct, presumably due to their different diet. This chemical difference provides a method to ensure that recently liberated, pen-raised birds are excluded from field studies of wild bobwhite.

Currently, bobwhite survival is not sufficient to sustain the population. Population models identify management of winter mortality, which includes hunting mortality, as a critical portion of annual survival (Sandercock et al. 2008). Improved habitat conditions will make the greatest possible contribution toward increased winter survival rates, but will take years to accomplish. Reducing hunting mortality is also being re-examined by Fish and Wildlife biologists and the Fish and Game Council as another strategy to move bobwhite from a declining population to one that is increasing.

Ultimately, habitat limitation is the cause of bobwhite decline and is therefore the primary means by which the bobwhite population can recover. Many acres of habitat improvements—focusing on the quality, quantity and *connectedness*

of habitats—will be required to improve year-round bobwhite survival. ♪

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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 2009–10 Migratory Bird Regulations* booklet available in September at license agents, Fish and Wildlife offices and on the Fish and Wildlife Web site at 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
Light Goose Regular Season	Statewide	Oct. 14 – Feb. 15	15, singly or in aggregate to include greater/lesser snow goose and Ross' goose
Light Goose Conservation Order**	Statewide	Feb. 16 – April 10	None; includes greater/lesser snow goose and Ross' goose
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. 24 – Jan. 26, 2010	7, except no more than 4 scoters
Snipe	Statewide	Sept. 18 – Jan. 2, 2010	8
Crow (Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat.)	Statewide	Aug. 10 – Mar. 20, 2010 (Except closed Dec. 6–13)	No limit
Woodcock	North Zone	Oct. 15 – Nov. 7	3
	South Zone	Nov. 7–28 & Jan. 1–2, 2010	
Mourning Dove	Statewide	Closed	No Season
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	North Zone	Oct. 3	As for regular season for all species
	South Zone	Nov. 6–7	
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 31	

* See special regulations only for September Canada goose hunting, page 73.

** See special regulations for Light Goose Conservation Order, at right.

Spring 2010 Light Goose Conservation Order

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife expects approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to implement a conservation order in New Jersey to permit an expanded harvest season on light geese during the spring of 2010. (See article, page 76.) A conservation order is a special management action, permitted through the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which allows for the control of certain wildlife populations when traditional management programs are unsuccessful in preventing overabundance. Major components of the conservation order in New Jersey will include the following:

Conservation Order dates: (Feb. 16–April 10), 2010, except Sundays.

Required Credentials:

- 2010 New Jersey Firearms or All-Around Sportsmen License
- 2009 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. (NOTE: 2009 stamps are valid until June 2010.)
- 2009 New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp certification. (NOTE: 2009 stamp certifications are valid until June 2010.)
- New Jersey Light Goose Conservation Order Permit. NOTE: A HIP certification is NOT required. Check the 2009-10 Migratory Bird Regulations brochure for instructions on obtaining a Conservation Order Permit.

- **Conservation Order Location:** Statewide
- **Firearms:** Shotguns not larger than 10 gauge and capable of holding no more than seven shells, including magazine and chamber.
- **Ammunition:** Nontoxic shot not to exceed Size T (0.200 inch) only. Nontoxic shot includes steel, bismuth, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron (HEVI-SHOT), tungsten-iron-nickel-tin (TINT), tungsten-bronze and tungsten-tin-bismuth. Possession of lead shot is prohibited.
- **Electronic calls allowed:** Yes
- **Hunting Hours:** ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- **Daily bag and possession limit:** None
- **Legal Species:** Greater snow goose, lesser snow goose, and Ross's goose, collectively known as light geese.



Photo by Tom Pagliaroli

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

- **Required to hunt crows:** a New Jersey hunting license.
- **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.
- **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). Federal stamps must be signed in ink across the stamp's face. Federal stamps are available at U.S. post offices, online from Ducks Unlimited (ducksunlimited.org) and many major sporting goods stores who are license agents. New Jersey waterfowl stamp purchase certification is available from license agents and New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Web site.

Note: Beginning July 1, 2009 physical stamps will be discontinued. State waterfowl "stamps" will print either directly on your hunting license or as a separate tag (depending on your concurrent purchases), and will replace the former paper stamps. Waterfowl "stamps" may be purchased for a specific individual only. Hunters can no longer purchase multiple stamps.

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 and must always hunt with proof in possession in the license holder. HIP certifications are valid from Sept. 1, 2009 to March 10, 2010.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will use this confidential information only to conduct migratory bird harvest surveys. Only a small, random group will be surveyed.

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 (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. Hunters will receive a transaction number; record this number for immediate proof of completing an HIP certification. The actual HIP certification will be printed on the license and mailed to the hunter. Note: purchases made via telephone will incur an additional shipping and handling fee of \$5.13.

Attention Waterfowl Hunters:

Special 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. (Also, see chart on page 72.)

1. Electronic calls are permitted.
2. Unplugged guns are permitted. Magazine and chamber may hold up to seven shells.
3. Hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ 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.



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. 4, 2009
- **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) 859-6752 or write him at widgeon1123@yahoo.com.

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

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:** 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. 🦌



Although production of all waterfowl stamps and prints is discontinued in 2009, the 2008 print is still available.

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 still has available 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 (NJFishandWildlife.com) or by sending a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope to:

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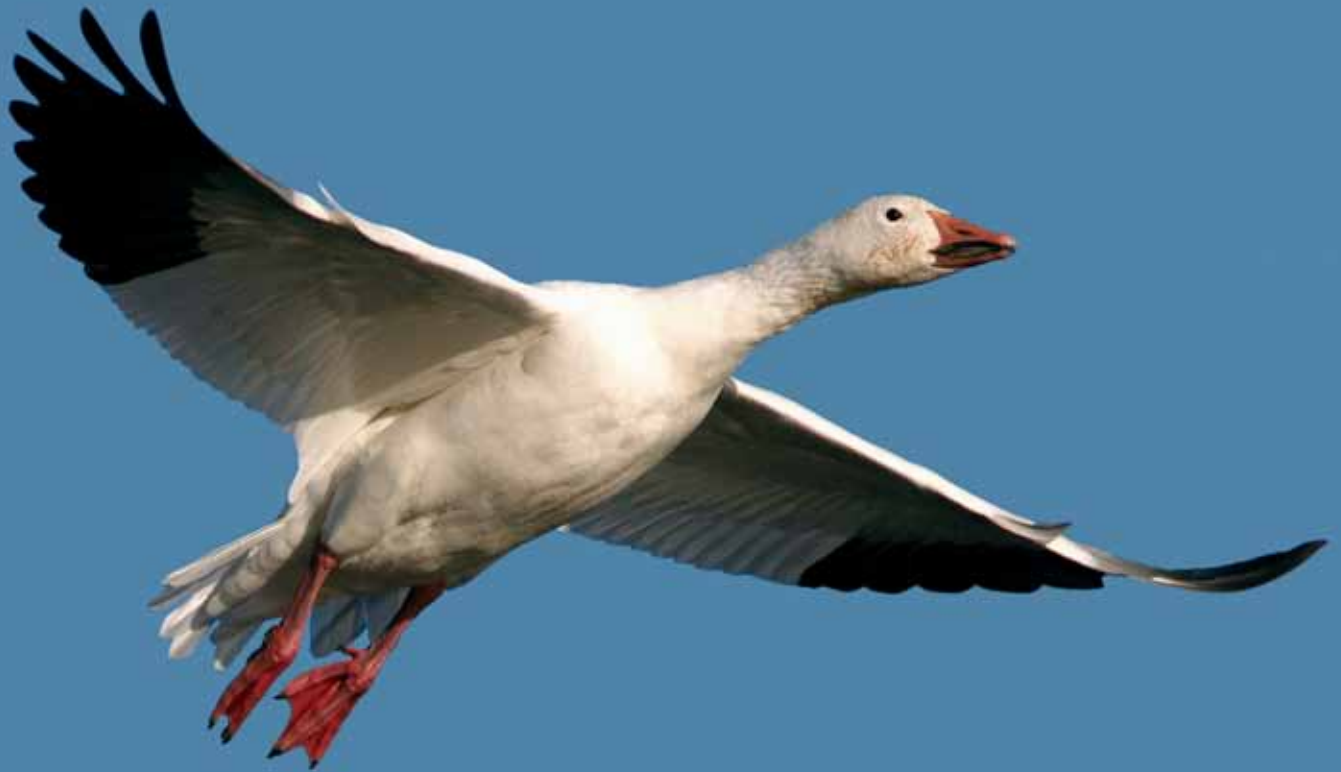
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What is a Light Goose Conservation Order?

Ted Nichols, Principal Wildlife Biologist

Beginning in spring 2009, many Atlantic Flyway states including New Jersey, implemented a conservation order for light geese. So what is a conservation order, why is it necessary and how does it differ from a hunting season? And what, exactly, are light geese?

A conservation order is a special management action, authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, designed to control a wildlife population when traditional management programs are unsuccessful in preventing overabundance. A conservation order is authorized through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This conservation order is exclusively for light geese, the collective name applied to greater snow geese, lesser snow geese and Ross's geese due to their white plumage. In the Atlantic Flyway, greater snow geese are—



by far—the most abundant light goose population, although some lesser snow geese and Ross's geese also can be found.

Greater snow geese breed in the eastern Canadian high arctic and winter predominantly in the eastern United States. Key fall and spring migration staging grounds are centered on the Saint Lawrence River Valley in southern Quebec. Recently, the greater snow goose population has grown to record highs and currently number just over one million birds. This level is twice the population objective of 500,000 birds.

Given the overabundant population status of these birds, the conservation order is likely to continue for several more years.

During the 1990's, biologists working in the Canadian arctic began documenting habitat damage due to excessive grazing from overabundant light geese. Within a few years, both the severity of the damage and the affected areas increased in parts of the Canadian Arctic. Habitat damage from light geese also was observed on staging

areas in southern Quebec and wintering areas in the United States. Simultaneously, serious agricultural damage was occurring on migration and wintering areas as well.

In response to this problem, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) implemented special harvest regulations for light geese in the Mississippi and Central Flyways in 1999 and initiated an environmental impact statement to frame the issue and outline potential solutions. Shortly thereafter, the Service was sued by humane organizations and ultimately withdrew the special regulations. Later in 1999, Congress passed the Arctic Tundra Habitat Emergency Conservation Act which reinstated the special regulations for light geese through an emergency congressional order.

In 2007, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service completed the light goose environmental impact statement which examined five alternatives for managing light goose populations ranging from no action, to direct population control by wildlife agencies. All of the proposed alternatives for action in the environmental impact statement were drastic and unpalatable to some degree. However, the consequences of no action—where there would be a serious negative affect to light geese themselves as well as the myriad of bird species dependent on the same habitats—was not acceptable. The recommended alternative in the environmental impact statement was to authorize special regulations, including the use of a conservation order, to increase harvest for overabundant light goose populations.

In November 2008, the Service published the final

rule to implement the preferred alternative among those identified in the environmental impact statement. Together, the environmental impact statement and final rule supersede the Arctic Tundra Habitat Emergency Conservation Act, making the special regulations permanent in the Central and Mississippi Flyways. The rule also makes Atlantic Flyway states, including New Jersey, eligible to implement a light goose conservation order.

The intent of the conservation order is to reduce—and ultimately stabilize—these North American light goose populations, all of which are above population objectives. The conservation order allows hunting an extended time period outside of traditional seasons as well as adding methods for taking these birds, without bag limits. Additional methods of take include the use of electronic calls, unplugged shotguns and extended hours up to one-half hour after sunset.

Standard hunting seasons for migratory game birds are designed to provide recreational opportunities for North American citizens. Under the auspices of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, annual hunting regulations are intended to keep harvest at levels compatible with a population's ability to maintain itself at a desired population objective. Since there are upper limits to a bird population's ability to withstand harvest, certain regulations—such as bag limits, constraining the number of shot shells in a firearm and banning the use of electronic calls—have been established to limit harvest. These tools (regulations) designed to restrict the harvest, become the same tools utilized to increase harvest under a conservation order where the objective is to reduce an overabundant population.

Thus far, implementation of the conservation order has met with some success for mid-continent North American light geese. Since 1999 under the conservation



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order, the harvest of mid-continent light geese has more than doubled, and the population growth rate as measured by the midwinter index has been reduced. Based on these experiences from the Mississippi and Central Flyways, biologists estimate that the newly enabled conservation order in the United States portion of the Atlantic Flyway (special regulations have been in place in Quebec since 1999) should increase the continental greater snow goose

harvest rate from the current 20 percent to 26 percent. If this harvest rate is achieved, the light goose population should be reduced to its goal by about 2013. However, several factors will affect this harvest rate including the size of regular season harvest and the magnitude of special spring harvest measures in Quebec.

A conservation order is customarily held in late winter and early spring following the closure of other migratory bird

hunting seasons such as Canada geese. New Jersey's Conservation Order dates are Feb. 16–April 10, 2010. For more details on participating in New Jersey's light goose conservation order harvest, interested hunters should check the Fish and Wildlife Web site or watch for the release of the 2009-10 Migratory Bird Regulations in September. 🦋

Where to Hunt Light Geese

Snow geese may be found statewide but are most abundant in four primary locations.

1. Delaware Bay tidal marshes and nearby inland farm fields contain the most light geese. About 100,000 snow geese are counted in these areas during the Mid-winter Waterfowl Survey in early January. Delaware Bay tidal marshes from Goshen Creek in Cape May County to Mannington Meadow in Salem County contain an abundance of public land. Fish and Wildlife administers much of this public land as wildlife management areas (WMAs). A list of WMAs and their maps can be found at NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaland.htm. Key WMAs for spring snow geese include (from south to north): Dennis Creek Heislerville, Egg Island, Fortescue, Nantuxent, New Sweden, Dix and Mad Horse Creek. Excursions for snow geese in these marshes are much more likely to be safe and successful with a dependable powerboat. Snow goose flocks in this region feed, roost and loaf in the tidal marshes yet often make inland field feeding flights, primarily into Salem and Cumberland counties. However, sometimes these snow goose flocks range as far inland as Mullica Hill, Turnersville and Franklinville. Since snow geese are renowned for flying great distances between roosting and feeding sites, they are more inconsistent in a given area of agricultural fields when compared with tidal marshes on a day-to-day basis.
2. Considerable numbers of snow geese can be found in central New Jersey. Flocks in this region range far and wide and are usually found in an area from Cranbury to Roosevelt to Wrightstown to Burlington. Generally, these birds are found field feeding on private farms necessitating obtaining landowner permission for access.
3. Snow geese are also found in the northern part of the state centered on Merrill Creek Reservoir (closed to hunting) near Phillipsburg. These flocks also range far and wide on a daily basis and are usually found from Belvidere to Washington plus Clinton and Flemington. Most of these flocks are found on private farms.
4. Snow geese can be found in and around Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge in Oceanville. However, this flock tends to be much smaller in spring than in the fall.



This image (above), from arctic regions of Hudson Bay coastal tundra, show an enclosure used to document the intensity of snow goose grazing damage. The fenced area excludes snow geese thereby preventing foraging whereas the area outside the fence hosted large numbers of snow geese.



In 1984 (middle), this Hudson Bay study site had snow goose numbers in balance with the habitat which consisted of lush vegetation favored by snow goose broods. By 1997 (bottom), however, as the snow goose colony swelled to numbers beyond the limit that the habitat could support, the quantity and quality of forage declined substantially.

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Cold Water Emergencies

By Conservation Officer Shannon Martiak



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Whether ice fishing on Lake Hopatcong, waterfowl hunting along Delaware Bay or hooking into some late season stripers along the coast, New Jersey offers great fall and winter hunting and fishing opportunities. With nearly 700 square miles of lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, bays and marshes in the Garden State, it's easy to find a great body of water for your favorite outdoor sport. Anytime you're on the water, though, plan ahead and be prepared for cold water emergencies.

Cold Water Exposure

Surprisingly, cold water is defined as being 70 degrees F and below. The majority of New Jersey's waters are classified as cold water during much of the year. Hunters and anglers should make it a priority to be prepared for exposure to cold water. In the past two years, New Jersey has seen an increase in cold water-related fatalities, particularly waterfowl hunters. On a national level there are more waterfowl hunters killed

by cold water exposure than by gunshot wounds. These fatalities were caused by hypothermia and/or drowning.

Hypothermia

Our bodies are heat-generating machines designed to maintain a near-constant core body temperature of 98.6 degrees F. A drop of just two degrees significantly impairs our motor skills. At 95 degrees hypothermia begins, a life-threatening drop in core body temperature. If left untreated, hypothermia can be fatal.

The risk of hypothermia can be greatly reduced by decisions made before venturing to the water or field. Choosing the proper clothing is the first step. A layered system of clothing consisting of a moisture wicking base layer, insulating mid layers and a wind- and waterproof top layer afford the best protection. Pay special attention to the head and neck as this is where a majority of the body heat is lost. Stay well-hydrated and eat high

calorie foods. Avoid alcohol as this negatively affects blood flow, accelerating the progression to hypothermia and can also compromise a person's ability to make rational, life-or-death decisions.

Recognize the signs of hypothermia: shivering, cold and sometimes painful and discolored extremities, slurred speech, drowsiness and/or irrational behavior. If these signs are present, heat loss must be stopped! If the victim is cold and *wet*, the wet clothes must be removed. Water conducts heat away from the body 25 times faster than air! Immediately, put dry clothes on the victim and take care with *slow* rewarming immediately. Handle the victim gently, as any sudden jarring could put an already unstable circulatory system into cardiac arrest. Finally, seek medical attention.

Essential Equipment

One piece of equipment that could mean the difference between life and death is the personal flotation device (PFD). The PFD should be a high visibility color so rescuers can locate the victim from a distance. In addition to providing buoyancy, the PFD also provides an additional insulating layer to slow the loss of heat from your body should you fall into frigid waters.

In the Water!

Should you find yourself through the ice, stay calm, keep your clothing on and zipped tight. Kick and pull to attempt to get yourself up onto the unbroken ice, then roll out of—and away from—the hole in the ice. Rolling distributes body weight over a much larger surface area than would walking, decreasing the likelihood of breaking through again. Then leave by walking the same path you took across the ice originally. **Most important:** seek immediate shelter, remove all wet clothes and begin rewarming *slowly*.

When I venture onto ice, I wear a float coat and have ice awls attached to each wrist which makes them readily available. Ice awls consist of a shaft with a retractable spike that once jabbed into the ice, will provide you with a grip to pull yourself up and over the ice edge. A simple, inexpensive piece of equipment like this could save your life.

Conservation Officer Shannon Martiak

Cold Water and Ice Safety Checklist

1. Itinerary – give to friends and family
2. Cell phone – in watertight bag
3. High-visibility float coat or personal flotation device (PFD)
4. Signaling device (flare, strobe, beacon, whistle)
5. Extra set of clothes – in a watertight bag
6. Ice Spikes or Ice Awls (see left)
7. Winter First Aid Kit
8. Throw bag and rope (see photo below)
9. Check weather forecast
10. Bring a buddy – don't go alone

Follow these guidelines if you go into cold water: Stay with the boat even if it has capsized. Grab hold of the hull and try to get out of the water. If the boat is not accessible, look for something to keep you afloat such as floating debris or your bag of duck decoys. If more than one person is in the water, stay together and keep your arms around each other to conserve heat. Use a signaling device (handheld flare, strobe light or whistle) which you should *keep attached to your PFD*.

If a victim is pulled from the water and no pulse is detected, immediately begin CPR. Countless stories are told of victims being revived through CPR after as long as 40 minutes in cold water. Do not give up!

To rescue someone who has fallen through the ice, *first* call 911, then recall the saying: *Preach, Reach, Throw, Row, Go*. **Preach** to the victim that help is on the way and reassure them that they must fight to stay alive. Attempt to **reach** the victim utilizing anything that can be extended to them, such as a long, sturdy branch. Next, attempt to **throw** something to the victim such as a rope or an empty, closed plastic jug with rope attached.

If a boat is nearby, **row** to the victim. If all else fails, the final consideration is to **go** out to the victim. Understand that going onto unstable ice is a difficult decision to make. Ask: will attempting to rescue this victim create another victim—you?

No Ice is Safe Ice

There can only be guidelines as to whether ice is safe enough support your weight. Some say, “No ice is safe ice.” Water does not freeze uniformly. Underwater currents, obstructions, age of the ice and the presence of snow cover all contribute to ice formation and thickness. For clear, new ice, 6 inches is the accepted ice thickness

for safe foot travel. Remember to bring a measuring stick to determine the ice thickness at various locations.

A water-related accident can happen at any time, so be prepared, especially around cold water. By taking a preventative approach, having the proper equipment and identifying winter's dangers, you can enjoy a safe and rewarding outdoor winter experience. 🍂



Coldwater Emergency Kit (clockwise from left):

Extra clothes in a watertight bag, first aid kit, strobe/beacon, ice awls, cell phone in a watertight bag, throw bag and PFD/float coat (center).

Shannon Martiak/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Wildlife Management Area

REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.
Purple text indicates an important note.

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

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:

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

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. 6, 2009, 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. 13, 2009.

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. 6, 2009 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp areas except in tidal marsh open to an ongoing waterfowl season. See *Pheasants*, page 60.

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 Conveyance

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

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

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

Outboard Motors

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

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

Restricted Hours

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

Target Practice

Only archery, shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, muzzleloading rifle 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 and requirements.

Waterfowl Blinds

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

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

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 New Jersey hunting license in possession.
- **Shotgun range:** fine shot only. No buckshot or rifled slugs.
- Archery range: target or practice tips only (NO broadheads.)
- **Muzzleloading rifle 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

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

Sussex County

Flatbrook WMA

Route 615, Layton

- Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (75 yards)

Warren County

Pequest WMA

Pequest 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**.

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
- Shotgun and muzzleloader ranges are **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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Vehicle Make _____ Yr. _____ Color _____

Vehicle Lic. No. _____ No. in Party _____

Dates from: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Limitations: _____

Other licenses, tag no.: _____

Permission dates from: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Limitations: _____

Hunter can hunt within 450 feet of buildings: Yes No

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Hunter can hunt within 450 feet of buildings: Yes No

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- Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show

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Date ____/____/____



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Signed _____
(visitor)

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 gives credit to antler length, spread, number of points, massiveness and symmetry. This measurement 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

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 to the right is a list of the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2009 Garden State Deer Classic. The Classic **showcased the outstanding deer taken during the 2007–2008 deer hunting seasons, not the past 2008–09 hunting seasons.** These will be honored at the January 2010 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.



2009 Garden State Deer Classic Winners*

Rank	Name	Score / Weight	County Harvested	DM Zone
Typical Archery				
1st	Mark Goddard, Sr.	149 4/8	Monmouth	50
2nd	Eric Burgess	146 3/8	Warren	4
3rd	Joe Diaz	144 5/8	Salem	29
Non-typical Archery				
1st	Kevin C. Kyle	163 7/8	Mercer	15
2nd	Arthur Fariello	162 1/8	Monmouth	16
3rd	Jim R. Thompson	159 7/8	Salem	29
Typical Shotgun				
1st	Steven R. Scaglione, Sr.	166 3/8	Ocean	18
2nd	Edward Tracy, Jr.	146 7/8	Monmouth	64
3rd	Andy Kowalski	142 7/8	Warren	5
Non-typical Shotgun				
1st	Jack Blizzard	159 3/8	Cumberland	30
Typical Muzzleloader				
1st	Scott Palmer	140 4/8	Monmouth	50
2nd	Chris Schmidt	130 6/8	Monmouth	50
3rd	Christian Taylor	126 7/8	Burlington	48
135 Pound Doe—Archery				
1st	Michael Connors	138 lbs.	Gloucester	35
135 Pound Doe—Shotgun				
1st	Darren A. Hasara	136 lbs.	Warren	7
200 Pound Buck—Archery				
1st	A.J. Bachman	211 lbs.	Morris	36
2nd	Frank Prato	210 lbs.	Mercer	14
3rd	Darren A. Hasara	206 lbs.	Somerset	12

* For deer harvested during the 2007–08 hunting seasons.



P. Jeremy Garnish

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
- Fish and Wildlife's Web site at: NJFishandWildlife.com/trtinfo.htm.

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

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

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

Winter Trout-Stocked Lakes

Stocking dates are Nov. 23–25, 2009. When available, the stocking schedule will be posted on Fish and Wildlife's Web site and the Trout Stocking Hotline.

Atlantic County: Birch Grove Park Pond

Bergen County: Mill Pond

Camden County: Haddon Lake, Rowands 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,

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 Ocquittunk

Union County: Lower Echo Lake

Warren County: Furnace Lake

Fall Trout-Stocked Rivers and Lakes

Fall stocking will occur in the weeks beginning Oct. 5 and Oct. 12, 2009. 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

i-MapNJ ■ Create Your Own WMA Map

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has a Web-based tool called i-MapNJ. Those with Internet access can create maps for any Wildlife Management Area. i-MapNJ provides a wealth of other environmental information, too!

This interactive program is updated on a regular basis 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. Click the i-MapNJ button in the left column.

Those without Internet access can request a specific wildlife management area by calling (609) 984-0547.

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

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Join the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife in celebrating
National Hunting and Fishing Day at the
8th Annual Wildlife Heritage Festival at the
Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center

— **September 26, 2009** —

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy activities for the whole family!

- Fish Feeding Demonstrations: Watch hatchery workers feeding the hungry trout!
- Kids Fishing: Kids 8-16 years can fish the Pequest Education Pond. Try to catch lunker trout! All the equipment is provided!
- Get Ready for Hunting Season. Take Your Hunter Education Course at the Festival! Pre-registration required.
- Introduction to Archery and Shotgun Shooting. Certified Hunter Education instructors will coach new shooters and improve your archery and shotgun skills!
- Kids 4-8 years can try catching trout in the "Kiddie Trout Tank"! All equipment is provided!
- Free 3-D Archery Range: Bring your own bow and shoot the free 3-D archery course!
- Historical Encampment: Step back in time as reenactors demonstrate primitive living in a time gone-by. Watch as they make clothing, cook or set up a military camp!
- Take an "Introduction to Kayaking Course!" Off-site; pre-registration required.
- Wildlife Artists, Conservation Organizations, Displays and More!
- Food vendors on site or bring your own food and have a picnic!



Visit NJFishandWildlife.com for the full schedule of events including program times, locations, program registration information and Festival updates

big fish.

If you haven't been trout fishing in New Jersey lately, you just might need a bigger net!

During October, more than 21,000 super-sized trout are being stocked throughout the state. At 14 inches to 20 inches, those trout will have reels screaming from Sussex County to Cape May. Trout fishing in New Jersey isn't just a spring thing anymore. Get out on the water this fall and get in on the hottest trout fishing action in the tri-state area.

Buy and print your fishing license and trout stamp online at www.njfishandwildlife.com. It's that easy!

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 46 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
• Paulinskill WMA
• Swartswood State Park
• Trout Brook WMA
• White Lake WMA
• Whittingham WMA
- 6 • Allamuchy Mountain State Park
• Berkshire Valley WMA
• Fanny State Park
• Morris County Park System—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
• Pequest WMA
- 9 • Black River WMA
- 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 (Robbinsville Twp section only)
• Pigeon Swamp State Park
• Six Mile Run Reservoir State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 15 • Assunpink WMA
• Monmouth County Park System—Charleston Springs Golf Course, Perrineville Lake Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 16 • 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
- 28 • Buckshtem WMA
• Elmer Lake WMA
• Union Lake WMA
- 29 • Bayside PSE&G Tract (see *Special Areas*)
• Cohansey 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
• Buckshtem WMA
- 34 • Beaver Swamp WMA
• Belleplain State Forest
• Cape May Wetlands WMA
• Cape May National Wildlife Refuge
• Dennis Creek WMA
• Heislerville WMA
• Higbee Beach WMA
• Tuckahoe WMA
• Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- 35 • D.O.D. Ponds

- Harrisonville Lake WMA
- 36 • No public deer hunting land
- 37 • Fort Dix Military Reservation (see *Special Areas*)
- 38 • Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 39 • No public deer hunting land
- 40 • No public deer hunting land
- 41 • Alexauken Creek WMA
• Mercer County Parks—Baldpate (Kuser) Mountain
• Mercer County Parks—Howell Living History Farm
- 42 • Port Republic WMA
- 43 • 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
• Supapawna 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

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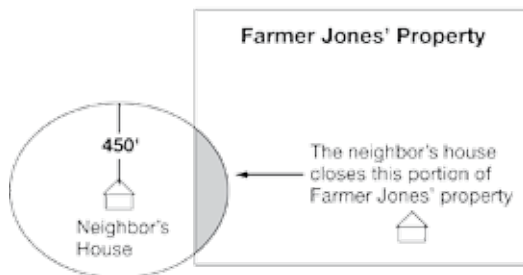
SAFETY ZONE Awareness: Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

NEW JERSEY HUNTERS enjoy many types of hunting, numerous days afield and generous bag limits. But development and other human encroachment on the forests and fields of the Garden State has changed 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 2009–2010 Hunting Seasons

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

No Sunday hunting on national wildlife refuges.

Cape May NWR

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

- **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 46.**
- **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; fws.gov/northeast/greatswamp

- **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 46.**
- 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 2009 New Jersey youth hunting license).

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR

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

- **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 46.**
- **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; fws.gov/northeast/nj/spm.htm

- **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 46.**
- **Waterfowl**

Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge manager for information.

Wallkill River NWR

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

- **Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 46.**
- **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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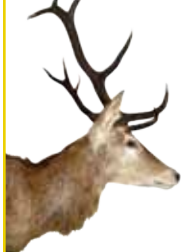
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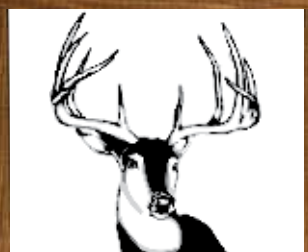
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