

Have You Seen This Cat?

by **Melissa Craddock, Wildlife Biologist,
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The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP) is seeking reports of bobcat sightings from hunters, trappers and other outdoor enthusiasts. Bobcats are an elusive endangered species in New Jersey that are seldom seen in the wild. Late February through early April is the breeding season for these secretive felines, recognized by their bobbed tail, ear tufts and grayish-brown streaked and spotted fur.

Typical bobcat habitat in New Jersey consists of forests, early successional vegetation and agricultural areas with dense cover that provides protection from the weather and from predators. Bobcats often use areas with caves, ledges and rock outcrops that provide shelter and cover both for hunting and rearing their young. Bobcats are found primarily in the northern counties of Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren, although unconfirmed reports have been received from the eastern, central and southern counties.

This bobcat captured in New Jersey was outfitted with a satellite transmitter collar. The transmitter allows biologists to monitor bobcat locations in order to determine habitat ranges.

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



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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.

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.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/.

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 | 4. Dennis Creek | 8. Menantico Ponds |
| Angler Access | 5. Tuckahoe | 9. Prospertown Lake |
| 2. Kingwood | 6. Mad Horse Creek | |
| 3. Assunpink | 7. Union Lake | |

Dog Training, Exercising & Hunting

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

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

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. 9, 2007, 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 foxes, raccoons, rabbits and hares. 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. 9, 2007.

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. 9, 2007 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 dispatched trapped animals other than muskrat.

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

Motor Vehicles & Other Forms of Conveyances

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

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

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

Outboard Motors

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

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

Restricted Hours

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

Target Practice

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

The following types of ranges are available on designated WMAs statewide: Shotgun Range—for use with clay birds and the patterning of fine shot; Archery Range—approved backstops at select ranges, no broadheads allowed; Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun Slug Range—for sighting in with shotgun slugs or buckshot, .22 caliber, rimfire rifles and muzzleloaders; no other firearms allowed. See page 75 for a list of ranges.

Waterfowl Blinds

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

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| 1. Assunpink | 6. Manahawkin | 11. Salem River |
| 2. Black River | 7. Stafford Forge | (Formerly Mannington) |
| 3. Colliers Mills | 8. Whittingham | 12. Prospertown |
| 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 hunting license in possession.
- Shotgun range: fine shot only.
- Archery range: target or practice tips only (NO broadheads).
- Muzzleloading rifle and shotgun range: muzzleloading firearms, shotguns with rifled slugs or buckshot and modern rimfire (.22 caliber) rifles only.
- No handguns or centerfire rifles permitted.

NORTHERN REGION

Hunterdon County

Clinton WMA

Route 173W, Clinton

Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

Morris County

Black River WMA

Route 513 (Dover-Chester Road), Chester

Shotgun, Archery

Note: Closed weekends from the third Saturday in

May through the Sunday of Labor Day

Weekend, as well as on the Christmas and

Easter holidays. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to

7:30 p.m. during this summer period, and 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. for the rest of the year. Hunter

education classes will continue to be held at

the range and will not be affected by the new

hours.

Sussex County

Flatbrook-Roy WMA

Route 615, Layton

Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (75 yards)

Warren County

Pequest WMA

Pequest Road, Oxford

Archery

CENTRAL REGION

Monmouth County

Assunpink WMA

Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd.,

Upper Freehold Twp.

Shotgun (non-toxic shot only), Archery

Ocean County

Colliers Mills WMA

Off Colliers Mills & Hawkins Rds.,

Jackson Twp.

Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

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.

Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)

Cape May County

Tuckahoe WMA

Off Tuckahoe Road (Route 631), Tuckahoe

Shotgun, Archery

Cumberland County

Millville WMA

Ackley Road (Route 718), Millville

Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)



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See entry details on page 77.

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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 newer velvet category is added for early bow season deer.

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

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 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.

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 (must have proof confirmed on a certified scale* for buck entries - no truck scales** - with the weighmaster's signature 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 76 for details.

The table below is a list of the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2007 Garden State Deer Classic. The Classic showcased the outstanding deer taken during the 2005-2006 deer hunting seasons, not the past 2006-07 hunting seasons. These will be honored at the 2008 Deer Classic.

2007 Garden State Deer Classic Winners

Deer Harvested During the 2005-06 Hunting Seasons					
Category	Place	Name	Score / Weight	County Harvested	DMZ
Typical Shotgun	1st	Thomas Donlon	155 2/8	Warren	7
	2nd	Gary J. Fitton	153 1/8	Salem	27
	3rd	Joseph Lakowitz, Jr.	144 6/8	Somerset	14
Typical Muzzleloader	1st	Glen Schumacher	139 3/8	Passaic	3
	2nd	Keith Vannozi	132 0/8	Hunterdon	41
	3rd	Robert Falkowski	131 0/8	Burlington	17
Typical Archery	1st	Ryan L. Eastridge	147 6/8	Warren	8
	2nd	Harry Kline	147 3/8	Somerset	14
	3rd	John J. Kinelski, Jr.	146 1/8	Somerset	14
Non-Typical Shotgun	1st	John W. Ramsey	142 3/8	Somerset	13
	2nd	Sam Heaton	135 0/8	Cape May	34
Non-Typical Muzzleloader	1st	Rodney Leary	143 0/8	Burlington	37
Non-Typical Archery	1st	Gene DeMeter, Jr.	197 5/8	Monmouth	16
	2nd	John McLaughlin	165 4/8	Monmouth	16
200 Pound Buck - Archery	1st	Gary Wissen	236 lbs.	Salem	29
	2nd	Carmen Cucuzza	214 lbs.	Essex	36
	3rd	Daniel T. Falls	210 lbs.	Cumberland	29
135 Pound Doe - Shotgun	1st	James T. Cinali	149 lbs.	Gloucester	35
135 Pound Doe - Muzzleloader	1st	Barry Gandy	137 lbs.	Gloucester	35

* 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

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

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 bigger than the 10-inch trout typically stocked in the spring. The Pequest Trout Hatchery recently began rearing these larger, two-year old trout for these late-season trout stocking programs.

When these larger trout first made their debut last year, they made quite a splash. Anglers were thrilled with the prospect of catching them. Here's what some had to say:

"The fall stocking was the best trout fishing I have ever experienced! Everyone I spoke with was more excited than ever with the size and quantities of the fish."

"I fished Ken Lockwood Gorge over the past weekend and WOW!!!! The fish were really big and great fun. I thought I was fishing in Montana."

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 before Thanksgiving.

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!

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

Fall Trout-Stocked Rivers and Lakes

Fall stocking will occur in the weeks beginning Oct. 2 and Oct. 8, 2007. 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: Schadlers Sand Wash Pond

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

River

Sussex County: Big Flat Brook,

Musconetcong River, Paulinskill River,

Pequest River, Wallkill River

Warren County: Musconetcong River,

Paulinskill River, Pequest River,

Pohatcong Creek



Photo: P. Jeremy Garnish

Winter Trout-Stocked Lakes

Stocking dates are Nov. 19 - 21, 2007.

When available, the stocking schedule will be posted on Fish & Wildlife's Web site and the Trout Stocking Hotline.

Atlantic County: Birch Grove Park Pond

Bergen County: Mill Pond

Camden County: Haddon Lake,

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,

Monmouth County: Spring Lake,

Topenemus Lake

Morris County: Mt. Hope Pond,

Speedwell Lake

Ocean County: Lake Shenandoah

Passaic County: Barbours Pond,

Green Turtle Pond

Salem County: Riverview Beach Pond

Sussex County: Lake Aeroflex, Little

Swartswood Lake, Silver Lake, Stoney

Lake*

Union County: Lower Echo Lake

Warren County: Furnace Lake

* Lake Ocquittunk will be partially lowered over the winter and will not be stocked.

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Students Take Aim With New Archery Skills

by Paul Ritter, Supervising Biologist

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife is a proud sponsor of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). This exciting new program brings the sport of archery to millions of students in schools across the United States through their physical education department. Designed to teach JOAD-style (Junior Olympic Archery Development) target archery in 4th through 12th grades, the core content covers archery history, safety, technique, equipment, mental concentration and self-improvement. Fourteen schools (listed below) throughout New Jersey now participate in the program. To date, well over 16,000 Garden State students have been introduced to archery through their school's participation in NASP.

Before presenting the two-week archery course, physical education teachers undergo an eight-hour National Archery in the Schools Program Basic Archery Instructor Training Program provided **free of charge** to participating schools and teachers. The equipment used is not the old-style recurve that so many of us may remember when we took archery in school. Instead, the program exclusively uses state-of-the-art Genesis compound bows developed by Mathews, Inc. and designed to fit every student from 4th - 12th grades. Thanks to support from the archery industry, the \$4,800 equipment 'kits' can be purchased by schools for only \$2,250 to \$2,650, depending upon which targets and bow-hanging units are chosen.

New this fall is an equipment loaner program developed for schools unable to fund the equipment purchase. Fish and Wildlife personnel will train physical education teachers then register each school to receive all equipment needed to conduct the program free of charge. Fish and Wildlife has twenty-one loaner kits - one for every county - available for this program. Equipment kits are allocated on a first trained, first served basis, so teachers are encouraged to apply for training early to receive equipment at your preferred timing. Our goal through this loaner program is to add fifty new schools each year!

This past May, most of our participating NASP schools competed in a New Jersey state shoot. From this competition the Oxford Central Middle School scored number one in the state, earning the opportunity

to represent New Jersey by participating in the National NASP shoot in Kentucky. Competing against almost two thousand other students from across the country, Oxford achieved a national first place title when Rachel Zorsky, a sixth grade student, competed against 226 other sixth graders and shot an impressive 280 out of a possible 300. Next, eighth grader Kaitlyn Ischinger posted a 275 score to take a third place award competing against 208 other shooters. The team overall took thirty-sixth place out of one hundred and thirty-three teams in the entire competition. This was the first time New Jersey was represented at the national level. Our team of shooters left a lasting impression and set the mark high for all future teams.


Schools interested in learning more about the National Archery in the Schools Program or to schedule a teacher training should contact Keith Griglak: Keith.Griglak@dep.state.nj.us or call (908) 735-6826 if your school is located north of I-195. For schools south of I-195, contact Nathan Figley at Nathan.Figley@dep.state.nj.us or call (856) 629-0552.

New Jersey Schools Currently Participating in the National Archery in the Schools Program:

Redemer Lutheran	Lakehurst Elementary
Montville High School	Oxford Central Middle School
Montville Middle School	Robbinsville High School
Princeton High School	Nutley High School
South Hunterdon High School	Washington Community School
Sparta High School	Montgomery Township School
Sparta Middle School	Thomas A Edison School



New Jersey state champions from the Oxford Central School proudly display their National Archery in the Schools trophies after their successes at the national competition in Kentucky.



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Hunter Access

PUBLIC DEER HUNTING LAND IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey has more than 750,000 acres of public land available to the deer hunter. This list is arranged by deer management zone for public land open to deer hunting. Generally, only areas with 100 acres or more of upland habitat are listed. State parks and forests that allow hunting may have some sections which are closed to hunting. Some areas allow deer hunting only during certain seasons, require an access fee or have other special regulations. Refer to the *Digest* section *Special Areas Hunting Season* Information page 49 or contact the appropriate authority for details. See page 81 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. Zone changes 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
• Wanaque WMA
• 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
• South Branch WMA
• Voorhees State Park
- 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 (Washington Twp section only)
• Pigeon Swamp State Park
• Six Mile Run Reservoir State Park (see Special Areas)
- 15 • Assunpink WMA
• Monmouth County Park System - Charleston Springs Golf Course, **Perrineville Lake Park** (see Special Areas)
- 16 • Turkey Swamp WMA
• Monmouth County Park System - Bear Swamp Tract of Manasquan Reservoir, Howell Park Golf Course, Turkey Swamp Park, Yellowbrook Tract of Manasquan River Linear Park (see Special Areas)
- 17 • Colliers Mills WMA
• Monmouth County Park System - Clayton Park, Crosswicks Creek Park (see Special Areas)
- 18 • Colliers Mills WMA
• Manchester WMA
• Whiting WMA
- 19 • Medford WMA
• Wharton State Forest
- 21 • Double Trouble State Park
• Forked River Mountain WMA
• Greenwood Forest WMA
• Lebanon State Forest
- 22 • Bass River State Forest
- 23 • Wharton State Forest
- 24 • Bass River State Forest
• Penn State Forest
• Stafford Forge WMA
• Swan Bay WMA
• Warren Grove Recreation Area
• Wharton State Forest
- 25 • Cedar Lake WMA
• Great Egg Harbor River WMA
• White Oak Branch WMA
• Wharton State Forest
- 26 • Great Egg Harbor River WMA
• Wharton State Forest
• Hammonton Creek WMA
• Makepeace Lake WMA
• Port Republic WMA
- 27 • Salem River WMA
• Thundergut Pond WMA
- 28 • Buckshutem 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
- 30 • Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15 - Aug. 1)
• Dix WMA
• Egg Island WMA
• Fortescue WMA
• Nantuxent WMA
• New Sweden WMA
- 31 • Millville WMA
• Buckshutem WMA
- 34 • Beaver Swamp WMA
• Belleplaine 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
- 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)
• 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)
- 59 • Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (see Special Areas)
- 61 • Atlantic County Park System (see Special Areas)
- 63 • Abbotts Meadow WMA
• **Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge** (see Special Areas)
- 64 • Monmouth Battlefield State Park (see Special Areas)
- 65 • Winslow WMA
- 66 • Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (see Special Areas)
- 67 • High Point State Park (see Special Areas)
- 68 • Franklin Parker Preserve (see Special Areas)
- 70 • **Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge - north of the Mullica River and south of Rt. 72** (see Special Areas)

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

USGS Topographic Maps

Topo quads - \$10 ea. State exact location including county, township, road or select a WMA
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection
Maps and Publications
PO Box 438, Trenton, NJ 08625-0438 • (609) 777-1038
www.state.nj.us/dep/njgs

State Parks and Forests Maps

Maps and information on lands administered by the Division of Parks and Forestry.
Please specify park or forest. Free.
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection
Division of Parks and Forestry
PO Box 404, Trenton, NJ 08625-0404 • (800) 843-6420

Wildlife Management Area Maps

Maps and information on lands administered by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
Photocopies of individual WMA maps on USGS base available free.
Specify which WMA.
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P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625 • (609) 984-0547
Download maps from our Web site at
www.njfishandwildlife.com/wmaland.htm
or create your own map, at i-MapNJ, see page 81.

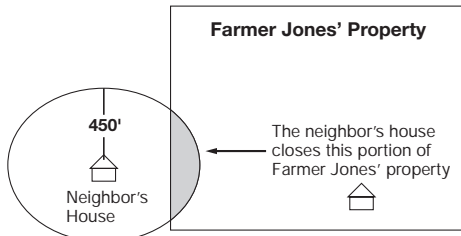
SAFETY ZONE Awareness: Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

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



What is a SAFETY ZONE?

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



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

What can you do to heighten your SAFETY ZONE awareness?

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

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

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

Hunting Opportunities On New Jersey's National Wildlife Refuges 2007–2008 Hunting Seasons

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

Cape May NWR

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

- Deer—*Special Areas Hunting Season Information*; see page 49.
- Migratory game birds except crow—on refuge lands north of Rt. 550 or west of Rt. 47

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

Great Swamp NWR

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

- Deer—*Special Areas Hunting Season Information*; see page 49.

In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a Refuge permit. There is a \$26 fee for a refuge permit. Special hunting conditions apply.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR

800 Great Creek Road, Oceanville, NJ 08231-0072; (609) 649-1665; www.fws.gov/northeast/forsythe

- Deer—*Special Areas Hunting Season Information*; see page 49.
- Waterfowl • Special Waterfowl Hunts

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

Supawna Meadows NWR

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

- Deer—*Special Areas Hunting Season Information*; see page 49.
- Waterfowl • September Canada Goose

In addition to required state licenses and permits, deer hunters must obtain a refuge permit. Special hunting conditions apply.

Wallkill River NWR

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

- Deer—*Special Areas Hunting Season Information*; see page 49.
- 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. Special hunting conditions apply.

Hunter Access

NJ WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

1. Abbotts Meadow
2. Absecon
3. Alexauken Creek
4. Alpha Grasslands
5. Amwell Lake
6. Assunpink
7. Balwin Lake
8. Bear Swamp
9. Beaver Brook
10. Beaver Swamp
11. Belvidere Access
12. Berkshire Valley
13. Black River
14. Buckhorn Creek
15. Buckshutem
16. Budd Lake
17. Butterfly Bogs
18. Cape Island
19. Cape May Coastal Wetlands
20. Capoolong Creek
21. Cedar Lake
22. Cedarville Ponds
23. Clarks Pond
24. Clinton
25. Cohansy River
26. Colliers Mills
27. Columbia
28. Culvers Brook Access
29. Dennis Creek
30. Dix
31. D.O.D. Ponds
32. Egg Island
33. Elmer Lake
34. Featherbed Lane
35. Flatbrook-Roy
36. Forked River Mountain
37. Fortescue
38. Gibson Creek
39. Glassboro
40. Great Bay
41. Great Egg Harbor River
42. Greenwood Forest
43. Gum Tree Corner
44. Hackettstown Hatchery
45. Hainesville
46. Hamburg Mountain
47. Hammonton Creek
48. Harmony Access
49. Harrisonville Lake
50. Heislerville
51. Higbee Beach
52. Holland Church Access
53. Honey Run
54. Hummers Beach Access
55. Imlaystown Lake
56. Ken Lockwood Gorge
57. Kingwood Access
58. Knowlton Access
59. Little Flatbrook Access
60. Lizzard Tail Swamp
61. Lockatong
62. Logan Pond
63. Mad Horse Creek
64. Makepeace Lake
65. Malibu Beach
66. Manahawkin
67. Manasquan River
68. Manchester
69. Mantua Creek
70. Maple Lake
71. Maskells Mill
72. Medford
73. Menantico Ponds
74. Millville
75. Musconetcong River
76. Nantuxent
77. Navesink River
78. New Sweden
79. Oyster Creek Access
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86. Pohatcong Creek
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88. Pork Island
89. Port Republic
90. Prospertown Lake
91. Raccoon Creek
92. Rainbow Lake
93. Ramseyburg Access
94. Ratzman Access
95. Rockaway River
96. Rockport
97. Rowands Pond
98. Salem River
99. Sawmill Creek
100. Sedge Island
101. South Branch
102. Sparta Mountain
103. Spicers Creek Access
104. Stafford Forge
105. Swan Bay
106. Thundergut Pond
107. Trout Brook
108. Tuckahoe
109. Turkey Swamp
110. Union Lake
111. Upper Barnegat Bay
112. Van Nest
113. Wading River
114. Walpack
115. Wanaque
116. Weldon Brook
117. White Lake
118. White Oak Branch
119. Whiting
120. Whittingham
121. Wildcat Ridge
122. Winslow



New Jersey Wildlife Management Areas

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

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

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

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

Click the i-MapNJ button in the left column.

If you do not have access to the Web and are interested in a specific Wildlife Management Area, call (609) 984-0547 to request a map.

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