

# Wildlife Management Area

## REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:** alcoholic beverages, camping, geocaching, cutting or damaging vegetation, removing timber or firewood, dumping, fires, metal detecting, swimming, picnicking and the use of unmanned aerial vehicles known as drones.

Wildlife management area (WMA) regulation violations carry penalties of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,500. A second violation of any WMA regulation will result in a five-year loss of all sporting licenses and privileges.

For WMA permit applications, write to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420, or NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

Fish and Wildlife may revoke any permit (or other authorization) for violation or due cause.

### Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit

Any vehicle used to transport or launch a vessel or water conveyance on the following WMAs must have affixed to the lower corner of the driver's side rear window a Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit (for the waterbodies listed below), or a photocopy of a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license with your Conservation ID number clearly displayed. For privacy, all other personal information may be blacked out. The boat ramp maintenance permit fee is \$15, available from license agents or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site. For more information see: NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

Persons 70 years and older do not need a boat ramp maintenance permit or a license, but must affix to their window proof of age, such as a former license displaying your date of birth.

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

### Dog Training, Exercising and Hunting

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

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

All dogs must be properly licensed. Dogs may be exercised or trained on any WMA from Sept. 1 to April 30.

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. **NEW!** For a link to maps showing the dog training areas on these select WMAs, go to [www.NJFishandWildlife.com/dogtrain.htm](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com/dogtrain.htm). For more information call (609) 984-0547.

### Field Trials

A permit to conduct a field trial on a wildlife management area may be obtained by contacting Fish and Wildlife at (609) 259-2132.

### Higbee Beach

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 until 12:01 a.m. on Dec. 10, 2018.

### Horseback Riding

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

### Hunting Regulations

**Firearm hunting on wildlife management areas on the day prior to the opening of the regular small game season for pheasants and quail is allowed.**

The quail season is closed statewide with the exception of the Peaslee and Greenwood WMAs. See *Quail Season Closed*, page 56.

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

For coyote and fox hunting; the use of .177 and .22 caliber rimfire or .177 through .25 caliber centerfire rifle ammo is allowed on WMAs. See *Coyote/Fox ammo chart* on page 54 for additional restrictions.

The use of air guns to hunt rabbit and squirrel is allowed on WMAs. See *Air Guns* page 27, and *Squirrel, Regular Season* on page 56.

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

### Motor Vehicles and Other Forms of Conveyance

No person shall operate an unregistered vehicle on any 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. For mountain bike and paddleboard regulations, visit our website.**

### 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. A boat license and New Jersey boat safety certificate are required to operate a power vessel on non-tidal waters of New Jersey. A boat license is not required for non-powered vessels.

### Restricted Hours

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

### Target Practice

Only archery, shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, muzzleloading rifle, .177 and .22 caliber rimfire rifle shooting is allowed in designated hunter training ranges according to regulations posted at the training area.

The following types of ranges are available on designated WMAs statewide:

- ♦ **Shotgun Range:** for use with clay birds and the patterning of fine shot;
- ♦ **Archery Range:** approved backstops at select ranges, no broadheads allowed;
- ♦ **Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun Slug Range:** for sighting in with shotgun slugs or buckshot, .177 or .22 caliber rimfire rifles and muzzleloaders; no other firearms allowed. See page 71 for a list of ranges and requirements.

### Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or Drones

The use of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) or drone is prohibited on WMAs. A UAV is computer-controlled for nearly their entire flight either autonomously or by remote control by a pilot and has the capacity for autonomous flight and navigation.

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

Any blind used in these WMAs must be portable and shall be completely removed at the day's end. Blinds remaining in WMAs are subject to confiscation and disposal by Fish and Wildlife.

### Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Ranges

- ♦ All WMA regulations apply.
- ♦ 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 tips only. NO broadheads allowed on any WMA range, regardless of the target used.
- ♦ **Muzzleloading rifle range:** muzzleloading firearms, shotguns (rifled slug, buckshot), modern rimfire rifles (.177, .22 caliber) and air guns in calibers legal for hunting are allowed.
- ♦ No handguns or centerfire rifles permitted.

#### NOTICE: Range Renovations, Closures — Tentative Schedule, March–June, 2019

**Muzzleloader** ranges scheduled for renovation include Makepeace, Millville, Clinton, Flatbrook, Colliers Mills and Stafford Forge WMAs. Portions of these ranges may be open occasionally during the process. Shotgun ranges are open but cannot accommodate air guns, shotgun slugs, buckshot or rifles of any type. Plan ahead for sighting in and practice prior to the hunting seasons! The renovations—including covered shooting stations, new benches and berm enhancements—are based on NRA guidelines. Check our website for schedule updates and closures: [NJFishandWildlife.com/ranges.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/ranges.htm).

### Northern Region

#### Hunterdon County

##### Clinton WMA

Route 173W, Clinton

- ♦ Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)
- ♦ All target frames must measure a minimum 30 inches from base to bottom of the paper target held in the frame. Frames must be placed only on top of a target mound located at the 25, 50 and 100 yard lines. This minimum target height requirement eliminates the risk of ricochet to ensure all projectiles are collected in the berm behind the 100 yard target.
- ♦ Spinner type targets for .177 and .22 caliber firearms MUST be placed directly at the base of the 25 yard berm to direct all bullets into the berm. These targets are not to be used at other yardage or target mound placements.

#### Morris County

##### Black River WMA

Route 513 (Dover-Chester Rd.), 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 Rd., Oxford

- ♦ Archery

### Central Region

#### Monmouth County

##### Assunpink WMA

Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd., Upper Freehold Twp.

- ♦ Archery
- ♦ **Shotgun range is restricted to the use of non-toxic shot; no lead shot is allowed.**

##### Turkey Swamp Park

Georgia Rd., Freehold Twp.

- ♦ Archery (Special regulations apply; call 732-842-4000.)

#### Ocean County

##### Colliers Mills WMA

Off Colliers Mills and 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 Rd., Weymouth

- ♦ Shotgun, Muzzleloader (100 yards)
- ♦ **Target requirements:** bottom of paper target in a frame must be at least 30 inches above the ground. Only place target frame on top of a mound at the 25, 50 or 100 yard lines. This minimum target height eliminates risk of ricochets, ensuring all projectiles are collected in the berm behind the 100-yard target.
- ♦ Spinner type targets for .177 and .22 caliber firearms MUST be placed directly at the base of the 25 yard berm to direct all bullets into the berm. Do not use these targets at other yardage or target mound placements.

#### Gloucester County

##### Winslow WMA

Piney Hollow Rd., Monroe Twp.

- ♦ Archery
- ♦ Shotgun and muzzleloader ranges are closed.

#### Cape May County

##### Tuckahoe WMA

Off Tuckahoe Rd. (Rt. 631), Tuckahoe

- ♦ Archery
- ♦ Shotgun range is closed.

#### Cumberland County

##### Millville WMA

Ackley Rd. (Rt. 718), Millville

- ♦ Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

## Landowner-Hunter/Trapper Agreement Card

### HUNT/TRAP SMART Courtesy Card

#### Visitor's Copy — Not Transferable

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

Dates from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Limitations \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter may hunt within 450 feet (150 feet for bow)

of buildings:  Yes  No

Landowner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Landowner Copy

Permission given to \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_ Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_ No. in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Dates from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Limitations \_\_\_\_\_

Other licenses, tag no. \_\_\_\_\_

Permission dates from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Limitations \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter may hunt within 450 feet (150 feet for bow)

of buildings:  Yes  No

# Garden State Deer Classic

January 10–13, 2019

Includes a Youth Division!  
See page 73.

At the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show, their 35th year!

Raritan Center  
Edison, New Jersey



### See New Jersey's most outstanding white-tailed deer for 2017–18

Awards ceremony on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

**Applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2018 to enter a deer harvested during last year's 2017–18 hunting seasons. No exceptions!**

To arrange for an official measurer to score your New Jersey white-tail, contact Cindy Kuenstner at (609) 633-7598.

Deer will not be measured at the Deer Classic.

See entry details on page 73.

### Brought to you by:

NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife  
NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs  
United Bowhunters of New Jersey  
New Jersey Outdoor Alliance  
Conservation Foundation  
Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show

Visit [gsoss.com](http://gsoss.com)

Promises to be the show of the year!

## Landowner-Hunter/Trapper Agreement Card

I agree to conduct myself safely, responsibly and lawfully, respecting the landowner, property, and others using it. I accept the responsibilities which are part of the activities which I pursue. I agree to comply with the instructions of the landowner while on this property.

I understand that the laws of New Jersey absolve the landowner from liability for non-paying recreationists engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, and certain other activities, except in the case of willful or malicious failure to guard or warn of hazards.

Signed (visitor) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



This card provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife



### HUNT/TRAP SMART Courtesy Card

I hereby give permission to: (visitor's name) \_\_\_\_\_

to enter my property for the purpose listed on the reverse side of this card. He/she has agreed to act safely, responsibly, and lawfully and to accept responsibility for his/her actions.

Signed (landowner, lessee, or operator) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



Outdoor Recreation on Private Property is a Privilege — NOT A RIGHT



### Youth Division

New Jersey's Outstanding White-tailed Deer Program has a **Youth Division!**

The Outstanding Deer Program is designed to showcase the fine quality deer produced in the Garden State and recognize the hunters who harvested them with a bow, crossbow, shotgun or muzzleloading rifle.

Joining the program's regular Open Division is a **Youth Division** for hunters ages 10–16 with eased entry requirements reduced by 10 points (inches) for all Antler categories and a reduction in the Weight categories by 10 or 20 pounds for doe and buck, respectively. (See table below for minimum entry requirements.)

For the Antler Category, Youth Division deer may be unofficially scored by our trained volunteers who need not be an official measurer. All Open Division deer *must* be scored by an official measurer. Visit our website at [NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm) for the **list of official measurers** (see page bottom for *Entering the Outstanding Deer Program*; then bottom of next page), program background, rules, score/entry forms and more.

Youth Division hunters must be prepared to submit a digital, high resolution, respectful photo of hunter and deer *after* their entry has been confirmed. (Day of harvest field photos must be Photoshopped or cropped to conceal any blood or the body cavity.) A family photo is encouraged! **Only Youth Division** hunters (*not* Open Division hunters who may email or call Cindy, below) may arrange for a measuring appointment by calling John Messeroll of the State Federation of Sportsmen's Club at (732) 735-1672. Don't wait for the deadline to approach before having your deer scored.

**Applications are due Nov. 1 — NO EXCEPTIONS.**

First place **Youth Division** hunters in each category may display a mounted deer at the Garden State Deer Classic (see page 72), whether as a European skull mount or a taxidermy mount. **All other** Youth Division entrants' photos will be *digitally displayed* at the event.

### Open Division

**Open Division** hunters will be invited to display their deer mount, as always, at the Deer Classic.

The Outstanding Deer Program follows the measuring standards developed by the Boone and Crockett Club. This scoring system gives credit to antler length, spread, number of points, mass and symmetry. Legally harvested deer must have been taken under the Boone and Crockett-defined rules of fair chase. Deer taken from enclosed hunting lands are not eligible.

**Note: It is best to have the rack measured before it is mounted. Don't wait!**

In the Weight categories, the program recognizes exceptional body size as determined by the field-dressed weight, all vitals removed. Minimum eligible weights are listed in the chart. Bucks must be weighed on a certified scale<sup>†</sup> (no truck scales\*\*) with the weighmaster's signature on a letterhead receipt or on the entry form, available on our website; does must be weighed either on a Fish and Wildlife regional office scale or on a certified scale with proof as above.

Any properly licensed hunter, regardless of residency, is eligible to enter the Outstanding Deer Program with their deer from the previous year's hunting seasons. Deer must be taken in accordance with New Jersey wildlife laws and regulations. Official entry form consists of the original score sheet, hunter information form plus a clear photo of the hunter *with* their deer. These forms with instructions are available on Fish and Wildlife's website [NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm). There is no entry fee.

**Applications are due Nov. 1 — NO EXCEPTIONS.**

For questions about the **Open Division**, email Cindy Kuenstner at [Cindy.Kuenstner@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Cindy.Kuenstner@dep.nj.gov) or call (609) 633-7598.

Qualifying entries for deer harvested during the 2016–17 hunting seasons will be recognized at the 2018 Garden State Deer Classic. Join Fish and Wildlife in celebrating New Jersey's outstanding white-tailed deer where this event takes place in January at the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show, Edison. See the ad on page 72 for more information.

The table at right lists the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2018 Garden State Deer Classic which **showcased outstanding deer taken during the 2016–17 deer hunting seasons, not the most recent 2017–18 hunting seasons**. These deer will be honored at the January 2019 Deer Classic and printed in next year's *Digest*. 🍷

### 2018 Garden State Deer Classic Winners\*

	Category/Rank	Score/Weight	Name	DMZ	County Harvested	
Youth Division	Youth 180 Pound Buck Muzzleloader					
	1st	182	Kenny Russell	5	Warren	
	Youth Typical Archery					
	1st	129 1/4	Trevor Haggerty	5	Warren	
	Youth Typical Crossbow					
	1st	133 7/8	Tyler McClure	19	Burlington	
	Youth Typical Muzzleloader					
	1st	124	Kenny Russell	5	Warren	
	Youth Typical Shotgun					
	1st	143	Olivia Mayhew	27	Salem	
	2nd	119 5/8	Jake C. Koscielski	7	Hunterdon	
	3rd	119 1/4	Garrett Totten	17	Monmouth	
	Open Division	Velvet Typical Archery				
		1st	135	Nicholas Marchisello	25	Gloucester
		Velvet Typical Crossbow				
1st		145 1/8	Anthony Magistro	51	Monmouth	
2nd		126 1/8	Darren Hasara	10	Hunterdon	
Typical Muzzleloader						
1st		138 7/8	Michael D. Danner	35	Gloucester	
2nd		136 1/4	Harry R. Fox	49	Burlington	
3rd		132	Darren Ponce	1	Sussex	
Non-typical Muzzleloader						
1st		147 7/8	Guido Basile	35	Salem	
2nd		141 3/4	Ron Hughes	21	Burlington	
Typical Shotgun						
1st		156 1/2	Angela Ciarlante	27	Salem	
2nd		147 3/4	George W. Peer	5	Warren	
3rd	144 3/4	Garrett O'Donnell	31	Cumberland		
Non-typical Shotgun						
1st	151 3/8	Joseph Zanni	47	Atlantic		
2nd	139 7/8	Jason Marchioni	35	Gloucester		
Typical Archery						
1st	149 7/8	Frank J. Olma	14	Middlesex		
2nd	144 5/8	Thomas Smith	5	Sussex		
3rd	141 3/4	Jim Mullin	5	Warren		
3rd	141 3/4	Dylan Miller	49	Camden		
Non-typical Archery						
1st	159 1/2	Joseph S. Kucowski, III	8	Hunterdon		
2nd	154 3/4	Brett Clark	19	Burlington		
3rd	143 7/8	Clint Miller	49	Burlington		
Typical Crossbow						
1st	160	Michael Carr	12	Somerset		
2nd	149 1/8	John Goncalves	51	Monmouth		
3rd	145 1/2	Colin McCuiston	50	Monmouth		
Non-typical Crossbow						
1st	161 7/8	William Gangel	48	Burlington		
2nd	154 1/2	Tom Shirley	51	Ocean		
3rd	151 5/8	Edward Fleming	11	Hunterdon		

\* For deer harvested during the 2016–17 hunting seasons.

### Outstanding Deer Program Minimum Requirements

Antler Category	Open Division Minimum	Youth Division Minimum
Typical Shotgun, Bow, Crossbow, Muzzleloader, Velvet	125	115
Non-typical Shotgun, Bow, Crossbow, Muzzleloader, Velvet	135	125
Weight Category		
Buck: Shotgun, Bow, Crossbow, Muzzleloader	200 lbs.	180 lbs.
Doe: Shotgun, Bow, Crossbow, Muzzleloader	135 lbs.	125 lbs.

† See entry form. Visit our website ([https://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/scale\\_list.pdf](https://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/scale_list.pdf)) for a partial list of certified scales 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.

# CWD

## Chronic Wasting Disease

### What is CWD?

- ♦ Belongs to a family of neurological diseases called *transmissible spongiform encephalopathies* which include scrapie in sheep, mad cow disease in cattle and Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease in humans. *There is no evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans;* however the CDC advises against consuming any animal that appears ill.
- ♦ All members of the *Cervid* family (white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, reindeer) are known to be susceptible.
- ♦ Caused by a misfolded protein called a prion which could be found in all deer bodily fluids.
- ♦ There is no cure. CWD is always fatal and there is no live test for deer.

### Where Is CWD Found?

- ♦ First discovered in captive mule deer in Colorado, in 1967.
- ♦ Now in captive or wild deer in 26 states and Canadian provinces.
- ♦ Detected in wild deer in: New York State and West Virginia (2005), Virginia (2010), Maryland (2011), Michigan (2015), in Pennsylvania both in captive deer (2012) and in wild deer (2013) plus in captive deer in Texas (2015), and free-ranging deer and elk in Arkansas (2015) and in free-ranging reindeer in Norway (2016).

### How New Jersey Is Responding

- ♦ Tested for CWD in symptomatic captive cervids and wild deer, and hunter-harvested wild deer since 1997. To date over 7,200 wild deer have been tested with no CWD-positive results.
- ♦ Banned the importation of cervids, recently expanded to include reindeer.
- ♦ Issued an advisory for New Jersey hunters bringing home venison from CWD-endemic states making it illegal to import into New Jersey a harvested deer carcass or deer parts from any state with CWD in wild deer unless strictly following that state's CWD protocol.
- ♦ Improved captive cervid regulations, including a proposed Herd Certification Program.
- ♦ Created the CWD Response Plan with protocols for detection of CWD to be activated when CWD is within 20 miles of the New Jersey border and within the state wild deer and captive cervids.

Craig Lemon/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

# Attention!

## Urine-Based Deer Lures Advisory

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife recommends the use of synthetic, non-urine-based scents or lures for deer hunting. The infectious prions which cause Chronic Wasting Disease can be spread through urine-based lures. Studies have shown the prions can survive for years in contaminated soils and the environment. Urine-based scents and lures are not treated to kill the prions as heat or chemical treatments would also reduce the desired scent characteristics. Hunters using urine-based scents should place them in areas out of contact with deer, the ground or vegetation.

## ▶▶ Chronic Wasting Disease in North America



- Areas with CWD infected Cervid populations
- States/Provinces where CWD has been found in captive populations

Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance ([www.cwd-info.org](http://www.cwd-info.org))

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

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



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\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership: \* \$25/yr. Includes membership card, four issues of *Tracks & Trails*, decal and eligibility for contests, trophies and prizes.  
 \*Required for UBNJ special hunts

\_\_\_\_ Family Membership: \$40/yr. Includes all benefits of Individual Membership for the member, spouse and each child under the age of 16.  
 List names of family members: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Junior Membership: \$15/yr. For clubs and organizations, contact UBNJ for details.  
 Includes all benefits of Individual Membership for youth up to age 16.

\_\_\_\_ Life Membership: \$400 single payment. Includes all benefits of Individual Membership.  
 Check One: New Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring Membership: \$100/yr. I wish to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the UBNJ Protect our Rights Fund.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: UBNJ Membership, P.O. Box 11, Ringwood, NJ 07456-0011.  
 Please allow 6 – 8 weeks to receive membership ID.



**If you care about:**

- Wise management of fish and wildlife populations
- Protection and enhancement of natural lands and waters
- Preservation of traditional outdoor sports

**Then get involved!**

- Stay informed on issues affecting NJ sportsmen and sportswomen
- Make an impact on outdoor issues
- Meet others who share similar sporting interests
- Have fun and participate in Federation-sponsored activities: jamborees, clay target shoots, tournaments, dinners, conventions,

**Membership:**

- \_\_\_\_ \$40 Includes monthly e-newsletter and \$1 million excess liability insurance covering your sporting activities throughout the U.S. and Canada.
- \_\_\_\_ \$25 Monthly e-newsletter only

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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 NJSFSC • PO Box: 10173 • Trenton, NJ 08650  
 Join online at

[www.njsfsc.org](http://www.njsfsc.org)

# Hunters: Recruiting the Next Generation

By Keith Griglak, Senior Biologist

11 years after observing his first rabbit hunt, the author's son Cody now shares his hunting experiences with his five-year-old sister Sierra.

**Less than one out of four kids in a hunting family are taking up the sport. Thirty years ago, nearly one out of every two children of hunters chose to hunt. Sportsmen and sportswomen are failing to secure the future of hunting!**

**Competing interests abound along with short attention spans and information overload in this age of video games, smartphones and social media. Consider these valuable points when welcoming new hunters to the sport:**

## Don't Use Pressure

Before even starting to recruit a new hunter, be sure this is something that *they* want to do. Don't try to push someone into hunting. If forced, the results are nearly guaranteed not to be positive. Be mindful that your child's hunting career can be made—or broken—within the first few hunts. There are ways to introduce a person to hunting s-l-o-w-l-y.

## It's Never Too Early

If you wait until your kid turns 10 to introduce them to hunting, *it might be too late*. By then, time is already at a premium, competing with sports and other after-school activities. The earlier you plant the seed, the better to grow an interest in hunting.

Include your kids in pre-seasons scouting, checking trail cams, setting up ground blinds, running the dog and blood trailing a deer. *Make it a family event*. Invite mom, dad, nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters and close friends. There is no such thing as too early to start introducing a youth to hunting.

Before kids are old enough to hunt, supervised shooting of the bow or air gun can go a long way to trigger an interest and to instill lifelong, safe shooting practices. Inviting youngsters on short hunts will help prepare them for when it's their time in the woods.

## Choose Hunt Days Wisely

While *you* may enjoy goose hunting in a blizzard or sitting in a treestand when it's 6°F outside, most newcomers will not find this to be fun. Be selective on when to take out a new hunter! Wait for enjoyable weather. Don't make them wake up at 4:00 a.m. unless they want to. Don't make them stay out when the hunt is no longer fun. Let the youth call the shots on when—and how long—they want to hunt.

## Instant Success

Any newcomer to hunting needs to experience success for motivation to stick with the sport. Deer hunting may not be the best introduction—unless there is good preparation. If a new hunter goes afield



Cathy Blumig

Author with then-15-month-old son Cody on his first archery rabbit hunt.

six times and doesn't see the quarry, they are likely to try another activity that is more exciting. Don't force a new hunter to hold out for the biggest buck in the area. Any "first deer" is a *huge* accomplishment, be it a fawn, doe or young buck.

For the attention span-deficient youth, small game hunting might be the ticket. Target-rich environments—whether they are squirrels, rabbits, waterfowl or upland birds—provides them with much more shooting action.

To guarantee seeing pheasant, get in on the action with New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Take a Kid Pheasant Day. (See page 25.) Or book a hunt at one of New Jersey's commercial hunting preserves. Another option to consider is buying birds and stocking them on your own land. Except for commercial or semi-wild hunting preserves, the regular season dates and bag limits must be followed.

## It's All About the Experience

Make the day fun! Pulling the trigger should be only a small part of the day. Whether cooking breakfast in the duck blind, having lunch at the diner or sitting around the campfire in deer camp, there is an important social aspect that shouldn't be overlooked.

It's okay to talk or whisper in the blind while waiting for your quarry to show. Kids will have questions. Make it a learning experience.

Youths now spend an average of seven hours a day in front of electronic devices. It's not the end of the world to let them bring their cell phone in the woods—as long as that doesn't become their main focus of the day. Make the hunt as special as possible so that they want to get back in the woods. These are the days that form great family memories.

## Celebrate the Game

Take plenty of photos and videos, not just after the harvest but of all aspects of the day. Simple things like posting these images on the refrigerator door, setting as a screen saver or sharing them on social media will help to memorialize their successes for others to see. Let them be proud of their accomplishments, but best not to force them in front of other kids at school.

There is a powerful feeling from providing food for the family from the field. Cook it the way the new hunter prefers. Jerky, snack sticks and other specialty meats may be more exciting to them than cooking roasts or steaks on the grill. Whether it's a single meal from that first pheasant or filling the freezer by harvesting a deer, young hunters can celebrate an accomplishment that very few other kids will claim.



Cooking breakfast in the goose blind.

Keith Griglak/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

## It's Not Too Late!

Even though hunters comprise less than two percent of New Jersey's population, research from Responsive Management—a public opinion survey research firm specializing in natural resource and outdoor recreation issues—along with the National Shooting Sports Foundation, show that *nearly 80 percent of Americans support legal, ethical and regulated hunting.*

There is still interest in continuing our hunting tradition! As adult hunters, parents, friends and mentors, it is our job to be sure that we properly foster and welcome this next generation into the sport of hunting.

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# Are You a Locavore?



**There is a growing movement to eat healthier and more local. What could be more local than harvesting your own meat?**

## How Local are You?

The average American meal travels 1,300–2,000 miles from farm to your place using untold gallons of chemical fertilizer, pesticides and fossil fuels along the way. Eating local reduces your carbon footprint!

## lo-ca-vore [ˈlɒkə,vɔːr]

**Noun** — One who mainly eats locally produced or harvested foods.

**Wild game is among the most-available local protein.**

After highlighting these facts with a group of New Jersey Hunter Education instructors, there were many positive responses.

“Didn’t know I was a locavore!”

“I never considered myself to be a health nut.”

“I didn’t realize how far most food travels.”

Now you know. *Become a locavore!* Maybe you already are.

Read about the tremendous hunter-provided, locavore-related success of a recent Market Pizza/Hunters Helping the Hungry fundraising event. See the article, page 79.

## Did you know that hunter-harvested venison is:

- Free-range
- Natural
- Native
- Low-stress
- Locally produced
- Low impact
- Low food miles
- Relatively carbon-neutral
- High protein
- Low fat
- Low calorie
- Responsible
- Fresh
- Antibiotic-free
- Sustainable
- Healthy



Craig Emon/NJ Div. Fish & Wildlife



## Your Dollars Support Wildlife Conservation

**The Wildlife Restoration Program funds up to 75 percent of conservation project costs, with state fish and wildlife agencies typically matching the remaining 25 percent through hunting and fishing license revenues. Since the program’s inception, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has received over \$100 million in Pittman-Robertson funds, matching it with approximately \$33 million in license revenues and other sources.**

## Your Dollars Make a Difference!

### How it Works:

1. Hunters and target shooters purchase guns and ammunition.
2. Manufacturers pay federal excise taxes on guns and ammunition.
3. Revenue from these excise taxes is distributed to state wildlife agencies.
4. State wildlife agencies use these funds to purchase land for wildlife habitat and to manage wildlife populations.
5. Results: Millions of acres of important habitat have been set aside to help ensure the future the diversity and healthy abundance of wildlife populations.

More Locavore News:

# The Call of the Wild

## New Jersey Pizza Shop Raises Funds for Hunters Helping the Hungry

Deer meat was on the menu in a three-day promo that brought together the local Rotary Club, a non-profit that feeds the hungry, and Market Pizza in Stockton, New Jersey. Megan Jones-Holt, the pizzeria's chef and owner, hit upon the idea of making venison pizza for a Rotarian-sponsored fundraiser tied in with Hunters Helping the Hungry, which provides the needy with wild deer meat. According to Jones-Holt, the venison is cut with beef fat for a less gamy flavor. "I didn't want to do something so far out of left field that people would be hesitant to try it," she says. "The deer has been marinated in extra-virgin olive oil infused with basil, oregano, tarragon, thyme, salt and pepper—all good herbs that one would put on ground beef. The meat was precooked before going on the pizza." The pie also features fresh mozzarella, Parmesan, crushed tomatoes, red onions, jalapeños and oregano. "The venison is crumbled on top, then finished off with birch-smoked salt from Iceland and fresh sweet basil," Jones-Holt adds. A portion of proceeds for

every venison pizza sold went to Hunters Helping the Hungry, raising enough money to serve 4,000 meals to the hungry, according to Jones-Holt. The artisan pizzeria continued to offer wild-game pizzas—including wild boar bacon, smoked duck and bison—for the next three weeks.



For more information about Hunters Helping the Hungry, see page 49.

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Owner/chef Megan Jones-Holt creates a true farm-to-table experience at Market Pizza in Stockton, New Jersey, designing artisanal pizzas using locally grown ingredients like mushrooms, sausage, prosciutto, eggs and vegetables.



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# Outdoor Programs

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## Join us for the 28th Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament!

### May 19, 2019

#### Island Beach State Park, Seaside Park, NJ

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, along with our co-sponsors—New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Jersey Coast Anglers Association, and New Jersey Beach Buggy Association—congratulate Keri Mauger of Mohonton, PA who took the grand prize and NJ Governor's Cup by catching a 36-inch bluefish.



1st Place in the High School Team Category, Toms River High School South, with Acting Commissioner Catherine McCabe at the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament.

Ms. Mauger received two-rod and reel combinations, a pair of Costa Del Mar sunglasses, a plaque and will have her name engraved on the Governor's Cup.

Also, congratulations to Toms River High School South for winning first place in the High School Team Category with a 35 1/2-inch bluefish. Toms River High School South had their name engraved on the new High School Team Cup and received a 1st place plaque.

All participants who **mailed** their registration were entered into an **early entry raffle** for a Coastline Surf System.

Prizes are awarded in different species and age categories. For more information and to register, visit [NJFishandWildlife.com/gsf.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/gsf.htm)

#### A special thanks to our 2018 donors:

- American Angler
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- Jersey Coast Surfcasters
- NJ Div. of Fish and Wildlife's Hooked on Fishing—Not on Drugs Program
- World Jeep

#### A special thanks to our 2018 High School Team Category donors:

- The Fisherman
- The Reel Seat
- Shark River Surf Anglers

**Mark your calendars for the 28th Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament to be held on May 19, 2019!**

## Continue the Tradition

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

Our Hunter Education Unit is looking for New Jersey's best sportsmen and sportswomen to become instructors at locations where students take the test and field course after first having completed the home study portion. A minimum of six weekend days each year are required.

Call (856) 629-0552

Leave your name and address to receive an application.

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## 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 44 or contact the appropriate authority for details. See page 83 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
- 2 • Stokes State Forest  
• Kittatinny Valley State Park  
• Paulinskill WMA  
• 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 (see *Special Areas*)  
• Newark Watershed (see *Special Areas*)  
• Rockaway River WMA  
• Sparta Mountain WMA  
• Weldon Brook WMA  
• Wildcat Ridge WMA
- 7 • Buckhorn Creek WMA  
• Clinton WMA  
• Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Union Forge Preserve, Tower Hill Reserve (see *Special Areas*)  
• Musconetcong River WMA  
• Spruce Run Recreation Area
- 8 • Allamuchy Mountain State Park  
• Black River WMA  
• Hacklebarney State Park  
• Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Cold Brook Preserve, Teetertown Ravine Nature Preserve, Point Mountain Preserve (see *Special Areas*)  
• Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA  
• Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)  
• Musconetcong River WMA  
• Pequest WMA  
• Rockport WMA  
• South Branch WMA  
• Voorhees State Park
- 9 • Black River WMA  
• Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- 10 • Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Musconetcong Gorge, the Drag Strip Property, Hoffman Park, Schick Reserve, South Branch Reservation, Uplands Reserve (see *Special Areas*)
- 11 • Musconetcong River WMA  
• Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Lockatong Nature Preserve, the Case Farm, Wescott Nature Preserve (see *Special Areas*)  
• Lockatong WMA
- 12 • Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Cushetunk Mountain Park, Sourland Mountain Nature Preserve, Deer Path Park, South Branch Reservation (see *Special Areas*)  
• Mercer County Parks—Pole Farm Section  
• Round Valley Recreation Area  
• South Branch WMA
- 13 • Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- 14 • 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 • **Butterfly Bogs WMA**  
• Turkey Swamp WMA  
• Monmouth County Park System—Bear Swamp Tract of Manasquan Reservoir, Howell Park Golf Course, Turkey Swamp Park, Yellowbrook Tract of Manasquan River Linear Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 17 • Colliers Mills WMA  
• Monmouth County Park System—Clayton Park, Crosswicks Creek Park (see *Special Areas*)  
• Pleasant Run WMA  
• Prospertown Lake WMA
- 18 • Colliers Mills WMA  
• Manchester WMA  
• Whiting WMA
- 19 • Medford WMA  
• Wharton State Forest
- 21 • Double Trouble State Park  
• Forked River Mountain WMA  
• Greenwood Forest WMA  
• Lebanon State Forest
- 22 • Bass River State Forest
- 23 • Wharton State Forest
- 24 • Bass River State Forest  
• Penn State Forest  
• Stafford Forge WMA  
• Swan Bay WMA  
• Warren Grove Recreation Area  
• Wharton State Forest
- 25 • Cedar Lake WMA  
• Great Egg Harbor River WMA  
• Penbryn Pond WMA  
• Wharton State Forest  
• White Oak Branch WMA
- 26 • Great Egg Harbor River WMA  
• Hammonton Creek WMA  
• Makepeace Lake WMA  
• Port Republic WMA
- 27 • Salem River WMA  
• Thundergut Pond WMA
- 28 • Buckshutem WMA  
• Elmer Lake WMA  
• Parvin State Park  
• Union Lake WMA
- 29 • Bayside PSE&G Tract (see *Special Areas*)  
• Cohansay River WMA  
• Gum Tree Corner WMA  
• Mad Horse Creek WMA  
• Maskells Mill Pond WMA  
• Stowe Creek State Park
- 30 • Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15–Aug. 1)  
• Dix WMA  
• Egg Island WMA  
• Fortescue WMA  
• Nantuxent WMA  
• New Sweden WMA
- 31 • Millville WMA  
• Buckshutem WMA
- 34 • Beaver Swamp WMA  
• Belleplain State Forest  
• Cape May Coastal Wetlands WMA  
• Cape May National Wildlife Refuge  
• Dennis Creek WMA  
• Heislerville WMA  
• Higbee Beach WMA  
• Tuckahoe WMA  
• Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- 35 • D.O.D. Ponds  
• Harrisonville Lake WMA
- 36 • Morris County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- 37 • Fort Dix Military Reservation (see *Special Areas*)
- 38 • Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 39 • No public deer hunting land
- 41 • Alexauken Creek WMA  
• Mercer County Parks—Baldpate (Kuser) Mountain  
• Mercer County Parks—Howell Living History Farm
- 42 • Port Republic WMA  
• Tuckahoe WMA
- 43 • Millville (Bevan) WMA
- 45 • Menantic Ponds WMA  
• Peaslee WMA
- 46 • Gibson Creek WMA  
• Great Egg Harbor River WMA  
• Tuckahoe WMA (Lenape Farms Tract)  
• Maple Lake WMA (Lenape Farms Tract)  
• Peaslee WMA
- 47 • Peaslee WMA
- 48 • Rancocas State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 49 • No public deer hunting land
- 50 • Cheesequake State Park  
• Monmouth County Park System—Hartshorne Woods Park, Tatum Park, Thompson Park, Big Brook Park, Huber Woods, the Ramanessin Section of Holmdel Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 51 • Allaire State Park  
• Manasquan River WMA  
• Manahawkin WMA  
• Monmouth County Park System—Shark River Park, Rt. 33 Tract and Shark River Park—East of Remsen Mill Rd. (see *Special Areas*)
- 53 • Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (see *Special Areas*)
- 54 • No public deer hunting land
- 55 • Glassboro WMA
- 56 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 57 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 58 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge—north of Rt. 72 (see *Special Areas*)
- 61 • Atlantic County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- 63 • Abbotts Meadow WMA  
• Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 64 • Monmouth Battlefield State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 65 • Winslow WMA  
• White Oak Branch WMA
- 66 • Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (see *Special Areas*)
- 67 • High Point State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 68 • Franklin Parker Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- 70 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, north of the Mullica River and south of Rt. 72 (see *Special Areas*)

### Maps Available

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

#### Wildlife Management Area Maps

**Free download.** Maps and information on lands administered by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. Both topographic and road maps available. [NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaland.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaland.htm)  
Photocopies also available of individual WMA maps on USGS base. Free. Specify which WMA. NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife, WMA Map Request MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 (609) 984-0547.

#### USGS Topographic Maps

**Free download.** Topo quads available. [www.state.nj.us/dep/hjgs/pricelst/usgsbase.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/hjgs/pricelst/usgsbase.htm)  
Or write, below, stating exact location including county, township and road. Printed topo quads—\$10 ea. NJ DEP Division of Water Supply and Geoscience Maps and Publications MC 29-01, P. O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0402 (609) 292-1185

#### State Parks and Forests Maps

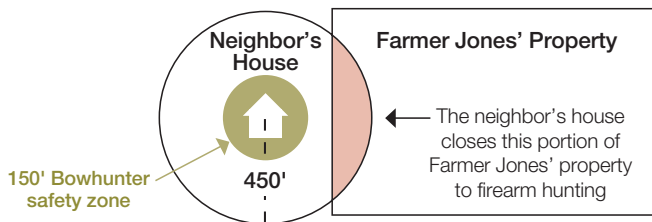
**Free download.** Find a state park, forest, recreation area or marina by location. [www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/parkindex.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/parkindex.html). Maps and information on lands administered by the Division of Parks and Forestry. Specify which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

### SAFETY ZONE Awareness: Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

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

#### What is a SAFETY ZONE?

- ♦ The firearm SAFETY ZONE is the area within 450 feet of a building or school playground, even if not occupied. For bowhunters, the SAFETY ZONE around buildings is 150 feet but remains 450 feet from a school playground. See *Safety Zone*, page 28.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE is the place where you, the hunter, cannot carry a loaded firearm or nocked arrow unless you have written permission in hand.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE was established by legislation in 1946 as an area to place some physical distance, a buffer, between hunters and homeowners.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE could be land where there is suitable wildlife habitat for adaptable species, like the white-tailed deer, cottontail rabbit and Canada goose.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE is not a magic shield and cannot stop a misdirected projectile from entering the area around a home.



#### What can you do to heighten your SAFETY ZONE awareness?

1. Post SAFETY ZONE signs.
2. Talk with landowners.
3. Scout hunting property annually to be aware of new construction or other changes.
4. Hunt SMART and remind your hunting partners to Hunt SMART.
5. Know the law. Know the land.



Remember, failure to hunt safely and responsibly is inexcusable. Always be a responsible hunter. Always be aware of your surroundings, the target and what may lie beyond the target. The principles of good conduct learned at your hunter education course are called into practice every time you hunt.

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

### Hunting Opportunities on New Jersey's National Wildlife Refuges: 2018–19 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 Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210  
(609) 463-0994; [fws.gov/northeast/capemay](http://fws.gov/northeast/capemay)

- ♦ Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 47.
- ♦ Migratory game birds except crow—on refuge lands north of Rt. 550 or west of Rt. 47
- ♦ Turkey, rabbit and squirrel hunting in select areas only.

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

#### Great Swamp NWR

32 Pleasant Plains Rd., New Vernon, NJ 07976  
(973) 425-0215 ext. 115; [www.fws.gov/refuge/great\\_swamp/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/great_swamp/)

- ♦ Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 48.
- In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a Refuge permit for \$26 (\$13 for holders of a Senior, Golden Age, Access, or Golden Access pass and youths with a valid New Jersey youth hunting license).

#### Edwin B. Forsythe NWR

800 Great Creek Rd., Oceanville, NJ 08231-0072;  
(609) 652-1665; [www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin\\_b\\_forsythe/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/)

- ♦ Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 47.
- ♦ Waterfowl

Information can be obtained at the refuge, at dispensers, at the headquarters, on the refuge website, 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/supawnameadows/](http://www.fws.gov/supawnameadows/)

- ♦ Deer—Bowhunting only. Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 44.
  - ♦ Waterfowl
- Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

#### Wallkill River NWR

1547 County Rt. 565, Sussex, NJ 07461-4013; (973) 702-7266;  
[www.fws.gov/refuge/Wallkill\\_River/visit/hunting.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Wallkill_River/visit/hunting.html)

- ♦ Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 49.
  - ♦ Migratory Birds except crow
  - ♦ Spring and Fall Turkey (Zone 5)
  - ♦ Black bear—Segment A and Segment B
  - ♦ Small game—squirrel and rabbit only
- Note: the refuge is closed to Sunday hunting.**

In addition to required state licenses, hunters must purchase a Refuge hunt permit(s) at <https://wallkillriver.recaccess.com> (Discounts for Senior, Golden Age, Access, or Golden Access pass and youths with a valid New Jersey youth hunting license).

- ♦ Additional hunting opportunities
  - » **Hunters with Disabling Conditions:** A Disabled Hunter Area exists at 119 Owens Station Rd. Sussex, NJ (see refuge hunt map). Hunters must possess a valid NJ Permit to Hunt or Shoot from a Stationary Vehicle in addition to the Disabled Refuge Hunt Permit.
  - » **Mentored Hunts:** The refuge partners with the National Wild Turkey Federation to offer mentored hunts for youth, women and disabled hunters. Registration is required and space is limited. Contact the refuge for dates and details. 🦌