

Six-day Firearm Deer Season

Dec. 9–14, 2019
Dec. 7–12, 2020

(Season always opens the second Monday after Thanksgiving.)

with simple instructions above the viewer's map to determine the deer management zone (zone), county, township and deer management unit (unit) where you hunt. Write down all of this information and keep it accessible while in the field for when you must report your deer harvest.

Key Concepts and Definitions

- ♦ **Antlered deer** is defined as any deer with at least one antler measuring at least three inches in length as defined below.
- ♦ **Antler length** is defined as the maximum length of a deer antler measured from the lowest outside edge of the antler burr along the outer curve to the most distant point of what is or appears to be the main antler beam. For the purposes of this definition, the antler length does not include the pedicel or portion of skull between the skull plate and base of the antler point.
- ♦ **Antler point** is defined as any point at least one inch long from its tip to its base line, and the length must exceed the width at some location at least one inch down from the tip.
- ♦ **Antlerless deer** is defined as any deer that does not have an antler length measuring at least three inches. For the purposes of this definition, adult male deer that have shed their antlers, button bucks and adult males with antlers less than three inches are considered antlerless deer.
- ♦ **Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or Antlered Buck Bow Permit** refers to the antlered buck permits available for purchase which are valid *only* when used in conjunction with the antlerless, zone-specific deer season permit. The antlered buck permits contain an antlered deer Harvest Report (formerly called a transportation tag) and allows for the pursuit and harvest of an antlered deer only.
- ♦ **Antler Point Restriction** zones include Zones 3, 9, 13, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 47, 63 and 67. The harvest of antlered deer from these zones during any open season is restricted to deer with at least one antler having a minimum of three antler points as defined above. The goal of the antler point restriction strategy, as part of Quality Deer Management, is to reduce harvest pressure on the 1½ year-old antlered deer in the expectation that they will survive to produce larger antlers as older animals.
- ♦ **Special Areas Deer Management** zones include Zones 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64, 66, 67, 68 and 70. They are generally small, publicly-owned properties administered by county, federal or state agencies (other than Fish and Wildlife) where deer season dates, bag limits or regulations



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

ONLY ONE ANTLERED DEER may be taken per season statewide regardless of the number of antlered buck permits in possession, except two deer may be taken during the Six-Day Firearm Season. To be legal, all deer harvested must be reported using Fish and Wildlife's Automated Harvest Report System (see page 36), either online or by

telephone. Hunters will be assigned a Confirmation Number in place of the metal possession seal formerly provided at check stations. This Confirmation Number, like the metal seal, must be kept with the deer and its parts.

Note: Only one deer at a time may be taken during any permit season even if you possess both an antlered and antlerless permit, **except** in those zones in Regulation Sets 6, 7 and 8 where two deer at a time may be harvested during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun, Permit Muzzleloader and Winter Bow seasons.

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

Feral Hogs



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For more information on Feral Hogs in New Jersey, visit our website by scanning this code or go to NJFishandWildlife.com/qr/hogs.htm.



Feral Hogs

With the ongoing presence of feral hogs in the Gloucester County area, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife will allow deer hunters in Deer Management Zones 25 and 65 to hunt feral hogs during the regular deer seasons. Feral hogs must be checked. Hunters who harvest a feral hog must call (908) 735-6938 to schedule a time to check in the hog.

Deer Management Zone Boundaries

Deer management zone (DMZ) boundary descriptions are now available by scanning this QR code with your mobile device or by visiting our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/deerzones.pdf. Review the map on page 42 for general DMZ borders and the Regulation Set color-coding scheme.

For quicker results, use the **Deer Hunting Location Viewer** at NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm



differ from those of the surrounding deer management zone. See page 44 for details.

- ♦ **Youth Hunter** status applies to the possessor of a valid Youth Hunting License (or the immediate member of a qualified occupant farmer who is at least 10 years of age) and continues until Dec. 31 of the year in which he or she turns 16 years of age. **The Youth Bow Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019. The Youth Firearm Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019.** The bag limit for youth hunters on this day is one deer of either sex. Antler Point Restrictions and Earn-A-Buck requirements do not apply for deer taken on this day by youth hunters. See page 24 for details. See page 31 for a cut-out Harvest Report Card.

Licenses and Permits

- ♦ See *License, Permits and Stamps*, page 8, for details and for Hunter Education requirements.
- ♦ Additional hunting licenses may not be purchased in order to harvest additional deer.
- ♦ Although hunters may purchase multiple deer permits, **they are limited to only one zone-specific ANTLERLESS permit per zone during each of the permit seasons.** For example, a hunter may buy an ANTLERLESS muzzleloader permit for each of Zones 18, 21 and 24. A hunter may purchase a bow permit, a muzzleloader permit and a shotgun permit for Zone 24; however, they may not purchase two ANTLERLESS

bow permits (nor two shotgun permits nor two muzzleloader permits) for Zone 24.

- ♦ It is unlawful to use a bow and arrow for hunting deer while using a firearm license (except during the Six-day Firearm Season) and unlawful while using a shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit. A bow and arrow license and permit (when required) must be in possession using this hunting equipment. In addition, during the overlapping Six-day Firearm Season, bowhunters with a valid Permit Bow Season zone permit in those zones governed by Regulation Sets 4–8 may continue to hunt using their bow and arrow license and must register their harvest with their zone permit Harvest Report Number. Hunters without a Permit Bow Season zone permit who want to use a bow during the Six-day Firearm Season **MUST** also possess a valid Firearms Hunting License and register their harvest using Harvest Report Number on their firearm license.
- ♦ **The zone-specific Bow, Muzzleloader and Shotgun Permits are valid ONLY for the pursuit and harvest of ANTLERLESS deer.** Hunters who want to pursue and take an antlered deer during any of these seasons must purchase an Antlered Buck Bow, Antlered Buck Muzzleloader or Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit. Hunters may purchase only one Antlered Buck Permit per season. An Antlered Buck Permit must be used in conjunction with zone-specific antlerless permit. The Antlered Buck Permit is not zone-specific; it is valid for use in any zone for which the hunter already holds a

zone-specific antlerless season permit, but only one buck may be harvested per season. Adult deer permits are \$28; youth deer permits are \$12.

Antlered Buck Permit Deadline!

Antlered Buck Permits must be purchased by 11:59 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 26 for Permit Bow; Nov. 25 for Permit Muzzleloader and Dec. 18 for Permit Shotgun seasons, UNLESS you are buying your first zone-specific antlerless permit AND an Antlered Buck Permit at the same time after these dates. See *Antlered Buck Permit Deadline!* page 18.

Firearms, Ammunition and Sights

- ♦ See page 26 and chart on page 34 for general hunting regulations which also apply to deer hunting.
- ♦ **All firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in vehicles, including on all-terrain vehicles.** A muzzleloader is considered unloaded when, in the case of a percussion cap rifle or shotgun, the percussion cap has been removed from the nipple; in the case of a flintlock, when the powder

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- is removed from the pan and a boot or cover made of nonmetallic material is placed over the frizzen.
- Hunters using or possessing **any shotgun slug** in the field during the deer seasons must have a shotgun with adjustable open iron or peep sights or a scope affixed to the shotgun.
- Telescopic sights** of any magnification (scope power) are permitted for deer hunting on **all** firearms, including muzzleloader rifles and smoothbore muzzleloader shotguns. No permits are required for telescopic sights.
- Any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer is prohibited.
- Shotgun shells containing single spherical projectiles referred to as **pumpkin balls** are prohibited.
- While deer hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for deer hunting.
- Muzzleloaders are legal during the Six-day Firearm season where the hunter must also possess the annual Rifle Permit. See page 12.
- When hunting during the *overlapping* firearm seasons for deer and when in possession of the proper permits for the current seasons, hunters may carry the firearms legal for the current seasons. For example, when Six-day Firearm and Permit Muzzleloader seasons run concurrently, a hunter may be in possession of a shotgun and *either* a muzzleloading rifle *or* smoothbore muzzleloader.
- Double-barreled muzzleloading rifles are not permitted during the Six-day Firearm or Permit Muzzleloader seasons.

- Only one muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader may be in possession while deer hunting, but not both simultaneously.
- Only **black powder or black powder equivalents**, such as Pyrodex and Triple Se7en, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting. Modern smokeless powder is strictly prohibited while hunting game with a muzzleloading firearm.
- Special Areas Deer Management Zones** may have regulations that **differ** from the statewide regulations. See page 44 for details.

Blinds and Tree Stands

All firearm and bow and arrow deer hunters utilizing a ground blind when a bow and firearm deer season are concurrently open must display 200 square inches of hunter orange atop the blind and visible from all sides or within five feet outside the blind and higher than the blind or at least three feet off the ground, whichever is higher. During these concurrent seasons, bowhunters in tree stands also should consider wearing hunter orange.

A "ground blind" is defined as a temporary, man-made structure used for the purpose of concealing from sight a person who is hunting. A ground blind is not a naturally occurring feature that a hunter merely uses for concealment.

The State Park Service has modified its policy on the use of hunting tree stands and ground blinds on state parks, forests and recreation areas where hunting is allowed. To view the updated policy, visit the State Park Service website at NJParksandForests.org/stand-blind_policy.htm.

WARNING: Tree Stand Hunters

Hunters are cautioned to avoid placing treestands in or near ash trees weakened by the Emerald Ash Borer beetle. First detected in New Jersey in 2014, beetle damage is not always evident although a tree's structural integrity might already be seriously compromised. Evaluate any tree carefully but note that ash trees may die quickly, concealing their risky status. For more information and ash tree ID tips, visit www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/emeraldashborer.html.



Baiting

Baiting is allowed for deer hunting. Hunters may hunt for deer while in a tree, on the ground or in a structure and from any height and any distance from the bait pile. Hunters should check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on their hunting area as baiting is not allowed on properties such as national wildlife refuges.

Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting

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

Decoys and Electronic Devices

- ♦ Persons may hunt with the aid of deer decoys statewide in those zones open for deer hunting only during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. When carrying or moving deer decoys for the purpose of hunting, persons must wear a fluorescent orange hat or outer garment consisting of at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material, which shall be visible from all sides as currently required for firearm deer hunting.
- ♦ It is unlawful to hunt for deer with the aid of an electronic calling device or any device that casts a beam of light upon the deer.

Bag Limits

- ♦ For all seasons except Six-day Firearm, properly licensed and permitted hunters are limited to taking one antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless, zone-specific permits purchased, when applicable.
- ♦ During fall bow in early season zones, the hunter need only harvest one antlerless deer to satisfy the antlerless-first requirement and may then harvest a buck in any zone where the early season is open.
- ♦ Bag limits for the fall bow and winter bow seasons are as prescribed for each zone (see *Regulation Sets*, page 38) except that once a hunter has met the bag limit in a given regulation set, he or she may not harvest additional deer from any zone in that regulation set or in one of identical or more restrictive bag limits. However, the hunter may subsequently hunt in a zone with a more liberal (greater) antlerless bag limit as described in the regulation sets.
- ♦ Bowhunters may take two antlered deer legally on a Bow or All-around Sportsman License, one

antlered deer each during the Fall Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Hunters who want to pursue and harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Bow Season must purchase a buck permit valid only when used in conjunction with the zone-specific antlerless Bow Permit. For permit purchasing deadline, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 18.

- ♦ Bowhunters may take antlered deer with their bow during the Six-day Firearm season, provided that they have a current and valid firearm license in addition to an archery license, or have an All-around Sportsman License. Bow hunters who bag an antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season with their bow must use the Harvest Report for the Six-day season from their firearm or All-around Sportsman License only. However, during the overlapping Six-day Firearm Season, bowhunters with a valid Permit Bow Season zone permit in those areas governed by Regulation Sets 4–8 may continue to hunt using their bow and arrow license and must register their harvest with their Permit Bow Season zone permit Harvest Report Number.
- ♦ Firearm hunters legally may take two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season on a firearm or All-around Sportsman License. Hunters will be assigned a Confirmation Number upon reporting their first Six-day Firearm Season buck using the new Automated Harvest Report System, allowing the immediate pursuit and harvest of a second buck. Hunters who want to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun or Permit Muzzleloader seasons must purchase a buck permit for the corresponding season, valid only when used in conjunction with the zone-specific antlerless Shotgun or Muzzleloader permit. If hunters take a second antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, their Shotgun Permit Season bag limit is

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Deer Hunting—General Seasons vs. Permit Seasons

New Jersey has six distinct deer hunting seasons, all of which require a hunting license and three that also require a zone-specific permit.

General Deer Seasons

Three *general seasons* include the Fall Bow, Winter Bow and Six-day Firearm (buck) statewide seasons open to any hunter bearing a valid license corresponding to the season. During these statewide seasons, hunters are not restricted to hunting particular deer management zones but still must abide by the specific season dates and bag limits regulated on a zone-basis. Consult the *Regulation Sets* beginning on page 38.

For these general seasons, a deer Harvest Report is an integral part of every hunting license valid for taking deer.

Permit Deer Seasons

Three *permit seasons* include the Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader *zone-specific seasons* open to any hunter bearing a valid license corresponding to the season plus an appropriate deer permit (bow, shotgun or

muzzleloader) for the deer management zone in which you are hunting. These deer permits are valid only for taking antlerless deer. To harvest an antlered buck during any permit season, the hunter must purchase a buck permit (one per person per season) which is not zone-specific but may be used only in a zone for which the hunter possesses the antlerless zone permit. (See page 33.)

During the Permit Bow Season hunters must possess a valid Bow and Arrow or All-around Sportsmen license *plus* a Bow Permit for the specific zone being hunted.

During the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons hunters must possess a valid Firearm or All-around Sportsmen license *plus* either a Shotgun or Muzzleloader Permit for the specific zone being hunted. For the Permit Muzzleloader season, the hunter must also possess a valid Rifle Permit. (See *Muzzleloaders* page 27.)

Expiration Dates

All licenses (Firearm, Bow and Arrow and All-around Sportsman licenses) are valid for the *calendar year* from January 1 through December 31.

All deer permits (Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Bow permits and their respective Buck permits) are valid for the duration of the season—even when the season crosses into the new year. Numerous deer management zones have seasons that begin in November/December and end in January/February of the following year.

All Rifle Permits (not the deer muzzleloader permit) are valid for the fiscal year from July 1–June 30.

Find Regulations by Season

Know the deer management zone where you will hunt — use the Deer Hunting Location Viewer at NJfishandwildlife.com/ahrs_deer_viewer.htm to determine zone if unsure. Go to the *Regulation Sets* table on page 38. Zones numbers are listed below each regulation set column heading. Confirm season dates and bag limits according to the chosen sporting arm and the corresponding dates. Several deer seasons may be open concurrently.

then restricted to antlerless deer only. For purchasing deadlines, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 18.

♦ Remember, although two antlered bucks may be taken during the Six-day Firearm Season, when that occurs, the antlered buck bag limit for the Permit Shotgun Season is then zero. Hunters may choose: take either two antlered bucks during Six-day Firearm Season, or one antlered buck during Six-day Firearm Season and one antlered buck during Permit Shotgun Season (while possessing an Antlered Buck Permit.) The antlerless bag limit for these permit seasons will be one, two or unlimited depending on the zone and season. See *Regulation Sets*, page 38.

♦ Note: Only one deer at a time may be taken during any permit season even if you possess both an antlered and antlerless permit, except in those zones in Regulation Sets 6, 7 and 8 where two deer at a time may be harvested during the Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons.

Mandatory Harvest Report and Tag Requirements

All hunters are required to report harvested deer on the day killed using the Automated Harvest Report System and now must immediately tag your deer.

Before you go hunting:

1. Before your hunt, verify that you have the correct year's license and proper, valid zone permit. This is essential—both to report your harvest and to comply with the law!
2. Use the **Deer Hunting Location Viewer** at NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs_deer_viewer.htm with easy instructions above the viewer's map. Use this app to determine the deer management zone (zone), county, township, and deer management unit (unit) where you hunt. Write down all this information and keep it accessible while in the field for when you need to tag and report a deer.

In the field:

Upon retrieval, the deer is considered to be in your possession. The hunter *must*:

1. Immediately fill out the Harvest Report that is part of your license or permit (or a Harvest Report card found on page 31) with the exception of the Confirmation Number (a number automatically assigned by the system which replaces the metal possession seal). Leave the Harvest Report attached to the license. The Harvest Report is *not* used as a tag. See item 2 below for tagging details.

2. Hunters are required to tag all deer upon harvest and before transporting the deer. The tag must include the hunter's CID, both the date and zone of harvest, antler points and confirmation number, if applicable. Make your own tag or use the Deer Harvest Report Card on page 31.

3. Report your harvest via the Automated Harvest Reporting System (by phone or online as printed on every hunting license and permit) by 8 p.m. during the Fall Bow Season or by 7 p.m. for all other seasons. If unable to access the Automated Harvest Reporting System by the designated time, the deer shall be reported immediately by telephone to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office (see page 41 for Law Enforcement listings). The hunter must continue to attempt accessing the Automated Harvest Report System until they receive a Confirmation Number for that deer.

4. Record your assigned Confirmation Number on your Harvest Report or card. Keep this report in your license holder – Do not attach to the deer. Retain your Confirmation Number as long as the deer or its parts are in possession. To report the harvest of additional antlerless deer during the same season (and zone, if applicable) reuse the same Harvest Report Number from that season's antlerless Harvest Report for all other antlerless deer taken in this season. Since the license or permit report only has space for two Confirmation Numbers, use the Harvest Report Card in this *Digest* (page 31) and on our website, or make your own card on which to record your harvest data and Confirmation Number for each deer.

NOTE: A hunter may be required to produce the head of the deer—or produce records relating to the location of the head such as the butcher or taxidermist who has possession of the deer's head—upon request by a conservation police officer within 48 hours after a deer harvest is reported.

Harvest Reports from 2019 permits are valid for the entire length of the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons, including January and February 2020, if the zone specified on the original permit is open for hunting during these dates.

When regulations allow taking multiple deer, hunting may resume after each deer is reported and a Confirmation Number assigned.

The online license system, including the Harvest Reporting section, is optimized for smartphones and other mobile devices. Mobile device users *must* provide a valid email address and phone number.

After Harvesting a Deer

Even when in possession of deer that have been reported already, each deer *must* be tagged with their assigned Confirmation Number, when applicable, and other information. See *Mandatory Harvest Report and Tag Requirements* on this page for tagging details. See page 31 for a Harvest Report Card for use when each of your license or permit Harvest Reports have been filled. Be discreet when transporting your deer to the butcher, taxidermist or home; rinse away excess blood, turn the field-dressed side to face in toward your vehicle and push the tongue back into the deer's mouth.

Deer Recovery with Tracking Dogs, Restricted

Dog handlers in possession of a New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife-issued Tracking Dog Permit may assist hunters to recover legally harvested deer during the day or night. For a list of authorized handlers with certified tracking dogs, go to www.NJFishandWildlife.com/deer_trackingdog.htm. For tracking dog permit information, see *Tracking Dog Permits* under *Permits, Other*, page 14.

After Reporting Your Deer – Possession or Sale

- ♦ The Confirmation Number assigned by the Automated Harvest Report System must be retained until all venison is consumed and as long as you keep any deer parts, including antlers. Persons with deer mounts should write their name, assigned Confirmation Number, date of kill and season of harvest on back of the mount for future reference.
- ♦ It is illegal to sell deer meat, deer antlers or any part of a deer except deer hides, tails and the lower portion of the legs. However, nonprofit organizations conducting wild game dinners for social and fundraising events may offer game or furbearer meat (the sale of which is otherwise prohibited) provided that the meat has been harvested, stored and processed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Spotlighting

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

Warning to Violators

Be advised: two violations of wildlife management area regulations will result in loss of all sporting licenses and privileges for a period of five years.



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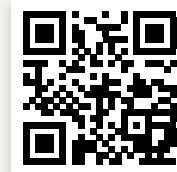
DMZ	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Six-day Firearm	Permit Muzzleloader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth Days	Total Harvest
1	96	89	109	101	7	26	15	443
2	489	331	266	234	176	82	18	1,596
3	98	81	55	96	5	18	7	360
4	70	56	131	117	9	7	3	393
5	837	530	457	242	293	69	16	2,444
6	309	190	117	85	35	53	4	793
7	523	323	237	174	394	75	5	1,731
8	1,049	627	364	283	547	191	27	3,088
9	197	163	47	21	73	82	0	583
10	719	429	237	226	494	155	12	2,272
11	502	311	147	141	329	77	13	1,520
12	1,154	763	371	287	851	305	14	3,745
13	395	277	38	61	169	107	0	1,047
14	785	595	205	101	525	218	6	2,435
15	482	349	142	97	491	154	7	1,722
16	403	309	208	91	196	110	7	1,324
17	373	221	212	132	802	71	13	1,824
18	105	104	141	41	6	45	4	446
19	545	418	311	142	466	89	10	1,981
21	52	78	254	42	20	30	14	490
22	41	46	39	13	5	18	7	169
23	59	105	310	72	27	48	23	644
24	17	54	123	37	7	22	3	263
25	535	343	225	157	341	83	13	1,697
26	217	237	435	130	27	123	25	1,194
27	205	184	87	118	143	41	10	788
28	376	262	120	136	255	84	15	1,248
29	177	152	89	142	202	35	12	809
30	68	80	48	56	51	43	11	357
31	116	93	37	53	82	38	5	424
34	99	108	145	85	59	77	30	603
35	354	300	104	220	226	68	20	1,292
36	420	302	33	14	85	173	1	1,028
37	79	73	17	51	6	46	4	276
38	0	0	0	10	34	0	0	44
39	73	79	19	38	34	14	0	257
41	342	165	94	69	225	58	2	955
42	84	76	80	52	60	26	3	381
43	37	27	136	14	11	23	4	252
45	47	54	207	50	35	34	9	436
46	44	50	180	35	13	29	10	361
47	148	81	43	36	99	56	3	466
48	310	252	192	141	532	32	14	1,473
49	287	210	53	14	120	98	4	786
50	821	648	153	91	419	269	3	2,404
51	311	242	115	31	194	110	1	1,004
53	14	10	5	8	2	4	0	43
54	12	12	4	6	8	5	0	47
55	22	16	20	16	2	10	0	86
56	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	14
57	0	4	0	0	11	0	0	15
58	0	8	0	2	7	0	0	17
61	0	5	4	5	4	3	0	21
63	42	45	20	32	11	16	7	173
64	0	0	20	0	42	3	0	65
65	56	64	70	51	9	24	2	276
66	9	1	0	0	64	0	0	74
67	0	0	0	103	0	4	0	107
68	7	13	15	9	19	6	0	69
70	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	6
Total	14,612	10,649	7,291	4,812	9,374	3,687	436	50,861

NEW JERSEY DEER HUNTERS harvested 50,861 deer during the 2018–19 seasons. The harvest for this year's deer season is 4.8 percent higher than the 48,545 deer taken in 2017–18. The antlerless portion of the 2018–19 harvest was 29,316 deer, up 3.0 percent from 2017–18. The antlered portion of the 2018–19 harvest was 21,545 deer, up 7.3 percent from 2017–18. 🦌

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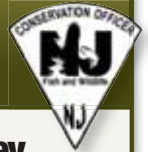
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Deer Permit Violations Hunting without permit, wrong season, wrong zone, permit transfer	\$100 to \$500 fine	\$300 to \$1,000 fine Two convictions within five years and two-year loss of license
Firearm hunting within 450 ft. of a school playground or building; bowhunting within 450 ft. of a school playground or within 150 ft. of a building	\$100 to \$300 fine	\$300 to \$1,500 fine and permanent loss of license
Negligent use of a weapon Did cause injury or death of another person	\$500 to \$2,000 fine and five year loss of license	\$1000 to \$4,000 fine and permanent loss of license
Damage or injury to real or personal property of another	Up to \$2,000 fine and five-year loss of license plus restitution for damages	Up to \$2,000 fine and permanent loss of license plus restitution for damages
Careless use of a weapon Shooting into safety zone, handling weapon in unsafe manner	\$100 to \$500 fine and two-year loss of license	\$100 to \$500 fine and two-year loss of license
Trespass	\$100 to \$200 fine	\$200 to \$500 fine and five-year loss of license

Law Enforcement and Regulation Information



Contact a New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office that serves the county where you hunt or fish.

- **Northern Region — (908) 735-8240**
(Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties)
- **Central Region — (609) 259-2120**
(Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean counties)
- **Southern Region — (856) 629-0555**
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All Special Areas

All Special Area Permits go on sale on a first-come, first-served basis at 10 am on **MONDAY, September 9, 2019**. Refer to specific areas for the closing deadline since permit sales for certain special areas are available only for a limited time.

- ♦ **Special areas include federal military installations, certain state and county parks and national wildlife refuges where hunter access is controlled.**
- ♦ **All state game laws and regulations apply to Special Areas.**
- ♦ Only ONE **antlered** deer may be taken per permit season, statewide, regardless of the number of permits possessed.
- ♦ **Due to homeland security measures and military actions, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife cannot guarantee all military installations will be available or open to hunting throughout each deer season. Hunters are reminded that Fish and Wildlife has a “no refund – no exchange” policy for deer permits.**

Special Areas – County and State Parks

Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61)

Permits for Zone 61 will be available for sale until **11:59 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2019**. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. The permit quotas for Zone 61 are as follows: 60 permits will be available for the Permit Bow Season, 60 permits will be available for the Permit Muzzleloader Season and 100 permits will be available for the Permit Shotgun Season.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 26–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 60 permits are available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Dec. 2, 3, 16, 17, 21–24, 26–31, 2019; Jan. 1–11, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 60 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 9–14, 2019; **Please note:** Hunting during the Six-day Firearm Season on Atlantic County Park property (Zone 61) is NOT open to all hunters. **ONLY** hunters with a current, valid 2019 Zone 61 Permit Shotgun Season permit may hunt the property during Six-day Firearm Season. **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 9–14 and 18–20, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In

addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. **Please note:** Hunting during the Winter Bow Season on Atlantic County Park property (Zone 61) is NOT open to all hunters. **ONLY** hunters with a current valid Zone 61 Permit Bow Season permit are allowed to hunt the property during Winter Bow Season.

Deer hunting is prohibited here all other times. The Atlantic County Park office is located at 6303 Old Harding Highway, Mays Landing, NJ 08330. All applicants must call (609) 625-8219 prior to the lottery for specific rules, restrictions and hunter orientation dates. Hunter orientation attendance is required for Zone 61. The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 61.

Cheesequake State Park (Zone 50)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting. Deer Management Zone 50 regulations apply. A free park access permit is required. A limited supply of permits will be available. Contact the park office at (732) 566-2161 or check the park website for details. Hunters must supply both their current hunting and driver's licenses.

Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park (Zone 11)

A portion of the Division of Parks and Forestry's My Ben tract and Trap Rock-Knipe tract of the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park in Delaware Township in Hunterdon County are open for deer hunting. Zone 11 regulations apply. Call (609) 397-2949 for more information.

High Point State Park (Zone 67)

To hunt High Point State Park, hunters must purchase a Zone 67 permit from a license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever occurs first. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 18.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 4–7 and 11–14, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. The hunter's first deer must be antlerless. Successful hunters may then harvest an antlered deer if in possession of an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. A total of 350 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. Two deer may be taken at one time. **Only those portions of Zone 67 that are south and west of Rt. 23 will be open for the winter bow season.**

Deer hunting is prohibited in High Point at all other times. Hunters are not permitted in the park before 6 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Hunters must visit the

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

Hunterdon County Park System

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

Mercer County Parks

The Mercer County Park Commission operates deer management programs at several parkland properties. Hunters must obtain a county-issued permit to hunt on county parkland.

Baldpate Mountain (DMZ 41) in Hopewell Township is open on select days during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader, Permit Shotgun, Six-day Firearm and Winter Bow Seasons.

Mercer Meadows (DMZ 12) is open for Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow Seasons.

To hunt Baldpate Mountain or Mercer Meadows, call (609) 303-0706, email jstark@mercercounty.org or check the website at www.mercercountyparks.org for season dates and other regulations.

Howell Living History Farm (DMZ 41) is open for select days during the Permit Muzzleloader, Permit Shotgun and Winter Bow Seasons. Call (609) 737-3299 for more information.

Deer Hunting is prohibited at all other times.

Middlesex County Park System

Portions of specified parks within the Middlesex County Park System are open to deer hunting. A park system permit is required. Call (732) 745-8278 for maps and more information.

Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64)

To hunt Monmouth Battlefield State Park, hunters must apply for a Zone 64 Permit. **Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27.** Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online via the Internet. A total of 100 permits will be available for the Permit Shotgun Season. All hunters are required to complete and return a registration packet to Monmouth Battlefield State Park office prior to Dec. 1, 2019.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 9–14, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 9–14, 2019; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–Feb. 15, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

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

Monmouth County Park System

Portions of specified parks within the Monmouth County Park System are open to deer hunting. A park system permit is required. Call (732) 842-4000 or visit monmouthcountyparks.com for maps and more information.

Morris County Park System

In accordance with the Park Commission's deer management program, designated areas of select parks are open for deer hunting on select dates during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Winter Bow, Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons. A Park Commission access permit is required. Hunting is prohibited at all other times. All applicable zone regulations apply.

The Morris County Park Commission will supply additional information about hunting regulations and procedures to those hunters that are issued an access permit. Call (973) 326-7622 or visit www.morrisparks.net/deer/index.asp for information about permit applications.

Ocean County Parks Department

The Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation oversees the stewardship of the county's Natural Lands Trust properties. Currently under the Natural Lands Trust Program over 13,000 acres of land is open to hunting. A full list of properties that are open to hunting can be obtained via the interactive map at www.planning.co.ocean.nj.us/natlands.htm or by calling the Parks Department (732) 506-9090. A complete list of rules and regulations may be viewed or downloaded from the website. At this time, there is no registration process or permit necessary to hunt on any Ocean County Natural Lands Trust properties. Hunters are encouraged but not required to call or email to inform us what properties you are hunting. This information is valuable for numerous safety related reasons, including notification if a prescribed burn is scheduled to take place. For more information regarding hunting please contact Geoffrey Lohmeyer at glohmeyer@co.ocean.nj.us or 732-506-9090 x 5941; or Mark Villingner at mvillingner@co.ocean.nj.us or 732-929-2054 x3055.

Rancocas State Park (Zone 48)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 48 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Visit <https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/rancocas.html> for more information.

Round Valley Recreation Area (Zone 12)

Designated portions of the area are open to deer hunting during all or portions of the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Six-day Firearm and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 12 regulations apply. The area is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Any area administered by Round Valley, not located within Round Valley Recreation Area, is also available for hunting. Contact the Round Valley office for hunting information at (908) 236-6355.

Six-Mile Run Reservoir site, administered by D & R Canal State Park (Zone 14)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Winter Bow and limited firearm seasons. Deer Management Zone 14 regulations apply. A free parking access permit is required for all seasons in addition to any applicable NJ Fish and Wildlife hunting permit(s). The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. To obtain parking pass permits, hunters must contact the park office at (609)924-5705 or on the park website at <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/drcanal.html>.

Spruce Run Recreation Area (Zone 7)

Designated portions of the area are open to bowhunting for deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow Seasons. Hunting is not permitted on Sundays. Deer Management Zone 7 regulations apply. The area is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Hunters must use the boat launch parking lot. Call (908) 638-8572 for more information.

Washington Crossing State Park (Zone 41)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 41 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Call (609) 737-0623 for more information.

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

Earle Naval Weapons Station Depot (Zone 39)

(Zone 40 has been incorporated into Zone 39.) Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for civilian employees or military personnel assigned to the base. Hunters must purchase a Zone 39 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever comes first. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 18. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Earle prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 39 does NOT guarantee access to Earle Naval Weapons Station. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used. Please contact Eric Helms at (732) 866-2337 for more information. Deer hunting is allowed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zone 39.

Fall Bow Season (Zone 39): Sept. 14–Oct. 25, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 14–27, 2019. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season (Zone 39): Oct. 26–Dec. 31, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A

total of 190 permits are available. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 39): Dec. 9–14, 2019; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 39): Dec. 2–7, 16–31, 2019, and Jan. 1–Feb. 8, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 39): Dec. 7, 9–14, 21 and 28, 2019 and Jan. 4, 11, 16, 25 and Feb. 1 and 8, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 160 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season (Zone 39): Jan. 1–Feb. 15, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

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

The Technical Center is open to deer hunting through a cooperative agreement between the FAATC, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (NJSFSC). Membership in the NJSFSC is required to obtain access to the Technical Center for deer hunting. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 66 must have approval from the administrative authority of FAA Technical Center (Zone 66) before purchasing a Zone 66 Permit. Call (609) 485-4928 for more information.

Not open to the general public. **Hunters must purchase their Zone 66 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits will be available for sale until the season ends or the permit quota is reached, whichever comes first. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to FAATC prior to purchasing a permit.** Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 66 does NOT guarantee access to the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center. **Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.**

The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 66.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 14–27, 2019; First deer must be antlerless. Sept. 28–Oct. 25, 2019; antlered or antlerless deer. **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 26–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 80 permits are available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 30–Dec. 7, and 13, 14, 2019 and Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 15 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Nov. 30–Dec. 7, and 13, 14, 2019 and Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the **Bag limit** in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 65 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, that formerly consisted of Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37)

Hunters must purchase a Zone 37 permit. Permits will be available for sale until the season ends or the

permit quota is reached, whichever comes first. Permits may be purchased at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Dix-McGuire prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 37 does NOT guarantee access. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

Hunters must comply with all Dix-McGuire regulations. Persons hunting on this post must sign in and out at Range 14 each day when hunting. Military training will take precedence over hunting. Call Range 14 at (609) 562-4676 on Wednesday/Friday 2 p.m.–8 p.m. or Saturday/Sunday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. for more information and fee schedules. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day or New Year's Day in Zone 37.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 14–Oct. 25, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 14–27, 2019. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 26–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 330 permits are available for Zone 37. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 9–14, 2019; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Dec. 2–7, 16–31, 2019 and Jan. 2–11, 2020; **Bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered only for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. A total of 480 permits are available for Zone 37.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 28, 30 and 31, 2019; **Bag limit:** two deer, one may be antlered only for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to two antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available for Zone 37.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 2–Feb. 15, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Lakehurst section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, that formerly consisted of Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (Zone 53)

Hunters must purchase Zone 53 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever comes first. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 18. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to the Lakehurst section prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 53 does NOT guarantee access to the Lakehurst section. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and

corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

There is limited public hunting for hunters who are sponsored by current members of the Navy Lakehurst Rod and Gun Club. Military training will take precedence over hunting. Call (732) 323-2911 for more information. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day in Zone 53.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 14–Oct. 25, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 14–27, 2019. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 26–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 100 permits are available. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 9–14, 2019; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 30 and Dec. 2–7, 16–31, 2019 and Jan. 1–11, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 100 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 9–14 and 18–20, 2019 and Jan. 4–11, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–Feb. 15, 2020; **Bag limit:** two deer—only one may be antlered.

Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54)

Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for active duty or retired military personnel and Picatinny Arsenal federal civilian employees or retirees only. Contact Jon Van De Venter at (973) 724-4691 for more information. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day in Zone 54. There is no Sunday bow hunting allowed in Deer Management Zone 54.

Hunters must purchase a Zone 54 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits will be for sale until the season ends or the permit quota is reached. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 18. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Picatinny Arsenal prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a Zone 54 permit does NOT guarantee access to Picatinny Arsenal. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 28–Oct. 25, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 26–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 60 permits are available. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 9–14, 2019; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Dec. 2, 3, 16–31, 2019 and Jan. 1–11, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 9–14 and 21, 2019 and Jan. 4 and 6–11, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

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

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

1. Hunting over bait or distributing bait is prohibited on all refuges.
2. The use of a spotlight or other artificial light—including automotive headlights—for the purpose of spotting, locating or taking any wildlife is prohibited on all refuges, regardless of whether one is in possession of a weapon.
3. All firearm hunters (muzzleloader and shotgun) must wear an outer garment consisting of at least **200 square inches of solid fluorescent orange** while deer hunting on any refuge.
4. Entry is prohibited on all refuge lands posted *Area Closed* and on refuge roadways posted with *Inholders Only* signs.
5. The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter, is prohibited on all refuges.

Most refuges can accommodate individuals who have obtained a permit for handicapped hunters from New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, including permits to hunt from vehicles. Interested persons should contact the appropriate refuge in advance of the deer hunting seasons.

Cape May NWR

Cape May NWR is open for all six deer seasons. Season dates and bag limits for Deer Management Zone 34 will apply. Contact the refuge office for more information at (609) 463-0994.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zones 56, 57, 58 and 70)

To hunt Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, hunters must possess the proper permits. **Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on MONDAY, Sept. 30.** There are NO exceptions. Permits will be available for sale at all License Agents and online.

Only designated sections of the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR are open for deer hunting. All other areas are closed. The refuge only allows deer hunting by permit. While the Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons may overlap the Six-Day Firearm season dates, refuge hunting is only conducted under applicable permit regulations, not Six-day Firearm Season regulations.

In addition to the appropriate DMZ permit, hunters must purchase an Annual Refuge Permit



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at <https://forsythe.recaccess.com/#>. Parking tags will be issued with the refuge permit. Maps and hunter information are also available at https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Edwin_B_Forsythe/. Not all refuge deer hunting zones are posted with National Wildlife Refuge property and boundary signs. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the zone boundaries.

The refuge encourages hunter feedback on your refuge hunting experience. For any questions, information or comments regarding refuge-specific hunting regulations or activities, call the refuge manager at (609) 652-1665. Additional information about the refuge may also be found at the refuge's Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/ForsytheNWR.

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

- ♦ **Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 56):** Dec. 16-20, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 25 permits are available for Zone 56.

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

- ♦ **Permit Bow Season (Zone 57):** Oct. 26-Dec. 24, 26-31, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.
- ♦ **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 57):** Dec. 2, 3, 16, 17, 21-24, 26-31, 2019 and Jan. 1-11, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.
- ♦ **Permit Shotgun (Zone 57):** Dec. 9-14, 2019 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 18-20, 2019 and Jan. 4-31, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer-not on the refuge-during Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 58) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

- ♦ **Permit Bow Season (Zone 58):** Oct. 26-Dec. 24, 26-31, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 45 permits are available for Zone 58.
- ♦ **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 58):** Dec. 2, 3, 16, 17, 21-24, 26-31, 2019 and Jan. 1-11, 2020; **Bag**

limit: unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 45 permits are available for Zone 58.

- ♦ **Permit Shotgun (Zone 58):** Dec. 4-6 and 9-14, 2019 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 18-20, 2019 and Jan. 4-11, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer-not on the refuge-during Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 60 permits are available for Zone 58.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 70) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

- ♦ **Permit Bow Season (Zone 70):** Oct. 26-Dec. 24, 26-31, 2019; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 20 permits are available for Zone 70.
- ♦ **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 70):** Dec. 2, 3, 16, 17, 21-24, 26-31, 2019 and Jan. 1-11, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 20 permits are available for Zone 70.
- ♦ **Permit Shotgun (Zone 70):** Dec. 18-20, 2019 and Jan. 11-18, 2020; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer-not on the refuge-during Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 30 permits are available for Zone 70.

Zones 56, 57, 58 and 70 are closed to deer hunting at all other times.

Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38)

To hunt Great Swamp NWR, hunters must possess a Zone 38 permit. **Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30.** There are NO exceptions. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet.

The refuge is open only for Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun season hunting and closed to deer hunting at all other times. Hunters may apply only for either a Permit Muzzleloader or a Permit Shotgun permit, not both. Hunters must obtain a valid state hunting permit plus a refuge hunting permit. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge hunting permit fee is \$26 (\$13 for holders of a Senior, Golden Age, or Golden Access Passport. Youth Hunters with a valid New Jersey Youth Hunting License are free.).

NOTE: Great Swamp hunting permits must be purchased through RecAccess online services. Go to www.RecAccess.com, then create a RecAccess account to pay by credit card. The process is easy; user instructions are available

via www.RecAccess.com. For more information regarding the deer hunt, contact the refuge Visitor Services Manager, Jonathan Rosenberg at (973) 425-0215 ext. 115.

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

- ♦ **Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season (concurrent):** Nov. 2 and 6-9, 2019. On Nov. 2 (Saturday), hunting is only for youths who possess a valid New Jersey Youth hunting license and a Zone 38 permit. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed but non-hunting adult that is at least 21 years of age. **Bag limit: two deer**—either one antlerless and one antlered or two antlerless. Hunters must be in possession of the appropriate Antlered Buck Permit before attempting to take an antlered deer. A total of 200 muzzleloader and 200 shotgun permits are available. The eastern side of the refuge (approximately 4,000 acres) will be open to muzzleloader hunting only and the west-ern side of the refuge (approximately 3,700 acres) will be open to muzzleloader and shotgun hunting.

Supawna Meadows NWR (Zone 63)

Supawna Meadows NWR is open for Fall Bow, Youth Bow Day, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons ONLY! Zone 63 Bow dates, bag limits and regulations apply. The use of firearms is prohibited on Supawna Meadows NWR. No refuge permit fee is required to hunt Supawna Meadows NWR. For more information, call (609) 463-0994.

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

Walkkill River NWR (Zone 2)

Designated areas of the refuge are open during all six deer seasons. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 2 apply. An annual hunting map, additional regulations and a signed access permit from the refuge must be obtained prior to scouting or hunting. The access permit is \$30 (permit is free for youth; discounts available for those with Federal Senior or Access Passes) and must be signed and carried at all times when hunting on refuge property. Permits can be purchased online at www.WalkkillRiverPermits.com; for more information, visit our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/Walkkill_River/visit/hunting.html, or call (973) 702-7266.

Special Areas – Other Public Lands

Bayside PSEG Tract (Zone 29)

Hunters interested in hunting this 4,500-acre PSEG property located in Greenwich Township, Cumberland County may visit www.pseg.com/environment/estuary or call (888) MARSHEs for more information. Driving of deer is prohibited on all PSEG lands. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 29 apply.

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

Hunters must purchase Zone 68 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet

license sales site. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 18. **The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access prior to purchasing a permit.** The purchase of a deer permit for Zone 68 does NOT guarantee access to Zone 68. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve are managed by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. Designated areas of these preserves are open to deer hunting. Contact the Foundation directly at (908) 234-1225 for more information.

Season dates and bag limits for Regulation Set #6 apply.

Horseshoe Bend Park (Zone 11)

Horseshoe Bend Park and adjacent state lands in Kingwood Township are open for limited deer hunting through a lottery system. Hunting in this park is prohibited at all other times. There is a non-refundable \$5 fee for each season lottery application. Contact the Kingwood Township Park Commission at (908) 996-4276 or go to www.kingwoodtownship.com/parks for more information, season dates, maps and hunter access details.

Kingwood Township— Ukarish Property (Zone 11)

The Ukarish Property is open for limited deer hunting through a first-come, first-served process (limit 10 hunters) for bow hunting only. Hunting in this park is prohibited at all other times. Contact the Kingwood Township Park Commission at (908) 996-4276 or go to www.kingwoodtownship.com/parks for more information, season dates, maps and hunter access details.

Lizard Tail Swamp (Zone 34)

This 400-acre property, jointly owned by New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), is located in Middle Township, Cape May County. A TNC access permit is required. Call (609) 861-0600 for permit applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 34 apply.

Newark Watershed (Zones 3 and 6)

The Newark Watershed, located in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties, is open to deer hunting from September to December. A watershed access permit is required. Call (973) 697-1724 or (973) 697-1758 for access permit applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 3 and Zone 6 apply.

Abbotts Meadow WMA— Formerly Salem Country Club (Zone 63)

The section of Abbotts Meadow WMA—Formerly Salem Country Club, located in Elsinboro Twp., Salem County is open for Fall Bow, Youth Bow Day, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons ONLY! The use of firearms is prohibited on the section of Abbotts Meadow WMA—Formerly Salem Country Club. For more information, call (609) 748-2065.

Antler Point Restrictions apply. Antlered deer must have at least one antler with three or more antler points. 🦌

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Hunters Helping the Hungry Needs Help with Meat-processing Costs



Hunters Helping the Hungry, an organization that has enabled hunters to provide over one million servings of tasty and nutritious venison to feed New Jersey families since 1997, needs some help from the public to cover the costs of professional meat processing.

The program, which donated more than 28,606 pounds of venison (more than 114,424 servings from 785 hunter-provided deer) to food banks and charitable organizations last year alone, operates with limited funding. Butchers who participate in the Hunters Helping the Hungry program receive \$75 to process the donated deer. Currently, hunters who donate deer to feed the hungry must contribute either \$20 (for field-dressed deer weighing 50 lbs. or more) or \$40 (for deer under 50 lbs.) toward that processing fee. **However, during the early season (Sept. 14 through Sept. 27) and from the day following the Six-day Firearm season until the end of winter bow (Dec. 15–Feb. 15, 2020), the hunter fee will be waived except for small deer (dressed weight under 50 pounds) where the hunter fee will remain at \$40.** If the program's funding runs out, hunters who donate deer will have to cover the entire cost for meat-processing.

Hunters should check on funding availability before harvesting a deer intended for donation by visiting the website below.

Anyone interested in making a charitable contribution to offset the program's meat-processing costs can visit our website at HuntersHelpingTheHungry.org to donate securely through

PayPal or send a check payable to: Hunters Helping the Hungry, P.O. Box 587, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

Participating Butchers Include:

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

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Berlin (856) 767-0110

Butchers might not accept donated deer during the Six-day Firearm Buck Season, decided by individual butchers on a day-to-day basis, from Dec. 9–14, 2019, so they can accommodate their regular customers. Hunters should contact the butcher in advance.

For upcoming fundraising events such as sporting clay shoots, a golf outing and a 3-D archery shoot, visit HuntersHelpingtheHungry.org.