

Licenses, Permits & Stamps

LICENSE INFORMATION

Regulations in red are new this year.

DEER PERMITS ARE VALID for the 2019–2020 hunting season. New Jersey sporting licenses are valid for the calendar year and expire on Dec. 31. Beaver and river otter trapping permits are valid for the 2019–20 trapping season. For permit and license fees, see page 1.

Licenses

All persons hunting or trapping must be properly licensed. It is unlawful for any person age 10 or older to hunt without a hunting license. (See *Farmer License Exemption*, page 10.) It is unlawful for any person age 12 or older to trap without a trapping license. Hunting licenses are valid for the calendar year and expire on Dec. 31 regardless of the purchase date. See page 1 for license and permit fees. See page 10 for youth license information. To acquire your first New Jersey hunting license (firearm, bow and arrow), present to a license agent (see list, page 22) either an appropriate hunter education course completion card or a resident (firearm or bow and arrow) license from this or any other state.

The electronic license system assigns a unique 9-digit **Conservation Identification Number (CID#)** to each individual customer profile created in the system. This number will be a permanent identification number and will be printed on each permit, license or stamp purchased for the customer to whom its assigned.

First time customers can create their profile and establish their CID number on the Division's license website (www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com) from a computer or at a license agent (see agent list, page 22),

A first-time hunting license must be obtained at an agent by showing an appropriate Hunter Education course completion card or with a prior resident hunting license (firearm or bow and arrow) from any state. All subsequent licenses can be purchased online or at any license agent. All hunters and trappers must openly display their license in the middle of the back on their outer clothing and must show their license to any law enforcement officer or any person requesting to see it. Farmers hunting their own land must also display any deer season permit.

Licenses, permits and stamps may be purchased using Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site (www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com), via your smartphone or other mobile device, or from approved license agents listed on page 22. See also *Non-resident* and *Resident Licenses*, page 10.

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

Apprentice License

An Apprentice License allows a new hunter to participate in the sport but does not require completion of a hunter education course. Apprentice Hunters MUST hunt under the direct supervision and

guidance of a hunting mentor, hunting together as a unit in the same location. Mentors must be 21 years of age or older and must possess a valid NJ Hunting License for the hunting method (bow or firearm) being used.

Both residents and non-residents are eligible. Individuals are limited to two apprentice licenses per type per lifetime. The Apprentice License cannot be used as proof of the hunter education requirement for purchasing a regular license. Due to N.J. Firearm ID Card regulations, Firearm Apprentice Licenses are limited to individuals 18 years of age and older. An archery Apprentice License holder must be 14 years of age or older.

There are no free youth apprentice licenses. Apprentice license holders are NOT eligible for a Bear Permit, coyote permit, Rifle Permit or Muzzleloader Deer Permit and may not hunt with any type of rifle. An air gun is not considered a rifle. See *Firearms and Missiles* beginning on page 27.

Apprentice hunters must ALWAYS hunt under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter and cannot hunt at night nor hunt for coyote, fox or black bear. **Apprentice hunters must adhere to hunting laws, regulations and must purchase all hunting permits, stamps or the HIP certification, as required.**

Apprentice Licenses are available at License Agents and online.

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

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

New applicant disabled veterans may obtain their hunting and fishing licenses and stamps by CALLING before going to one of the following Fish and Wildlife field offices to ensure that staff will be available to assist you:

- Pequest Trout Hatchery/Natural Resource Ed. Ctr, Oxford, Warren Co., (908) 637-4125;
- Central Region Office, Assunpink WMA, Monmouth Co., (609) 259-2132, beginning on Dec. 1.
- Southern Region Office, Sicklerville, Camden Co., (856) 629-0552.

Applications for disabled veteran certification and your first disabled veteran license may be made via the mail by sending the application and all required documentation to:

NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
Attn: Disabled Veteran Licensing
MC 501-03
PO Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

All licenses, stamps and permits for which the veteran is eligible will be free of charge. Disabled Vet status does not give preferential treatment in any lottery. For questions call (609) 292-2965.

Disabled Veteran Applicants:

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

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Child Support Certification

The “Child Support Program Improvement Act” requires Fish and Wildlife to collect and maintain Social Security Numbers and a child support obligation certification from license applicants and to make the collection of this information part of the license application. To comply, Fish and Wildlife, working with the Division of Law in the Office of the Attorney General, created the Supplemental License Application available on the Fish and Wildlife website at NJFishandWildlife.com/child_support_info.htm or at license agents.

The online child support application allows an individual to be certified from the privacy of their home. Once completed—the certification remains valid for the calendar year in which the certification was completed.

Farmer License Exemption

A farmer and members of the immediate family (see definition under *Farmer Regulations*, page 30) who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid Rifle Permit. For details, see *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 30.

All farmers must have a Conservation Identification Number (CID#). Register online now for a free CID# at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. No purchase is required.

Hunter and Trapper Education Requirements

New Jersey requires that everyone, age 10 and above, applying to hunt with a firearm or bow must show a previous resident license of the appropriate type from this or any state, or a course completion card from the appropriate hunter education course to obtain a regular license, see *Apprentice License*, page 8. Anyone, age 12 and above, applying to trap furbearing animals must show a previous resident trapping license from this or any state, or a trapper education course completion card. See also *Youth Licenses*, this page.

The New Jersey Hunter Education Program is offered as a home study, video-based course. Students may obtain course materials at most license agents and Fish and Wildlife field offices or download from our website. After completing an extensive homework assignment, the student can

choose from a list of testing facilities and dates to complete their hunter education course. For more details, including course material availability, facility locations, dates and course registration, visit NJFishandWildlife.com/hunted.htm or call (877) 2-HUNT-NJ or (877) 248-6865.

Trapper Education courses are offered once in the spring and four times in the months of September and October. To enroll in a trapper education course, go to the Fish and Wildlife website or call (877) 2-HUNT-NJ to register.

Lost Licenses

A license, permit or stamp can be replaced at any license agent or at Fish and Wildlife’s Internet license sales site, www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. A \$2 fee is charged for each duplicate license/permit.

The new Electronic License System offers more convenience. When purchased at a license agent, hunters may request an emailed PDF license copy. When purchased online and home-printed, hunters may also purchase a duplicate durable license which will be mailed. Duplicate, home-printed licenses are free.

New Jersey National Guard Licenses

New Jersey National Guard personnel in good standing are entitled to free sporting licenses, permits and stamps. Exciting changes for National Guard members are being designed in the new N.J. Electronic License System. At press time, details are still in-progress. Check the websites for updates. These privileges will be available at all license agents, however hunters and anglers should first confirm with the DMVA office to ensure they are certified in the system. Call (609) 530-6866, e-mail or write to: MSG (Ret.) Robert Greco, NJ DMAVA, 101 Eggert Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

Non-resident Licenses

Non-residents must show either a resident license from their state or proof of successfully completing an appropriate hunter education course in order to obtain a license to hunt or trap in New Jersey. See *Apprentice License*, page 8). (See *License Information and Fees*, page 1 for license types and also *Youth Licenses, Resident and Non-resident*, this page.) Non-immigrant aliens who temporarily import firearms to the United States must first obtain an application for the permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). For importation of firearms, use form ATF Form 5330.3A. The approval may take up to 12 weeks. Contact ATF’s New Jersey field office

at (609) 989-2142 or download forms from their website at www.atf.gov/firearms/firearms-forms.

Non-resident hunters: For more information on non-resident hunting, go to NJFishandWildlife.com/nonrshnt.htm.

Military Licenses, Active Duty

Any person on active duty in the armed services, regardless of their current residency, may buy a New Jersey resident hunting license. Obtain an Apprentice License (page 8) or present a previous resident license (from this or any other state) of the appropriate type or show proof to the license agent of successful completion of the appropriate hunter education course along with proof of your current active duty status in the armed services.

One-day License

A one-day license may be issued for hunting on a licensed commercial shooting preserve. This license may be obtained at the shooting preserve and is valid only on the day issued for the species covered by the preserve’s license. Hunter education requirements still apply.

Resident Licenses

A resident license may be purchased if one currently resides in—and has resided in—the state for at least six months immediately prior to application.

Revocation of Licenses

Anyone convicted of a second fish and game violation, in this or any other state, within a period of five years will have their New Jersey hunting and fishing privileges revoked for a minimum of two years. Certain violations carry greater periods of revocation, ranging from three years to lifetime revocation. Two convictions of *any* wildlife management area regulation will result in a five-year revocation of *all* sporting privileges. Two convictions of the following will result in lifetime revocation: safety zone violation, causing damage to real or personal property and negligent use of a firearm or bow. Fish and Wildlife may revoke any special use permit or other authorization granted by N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife (excluding hunting or fishing licenses, which are revoked under statutory authority) for violation or due cause. See page 15 for New Jersey’s participation in the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

Youth Licenses, Resident and Non-Resident

A Youth Firearm or Youth Bow and Arrow License is valid from 10 years of age (or the time of issuance) until Dec. 31 of the year when the youth turns 16. Note that properly licensed youth hunters age 10–13 may hunt only when under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult hunter age 21 or older. See also *Youth Hunting*, page 29. **Youth licenses are available free to youths who have completed the hunter or trapper education course; see this page for course information. See also *Take a Kid Hunting* pages 24–25.**

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Permits for Hunters and Trappers

Lottery Permit Application Process

Specific permit information for hunting wild turkey, beaver or otter is now located *with the regulations for each species*. For permit and license fees, see page 1.

Lotteries are conducted to allocate spring turkey, beaver and otter hunting or trapping permits. **There is no lottery for fall turkey permits.** To receive high-demand permits, you should first apply in the lottery. Apply at license agents or online. Be sure to have your Conservation ID number (CID#) on hand. A non-refundable \$2 application fee is charged for each lottery application.

Hunters or trappers will have three choices in each of two lotteries. If you will accept a permit only for one particular zone (and/or period), complete only a first choice selection. There is no obligation to select a second or third choice; these are optional. When an applicant's first choice cannot be filled, the computer will check for the second choice listed. If this selection is also sold out, the computer will check for your third choice. Each lottery is completely random and awards only ONE permit — not three. Your chance of winning a permit in the lottery depends on the number of applicants and the permit quota (allocation) which is available on our website.

Check Your Lottery Application and Status Online!

Changing Your Lottery Application

Regardless of where or how you applied for a lottery, applicants may review their information at any time online. All hunters can edit their application if a correction is necessary. Log in at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com to access your profile and follow the prompts. Applications may be edited only during the application period. Once the application period is closed, it is impossible to change your application. License agents and Fish and Wildlife offices DO NOT have the ability to change your application once submitted. Only **you** can make changes, so take care during the application process then go back into your profile to verify that the information is correct.

Application Status Check

Hunters and trappers may check their application status online. Log in at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com to access your lottery information. The license system indicates if the lottery has been run and if you can claim the permit. When the system shows "pending," the lottery has not been completed. During the application period the system displays your application as "pending."

Application via the Internet— Before You Start

- ♦ Know your Conservation ID number (CID#) or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB).
- ♦ Know your desired permit zone and, if applicable, time period or season. **Note: After a period of inactivity, the online transaction will time out, requiring you to start over from the beginning.**

- ♦ Have your payment ready. Online transactions may be paid either by electronic check (e-check) or major credit card. For e-check transactions, have your bank routing number and your check book ready before you begin.
- ♦ During every transaction, there are several opportunities to review your information for accuracy. A complete review at each step will allow you to



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make corrections, if necessary. **Once a transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges.** Permit applicants will have the opportunity to edit their application at any time during the permit application period; see *Changing Your Lottery Application*. Applicants are responsible to make application carefully. When the process is complete, print the confirmation page or note the transaction number for your records.

Application at License Agent Locations—*Know Before You Go*

- ♦ Know your Conservation ID number (CID#) or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB.)
- ♦ Know your desired permit zone and, if applicable time period. The store proprietor or clerk is not responsible to know the zone/area of your hunting/trapping property. Be sure to review the map and zone descriptions at home before you arrive at the license agent. Not sure of your area? For deer only, use the Deer Hunting Location Viewer (www.njfishandwildlife.com/ahrs_deer_viewer.htm), or use a county map, then follow the zone or area description on our website for the species being hunted (deer, black bear, turkey).
- ♦ To speed your transaction, write down your information (CID#, DOB, first, second and third choices) and hand it to the license agent.
- ♦ NOTE: Agents may not be able to print a receipt. If an agent cannot print a receipt, it's important to have the clerk orally verify your application choices and to provide your transaction number. Keep this transaction number; it can be helpful should a problem occur with your application.
- ♦ Each agent decides what types of payment to accept. Learn this in advance, then have the correct payment ready when you arrive.

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

Once the lottery is complete, applicants will be notified of their results. Those who select email notification are reminded to set your junk/spam folder to accept this notification. **IMPORTANT:** the notification may fail to arrive due to email issues (email filters, data storage capacity) or postcard delivery delays. It is the customer's responsibility to know the deadlines and check their profile or contact the Division if they are unsure of their award status.

Claiming Your Permit

Lottery permit winners may claim their permit(s) at any license agent or online. See the lottery permit claim dates listed in this *Digest* for beaver/otter and spring turkey permits. At the time of application, the hunter paid only the non-refundable \$2 application fee; the balance of the actual permit fee must still be paid. Internet-claimed permits are subject to an additional convenience fee.

Know the Deadline to Claim Your Permit!

The applicant is responsible to know the lottery results notification date and permit claim period deadline. IMPORTANT: Check your permit award status in your customer profile rather than rely on e-mail or postcard notification. Successful lottery applicants have only a short window in which to claim the awarded permit(s). You MUST claim your permit BEFORE the claim period has ended! Unclaimed permits become available for over-the-counter sales. NO EXCEPTIONS! (See *Application Status Check* in the box on page 11.)

Purchasing Non-lottery and Unclaimed Lottery Permits

Leftover (unclaimed) lottery permits and non-lottery permits are available at license agents and online. During every transaction there are several opportunities to review your information for accuracy. A complete review at each step will allow you to make corrections, if necessary. **Note: Once a purchase transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges.** When purchasing permits at a license agent, speed your transaction by presenting to the agent a written note with your CID# and DOB, plus the season and zone of your permit choices.

Deer Hunting Permits

Permits are required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons. There is no lottery for deer permits. See *Special Areas*, page 44, for specific deer permit requirements on those properties.

Permits may be purchased either at a license agent or online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. For details, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 18. See page 1 for fees.

Farmer Permits

See *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 30.

Falconry Permits

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

Rifle Permits

All persons in possession of a rifle (modern or muzzleloading rifle including a smoothbore muzzleloader firing a single projectile) while hunting or trapping must have a valid Rifle Permit. See the specific regulations for each game or furbearing animal for the specific rifles allowed. A Rifle Permit is not required for hunting with an air gun. Initial Rifle Permit applicants must be at least 10 years old and have successfully completed the Firearms or discontinued Rifle Hunter Education Course,

or have a resident license or Hunter Education card from any state which includes use of a rifle. See page 1 for Rifle Permit fees.

- ♦ Rifle Permits may be purchased at license agents or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Rifle Permits are valid for all ages of permit holders.
- ♦ Rifle Permits are valid from July 1–June 30.

Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions

A permit to use alternative methods/equipment for taking game during the prescribed seasons for certain physically challenged persons may be issued. The application period is Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 of each year.

Permits to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle

A permit to hunt or shoot on private property from a standing vehicle that is parked off the road may be issued to licensed hunters who:

1. have a permanent or irreversible physical disability that limits their ambulatory ability,
2. suffer from cardiovascular disease and are classified as Class 3 or 4 heart patients according to American Heart Association standards, or
3. suffer from chronic lung disease. This permit will be issued if the need is certified by a licensed physician or chiropractor.

Individuals hunting with a permit to hunt or shoot from a motor vehicle must mark the vehicle from which they are hunting either with handicapped license plates issued by the Motor Vehicle Commission or by displaying a sign provided by Fish and Wildlife in the rear window of this vehicle.

For more information on these permits, call (609) 292-1473 or write: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Handicapped Permits, MC501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or downloaded directly from our website: NJFishandWildlife.com/disinfo.htm.

Permits, Other

Captive Wildlife Permits

The possession, ownership and release of wildlife is strictly regulated and allowed only for limited purposes. Information and permit applications may be obtained online or by calling:

- ♦ Nongame and exotics permits at NJFishandWildlife.com/exotic_apps.htm;
- ♦ Game birds and mammals: (609) 984-0530, NJFishandWildlife.com/captpermits.htm.

Deer Road-kill Permits

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

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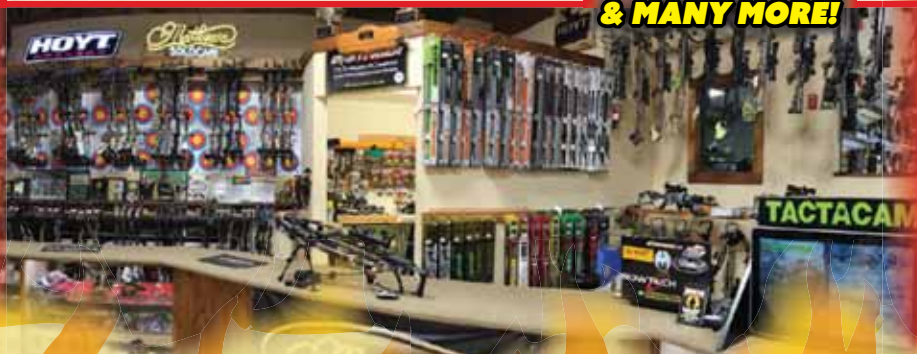
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Tracking Dog Permits, Certification

Fish and Wildlife may issue permits to dog handlers who possess a certified tracking dog for the daytime or nighttime search and recovery of deer lost by a hunter during any deer hunting season prescribed by the Game Code. **Minimum certification:** UBT-1 from United Blood Trackers, Inc., or the equivalent from another recognized tracking dog organization. A photo of each certified dog must accompany the application. **Each handler must possess a valid New Jersey hunting license for the current year.** For more information on obtaining a permit, go to: www.NJFishandWildlife.com/deer_trackingdog.htm. **See also Dogs, Hunting and Training, page 26.**

Stamps

Stamps (such as federal migratory bird stamps) are not transferable to another person and are not valid unless signed across the face in ink. Stamps need not be affixed to the license. State waterfowl "stamps" and Pheasant and Quail stamps now print either directly on your hunting license or as a separate stub, replacing the former paper stamp for these privileges.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp

Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose youth license remains valid through the end of the year in which they turn 16 and which includes a free youth pheasant and quail stamp) hunting or possessing pheasant (or quail only on Greenwood Forest or Peaslee WMAs) on the following designated wildlife management areas must have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp:

- ♦ Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood Forest, Howardsville, Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Millville (Bevan), Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Rockport, Stafford Forge, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is also a designated pheasant and quail stamp area. Pheasant and quail stamps are valid for the calendar year, January–December. **Quail may be hunted or possessed ONLY on Peaslee or Greenwood WMAs.**

New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp

Anyone 16 or older who hunts waterfowl must possess a New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp in addition to the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp. Both stamps are valid for the fiscal year, July 1–June 30. A Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is also required. For HIP details, see *Migratory Bird Regulations*, page 65. ♡

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Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

New Jersey is member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, a multi-state agreement designed to 1. enhance protection of wildlife resources in member states, 2. provide equal treatment of non-resident hunters/anglers/trappers, and 3. improve compliance with citations or summonses issued for wildlife violations.

Responsible hunters and anglers want wildlife violators removed from the population of ethical sporting enthusiasts.

Under the Compact, information about suspension of sporting license privileges for people convicted of wildlife violations in New Jersey will be shared with participating Compact states. The other Compact member states determine if the individual would also be suspended according to their own state laws.

Similarly, New Jersey will be provided with information on individuals suspended for convictions under the law of all Compact states. When reviewed, if the violation(s) would lead to suspension under New Jersey's laws, that individual's privileges will also be suspended in New Jersey.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If an individual has a wildlife license or privilege suspension in any Compact

state, **it is the individual's responsibility to first contact the licensing authority in the state where they intend to hunt, fish, trap, harvest shellfish or otherwise take or possess wildlife to determine their eligibility before purchasing any license or engaging in those activities.**

Under New Jersey law, two convictions of any violation of the fish and game laws of this **or any other state** within five years will result in a two-year hunting and fishing license suspension.

[Marine Violators Only: Any person whose shellfish license or harvesting privileges have been revoked or suspended in another state shall not be eligible for **any** New Jersey shellfish license during the period of revocation or suspension in the other state. Individuals whose wildlife privileges have been suspended for failure to appear in court or to comply with the terms of a wildlife citation may not recreationally fish for finfish or lobster.]

For more information on the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, including which states are members, consult the Fish and Wildlife's website at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/violators_compact.htm



CPO Jordan Holmes/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Police Officers enforce wildlife laws throughout the year. Here, CPO Adam Merritt patrols Spruce Run Reservoir. Violations, whether for fishing or for hunting, can lead to a loss of hunting license privileges.

Two Strikes, You're Out!

By Keith Griglak, Senior Wildlife Biologist

Did you know that two fish and wildlife convictions within a five-year period could keep you out of the field—or off the water—for two years? Having two separate hunting or fishing convictions within a five-year period—regardless of how minor—will cause you to lose your hunting and freshwater fishing privileges for a two- to five-year period, depending on the violation. Two wildlife convictions in this or any other state may cause loss of all sporting privileges. Two separate fishing violations could make you miss the next five deer seasons.

Did you know that using an off-road vehicle or drinking on a WMA are offenses that count against your hunting and fishing privileges? Any wildlife management area violations fall under fish and wildlife offenses. Possession of alcohol, ATV use, illegal dumping and swimming are some of the biggest misuses of our public properties.

Did you know that stealing a tree stand or a trail camera can be considered a criminal offense? Stealing a tree stand or trail cam isn't just a Fish and Wildlife offense. One can also be charged under Title 2C, the New Jersey Criminal

Code. A criminal record follows you when applying for a job or a loan. Theft is theft. It is illegal and a crime.

Did you know that New Jersey is part of the Interstate Wildlife Violators' Compact? Forty-seven other states are members. (See Interstate Wildlife Violators' Compact callout, above.) Under this Compact, information about suspended license privileges in New Jersey will be shared with all the other participating states. Each Compact member states will determine if the individual would be suspended according to the laws in their own state. This means that losing your license privileges in New Jersey could lead to losing your license privileges across the country!

The vast majority of New Jersey's hunters, trappers and anglers are ethical, law abiding citizens who have a low tolerance for those not willing to follow the laws. Responsible hunters, trappers and anglers want wildlife violators removed from the population of ethical sporting enthusiasts. If you see a violation occurring, keep your distance, take photos and write down as many details as possible, then call (877) WARN-DEP.



Wildlife management area regulations are for the protection of wildlife habitat. Abuse of these public lands is a violation of Title 23, New Jersey's Fish and Game law. It was a second offense for this off-roading violator whose stuck Jeep had to be removed with heavy equipment. His hunting and fishing privileges were suspended for five years.

Updates on Chronic Wasting Disease

By Carole Stanko, Chief, Bureau of Wildlife Management

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Chronic Wasting Disease has been a media hot topic in 2019. Misleading articles warn of a “zombie deer disease” that could spread to humans. False claims assert that CWD is caused by bacteria, yet a cure is right around the corner. Another report wrongly states that CWD does not affect the deer population. To separate sensationalism from fact, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife presents straight answers on a serious disease that affects all deer hunters.

Truths About Chronic Wasting Disease

- The disease is not caused by a virus or bacteria. CWD is one of a family of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. These diseases are the result of a naturally occurring protein, called a prion, that becomes misfolded and thus resists being broken down by the body the way normal proteins are.

When these misfolded proteins are introduced into a healthy cervid (any member of the deer family including elk, reindeer, moose), they multiply by causing the animal’s normal and healthy prion proteins to misfold and begin damaging the animal’s nervous system. This process may take as long as two years before the animal begins to show outward signs of the disease.

- Most likely, you will never see an animal exhibiting symptoms of CWD. Animals in the late

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stages of CWD are often emaciated, show erratic behavior and exhibit neurological irregularities. However, due to the long, slow disease progression, infected animals are almost always killed by predators, vehicles or other diseases—well before CWD symptoms are obvious. If you observe a sick deer, please report the date, time and specific location to (908) 637-4125, ext. 120

♦ **CWD has not been shown to be infective to humans.** Current research indicates that a robust species barrier keeps CWD from being readily transmitted to humans. In fact, there are several other species that don't seem to contract CWD either, like cattle and pronghorn antelope.

However, research has shown that infective CWD prions can be forced, in a laboratory, to morph into a form that may be infective to humans. Further research demonstrates that other primates (macaques) can contract the disease by consuming meat from CWD-infected deer. Therefore, it is recommended that humans do not consume meat from infected animals.

What Can Be Done About CWD?

The best way to manage CWD is to prevent its introduction into New Jersey. To date, CWD has persisted, spread and increased in prevalence in nearly every area where it has been discovered. Since there is no vaccine for a prion disease like CWD, the

options for managing CWD are extremely limited.

The most effective strategies, by far, are those that eliminate ways that CWD can travel to new areas by infected animals or infected animal parts. Ideally, there should be no movement of animals from infected areas to uninfected areas. In places where CWD is present, cervid populations should be managed to reduce their potential to congregate and to prevent an increase to unnaturally high numbers.

How Can Hunters Help?

1. **Use only synthetic lures.** Refrain from using natural urine lures—use synthetics instead.
2. **Bone out meat.** If hunting out of New Jersey, bring back only boned-out meat, cleaned skull caps (50 percent bleach solution) and cleaned hides. DO NOT bring a deer carcass back to New Jersey for butchering.
3. **Test and freeze deer harvested from a CWD-endemic state.** Test your deer for CWD, then freeze until test results confirm the deer is CWD-free. CWD-endemic states usually offer deer testing, so contact the state fish and wildlife agency where you are hunting. For deer that test CWD-positive, contact New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Dr. Jan Lovy at (908) 637-4173 ext. 120 for disposal of the frozen, infected venison.

See page 74 for additional information on chronic wasting disease.



A CWD-positive deer in Wisconsin.



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