

What Do I Need to Deer Hunt in NJ?

A hunting license is required for all seasons. Permit Bow, Shotgun and Muzzleloader seasons also require an antlerless zone-specific permit and antlered buck permit. See page 39.

Season	Hunting License	Zone-Specific Antlerless Permit	Antlered Buck Permit	Rifle Permit	Notes
Fall Bow	2021 Bow & Arrow, All-Around, Apprentice Archery, or Youth Archery	—	—	No	
Permit Bow	2021 Bow & Arrow, All-Around, Apprentice Archery, or Youth Archery	Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)	Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See Notes .	No	For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit
Youth Days	See Youth Day regulations on page 8				
Permit Muzzleloader	Valid 2021 or 2022 Firearm, All-Around or Youth Firearm	Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)	Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See Notes .	Yes	For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit. Rifle Permit required.
Six-Day Firearm	Valid 2021 Firearm, All-Around, Apprentice Firearm, or Youth Firearm	—	—	Yes, if using muzzleloader	Hunters with a valid Bow License AND a Firearm or All-Around License may use a bow during Six-day firearm.
Permit Shotgun	Valid 2021 or 2022 Firearm, All-Around, Apprentice Firearm, or Youth Firearm	Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)	Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See Notes .	No	For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit
Winter Bow	2022 Bow & Arrow, All-Around, Apprentice Archery, or Youth Archery	—	—	No	

NOTE: All hunting licenses are valid for the calendar year; deer permits are valid for the 2021–22 deer seasons. FARMERS are not required to purchase a hunting license for the farm on which they reside but must still report all harvested deer. See page 70 for more information.



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Deer Hunting Definitions and Concepts

Term	Definition	Example/Explanation
Antlered Deer	Any deer with at least one antler 3 inches or greater	Adult buck or spike 3 inches or greater
Antler Point	Any point at least one inch in length	Measured from tip of point to its base line
Antlerless Deer	Any female deer or any male deer with antlers measuring less than 3 inches	Doe, button buck, shed buck or spike measuring less than 3 inches
Antlered Buck Permit	An optional permit purchased in conjunction with an Antlerless Permit in order to harvest one Antlered Buck. Permit is specific to weapon type license and season (Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun).	Valid in any zone in which an Antlerless Permit has been purchased for a permit season.
Antlerless Deer Permit	A permit purchased for a specific zone in order to harvest Antlerless Deer. Permit is specific to weapon type license and season.	Required for the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons.
Antler Point Restriction Zone	A Deer Management Zone where only antlered deer with at least one antler having a minimum of 3 points on one side may be harvested.	Applies to Zones: 3, 9, 13, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 47, 63 and 67
Baiting	Placing agricultural products, salt or other edible lure in the woods, field or wetlands to attract a game animal to approach closer to a hunter. Baiting for deer is legal except where prohibited by the landowner.	Corn, mineral supplements or apple scented grain blends are examples of bait.
Cervid	Any member of the deer family (Cervidae)	Including white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, reindeer, caribou, moose, fallow deer, muntjac, wapiti, red deer, roe deer, etc.
NEW Deer Regulation Set (DRS) Multi-Zone Permit	Available for Regulation Sets 7 and 8 ONLY. A \$56 season-specific antlerless permit valid for ALL zones within Regulation Set 7 or 8 for the season specified	For the price of 2 regular zone permits, a DRS Multi-Zone Permit enables you to hunt antlerless deer in six zones in Set 7 or nine zones in Set 8 for a specific season. A hunter may still purchase an antlerless permit for a specific zone for \$28 if they choose. NOTE: a season antlered buck permit is still required to hunt antlered deer.
Legal Deer Hunting Hours	Half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset	See <i>Sunrise and Sunset</i> table, page 75
Lures, Deer-Derived	Products derived from deer urine, deer gland secretions or tissues, or other bodily fluid or biological material from deer.	No person shall possess or use natural deer lures.
Regulation Set	A group of deer management zones with the same season dates and bag limits. Reg Sets are numbered 0 through 8 (most restrictive to most liberal).	Example: Reg Set 0 includes DMZs 21, 23, 24, 34, 43, 45, and 46.
Special Area Zone	Military bases, Federal installations, specific public and/or privately owned land requiring special access or not open to the general public.	Includes Zones: 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 61, 64, 66, 67, and 68. See page 43 and 45 for more information.
Spotlighting	Spotlighting deer during 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.
Sunday Hunting	Archery Hunting for Deer ONLY. Archery hunting for deer is allowed only on WMAs and private property.	Sunday deer hunting is not allowed on state parks and forests.
Youth Hunter	A hunter between the ages of 10 and 16.	Free license is valid until December 31 of the year the hunter turns 16

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Weapon	Season(s)	Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Draw Weight	Projectile(s)	Firearm Sights; Bow releases	Weapon Transportation
Bow	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". Only bows capable of firing a single projectile may be used.	Handheld release devices are permitted. Prohibited: Any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer; multi-barrel bows.	All Bows MUST be uncocked or uncocked.
	Six-day Firearm	Bowhunters must possess both a Firearm and a Bow and Arrow license OR an All-Around license to use a bow during the Six-day Firearm Season.				
Muzzleloader	Permit Muzzleloader	Muzzleloader: rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal. Double-barrel firearms prohibited.	Rifle: not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore: not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Must be loaded with a single projectile only	Telescopic sights permitted. Only black powder or black powder equivalents may be used.	Muzzleloader MUST be cased and unloaded while being transported in or on vehicles, including ATVs and UTVs. Unloaded means percussion cap has been removed or powder is emptied from the pan and frizzen is covered.
	Six-day Firearm	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			
	Permit Shotgun	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	Buckshot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile		
Shotgun	Six-day Firearm	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabotted slug. Prohibited: Pumpkin Balls Buckshot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Telescopic sights permitted. Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with, or in possession of, slugs.	Shotgun MUST be cased and unloaded while being transported in or on vehicles, including ATVs and UTVs
	Permit Shotgun	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug. Prohibited: Pumpkin Balls Buckshot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Prohibited: any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer.	

Antlered Buck Permit Deadlines!

All deer permits may be purchased beginning **Sept. 13, 2021** through the last day of the season for that zone. **RECOMMENDATION:** Purchase your Antlered Buck Permit and zone-specific permit(s) for each season in the same transaction. Hunters who initially purchase only an antlerless, zone-specific permit before the season opens should remember the following deadlines:

- Antlered Buck Permits for Permit Bow Season must be purchased by **Oct. 30** at 11:59 p.m.

- Antlered Buck Permits for Permit Muzzleloader Season must be, purchased by **Nov. 29** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Shotgun Season must be purchased by **Dec. 15** at 11:59 p.m.

For hunters who do not purchase any antlerless, zone-specific deer permit until *after* the season opens, an Antlered Buck Permit may be purchased only *with* the initial antlerless zone-specific permit. There will be no other chance to purchase an Antlered Buck Permit.

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Six-day Firearm Deer Season

Dec. 6–11, 2021
Dec. 5–10, 2022

(Season always opens the second Monday after Thanksgiving.)

Feral Hogs

Report sightings, rooting evidence or other damage caused by feral hogs!

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Deer Management Zone Boundaries

Deer management zone (DMZ) boundary descriptions are available by visiting our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/deerzones.pdf. Review the map on page 38 for general DMZ borders.

For quicker results, use the **Hunting & Trapping Explorer** at NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt with simple instructions 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.



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Name _____ CID# _____
 Hunting Season _____ Date Deer Killed _____
 County _____ Deer Mgt Zone _____
 Township _____ Deer Mgt Unit* _____

Circle sporting arms used: S/G, M/L, vertical bow, crossbow.

* Find this number through DFW's website link shown above *prior* to hunting.

Check only one white box:

Antlerless		Antlered		Antler Points	
Female		Male > 3 in		Left	
Male <3 in		Shed		Right	
Button Buck		Broken			

Confirmation Number: _____

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Deer Hunting Regulations

- ♦ **Legal Hunting Hours:** one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
- ♦ **Harvest Report Requirement:** To be legal, all deer harvested **must** be reported using Fish and Wildlife's Automated Harvest Report System at (855) 448-6865 or NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm. Hunters will be assigned a Confirmation Number which must be kept with the deer and its parts.

Deer Management Zone Boundaries

- ♦ Deer management zone (zone) boundary descriptions are 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 38 for general zone borders and corresponding Regulation Set.
- ♦ For quicker results, use the **Hunting & Trapping Explorer** at NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt with simple instructions above the Explorer's map 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 report your deer harvest.



Licenses and Permits

- ♦ See *License, Permits and Stamps*, page 8, for details and Hunter Education requirements.
- ♦ Additional hunting licenses may **NOT** be purchased in order to harvest additional deer.
- ♦ Although hunters may purchase deer permits for multiple zones, they may purchase **only one** zone-specific **ANTLERLESS** permit **per zone** for each permit season (bow, shotgun, muzzleloader).
- ♦ Antlered Buck Permits may be used **ONLY** in a zone for which you possess an antlerless, zone-specific permit or DRS Multi-Zone Permit for the specified season. You may only buy one antlered buck permit per season.

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. **NOTE:** if two antlered deer are taken during the Six-day Firearm Season, the Permit Shotgun buck stub is no longer valid.
- ♦ Bag limits for the Fall Bow and Winter Bow (both non-permit) seasons are as prescribed for each zone (see *Archery Deer Hunting Seasons* table, page 36) 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 an identical or more restrictive (lesser

bag limit) regulation set. However, the hunter may subsequently hunt in a zone with a more liberal (greater) antlerless bag limit as described in the regulations.

Mandatory Harvest Report and Tag Requirements

All hunters must immediately tag their deer upon harvest. Deer must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time. (See *Archery and Firearm Deer Seasons* tables, pages 36–37.) Reporting of harvest is required on the day killed using the Automated Harvest Report System (AHRS). Farmers see below for information on reporting. Harvests must be reported by 8 p.m. during the Fall Bow Season, or by 7 p.m. during all other deer seasons. If unable to access the AHRS by the designated time, report deer by phone to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office. (See pages 18, 80.)

Before you go hunting:

1. Verify that you have the correct year's license and correct, valid zone or antlered permit, if required by season.
2. To determine hunting location data needed to report deer, use the **Hunting & Trapper Explorer** at NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt to

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find the deer management zone (zone), county, township and deer management unit (unit) where you hunt. Write down all this information for use in the field to tag and report a deer.

In the field, immediately after you harvest a deer:

- Hunters are required to tag all deer immediately upon harvest. The tag must include your CID, both the date and zone of harvest, antler points and if reported in the field, the Confirmation Number. Make your own tag or use the Deer Harvest Report Card/Tag at NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/deer_harvest_report_card.pdf and on page 31.
- After tagging the deer, fill out the Harvest Report Card that is part of your license or permit, with the exception of the Confirmation Number (which will be assigned upon reporting the deer). Leave the Harvest Report Card attached to the license. The Harvest Report Card attached to your license or permit is not to be used as a tag.

Youth and farmer hunters without a license preprinted Harvest Report Card can create a self-made harvest report card containing the information listed in #1, above, or use the Harvest Report Card/Tag on page 31 to record your harvest information and Confirmation Number for each deer.

Reporting your harvest:

- Report your harvest** via phone or online on the Automated Harvest Reporting System (phone number/website printed on every hunting license and permit), (855) 448-6865 or NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm by 8 p.m. during the Fall Bow Season or by 7 p.m. for all other seasons. You must have either the last four digits of your SSN or your Driver License number to access the system.

If unable to access the Automated Harvest Reporting System by the designated time, report the deer immediately by telephone to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office. (See page 80 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.

- Record your assigned Confirmation Number** on your Harvest Report Card. Keep this report in your license holder — **do not attach to the deer**. Retain your Confirmation Number for as long as the deer or its parts are in your 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 Card for all other antlerless deer taken in this season. Since the license or permit report only has space for two Confirmation Numbers, use the printable Harvest Report Card/Tag at NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/deer_harvest_report_card.pdf (see page 31) or make your own card on which to record and retain your harvest report 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 2021 permits are valid for the entire length of the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader, and Permit Shotgun seasons, including January and February 2022, if the zone specified on the original permit is open for hunting during these dates.

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

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.

Farmer Requirements: Farmers hunting on the property on which they reside do not need a hunting license, but **ALL** farmers must have a CID. (See page 70.)

When reporting a deer harvest on your farm property, farmers do not need a Harvest Report Number during the **non-permit** deer seasons and should make a homemade tag or use the Deer Harvest Report Tag/Card on page 31.



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Firearms, Ammunition

- ♦ See page 30 for *Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting*.
- ♦ While deer hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for deer hunting.
- ♦ The use of centerfire and rimfire firearms for deer hunting is prohibited.
- ♦ When hunting during the overlapping firearms seasons for deer, and when in possession of the proper permits for the current seasons, hunters may carry the firearms legal for the current seasons. For example, when Six-day Firearm and Permit Muzzleloader seasons overlap, a hunter may be in possession of a shotgun and either a muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader. Only one muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader may be in possession while deer hunting, but not both simultaneously.

Blinds and Tree Stands

- ♦ All firearm and archery deer hunters utilizing a ground blind when an archery and firearm deer season are open at the same time, 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 overlapping seasons, bowhunters in tree stands also should consider wearing hunter orange. In addition, **firearm hunters must always use hunter**

orange on a ground blind, except while turkey and waterfowl hunting.

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ To view the New Jersey State Park Service updated policy on stands and blinds, visit: NJParksandForests.org/stand-blind_policy.htm.

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 hunter orange hat or outer garment consisting of at least 200 square inches of fluorescent hunter 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.

Incidental Coyote/Fox Opportunity

- ♦ Properly licensed deer hunters may legally harvest coyotes or fox incidental to legal deer hunting during the **Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader** and **Permit Shotgun** seasons only if the coyote

or fox is encountered *before* the hunter has taken the season bag limit of deer. Incidental hunting of coyote or fox while deer hunting may resume the following day, provided that the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached.

- ♦ **Only applicable projectiles used for deer hunting** may be used to take coyote and fox while deer hunting in the seasons listed.
- ♦ Coyote **MUST** be reported using the AHR system; gray fox should also be reported. To report harvest, call 1 (855) 448-6865 or visit NJ.WildlifeLicense.com with mobile device or computer.

Deer Harvest Trends in New Jersey

New Jersey deer hunters harvested 54,980 deer during the 2020–2021 seasons.

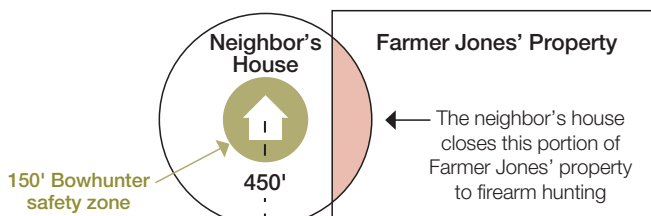
The harvest for this year's deer season is 20.4 percent higher than the 45,650 deer taken in 2019–20. The antlerless portion of the 2020–2021 harvest was 33,305 deer, up 24.3% from 2019–20. The antlered portion of the 2020–2021 harvest was 21,675 deer, up 15% from 2019–20.

SAFETY ZONE Awareness: Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

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

What is a SAFETY ZONE?

- ♦ The firearm SAFETY ZONE is the area within 450 feet of a building or school playground, even if not occupied. For bowhunters, the SAFETY ZONE around buildings is 150 feet **but remains 450 feet from a school playground**. See *Safety Zone*, page 26.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE is the place where you, the hunter, cannot carry a loaded firearm or nocked arrow unless you have written permission in hand.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE was established by legislation in 1946 as an area to place some physical distance, a buffer, between hunters and homeowners.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE could be land where there is suitable wildlife habitat for adaptable species, like the white-tailed deer, cottontail rabbit and Canada goose.
- ♦ The SAFETY ZONE is not a magic shield and cannot stop a misdirected projectile from entering the area around a home.



What can you do to heighten your SAFETY ZONE awareness?

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



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

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

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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 two 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 33,275 pounds of venison (133,100 servings from 1,054 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. **Due to recommendations from our friends at the NJ Farm Bureau working with the NJ Dept. of Agriculture, HHH was awarded a grant that allows us to waive the hunter's portion of the processing fees for hunter-donated deer weighing 50 lbs or more (dressed hanging weight) for the entire 2021–22 season. The hunter's fee for deer weighing under 50 lbs (dressed hanging weight) remains 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.



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- Newton High School, Newton
(973) 383-7573 x243 (Call first for instructions.)

Hunterdon County

- Game Butchers
The Person Family, Lebanon (908) 735-4646
- Hunterdon Deer Butcher (908) 797-2315
51 Old Franklin School Rd., Pittstown
- Bishop's Market
Whitehouse Station (908) 534-9666
- V. Roche & Son, LLC Meat Processing
9 High St., Whitehouse Station (908) 534-2006

Mercer County

- Farmer's Butcher Shop
91 Titus Mill Rd., Pennington (609) 737-0514

Salem County

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

Camden County

- Bringham Fine Meats/Catering
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. 6–11, 2021, 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.

Changes to Deer Regulations

DRS Multi-zone Permits enable you to hunt all zones either in Regulation Set 7 or 8 for one low price per regulation set. See page 40.

♦ The use, possession and sale of **deer-derived lures is banned**. Hunters may still use synthetic or non-deer derived natural lures.

♦ The importation into New Jersey of hunter-harvested **whole deer carcasses and non-taxidermied heads** is banned. See page 46.

♦ All DMZs designated as **Edwin B. Forsythe** are now incorporated into the surrounding deer management zones. See page 45.

♦ An early Fall Bow Season is added to the Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base MDL (DMZ 37). See page 43.

♦ An extended Winter Bow Season is added to the Lakehurst section of Joint Base MDL (DMZ 53). See page 44.

Archery Deer Seasons 2021–22

Sunday deer hunting ONLY legal for Archery deer seasons and only on WMAs and private property.

Hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset. **NOTE:** only ONE antlered buck per season per hunter is allowed.

Season	Regulation Set	Zones	Dates	Bag Limits	Additional Information
Fall Bow	7, 8	7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 17, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51	Sept. 11–Oct. 1, 2021: Must take ONE Antlerless Deer FIRST before pursuing an Antlered Buck (Does not apply to Youth License Holders)	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	Deer MUST be tagged immediately. All harvests must be reported by 8 p.m. on day of harvest. Deer must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	6	5, 19, 25, 42, 48		9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*		5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	4	6	Oct. 2–29, 2021: First deer can be of either sex	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3	30*, 55, 63*, 65	Oct. 2–29, 2021	2 antlerless OR 1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	2	1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26		2 deer (only 1 may be antlerless)	
	0	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46		1 deer only (may be either sex)	
Youth Day Archery	ALL	ALL Zones Listed in Fall Bow above	Sept. 25, 2021	1 deer only (may be either sex)	Must be accompanied by licensed, non-hunting adult. (See page 20 for details.)
Permit Bow	8	10, 11, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51	Oct. 30–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2021	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	To harvest an antlered deer , a Buck Permit - Bow is also required . Buck Permit is valid in any zone for which hunter has a zone-specific Archery Permit or DRS Multi-Zone Permit. Only 1 buck is permitted. Deer MUST be tagged immediately. All harvests must be reported by 7 p.m. on day of harvest. Deer must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	7	7, 8, 9*, 12, 17, 41		Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	6	5, 19, 25, 42, 48		9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	Oct. 30–Nov. 28, 2021	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	4	6		Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3	30*, 55, 63*, 65		2 antlerless OR 1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	2	1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26	Oct. 30–Nov. 20, 2021	2 deer (only 1 may be antlerless)	
0	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46	1 deer only (can be either sex)			
Winter Bow	7, 8	7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 17, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51	Jan. 1–Feb. 19, 2022	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	Deer MUST be tagged immediately. All harvests must be reported by 7 p.m. on day of harvest. Deer must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	6	5, 19, 25, 42, 48	Jan. 1–31, 2022	9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	Jan. 1–31, 2022	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	4	6		Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3	30*, 55, 63*, 65		2 antlerless OR 1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	2	1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26	2 deer (only 1 may be antlerless)		
	0	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46	1 deer only (can be either sex)		

* Any antlered deer taken in zones marked with an asterisk must have at least 3 antler points on one side of rack.

Special Area Zones 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 61, 64, 66, 67, and 68: see page 43 for details.

Regulations in **red** are new this year.

Firearm Deer Seasons 2021–22

No Sunday Hunting for deer during any firearm season.

Hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset. Coyote and fox may be harvested incidentally while hunting for deer during Firearm Seasons except for Youth Day.

Season	Regulation Set	Zones	Dates	Bag Limits	Additional Information
Youth Day Firearm	ALL	ALL Zones Listed Below	Nov. 20, 2021 (See page 20 for details.)	1 deer only (can be either sex)	Must be accompanied by licensed/permitted, non-hunting adult. (See page 20 for details.)
Permit Muzzleloader	8	10, 11, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51	Antlerless Only: Nov. 22–24, 26 and Dec. 6–11, 2021 Either Sex: Nov. 29–30; Dec. 13, 14, 18–24, 27–31, 2021; Jan. 1–Feb. 12, 2022	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	To harvest an antlered deer , a Buck Permit - Muzzleloader is also required . Buck Permit is valid in any zone for which hunter has a zone-specific Muzzleloader Permit. Only 1 buck is permitted. Deer MUST be tagged immediately and reported by 7 p.m. on day harvested. Any coyote harvested must be reported by 8 p.m. Reporting of gray fox harvests requested. Deer harvest must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	7	7, 8, 9*, 12, 17, 41	Antlerless Only: Dec. 6–11, 2021 Either Sex: Nov. 29–30; Dec. 13, 14, 18–24, 27–31, 2021; Jan. 1–Feb. 12, 2022		
	6	5, 19, 25, 42, 48	Nov. 29–30; Dec. 13, 14, 18–24, 27–31, 2021; Jan. 1–31, 2022	9 antlerless deer and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	Nov. 29–30; Dec. 13, 14, 18–24, 27–31, 2021; Jan. 1–7, 2022	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3	4		6, 30*, 55, 63*, 65	
	2	1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26	Nov. 29–30; Dec. 13, 14, 18–24, 27–31, 2021	2 deer (only 1 may be antlerless)	
	0	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46	Nov. 29–30; Dec. 18–24, 27–31, 2021	1 deer only (can be either sex)	
Permit Shotgun	8	10, 11, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51	Antlerless Only: Nov. 22–24, 26 and Dec. 6–11, 2021 Either Sex: Dec. 15–17, 2021; Jan. 1–Feb. 12, 2022	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	To harvest an antlered deer , a Buck Permit - Shotgun is also required . Buck Permit is valid in any zone for which hunter has a zone-specific Shotgun Permit. Only 1 buck is permitted , see exception below. Note: Shotgun Buck Permit becomes VOID if 2 antlered deer were harvested during Six-day Firearm Season. Deer MUST be tagged immediately and reported by 7 p.m. on day harvested. Any coyote harvested must be reported by 8 p.m. Reporting of gray fox harvests requested. Deer harvest must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	7	7, 8, 9*, 12, 17, 41	Antlerless Only: Dec. 6–11, 2021 Either Sex: Dec. 15–17; Jan. 1–Feb. 12, 2022		
	6	5, 19, 25, 42, 48	Dec. 15–17, 2021; Jan. 1–31, 2022	9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	Dec. 15–17, 2021; Jan. 8–15, 2022	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3	4		6, 30*, 55, 63*, 65	
	0	2	1, 3*, 4, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 34*, 43, 45, 46	Dec. 15–17, 2021	
Six-day Firearm	ALL	ALL zones listed above	Dec. 6–11, 2021	2 antlered deer Only 1 buck at a time may be taken. Once harvest of first antlered deer is reported, the hunter may pursue a second antlered deer.	NOTE: If 2 bucks are harvested, the buck bag limit for the Permit Shotgun Season becomes ZERO. Deer MUST be tagged immediately and reported by 7 p.m. on day harvested. Any coyote harvested must be reported by 8 p.m. Reporting of gray fox harvests requested.

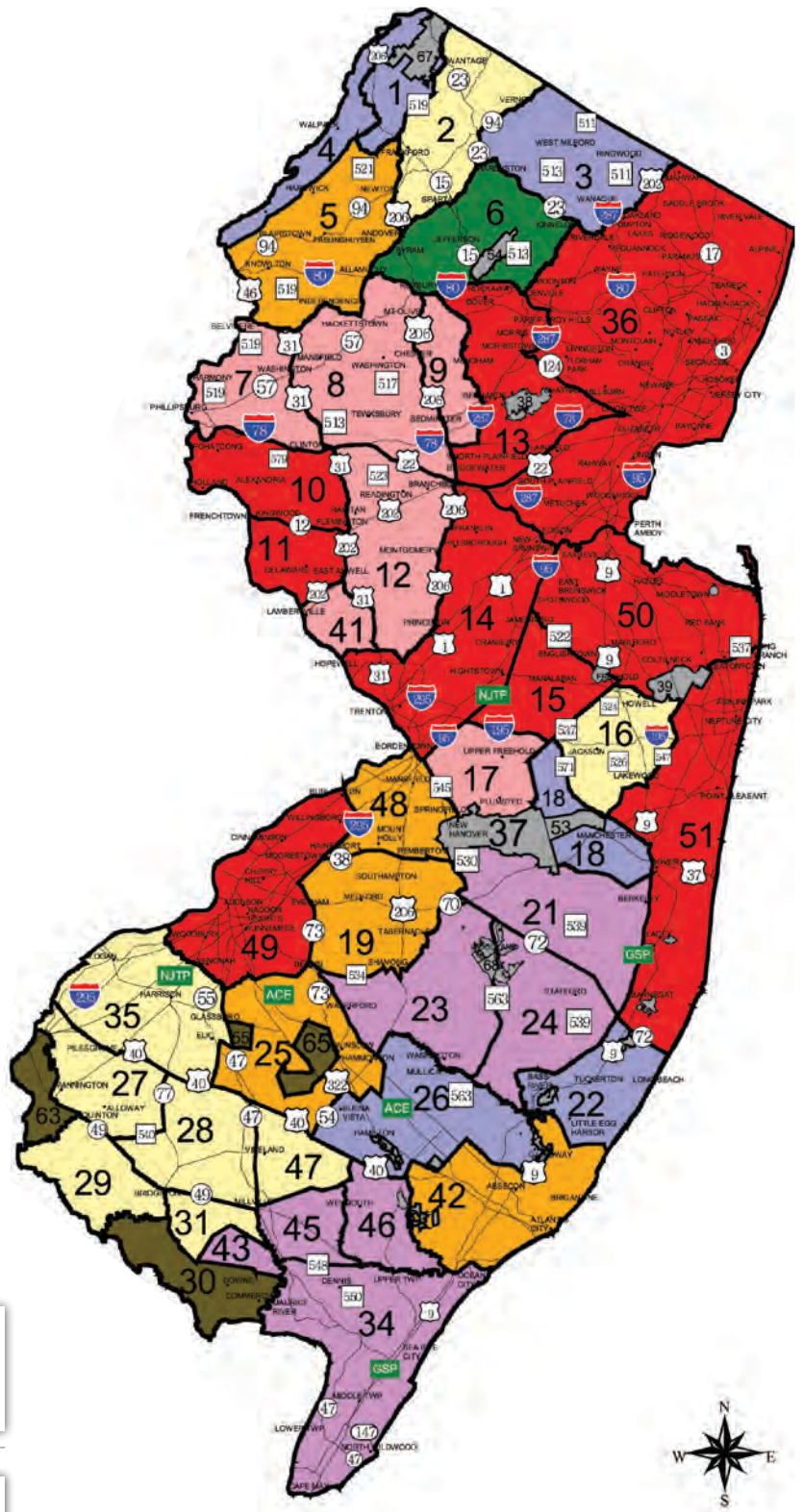
* Any antlered deer taken in zones marked with an asterisk must have at least 3 antler points on one side of rack.

Special Area Zones 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 61, 64, 66, 67, and 68: see pages 43–45 for details.

2021–22 NJ Deer Season Regulation Sets Reference Chart

Zone	For seasons and bag limits, see information beginning on page 36.	Zone	For seasons and bag limits, see information beginning on page 36.
1	Regulation Set # 2	36	Regulation Set # 8
2	Regulation Set # 5	37	Special Area Hunting Season
3	Regulation Set # 2	38	Special Area Hunting Season
4	Regulation Set # 2	39	Special Area Hunting Season
5	Regulation Set # 6	40	Zone is not designated
6	Regulation Set # 4	41	Regulation Set # 7
7	Regulation Set # 7	42	Regulation Set # 6
8	Regulation Set # 7	43	Regulation Set # 0
9	Regulation Set # 7	44	Zone is not designated
10	Regulation Set # 8	45	Regulation Set # 0
11	Regulation Set # 8	46	Regulation Set # 0
12	Regulation Set # 7	47	Regulation Set # 5
13	Regulation Set # 8	48	Regulation Set # 6
14	Regulation Set # 8	49	Regulation Set # 8
15	Regulation Set # 8	50	Regulation Set # 8
16	Regulation Set # 5	51	Regulation Set # 8
17	Regulation Set # 7	52	Zone is not designated
18	Regulation Set # 2	53	Special Area Hunting Season
19	Regulation Set # 6	54	Special Area Hunting Season
20	Zone is not designated	55	Regulation Set # 3
21	Regulation Set # 0	56*	Zone is not designated
22	Regulation Set # 2	57*	Zone is not designated
23	Regulation Set # 0	58*	Zone is not designated
24	Regulation Set # 0	59	Zone is not designated
25	Regulation Set # 6	60	Zone is not designated
26	Regulation Set # 2	61	Special Area Hunting Season
27	Regulation Set # 5	62	Zone is not designated
28	Regulation Set # 5	63	Regulation Set # 3
29	Regulation Set # 5	64	Special Area Hunting Season
30	Regulation Set # 3	65	Regulation Set # 3
31	Regulation Set # 5	66	Special Area Hunting Season
32	Zone is not designated	67	Special Area Hunting Season
33	Zone is not designated	68	Special Area Hunting Season
34	Regulation Set # 0	70*	Zone is not designated
35	Regulation Set # 5		

* Formerly designated as a Special Area under the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR. See, page 45 for details.



Scan this QR code with your mobile device for the detailed deer management zone boundary descriptions or go to our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/deerzones.pdf



NOTE: Map is for reference only. Use a county map while following zone boundary descriptions referenced by the QR code or see Hunting & Trapping Explorer at NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt.



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Deer Permit Information

Farmer deer permit information is detailed in the *Farmer Regulations* on page 70. Farmers purchasing non-farmer permits should also read this deer season permit section, below.

Purchasing requirements and procedure see page 13.

- ♦ A permit is required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader, and Permit Shotgun deer seasons.
- ♦ The zone-specific deer permit is valid only for antlerless deer in the season specified. Hunters are limited to purchasing one antlerless permit per zone per permit season.
- ♦ **New for 2021–22 — Deer Regulation Set (DRS) Multi-Zone Antlerless Permit.** This season-specific, regulation set-specific, antlerless permit is available for Regulation Sets 7 or 8 only and allows the hunter to hunt antlerless deer within any of zones in the Regulation Set and season specified. See DRS Multi-Zone Permits page 40.
- ♦ Only one Antlered Buck Permit per permit season may be purchased (i.e., one Antlered Buck Bow Permit, one Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit, and one Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit). Buck permits are valid in any zone for which the hunter has a valid antlerless zone-specific permit or **DRS Multi-Zone Permit**. Buck permits **must** be purchased by specific dates; see callout on page 30f or **important** buck permit rules.
- ♦ Regardless of the number of zone-specific antlerless permits in possession, hunters are limited to taking **ONLY** one buck during each of the permit seasons **ONLY** after first purchasing a Buck Permit for that season.
- ♦ Deer permits are valid for the duration of the specified zone's permit season, **including when that season extends into the 2022 calendar year**, and are non-transferable and non-refundable.
- ♦ Muzzleloader season permits are not valid unless accompanied by a valid Rifle Permit while hunting.
- ♦ It is illegal to use a permit for a zone, season or hunter other than those named on the permit.


Deer permit violations are subject to a fine of \$100–\$1,000 for each offense.

- ♦ The cost per permit [Antlerless (zone-specific) Deer Permit or Antlered Buck Permit] is \$28 for adults and \$12 for youths; the cost for a DRS Multi-Zone Permit is \$56 for adults and \$24 for Youths.
- ♦ Permits are available online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com or at license agents listed on page 16. Special Areas deer permit information is as listed under each Special Area; see pages 43–45. Special Areas include federal military installations, certain state and county parks, and national wildlife refuges. Special Area zones include: 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 61, 64, 66, 67, and 68.

Buying A Permit at A License Agent

- ♦ Hours of operation and types of payment accepted vary according to license agent. Be prepared.
- ♦ To purchase a permit a hunter must present their valid, current year's hunting license.
- ♦ A person may purchase a permit for an absent hunter only when the following conditions are met:
 - 1) The absent hunter has already completed a Child Support Certification (see page 13) online or at a license agent and
 - 2) The buyer shows the absent hunter's valid hunting license and identifying information (date of birth and Conservation ID Number or Social Security Number). License photocopies not accepted.
- ♦ The hunter is responsible to know in what zone and season he or she wants to hunt.
- ♦ Hunters are urged to review their permit before leaving the license agent.
- ♦ Once a permit fee is paid and the buyer leaves the store, there will be no returns, exchanges, or refunds. No exceptions.
- ♦ **Permits purchased online** will print as PDF documents. Hunters may use those afield or may purchase duplicates printed on durable material. If purchased, the duplicate durable license copy will arrive in 7–10 business days. Additional fees apply.

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

Limitations _____

Hunter may hunt within 450 feet (150 feet for bow) of buildings: Yes No

Landowner's Name _____

Address _____

Landowner Copy

Permission given to _____

Address _____

Vehicle Make _____ Yr. _____ Color _____

Vehicle Lic. No. _____ No. in Party _____

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

Limitations _____

Other licenses, tag no. _____

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

Limitations _____

Hunter may hunt within 450 feet (150 feet for bow) of buildings: Yes No

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NEW for 2021: Deer Regulation Set (DRS) Multi-zone Permit for Deer Reg Sets 7 and 8

Regulation Set 7 Deer Management Zones:
7, 8, 9, 12, 17, 41

Regulation Set 8 Deer Management Zones:
10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51

A \$56 DRS (Deer Regulation Set) Multi-zone Permit enables you to hunt antlerless deer in any zone within that Regulation Set for the specified permit season. (For youths, this permit is \$24.) A separate permit is available for Regulation Set 7 and for Regulation Set 8 only. DRS (Deer Regulation Set) Multi-zone Permits are available for the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons.

For example, if you normally hunt Zone 9 (Reg Set 7) during the Permit Bow season, with a DRS Multi-zone Bow Permit, you may now hunt antlerless deer during the permit bow season in any or all of the zones within Regulation Set 7: Zones 7, 8, 9, 12, 17 and 41.

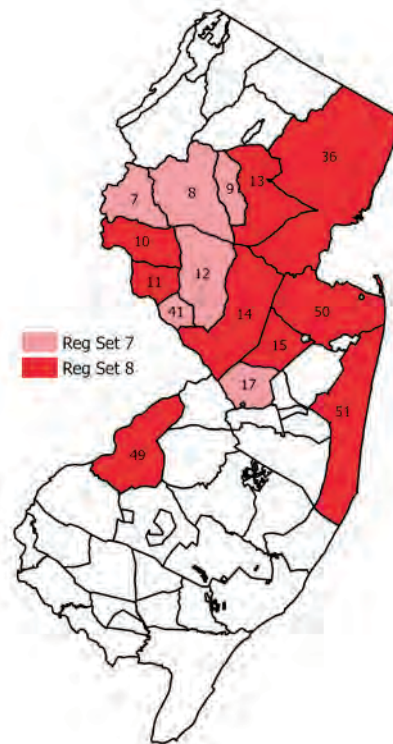
Antlerless bag limits are unlimited in zones within Regulation Sets 7 and 8.

The multi-zone permit enables hunters to try new hunting locations within one regulation set at a reduced cost.

Buck permits are still required to pursue or take an antlered deer. Buck permits remain unchanged and are valid for use with any zone-specific season antlerless permit or a Multi-zone Regulation Set Permit. Only one buck may be taken per season regardless of the number of zones hunted.

The purchase of a DRS Multi-zone Permit is optional — hunters may still choose to purchase a single zone permit for \$28.

See pg. 38 for Map App and Zone Boundary Descriptions link.



ALL Deer Permit Sales

Sales for **all** Deer Permits begin at 10 a.m. on **MONDAY, Sept. 13, 2021** and continue until each season ends. Some seasons run through Feb. 12, 2022. Permit sales include those for Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons plus Antlered Buck Permits. See deer regulation tables, pages 36–37. Buck permits **must** be purchased by specific deadlines; see callout on page 30 for **important** buck permit rules.

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.



Landowner-Hunter/Trapper Agreement Card

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

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

Signed (visitor) _____

Date ____/____/____



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



HUNT/TRAP SMART Courtesy Card

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

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

Signed (landowner, lessee, or operator) _____

Date ____/____/____



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



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Edible Portions Guide

Edible portions do not include meat from the head or neck; meat that has been damaged by the method of taking; bones, sinew, and meat reasonably lost as a result of butchering, boning, or close trimming of bones, or viscera. Edible portions do not include meat from diseased or scavenged carcasses. See *Wanton Waste of Game*, page 27.

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Public Hunting Land – Deer

New Jersey has more than 750,000 acres of state land available to the deer hunter. This list is arranged by deer management zone for public land open to deer hunting. Generally, only areas with 100 acres or more of upland habitat are listed. Updates since last year are noted below in **red**.

Use the Hunting & Trapping Explorer to help identify these sites:
NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt



- ♦ Maps on NJ Fish and Wildlife hunting land, Wildlife Management Areas: NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaland.htm
- ♦ Maps on NJ Parks and Forestry hunting land: NJParksandForests.org/parks/sps_hunting_maps.html

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 1

- Bear Swamp WMA
- Flatbrook—Roy WMA
- Hainesville WMA
- Stokes State Forest

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 2

- Kittatinny Valley State Park
- Paulinskill WMA
- Wallkill River NWR (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)
- Wawayanda State Park

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 3

- Abram Hewitt State Forest
- Hamburg Mountain WMA
- Long Pond Ironworks State Park
- Newark Watershed (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)
- Norvin Green State Forest
- Ramapo Mountain State Forest
- Ringwood State Park
- Wawayanda State Park

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 4

- Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
- Flatbrook—Roy WMA
- Stokes State Forest
- Walpack WMA
- Worthington State Forest

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 5

- Beaver Brook WMA
- Columbia WMA
- Honey Run WMA
- Jenny Jump State Forest
- Paulinskill WMA
- Swartswood State Park
- Trout Brook WMA
- White Lake WMA
- Whittingham WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 6

- Allamuchy Mountain State Park
- Berkshire Valley WMA
- Fanny State Park
- Newark Watershed (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)
- Rockaway River WMA
- Sparta Mountain WMA
- Weldon Brook WMA
- Wildcat Ridge WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 7

- Buckhorn Creek WMA
- Clinton WMA
- Musconetcong River WMA
- Spruce Run Recreation Area (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 8

- Allamuchy Mountain State Park
- Black River WMA
- Hacklebarney State Park
- Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA
- Musconetcong River WMA
- Pequest WMA
- Rockport WMA
- South Branch WMA
- Voorhees State Park

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 9

- Black River WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 10

- Musconetcong River WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 11

- D & R Canal State Park - My Ben and Trap Rock-Knipe Tracts (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)
- Kingwood Township - Horseshoe Bend Park (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)
- Lockatong WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 12

- Round Valley Recreation Area (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)
- South Branch WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 13

- No State Public Hunting Land

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 14

- Assunpink WMA
- Pigeon Swamp State Park
- D & R Canal State Park -Six Mile Run Reservoir (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 15

- Assunpink WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 16

- Butterfly Bogs WMA
- Turkey Swamp WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 17

- Colliers Mills WMA
- Pleasant Run WMA
- Prospertown Lake WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 18

- Colliers Mills WMA
- Manchester WMA
- Whiting WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 19

- Medford WMA
- Wharton State Forest

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 21

- Double Trouble State Park
- Forked River Mountain WMA
- Greenwood Forest WMA
- Lebanon State Forest

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 22

- Bass River State Forest
- **Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see page 45)**

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 23

- Wharton State Forest

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 24

- Bass River State Forest
- **Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see page 45)**
- Penn State Forest
- Stafford Forge WMA
- Swan Bay WMA
- Warren Grove Recreation Area
- Wharton State Forest

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 25

- Cedar Lake WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Penbryn Pond WMA
- Wharton State Forest
- White Oak Branch WMA
- Upper Great Egg Harbor Greenway

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 26

- **Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (see pg. 45)**
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Hammoncton Creek WMA
- Makepeace Lake WMA
- Port Republic WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 27

- Salem River WMA
- Thundergut Pond WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 28

- Buckshutem WMA
- Elmer Lake WMA
- Parvin State Park
- Union Lake WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 29

- Bayside PSE&G Tract (see page 44)
- Cohansy River WMA
- Gum Tree Corner WMA
- Mad Horse Creek WMA
- Maskells Mill Pond WMA
- Stowe Creek State Park

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 30

- Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15–Aug. 1)
- Dix WMA
- Egg Island WMA
- Fortescue WMA
- Nantuxent WMA
- New Sweden WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 31

- Millville WMA
- Buckshutem WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 34

- Beaver Swamp WMA
- Belleplaine State Forest
- Cape May Coastal Wetlands WMA
- Cape May National Wildlife Refuge (see page 44)
- Dennis Creek WMA
- Heislerville WMA
- Higbee Beach WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA
- Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 35

- D.O.D. Ponds
- Harrisonville Lake WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 36

- No State Public Land

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 37

- Dix-McGuire Section of Joint Base MDL (see Special Areas p. 43)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 38

- Great Swamp NWR (see Special Areas p. 45)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 39

- NWS Earle (see Special Areas p. 43)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 41

- Alexauken Creek WMA
- Washington Crossing State Park (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 42

- **Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see page 45)**
- Port Republic WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 43

- Millville (Bevan) WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 45

- Menantico Ponds WMA
- Peaslee WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 46

- Gibson Creek WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Maple Lake WMA (Lenape Farms Tract)
- Peaslee WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA (Lenape Farms Tract)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 47

- Peaslee WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 48

- Rancocas State Park (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 49

- No State Public Land

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 50

- Cheesecake State Park (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 51

- Allaire State Park
- **Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see page 45)**
- Manasquan River WMA
- Manahawkin WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 53

- Lakehurst Section of Joint Base MDL (see Special Areas page 44)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 54

- No Public Hunting Land

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 55

- Glassboro WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 61

- Atlantic County Park System (see Special Areas page 43)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 63

- Abbotts Meadow WMA (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)
- Supawna Meadows NWR (see page 44 - Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 64

- Monmouth Battlefield State Park (see Special Areas page 43)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 65

- Winslow WMA
- White Oak Branch WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 66

- Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (see Special Areas page 43)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 67

- High Point State Park (see Special Areas page 43)

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 68

- Franklin Parker Preserve (see Special Areas page 45)

Regulations in **red** are new this year.

All Special Areas

Special Area Deer Management Zones are properties which have their own zone designation. See page 44 for other deer hunting opportunities. All Special Area Permits go on sale on a first-come, first-served basis at 10 am on **MONDAY, September 13, 2021**. Refer to specific areas for the closing deadline since permit sales for certain special areas are available only for a limited time.

County Lands

Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61)

Permits for **Zone 61** will be available for sale until **11:59 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2021**. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. For more information on deer hunting Atlantic County Park, contact (609) 625-8219 or at: <https://www.atlantic-county.org/parks/dmz61.asp>

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 30–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 29–30; Dec. 13, 14, 18–24, 27–31 2021; Jan. 1–7, 2022; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 6–11, 2021; **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 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. 6–11, 2021 and 15–17, 2021; **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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2022; **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** to hunters that had a valid 2021 Zone 61 bow permit.

State Parks and Forests

High Point State Park (Zone 67)

Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. For more information on deer hunting High Point State Park contact the

office at 1480 Rt. 23 South in Sussex (973) 875-4800 or visit the website at NJParksandForests.org/parks/highpointstatepark.html.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 1–4 and 8–11, 2021; **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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2022; **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.

Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64)

Permits for **Zone 64** will be available for sale until **11:59 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2021**. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. For more information on deer hunting Monmouth Battlefield State Park, contact (732) 462-9616 or at: NJParksandForests.org/parks/monbat.html.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 6–11, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 6–11, 2021; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–Feb. 19, 2022; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Special Areas – Federal Installations (other than national wildlife refuges)

Federal Installations

Earle Naval Weapons Station Depot (Zone 39)

Earle NWS is open **ONLY** to civilian employees or military personnel assigned to the base. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 39 must have approval from the administrative authority of Earle NWS (Zone 39) before purchasing a Zone 39 permit. For more information, contact Virginia Arban at (732) 866-2337.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 11–Oct. 1, 2021, first deer must be antlerless. Oct. 2–29, 2021, antlered or antlerless. **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 30–Dec. 31, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 6–11, 2021; **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: Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec.

1–4 and 13–31, 2021, and Jan. 1–Feb. 8, 2022; **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.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 4, 6–11, 18, and 25, 2021 and Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 and Feb. 5 and 12, 2022; **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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–Feb. 19, 2022; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

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, N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (NJSFSC). Membership in the NJSFSC is required. 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. For more information, call (609) 485-4928.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 11–Oct. 1, 2021; First deer must be antlerless. Oct. 2–Oct. 29, 2021; antlered or antlerless deer. **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 30–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 27–Dec. 4, and 10, 11, 2021 and Jan. 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2022; **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.

Permit Shotgun Season: Nov. 27–Dec. 4, and 10, 11, 2021 and Jan. 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2022; **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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2022; **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)

The Dix-McGuire section (Zone 37) is open **ONLY** to those with authorization to access the base. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 37 must have approval from the administrative authority of Dix-McGuire (Zone 37) before purchasing a Zone 37 permit. For more information, contact

Range 14 at (609) 562-4676 on Wednesday/Friday 2 p.m.–8 p.m. or Saturday/Sunday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 11–Oct. 1, 2021, first deer must be antlerless. Oct. 2–Oct. 29, 2021, antlered or antlerless deer. **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 30–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 6–11, 2021; **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. 29 and 30 and Dec. 1–4, 13–24, and 27–31, 2021 and Jan. 3–8, 2022; **Bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered only for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 24, 27 and 28, 2021; **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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 2–Feb. 19, 2022; **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)

The Lakehurst section (Zone 53) is open ONLY to those with authorization to access the base. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 53 must have approval from the administrative authority of Lakehurst (Zone 53) and the Navy Lakehurst Rod and Gun Club before purchasing a Zone 53 permit. For more information, contact (732) 323-2911.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 11–Oct. 1, 2021, first deer must be antlerless. Oct. 2–Oct. 29, 2021, antlered or antlerless deer. **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 29–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 6–11, 2021; **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. 27, 29 and 30 and Dec. 1–4, 13–24, 27–31, 2021 and Jan. 1–8, 2022; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 6–11 and 15–17, 2021 and Jan. 1–8, 2022; **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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–Feb. 19, 2022; **Bag limit:** two deer—only one may be antlered.

Picatunny Arsenal (Zone 54)

Picatunny Arsenal (Zone 54) is open ONLY to active duty or retired military personnel and Picatunny Arsenal federal civilian employees or retirees only. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 54 must have approval from the administrative authority of Picatunny (Zone 54) before purchasing a Zone 54 permit. For more information, contact Brad Garie at (973) 724-3594 or Conservation Law Enforcement Officer James Opalecky at (973) 724-8647.

Fall Bow Season: Oct. 2–29, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 30–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2021; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 6–11, 2021; **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. 29 and 30, Dec. 1, 13–31, 2021 and Jan. 1–8, 2022; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who

Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities on Public Lands

For specific hunting regulations on the properties listed below, contact the property manager directly. For detailed mapping, NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt.

NOTE: Sunday hunting is archery *only* and ONLY on private land and state WMAs. For municipal properties not listed, contact the municipality directly.

State Land

Cheesequake State Park (Zone 50) Park access permit is required. For more information: (732) 566-2161

D & R Canal State Park, My Ben & Trap Rock-Knipe Tracts (Zone 11) For more information: (609) 397-2949; www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/drcanal.html

D & R Canal State Park, Six-Mile Run Reservoir (Zone 14) Park access permit required. For more information: (609) 924-5705; www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/drcanal.html

Rancocas State Park (Zone 48) Open for Bow and Arrow Seasons Only. For more information: www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/rancocas.html

Round Valley Recreation Area (Zone 12) For more information: (908) 236-6355

Spruce Run Recreation Area (Zone 7) Open for Bow and Arrow Seasons Only. For more information: (908) 638-8572

Washington Crossing State Park (Zone 41) Open for Bow and Arrow Seasons Only. For more information: (609) 737-0623

Abbotts Meadow WMA (Zone 63) Open for Bow and Arrow Seasons Only.

County Land

Hunterdon County Park System: Park access permit required. For more information: (908) 782-1158; co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/parks.htm

Mercer County Parks: Park access permit required. For more information: (609) 303-0706; www.mercercountyparks.org

Middlesex County Park System: Park access permit required. For more information: (732) 745-8278

Monmouth County Park System: Park access permit required. For more information: (732) 842-4000; www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Morris County Park System: Park access permit required. For more information: (973) 326-7622; www.morrisparks.net/deer/index.asp

Ocean County Parks Department: For more information: (732) 506-9090; www.planning.co.ocean.nj.us/natlands.htm.

Federal (National Wildlife Refuge-NWR) Land (Baiting is prohibited on all National Wildlife Refuges)

Cape May NWR (Zone 34) Federal access permit required. For more information: (609) 463-0994; www.fws.gov/refuge/cape_may/

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zones 22, 24, 42, 51) Federal access permit required. For more information: (609) 652-1665; www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/

Supawna Meadows NWR (Zone 63) Open for Bow and Arrow Seasons Only. For more information: (609) 463-0994; www.fws.gov/refuge/supawna_meadows/

Wallkill River NWR (Zone 2) Federal access permit required. For more information: (973) 702-7266; www.fws.gov/refuge/wallkill_river/

Additional Public Land

Bayside PSEG Tract (Zone 29) For more information: (888) MARSHES; www.pseg.com/environment/estuary

Kingwood Township — Horseshoe Bend Park and Ukarish Property (Zone 11) For more information: (908) 996-4276; www.kingwoodtownship.com/parks

Lizard Tail Swamp (Zone 34) Access permit required. For more information: (609) 861-0600

Newark Watershed (Zones 3 and 6) Watershed access permit required. For more information: (973) 697-1724 or (973) 697-1758

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purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 6–11 and 18, 2021 and Jan. 1 and 3–7, 2022; **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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2022; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Special Areas - National Wildlife Refuge Areas and Other Public Lands

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

The Edwin B. Forsythe NWR zones 56, 57, 58, and 70 are eliminated and incorporated into the surrounding existing zones. Edwin B. Forsythe NWR is open for all deer seasons following the appropriate zone regulations. Former Zone 56 is incorporated into Zone 42, and Zone 57 is incorporated into Zones 26 and 42. Former Zone 58 is incorporated into Zone 51. Former Zone 70 is incorporated into

Zones 22 and 24. Specific sections open to hunting and more information may be found at www.fws.gov/refuge/Edwin_B_Forsythe/ or by contacting the Refuge Manager at: (609) 652-1665.

Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38)

Great Swamp hunters must possess a Zone 38 permit. Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30. Hunters must have approval and refuge hunt permit from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Go to <https://greatswamp.recaccess.com>. For more information contact the refuge Visitor Services Manager, Jonathan Rosenberg at (973) 425-0215 ext. 1.

Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season (concurrent): Nov. 3–6, 2021. On Oct. 30 (Saturday), hunting is only for youths who possess a valid New Jersey Youth hunting license and a Zone 38 permit from N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife plus a refuge hunt permit (no fee). Youths must be accompanied by a licensed but non-hunting adult who is at least 21 years of age. **Bag limit:** two deer—either one antlerless and one antlered or two antlerless deer. Hunters must purchase an Antlered Buck Permit to harvest ONE antlered deer.

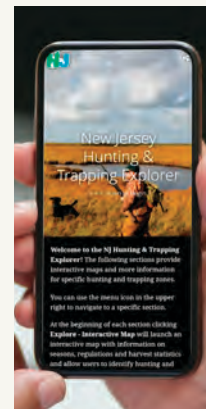
Franklin Parker Preserve & Four Mile Spring Preserve (Zone 68)

Hunters must possess proper Zone 68 permits. Seasons and bag limits for Regulation Set #6 apply. For more information, contact www.njconservation.org/deer-management/.

Hunting & Trapping Explorer

Before heading to your hunting location, use the online **Hunting & Trapping Explorer** to confirm zone boundaries and to determine your hunting zone, unit, township and county. This will speed your harvest reporting after a successful hunt!

It's easy, fast and accurate! See page 32 for harvest reporting details.



Hunting & Trapping Explorer

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CWD

Chronic Wasting Disease



What Is CWD?

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

Where Is CWD Found?

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

How New Jersey Is Responding

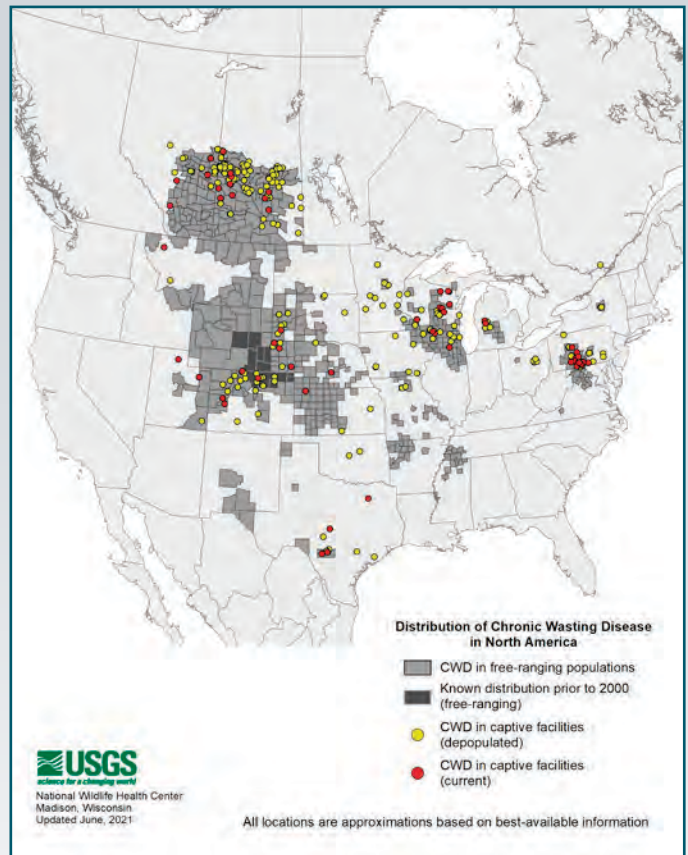
- ♦ Tested for CWD in symptomatic captive cervids and wild deer, and hunter-harvested wild deer since 1997. To date 9,842 wild deer have been tested with **no CWD-positive results**.
- ♦ **Banned the importation of all live members of the cervid family.**
- ♦ **Banned the importation of any cervid whole carcasses and intact heads into New Jersey.**
- ♦ **Banned the sale, possession, and use of hunting lures derived from cervid urine or glandular secretions. Synthetic lures and lures made from species other than cervids are allowed.**
- ♦ Updated the NJ CWD Response Plan with protocols for detection of CWD to be activated when CWD is within 20 miles of the New Jersey border and within the state wild deer and captive cervid herds.

Attention!

Deer-Derived Lures Ban

The use of all deer-derived urine and glandular secretion lures is banned. The infectious prions which cause CWD are found in urine, and any exposure has the potential of spreading the disease. Urine is collected from captive deer in catch pens that contaminate urine with feces and saliva and also contain prions. Currently, there is no reliable means to ensure that urine-based lures are free of CWD prions. CWD continues to be found at captive cervid facilities in increasing numbers.

▶▶ Chronic Wasting Disease in North America



See NJFishandWildlife.com/cwdinfo.htm for more information on CWD in New Jersey.

Visit cwd-info.org for more comprehensive CWD information.

SHOOTERS & HUNTERS: HELP PREVENT WILDFIRES.

The target shooting and hunting community prides itself on being safe and responsible with firearms in all situations—from using them outdoors to storing them safely at home. Sometimes, however, unusual conditions such as extremely dry environments require an extra level of awareness and safety on the part of shooters.

Wildfires have many possible causes. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association for the firearms and ammunition industry, reminds all shooters that during dry and hot weather conditions their use of certain ammunition and targets could accidentally ignite a wildfire. NSSF reminds all target shooters and hunters, as well as other outdoor enthusiasts, to consider the potential consequences of their activities in fire-prone environments.

- **Make it a point to know the regulations and rules related to shooting in areas experiencing dry and hot conditions, whether on public or private land or at shooting ranges. Many national forests, for example, do not allow recreational shooting when fire restrictions are in effect.**
- **Consider the type of ammunition and targets you are using. Minimize the risk of fires by not using steel-jacketed ammunition, ammunition with steel-core components, tracer rounds or exploding targets in fire-prone areas.**
- **Remember that equipment, such as cars and ATVs, can have extremely hot exhaust systems that could ignite dry vegetation, so park only in designated areas.**
- **Extinguish and dispose of smoking materials safely.**
- **Follow guidelines to extinguish campfires.**
- **Warn others of potential dangers and behaviors for starting wildfires.**
- **Report any wildfire you see to authorities.**
- **Spread this message to other target shooters, hunters and outdoor enthusiasts.**



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