

R3 NEWS





New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

February 2022

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Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area Managed Waterfowl Hunts

The Division's R3 program completed the first ever Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Areas' new Managed Waterfowl Hunt for the

2021-22 season. This new opportunity was part of a cooperative, five-year habitat restoration project. Managed waterfowl hunting opportunities are a common practice across the country that seek to maximize waterfowl use and provide a quality hunting experience. To do this successfully, managers provide an attractive forage base for waterfowl and limit disturbance to the area through limited hunting pressure. The Division's R3 Program has worked closely with other agency bureaus, as well as Ducks Unlimited to develop this managed hunting opportunity.

On the Corbin City side of the Wildlife Management Area, a less structured approach allowed hunters the flexibility to use the area as previously permitted, but within a limited schedule of hunt days. At the Tuckahoe side, six blinds were strategically deployed that can host up to four hunters at a time. Interested hunters are able to use these blinds but will be required to submit a pre-season lottery application in hopes to be selected as one of the lucky hunters. No fee associated with the application process.

The Tuckahoe Managed Hunt will be capped off Saturday, February 5th, with the Youth & Veterans/Active Military Waterfowl Hunt which is also being held statewide!

Upcoming Events & Updates

Winter:

- Now February 22: Turkey Permit **Application Available**
- February 5: Youth & Veterans / Active Military Waterfowl Hunting Days
- February 16 April 9: Spring Light Goose Conservation Order

Spring:

- March: <u>Hunter Education Live-Fire Days begin</u>
- **April 12 26:** <u>Virtual Turkey Hunting Workshop</u>
- May 1 3: Women's Mentored Turkey Hunt





Past Events

January 2022

Though we did not host any specific events for the first month of 2022, our R3 team has been hard at work preparing for the future of this year.

As you read above in our upcoming events, we are already well on the way to a successful year of bringing our R3 programming to new and experienced outdoor enthusiasts!

Outdoor Women of New Jersey's Mentored Turkey Hunt

Virtual: April 12 - 26, 2022 In Person: May 1-3, 2022

A successful repeat program continues into 2022! The Women's Mentored Turkey Hunt provides everything a beginner would want! Each spring, a



select handful of women beginner hunters are chosen to attend this hands-on workshop. The workshop begins with a virtual portion that lasts three weeks. Topics covered include life history and biology of turkeys, hunting regulations, equipment, techniques, and more. There are weekly online meetups to discuss the content that was covered for that week.

The mentored hunt includes hands-on learning about turkey calls, equipment, scouting, planning your hunt and then wraps up with two mornings of actual hunting with an R3 mentor!

Additional information on the virtual portion can be found <u>here</u> while information on the mentored hunt can be found <u>here</u>. Additional questions can be sent to Karen Byrne: <u>karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov</u>

Contact Us

Looking for information on something we didn't cover this month? Reach out to us!

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