



[Featured Story: Visit NJ Hunter Training Areas \(Ranges\)](#)

[Range Information](#)

[Recipe: BBQ Sauce](#)

[Did You Know?: Antler Growth \(Velvet\) Fun Facts](#)



New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Hunter Training Area (Ranges)

Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader and more.....

Now is the time to get out there and enjoy some of New Jersey Fish and Wildlife range facilities, which are located throughout the state. These ranges are maintained by New Jersey Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Land Management through license sales revenue. Those using the ranges must provide their own firearms and/or bows, ammunition, arrows, clay birds and/or targets. Only backstops at bow ranges are provided. Please note that state Wildlife Management Areas and facilities are "**carry in - carry out**" and trash receptacles are **NOT** provided; please plan accordingly to **NOT** leave any trash or recyclables behind. Also, please be aware that some shotgun ranges, and one muzzleloader range, have been closed to comply with the recommendations for best management practices of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and ranges may need to be closed down for a brief time period to carry out the very important task of lead reclamation efforts, keeping our ranges safe for all aspects involved. Remember to be mindful of other users, especially regarding cease fires when necessary (down range) and follow the rules and regulations. Happy shooting and STAY SAFE !

Information on Ranges-WMA Regulations Apply

- * At least one (1) member of the shooting party **must** have a **current**, valid New Jersey hunting license in possession.
- * Shotgun is for fine shot (lead-free at Assunpink; smaller than No. 4 lead or No. T steel ammunition) only. NO BUCKSHOT OR RIFLED SLUGS
- * Archery is for target or practice tips for provided targets; Broadheads with user-provided 3D or bag targets.
- * Muzzleloader is for muzzleloading firearms, shotguns with rifled slugs or buckshot, modern .17 and .17 and .22 caliber rimfire rifles*, and air-guns in the calibers legal for small game hunting only.
- * Centerfire Rifle includes all firearms listed above for muzzleloading and centerfire rifles for up to and including .30 caliber. This includes ammunition in the .30 caliber family such as .308 and 30-06.
- * No handguns permitted.
- * Hours are 8:00 a.m. - sunset
- * Ranges are "carry in - carry out" areas and trash/recycling receptacles are not provided; please take spent shells with you.

Homemade BBQ Recipe

Summertime Anytime

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 ¼ teaspoon salt
3-4 tablespoons molasses
¼ cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon garlic powder
2 teaspoons onion powder
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 ½ cups ketchup
2 teaspoons mustard
water - as needed, optional



A must for those venison ribs or turkey kabobs!

Instructions:

Whisk together all ingredients in a sauce pan. Bring the sauce to a boil, then reduce to a simmer, cover and cook 12-15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

As the sauce begins to simmer, add a few tablespoons of water if you want it thinner.

Cover and chill for at least 1 hour for best flavor. Enjoy!

Do you have a recipe you'd love to see featured? Send along to
r3mentoredhunt@dep.nj.gov



Did You Know? Antler Growth-(Velvet)

Antlers, which are made of bone, grow very quickly. They are one of the fastest-growing tissues in all of the animal kingdom, containing a multitude of blood vessels that nourish the antlers throughout the growing process. The thin protective layer on the outer covering (velvet) will begin to slough off around the end of summer. Did you know that a white-tailed deer's antlers can grow as much as a quarter-inch per day? But that growth rate falls a bit short of elk and moose. Elk antlers can grow as much as 1 inch a day, and a moose can add 1 pound of new antler growth a day. A good scouting tip when searching for bucks is to go out in September & look for those smaller trees where bucks (coming out of velvet) may utilize to help rub off the velvet. The result is a new set of polished antlers. They'll shed their antlers again in winter and start the process over again in the spring, usually with a bigger set of antlers than before-but not always.

Contact Us

Looking for information on something we didn't cover this month? Reach out to us!
r3mentoredhunt@dep.nj.gov

THIS PROJECT WAS SUPPORTED by: State Wildlife Grants administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fishing Restoration Program: Partnering to fund conservation and connect people with nature.

