Regulations in red are new this year.

The Following Are Prohibited: alcoholic beverages, camping, geocaching, cutting or damaging vegetation, removing timber or firewood, dumping, fires, metal detecting, swimming, picnicking and the use of unmanned aerial vehicles known as drones.

Wildlife management area (WMA) regulation violations carry penalties of not less than $50 nor more than $1,500. A second violation of any WMA regulation will result in a five-year loss of all sporting licenses and privileges.

For WMA permit applications, write to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420, or NJFishandWildlife.com/wmareas.htm.

Fish and Wildlife may revoke any permit (or other authorization) for violation or due cause.

Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit

Any vehicle used to transport or launch a vessel or water conveyance on the following WMAs must have affixed to the lower corner of the driver’s side rear window a Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit (for the waterbodies listed below), or a photocopy of a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license with your Conservation ID number clearly displayed. For privacy, all other personal information may be blacked out. The boat ramp maintenance permit fee is $15, available from license agents or at Fish and Wildlife’s Internet sales site. For more information see: NJFishandWildlife.com/wmareas.htm.

Persons 70 years and older do not need a boat ramp maintenance permit or a license, but must affix to their window proof of age, such as a former license displaying your date of birth.

1. Round Valley
2. Assunpink
3. Dennis Creek
4. Tuckahoe
5. Mad Horse Creek
6. Union Lake
7. Menantico Ponds
8. Prospertown Lake

Dog Training, Exercising and Hunting

A person may exercise or train dogs only in designated dog training areas from May 1 to Aug. 31, inclusive, and only on the following select WMAs:

1. Assunpink
2. Black River
3. Clinton
4. Colliers Mills
5. Glassboro
6. Hainesville
7. Manasquan
8. Millville
9. Pequest
10. Salem River
11. Stafford Forge
12. Tuckahoe
13. Whittingham
14. Winslow

All dogs must be properly licensed. Dogs may be exercised or trained on any WMA from Sept. 1 to April 30.

Additional regulations involve the release of game birds for training, the use of pigeons, the use of firearms, frozen game birds, the use of call-back pens and the release of fox, raccoon, rabbit and hare. NEW! For a link to maps showing the dog training areas on these select WMAs, go to www.NJFishandWildlife.com/dogtrain.htm. For more information call (609) 984-0547.

Field Trials

A permit to conduct a field trial on a wildlife management area may be obtained by contacting Fish and Wildlife at (609) 259-2132.

Higbee Beach

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 until 12:01 a.m. on Dec. 10, 2018.

Horseback Riding

Horseback riding is allowed on designated WMAs only by permit from the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Apply online at www.NJWildlifeLicense.com. Horseback riding permits should be displayed on outer clothing while riding. For more information on horseback riding permits, call (609) 259-2132.

Hunting Regulations

Firearm hunting on wildlife management areas on the day prior to the opening of the regular small game season for pheasants and quail is allowed.

The quail season is closed statewide with the exception of the Peaslee and Greenwood WMAs. See Quail Season Closed, page 56.

It is legal to use a .22 caliber rifle and .22 caliber rimfire short cartridges for hunting raccoon and opossum and for dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat on WMAs.

For coyote and fox hunting: the use of .177 and .22 caliber rimfire or .177 through .25 caliber centerfire rifle ammo is allowed on WMAs. See Coyote/Fox ammo chart on page 54 for additional restrictions.

The use of air guns to hunt rabbit and squirrel is allowed on WMAs. See Air Guns page 27, and Squirrel, Regular Season on page 56.

Rifles, including muzzleloading rifles, may not be used to hunt woodchucks on WMAs.

Motor Vehicles and Other Forms of Conveyance

No person shall operate an unregistered vehicle on any state WMA. All motor vehicles are restricted to established public roads and parking areas.

All motor boats must be properly registered and have all the required safety equipment. (See Outboard Motors, below.)

The use of dog sleds and dog carts, off road vehicles, ATVs, trail bikes, or snowmobiles is prohibited on all WMAs unless authorized by Fish and Wildlife. For mountain bike and paddleboard regulations, visit our website.

Outboard Motors

Only electric motors are allowed on freshwater lakes and ponds owned by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife areas with the exception of Union Lake where an outboard motor, not exceeding 9.9 hp, may be used. On Prospertown Lake, only manually operated boats and canoes are allowed.

All titled boats must also be registered. Any boat mechanically propelled, regardless of length, must be registered. All boats greater than 12 feet, regardless of propulsion means, must be titled and registered. A boat license and New Jersey boat safety certificate are required to operate a power vessel on non-tidal waters of New Jersey. A boat license is not required for non-powered vessels.

Restricted Hours

Wildlife management areas are closed from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. unless engaged in lawful hunting, fishing or trapping activities. Special permission may be granted for Fish and Wildlife-approved activities.

Target Practice

Only archery, shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, muzzleloading rifle, .177 and .22 caliber rimfire rifle shooting is allowed in designated hunter training ranges according to regulations posted at the training area.

The following types of ranges are available on designated WMAs statewide:

• Shotgun Range: for use with clay birds and the patterning of fine shot;
• Archery Range: approved backstops at select ranges, no broadheads allowed;
• Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun Slug Range: for sighting in with shotgun slugs or buckshot, .177 or .22 caliber rimfire rifles and muzzleloaders; no other firearms allowed. See page 71 for a list of ranges and requirements.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or Drones

The use of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) or drone is prohibited on WMAs. A UAV is computer-controlled for nearly their entire flight either autonomously or by remote control by a pilot and has the capacity for autonomous flight and navigation.

Waterfowl Blinds

No permanent waterfowl blinds, including pit blinds, shall be constructed, hunted from or used in any manner on any of the following WMAs:

1. Assunpink
2. Black River
3. Colliers Mills
4. Hainesville
5. Tuckahoe
6. Manahawkin
7. Stafford Forge

Any blind used in these WMAs must be portable and shall be completely removed at the day’s end. Blinds remaining in WMAs are subject to confiscation and disposal by Fish and Wildlife.
Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Ranges

- All WMA regulations apply.
- Ranges are open 8 a.m. to sunset.
- At least one member of the shooting party must have a current, valid New Jersey hunting license in possession.
- Shotgun range: fine shot only. No buckshot or rifled slugs.
- Archery range: target tips only. NO broadheads allowed on any WMA range, regardless of the target used.
- Muzzleloading rifle range: muzzleloading firearms, shotguns (rifled slug, buckshot), modern rimfire rifles (.177, .22 caliber) and air guns in calibers legal for hunting are allowed.
- No handguns or centerfire rifles permitted.

NOTICE: Range Renovations, Closures — Tentative Schedule, March–June, 2019
Muzzleloader ranges scheduled for renovation include Makepeace, Millville, Clinton, Flatbrook, Colliers Mills and Stafford Forge WMAs. Portions of these ranges may be open occasionally during the process. Shotgun ranges are open but cannot accommodate air guns, shotgun slugs, buckshot or rifles of any type. Plan ahead for sighting in and practice prior to the hunting seasons! The renovations—including covered shooting stations, new benches and berm enhancements—are based on NRA guidelines. Check our website for schedule updates and closures: NJFishandWildlife.com/ranges.htm.

Northern Region

Hunterdon County
Clinton WMA
Route 173W, Clinton
- Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)
- All target frames must measure a minimum 30 inches from base to bottom of the paper target held in the frame. Frames must be placed only on top of a target mound located at the 25, 50 and 100 yard lines. This minimum target height requirement eliminates the risk of ricochet to ensure all projectiles are collected in the berm behind the 100 yard target.
- Spinner type targets for .177 and .22 caliber firearms MUST be placed directly at the base of the 25 yard berm to direct all bullets into the berm. These targets are not to be used at other yardage or target mound placements.

Morris County
Black River WMA
Route 513 (Dover-Chester Rd.), Chester
- Archery, open year-round.
- Shotgun: Closed weekends from the third Saturday in May through the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, as well as on Christmas and Easter. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. during this summer period, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the rest of the year. Hunter education classes will continue at the range and are not affected by these new hours.

Sussex County
Flatbrook WMA
Route 615, Layton
- Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (75 yards)

Warren County
Pequest WMA
Pequest Rd., Oxford
- Archery

Central Region

Monmouth County
Assunpink WMA
Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd., Upper Freehold Twp.
- Archery
- Shotgun range is restricted to the use of non-toxic shot; no lead shot is allowed.
- Turkey Swamp Park
Georgia Rd., Freehold Twp.
- Archery (Special regulations apply; call 732-842-4000.)

Ocean County
Colliers Mills WMA
Off Colliers Mills and Hawkins Rds., Jackson Twp.
- Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)
- Shotgun range is closed.

Stafford Forge WMA
Off Route 539, south of Warren Grove, Little Egg Harbor Twp.
- Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

Southern Region

Atlantic County
Makepeace Lake WMA
Elmwood-Weymouth Rd., Weymouth
- Shotgun, Muzzleloader (100 yards)
- Target requirements: bottom of paper target in a frame must be at least 30 inches above the ground. Only place target frame on top of a mound at the 25, 50 or 100 yard lines. This minimum target height eliminates risk of ricochets, ensuring all projectiles are collected in the berm behind the 100-yard target.
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Gloucester County
Winslow WMA
Piney Hollow Rd., Monroe Twp.
- Archery
- Shotgun and muzzleloader ranges are closed.

Cape May County
Tuckahoe WMA
Off Tuckahoe Rd. (Rt. 631), Tuckahoe
- Archery
- Shotgun range is closed.

Cumberland County
Millville WMA
Ackley Rd. (Rt. 718), Millville
- Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)
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 __________/________/_______

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 __________/________/_______

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Youth Division

New Jersey's Outstanding White-tailed Deer Program has a Youth Division! The Outstanding Deer Program is designed to showcase the fine quality deer produced in the Garden State and recognize the hunters who harvested them with a bow, crossbow, shotgun or muzzleloading rifle.

Joining the program’s regular Open Division is a Youth Division for hunters ages 10–16 with eased entry requirements reduced by 10 points (inches) for all Antler categories and a reduction in the Weight categories by 10 or 20 pounds for doe and buck, respectively. [See table below for minimum entry requirements.]

For the Antler Category, Youth Division deer may be unofficially scored by our trained volunteers who need not be an official measurer. All Open Division deer must be scored by an official measurer. Visit our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm for the list of official measurers (see page bottom for Entering the Outstanding Deer Program; then bottom of next page), program background, rules, score/entry forms and more.

Youth Division hunters must be prepared to submit a digital, high resolution, respectful photo of hunter and deer after event has been confirmed. (Day of harvest field photos must be Photoshopped or cropped to conceal any blood or the body cavity.) A family photo is encouraged! Only Youth Division hunters (not Open Division hunters who may email or call Cindy, below) may arrange for a measuring appointment by calling John Messeroll of the State Federation of Sportsmen’s Club at (732) 735-1672. Don’t wait for the deadline to approach before having your deer scored.

Applications are due Nov. 1 — NO EXCEPTIONS.

First place Youth Division hunters in each category may display a mounted deer at the Garden State Deer Classic (see page 72), whether as a European skull mount or a taxidermy mount. All other Youth Division entrants’ photos will be digitally displayed at the event.

Open Division

Open Division hunters will be invited to display their deer mount, as always, at the Deer Classic.

The Outstanding Deer Program follows the measuring standards developed by the Boone and Crockett Club. This scoring system gives credit to antler length, spread, number of points, mass and symmetry. Legally harvested deer must have been taken under the Boone and Crockett-defined rules of fair chase. Deer taken from enclosed hunting lands are not eligible.

Note: It is best to have the rack measured before it is mounted. Don’t wait! In the Weight categories, the program recognizes exceptional body size as determined by the field-dressed weight, all vitals removed. Minimum eligible weights are listed in the chart. Bucks must be weighed on a certified scale† (no truck scales**) with the weighmaster’s signature on a letterhead receipt or on the entry form, available on our website; does must be weighed either on a Fish and Wildlife regional office scale or on a certified scale with proof as above. Any properly licensed hunter, regardless of residency, is eligible to enter the Outstanding Deer Program with their deer from the previous year’s hunting seasons. Deer must be taken in accordance with New Jersey wildlife laws and regulations. Official entry form consists of the original score sheet, hunter information form plus a clear photo of the hunter and Wildlife in celebrating New Jersey’s outstanding white-tailed deer where hunting seasons. Deer must be taken in accordance with New Jersey wildlife laws and regulations. Official entry form consists of the original score sheet, hunter information form plus a clear photo of the hunter and

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** A truck scale is not acceptable as the increments are too large.

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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 Canadian provinces.


How New Jersey Is Responding

• Tested for CWD in symptomatic captive cervids and wild deer, and hunter-harvested wild deer since 1997. To date over 7,200 wild deer have been tested with no CWD-positive results.

• Banned the importation of cervids, recently expanded to include reindeer.

• Issued an advisory for New Jersey hunters bringing home venison from CWD-endemic states making it illegal to import into New Jersey a harvested deer carcass or deer parts from any state with CWD in wild deer unless strictly following that state’s CWD protocol.

• Created the 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 cervids.
Attention!

Urine-Based Deer Lures Advisory

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife recommends the use of synthetic, non-urine-based scents or lures for deer hunting. The infectious prions which cause Chronic Wasting Disease can be spread through urine-based lures. Studies have shown the prions can survive for years in contaminated soils and the environment. Urine-based scents and lures are not treated to kill the prions as heat or chemical treatments would also reduce the desired scent characteristics. Hunters using urine-based scents should place them in areas out of contact with deer, the ground or vegetation.

Chronic Wasting Disease in North America

Areas with CWD infected Cervid populations

States/Provinces where CWD has been found in captive populations

See NJFishandWildlife.com/cwdinfo.htm for more information on CWD in New Jersey and the New Jersey CWD Response Plan.

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

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Hunters: Recruiting the Next Generation

By Keith Griglak, Senior Biologist

11 years after observing his first rabbit hunt, the author’s son Cody now shares his hunting experiences with his five-year-old sister Sierra.

Don’t Use Pressure
Before even starting to recruit a new hunter, be sure this is something that they want to do. Don’t try to push someone into hunting. If forced, the results are nearly guaranteed not to be positive. Be mindful that your child’s hunting career can be made—or broken—within the first few hunts. There are ways to introduce a person to hunting s-l-o-w-l-y.

It’s Never Too Early
If you wait until your kid turns 10 to introduce them to hunting, it might be too late. By then, time is already at a premium, competing with sports and other after-school activities. The earlier you plant the seed, the better to grow an interest in hunting.

Include your kids in pre-seasons scouting, checking trail cams, setting up ground blinds, running the dog and blood trailing a deer. Make it a family event. Invite mom, dad, nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters and close friends. There is no such thing as too early to start introducing a youth to hunting.

Choose Hunt Days Wisely
While you may enjoy goose hunting in a blizzard or sitting in a treestand when it’s 6°F outside, most newcomers will not find this to be fun. Be selective on when to take out a new hunter! Wait for enjoyable weather. Don’t make them wake up at 4:00 a.m. unless they want to. Don’t make them stay out when the hunt is no longer fun. Let the youth call the shots on when—and how long—they want to hunt.

Instant Success
Any newcomer to hunting needs to experience success for motivation to stick with the sport. Deer hunting may not be the best introduction—unless there is good preparation. If a new hunter goes afield
It's okay to talk or whisper in the blind while waiting for your quarry to show. Kids will have questions. Make it a learning experience.

Youths now spend an average of seven hours a day in front of electronic devices. It's not the end of the world to let them bring their cell phone in the woods—as long as that doesn't become their main focus of the day. Make the hunt as special as possible so that they want to get back in the woods. These are the days that form great family memories.

**Celebrate the Game**

Take plenty of photos and videos, not just after the harvest but of all aspects of the day. Simple things like posting these images on the refrigerator door, setting as a screen saver or sharing them on social media will help to memorialize their successes for others to see. Let them be proud of their accomplishments, but best not to force them in front of other kids at school.

There is a powerful feeling from providing food for the family from the field. Cook it the way the new hunter prefers. Jerky, snack sticks and other specialty meats may be more exciting to them than cooking roasts or steaks on the grill. Whether it’s a single meal from that first pheasant or filling the freezer by harvesting a deer, young hunters can celebrate an accomplishment that very few other kids will claim.

**It’s All About the Experience**

Make the day fun! Pulling the trigger should be only a small part of the day. Whether cooking breakfast in the duck blind, having lunch at the diner or sitting around the campfire in deer camp, there is an important social aspect that shouldn’t be overlooked.

It’s Not Too Late!

Even though hunters comprise less than two percent of New Jersey’s population, research from Responsive Management—a public opinion survey research firm specializing in natural resource and outdoor recreation issues—along with the National Shooting Sports Foundation, show that nearly 80 percent of Americans support legal, ethical and regulated hunting.

There is still interest in continuing our hunting tradition! As adult hunters, parents, friends and mentors, it is our job to be sure that we properly foster and welcome this next generation into the sport of hunting.
Are You a Locavore?

There is a growing movement to eat healthier and more local. What could be more local than harvesting your own meat?

How Local are You?
The average American meal travels 1,300–2,000 miles from farm to your place using untold gallons of chemical fertilizer, pesticides and fossil fuels along the way. Eating local reduces your carbon footprint!

lo-ca-vore [ˈloʊkəˌvɔr]  
Noun — One who mainly eats locally produced or harvested foods.
Wild game is among the most-available local protein.

Did you know that hunter-harvested venison is:

- Free-range
- Natural
- Native
- Low-stress
- Locally produced
- Low impact
- Low food miles
- Relatively carbon-neutral
- High protein
- Low fat
- Low calorie
- Responsible
- Fresh
- Antibiotic-free
- Sustainable
- Healthy

After highlighting these facts with a group of New Jersey Hunter Education instructors, there were many positive responses.

“Didn't know I was a locavore!”
“I never considered myself to be a health nut.”
“I didn’t realize how far most food travels.”

Now you know, Become a locavore! Maybe you already are.

Read about the tremendous hunter-provided, locavore-related success of a recent Market Pizza/Hunters Helping the Hungry fundraising event. See the article, page 79.

Your Dollars Support Wildlife Conservation

The Wildlife Restoration Program funds up to 75 percent of conservation project costs, with state fish and wildlife agencies typically matching the remaining 25 percent through hunting and fishing license revenues. Since the program’s inception, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has received over $100 million in Pittman-Robertson funds, matching it with approximately $33 million in license revenues and other sources.

Your Dollars Make a Difference!

How it Works:

1. Hunters and target shooters purchase guns and ammunition.
2. Manufacturers pay federal excise taxes on guns and ammunition.
3. Revenue from these excise taxes is distributed to state wildlife agencies.
4. State wildlife agencies use these funds to purchase land for wildlife habitat and to manage wildlife populations.
5. Results: Millions of acres of important habitat have been set aside to help ensure the future the diversity and healthy abundance of wildlife populations.
Deer meat was on the menu in a three-day promo that brought together the local Rotary Club, a non-profit that feeds the hungry, and Market Pizza in Stockton, New Jersey. Megan Jones-Holt, the pizzeria's chef and owner, hit upon the idea of making venison pizza for a Rotarian-sponsored fundraiser tied in with Hunters Helping the Hungry, which provides the needy with wild deer meat. According to Jones-Holt, the venison is cut with beef fat for a less gamy flavor. “I didn’t want to do something so far out of left field that people would be hesitant to try it,” she says. “The deer has been marinated in extra-virgin olive oil infused with basil, oregano, tarragon, thyme, salt and pepper—all good herbs that one would put on ground beef. The meat was precooked before going on the pizza.” The pie also features fresh mozzarella, Parmesan, crushed tomatoes, red onions, jalapeños and oregano. “The venison is crumbled on top, then finished off with birch-smoked salt from Iceland and fresh sweet basil,” Jones-Holt adds. A portion of proceeds for every venison pizza sold went to Hunters Helping the Hungry, raising enough money to serve 4,000 meals to the hungry, according to Jones-Holt. The artisan pizzeria continued to offer wild-game pizzas—including wild boar bacon, smoked duck and bison—for the next three weeks.

For more information about Hunters Helping the Hungry, see page 49.
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Join us for the 28th Annual Governor’s Surf Fishing Tournament!

May 19, 2019
Island Beach State Park, Seaside Park, NJ

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, along with our co-sponsors—New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs, Jersey Coast Anglers Association, and New Jersey Beach Buggy Association—congratulate Keri Mauger of Mohnton, PA who took the grand prize and NJ Governor’s Cup by catching a 36-inch bluefish.

Ms. Mauger received two-rod and reel combinations, a pair of Costa Del Mar sunglasses, a plaque and will have her name engraved on the Governor’s Cup.

Also, congratulations to Toms River High School South for winning first place in the High School Team Category with a 35 1/2-inch bluefish. Toms River High School South had their name engraved on the new High School Team Cup and received a 1st place plaque.

All participants who mailed their registration were entered into an early entry raffle for a Coastline Surf System.

Prizes are awarded in different species and age categories. For more information and to register, visit NJFishandWildlife.com/gsft.htm

A special thanks to our 2018 donors:
- American Angler
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- NJ Div. of Fish and Wildlife’s Hooked on Fishing—Not on Drugs Program
- World Jeep

A special thanks to our 2018 High School Team Category donors:
- The Fisherman
- The Reel Seat
- Shark River Surf Anglers

Mark your calendars for the 28th Annual Governor’s Surf Fishing Tournament to be held on May 19, 2019!

Continue the Tradition

Become an instructor with Fish and Wildlife’s Hunter Education Program.

Our Hunter Education Unit is looking for New Jersey’s best sportsmen and sportswomen to become instructors at locations where students take the test and field course after first having completed the home study portion. A minimum of six weekend days each year are required.

Call (856) 629-0552

Leave your name and address to receive an application.

Or complete the application form at: NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/hunted/hntedinstr.pdf.

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- Negligent use of firearms
- Over the limits for game and fish
- Commercial exploitation of fish and wildlife
- Pollution of habitat, dumping on state land
- Destruction of signs and state property
- Illegal killing, taking or possession of any wildlife

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Funded by the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs.

Designed to encourage sportsmen to report poaching and wildlife crimes.
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PUBLIC DEER HUNTING LAND IN NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY HAS more than 750,000 acres of public 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. State parks and forests that allow hunting may have some sections which are closed to hunting. Some areas allow deer hunting only during certain seasons, require an access fee or have other special regulations. Refer to the October issue of Special Areas Hunting Season Information page 44 or contact the appropriate authority for details. See page 83 for hunting opportunities on national wildlife refuges in New Jersey.

Remember: Hunters must have permission to hunt agricultural land even if the land is not posted. Hunters should obtain permission before hunting any private property. Hunters are advised not to purchase a deer permit for a zone in which they have no place to hunt.

Updates since last year are noted below in red.

Zone Public Land Open to Deer Hunting

1. Bear Swamp WMA
2. Flatbrook—Roy WMA
3. Hainesville WMA
4. Stokes State Forest
5. Kittatinny Valley State Park
6. Paulinskill WMA
7. Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge (see Special Areas)
8. Branch Reservation, Uplands Reserve (see Special Areas)
9. Abram Hewitt State Forest
10. Newark Watershed (see Special Areas)
11. North Branch State Forest
12. Higbee Beach WMA
13. Berkeley Valley WMA
14. Swartswood State Park
15. Delawor Watershed (see Special Areas)
16. Long Pond Innovoxes State Park
17. Wallkill River WMA
18. Round Valley Recreation Area
19. Standing Stone State Park
20. Ice Fort State Park
21. Hurricane Mountain WMA
22. Rockport WMA
23. Greenwich WMA
24. Ramapo Mountain State Forest
25. Delaware Gap National Recreation Area
26. Navesink State Forest
27. Walpack WMA
28. Worthington State Forest
29. Stillwater State Forest
30. Wolfpack WMA
31. Wharton State Forest
32. Batchelor Falls State Park
33. Wyackson State Park
34. Great Egg Harbor WMA
35. Great Salt Lake WMA
36. Great Egg Harbor Bay WMA
37. Great Salt Lake Shoreline State Park
38. Great Salt Lake State Park
39. Ogden Point WMA
40. Surf City State Park
41. Delaware Bay WMA
42. Port Republic WMA
43. Millville (Bevan) WMA
44. Menantico Ponds WMA
45. Millville (Lanape Farms Tract) WMA
46. Gibson Creek WMA
47. Great Egg Harbor River WMA
48. Pascack Ponds (see Special Areas)
49. Pascack WMA
50. Pine Barrens State Park
51. Monmouth County Park System—Hartswood Woods Park
52. Tuckahoe WMA (see Special Areas)
53. Rockport WMA
54. Hancock State Forest
55. Glassboro WMA
56. Brooklawn WMA
57. Riverside State Park
58. Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see Special Areas)
59. Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see Special Areas)
60. Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge—north of RT 72 (see Special Areas)
61. Atlantic County Piping Plover System (see Special Areas)
62. Abbotts Meadow WMA
63. Scapeam Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (see Special Areas)
64. Monmouth Battleground State Park (see Special Areas)
65. Winslow WMA
66. Black Oak Branch WMA
67. Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (see Special Areas)
68. High Point State Park (see Special Areas)
69. Franklin Parker Preserve (see Special Areas)
70. Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, north of the Mullica River and south of RT 72 (see Special Areas)

Maps Available

Maps and information on hunting land is also available from the following sources:

Wildlife Management Area Maps
Free download. Maps and information on lands administered by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. Both topographic and road maps available. NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaland.htm

Photocopies also available of individual WMA maps on USGS base. Free. Specify which WMA, NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife. WMA Map Request MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0402 (609) 984-0547.

USGS Topographic Maps
Free download. Topo quads available. www.state.nj.us/dep/njgs/pricelist/usgsbase.htm

Or write, below, stating exact location including county, township and road.

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NJ DEP Division of Water Supply and Geoscience Maps and Publications
MC 29-01, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0402 (609) 292-1185

State Parks and Forests Maps
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NJ DEP Division of Parks and Forestry
MC 501-04, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 (800) 843-6420
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 28.
- 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.

Hunting Opportunities on New Jersey’s National Wildlife Refuges: 2018–19 Hunting Seasons

Hunting on national wildlife refuges is not permitted unless specifically opened as listed below. No Sunday hunting on national wildlife refuges.

Cape May NWR
24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
(609) 463-0994; fws.gov/northeast/capemay
- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 47.
- Migratory game birds except crow—on refuge lands north of Rt. 550 or west of Rt. 47
- Turkey, rabbit and squirrel hunting in select areas only.

No refuge permit is required. Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

Great Swamp NWR
32 Pleasant Plains Rd., New Vernon, NJ 07976
(973) 425-0215 ext. 115; www.fws.gov/refuge/great_swamp/
- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 48.
- In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a Refuge permit for $26 ($13 for holders of a Senior, Golden Age, Access, or Golden Access pass and youths with a valid New Jersey youth hunting license).

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR
800 Great Creek Rd., Oceanville, NJ 08231-0072;
(609) 652-1665; www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/
- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 47.
- Waterfowl
- Information can be obtained at the refuge, at dispensers, at the headquarters, on the refuge website, or through the mail.

Supawna Meadows NWR
C/o Cape May NWR, 24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210, (609) 463-0994; www.fws.gov/supawnameadows/
- Deer—Bowhunting only. Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 44.
- Waterfowl
- Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

Wallkill River NWR
1547 County Rt. 565, Sussex, NJ 07461-4013; (973) 702-7266; www.fws.gov/refuge/Wallkill_River/visit/hunting.html
- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 49.
- Migratory Birds except crow
- Spring and Fall Turkey (Zone 5)
- Black bear—Segment A and Segment B
- Small game—squirrel and rabbit only

Note: the refuge is closed to Sunday hunting.

In addition to required state licenses, hunters must purchase a Refuge hunt permit(s) at https://wallkillriver.reaccess.com (Discounts for Senior, Golden Age, Access, or Golden Access pass and youths with a valid New Jersey youth hunting license).

Additional hunting opportunities
- Hunters with Disability Conditions: A Disabled Hunter Area exists at 119 Owens Station Rd., Sussex, NJ (see refuge hunt map). Hunters must possess a valid NJ Permit to Hunt or Shoot from a Stationary Vehicle in addition to the Disabled Refuge Hunt Permit.
- Mentored Hunts: The refuge partners with the National Wild Turkey Federation to offer mentored hunts for youth, women and disabled hunters. Registration is required and space is limited. Contact the refuge for dates and details.

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- 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.

Hunting Opportunities on New Jersey’s National Wildlife Refuges: 2018–19 Hunting Seasons

Hunting on national wildlife refuges is not permitted unless specifically opened as listed below. No Sunday hunting on national wildlife refuges.

Cape May NWR
24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
(609) 463-0994; fws.gov/northeast/capemay
- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 47.
- Migratory game birds except crow—on refuge lands north of Rt. 550 or west of Rt. 47
- Turkey, rabbit and squirrel hunting in select areas only.

No refuge permit is required. Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

Great Swamp NWR
32 Pleasant Plains Rd., New Vernon, NJ 07976
(973) 425-0215 ext. 115; www.fws.gov/refuge/great_swamp/
- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 48.
- In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a Refuge permit for $26 ($13 for holders of a Senior, Golden Age, Access, or Golden Access pass and youths with a valid New Jersey youth hunting license).

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR
800 Great Creek Rd., Oceanville, NJ 08231-0072;
(609) 652-1665; www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/
- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 47.
- Waterfowl
- Information can be obtained at the refuge, at dispensers, at the headquarters, on the refuge website, or through the mail.

Supawna Meadows NWR
C/o Cape May NWR, 24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210, (609) 463-0994; www.fws.gov/supawnameadows/
- Deer—Bowhunting only. Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 44.
- Waterfowl
- Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

Wallkill River NWR
1547 County Rt. 565, Sussex, NJ 07461-4013; (973) 702-7266; www.fws.gov/refuge/Wallkill_River/visit/hunting.html
- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 49.
- Migratory Birds except crow
- Spring and Fall Turkey (Zone 5)
- Black bear—Segment A and Segment B
- Small game—squirrel and rabbit only

Note: the refuge is closed to Sunday hunting.

In addition to required state licenses, hunters must purchase a Refuge hunt permit(s) at https://wallkillriver.reaccess.com (Discounts for Senior, Golden Age, Access, or Golden Access pass and youths with a valid New Jersey youth hunting license).

Additional hunting opportunities
- Hunters with Disability Conditions: A Disabled Hunter Area exists at 119 Owens Station Rd., Sussex, NJ (see refuge hunt map). Hunters must possess a valid NJ Permit to Hunt or Shoot from a Stationary Vehicle in addition to the Disabled Refuge Hunt Permit.
- Mentored Hunts: The refuge partners with the National Wild Turkey Federation to offer mentored hunts for youth, women and disabled hunters. Registration is required and space is limited. Contact the refuge for dates and details.