

Black Bear Regulations

Black Bear Hunting Season: December 8–13, 2003.

Following commencement of the black bear season, the Commissioner of DEP or the Director may, after consultation with the Council Chairman, close the season. The Commissioner or the Director will announce such closure, which will become effective 24 hours from the daily legal closing time of the day on which the decision is made, based upon data obtained and reviewed by the Division. The notification number for season closure is the permit hotline number, 609-292-9192. Season closure notification will also be announced by news release, radio and the Division's web site (www.njfishandwildlife.com).

Hunting Hours: Legal hunting hours for black bear shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Bag Limit: Only one bear of either sex and any age may be taken per properly licensed hunter. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take or continue to hunt for more than the number of black bear permitted.

Special permit requirement: All black bear hunters must have a current and valid firearm hunting license and a special "Black Bear Hunting Permit" issued by the Division. See Black Bear Permits, page 5. Hunters are limited to one black bear hunting permit.

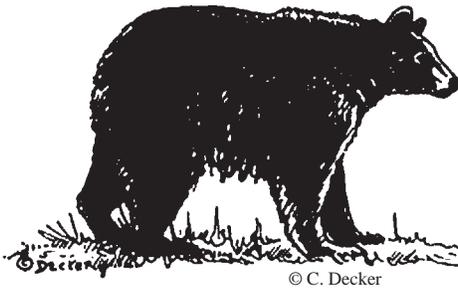
Mandatory Bear Hunter Seminar: All successful permit applicants must successfully complete a bear hunting seminar conducted by the Division. Applicants will be able to designate on their application their first, second and third preference for seminar location and date. The Division will notify successful applicants of the date, time, and location of the bear hunting seminar they must attend.

Juvenile Bear Hunters: Juvenile hunters aged 10 through 13 on or before Dec. 8, 2003, must possess both a valid youth license and have a black bear hunting permit. Juvenile hunters must be under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult (21 years of age or older) while bear hunting. The adult must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Direct supervision means the juvenile hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The juvenile hunter may not hunt independently of the adult.

Firearms and Ammunition Legal For Bear Hunting:

Shotgun: not smaller than 20 gauge nor larger than 10 gauge with rifled slugs. Lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug. Buckshot is prohibited.

Muzzleloader Rifle: single-barrel, single shot rifles not less than .45 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions. Double barrel muzzleloaders prohibited. Persons hunting with muzzleloader rifle must also possess a current and valid rifle-hunting permit.



Baiting: No person shall attempt to take or kill a black bear or have in their possession or control any firearm, or other weapon of any kind, while elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind within 300 feet of a baited area. On National Wildlife Refuges and at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait is prohibited. Hunters should also check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on any hunting area.

Additional Black Bear Hunting Regulations:

- Black bear hunters must wear a hat or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material visible from all sides at all times while bear hunting.
- It shall be illegal to use dogs to pursue or run black bear.
- Allowable hunting methods: stand hunting, still-hunting or drive hunting.
- Black bears may not be taken from dens.
- Hunters using or possessing any shotgun slug in the field during the bear seasons must have a shotgun with adjustable open iron or peep sights or a scope affixed to the shotgun.
- Telescopic sights of any magnification (scope power) are permitted for bear hunting on all firearms, including muzzleloader rifles.
- Shotgun shells containing single spherical projectiles referred to as pumpkin balls are prohibited.
- While bear hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for bear hunting.
- Only one muzzleloader rifle may be in possession while bear hunting.
- All firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in vehicles.
- It is illegal to take or attempt to take a black bear with a bow and arrows.

Black Bear Hunting Area is located as follows: That portion of Warren, Hunterdon, Somerset, Morris, Passaic, Bergen and Sussex Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Interstate Route 78 (I-78) and the east bank of the Delaware River at Phillipsburg; then east along I-78 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287 (I-287); then north

and east along I-287 to its intersection with the New Jersey state line at the New York border; then north and west along the New Jersey state line to its intersection with the Delaware River; then south along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with I-78 at Phillipsburg, the point of beginning, shall be open to black bear hunting. The islands of Mashipacong, Namanock, Minisink, Depew, Tocks, Poxono and Labor lying in the Delaware River are included in the black bear hunting area. All other areas of New Jersey shall remain closed to black bear hunting.

After Harvesting a Bear—Mandatory Bear Check Requirement: Properly licensed hunters who harvest a black bear shall immediately complete and affix to the bear the "Black Bear Transportation Tag" from their Black Bear Hunting Permit. Information included on the black bear transportation tag shall include: the hunter's name, address, current firearm license number; date and time of kill; nearest road, county and municipality of kill; and the sex of the black bear. Successful hunters must take the black bear to a designated check station by 8 p.m. on the day of the kill. Hunters shall surrender the black bear transportation tag and will be issued a legal possession seal. Any legally killed black bear recovered too late to be brought to a designated black bear check station by 8 p.m. on the date of the kill must be reported immediately by telephone to the Northern Region Office of the Bureau of Law Enforcement (908-735-8240). Hunters must provide their name, address and a telephone number where they can be reached on the telephone message recording device, if a Division representative is not available. Said black bear must be brought to a designated black bear check station on the next weekday to be registered and to receive a legal possession seal.

Mandatory Black Bear Check Stations:

Warren County:

- Pequest Wildlife Management Area, 605 Pequest Road, Oxford
- Worthington State Forest, Old Mine Road, Hardwick Township

Morris County:

- Black River Wildlife Management Area, 275 North Road, Chester

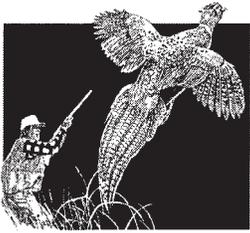
Sussex County:

- Stokes State Forest, 1 Coursen Rd, Branchville
- Wawayanda State Park, 885 Warwick Turnpike, Hewitt
- Kittatinny Valley State Park, 2 Airport Rd., Newton

Passaic County:

- Ringwood State Park, Old Concession Stand, Sloatsburg Road behind Ringwood Manor, Ringwood

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53 is prohibited during the statewide six-day firearm deer season and on the Wednesday of the permit shotgun deer season that immediately follows the six-day firearm season. (See exceptions for **Coyote and Fox**, deer regulations, semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves.)

See 2003–04 Small Game Hunting Seasons on pages 52 and 53 for dates, hunting hours and daily limits for all small game species open for hunting. Hunting with firearms is prohibited on state wildlife management areas designated as pheasant and quail stamp areas on November 7, 2003 except in tidal marshes open to an ongoing waterfowl season. (see **Pheasants**).

Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns or bow and arrow. Shotguns may be no larger than 10 gauge and hold no more than three shells. Shot size may be no larger than #4 fine shot. Compound bows must have a minimum peak weight of 35 pounds. All other bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds.

Property owners or their agents, and occupants of dwellings that are suffering damage from opossum, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel or woodchuck may control them by lawful means at any time subject to local ordinances.

Coyote and Fox

The duration of the coyote and fox hunting season is as follows: Bow and Arrow only—September 27 to November 7, 2003; and, Firearm or Bow and Arrow—November 8, 2003 to February 16, 2004. The hours of hunting coyote and fox are 8 a.m. to one half hour after sunset on November 8, 2003 and on other days from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. The use of dogs is not allowed during the fox and coyote season (bow and arrow only), during the six-day firearm season, or on the Wednesday of the shotgun permit deer season immediately following the six-day firearm season.

Bows must have a minimum 35-lb draw (long and recurve bows) or 35-lb peak weight (compound bows). Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4 inches. Shotguns may not be smaller than .410 or larger than 10 gauge capable of holding no more than 3 shells. Shot size may not be larger than #4 fine shot.

Properly licensed persons hunting deer during the six-day firearm, muzzleloader permit or shotgun permit deer seasons may kill fox or coyote, when the person is in possession of a valid deer transportation tag for the applicable deer season (e.g., before harvesting a deer). All hunting must

cease immediately upon harvesting deer and completing the deer transportation tag(s). Hunting fox or coyote while deer hunting may resume following the issuance of a New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag for the applicable deer season (provided the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached). Only applicable missiles approved for deer hunting may be used to take fox and coyote incidental to deer hunting during the deer seasons described above. **Note:** fine shot may not be in possession while deer hunting.

There is no bag limit for fox. The coyote daily bag limit is two. **All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours.**

Coyote and Fox, Special February Season

A Division issued permit will be required to hunt coyote during the special coyote and fox season (February 2–16, 2004). Hunting methods are restricted to calling and stand hunting. No person may stalk or attempt to approach a coyote or fox for the purpose of hunting. A predator calling device (electronic, mouth blown or other) must be in possession while hunting during the special season. The use of dogs or bait is prohibited. Fluorescent hunter orange is not required on outer clothing while hunting during this season, but it is recommended that it be worn while moving to and from hunting areas.

Coyote and fox may be hunted with bow and arrow, shotgun and single barrel muzzleloader rifles between one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. Bows must have a minimum 35-lb draw (long and recurve bows) or 35-lb peak weight (compound bows). Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4 inches. Shotguns may not be smaller than 12 or larger than 10 gauge capable of holding no more than 3 shells. Shot size may not be larger than #2 or smaller than #4 fine shot. Muzzleloading rifles shall be no less than .44 caliber. Smoothbore muzzleloaders shall be single barreled. Between one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise, only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns with #2 or #4 fine shot may be used. Portable lights are allowed. **All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours.**

Permits shall be applied for as follows: A three-inch by five-inch index card containing the applicant's name, mailing address, date of birth and evening telephone number must be submitted to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 003, Trenton, NJ 08625-0003, between October 15 and November 15. Applicants should write "Coyote Hunting Season" at the bottom of the card. A \$2 processing fee is required. Make check or money order payable to "New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife".

Pheasants

The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either sex in Pheasant Hunting Zones 1 and 3, on all wildlife management areas and on the Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station. Hunters should not take or attempt to take female pheasants elsewhere or to have female pheasants in their possession unless in the areas described above. The daily bag limit is two male pheasants in Pheasant Hunting Zone 2. See exceptions for semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves.

Pheasant Hunting Zone 1: That portion of Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren Counties lying north of Route 80 from the Delaware River eastward to its convergence with Route 95 and continuing eastward on Route 95 to the Hudson River at Fort Lee.

Pheasant Hunting Zone 2: That portion of Burlington Camden, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Somerset, Sussex and Warren Counties lying south of Route 80 from the Delaware River eastward to its convergence with Route 95 and continuing eastward on Route 95 to the Hudson River at Fort Lee, and north of the Ben Franklin Bridge on the Delaware River and Route 30 in Camden, then eastward on Route 30 to its intersection with Route 38, then east on Route 38 to its intersection with Route 70, then continuing eastward and northeast on Route 70 to its intersection with the Manasquan River near Brielle, then eastward along the Manasquan River to the Atlantic Ocean.

Pheasant Hunting Zone 3: That portion of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem Counties lying south of the Ben Franklin Bridge on the Delaware River and Route 30 in Camden, then eastward on Route 30 to its intersection with Route 38, then east on Route 38 to its intersection with Route 70, then continuing eastward and northeast on Route 70 to its intersection with the Manasquan River near Brielle, then eastward along the Manasquan River to the Atlantic Ocean.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas: Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose youth license remains valid through Dec. 31 of the year they turn 16) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated wildlife management areas shall have in possession a current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp (Youth Hunting licenses include pheasant and quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood, Howardsville, Heislerville, Tuckahoe, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. Other areas where possession of a current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp is required include the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Fort Dix Military Reservation. **The hunter must sign in ink across the face of the stamp.**

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Pheasant and Quail Stocking

The Division anticipates game bird stocking levels to be of 55,000 pheasants and 11,000 quail.

The Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Tuckahoe, Millville, Nantuxent, Pequest, Port Republic, Walpack and Whittingham WMAs will be stocked with pheasants for the following dates:
November 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27 and 29
December 2, 4, 6, 20, 23, 27, 30 and Jan. 3, 2004

The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Heislerville, Howardsville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan, Medford, Stafford Forge and Winslow WMAs will be stocked with pheasants for the following dates:

November 8, 15, 22, 27 and 29
December 6, 20, 23, 27, 30 and Jan. 3, 2004

The Greenwood Forest and Peaslee WMAs will be stocked with quail for the following dates:
November 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27 and 29
December 2, 4, 6, 20, 23, 27, 30 and Jan. 3, 2004

Pheasants, Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Youth hunters, who are in possession of a valid Youth Hunting License and accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult, will be permitted to hunt pheasant, quail and/or chukar partridge on licensed semi-wild or commercial preserves on Saturday, November 1, 2003, the Youth Pheasant Hunting Day. Hunting for certain species of game birds is allowed from Nov. 8, 2003 to March 15, 2004 on semi-wild and Sept. 1, 2003 through May 1, 2004 on commercial shooting preserve lands that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These species of game may be hunted on Sunday only on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands.

All game taken on semi-wild or commercial preserves must be properly tagged before transport.

A person may legally hunt on semi-wild or commercial preserves for game species under license during the deer seasons, but no shot larger than #4 fine may be used. Pheasant of either sex may be taken.

Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle Season

Persons holding a current and valid rifle firearm license and rifle permit may hunt for squirrels from sunrise to one half hour after sunset with a muzzleloading rifle (.36 caliber or smaller loaded with a single projectile) during the periods September 27 to November 7, 2003; and, January 3 to February 16, 2004. Hunting for squirrel in the manner described above is restricted to the areas described below:

Those portions of Passaic, Mercer, Hunterdon, Warren, Morris and Sussex

Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 513 and the New York State line; then south along Rt. 513 to its intersection with Rt. 511; then south along Rt. 511 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15; then north along Rt. 15 to its intersection with the Morris-Sussex County line; then south along the Morris-Sussex County line to the Warren County line; then southwest along the Morris-Warren County line to the Hunterdon County line; then southeast along the Morris-Hunterdon County line to the Somerset County line; then south along the Somerset-Hunterdon County line to its intersection with the Mercer County line; then west and south along the Hunterdon Mercer County line to its intersection with Rt. 31; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 546; then west along Rt. 546 to the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York State Line; then east along the New York State Line to the point of beginning at Lakeside; and in that portion of Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington,

Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 295 and the Delaware River; then east along Rt. 295 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then east along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 40; then east along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 536; then east along Rt. 536 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 571; then southeast along Rt. 571 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Somers Point; then south along Rt. 9 to its intersection with Rt. 83; then west along Rt. 83 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Dennis Creek; then south along the west bank of Dennis Creek to its intersection with Delaware Bay; then northwest along the east shore of Delaware Bay and the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

Woodchuck

All persons in possession of a rifle while hunting must have a current and valid rifle permit in addition to the current hunting license. No rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is permitted on state owned WMAs, parks, forests or recreation areas. Farmers and their agents may use shot not larger than #4 buckshot to control woodchucks causing damage. Hours of hunting are sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

Woodchuck Season Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)
Mar. 1 to Sept. 24, 2003 and Mar. 1 to Sept. 29, 2004	Center-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight.
		Larger than .25 caliber	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight not exceeding 100 grains in weight.
	Rim-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point or soft point
	Muzzleloading rifle—single-shot, single barrel. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	No restriction	Must be loaded with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet.
Sept. 27 to Dec. 6, Dec. 15, 16 and 18-31, 2003; and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2004	Bow long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"
	Shotgun—single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot—sizes not larger than #4 fine shot
	Bow long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"
	Shotgun—single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot—sizes not larger than #4 fine shot

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Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Chukar partridge and Quail	Nov. 8, 2003 to Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Chukar—7 Quail—7	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page 50).
Coyote and Fox Bow, Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun	Bow and Arrow only: Sept. 27 to Nov. 7, 2003	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Coyote—2 Fox—None	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003. Rifle permit required when hunting with a rifle
	Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 8, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Coyote—2 Fox—None	Closed Dec. 8–13 and Dec. 17, 2003 except as noted (see page 50). All coyotes must be reported within 24 hrs.
Special Eastern Coyote and Fox Season Shotgun Only	Feb. 2–16, 2004	1/2 hour <i>after</i> sunset to 1/2 hour <i>before</i> sunrise	Coyote—2 Fox—None	Permit required. 10 or 12 Gauge Shotgun (#2 or #4 shot only). All coyotes must be reported within 24 hrs.
Crow	Aug. 11, 2003 to Mar. 20, 2004 on Mondays and Thurs.–Sat. only	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003 Closed Dec. 8–13, 2003 See Migratory Bird Regs.
Gallinule & Rail (Clapper, Sora and Virginia)	Sept. 1 to Nov. 8, 2003	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Gallinule—10 Rail, Clapper—10 Rail, Sora and Virginia—25 (in aggregate)	HIP number required See Migratory Bird Regs.
Goose, Canada (Early Season)	Sept. 1–30, 2003	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	8	HIP number required See Migratory Bird Regs.
Grouse (Ruffed)	Sept. 27 to Dec. 6* Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	3	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Opossum & Raccoon	Oct. 1, 2003 to Mar. 1, 2004	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	Opossum—None Raccoon—None	Closed Dec. 8–13 and Dec. 17, 2003
Pheasant	Nov. 8 to Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	2**	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page 50)
Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit	Nov. 8 to Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Cottontail—4 Hare—1 Jackrabbit—1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Sea ducks	Sept. 18, 2003 to Jan. 20, 2004	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	7, not more than four of which may be scoters	HIP number required See Migratory Bird Regs.
Snipe	Sept. 19, 2003 to Jan. 3, 2004	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	8	HIP number required See Migratory Bird Regs.
Squirrel	Sept. 27 to Dec. 6,* Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Squirrel Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 27 to Nov. 7, 2003* and Jan. 3 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	5	Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see page 51)
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	Hunting Period N— Oct. 27 to Nov. 1, 2003	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	1	Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1–11, 20 and 21 only
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	Apr. 19 to May 28, 2004	1/2 hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. See 2004 Turkey Permit Supplement

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Woodchuck— Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	Mar. 1 to Sept. 24, 2003. Mar. 1 to Sept. 29, 2004.	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	Rifle permit required if hunting with rifle Rifle hunting prohibited on State properties
Woodchuck— Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 27 to Dec. 6* Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Woodcock	North: Oct. 16 to Nov. 8,* 2003; South: Nov. 8–29 and Dec. 26–27, 2003	Sunrise to sunset		HIP number required See Migratory Bird Regs. 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Youth Turkey Day	Apr. 17, 2004	1/2 hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. See 2004 Turkey Permit Supplement
Youth Upland Bird Day	Nov. 1, 2003	8 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant—2**	Selected WMAs & licensed semi-wilds (See page 68)
Youth Waterfowl Day	Sept. 27, 2003	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset		See Migratory Bird Regs.

* No firearm hunting is permitted on November 7, 2003 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.

** The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either-sex in Pheasant Hunting Zones 1 and 3 and on all wildlife management areas and on Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station. The daily bag limit is two male pheasants in Pheasant Hunting Zone 2. (See page 50).

No Sunday hunting. See exceptions on pages 16 and 51.



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Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Chukar partridge and Quail	Sep. 1 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2003; and, Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Chukar—7 Quail—7	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page 50)
Pheasant	Sep. 1 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2003; and, Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	2***	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page 50)
Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit	Sep. 1 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2003; and, Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Cottontail—4 Hare—1 Jackrabbit—1	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Squirrel	Sep. 1 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2003; and, Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	5	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
Woodchuck	Mar. 1 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2003.	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2003
	Jan. 1 to Dec. 4 and Dec. 13, 14, 16–31, 2004	Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	Permit required 8 a.m. start on Nov. 13, 2004

*** The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either-sex in Pheasant Hunting Zones 1 and 3 and on all wildlife management areas and on Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station. The daily bag limit is two male pheasants in Pheasant Hunting Zone 2. (See page 50).

2003–2004 Trapping Regulations

- A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See page 4 for license information.
- All traps set or used must bear a legible tag of durable material with the name and address of the person setting, using and maintaining the traps. A trap identification number issued by the Division may be used in lieu of a name and address (contact the Bureau of Wildlife Management at 609-292-6685 for more information).
- When trapping beaver or otter, the trap tag must be clearly visible above the level of water or ice.
- No traps or trap stakes are to be set prior to times indicated in this section.
- All traps must be checked and tended at least once every 24 hours, preferably in the morning.
- No trap shall be permitted to remain set on any property at the close of the trapping season.
- No person shall steal or attempt to take traps of another, or remove a trapped animal without permission of the trap owner.
- **Any person (including a farmer) who traps a coyote must notify a Division law enforcement office within 24 hours.**
- Licensed trappers at least 18 years of age and in possession of a valid rifle permit may carry a .22 caliber rifle, and use only .22 caliber short rim-fire cartridges, to kill legally trapped animals



other than muskrats. Firearms may not be loaded with more than three rounds.

Traps, body gripping type (snares)

Body gripping restraining snares shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. No person shall set, use or maintain any type of snare unless they have first satisfactorily completed a Division approved trapper education course and carry on their person appropriate certification thereof. This training is part of New Jersey's basic trapper education course.
2. *Except when submerged under water or when set for mink and muskrat*, all snares of the body gripping type used in trapping must be constructed of aircraft cable of crucible wire measuring 5/64 to 3/32 inches in diameter and be equipped with a swivel. Mink and muskrat body gripping snares must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 1/32, 3/64 or 1/16 inches in diameter, be equipped with a swivel and set within 50 feet of the mean high water line.
3. *Except when set for mink and muskrat*, no body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained with the distance between the ground or walking surface to the top of the loop greater than eighteen inches. No mink or muskrat body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained with the distance between the ground or walking surface to the top of the loop greater than seven inches.
4. *Except when submerged under water or when set for mink and muskrat*, no body gripping

snare shall be set, used or maintained unless it is equipped with a stop six inches from the end to restrict loop closure to no less than six inches in circumference and a stop to restrict the average diameter of the loop opening to no greater than eight inches. Mink and muskrat body gripping snares must be equipped with a stop to prevent the average diameter of the loop opening from exceeding four inches.

5. All natural baits consisting of fish, bird or mammal carcasses or flesh used in trapping with body gripping restraining snares must be covered or concealed from view except when placed or located a distance of 30 feet or more from any set snare.

Traps, Conibear or killer-type

No Conibear or killer-type trap shall be used in non-tidal waters unless completely submerged underwater when the water is at the normal level. In tidal water, such traps must be completely covered at normal high tide.

It is illegal to use, set or possess a Conibear or killer-type trap having a jaw spread greater than six inches without a permit for beaver or river otter. A Conibear or killer-type trap with a jaw spread of no more than ten inches may be used for beaver or river otter. Jaw spread shall be measured across the trigger of a set trap to the inner edges of the jaws. Beaver and otter trap tags must be placed above the water line and exposed to view.

Traps, leg-hold

It is illegal to possess or use steel-jawed leghold traps anywhere in New Jersey.

2003–2004 New Jersey Trapping Zones, Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Zone	Inclusive Dates	Season Limits	Notes
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel & Coyote	Statewide (except WMAs)	Nov. 15, 2003 through Mar. 15, 2004	None	6 a.m. on Nov. 15, 2003
All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.	State WMAs	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15, 2004	None	6 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2004
Mink, Muskrat & Nutria	Northern Zone* (except WMAs)	Nov. 15, 2003 through Mar. 15, 2004	None	6 a.m. on Nov. 15, 2003
	Southern Zone** (except WMAs)	Dec. 1, 2003 to Mar. 15, 2004	None	6 a.m. on Dec. 1, 2003
	State WMAs	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15, 2004	None	6 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2004
Beaver	By Special Permit only	Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2004	8 / permit	Max. of 5 traps in use***
River Otter	By Special Permit only	Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2004	1 / season	Max. of 3 traps in use

* Those portions of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren Counties lying north of a line beginning at the intersection of US Route 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Route 1 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Route 440; then east along Route 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey – New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.

** Those portions of the Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem Counties lying south of a line beginning at the intersection of US Route 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Route 1 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Route 440; then east along Route 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey – New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.

*** Holders of both a Special Permit and a Special Site Specific Permit may use five additional traps per Special Site Specific Permit provided they are used only on the property or site specified in the Special Site Specific Permit. The bag limit per Site-Specific Permit is 10 beavers.

Fall and Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations



Non-hunting adults accompanying youth turkey hunters must have in possession **only** a valid hunting license.

Fall 2003 Turkey Hunting Regulations

Fall turkey hunting is by permit only. Apply for fall permits on the application for spring gobbler hunting permits. The application period for fall 2003 permits closed February 28, 2003; permits were mailed to successful applicants in July. If you did not apply last winter, leftover permits tentatively will be sold beginning Monday, September 29, 2003 (There will be no Saturday sales for leftover Fall season turkey permits). Call the permit hotline for more information at (609) 292-9192. The 2003 fall turkey season will consist of one six-day hunting segment, N, from Monday, October 27 through Saturday, November 1, 2003. Fall hunting hours are one half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset. Turkey Hunting Areas 1-11 and Turkey Hunting Areas 20 and 21 will be open for hunting. Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16 and 22 are closed to fall hunting.

Turkey hunters may take only one wild turkey of either sex per permit during the fall season. However, hunters may only take one turkey per day regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds. Dogs and artificial decoys may be used while turkey hunting in the fall season; however, the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. All turkey hunters are required to have a calling device with them while turkey hunting. Turkeys may not be hunted by a group of hunters larger than five individuals. Hunters may not attempt to chase or drive turkeys for the purpose of putting them in range of other hunters. However, hunters may rush a flock of turkeys to cause the flock to scatter. No shot larger than #4 fine shot or smaller than #7 1/2 fine shot may be used for turkey hunting. Hunters may not use shotguns larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge for turkey hunting. Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle for hunting turkeys. Turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of any baited area.

Successful fall turkey hunters must complete the transportation tag on their fall hunting permit immediately upon killing a turkey and must take the bird to an official wild turkey check station by 7 p.m. on the day it is killed. The hunter who killed the bird is the only person who may transport and check the turkey.

Turkey Hunting Information and Permit Application

A permit is required for both spring and fall turkey hunting. All turkey season permits will be valid on any lands on which hunting is allowed, public or private, within each turkey hunting area. The application period for next fall, 2004 permits is February 1-23, 2004. For the Spring (2004) season, 29,250 permits will be available; 3,840 permits will be available for Fall 2004. Completed forms must be mailed to Trenton between February 1 and February 23, 2004.

Spring Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting is by permit only. Hunters with permits for the spring season may hunt only in the Turkey Hunting Area and the hunting segment for which their permit is valid. Spring hunting hours are one half hour before sunrise until 12 noon daily. Hunters may take only one male wild turkey on each permit. Hunters who obtain more than one permit may take a turkey on each permit but only one gobbler may be taken per day, no matter how many permits are held by the hunter.

Spring Gobbler Season-2004 Season Dates for Turkey Hunting Permits

Segment A: Mon., April 19-Fri., April 23; **Segment B:** Mon., April 26-Fri., April 30; **Segment C:** Mon., May 3-Fri., May 7; **Segment D:** Mon., May 10-Fri., May 14; **Segment E:** Mon., May 17-Fri., May 21; Mon., May 24-Fri., May 28; **Segment G:** Sat., April 24; Sat., May 1; Sat., May 8; Sat., May 15; Sat., May 22.

No dogs may be used for spring turkey hunting. Artificial decoys may be used while spring turkey hunting however, the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. Spring turkey hunters may not stalk or attempt to approach turkeys for the purpose of killing the bird. All hunters are required to have a calling device with them while turkey hunting. Turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of any baited area. No shot size larger than #4 fine shot or smaller than #7 1/2 fine shot may be used for turkey hunting. Hunters may not use shotguns larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge for

Youth Turkey Hunt Day
April 17, 2004
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turkey hunting. Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle for taking wild turkeys.

Successful spring turkey hunters must complete the transportation tag on their spring hunting permit immediately upon killing a turkey and must take the bird to an official wild turkey check station by 3 p.m. on the day it is killed. The hunter who killed the turkey is the only person who may transport and check the turkey.

Information

Booklets with turkey hunting information, regulations and application forms will be available at license agents and Division offices by late January 2004. Applicants will apply for both spring and fall seasons on one form. Hunters may submit only one application for turkey permits. Duplicate applications will cause all applications to be voided.

The latest information on turkey hunting techniques is presented at turkey hunting seminars, some of which are sponsored by the Division. These seminars stress safety, calling techniques and "setting up". New turkey hunters are especially encouraged to attend a seminar. Check your newspaper and the application booklet for seminars scheduled for your area in March and April.

Fall Turkey Permits

At press time, the 2003 Fall Turkey Permit Lottery has not been completed.

Tentative date: Monday, September 29, 2003 has been scheduled for over-the-counter sale of leftover permits, if available.

After July 2003 check the website or call the 24 hour automated Permit Hotline at 609-292-9192 for more detailed information.

Fall 2003 Turkey Check Stations

ATLANTIC

Ted's Taxidermy, 713 Route 40, Buena, 856-697-8585

BURLINGTON

Sportsman's Center, Route 130, Bordentown, 609-298-5300

CAPE MAY

Fletcher's Corner, 212 South Rt. 47, Cape May Court House, 609-465-4949

CUMBERLAND

Blackwater Sports Center, 2228 Delsea Dr., Vineland, 856-691-1571

Busnardo's Sport Center, 886 North Pearl St, Bridgeton, 856-451-6272

Maurice River Sports Center, 329 W. Main St., Millville, 856-825-5500

Van Meter Archery Co., 597-5 Shiloh Pike (Rt. 49), Bridgeton, 856-453-2855

HUNTERDON

Clinton Outfitters, 1738 Rt 31 North, Clinton, 908-638-9292

Lakeside Deli, 1878 Rt. 31 N., Clinton, 908-638-3354

Sportsman's Rendezvous, Route 31, Speedway Plaza, Flemington, 908-788-5828

Boan's Marine, 1296 Route 179, Lambertville 609-397-3311

The Corner Store, Rt. 12 And Rt. 519, Baptistown, 908-996-7648

Carousel Deli And Bakery, Rt. 179 And Wertsville Rd., Ringoes, 908-788-5180

Jim Brown's Auto Body, 1173 Rt. 579, Quakertown, 908-735-7800

Jugtown Mountain Campsites, 1074 Rt. 173 East, Asbury, 908-735-5995

MERCER

Trigger And Reel Sport Shop, 60 Arctic Parkway, Ewing, 609-695-2818

Slim's Fins and Furs, 10 Seminary Ave., Hopewell, 609-466-3773

MIDDLESEX

Sayreville Sportsmen, 52 Washington Ave., Sayreville, 732-238-2060

MORRIS

Parsippany Bait And Tackle, 180 Parsippany Road, Parsippany, 973-887-3300

The Country Sportsman, 63 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, 973-839-7622

Buck-n-Bass, Route 15, Jefferson, 973-663-4009

R&S Sports, 3 New Street, Budd Lake, 973-347-1944

River Run Taxidermy Studio, 99 West Mill Rd., Long Valley, 908-876-1966

County Line Sport Shop, #10 Route 46, Hackettstown 908-852-9897

PASSAIC

Frank's Bait and Tackle, 1846 Route 23 North, West Milford, 973-838-3729

Greenwood Lake Sports Center, 1745 Greenwood Lake Turnpike, Hewitt, 973-728-1000

SALEM

North American Archery, 439 Rt 77, Monroeville, 856-358-81808

Joe And Sandy's Country Store, Main St And Friendship Rd, Canton, 856-935-1414

Bradway's Farm Market, Jericho Rd & Rt 49, Salem, 856-935-5698

SOMERSET

Glad-pack Sunoco, 1 Pottersville Rd, Peapack-Gladstone, 908-234-1355

SUSSEX

Hainesville General Store, 283 Rt. 206 South, Hainesville, 973-948-4280

Stokes Sport Shop, 29 Rt 206 South, Branchville, 973-948-5448

Simon-Peter Bait And Tackle, Route 206 And Brighton Rd, Newton, 973-786-5313

Stillwater Supply, 90 Stillwater Station Road, Stillwater, 973-383-4970

Sig Borstad Hunting Supply, 7 Old Rudetown Road, McAfee, 973-827-6527

Mastodon Sport Shop, 34 Highland Lakes Rd. (Rt.638), Vernon, 973-764-0200

WARREN

Alpine Meats, Rt. 94 N., Blairstown, 908-362-8568

Hi-Way Sport Shop, Box 253, Route 31 North, Washington, 908-689-6208

The Owl's Nest, 97 Rt 519, Warren Glen, 908-995-7903

The Big K, 606 Route 519, Johnsonburg, 908-459-4487

2003–04 Migratory Bird Regulations



What Do I Need To Hunt Migratory Birds In New Jersey?

1. To hunt crows you need a **New Jersey hunting license**—See pages 3 and 4 for hunting license requirements and fees.
2. To hunt woodcock, rail, snipe, coots or gallinule you need a **New Jersey hunting license and Harvest Information Program (HIP) number**; see below for HIP information.
3. To hunt ducks, geese or brant you need a **New Jersey hunting license, HIP number, Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp and New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp**. Both Federal and State stamps are required for waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older and must be signed in ink across the stamp's face. Federal stamps are available at U.S. Post Offices. State stamps are available from agents who sell hunting licenses.

ATTENTION Migratory Bird Hunters

Obtain your HIP number by calling **1-800-WETLAND**, the automated system operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or by registering through the Division's website at www.njfishandwildlife.com. The HIP number and phone call are **FREE**. Hunters must first obtain a hunting license before calling HIP and have the license number at hand you call. Then write your assigned HIP number on the front of your hunting license in the space next to "2003/04 Fall/Winter NJ HIP#". Call 888-764-7343 if you need assistance getting your HIP number.

The HIP number is valid from September 1, 2003 until March 10, 2004.

If you hunt migratory birds in another state, you will need to get an HIP number in that state following their HIP procedures.

Many migratory bird regulations are not confirmed at press time for this *Digest*. Watch for press releases in late August for information on season dates and bag limits. When finalized, migratory bird hunting regulations will be published in the "New Jersey 2003–04 Migratory Bird Regulations" available in September at license agents and Division offices. Migratory bird regulations will also be available on the Division web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com as soon as they are finalized. **Migratory bird season dates published in the Migratory Bird Regulations supersede those printed in this *Digest* if there are discrepancies.**

The following dates, although expected to be approved, will not become final until approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in August:

Dates	
September Canada Goose	Statewide Sept. 1–30
Rails, Gallinules (Moorhens)	Statewide Sept. 1–Nov. 8
Sea Ducks	Special Sea Sept. 18–Jan. 20, 2004 Duck Area
Snipe	Statewide Sept. 19–Jan. 3, 2004
Crows (Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat)	Statewide Aug. 11–Mar. 20, 2004 (Except closed Dec. 8–13, 2003)
Woodcock	North Zone Oct. 16–Nov. 8 South Zone Nov. 8–Nov. 29 & Dec. 26–Dec 27
Mourning Dove	Statewide Closed
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day	Statewide Sept. 27

Hunters: Report Banded Birds

Individuals recovering banded migratory birds are reminded to report the band number by calling the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) in Washington, D.C., toll free at **1-800-327-BAND**. Bands can also be reported via the BBL's web site at www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/ or through a link with the Division's web site: www.njfishandwildlife.com. When you contact the BBL, provide the band number, date the bird was recovered, exact location the bird was recovered (including the nearest town) and the method of recovery (for example, shot or found dead). Hunters may keep the bands. In most cases, the operator will be able to keypunch the band number and instantly tell the caller the date and location of banding, as well as the age and sex of the bird at banding. In all cases, the BBL will mail the caller a Certificate of Appreciation with the same information. The information provided by banding data is critical in making management decisions regarding migratory birds.

Atlantic Brant Patch Program

The Brant Patch is a five patch limited edition series which began in 2000 and is a fund raising project of the Susquehanna River Wetlands Trust (SRWT). Proceeds from Brant Patch sales are provided to the Atlantic Flyway Council to be used for research projects concerning the Atlantic Brant. The 2000 patch was designated Banding Project, while remaining year patches are designated Research Project. This reflects the change where the banding part of the program became completely funded and the research is now centered around satellite and conventional radio tracking collars and data analysis. Dave Barnes created the artwork for the first two patches; the third patch was designed by a committee without a specific artist. The 2003 patch is based on a set of decoys custom carved for SRWT by Mike and Susan Veasy. An active artist competition is currently being considered to develop the 2004 patch.



Each \$5 patch is 4 inches in diameter, with an iron-on backing

Shipping and Handling Charges:

1-2 patches.....	\$1
3-5 patches.....	\$2
6-10 patches.....	\$3
11-25 patches.....	\$4
26-50 patches.....	\$5
51 and up.....	\$6

Atlantic Brant Patch Order Form

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Quantity Ordered:

2000 patches _____ 2001 patches _____ 2002 patches _____

2003 patches _____

Total # Patches _____ X \$ 5 per patch = _____

Shipping & Handling (per chart above) = _____

TOTAL _____

Make checks payable to SRWT.

Send To: SRWT Brant Patches
2500 Hafer Rd.
Fayetteville, PA 17222

Hunt 2003

FREE! New Jersey Waterfowlers Clinic

Every year, experienced waterfowlers throughout New Jersey join together dedicating their time and energy to present the "New Waterfowlers Clinic"—an all day, free seminar covering "everything you ever wanted to know" about the traditions of waterfowl hunting in New Jersey. This year is no exception!

Thirty years ago, the clinic began as an opportunity to introduce young people to the world of waterfowl hunting. However, with the growing interest among men and women, as well as children, the event has been transformed into an opportunity for anyone 10 and up to spend a fun and interesting day learning about waterfowling!

Our full-day clinic covers waterfowling from A to Z, and includes bird identification, decoys, calling, guns and ammo, boats, safety, laws and ethics, dos and don'ts, clothing and camo, and even a demonstration by working retrievers! The value of the day is priceless. It's a unique chance to ask any question you've ever had about the sport—to be answered by the most experienced waterfowlers in New Jersey. Our instructors have a combined 300 years of experience!



Free breakfast and lunch to all attending!

Date: Sunday, October 5, 2003

Location: Tip Seaman Park, Tuckerton, NJ

Time: 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Please **register in advance** so we can plan accordingly. Call George Larson at 732-870-8473 or Bill Schaf at 732-928-1275.

We hope you'll join us this year and share our enthusiasm for all that is waterfowling!

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Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Regulations

Regulations for use of Wildlife Management Areas are established by the Division of Fish and Wildlife with penalties of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200.

Information on these regulations and permit applications may be obtained by writing to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400.

The Division may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:
 alcoholic beverages, camping, cutting or damaging
 vegetation, dumping, fires, swimming, picnicking.

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 or receipt from a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license. The boat ramp maintenance permit shall be purchased for a fee of \$15 from the Division offices at the Pequest Trout Hatchery Natural Resource Education Center, Northern, Central and Southern Region, Nacote Creek, Bivalve, Tuckahoe, Lebanon and Trenton offices. Boat Ramp Maintenance Permits may also be purchased through the mail from N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625, Att: Boat Ramp Permit. Persons 70 years and older are not required to obtain a boat ramp maintenance permit, but must affix proof of age to the driver's side rear window in their vehicle.

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| 1. Round Valley | 4. Dennis Creek | 8. Menantico Ponds |
| Angler Access | 5. Tuckahoe | 9. Prospertown Lake |
| 2. Kingwood | 6. Mad Horse Creek | |
| 3. Assunpink | 7. Union Lake | |

Dog Training, Exercising & Hunting

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

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|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Assunpink | 5. Colliers Mills | 9. Manasquan |
| 2. Millville | 6. Glassboro | 10. Stafford Forge |
| 3. Black River | 7. Hainesville | 11. Whittingham |
| 4. Clinton | 8. Tuckahoe | |

All dogs must be properly licensed. A person may exercise or train dogs on any WMA from September 1 to April 30. There shall be no exercising or training of dogs on any WMA on November 7, 2003, the Friday before the opening day of the regular small game season.

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 foxes, raccoons, rabbits and hares. For more information call 609-984-0547.

Field Trials

Permits for use of Wildlife Management Areas for running of field trials may be granted by the Division.



Higbee Beach

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 to Dec. 16, 2003.

Horseback Riding

Horseback riding is allowed by permit only from the Division of Fish and Wildlife on designated areas. Call 609-259-2132. This permit must be displayed on outer clothing while riding.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting with firearms is prohibited on November 7, 2003 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp areas except in tidal marsh open to an ongoing waterfowl season.

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

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

Motor Vehicles & Other Forms of Conveyances

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.

The use of dog sleds and dog carts, off road vehicles, ATV's, trailbikes, or snowmobiles is prohibited on all WMAs unless authorized by the Division.

Outboard Motors

Only electric motors are allowed on freshwater areas with the exception of Union Lake where an outboard motor, not exceeding 10 hp, may be used. On Prospertown Lake, only manually operated boats and canoes are allowed.

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 Division approved activities.

Target Practice

Only archery, shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, muzzleloading rifle 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, .22 caliber, rimfire rifles and muzzleloaders; no other firearms allowed. See page 59 for a complete list of ranges.

Waterfowl Blinds

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

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|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Assunpink | 6. Manahawkin | 11. Salem River |
| 2. Black River | 7. Stafford Forge | (Formerly Mannington) |
| 3. Colliers Mills | 8. Whittingham | 12. Prospertown |
| 4. Hainesville | 9. Beaver Swamp | |
| 5. Tuckahoe | 10. Sedge Island | |

Any blind used in these designated areas must be portable and shall be completely removed at the end of the day. Blinds remaining in WMAs will be subject to confiscation and properly disposed of by the Division.

REGULATIONS

Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Ranges

The following information pertains to NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife facilities. Information on privately operated facilities is available at "Where To Shoot," a site maintained by the National Shooting Sports Foundation at www.nssf.org.

- All WMA regulations apply.
- At least one member of the shooting party must have a current, valid hunting license in possession.
- Shotgun range: fine shot only.
- Archery range: target or practice tips only (NO broadheads).
- Muzzleloading rifle and shotgun range: muzzleloading firearms, shotguns with rifled slugs or buckshot and modern rimfire (.22 caliber) rifles only.
- No handguns or centerfire rifles permitted.

NORTHERN REGION

Hunterdon County

Clinton WMA

Route 173W, Clinton
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)

Morris County

Black River WMA

Route 513 (Dover-Chester Road), Chester
Shotgun, Archery

Note: Closed weekends from the third Saturday in May through the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, as well as on the Christmas and Easter holidays. 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 to be held at the range and will not be affected by the new hours.

Sussex County

Flatbrook-Roy WMA

Route 615, Layton
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (75 yards)

Warren County

Pequest WMA

Pequest Road, Oxford
Archery

CENTRAL REGION

Monmouth County

Assunpink WMA

Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd.,
Upper Freehold Twp.
Shotgun, Archery

Turkey Swamp

Georgia Road, Freehold Twp.
*special regulations apply call 732-842-4000
Archery

Ocean County

Colliers Mills WMA

Off Colliers Mills & Hawkins Rds.,
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 & 100 yards)

Stafford Forge WMA

off Route 539, south of Warren Grove,
Little Egg Harbor Twp.
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader

SOUTHERN REGION

Atlantic County

Makepeace Lake WMA

Elmwood-Weymouth Road, Weymouth
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)

Gloucester County

Winslow WMA

Piney Hollow Road, Monroe Twp.
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)

Cape May County

Tuckahoe WMA

Off Tuckahoe Road (Route 631), Tuckahoe
Shotgun, Archery

Cumberland County

Millville WMA

Ackley Road (Route 718), Millville
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)



HUNT SMART Courtesy Card

Visitor's Copy - Not Transferable

I request permission to enter your property for the following purpose:

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

Limitations: _____

Hunter can hunt within 450 feet of buildings: Yes No

Landowners Name: _____

Address: _____

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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 can hunt within 450 feet of buildings: Yes No

New Jersey Uses Cutting-edge Technology To Track Deer-Vehicle Collisions

Nearly every New Jersey driver has seen the results of a deer-vehicle collision. Ever wonder just how many, and where, white-tailed deer are struck throughout the state each year?

Can these deer-vehicle fatalities provide valuable information to guide future harvest

strategies and improve motorists' safety? The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's White-tailed Deer Research Project intends to answer these questions.

Under a cooperative project between Fish and Wildlife and the state Department of Transportation, information about deer carcasses is being collected for at least one full year. This deer-vehicle accident data will be summarized and analyzed several ways.

The Deer Research Project aims to develop a deer population index based on the number of deer-vehicle accidents. A population index measures how an animal population changes over time. Such an index may supplement the current method using deer check station data to estimate white-tailed deer population levels.

After being collected in the field, the deer carcass location information will be plotted using a Geographic Information System (GIS) and overlaid on state road maps. These maps will determine "hot spots" areas where deer-vehicle accidents are frequent and may indicate areas where the deer population needs to be reduced.

State transportation officials will use the data to determine placement of deer crossing warning signs, fencing and/or animal crossing bridges and tunnels to reduce deer-car collisions. Both of these strategies are expected to result in safer roads for people.

In addition, the maps developed from this study may demonstrate a relationship between the number of deer-vehicle accidents and deer habitat. A more accurate count and exact loca-

tion of the white-tailed deer killed annually by vehicles will be a valuable tool in New Jersey's deer management efforts.

The data will help identify where existing deer management strategies appear to be adequate and will conversely reveal where management strategies may need to be adjusted.

In New Jersey, the transportation department is responsible for the removal of white-tailed deer from all roadways except toll roads such as the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike.

One contract vendor in each region (north, central and south) removes deer carcasses. When motorists see a white-tailed deer carcass on the side of the road, they should contact the local police department with the deer's exact location. The police will contact the right people to remove the carcass.

Under the new project, Fish and Wildlife has supplied the deer-removal people with hand-held computers equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) capabilities.

They record data such as the deer's sex, presence of antlers, roadway name and posted speed limit. They then take a reading for the deer's exact location (based on the Earth's latitude and longitude) using the GPS function and stores all of the information in the hand-held computer.

The deer pickup service will periodically download the information and send it to both the transportation department and Deer Research Project staff to analyze.

- Jodi L. Powers, Senior Wildlife Biologist



Your purchase of hunting equipment supports Wildlife Restoration

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 ____/____/____

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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.

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