

- A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See page 6 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 Fish and Wildlife may be used in lieu of marking with your name and address. You must provide proof of license and a daytime telephone number. To fax your information, photocopy the *carbon copy* of your current and valid trapping license. Contact the Bureau of Wildlife Management at (609) 292-6685 for more information.
- 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 Fish and Wildlife 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 rimfire cartridges to kill legally trapped animals other than muskrat. Firearms may not be loaded with more than three rounds.

Beaver and River Otter

Beaver and river otter may be taken only by properly licensed trappers in possession of a beaver/otter season permit valid for an entire beaver/otter management zone, or a beaver site-specific permit valid as designated on the permit. **Application can be made at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site www.NJFandWildlife.com. Remember to bring your 2006 trapping license to apply.**

The application period is October 1-31. A zone map, zone boundaries description and permit quota chart is available on our Web site or call (609) 292-1473. Applicants may apply for only one beaver trapping permit and/or one otter trapping permit. If the number of applications exceeds the permit quota, a random drawing will be held to determine permit holders. Successful beaver permit applicants will be given first opportunity for otter permits in their respective beaver zone.

Beaver trappers can indicate on their application if they wish to be considered for a site-



specific beaver permit within your chosen zone. Site-specific permits are issued for properties where confirmed beaver damage or nuisance problems exist. A separate, random drawing will determine site-specific permit holders; however, applicants who did not receive a beaver/otter zone permit will have first opportunity for a site-specific permit.

Other rules and regulations:

- Holders of a beaver trapping *zone* permit may use a maximum of five traps daily.
- Holders of a *site-specific* permit may use an additional five traps daily *only* at the location specified on the permit.
- Holders of a river otter trapping permit may use a maximum of three traps daily.
- All beaver and otter trap tags must be clearly visible above the water or ice.
- A Fish and Wildlife-issued Beaver Transportation Tag or Otter Transportation Tag must be affixed to the beaver or otter carcass immediately upon removal from the trap.
- All successful trappers (or their agents) must present their beaver and/or otter pelts at a designated check station for examination where pelt tags will be affixed, and otter carcasses will be surrendered. Trappers are strongly encouraged to properly flesh and stretch all pelts for examination. Additional information on check stations will be provided to all permit holders.
- **The tentative date for beaver/otter pelt check is Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007. Successful trappers who cannot attend the scheduled date may contact either Joseph Garris at (908) 735-7040 or Andrew Burnett at (609) 748-2058 prior to February 24 to schedule a pelt examination.**

Traps, body gripping restraining type (snares)

- No person shall set, use or maintain any type of snare unless they have first satisfactorily completed a Fish and Wildlife-approved trapper education course and carry on their person appropriate certification thereof.
- 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 at least 30 feet from any trap set.

Body gripping restraining snares set for mink, muskrat and nutria are subject to the following requirements:

- All such traps must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 1/32, 3/64 or 1/16 inches in diameter, equipped with a swivel and set within 50 feet of the mean high water line;
- All such traps must be equipped with a stop to prevent the average loop diameter from exceeding 4 inches; and,
- All such traps must be set so that the distance between the ground/walking surface to the top of the loop does not exceed 7 inches

Body gripping restraining snares set for coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk and weasel shall be subject to the following requirements:

- All such traps must be constructed of aircraft cable of crucible wire measuring from 5/64 to 1/8 inches in diameter and be equipped with a swivel;
- All such traps must be equipped with a deer stop locate no less than 6 inches from the beginning of the cable *and* a loop stop to prevent the average loop diameter from exceeding 12 inches; and,
- All such traps must be set so that the distance between the ground / walking surface to the top of the loop does not exceed 24 inches.
- The above requirements for cable diameters, loops stops and loop sizes do not apply to body gripping restraining snares that are completely submerged underwater at all times (e.g., when set for beaver or river otter).

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 10 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. 🐾

2006-07 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 stocked WMAs)	Nov. 15, 2006 through March 15, 2007	No limit	6 a.m. on Nov. 15
	Pheasant Stocked State WMAs ONLY*	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15, 2007	No limit	6 a.m. on Jan. 1
Mink, Muskrat & Nutria	Northern Zone** (except stocked WMAs*)	Nov. 15, 2006 through March 15, 2007	No limit	6 a.m. on Nov. 15
	Southern Zone † (except stocked WMAs*)	Dec. 1, 2006 to March 15, 2007	No limit	6 a.m. on Dec. 1
	Pheasant Stocked State WMAs ONLY*	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15, 2007	No limit	6 a.m. on Jan. 1
Beaver	Statewide (except stocked WMAs)	Dec. 26, 2006 to Feb. 9, 2007	8 / permit	Permit required. Max. of 5 traps in use†
	Pheasant Stocked State WMAs ONLY*	Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2007		
River Otter	Statewide (except stocked WMAs)	Dec. 26, 2006 to Feb. 9, 2007	1 / season	Permit required. Max. of 3 traps in use
	Pheasant Stocked State WMAs ONLY*	Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2007		

* Pheasant stocked state WMAs are: Assumpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Millville, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Tuckahoe, Walpack, Winslow, Whittingham, Fort Dix Military Reservation and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

** 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 Beaver Permit and a special Site-Specific Beaver Permit may use five additional traps per special Site-Specific Beaver Permit provided they are used only on the property or site specified in the special Site-Specific Beaver Permit. The bag limit per Site-Specific Beaver Permit is 10 beaver.

Deer shot on a preserve are not eligible for Boone & Crockett, Pope & Young or New Jersey's Outstanding Deer Program.

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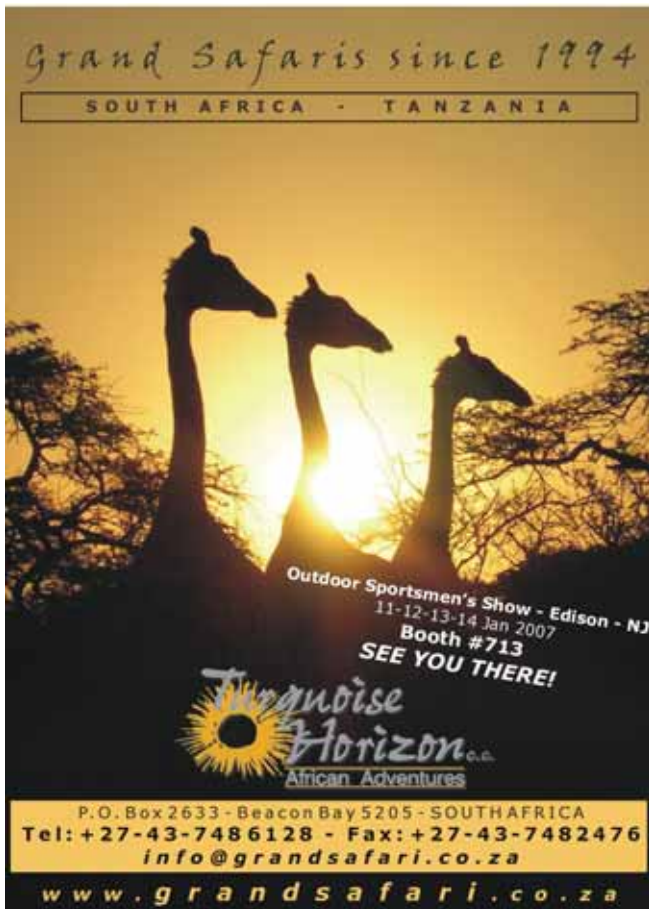


1. For decades Jim Santoro has been an avid and accomplished deer hunter. Just as he began to explore the challenges of turkey hunting, Santoro's plans were suddenly interrupted when he suffered a major stroke, robbing him of most functions of his right arm and leg. Santoro's past hunting success was largely due to his persistence and adaptability – qualities which proved important both in his vigorous pursuit of rehabilitation and his first turkey hunt this past spring. Much encouragement and support came from Santoro's neighbor and hunting partner, Doug Roscoe, who drove Santoro through the field to a pop-up hunting blind because of his limited mobility.

2. After several days of turkey hunting, two gobblers finally responded to Roscoe's calls. The birds zigzagged as they approached the turkey decoy set out beyond the blind. Roscoe adjusted the handle of the cane on which Santoro rested his superposed, 12-gauge shotgun. When one gobbler moved away from the other, Santoro squeezed off the shot. The gobbler when down on the spot.

3. Miraculously, the other tom continued to hang around, probably given confidence by the undisturbed decoy. When Roscoe turned his camera on this second gobbler, Santoro cast a look as if Roscoe has lost his senses: on his back was a turkey permit for that zone; in the double-barreled shotgun was a shell ready to fire. Roscoe put down the camera, picked up the gun and shot the other gobbler! Roscoe says that hunting with a disabled partner made the experience much more challenging – and surely more rewarding.

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Non-hunting adults accompanying youth turkey hunters need only have in possession a valid hunting license. Turkey hunting is by permit only.

Spring and fall turkey hunting is by permit only. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 10. For farmers, see *Farmer Turkey Permits*, page 12.

Fall 2006 Turkey Hunting Regulations

The 2006 fall turkey season consists of one six-day hunting segment, N, from Monday, Oct. 30 through Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006. 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.

- **Bag Limit:** 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, except the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. All hunters are required to possess a calling device while turkey hunting.

- The maximum group size while turkey hunting is five hunters. 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.

- Fluorescent hunter orange is not required to hunt turkey.

- Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle to hunt turkeys.

- Turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of any baited area.

Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must complete the transportation tag on their fall hunting permit and affix it to the bird. The turkey must be taken to an official wild turkey check station by 7 p.m. on the day it is killed *by the hunter who killed the bird.*

Spring 2007 Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting regulations are published in the 2007 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 10.

*Youth Turkey Hunt Day
April 14, 2007
See page 24*

2007 Spring Gobbler Hunting Season

Youth Turkey Hunting Day: Sat., April 14
Segment A: Mon., April 16 - Fri., April 20
Segment B: Mon., April 23 - Fri., April 27
Segment C: Mon., Mon, April 30 - Fri., May 4
Segment D: Mon., May 7 - Fri., May 11
Segment E: Mon., May 14 - Fri., May 18;
Mon., May 21 - Fri., May 25
Segment G: all Saturdays, April 21, April 28,
May 5, May 12 and May 19

Turkey Hunting Seminars

The latest turkey hunting techniques are presented at several turkey hunting seminars sponsored by Fish and Wildlife or wildlife conservation organizations. These seminars focus on how to set up, calling techniques and key safety information for turkey hunters. New turkey hunters are especially encouraged to join us at a seminar. Check your newspaper and the 2007 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement for the seminars scheduled during March and April. 🦃



Fall 2006 Turkey Check Stations

ATLANTIC

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

BURLINGTON

Sportsman's Center, Route 130, Bordertown, (609) 298-5300

CUMBERLAND

Blackwater Sports Center, 2228 Delsea Dr., Vineland, (856) 691-1571
Big Daddy's Sports Haven, 595 Sherman Ave., Millville, (856) 825-5500

HUNTERDON

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

Ralph Anthony Automotive, 1173 Rt. 579, Quakertown, (908) 735-7800
Jugtown Mountain Campsites, 1074 Rt. 173 East, Asbury, (908) 735-5995

MIDDLESEX

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

MORRIS

The Country Sportsman, 63 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, (973) 839-7622
Mount Hope Deli, 662 Mount Hope Ave. Wharton, (973) 328-7259
R&S Sports, 3 New Street, Budd Lake, (973) 347-1944
County Line Sport Shop, #10 Route 46, Hackettstown (908) 852-9897

PASSAIC

D & D Sport and Paintball, 1846 Route 23 North, West Milford, (973) 838-7522
Greenwood Lake Sports Center, 1745 Greenwood Lake Turnpike, Hewitt, (973) 728-1000

SALEM

North American Archery, 439 Rt 77, Monroeville, (856) 358-81808
Bradway's Farm Market, Jericho Rd & Rt 49, Quinton, (856) 935-5698

SOMERSET

Gladpack Sunoco, 1 Pottersville Rd, Peapack-Gladstone, (908) 234-1355
Millstone Sport Shop, 20 N. River St., Millstone, (908) 359-5713

SUSSEX

Garden State Bow & Reel, 2760A Rt. 23N, Stockholm, (973) 697-3727
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

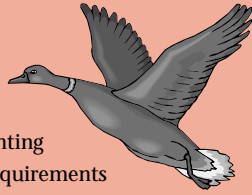
Sig Borstad Hunting Supply, 7 Old Rudetown Road, McAfee, (973) 827-6527

Swartwood Country Store, 911 Newton-Swartwood Rd., Stillwater, (973) 383-5470

WARREN

Alpine Meats, Rt. 94 N., Blairstown, (908) 362-8568
Hi-Way Sport Shop, Box 253, Route 31 North, Washington, (908) 689-6208
Smitty's Liquer & Deli, 89 Rt. 46, Delaware, (908) 475-5933
The Owl's Nest, 97 Rt 519, Warren Glen, (908) 995-7903
Dark Moon Tavern, 606 Route 519, Johnsonburg, (908) 459-4487

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



1. Required to hunt crows: a New Jersey hunting license—See page 6 for hunting license requirements and fees.
2. Required to hunt woodcock, rail, snipe, coots or moorhens (gallinule): a New Jersey hunting license and Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification; see below for HIP information.
3. Required to hunt ducks, geese or brant: a New Jersey hunting license, HIP certification, 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 (even those still hunting on a youth license) and must be signed in ink across the stamp's face. Federal stamps are available at U.S. post offices and national wildlife refuges. Collentors of waterfowl stamps may purchase State stamps are available from agents who sell hunting licenses. New Jersey stamps through our Trenton office. Call (609) 984-1400.

Information For Migratory Bird Hunters Important Changes in Obtaining HIP Certification

Hunters must purchase a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification before hunting ducks, geese, brant, woodcock, rails, snipe, coot or moorhens (gallinules) in New Jersey. Hunters may purchase an HIP certification via three sales outlets:

1. **License Agents,**
HIP certification may be purchased at any license agent for a \$2 fee. Hunters will have their HIP certifications printed on the new durable, green license stock.
2. **Internet Sales Site**
Hunters may purchase an HIP certification for a \$2 fee on Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site (www.NJFishandWildlife.com) then self-print the HIP certifications.
3. **Telephone Sales Site**
Hunters may purchase their HIP certifications using Fish and Wildlife's telephone sales process (800) 277-2015. Following the sale, hunters will receive a transaction number; write down this number as it may be used immediately for proof of completing an HIP certification. The actual HIP certification will be printed on the durable green license stock and mailed to the hunter's home. **Note: any purchases made using the telephone sales process will incur an additional shipping and handling fee of \$3.00 plus 2.5% of the total sale.**

Hunters must have proof of HIP certification in possession while hunting migratory birds, whether the document is printed on the durable, green license stock, a computer self-printed certification or a transaction number obtained over the phone. This proof of certification should be carried in the hunter's license holder. The HIP certification is valid from Sept. 1, 2006 to March 10, 2007.

The issuance of an actual HIP number is discontinued; any language on 2006 paper hunting licenses issued no longer applies.

All information collected through the program is kept confidential and is used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only to conduct migratory bird harvest surveys. As in the past, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will mail harvest survey information to a small, random group of HIP registrants.

Many migratory bird regulations are not confirmed from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the time of printing 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 2006-07 Migratory Bird Regulations** available in September at license agents and Fish and Wildlife offices. Migratory bird regulations will also be available on the Fish and Wildlife 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in August:

Migratory Bird Seasons - Tentative

September Canada Goose	Statewide	Sept. 1-30
Rails, Moorhens (Gallinules).	Statewide	Sept. 1-Nov. 8
Sea Ducks	Special Sea	Sept. 16, 2006-
	Duck Area	Jan. 16, 2007
Snipe	Statewide	Sept. 16-Dec. 30, 2006
Crows* (Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat)	Statewide	Aug. 14-Mar. 17, 2007
		(Except closed
		Dec. 4-9, 2006)
Woodcock	North Zone	Oct. 19-Nov. 11
	South Zone	Nov. 11-Nov. 25
		and Dec. 22-Dec. 30, 2006
Mourning Dove	Statewide	Closed
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	North Zone	Sept. 30
	South Zone	Nov. 10 & 11
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 28

* Established in current Game Code

Hunters: Report Banded Birds

Hunters who recover banded migratory birds are asked 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 (800) 327-BAND. Band information also may be reported through the BBL's Web site at www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/.

Banding data plays a critical role in the decision-making process for migratory bird management.

When contacting the BBL, hunters should provide the following information: band number, date the bird was recovered, exact location of the bird's recovery as well as nearest town, and method of recovery, e.g., shot or found dead. Hunters may keep the bands.

The BBL sends a certificate of appreciation to anyone who reports a banded bird, along with information on the date and location of the banding and the age and sex of the bird.

Atlantic Brant Patch Program

The Atlantic Brant Patch Program features five limited-edition patches available to raise public funds for the Susquehanna River Wetlands Trust. The program began in 2000 with the Banding Project patch. These patches promote and support Atlantic brant research. Proceeds from patch sales fund brant research being conducted by the Atlantic Flyway Council. Current research focuses on satellite and conventional radio tracking collars and data analysis.

The 2004 patch is the last in the series. Your continued support is appreciated.

Dave Barnes, wildlife artist and carver, created the artwork for the first two patches. A committee without a specific artist designed the third patch, and the 2003 patch was based on a set of custom decoys carved for the SRWT by talented wildlife carvers Mike and Susan Veasey.



Each patch is four inches in diameter, with an iron-on backing. Only \$5 each.

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 _____ 2004 patches _____

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

Shipping & Handling (per chart above) = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to SRWT.

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

FREE! New Jersey Waterfowlers Clinic

Every year, experienced waterfowlers throughout New Jersey join together dedicating their time and energy to present the **New Jersey 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, do’s 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, Oct. 1, 2006

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!

Nontoxic Shotgun Shell Regulation Now in Effect for Rail, Snipe and Moorhen Hunters

To protect wildlife from lead poisoning in New Jersey’s wetlands, nontoxic shot is required **at all times** while hunting rails, snipe and moorhens.

Numerous studies have shown that waterbirds and other wildlife either die or are seriously sickened by ingesting spent lead shot deposited in marshes. Further, secondary lead poisoning can occur in predatory or scavenging wildlife, most notably raptors, after they consume animals that have ingested lead shot.

Under the new rule, hunters are permitted to use only shotgun shells containing federally approved nontoxic shot pellets, including steel, bismuth, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron (HEVI-SHOT) and tungsten-iron-nickel-tin (TINT).

These nontoxic shotgun shells have lower velocities and smaller shot sizes suitable for hunting rail, snipe and moorhens, and are now on the market.

Further, hunters are not permitted to possess shotgun shells loaded with lead shot while pursuing rails, snipe or moorhens. Hunters found illegally possessing shotgun shells containing lead shot face a penalty of \$20 for each shotgun shell.

Wildlife Management Area

REGULATIONS

Regulations for use of wildlife management areas (WMAs) are established by the Division of Fish and Wildlife with penalties of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,500.

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

Fish and Wildlife 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 and 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 Fish and Wildlife 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 online at www.fishandwildlife.com or through the mail from New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625, Attn: 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 Aug. 31, inclusive and only on the following select WMAs:

- | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 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 Sept. 1 to April 30. There shall be no exercising or training of dogs on any WMA on Nov. 10, 2006, 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 Fish and Wildlife.

Higbee Beach

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 to Dec. 10, 2006.

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 Nov. 10, 2006 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp areas except in tidal marsh open to an ongoing waterfowl season. See *Pheasants*, page 58.

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, ATVs, trail bikes, or snowmobiles is prohibited on all WMAs unless authorized by Fish and Wildlife.

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 Fish and Wildlife 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 67 for a list of ranges.

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:

- | | | |
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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 Fish and Wildlife.

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.wheretoshoot.org

- 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 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 (100 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.,
Jackson Twp.
Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

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 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)



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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

Landowner's Name: _____

Address: _____

LANDOWNER COPY

Permission given to: _____

Address: _____

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Vehicle Lic. No. _____ No. in Party _____

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

Limitations: _____

Other licenses, tag no.: _____

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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.

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Division of Fish & Wildlife



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Signed _____ (landowner, lessee, or operator)

Date ____/____/____



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New Jersey Showcases Outstanding Deer

New Jersey's Outstanding White-tailed Deer Program, initiated in 1964, includes categories for typical and non-typical antlered deer taken with bow, shotgun and muzzleloading rifle, in addition to the weight categories listed below. A newer velvet category is added for early bow season deer.

Category	Minimum score
Typical Firearm	125
Non-typical Firearm	135
Typical Archery	125
Non-typical Archery	135
Typical Muzzleloader	125
Non-typical Muzzleloader	135

In the Antlered Division, New Jersey's Outstanding Deer Program uses the most common system in North America used for rating antlers as developed by the Boone and Crockett Club. This scoring system gives credit to antler length, spread, number of points, massiveness and symmetry. This measurement system also is used by the Pope & Young Club's Bowhunting Big Game Records Program. Deer must have been taken under the rules of fair chase.

In the Weight Division, the program recognizes exceptional body size as determined by the field dressed weight. Those bucks reaching or exceeding 200 pounds (must have proof confirmed on a certified scale* for bucks) and a category for field dressed does reaching or exceeding 135 pounds (witnessed, non-certified scale at a deer check station or Fish and Wildlife regional office).

Any properly licensed hunter, regardless of residency, is eligible to enter the Outstanding Deer Program. Deer must be taken in accordance with New Jersey wildlife laws and regulations. Additional rules are included on the official application forms. These forms with instructions are available on Fish and Wildlife's Web site or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Outstanding Deer Program, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400. There is no entry fee.

All qualified entries will be added to New Jersey's All Time List. For questions, call (609) 633-7598.

Quality deer management or antler point restriction programs are bound to result in a significant increase in the number of outstanding deer added to the All Time List.

Qualifying deer entries are displayed and recognized at the annual Garden State Deer Classic. Join Fish and Wildlife in celebrating New Jersey's outstanding white-tailed deer at the Deer Classic in January at the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show. See the ad on page 68 for details.

The table below is a list of the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2006 Garden State Deer Classic. **The Classic showcased the outstanding deer taken during the 2004-2005 deer hunting seasons, not this past hunting seasons.**

*A certified scale may be available at the following businesses:

- Warehouse with shipping department
- Concrete, sand and gravel company
- Junk yard or scrap metal recycler
- Marina with party and charter boat fishing

Or contact your county weights and measures office

2006 Garden State Deer Classic Winners

Deer Harvested During the 2004-05 Hunting Seasons					
Category	Place	Name	Score / Weight	County Harvested	DMZ
135 Pound Doe Club—Archery	1st	Stan Lysenko	160 lbs.	Somerset	14
	2nd	Jason Reed	136 lbs	Cumberland	31
135 Pound Doe Club—Muzzleloader	1st	Robert Chandler	138 lbs.	Gloucester	35
135 Pound Doe Club—Shotgun	1st	Ryan Stocker	141 lbs.	Warren	5
	2nd	Louis Wieben	140 lbs.	Hunterdon	12
200 Pound Buck Club - Archery	1st	Dan Deveney	223 lbs.	Hunterdon	12
	2nd	Eric S. Price	205 lbs.	Salem	35
	3rd	Gary W. Mood	203 lbs.	Salem	27
Typical Archery	1st	Eugene Donato	146 0/8	Cumberland	28
	2nd	Dan Deveney	144 1/4	Hunterdon	12
	3rd	Joseph Buchanan	143 3/8	Hunterdon	11
Non-Typical Archery	1st	H. Russell Hiles	147 1/8	Salem	29
	2nd	Paul Fenwick	146 1/8	Somerset	12
	3rd	James Mandaglio	138 1/4	Hunterdon	10
Typical Muzzleloader	1st	William Hill	151 1/2	Warren	7
	2nd	Mark Humphreys	140 7/8	Salem	27
	3rd	Steven Fodor	137 7/8	Hunterdon	11
Non-Typical Muzzleloader	1st	Peter Bell	152 7/8	Burlington	37
Typical Shotgun	1st	James Porcelli	175 7/8	Monmouth	50
	2nd	Harry Lombardo, Jr.	143 1/2	Salem	27
	3rd	William Kurman Jr.	141 0/8	Cumberland	29
Non-Typical Shotgun	1st	Jeff Norton	160 5/8	Salem	35
	2nd	M. John Layton	135 7/8	Atlantic	42
Physically Challenged—Typical Crossbow	1st	Amel Balega, Jr.	134	Hunterdon	11



The buck of a lifetime, says Jim Porcelli, of his deer scoring 175 7/8 in the typical shotgun category, tied for the All Time State Record. The 11-pointer was taken in Zone 50, Monmouth County.