

## **NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife 2008-2009 Special Areas Deer Hunting Season Information**

Special areas include Federal Military Installments, certain state and county parks and national wildlife refuges where hunter access is controlled.

All state game laws and regulations apply to Special Areas.

Only ONE antlered deer may be taken per permit season, statewide, regardless of the number of permits possessed.

Due to homeland security measures and military actions, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife cannot guarantee all military installations will be available or open to hunting throughout each deer season. Hunters are reminded that Fish and Wildlife has a "no refund – no exchange" policy for deer permits.

### **Special Areas - County and State Parks**

#### **Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61):**

**To hunt the Atlantic County Park System, hunters must apply for a Zone 61 permit through the lottery. See *Permits for Hunters and Trappers*, page 10 in the 2008 Hunting Digest.**

**Permit Bow Season:** Nov. 1, 2008 to Jan. 31, 2009 (78 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. A total of 40 permits are available.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008 and Jan. 1- 9, 2009 (21 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 40 permits are available.

**Six-day Firearm Season:** Dec. 8-13, 2008 - **bag limit:** Two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Dec. 8-13 and 17-19, 2008 (9 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 80 permits are available.

Deer hunting is prohibited here all other times. The Atlantic County Park office is located at 6303 Old Harding Highway, Mays Landing, NJ 08330. All applicants must call (609) 625-8219 prior to the lottery for specific rules, restrictions and orientation dates. Hunter Orientation attendance is required for Zone 61. The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 61.

#### **Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park (Zone 11):**

A portion of the Division of Parks and Forestry's My Ben tract of the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park in Delaware Township in Hunterdon County is open for deer hunting.. Zone 11 regulations apply. Call (609) 397-2949. for more information.

#### **High Point State Park (Zone 67):**

There is no lottery for Zone 67 permits this year. To hunt High Point State Park, hunters must purchase a Zone 67 permit from a license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis, beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 6, 2008. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16 in the 2008 Hunting Digest.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Nov. 10-13 and 17-20, 2008 (8 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. The hunter's first deer must be antlerless. Successful hunters may then harvest an antlered deer if in possession of an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. A total of 350 permits are available.

Deer hunting is prohibited in High Point at all other times. Hunters are not permitted in the park before 6 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Hunters must visit the park's Web site for details on the hunt, hunting maps and regulations at [www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/highpoint.html](http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/highpoint.html). The High Point State Park Office is located at 1480 Route 23 South in Sussex. Call (973) 875-4800 for more information on park regulations *before* applying for a Zone 67 permit.

#### **Hunterdon County Park System:**

Parks within the Hunterdon County Park System open to deer hunting require a park access permit. Applications are available at the Hunterdon County Park office, Route 31, Flemington. Before hunting, call (908) 782-1158 for more information.

##### **Mercer County Parks (Zone 41):**

Hunters interested in deer hunting on Baldpate Mountain in Hopewell Township (Deer Management Zone 41) should contact the Mercer County Park Commission at (609) 989-6532.

Howell Living History Farm in Hopewell Township (Deer Management Zone 41) is open for limited permit muzzleloader and winter bow hunting. Howell Living History Farm charges a non-refundable \$5 processing fee. Deer hunting in Howell Living History Farm is prohibited at all other times. Call (609) 737-3299 for more information, season dates, maps and access permits *before* purchasing a Zone 41 permit.

#### **Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64):**

To hunt Monmouth Battlefield State Park, hunters must apply for a Zone 64 permit. See *Permits for Hunters and Trappers* for lottery instructions, page 10 in the 2008 Hunting Digest. All hunters also must attend a mandatory Hunter Orientation meeting on Nov. 19, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Monmouth Battlefield State Park Visitors Center.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Dec. 8-13, 2008 (6 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available

**Six-day Firearm Season:** Dec. 8-13, 2008, (6 days) - **bag limit:** Two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1 - Feb. 21, 2009 (45 days) - **bag limit:** Unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Deer hunting is prohibited at all other times. Hunters must comply with all state park regulations which include a mandatory hunter orientation session for all hunters. **Call (732) 462-9616 for more information on additional park regulations before applying for a Zone 64 permit.**

##### **Middlesex County Park System:**

Portions of specified parks within the Middlesex County Park System are open to deer hunting. A park system permit is required. Call (732) 745-5988 for maps and more information.

#### **Monmouth County Park System:**

Portions of specified parks within the Monmouth County Park System are open to deer hunting. A park system permit is required. Call (732) 842-4000 or visit [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com) for maps and more information.

#### **Morris County Park System:**

Parks within the Morris County Park System are open for limited permit bow and permit shotgun hunting. The park system is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Permits are available from Natural Resources Division. Call (973) 326-7622 for more information and season dates.

#### **Rancocas State Park (Zone 48):**

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 48 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Before hunting in Rancocas State Park, call (609) 726-1191 or write to Rancocas State Park, c/o Brendan Byrne State Forest, P.O. Box 215, New Lisbon, NJ 08064 for more information and a detailed map.

#### **Round Valley Recreation Area (Zone 12):**

Designated portions of the area are open to deer hunting during all or portions of the Fall Bow, Permit

Bow, Six-day Firearm and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 12 regulations apply. The area is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Any area administered by Round Valley, not located within Round Valley Recreation Area, is also available for hunting. Contact the Round Valley office for hunting information at (908) 236-6355.

**Six-Mile Run Reservoir site, administered by D & R Canal State Park (Zone 14):**

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 14 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Call the Delaware-Raritan Canal State Park (609) 924-5705 for more information and a detailed map before hunting in Six-Mile Run Reservoir site.

**Spruce Run Recreation Area (Zone 7):**

Designated portions of the area are open to deer hunting weekdays during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow Seasons. Deer Management Zone 7 regulations apply. The area is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Hunters must use the boat launch parking lot. Call (908) 638-8572 for more information.

**Washington Crossing State Park (Zone 41):**

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 41 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Call (609) 737-9303 for more information.

**Special Areas - Federal Installations (other than National Wildlife Refuges)**

**Earle Naval Weapons Station Depot**

(Zone 39 and Zone 40):

Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for civilian employees or military personnel assigned to the base. Hunters must purchase a Zone 39 and 40 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008. See the *Deer Season Permits*, page 16 in the 2008 Hunting Digest. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Earle prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 39 or 40 does NOT guarantee access to Earle Naval Weapons Station. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used. Please contact Ray Green, Station Game Warden, (732) 866-2708 for further information. Deer hunting is allowed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zones 39 and 40.

*In Zone 40, the hunter's first deer must be antlerless and any antlered deer taken in Zone 40 during all open seasons must have at least one antler with three antler points.*

**Fall Bow Season (Zone 39):** Oct. 4 – 31, 2008 (24 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

**Fall Bow Season (Zone 40):** Sept. 13 – Oct. 31, 2008 (42 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 13 – Oct. 3, 2008.

**Permit Bow Season (Zone 39):** Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2008 (52 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 110 permits are available.

**Permit Bow Season (Zone 40):** Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2008 (52 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 80 permits are available.

**Youth Day (Zones 39 and 40):** Nov. 15, 2008 - **bag limit:** One deer of either sex.

**Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 39):** Dec. 8 – 13, 2008 - **bag limit:** Two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 40): Closed.**

**Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 39):** Dec. 1-6, 15-31, 2008 and Jan. 1-31, 2009 (48 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season: (Zone 40):** Nov. 8, 11, 15, 22, 24-26 and 28-29, 2008 (9 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

**Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 39):** Dec. 6, 8-13, 20 and 27, 2008 and Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2009 (14 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 160 permits are available.

**Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 40):** Nov. 8, 11, 15, 22, 24-26 and 28-29, 2008 (9 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

**Winter Bow Season (Zone 39):** Jan. 1 - 31, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

**Winter Bow Season (Zone 40):** Jan. 1 - 31, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

### **Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (Zone 66):**

The Technical Center is open to deer hunting through a cooperative agreement between the FAATC, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (NJSFSC) and the United Bowhunters of New Jersey (UBNJ). Membership in either the NJSFSC or UBNJ is required to obtain access to the Technical Center for deer hunting. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 66 must have approval from the administrative authority of FAA Technical Center (Zone 66) *before* purchasing a Zone 66 Permit. Call (609) 485-6938 for more information.

**Not open to the general public. Hunters must purchase their Zone 66 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site.** Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008. Permit sale will end for Zone 66 at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, 2008. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16 in the 2008 Hunting Digest. **The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to FAATC prior to purchasing a permit.** Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 66 does NOT guarantee access to the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center. **Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.**

**The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 66.**

**Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 13 to Oct. 31, 2008 (42 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

**Permit Bow Season:** Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 2008 (51 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 80 permits are available.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Nov. 29 to Dec. 6, 12, 13, 2008 and Jan. 3, 10, 2009 (11 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 15 permits are available.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Nov. 29 to Dec. 6, 12, 13, 2008 and Jan. 3, 10, 2009 (11 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 65 permits are available.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1-31, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

### **Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37):**

To hunt Fort Dix Military Reservation, hunters must apply for a Zone 37 permit. See lottery instructions on page 16 in the 2008 Hunting Digest. Applications can be made at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. The application period ends Sept. 7, 2008. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Ft. Dix *prior* to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 37 does NOT guarantee access to Fort Dix. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. **There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.**

A total of five percent of the permit quota will be held in reserve at Fort Dix for special military-related circumstances. Hunters must comply with all Fort Dix regulations. Persons hunting on this post must sign in and out at Range 14 each day when hunting. Military training will take precedence over hunting. Call Range 14 at (609) 562-4676 on Wednesday/Friday 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. or Saturday/Sunday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. for more information and fee schedules. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day or New Year's Day in Zone 37.

*Any antlered deer taken in Zone 37 during all open seasons must have at least one antler with three antler points.*

**Fall Bow Season:** Oct. 4-31, 2008 (24 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

**Permit Bow Season:** Nov. 1-Dec. 24 and 26-31, 2008 (51 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 300 permits are available for Zone 37.

**Youth Day:** Nov. 15, 2008 - **bag limit:** One deer of either sex.

**Six-day Firearm Season:** Dec. 8-13, 2008 - **bag limit:** Two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Nov. 10-14 and Dec. 15-24, 26-31, 2008 and Jan. 2-10, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered *only* for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. A total of 480 permits are available for Zone 37.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Dec. 20, 2008 (1 day) - **bag limit:** one deer, which may be antlered *only* for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available for Zone 37.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 2- Feb. 21, 2009 (44 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

#### **Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (Zone 53):**

Hunters must purchase Zone 53 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16 in the 2008 Hunting Digest. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station *prior* to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 53 does NOT guarantee access to Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

There is limited public hunting for hunters who are sponsored by current members of the Navy Lakehurst Rod and Gun Club. Military training will take precedence over hunting. Call (732) 323-2911 for more information or contact John Joyce, Naval Air Engineering Station, Code N8L, Route 547, Lakehurst, NJ 08733-5065. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day in Zone 53.

**Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 13 – Oct. 31, 2008 (42 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 13 – Oct. 3, 2008.

**Permit Bow Season:** Nov. 1 – 29, 2008 (25 days) - **bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered *only* for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit. A total of 100 permits are available.

**Youth Day:** Nov. 15, 2008 - **bag limit:** one deer of either sex.

**Six-day Firearm Season:** Dec. 8 – 13, 2008 - **bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Nov. 29 and Dec. 1-6, 15-24, 26-31, 2008 and Jan. 1-10, 2009 (30 days) - **bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered *only* for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. A total of 100 permits are available.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Dec. 17-19, 2008 and Jan. 10-17, 2009 (10 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1 - 31, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** two deer - only one may be antlered.

### **Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54):**

Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for active duty or retired military personnel and Picatinny Arsenal federal civilian employees or retirees only. Contact Jonathan Van De Venter at (973) 724-4691 for more information. Deer hunting is permitted on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zone 54, except on Sunday. All Zone 54 Permits MUST be purchased before 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2008. Permits will NOT be available after that time.

**Hunters must purchase a Zone 54 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available on a first come first, serve basis, beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 6, 2008. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16 in the 2008 Hunting Digest. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Picatinny Arsenal prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a Zone 54 permit does NOT guarantee access to Picatinny Arsenal.** Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that can not be used.

**Fall Bow Season:** Oct. 4, 2008 - Oct. 31, 2008 (24 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer.

**Permit Bow Season:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2008 (56 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 50 permits are available.

**Six-day Firearm Season:** Dec. 8 - 13, 2008 - **bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Dec. 1, 2, 15 - 31, 2008 and Jan. 1 - 10, 2009 (26 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Dec. 8 - 13, and 27, 2008 and Jan. 10, 2009 (8 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1 - 31, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

### **Special Areas - U.S. Fish and Wildlife National Wildlife Refuge System**

Special regulations for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) lands are in effect throughout all authorized deer hunting seasons, in addition to state game laws and regulations. The following federal regulations apply to all national wildlife refuges (NWRs) in New Jersey:

1. Hunting over bait or distributing bait is prohibited on all refuges.
2. The use of a spotlight or other artificial light - including automotive headlights - for the purpose of spotting, locating or taking any wildlife is prohibited on all refuges - regardless of whether one is in possession of a weapon.
3. All firearm hunters (muzzleloader and shotgun) must wear an outer garment consisting of at least 400 square inches of solid fluorescent orange while deer hunting on any refuge (double the state law requirement).
4. Entry is prohibited on all refuge lands posted *Area Closed* and on refuge roadways posted with *Inholders Only* signs.
5. The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter, is prohibited on all refuges.

Most refuges can accommodate individuals who have obtained a permit for handicapped hunters from New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, including permits to hunt from vehicles. Interested persons should contact the appropriate refuge in advance of the deer hunting seasons.

### **Cape May NWR:**

Cape May NWR is open for all six deer seasons. Season dates and bag limits for Deer Management Zone 34 will apply. Contact the refuge office for more information at (609) 463-0994.

### **Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zones 56, 57, 58 and 70):**

To hunt Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, hunters MUST apply for the appropriate Zone 56, 57, 58 and/or 70 permit through the lottery. There will be NO sale of leftover permits. Permits are issued ONLY through the lottery; NO exceptions. See *Permits for Hunting and Trapping*, page 10 in the 2008 Hunting Digest for lottery instructions. Application can be made on the Internet or at license agents. The application period ends Sept. 7, 2008.

Only designated sections of the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR are open for deer hunting. All other areas are **closed**. Purchasing a Zone 22, 42 or 51 permit **does not** allow hunters to hunt anywhere on the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR.

The former Zone 58 is split into two hunt units. Zone 58 includes all refuge hunt areas in Ocean County north of Route 72. Zone 70 includes all refuge hunt areas in Ocean and Burlington County south of Route 72 and north of the Mullica River. Please note these changes when filling out your permit lottery application.

The refuge will no longer require hunters to come to the refuge for permit validations. Refuge parking permits and hunt maps will be issued to hunters by mail upon receiving notification of permit holders from NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer Management Zone maps for all refuge hunt areas are also available at the E.B. Forsythe NWR headquarters, located in Oceanville, Galloway Township. The refuge headquarters is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hunt maps are also available on the refuge Web site.

The refuge has discontinued conducting deer hunter orientation programs and no longer issues hunter report cards to refuge hunters. However, hunter feedback on your refuge hunting experience is welcomed and encouraged. For any questions, information or comments regarding refuge-specific hunting regulations or activities, call (609) 652-1665 or, from Ocean County, call (609) 294-0777. You may also contact the refuge at: [forsythe@fws.gov](mailto:forsythe@fws.gov) or visit the refuge Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/forsythe>.

### **Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 56) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:**

**Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 56):** Dec. 15-19, 2008 (5 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 25 permits are available for Zone 56.

### **Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 57) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:**

**Permit Bow Season (Zone 57):** Nov. 1 to Dec. 24, 26 - 31, 2008 (55 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.

**Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 57):** **Dec. 8-13, 2008 are antlerless deer only.** Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008 and Jan. 1-9, 2009. (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.

**Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 57):** **Dec. 8-13, 2008 are antlerless deer only.** Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 17 - 19, 2008 and Jan. 10-31, 2009 (28 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 58) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

**Permit Bow Season (Zone 58):** Nov. 1 to Dec. 24, 26 - 31, 2008 (55 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. A total of 35 permits are available for Zone 58.

**Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 58):** **Dec. 8-13 are antlerless deer only.** Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 3-5, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008 and Jan. 1-9 2009. (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 35 permits are available for Zone 58.

**Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 58):** **Dec. 3 - 5 and Dec. 8-13, 2008 are antlerless deer only.** Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 17-19, 2008 and Jan. 3-10, 2009 (19 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless

deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 50 permits are available for Zone 58.

**Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 70) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:**

**Permit Bow Season (Zone 70):** Nov. 1 to Dec. 24, 26 - 31, 2008 (55 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 15 permits are available for Zone 70.

**Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 70):** Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24, 26 - 31, 2008 and □Jan. 1-9, 2009 (21 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 15 permits are available for Zone 70.

**Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 70):** Dec. 17-19, 2008 and Jan. 10-17, 2009 (10 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 25 permits are available for Zone 70.

**Zones 56, 57, 58 and 70** are closed to deer hunting at all other times.

**Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38):**

To hunt Great Swamp NWR, hunters must apply for a Zone 38 permit through the lottery. There will be NO sale of leftover permits. Zone 38 permits are issued ONLY through the lottery; NO exceptions. See *Permits for Hunters and Trappers* on page 12 for lottery instructions. Application can be made at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. The application period ends Sept. 7, 2008. The refuge is open only for Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun season hunting and closed to deer hunting at all other times. Hunters may apply only for either a Permit Muzzleloader or a Permit Shotgun permit, not both. In addition to the state permit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will charge a \$26 fee (\$13 for holders of a Senior, Golden Age, or Golden Access Passport and youths with a valid 2008 New Jersey Youth hunting license) to issue a federal hunting permit. The refuge will supply additional information on hunt procedures and regulations to those hunters who obtain their Zone 38 permit from NJ Fish and Wildlife via the lottery. For more information, contact Refuge Wildlife Biologist Craig Bitler at (973) 425-1222, extension 15.

Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

**Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season (concurrent):** Nov. 15, 19-22, 2008. Nov. 15 (Saturday) is only for youths, ages 10-15, who possess a valid 2008 New Jersey Youth hunting license and a Zone 38 permit. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed but non-hunting adult that is at least 21 years of age. **Bag limit:** two deer. An antlerless deer must be taken first and this can be followed by a second antlerless deer or an antlered buck, **with the appropriate Antlered Buck Permit**. A total of 200 muzzleloader and 200 shotgun permits are available. The eastern side of the refuge (approximately 4,000 acres) will be open to muzzleloader hunting only and the western side of the refuge (approximately 3,700 acres) will be open to muzzleloader and shotgun hunting.

**Supawna Meadows NWR (Zone 63):**

**Note: DMZ 59 is no longer designated as a separate zone; Zone 63 regulations now apply.**

Supawna Meadows NWR is open for Fall Bow, Youth Bow Day, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons ONLY! The use of firearms is prohibited on Supawna Meadows NWR. There is no refuge permit fee required to hunt Supawna Meadows NWR. For more information, call (609) 463-0994.

*Any antlered deer taken on Supawna Meadows NWR must have at least one antler with three or more antler points.*

**Supawna Meadows NWR is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:**

**Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 13 - Oct. 31, 2008 (42 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. **First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 13 to Oct. 3, 2008.** First deer may be antlered or antlerless from Oct. 4-Oct.31, 2008.

**Youth Day (Bow):** Sept. 27, 2008 (1 day) - **bag limit:** one deer of either sex.

**Permit Bow Season:** Nov. 1 - Dec. 24, 26 - 31, 2008 (51 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. NOTE: Hunters



MUST have a Zone 63 Permit Bow Season permit to hunt the Supawna Meadows NWR during the Permit Bow Season.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1-31, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Supawna Meadows NWR is closed to deer hunting at all other times.

### **Wallkill River NWR (Zone 2):**

Designated areas of the refuge are open during all six deer seasons. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 2 apply. An annual hunting map, additional regulations and a signed access permit from the refuge must be obtained prior to scouting or hunting. The access permit is \$20 (free for youth) and must be signed and carried at all times when hunting on refuge property. Visit our Web site at <http://wallkillriver.fws.gov/hunting.htm>, call (973) 702-7266 or write Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, 1547 County Route 565, Sussex, NJ 07461 for more information.

## **Special Areas - Other Public Lands**

### **Bayside PSEG Tract (Zone 29):**

Hunters interested in hunting this 4,500-acre PSEG property located in Greenwich Township, Cumberland County may visit [www.pseg.com/environment/estuary](http://www.pseg.com/environment/estuary) or call (888) MARSHEs for more information. Driving of deer is prohibited on all PSEG lands. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 29 apply.

### **Lizard Tail Swamp (Zone 34):**

This 400-acre property, jointly owned by New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), is located in Middle Township, Cape May County. A TNC access permit is required. Call (609) 861-0600 for permit applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 34 apply.

### **Newark Watershed (Zones 3 and 6):**

The Newark Watershed, located in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties, is open to deer hunting from September to December. A watershed access permit is required. Call (973) 622-4521 or (973) 697-2850 for access permit applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 3 and Zone 6 apply.

### **Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve (Zone 68):**

Hunters must purchase their Zone 68 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16 in the 2008 Hunting Digest. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access *prior* to purchasing a permit. The purchase of a deer permit for zone 68 does NOT guarantee access to Zone 68. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve are managed by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. Designated areas of these preserves are open to deer hunting. Contact the Foundation directly at (908) 234 - 1225 for more information.

**Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 13 - Oct. 31, 2008 (42 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. **First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 13 – Oct. 3, 2008.**

**Permit Bow Season:** Nov. 1 – Dec. 24 and 26-31, 2008 (51 days) - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 100 permits are available.

**Six-day Firearm Season:** Dec. 8-13, 2008 - **bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season (47 days):** **Dec 8-13, 2008 is antlerless deer only.** Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-24 and 26-31, 2008; and Jan. 1 - 31, 2009 - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 80 permits are available.

**Permit Shotgun Season (28 days):** **Dec 8-13, 2008 is antlerless deer only;** Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 17-19, 2008; and Jan. 10 - 31, 2009 - **bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who

harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 170 permits are available.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1 - 31, 2009 (27 days) - **bag limit:** Unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.