

### Licensing information

Getting a New Jersey hunting license and deer permits is easier than ever before through our new automated electronic licensing system. To obtain your first hunting license through the system, proof must be shown of a previous hunting license from New Jersey or a current or previous resident license from another state or hunter education certification. This must be done at one of our license agents, which are listed at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/agentlst.htm>. When you obtain your first license, a lifetime Conservation ID Number will be issued to you, which you can then use in the future to purchase a hunting license or deer permit by telephone or online at <https://www2.wildlifelicense.com/nj/>.

Hunting licenses for resident and non-resident hunters 10 years old and under 16 years old are free in New Jersey. Youth hunters must have hunter education certification or a resident license from another state.

### Hunting Information and Regulations

The Hunting Issue of the Fish and Wildlife Digest contains a wealth of information on New Jersey hunting and hunting regulations. The Digest is available as a downloadable pdf at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/njregs.htm#hunting>.

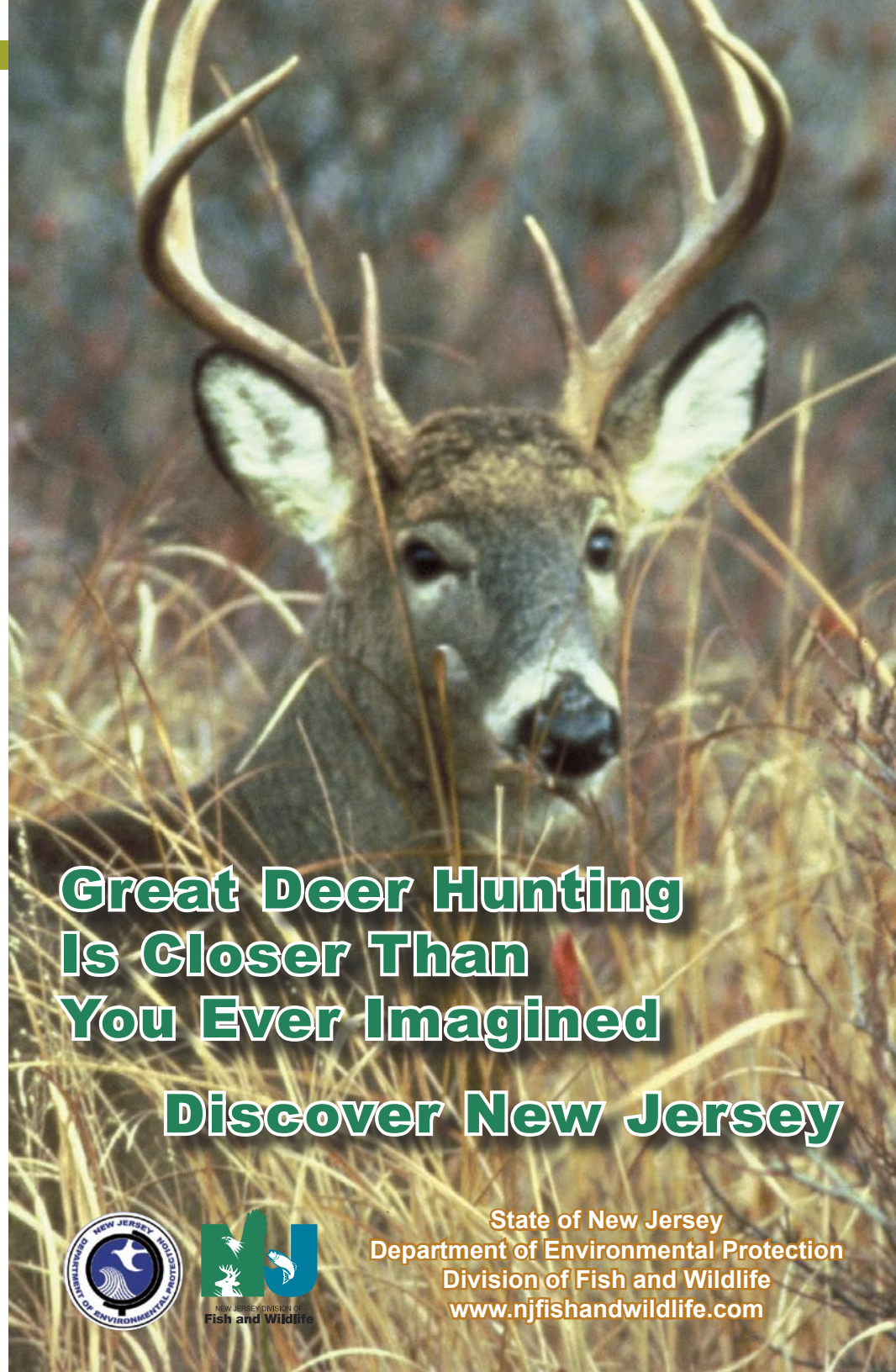
A free printed copy can be obtained in the mail by calling (609) 292-2965.

### Places to Stay

There are numerous campgrounds in New Jersey for both recreational vehicles, tent campers and some have cabins available. The website, <http://www.woodalls.com/> has a search feature that provides a complete listing of state and private campgrounds. A complete listing of New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry facilities can also be found at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/>. Information on hotels and motels in New Jersey can be found at [http://njgin.state.nj.us/OIT\\_TravelGuide/accomodations.jsp](http://njgin.state.nj.us/OIT_TravelGuide/accomodations.jsp).

### Sport Shops

Be sure to check our listing of license agents at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/agentlst.htm> for sport shops that have hunting supplies.



# Great Deer Hunting Is Closer Than You Ever Imagined

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New Jersey is increasingly becoming a popular deer hunting destination for out of state hunters who are discovering the quality and quantity of deer hunting available in the Garden State. Long seasons, liberal bag limits, large expanses of public hunting land and a healthy deer herd make New Jersey a largely undiscovered deer hunting gem that's close to home.

In most deer management zones, archery deer hunting begins in early September and extends into February and firearm hunting starts in November and also extends into February. All zones allow harvest of two bucks during the six day firearm season. As many as six bucks can be taken in all zones by hunters who hunt all the regular and permit seasons with a shotgun, bow and muzzleloader. Also, 70% of the deer hunting zones in New Jersey have unlimited antlerless deer bag limits during the archery seasons and most of the firearm special permit seasons. Eight of the 60 deer management zones in New Jersey have antler point restrictions (APR), providing plenty of choices for both hunters that are in favor of APR and those that do not like APR.

Approximately, 64,000 deer are harvested annually from about 5,000 square miles of deer range in the Garden State. Each square mile yields an average of 4 antlered bucks and 8 antlerless deer. And the quality of our deer is continually improving. Many deer are entered each year in the New Jersey Outstanding Deer Program, which requires a Boone and Crockett minimum score of 125 inches for typical antlers and 135 inches for non-typical antlers. The recent improvement in the quality of the antlered deer harvest is supported by the fact that five of the eight all-time category leader deer harvested in New Jersey have been taken within the last six years.

Each year a special youth archery deer hunting day and a youth firearm deer hunting day are designated and youth hunters can take a deer of either sex on each day. Deer taken on these days are in addition to the regular bag limits for the archery and firearm deer seasons.

### All-time Outstanding New Jersey Deer

Typical Archery	189 4/8	1995	Monmouth County
Non-Typical Archery	203 3/8	2000	Cumberland County <sup>a</sup>
Typical Shotgun	175 7/8	2004	Monmouth County
	175 7/8	1975	Salem County
Non-Typical Shotgun	214 3/8	1946	Burlington County
	191 1/8	2002	Monmouth County
Typical Muzzleloader	159 0/8	2001	Hunterdon County
Non-Typical Muzzleloader	188 7/8	2000	Ocean County



# Deer Hunting Opportunities and Bag Limits in New Jersey



**ZONE: 4**  
**Archery (3 seasons, 76 days):** Total bag limit 6 deer (up to 3 buck)  
**Muzzleloader (12 days):** Bag limit 2 deer (1 buck)  
**Shotgun (2 seasons, 7 days):** Total bag limit 2 buck and 1 antlerless

**ZONES: 1, 3\*, 21, 23, 24, 43, 45, 46**  
**Archery (3 seasons, 76 days):** Total bag limit 6 deer (up to 3 buck)  
**Muzzleloader (21 days):** Bag limit 2 deer (1 buck)  
**Shotgun (2 seasons, 7 days):** Total bag limit 2 buck and 1 antlerless

**ZONES: 6\*, 18, 30, 34, 55, 65**  
**Archery (3 seasons, 76 days):** Total bag limit 6 deer (up to 3 buck)  
**Muzzleloader (21 days):** Bag limit 2 deer (1 buck)  
**Shotgun (2 seasons, 9 days):** Total bag limit 2 buck and 2 antlerless

**ZONES: 2, 16, 22, 26, 27\*, 28, 29\*, 31, 35\*, 47, 63\***  
**Archery (3 seasons, 123 days):** Total bag limit 3 buck and unlimited antlerless  
**Muzzleloader (21 days):** Bag limit 1 buck and unlimited antlerless  
**Shotgun (2 seasons, 16 days):** Total bag limit 2 buck and unlimited antlerless

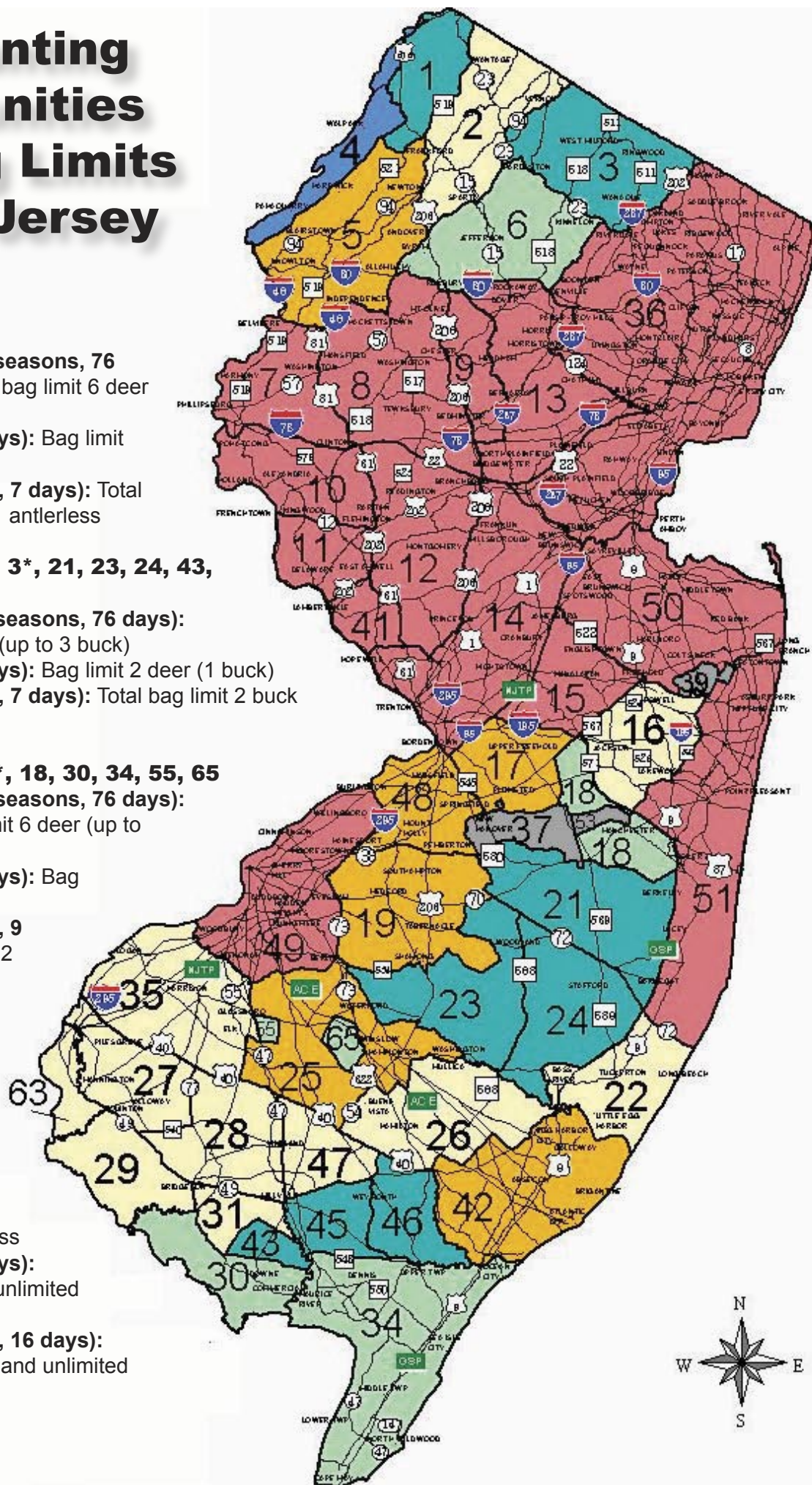
**ZONES: 5, 17, 19, 25, 42, 48**  
**Archery (3 seasons, 123 days):** Total bag limit 3 buck and unlimited antlerless  
**Muzzleloader (49 days):** Bag limit 1 buck and unlimited antlerless  
**Shotgun (2 seasons, 36 days):** Total bag limit 2 buck and unlimited antlerless

**ZONES: 7, 8, 9\*, 10, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51**  
**Archery (3 seasons, 135 days):** Total bag limit 3 buck and unlimited antlerless  
**Muzzleloader (62 days):** Bag limit 1 buck and unlimited antlerless  
**Shotgun (2 seasons, 50 days):** Total bag limit 2 buck and unlimited antlerless

**All Regulation Sets**  
**Youth Archery Hunt (1 day):** Bag limit 1 deer of either sex  
**Youth Firearm Hunt (1 day):** Bag limit 1 deer of either sex

Note: Special permits required for some seasons. Season lengths approximate and may change slightly each year.

\*Antler Point Restriction Zones



All-time leader for Typical Shotgun Deer (175 7/8) taken in 2004.

## Places to Hunt

New Jersey has more than 750,000 acres of public land available to the deer hunter. The mixture of Wildlife Management Areas, State Parks, Federal Refuges and an increasing number of County and Municipal properties make finding a place to deer hunt easier each year. A listing of public land open to deer hunting can be found at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/huntland.htm>.

## Maps and information on deer hunting land are available from the following sources:

<b>Wildlife Management Area Maps</b> Maps for WMA's managed by the Division of Fish & Wildlife are available on line at <a href="http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/wmland.htm">www.njfishandwildlife.com/wmland.htm</a> . To request printed maps for specific areas contact:	<b>Bureau of Land Management</b> P.O. Box 400 Trenton, NJ 08625-0400 609-984-0547 email <a href="mailto:WMAMAPS@dep.state.nj.us">WMAMAPS@dep.state.nj.us</a>
<b>USGS Topographic Maps</b> Maps for all land in New Jersey. \$5.00 per sheet. Information and order form online at <a href="http://www.nj.gov/dep/njgs/pricelst/index.htm">www.nj.gov/dep/njgs/pricelst/index.htm</a>	<b>NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection</b> <b>Maps and Publications</b> Bureau of Revenue, P.O. Box 417 Trenton NJ 08625-0417 609-777-1038
<b>State Parks and Forests Maps</b> Free maps and information on lands administered by the Division of Parks and Forestry. Please specify park or forest when requesting map. <a href="http://www.njparksandforests.org">www.njparksandforests.org</a>	<b>NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection</b> <b>Division of Parks and Forestry</b> P.O. Box 404 Trenton NJ 08625-0404 1-800-843-6420