The following are prohibited: alcoholic beverages, camping, cutting or damaging vegetation, dumping, fires, swimming and picnicking.

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. A second violation of any WMA regulation will result in a five-year loss of all sporting licenses and privileges.

Information on these regulations and permit applications may be obtained by writing to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, MC 501-03, PO. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

Fish and Wildlife may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation of due cause.

**Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit**

Any vehicle used to transport or launch a vessel or water conveyance on the following WMAs must have affixed to the lower corner of the driver's side rear window a boat ramp maintenance permit or a photocopy of a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license. Be sure your Conservation ID number is clearly displayed; all other personal information may be blacked out for reasons of privacy. The boat ramp maintenance permit fee is $15, available from a license agent or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site, NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

Persons 70 years and older are not required to obtain a boat ramp maintenance permit and need no license, but must affix to their window proof of age, such as a former license displaying your date of birth.

1. Round Valley Angler Access 5. Mad Horse Creek
2. Assunpink 6. Union Lake
3. Dennis Creek 7. Menantic Ponds
4. Tuckahoe 8. Prosptertown Lake

**Dog Training, Exercising and Hunting**

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

5. Glassboro 10. Salem River

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. 11, 2011, 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 and the use of dogs on any WMA on Nov. 11, 2011, the Friday before the opening day of the regular small game season.

Restricted on the regular small game season.

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**Field Trials**

Permits for use of wildlife management areas for running of field trials may be granted by the Fish and Wildlife. Permits may be obtained by calling (609) 984-0547.

**Higbee Beach**

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 to Dec. 11, 2011.

**Horseback Riding**

Horseback riding is allowed on designated WMAs only by permit from the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Apply online at www.NJWildlifeLicense.com. Horseback riding permits should be displayed on outer clothing while riding.

For more information on horseback riding permits, call (609) 259-2132.

**Regulations in red are new this year.**

Purple text indicates an important note.

**Hunting Regulations**

Hunting with firearms is prohibited on Nov. 11, 2011 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp areas except in tidal marsh open to an ongoing waterfowl season. See Pheasants, page 64.

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 and Other Forms of Conveyance**

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

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

The use of dog sleds and dog carts, off road vehicles, ATVs, trail bikes, or snowmobiles is prohibited on all WMAs unless authorized by Fish and Wildlife.

**Outboard Motors**

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

All titled boats must also be registered. Any boat mechanically propelled, regardless of length, must be registered. All boats greater than 12 feet, regardless of propulsion means, must be titled and registered.

**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 75 for a list of ranges and requirements.

**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:

2. Black River 7. Stafford Forge 12. Prospertown
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 New Jersey 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 New Jersey hunting license in possession.
- **Shotgun range:** fine shot only. No buckshot or rifled slugs.
- **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)
  - All target frames must measure a minimum 30 inches from its base to the bottom of the paper target held in the frame. Frames must be placed only on top of a target mound located at the 25, 50 and 100 yard lines. This minimum target height requirement will eliminate the risk of ricochet and ensure that all projectiles are collected in the berm behind the 100 yard target.
  - Spinner type targets for .22 caliber firearms MUST be placed directly at the base of the 25 yard berm so that all bullets are directed into the berm. These targets are not to be used at other yardage or target mound placements.

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

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

**Warren County**
- Pequest WMA
  - Pequest Rd., Oxford
  - Archery

### CENTRAL REGION

**Monmouth County**
- Assunpink WMA
  - Inlaystown-Hightstown Rd., Upper Freehold Twp.
  - Archery
  - Shotgun range is closed.

**Turkey Swamp Park**
- Georgia Rd., Freehold Twp.
  - Archery (Special regulations apply; call 732-842-4000.)

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

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

### SOUTHERN REGION

**Atlantic County**
- Makepeace Lake WMA
  - Elmwood-Weymouth Rd., Weymouth
  - Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)

**Gloucester County**
- Winslow WMA
  - Piney Hollow Rd., Monroe Twp.
  - Archery
  - Shotgun and muzzleloader ranges are closed.

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

**Cumberland County**
- Millville WMA
  - Ackley Rd. (Rt. 718), Millville
  - Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

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**Landowner-Hunter Agreement Card**

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**Wildlife Management Area Regulations**

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For more information contact New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife at (609)292-2965

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OUTSTANDING DEER

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Open 7 days a week
609.561.9560

or visit our other location:
Tri-Cell Supply Co.
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Williamstown, NJ • 08094
609.561.4285

Garden State Deer Classic
January 12–15, 2012

At the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen’s Show • Raritan Center, Edison, New Jersey

See New Jersey’s most outstanding white-tailed deer for 2010–11

Awards ceremony on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2011 to enter a deer harvested during last year’s 2010–11 hunting seasons. No exceptions!

To arrange for an official measurer to score your New Jersey white-tail, contact Cindy Kuenstner at (609) 633-7598.

Deer will not be measured at the Deer Classic.

See entry details on page 77.

Brought to you by:
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Landowner-Hunter Agreement Card

I agree to conduct myself safely, responsibly and lawfully, respecting the landowner, property, and others using it. I accept the responsibilities which are part of the activities which I pursue. I agree to comply with the instructions of the landowner while on this property.

I understand that the laws of New Jersey absolve the landowner from liability for non-paying recreationists engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, and certain other activities, except in the case of willful or malicious failure to guard or warn of hazards.

Signed (visitor) ____________________________________________

Date ____/____/____

HUNT SMART Courtesy Card

I hereby give permission to: (visitor’s name)

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to enter my property for the purpose listed on the reverse side of this card. He/she has agreed to act safely, responsibly, and lawfully and to accept responsibility for his/her actions.

Signed (landowner, lessee, or operator) _______________________

Date ____/____/____

Outdoor Recreation on Private Property is a Privilege — NOT A RIGHT

This card provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife

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Promises to be the show of the year!
NEW JERSEY’S OUTSTANDING Deer Program, initiated in 1964, includes categories for typical and non-typical antlered deer taken with bow, crossbow, shotgun and muzzleloading rifle, in addition to the weight categories listed below. A velvet category is added for early bow season deer.

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 Boone and Crockett-defined rules of fair chase. Deer taken from enclosed hunting lands are not eligible. Note: It is best to have the rack measured before it is mounted. Don’t wait!

In the Weight Division, the program recognizes exceptional body size as determined by the field dressed weight, including heart and liver removed. Two categories, one for bucks reaching or exceeding 200 pounds (proof of weight must be confirmed on a certified scale* for buck entries—no truck scales**—with the weighmaster’s signature on a letterhead receipt or on the entry form, available on our Web site) and one 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. Applications are due Nov. 1—NO EXCEPTIONS. Additional rules are included on the official application form which consists of the original score sheet, hunter information form plus a clear photo of the hunter with the deer. These forms with instructions are available on Fish and Wildlife’s Web site NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Outstanding Deer Program, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420. State the type of form (Antlered Division, typical or non-typical; Weight Division, 200 Pound Buck or 135 Pound Doe). There is no entry fee.

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

Qualifying entries for deer taken during the previous hunting seasons 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 76 for details.

The table to the right is a list of the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2010 Garden State Deer Classic. The Classic showcased the outstanding deer taken during the 2009–10 deer hunting seasons, not the past 2010–11 hunting seasons. Those deer will be honored at the January 2012 Deer Classic.

(* See entry form. A certified scale might be available at the following businesses: Warehouse with shipping department, Concrete and gravel company, Junk yard or scrap metal recycler, Marina with party and charter boat fishing. Visit our Web site for a partial list of certified scales or contact your county weights and measures office. Be sure to locate a scale before the hunting season begins! ** A truck scale is not acceptable as the increments are too large.)

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2011 Garden State Deer Classic Winners*

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* For deer harvested during the 2009–10 hunting seasons.
Gone are the days when shotgun hunters had few ammunition choices. Not very long ago hunters were limited to 2¾-inch long shells loaded with #6 shot available in a high or low brass. For many hunters the deciding factor when purchasing a box of shells was which brand of ammunition was on sale prior to the season opener. Technological advancements in ammunition development provide today’s shooters with a multitude of ammunition choices specific not only to the type of game hunted, but also to individual firearms and chokes. Some of the most impressive advancements have come in the development of lead alternative ammunition types more commonly known as nontoxic shot.

Steel shot ammunition first made its debut in the early 80s after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service mandated that nontoxic shot be used for all migratory game bird hunting. Hunters recognized the need for this transition away from lead but often struggled acclimating to shooting the new steel shot ammunition. Steel performed quite differently than traditional lead pellet loads. Reports surfaced about steel shot damaging shotgun bores. Over the next 30 years, the ammunition industry developed a variety of great nontoxic shot loads made from metals such as bismuth, zinc, tin, molybdenum, tungsten, steel and several alloys of these metals. Knowing the ballistic benefits of lead, manufacturers developed ammunition alternatives that mimic—and often outperform—lead.

Newer nontoxic shot types are most effective when well-matched to the right barrel/choke combination and to the specific type of game. Here are highlights of some of the outstanding options in nontoxic shot today.

**Wild Turkey Hunting**

Turkey hunters want a shotgun shell that can deliver a high-velocity, hard-hitting, dense pattern out to a distance of 40 yards. While improvements in shotgun chokes have made the old standby lead pellet loads more efficient, nothing outperforms many of the nontoxic choices offered by most manufacturers. Hunters understand that when choosing a new shotgun shell it must perform first at the range on paper before it is used in the field. Some of the new nontoxic shotgun shell choices, when coupled with specialized choke tubes, are delivering 90 percent of the shot pattern within a 30-inch circle at critical distances of 30 and 40 yards. Patterns providing this type of density greatly exceed the generally agreed-upon performance standard of placing 12 or more pellet strikes within the skeletal area of the head and neck of a turkey required to bring down this tough bird.

One such manufacturer of a great turkey hunting shell is Kent Cartridge. They developed the Kent Tungsten Matrix pellet in a special turkey load that delivers a dense pattern downrange with a muzzle velocity of 1,300 feet per second. When first introduced, steel shot was limited only to size #6 shot and larger. Today, nontoxic shot is available in virtually every shot size a shooter requires. Even distribution of shot within the pattern is vital to upland game hunters. Patterns must not contain areas void of shot so that game is not missed or wounded.

Lead pellets are produced from drop towers or dropped into warm water and rolled down an incline resulting in many misshapen pellets and inconsistent pellet weights. Misshapen pellets disrupt the aerodynamics of the shot string as it travels downrange resulting in a wider pattern with many pellet gaps, translating into missed targets in the field.

This is where nontoxic shot excels. Nontoxic pellet manufacturing techniques produce pellets of equal size and weight. It is this uniformity and consistency that translates into equally distributed shot throughout the pattern, increasing your success rate of connecting with the intended target.

One such producer of nontoxic upland game loads is Environ-Metal, Inc., manufacturers of HEVI-Shot. This company annually introduces to the market new types of nontoxic shotgun shells in all gauges, shell lengths and virtually all shot sizes needed for any type of upland game.

**Small Game**

Hunters pursuing small game require versatility in shot size offerings so they can match the ammo with the variety of game hunted. Whether your quarry is rabbit, pheasant, squirrel or quail your shot size selection will change as does your game. When first introduced, steel shot was limited only to size #6 shot and larger. Today, nontoxic shot is available in virtually every shot size a shooter requires. Even distribution of shot within the pattern is vital to upland game hunters. Patterns must not contain areas void of shot so that game is not missed or wounded.

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White-tailed Deer

It may be surprising to learn that shotgun deer hunters can now choose from several nontoxic ammunition types ranging from buckshot to solid projectiles. Although a bit more difficult to find, non-traditional buckshot is now offered by a few select companies. Most alternative buckshot is made from steel and touts superior downrange accuracy and performance with extremely tight patterns. Matched with the correct choke tube it is now a simple task to place all pellets in the vital area of a deer within 40 yards.

Shotgun slug technology has excelled with the introduction of the sabot. Rifled and even smoothbore shotgunners benefit from this fall-away plastic cup designed to cradle the projectile and grip the rifling while traveling down the barrel, effectively increasing accuracy. Long gone are the days of bouncing a 1-ounce hunk of lead down the barrel while traveling down the barrel, effectively increasing accuracy. Long gone are the days of bouncing a 1-ounce hunk of lead down the barrel with the resulting inconsistent shot groups, even as close as 50 yards. Today's manufacturers are placing their best advice one can give waterfowl hunters who want to expand their nontoxic shot arsenal is to research ammunition online, buy some shells to match your gun and the type of hunting planned, then hit the range for some good old-fashioned field testing.

Muzzleloader Hunters

The technological advances in nontoxic shotgun projectiles also benefit the muzzleloader shooter. Both shotgun and rifle smoke pole enthusiasts now have the same opportunities to utilize nontoxic shot and rifle ammunition with the same great results that modern shotgunners are enjoying.

Superior Performance

Hard-hitting, nontoxic ammunition with dead-on accuracy is readily available for every type of hunting. Take advantage of these ballistically superior rounds. After practicing at the range, you will likely be convinced to have nontoxic ammunition join you in the woods and fields this hunting season.

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