# Hunter Access

# PUBLIC DEER HUNTING LAND IN NEW JERSEY =

NEW JERSEY HAS more than 750,000 acres of public land available to the deer hunter. This list is arranged by deer management zone for public land open to deer hunting. Generally, only areas with 100 acres or more of upland habitat are listed. State parks and forests that allow hunting may have some sections which are closed to hunting. Some areas allow deer hunting only during certain seasons, require an access fee or have other special regulations. Refer to the Digest section Special Areas Hunting Season Information page 50 or contact the appropriate authority for details. See page 89 for hunting opportunities on national wildlife refuges in New Jersey.

Remember: Hunters must have permission to hunt agricultural land even if the land is not posted. Hunters should obtain permission before hunting any private property. Hunters are advised not to purchase a deer permit for a zone in which they have no place to hunt.

Updates since last year are noted below in red.

#### **Zone Public Land Open to Deer Hunting**

- Bear Swamp WMA
- Flatbrook—Roy WMA
- Hainesville WMA
- Stokes State Forest
  Kittatinny Valley State Park
  Paulinskill WMA

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- Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge (see Special Areas)
- Wawayanda State Park
- Abram Hewitt State Forest
  Hamburg Mountain WMA
- Long Pond Ironworks State Park
- Newark Watershed (see Special Areas)
- Norvin Green State Forest Ramapo Mountain State Forest
- Ringwood State Park Wawayanda State Park
- Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
- Flatbrook—Roy WMA Stokes State Forest

  - Walpack WMA
- Worthington State Forest
- Beaver Brook WMA
  Columbia WMA
- Honey Run WMA
- Jenny Jump State Forest
- Paulinskill WMA
- Swartswood State Park Trout Brook WMA
- White Lake WMA
- Whittingham WMA
- Allamuchy Mountain State Park
  Berkshire Valley WMA
- Farny State Park Morris County Park System-Mahlon Dickerson
- Reservation, Silas Condict Park (see Special Areas)
- Newark Watershed (see Special Areas)
- Rockaway River WMA
- Sparta Mountain WMA
- Weldon Brook WMA
- Wildcat Ridge WMA
  Buckhorn Creek WMA
- Clinton WMA
- Hunterdon County Parks Dept.-Union Forge
- Preserve, Tower Hill Reserve (see *Special Areas*) Musconetcong River WMA Spruce Run Recreation Area
- Allamuchy Mountain State Park
- 8 Black River WMA

  - Hacklebarney State Park
    Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Cold Brook Preserve, Teetertown Ravine Nature Preserve, Point Mountain Preserve (see Special Areas)
  - Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA
  - Morris County Park System—Black River Park, Schooley's Mountain Park (see Special Areas)
  - Musconetcong River WMA
  - Pequest WMA
  - Rockport WMA South Branch WMA

- Voorhees State Park Black River WMA
- 10 Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Musconetcong
  - Gorge, the Drag Strip Property, Hoffman Park, Schick Reserve, South Branch Reservation, Uplands Reserve (see Special Areas) Musconetcong River WMA
- 11 Hunterdon County Parks Dept.-Lockatong Nature Preserve, the Case Farm, Wescott Nature Preserve (see Special Areas

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (see Special Areas)
 No public deer hunting land

Mercer County Parks—Baldpate (Kuser) Mountain
 Mercer County Parks—Howell Living History Farm
 Mercer County Parks—Pole Farm Section

No public deer hunting land

Alexauken Creek WMA

Port Republic WMA

45 • Menantico Ponds WMA • Peaslee WMA

Gibson Creek WMA

Tuckahoe WMA

Maple Lake WMA
Peaslee WMA

49 • No public deer hunting land

Manasquan River WMA

· No public deer hunting land

72 (see Special Areas)

(see Special Areas)

65 • Winslow WMA • White Oak Branch WMA

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Manahawkin WMA

Peaslee WMA

51 • Allaire State Park

55 • Glassboro WMA

Great Egg Harbor River WMA

• Rancocas State Park (see Special Areas)

50 • Cheesequake State Park • Monmouth County Park System—Hartshorne Woods Park,

Tatum Park, Thompson Park, Big Brook Park, Huber Woods,

the Ramanessin Section of Holmdel Park (see Special Areas)

Monmouth County Park System—Shark River Park, Rt. 33

(see Special Areas) Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (see Special Areas)

Tract and Shark River Park—East of Remsen Mill Rd.

Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see Special Areas)
 Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see Special Areas)

58 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge-north of Rt.

Atlantic County Park System (see Special Areas)
 Abbotts Meadow WMA
 Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

64 • Monmouth Battlefield State Park (see Special Areas)

66 • Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes

67 • High Point State Park (see Special Areas)
68 • Franklin Parker Preserve (see Special Areas)
70 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, north of the

Maps and information on hunting land is also available

Mullica River and south of Rt. 72 (see Special Areas)

Technical Center (see Special Areas)

· Millville (Bevan) WMA

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- Lockatong WMA 12 • Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Cushetunk Mountain
- Park, Sourland Mountain Nature Preserve, Deer Path Park, South Branch Reservation (see *Special Areas*) Round Valley Recreation Area
- South Branch WMA
- · No public deer hunting land 13
- · Assunpink WMA (Robbinsville Twp section only) 14 Pigeon Swamp State Park Six Mile Run Reservoir State Park (see Special Areas) .
- 15 Assunpink WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Charleston Springs Golf Course, Perrineville Lake Park (see Special Areas) Turkey Swamp WMA 16 •
- Monmouth County Park System-Bear Swamp Tract of Manasquan Reservoir, Howell Park Golf Course, Turkey Swamp Park, Yellowbrook Tract of Manasquan River Linear Park (see Special Areas)
- 17 Colliers Mills WMA Monmouth County Park System-Clayton Park,
- Crosswicks Creek Park (see Special Areas) Pleasant Run WMA
- 18 Colliers Mills WMA
  - Manchester WMA
  - Whiting WMA
- 19 Medford WMA
- Wharton State Forest Double Trouble State Park
- Forked River Mountain WMA Greenwood Forest WMA
- Lebanon State Forest
   Bass River State Forest
- · Wharton State Forest 23
- · Bass River State Forest 24
  - Penn State Forest
- Stafford Forge WMA Swan Bay WMA
- Warren Grove Recreation Area
- Wharton State Forest
- 25 •
- Cedar Lake WMA Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Penbryn Pond WMA
- Wharton State Forest
- White Oak Branch WMA
- 26 Great Egg Harbor River WMA Hammonton Creek WMA

Gum Tree Corner WMA

Mad Horse Creek WMA Maskells Mill Pond WMA

Stowe Creek State Park

- Makepeace Lake WMA
- Port Republic WMA
- 27 Salem River WMA
- Thundergut Pond WMA
- Buckshutem WMA 28 •
  - Elmer Lake WMA
  - Parvin State Park Union Lake WMA

Dix WMA

Egg Island WMA Fortescue WMA

Nantuxent WMA

New Sweden WMA
Millville WMA

34 • Beaver Swamp WMA

Buckshutem WMA

Heislerville WMA

35 • D.O.D. Ponds

Higbee Beach WMA

Harrisonville Lake WMA

Belleplain State Forest

Cape May Wetlands WMA Cape May National Wildlife Refuge Dennis Creek WMA

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Bayside PSE&G Tract (see Special Areas) 29 . Cohansey WMA

Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15-Aug. 1)

Tuckahoe WMA Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve (see Special Areas)

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36 • No public deer hunting land
37 • Fort Dix Military Reservation (see Special Areas)

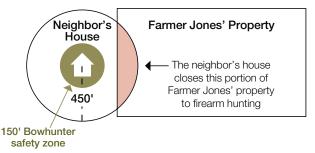
# SAFETY AND HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES =

# **SAFETY ZONE Awareness:** Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

**NEW JERSEY HUNTERS** enjoy many types of hunting, numerous days afield and generous bag limits. But development and other human encroachment on the forests and fields of the Garden State has changed both wildlife habitat and land suitable for hunting, such that SAFETY ZONE awareness is even more critical for hunters.

#### What is a SAFETY ZONE?

- The firearm SAFETY ZONE is the area within 450 feet of a building or school playground, even if not occupied. For bowhunters, the SAFETY ZONE around buildings is 150 feet but remains 450 feet from a school playground. See *Safety Zone*, page 27.
- The SAFETY ZONE is the place where you, the hunter, cannot carry a loaded firearm or nocked arrow unless you have written permission in hand.
- The SAFETY ZONE was established by legislation in 1946 as an area to place some physical distance, a buffer, between hunters and homeowners.
- The SAFETY ZONE could be land where there is suitable wildlife habitat for adaptable species, like the white-tailed deer, cottontail rabbit and Canada goose.
- The SAFETY ZONE is not a magic shield and cannot stop a misdirected projectile from entering the area around a home.



#### What can you do to heighten your SAFETY ZONE awareness?

- 1. Post SAFETY ZONE signs.
- 2. Talk with landowners.
- 3. Scout hunting property annually to be aware of new construction or other changes.
- 4. Hunt SMART and remind your hunting partners to Hunt SMART.



5. Know the law. Know the land.

Remember, failure to hunt safely and responsibly is inexcusable. Always be a responsible hunter. Always be aware of your surroundings, the target and what may lie beyond the target. The principles of good conduct learned at your hunter education course are called into practice every time you hunt.

Take special care hunting on "high visibility" property, habitat where our adaptable wildlife species—especially white-tailed deer—are flourishing. Here, hunter conduct will be watched closely; the image we portray can have a great impact on the tolerance for our sport. Hunting these *Special Areas* carries added responsibility for you, as a hunter, to exercise restraint and make superior judgment decisions.

# Hunting Opportunities On New Jersey's National Wildlife Refuges

2013–14 Hunting Seasons

Hunting on national wildlife refuges is not permitted unless specifically opened as listed below. No Sunday hunting on national wildlife refuges.

### **Cape May NWR**

24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 (609) 463-0994; fws.gov/northeast/capemay

- Deer-Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.
- Migratory game birds except crow—on refuge lands north of Rt. 550 or west of Rt. 47
- Turkey, rabbit and squirrel hunting in select areas only.

No refuge permit is required. Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

### **Great Swamp NWR**

241 Pleasant Plains Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-9615 (973) 425-1222 ext. 158; fws.gov/northeast/greatswamp

• Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50. In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a Refuge permit for \$26 (\$13 for holders of a Senior Golden Age or Golden Access Passport and youths with a valid 2013 New Jersey youth hunting license).

### Edwin B. Forsythe NWR

800 Great Creek Rd., Oceanville, NJ 08231-0072; (609) 652-1665; fws.gov/northeast/forsythe

- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.
- Waterfowl

Information can be obtained at the refuge, at dispensers, at the headquarters, on the refuge website, or through the mail.

### Supawna Meadows NWR

c/o Cape May NWR, 24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210, (609) 463-0994; fws.gov/northeast/nj/spm.htm

- Deer—Bowhunting only. Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.
- Waterfowl

### Wallkill River NWR

1547 County Rt. 565, Sussex, NJ 07461-4013; (973) 702-7266; wallkillriver.fws.gov

- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.
- Migratory Birds except crow
- Spring and Fall Turkey (Zone 5)
- September Canada Goose
- Note: the refuge is closed to bear hunting in 2013.

In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a refuge permit. There is a \$20 fee for a refuge permit except youths are free, seniors with a Golden Age passport are \$10. Special hunting conditions apply.

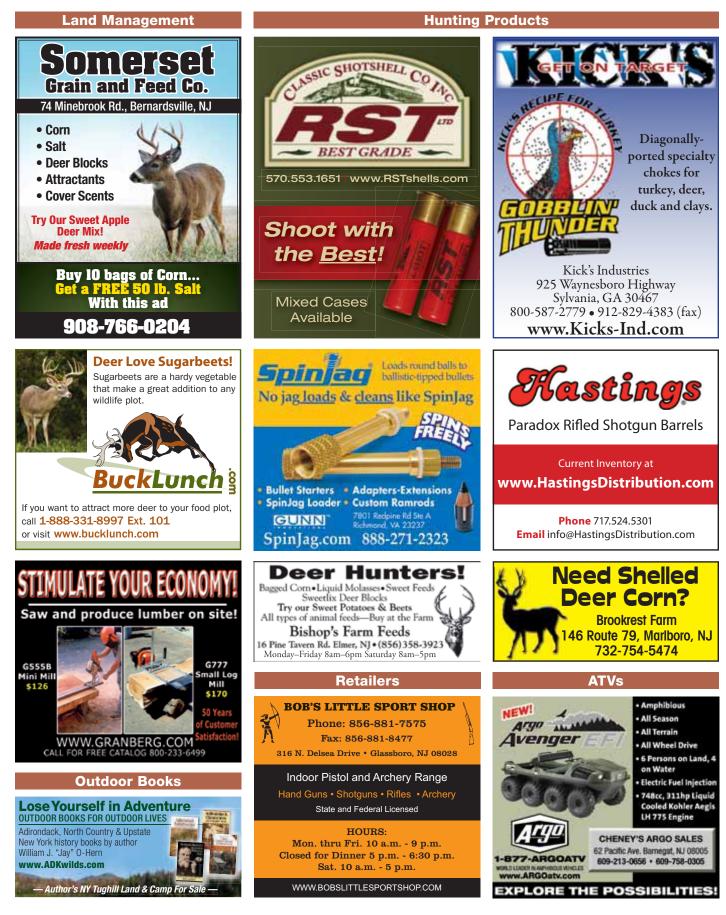
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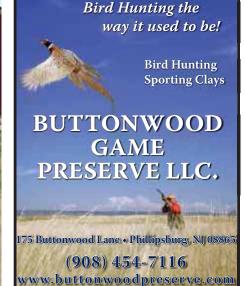


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