

REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED: alcoholic beverages, camping, cutting or damaging vegetation, removing timber or firewood, dumping, fires, swimming and picnicking.

Wildlife management area (WMA) regulations 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 WMA regulations and permit applications may be obtained by writing to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420, or NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

Fish and Wildlife may revoke any permit (or other authorization) for violation or 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. For more information see: 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.

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| 1. Round Valley Angler Access | 5. Mad Horse Creek |
| 2. Assunpink | 6. Union Lake |
| 3. Dennis Creek | 7. Menantico Ponds |
| 4. Tuckahoe | 8. Prospertown 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:

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| 1. Assunpink | 8. Millville |
| 2. Black River | 9. Pequest |
| 3. Clinton | 10. Salem River |
| 4. Colliers Mills | 11. Stafford Forge |
| 5. Glassboro | 12. Tuckahoe |
| 6. Hainesville | 13. Whittingham |
| 7. Manasquan | 14. Winslow |

All dogs must be properly licensed. Dogs may be exercised or trained on any WMA from Sept. 1 to April 30. No exercising or training of dogs on any WMA on Nov. 7, 2014, 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 fox, raccoon, rabbit and hare. For more information call (609) 984-0547.

Field Trials

A permit to conduct a field trial on a wildlife management area may be obtained by contacting Fish and Wildlife at (609) 259-2132.

Higbee Beach

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 to Dec. 14, 2014.

Horseback Riding

Horseback riding is allowed on designated WMAs only by permit from the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Apply online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. Horseback riding permits should be displayed on outer clothing while riding. For more information on horseback riding permits, call (609) 259-2132.

Hunting Regulations

The restriction prohibiting firearm hunting on wildlife management areas on the day prior to the opening of the regular small game season for pheasants and quail is rescinded. Pheasants are stocked after dark, precluding interaction between Fish and Wildlife personnel and hunters or the chance of prematurely harvesting a pheasant before the season opens.

The quail season is closed statewide with the exception of the Peaslee and Greenwood WMAs. See *Pheasants*, page 64.

It is legal to use a .22 caliber rifle and .22 caliber rimfire short cartridges for hunting raccoon and opossum and for dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat on WMAs.

For coyote and fox hunting: the use of .17 and .22 caliber rimfire or .17 through .25 caliber centerfire rifle ammo is allowed on WMAs. See *Coyote/Fox* ammo chart on page 62 for additional restrictions.

The use of air guns to hunt rabbit and squirrel is allowed on WMAs. See *Air Guns* page 28, and *Squirrel, Regular Season* on page 66.

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 Prospertown 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.

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, .177 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, .177 or .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:

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| 1. Assunpink | 8. Whittingham |
| 2. Black River | 9. Beaver Swamp |
| 3. Colliers Mills | 10. Sedge Island |
| 4. Hainesville | 11. Salem River |
| 5. Tuckahoe | 12. Prospertown |
| 6. Manahawkin | 13. Paulinskill |
| 7. Stafford Forge | |

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.

Warning to Violators

Be advised: two violations of wildlife management area regulations will result in loss of all sporting licenses and privileges for a period of five years.



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 range:** muzzleloading firearms, shotguns with rifled slugs or buckshot and modern rimfire (both .177 and .22 caliber) rifles and air guns in calibers legal for hunting.
- ♦ 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 .177 caliber and .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

Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd., Upper Freehold Twp.

- ♦ Archery
- ♦ Shotgun range is restricted to the use of non-toxic shot; no lead shot is allowed.

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)
- ♦ Shotgun range is closed.

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, Muzzleloader (100 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)

Landowner-Hunter/Trapper Agreement Card

HUNT/TRAP SMART Courtesy Card

Visitor's Copy — Not Transferable

I request permission to enter your property for the following purpose: _____

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

Limitations _____

Hunter may hunt within 450 feet (150 feet for bow) of buildings: Yes No

Landowner's Name _____

Address _____

Landowner Copy

Permission given to _____

Address _____

Vehicle Make _____ Yr. _____ Color _____

Vehicle Lic. No. _____ No. in Party _____

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

Limitations _____

Other licenses, tag no. _____

Permission dates from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Limitations _____

Hunter may hunt within 450 feet (150 feet for bow) of buildings: Yes No

Garden State Deer Classic

January 8–11, 2015

At the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show

Raritan Center
Edison, New Jersey



See New Jersey's most outstanding white-tailed deer for 2013–14

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

Applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2014 to enter a deer harvested during last year's 2013–14 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:

NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs
United Bowhunters of New Jersey
New Jersey Outdoor Alliance
Conservation Foundation
Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show

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Promises to be the show of the year!

Landowner-Hunter/Trapper 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 ____/____/____



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



HUNT/TRAP SMART Courtesy Card

I hereby give permission to: (visitor's name) _____

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





David Delfa's first place Typical Archery buck, harvested in DMZ 14, scored 158 7/8, the largest rack at the 2014 Garden State Deer Classic.

2014 Garden State Deer Classic Winners*

Rank	Name	Score / Weight	County Harvested	DM Zone
135 Pound Doe—Shotgun				
1st	Nicholas Casella	146	Gloucester	35
200 Pound Archery				
1st	Glen K. Homan	226.25	Gloucester	49
2nd	Nicholas A. Bergamo	213	Cumberland	47
200 Pound Buck—Crossbow				
1st	Dennis R. Butler	222	Salem	27
Non-typical Archery				
1st	Drew Hoglen, III	157 7/8	Salem	27
2nd	Dakota Hetman	147 5/8	Monmouth	17
3rd	Thomas Gerard	144 4/8	Gloucester	25
Non-typical Crossbow				
1st	David Tomlinson	145 4/8	Burlington	23
Non-typical Muzzleloader				
1st	Robert Staudt	157 3/8	Somerset	14
2nd	Paul Bouchard	149 3/8	Monmouth	16
3rd	Dana F. Wiberg	140 5/8	Gloucester	35
Non-typical Shotgun				
1st	Alvin M. Matlack, Jr.	148 1/8	Gloucester	49
2nd	John A. Foster	141 3/8	Hunterdon	8
3rd	Troy Lail	136 5/8	Gloucester	35
Typical Archery				
1st	David Delfa	158 7/8	Middlesex	14
2nd	William J. Luke	157 5/8	Sussex	2
3rd	Nicholas Bockbrader	151 1/8	Warren	5
Typical Crossbow				
1st	Michael J. Lacken	149 1/8	Sussex	5
2nd	Michael J. Esposito, Jr.	147 1/8	Camden	49
3rd	Eddie Price	144 6/8	Salem	35
Typical Muzzleloader				
1st	Jason Hoffman	149 3/8	Camden	25
2nd	Jamie McQuaid	135 6/8	Morris	13
3rd	Zachary S. Hitchner	129 0/8	Salem	28
Typical Shotgun				
1st	William Sigle	138 2/8	Hunterdon	11
2nd	Brian LaGrave	133 4/8	Sussex	6
3rd	Christopher S. Chamberlain	127 2/8	Sussex	1
Velvet—Non-typical Archery				
1st	Matthew C. Bergamo	150 0/8	Gloucester	35
Velvet—Typical Archery				
1st	Peter Paradise	128 4/8	Morris	9

* For deer harvested during the 2012–13 hunting seasons.

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 above lists the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2014 Garden State Deer Classic which showcased outstanding deer taken during the 2012–13 deer hunting seasons, not the most recent 2013–14 hunting seasons. These deer will be honored at the January 2015 Deer Classic. 🍖

* See entry form. A certified scale might 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

Visit our website 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.

NEW JERSEY'S OUTSTANDING White-tailed 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!**

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 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 website) and one for field dressed does reaching or exceeding 135 pounds (either on a Fish and Wildlife regional office scale or at a certified scale).

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 website 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 Cindy Kuenstner at (609) 633-7598.

CWD

Chronic Wasting Disease



What is CWD?

- ♦ Belongs to a family of neurological diseases called *transmissible spongiform encephalopathies* which include scrapie in sheep, mad cow disease in cattle and Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease in humans. *There is no evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans;* however the CDC advises against consuming any animal that appears ill.
- ♦ All members of the *Cervid* family (white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose) are known to be susceptible.
- ♦ Caused by a misfolded protein called a prion which could be found in all deer bodily fluids.
- ♦ There is no cure. CWD is always fatal and there is no live test for deer.

Where Is CWD Found?

- ♦ First discovered in captive mule deer in Colorado, in 1967.
- ♦ Now in captive or wild deer in 24 states and Canadian provinces.
- ♦ Detected in wild deer in: New York State and West Virginia (2005), Virginia (2010), Maryland (2011) plus in Pennsylvania both in captive deer (2012) and in wild deer (2013).

How New Jersey Is Responding

- ♦ Tested for CWD in symptomatic captive cervids and wild deer, and hunter-harvested wild deer since 1997. To date over 5,600 wild deer have been tested with no CWD-positive results.
- ♦ Banned the importation of cervids, recently expanded to include reindeer.
- ♦ Issued an advisory for New Jersey hunters bringing home venison from CWD-endemic states making it illegal to import into New Jersey a harvested deer carcass or deer parts from any state with CWD in wild deer unless strictly following that state's CWD protocol.
- ♦ Improved captive cervid regulations, including a proposed Herd Certification Program.
- ♦ Created the CWD Response Plan with protocols for detection of CWD to be activated when CWD is within 20 miles of the New Jersey border and within the state wild deer and captive cervids.

See NJFishandWildlife.com/cwdinfo.htm for more information on CWD in New Jersey and the New Jersey CWD Response Plan.

Visit cwd-info.org for more comprehensive CWD information.

▶▶ Chronic Wasting Disease in North America



 Areas with CWD infected Cervid populations

 States/Provinces where CWD has been found in captive populations

Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance (www.cwd-info.org)



Working to protect the environment through renewable and natural resource conservation.

Contact John Erndl, President
(732) 616-5137 or
email: john.erndl@ubnj.org
Visit our website: www.ubnj.org

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E-mail: _____ Date: _____

_____ Individual Membership: * \$25/yr. Includes membership card, four issues of *Tracks & Trails*, decal and eligibility for contests, trophies and prizes.

**Required for UBNJ special hunts*

_____ Family Membership: \$40/yr. Includes all benefits of Individual Membership for the member, spouse and each child under the age of 16.

List names of family members: _____

_____ Junior Membership: \$15/yr. Includes all benefits of Individual Membership for youth up to age 16.

For clubs and organizations, contact UBNJ for details.

_____ Life Membership: \$400 single payment. Includes all benefits of Individual Membership.

Check One:
New Member: _____
Renewal _____

_____ Sponsoring Membership: \$100/yr.

I wish to make a donation of \$ _____ to the UBNJ Protect our Rights Fund.

Signature: _____

Mail to: UBNJ Membership, P.O. Box 11, Ringwood, NJ 07456-0011.
Please allow 6 – 8 weeks to receive membership ID.



If you care about:

- Wise management of fish and wildlife populations
- Protection and enhancement of natural lands and waters
- Preservation of traditional outdoor sports

Then get involved!

- Stay informed on issues affecting NJ sportsmen and sportswomen
- Make an impact on outdoor issues
- Meet others who share similar sporting interests
- Have fun and participate in Federation-sponsored activities: jamborees, clay target shoots, tournaments, dinners, conventions, and more!

Membership:

_____ \$35 Includes monthly newspaper and \$1 million excess liability insurance covering your sporting activities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

_____ \$20 Monthly newspaper only

Name _____

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