County Lands

Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61)
Permits for Zone 61 will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2022. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. For more information on deer hunting Atlantic County Park, contact (609) 625-8219 or at https://www.atlantic-county.org/parks/dmz61.asp


Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 28–Nov. 30, 2022; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 5–10, 2022; Please note: Hunting during the Six-day Firearm Season on Atlantic County Park property (Zone 61) is NOT open to all hunters. ONLY hunters with a current, valid Zone 61 Permit Shotgun Season permit may hunt the property during Six-day Firearm Season. 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. 5–10, 2022; 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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2023; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

State Parks and Forests

High Point State Park (Zone 67)
Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. For more information on deer hunting High Point State Park contact the office at 1480 Rt. 23 South in Sussex (973) 875-4800 or visit the website at NJParksandForests.org/parks/highpointstatepark.html.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 7–10 and 14–17, 2022; 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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2023; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. Two deer may be taken at one time. Only those portions of Zone 67 that are south and west of Rt. 23 will be open for the winter bow season.

Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64)
Permits for Zone 64 will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. For more information on deer hunting Monmouth Battlefield State Park, contact (732) 462-9616 or at: NJParksandForests.org/parks/monbat.html.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 5–10, 2022; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 5–10, 2022; Bag limit: two antlered deer. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–Feb. 18, 2023; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Special Areas – Federal Installations (other than national wildlife refuges)

Federal Installations

Earle Naval Weapons Station Depot (Zone 39)
Earle NWS is open only to civilian employees or military personnel assigned to the base. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 39 must have approval from the administrative authority of Earle NWS (Zone 39) before purchasing a Zone 39 permit. For more information, contact Virginia Arban at (732) 860-2337.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 10–30, 2022; First deer must be antlerless. Oct. 1–28, 2022; antlered or antlerless deer. Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer.

Permit Shotgun Season: Nov. 5–10, 2022; 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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2023; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

The Dix-McGuire section (Zone 37) is open only to those with authorization to access the base. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 37 must have approval from the administrative authority of Dix-McGuire (Zone 37) before purchasing a Zone 37 permit. For more information, contact Range 14 at (609) 562-4676 on Wednesday/Friday 2 p.m.–8 p.m. or Saturday/Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fall Bow Season: Sept. 10–30, 2022, first deer must be antlerless. Oct. 1–28, 2022, antlered or antlerless deer. Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 29–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2022; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Permit may harvest one antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 5–10, 2022; 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. 28–30 and Dec. 1–3, 12–24, 26–31, 2022, and Jan. 2–7, 2023; Bag limit: two deer; one may be antlered only for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 24, 26, and 27, 2022; Bag limit: two deer, one 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 two antlerless deer only.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 2–Feb. 18, 2023; Bag limit: two deer—one only may be antlered.

Lakehurst section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. (Zone 53)
The Lakehurst section (Zone 53) is open ONLY to those with authorization to access the base. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 53 must have approval from the administrative authority of Lakehurst (Zone 53) and the Navy Lakehurst Rod and Gun Club before purchasing a Zone 53 permit. For more information, contact (732) 323-2911.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 10–30, 2022, first deer must be antlerless. Oct. 1–28, 2022, antlered or antlerless deer. Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 29–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2022; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Permit may harvest one antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 5–10, 2022; 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.

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Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 24, 26, and 27, 2022; Bag limit: two deer, one 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 two antlerless deer only.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 2–Feb. 18, 2023; Bag limit: two deer—one only may be antlered.

Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54)
Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54) is open ONLY to active duty or retired military personnel and Picatinny Arsenal federal civilian employees or retirees only. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 54 must have approval from the administrative authority of Picatinny (Zone 54) before purchasing a Zone 54 permit. For more information, contact Brad Garie at (973) 724-3594 or Conservation Law Enforcement Officer James Opalecky at (973) 724-8647.

Fall Bow Season: Oct. 1–28, 2022; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 29–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2022; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest one antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 5–10, 2022; 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. 26, 28, 29, 30, and Dec. 1–3, 12–24, 26–31, 2022 and Jan. 2–14, 2023; 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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 2–Feb. 18, 2023; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

How Far Can Your Firearm Shoot?

12 gauge maximum distances for shot sizes:

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- Distances above are with barrel held at an elevated angle for maximum trajectory. Always consider the angle of your barrel when shooting.
- Never shoot at or over the crest of a hill.
- All distances are approximate and can vary depending on the shotgun’s gauge/choke and ammunition used.

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Regulations in red are new this year.
to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.  

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 28 and 29, Dec. 12–31, 2022, and Jan. 2–7, 2023; 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.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 5–10 and 17, 2022 and Jan. 7, 9–14, 2023; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, 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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2023; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Special Areas - National Wildlife Refuge Areas and Other Public Lands

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zones 56, 57, 58 and 70)  
The Edwin B. Forsythe NWR zones 56, 57, 58, and 70 are eliminated and incorporated into the surrounding existing zones. Edwin B. Forsythe NWR is open for all deer seasons following the appropriate zone regulations. Former Zone 56 is incorporated into Zone 42, and Zone 57 is incorporated into Zones 26 and 42. Former Zone 58 is incorporated into Zone 51. Former Zone 70 is incorporated into Zones 22 and 24. Specific sections open to hunting and more information may be found at www.fws.gov/refuge/Edwin_B_Forsythe/ or by contacting the Refuge Manager at: (609) 652-1665.

Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38)  
Great Swamp hunters must possess a Zone 38 permit. Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30. Hunters must have approval and refuge hunt permit from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Go to https://www.fws.gov/greatswamp/reaccess. For more information contact Chelsea Utter at (973) 919-4829.

Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season (concurrence): Nov. 2–5, 2022. On Oct. 29 (Saturday), hunting is only for youths who possess a valid New Jersey Youth hunting license and a Zone 38 permit from NJ Fish and Wildlife plus a refuge hunt permit (no fee). Youths must be accompanied by a licensed but non-hunting adult who is at least 21 years of age. Bag limit: two deer—either one antlerless and one antlered or two antlerless deer. Hunters must purchase an Antlered Buck Permit to harvest ONE antlered deer.

Franklin Parker Preserve & Four Mile Spring Preserve (Zone 68)  
Hunters must possess proper Zone 68 permits. Seasons and bag limits for Regulation Set #6 apply. For more information, contact www.njconservation.org/deer-management/.

Additional Deer Hunting Opportunities on Public Lands

Areas listed below require additional access permits and/or registration. Contact the property manager directly for more information.

Note: Sunday hunting is archery only and only on private land and state WMAs. For municipal properties not listed, contact the municipality directly.

Natural Lands Trust

Many Natural Lands Trust preserves are open for deer hunting. To hunt select Natural Lands Trust preserves, apply online at: https://www.nj.gov/dep/njt/deerhunting.htm

State Parks and Forest Properties

Cheesequake State Park (Zone 50)  
Park access permit is required. For more information: (732) 566-2161 or email Cheesequake@dep.nj.gov

D & R Canal State Park, Delaware Township Hunting Areas (Zone 11)  
For more information: (609) 397-2949; www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/drcanal.html

D & R Canal State Park, Six-Mile Run Reservoir (Zone 14)  
Park access permit required. For more information: (609) 924-5705; www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/drcanal.html

Rancocas State Park (Zone 48)  
Open for Bow and Arrow Seasons Only. For more information: www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/rancocas.html

Round Valley Recreation Area (Zone 12)  
For more information: (908) 236-6355

Spruce Run Recreation Area (Zone 7)  
Open for Bow and Arrow Seasons Only. For more information: (908) 638-8572

Washington Crossing State Park (Zone 41)  
Park access permit required. Open for Bow and Arrow Seasons Only. For more information: (609) 737-0623

County Land

Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation: Park access permit required. For more information: (908) 782-1158; co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/parks.htm

Mercer County Parks: Park access permit required. For more information: (609) 303-0706; www.mercercounty parks.org

Middlesex County Park System: Park access permit required. For more information: (732) 745-2878

Monmouth County Park System: Park access permit required. For more information: (732) 842-4000; www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Ocean County Parks Department: For more information: (732) 506-9080; www.planning.co.ocean.nj.us/natlands.htm

Federal (National Wildlife Refuge-NWR) Land

Cape May NWR (Zone 34)  
Federal access permit required. For more information: (609) 463-0994; www.fws.gov/refuge/cape_may

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zones 22, 24, 26, 42, and 51)  
Federal access permit required. For more information: (609) 652-1665; www.fws.gov/refuge/Edwin_B_Forsythe/visit/hunting.html

Supawna Meadows NWR (Zone 63)  
Open for Bow and Arrow Seasons Only. For more information: (609) 463-0994; www.fws.gov/refuge/supawna_meadows/

Walkill River NWR (Zone 2)  
Federal access permit required. For more information: (973) 702-7266; www.fws.gov/refuge/walkill_river/

Additional Public Land

Bayside PSEG Tract (Zone 29)  
For more information: (888) MARSHES; www.pseg.com/environment/estuary

Lizard Tail Swamp (Zone 34)  
Access permit required. For more information: (908) 879-7262

Newark Watershed (Zones 3 and 6)  
Watershed access permit required. For more information: (973) 697-1724 or (973) 697-1758

NJ Fish and Wildlife Service