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What Do I Need to Deer Hunt in NJ?
A hunting license is required for all seasons. Permit Bow, Shotgun and Muzzleloader seasons also require an antlerless zone-specific permit and antlered buck permit. See page 39.

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<td>Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)</td>
<td>Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See Notes.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit</td>
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<td>Permit Muzzleloader</td>
<td>Valid 2022 or 2023 Firearm, All-Around or Youth Firearm</td>
<td>Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)</td>
<td>Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See Notes.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit. Rifle Permit required.</td>
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<td>Valid 2022 Firearm, All-Around, Apprentice Firearm, or Youth Firearm</td>
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<td>Yes, if using muzzleloader</td>
<td>Hunters with a valid Bow License AND a Firearm or All-Around License may use a bow during Six-day firearm.</td>
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<td>Permit Shotgun</td>
<td>Valid 2022 or 2023 Firearm, All-Around, Apprentice Firearm, or Youth Firearm</td>
<td>Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)</td>
<td>Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See Notes.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit</td>
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NOTE: All hunting licenses are valid for the calendar year; deer permits are valid for the 2022–2023 deer seasons. FARMERS are not required to purchase a hunting license for the farm on which they reside but must still report all harvested deer. See page 70 for more information.
### Deer Hunting Definitions and Concepts

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<td>Antlered Deer</td>
<td>Any deer with at least one antler 3 inches or greater</td>
<td>Adult buck, spike 3 inches or greater, or broken rack 3 inches or greater</td>
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<td>Antler Point</td>
<td>Any point at least one inch in length</td>
<td>Measured from tip of point to its base line</td>
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<td>Antlerless Deer</td>
<td>Any female deer or any male deer with antlers measuring less than 3 inches</td>
<td>Doe, button buck, shed buck or spike measuring less than 3 inches</td>
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<td>Antlered Buck Permit</td>
<td>An optional permit purchased in conjunction with an Antlerless Permit in order to harvest one Antlered Buck. Permit is specific to weapon type license and season (Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun).</td>
<td>Valid in any zone in which an Antlerless or DRS Permit (see below) has been purchased for a permit season.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Antlerless Deer Permit</td>
<td>A permit purchased for a specific zone in order to harvest Antlerless Deer. Permit is specific to weapon type license and season.</td>
<td>Required for the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons.</td>
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<td>Antler Point Restriction Zone</td>
<td>A Deer Management Zone where only antlered deer with at least one antler having a minimum of 3 points on one side may be harvested.</td>
<td>Applies to Zones: 3, 9, 13, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 47, 63 and 67</td>
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<td>Baiting</td>
<td>Placing agricultural products, salt or other edible lure in the woods, field or wetlands to attract a game animal to approach closer to a hunter. Baiting for deer is legal except where prohibited by the landowner.</td>
<td>Corn, mineral supplements or apple scented grain blends are examples of bait.</td>
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<td>Cervid</td>
<td>Any member of the deer family (Cervidae)</td>
<td>Including white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, reindeer, caribou, moose, fallow deer, muntjac, wapiti, red deer, roe deer, etc.</td>
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<td>NEW Deer Regulation Set (DRS) Multi-Zone Permit</td>
<td>Available for Regulation Set 7 OR 8 ONLY. A $56 season-specific antlerless permit valid for ALL zones within Regulation Set 7 OR 8 for the season specified</td>
<td>For the price of 2 regular zone permits, a DRS Multi-Zone Permit enables you to hunt antlerless deer in six zones in Set 7 OR nine zones in Set 8 for a specific season. A hunter may still purchase an antlerless permit for a specific zone for $28 if they choose. NOTE: a season antlered buck permit is still required to hunt antlered deer.</td>
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<td>Legal Deer Hunting Hours</td>
<td>Half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset</td>
<td>See Sunrise and Sunset table, page 75</td>
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<td>Lures, Deer-Derived</td>
<td>Products derived from deer urine, deer gland secretions or tissues, or other bodily fluid or biological material from deer.</td>
<td>No person shall possess or use natural deer lures.</td>
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<td>Regulation Set</td>
<td>A group of deer management zones with the same season dates and bag limits. Reg Sets are numbered 0 through 8 (most restrictive to most liberal).</td>
<td>Example: Reg Set 0 includes DMZs 21, 23, 24, 34, 43, 45, and 46.</td>
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<td>Special Area Zone</td>
<td>Military bases, Federal installations, specific public and/or privately owned land requiring special access or not open to the general public.</td>
<td>Includes Zones: 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 61, 64, 66, 67, and 68. See page 43 and 45 for more information.</td>
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<td>Spotlighting</td>
<td>Spotlighting deer during darkness from a vehicle is illegal while in possession of a weapon capable of killing deer, whether the weapon is cased, uncased, or in a locked compartment.</td>
<td>This does not apply to the regular use of headlights when traveling in a normal manner on public or private roads.</td>
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<td>Sunday Hunting</td>
<td>Archery Hunting for Deer ONLY. Archery hunting for deer is allowed only on WMAs and private property.</td>
<td>Sunday deer hunting is not allowed on state parks and forests.</td>
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## Deer Regulations

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### Firearms, Bows, and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting

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<td>Bow</td>
<td>Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Winter Bow</td>
<td>Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow.</td>
<td>25 pounds pull at archer’s draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow)</td>
<td>Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¼&quot;. Only bows capable of firing a single projectile may be used.</td>
<td>Handheld release devices are permitted.</td>
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<td>Permit Muzzleloader</td>
<td>Six-day Firearm</td>
<td>Muzzleloader: rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal. Double-barrel firearms prohibited.</td>
<td>Rifle: not less than .44 caliber</td>
<td>Must be loaded with a single projectile only</td>
<td>Telescopic sights permitted. Only black powder or black powder equivalents may be used.</td>
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<td>Permit Shotgun</td>
<td>Six-day Firearm</td>
<td>Muzzleloader: single-shot, single barrel rifle OR single or double-barrel smoothbore shotgun. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal.</td>
<td>Smoothbore: not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge</td>
<td>Muzzleloading rifle: single shot not less than .44 caliber</td>
<td>Muzzleloader MUST be cased and unloaded while being transported in or on vehicles, including ATVs and UTVs. Unloaded means percussion cap has been removed or powder is emptied from the pan and frizzens are covered.</td>
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<td>Shotgun</td>
<td>Six-day Firearm</td>
<td>Shotguns: single or double-barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore</td>
<td>Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge</td>
<td>Buckshot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24&quot;) nor larger than #000 (0.36&quot;) or a single projectile</td>
<td>Telescopic sights permitted. Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with, or in possession of, slugs.</td>
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<td>Six-day Firearm</td>
<td>Shotguns: single or double-barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore</td>
<td>Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells</td>
<td>Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug.</td>
<td>Prohibited: any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer.</td>
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### Antlered Buck Permit Deadlines!

All deer permits may be purchased beginning Sept. 12, 2022 through the last day of the season for that zone. RECOMMENDATION: Purchase your Antlered Buck Permit and zone-specific permit(s) for each season in the same transaction. Hunters who initially purchase only an antlerless, zone-specific permit before the season opens should remember the following deadlines:

- Antlered Buck Permits for Permit Bow Season must be purchased by Oct. 29 at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for Permit Muzzleloader Season must be purchased by Nov. 28 at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Shotgun Season must be purchased by Dec. 14 at 11:59 p.m.

For hunters who do not purchase any antlerless, zone-specific deer permit until after the season opens, an Antlered Buck Permit may be purchased only with the initial antlerless zone-specific permit. There will be no other chance to purchase an Antlered Buck Permit.
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**Six-day Firearm Deer Season**

Dec. 5–10, 2022 and Dec. 4–9, 2023

(Season always opens the second Monday after Thanksgiving.)

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**Supplemental Harvest Log**

As many zones have generous season limits for antlerless deer, this tag can be used to record additional antlerless harvests if you already filled the spaces on the green antlerless tag that is attached to your license or permit. Make sure to verify the bag limit for the season and zone you are hunting in before harvesting another deer.

This harvest log should be kept on your person in your license holder with your green license and permits/tags.

<p>| Name: | CID: |</p>
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(Antlerless genders are: Does, button bucks, male deer with antlers <3", and shed antlers)

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**Deer Transportation Tag**

**ATTACH THIS TAG TO DEER BEFORE MOVING**

Complete this card and affix to carcass immediately upon recovering your deer. Record Confirmation Number on this tag after reporting your harvest; fill in everything else immediately upon harvest. Except in those DMZs where 2 deer may be taken at a time, Confirmation Number must be obtained and recorded before continuing to hunt where bag limit has not been reached.

**Youth & Farmers:** Record your deer harvest information here prior to using the Automated Harvest Report System for deer taken during the Fall Bow, Six-day Firearm, Winter Bow, or Youth Hunt Day seasons.

This tag stays with the carcass until it is butchered/taxidermied.

To report your deer, call (855) I HUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865 or NJFishandWildlife.com/licensesalessite.htm

**Name:**

**CID:**

**Date of Harvest:**

**Season of Harvest:**

**Deer Mgt Zone:**

**County:**

**Township:**

**Deer Mgt Unit:**

**Confirmation Number:**

**Circle Sporting Arms Used:**

Shotgun  Muzzleloader  Compound Bow  Cross Bow  Recurve Bow

**If Antlerless, Circle Gender:**

**Male Deer with Antlers**

Less than 3"  Shed

**If Antlered, Circle Gender:**

**Male with Antlers Greater Than 3"**

Antler Points - Right:

Antler Points - Left:

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**Feral Hogs**

Report sightings, rooting evidence or other damage caused by feral hogs!

USDA APHIS Wildlife Services at (908) 735-8793

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**WARNING:**

**Tree Stand Hunters**

Avoid placing treestands in or near ash trees weakened by the Emerald Ash Borer beetle.

Beetle damage is not always evident although a tree's structural integrity might already be weakened. Evaluate any tree carefully but note that ash trees may die quickly, concealing their risky status. For more info and ash tree ID tips, visit nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/emeraldashborer.html.
Deer Hunting Regulations

- Legal Hunting Hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
- Harvest Report Requirement: To be legal, all deer harvested must be reported using Fish and Wildlife’s Automated Harvest Report System at (855) 448-6865 or dep.nj.gov/njfw/hunting/automated-harvest-report-system-ahrs/. Hunters will be assigned a Confirmation Number which must be kept with the deer and its parts.

Deer Management Zone Boundaries

- Deer management zone (zone) boundary descriptions are available by scanning this QR code with your mobile device or by visiting our website at dep.nj.gov/njfw/hunting/deer-management-zone-descriptions/. Review the map on page 38 for general zone borders and corresponding Regulation Set.
- For quicker results, use the Hunting & Trapping Explorer at NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt with simple instructions above the Explorer’s map to determine the deer management zone (zone), county, township and deer management unit (unit) where you hunt. Write down all this information and keep it accessible while in the field for when you report your deer harvest.

Licenses and Permits

- See License, Permits and Stamps, page 8, for details and Hunter Education requirements.
- Additional hunting licenses may NOT be purchased in order to harvest additional deer.
- Although hunters may purchase deer permits for multiple zones, they may purchase only one zone-specific ANTLERLESS permit per zone for each permit season (bow, shotgun, muzzleloader).
- Antlered Buck Permits may be used ONLY in a zone for which you possess an antlerless, zone-specific permit or DRS Multi-Zone Permit for the specified season. You may only buy one antlered buck permit per season.

Bag Limits

- For all seasons (except Six-day Firearm), properly licensed and permitted hunters are limited to taking one antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless, zone-specific permits purchased, when applicable. NOTEs: if two antlered deer are taken during the Six-day Firearm Season, the Permit Shotgun buck stub is no longer valid.
- Bag limits for the Fall Bow and Winter Bow (both non-permit) seasons are as prescribed for each zone (see Archery Deer Hunting Seasons table, page 36) except that once a hunter has met the bag limit in a given regulation set, he or she may not harvest additional deer from any zone in that regulation set or in an identical or more restrictive (lesser bag limit) regulation set. However, the hunter may subsequently hunt in a zone with a more liberal (greater) antlerless bag limit as described in the regulations.

Firearms, Ammunition

- See page 30 for Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting.
- While deer hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for deer hunting.
- The use of centerfire and rimfire firearms for deer hunting is prohibited.
- When hunting during the overlapping firearms seasons for deer, and when in possession of the proper permits for the current seasons, hunters may carry the firearms legal for the current seasons. For example, when Six-day Firearm and Permit Muzzleloader seasons overlap, a hunter may be in possession of a shotgun and either a muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader. Only one muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader may be in possession while deer hunting, but not both simultaneously.

Blinds and Tree Stands

- All firearm and archery deer hunters utilizing a ground blind when an archery and firearm deer season are open at the same time, must display 200 square inches of hunter orange atop the blind.
and visible from all sides or within five feet outside the blind and higher than the blind or at least three feet off the ground, whichever is higher. During these overlapping seasons, bowhunters in tree stands also should consider wearing hunter orange. In addition, **firearm hunters must always use hunter orange on a ground blind**, except while turkey and waterfowl hunting.

- A ground blind is defined as a temporary, man-made structure used for the purpose of concealing from sight a person who is hunting. A ground blind is not a naturally occurring feature that a hunter merely uses for concealment.
- To view the New Jersey State Park Service updated policy on stands and blinds, visit: NJParksandForests.org/stand-blind_policy.

### Decoys and Electronic Devices

- Persons may hunt with the aid of deer decoys statewide in those zones open for deer hunting only during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. When carrying or moving deer decoys for the purpose of hunting, persons must wear a fluorescent hunter orange hat or outer garment consisting of at least 200 square inches of fluorescent hunter orange material, which shall be visible from all sides as currently required for firearm deer hunting.
- It is unlawful to hunt for deer with the aid of an electronic calling device or any device that casts a beam of light upon the deer.

### Incidental Coyote/Fox Opportunity

- Properly licensed deer hunters may legally harvest coyotes or fox incidental to legal deer hunting during the Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons only if the coyote or fox is encountered before the hunter has taken the season bag limit of deer. Incidental hunting of coyote or fox while deer hunting may resume the following day, provided that the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached.
- Only applicable projectiles used for deer hunting may be used to take coyote and fox while deer hunting in the seasons listed.
- Coyote MUST be reported using the AHR system; gray fox should also be reported. To report harvest, call 1 (855) 448-6865 or visit NJFishandWildlife.com/licensesalespage.htm with mobile device or computer.

### Deer Harvest Trends in New Jersey

**New Jersey deer hunters harvested 36,787 deer during the 2021-22 seasons.**

The harvest for this year’s deer season is 33% lower than the 54,980 deer taken in 2020-21. The antlerless portion of the 2021-22 harvest was 20,891 deer, down 37% from 2020-21. The antlered portion of the 2021-22 harvest was 15,896 deer, down 27% from 2020-21.

### Certified Tracking Dogs Speed Recovery of Your Harvest

**Responsible hunters strive to make that perfect shot. Afterwards, tracking conditions can sometimes be challenging.**

To speed recovery of your harvest, call in the skills of a certified tracking dog. These trained dogs and their handlers have an impressive track record at finding difficult-to-recover deer while supporting the conservation ethic by which hunters live. Don’t hesitate to utilize this option if the need arises!

To locate a tracking dog visit dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/njfw/trackingdogpermittees.pdf
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I harvested a deer, now what??

Congratulations on a successful hunt! The completion of any successful deer hunt requires three things:

• Filling out and attaching a Deer Transportation Tag to your harvest before moving the deer.
• Reporting your harvest through the Automated Harvest Report System and receiving a Confirmation Number.
• Recording your harvest on the green tag attached to your license or permit.

NOTE: If you don’t recover your deer or are unable to access the AHRS by the designated times on the day of harvest, call the nearest Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office and leave a message (See page 80) Please leave your name, CID number, phone number, and a brief message explaining your situation. Then report your deer the next day. Your harvest is not legal until you receive a Confirmation Number from the AHRS.

Step 1: Complete Your Deer Transportation Tag

DO NOT MOVE THE DEER UNTIL you fill out a deer transportation tag and attach to deer!

Tags are located on pg. 31 and can be cut out, photocopied or you can create your own.

In zones where two deer may be taken at a time, each deer must have its own transportation tag with the following information:

A. Name
B. CID#
C. Date of Harvest
D. Season of Harvest
E. Deer Management Zone, County, Township, and Deer Management Unit
F. Confirmation # after reporting the harvest.
G. Type of Weapon Used
H. Antlered or Antlerless Category
I. If Antlered, record Right and Left Antler points

Attach the tag to the deer
You may now remove the deer from the field.

Step 2: Report Your Harvest

Report your harvest and receive a confirmation number...

Use the AHRS by visiting: NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm
You can use your smart phone or computer. You will need the last four digits of your SSN or your Driver License number to access your account.

Call in your harvest in at: (855) I HUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865
Have your CID number ready and verify that they are reporting your deer on the correct tag.

Record your Confirmation Number on your green Antlerless/Buck Tag.
Keep these tags attached to your license/permit.
* Retain your Confirmation Number for as long as the deer or its parts are in your possession.

Step 3: Keep a Record of Your Harvest(s)

Throughout the seasons it is important to keep an annual record or log of deer harvested and corresponding confirmation numbers. Use the green tag attached to your license/permit. Do NOT separate the “tag” from your license. For each harvest, record the information identified below including the confirmation number. A Supplemental Harvest Log is provided on page 31 in the event you fill the spaces on the tag attached to your license.

Be sure to keep a record of your harvests with you at all times when hunting.

For Antlered Deer:
A. Fill in the ZONE
B. Fill in the DATE of harvest (If late recovery, use the date the deer was shot)
C. Fill in POINTS ON RIGHT SIDE AND LEFT SIDE if it’s a buck
D. If you are reporting the deer in the field, once completed, fill in the confirmation number.

For Antlerless Deer:
A. Fill in the ZONE
B. Fill in the DATE of harvest (If late recovery, use the date the deer was shot)
C. Fill in SEX OF DEER (Doe, Button Buck, Shed or Male deer with antlers less than 3 inches)
D. If you are reporting the deer in the field, once completed, fill in the confirmation number.

There is room for two deer on the antlerless tag, if additional deer are harvested use the Supplemental Harvest Log found on page 31.
# 2022–23 NJ Deer Season
## Regulation Sets Reference Chart

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Scan this QR code with your mobile device for the detailed deer management zone boundary descriptions or go to our website at dep.nj.gov/njfw/hunting/deer-management-zone-descriptions/

**NOTE:** Map is for reference only. Use a county map while following zone boundary descriptions referenced by the QR code or see Hunting & Trapping Explorer at NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt.
### Archery Deer Seasons 2022–23

Sunday deer hunting ONLY legal for Archery deer seasons and only on WMAs and private property.

**Hunting hours:** half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset. **NOTE:** only ONE antlered buck per season per hunter is allowed.

**Special Area Zones 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 61, 64, 66, 67, and 68:** see pages 43-45 for details.

* Any antlered deer taken in zones marked with an asterisk must have at least 3 antler points on one side of rack.

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# Firearm Deer Seasons 2022–23

No Sunday Hunting for deer during any firearm season.

**Hunting hours:** half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset. Coyote and fox may be harvested incidently while hunting for deer during firearm seasons except for Youth Day.

Special Area Zones 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 61, 64, 66, 67, and 68: see pages 43–45 for details.

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2022 Issue
Hunters Helping the Hungry

Hunters Helping the Hungry, an organization that has enabled hunters to provide over two million servings of tasty and nutritious venison to feed New Jersey families since 1997, needs some help from the public to cover the costs of professional meat processing.

The program, which donated 26,054 pounds of venison (104,216 servings from 839 hunter-provided deer) to food banks and charitable organizations last year alone, operates with limited funding. Butchers who participate in the Hunters Helping the Hungry program receive $90 to process the donated deer. Due to recommendations from our friends at the NJ Farm Bureau working with the NJ Dept. of Agriculture, HHH was awarded a grant that allows us to waive the hunter’s portion of the processing fees for hunter-donated deer weighing 50 lbs or more (dressed hanging weight) for the entire 2021–22 season, and will continue to waive this fee for the 2022-23 season. The hunter’s fee for deer weighing under 50 lbs (dressed hanging weight) is $50. If the program’s funding runs out, hunters who donate deer will have to cover the entire cost for meat-processing.

Hunters should check on funding availability before harvesting a deer intended for donation by visiting the website below.

Anyone interested in making a charitable contribution to offset the program’s meat-processing costs can visit our website at HuntersHelpingtheHungry.org to donate securely through PayPal or send a check payable to: Hunters Helping the Hungry, P.O. Box 587, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

Participating Butchers Include (listed north to south):

Sussex County
- Newton High School, Newton (973) 383-7573 x243 Call first for instructions
- Vassallo Processing (862) 268-2441, 21 Devita Rd., Branchville

Hunterdon County
- Game Butchers The Person Family, Lebanon (908) 735-4646
- Hunterdon Deer Butcher (908) 797-2315 51 Old Franklin School Rd., Pittstown
- Bishop’s Market Whitehouse Station (908) 534-9666
- V. Roche & Son, LLC Meat Processing 9 High St., Whitehouse Station (908) 534-2006

Mercer County
- John Hart Farms Pennington (609) 947-2235

Salem County
- The Buck Stop, (856) 794-1281 989 Alvine Rd., Pittsgrove

Camden County
- Bringhurst Fine Meats/Catering Berlin (856) 767-0110

We are always looking for butchers to participate in our program, so please contact us through the website HuntersHelpingtheHungry.org. Also check our website, as the list of butchers may change periodically.

Butchers may not accept donated deer during the Six-day Fire-arm Buck Season, decided by individual butchers on a day-to-day basis, so they can accommodate their regular customers. Hunters should contact the butcher in advance.

For upcoming fundraising events such as sporting clay shoots, a golf outing, and a 3-D archery shoot, visit HuntersHelpingtheHungry.org

For details, go to [www.njsfsc.org/njsfsc-convention](http://www.njsfsc.org/njsfsc-convention)

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April 21–22, 2023

Port-O-Call Resort
Ocean City, NJ

Join us for science-based wildlife management and hunting/fishing/trapping-related presentations and interactive discussions.

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Deer Permit Information

Farmer deer permit information is detailed in the Farmer Regulations on page 70. Farmers purchasing non-farmer permits should also read this deer season permit section, below.

Purchasing requirements and procedure see page 13.
- A permit is required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader, and Permit Shotgun deer seasons.
- The zone-specific deer permit is valid only for antlerless deer in the season specified. Hunters are limited to purchasing one antlerless permit per zone per permit season.
- Deer Regulation Set (DRS) Multi-Zone Antlerless Permit. This season-specific, regulation set-specific, antlerless permit is available for Regulation Sets 7 OR 8 only and allows the hunter to hunt antlerless deer within any of zones in the Regulation Set and season specified. See DRS Multi-Zone Permits page 40.
- Only one Antlered Buck Permit per permit season may be purchased (i.e., one Antlered Buck Bow Permit, one Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit, and one Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit). Buck permits are valid in any zone for which the hunter has a valid antlerless zone-specific permit or DRS Multi-Zone Permit. Buck permits must be purchased by specific dates; see callout on page 30 for important buck permit rules.
- Regardless of the number of zone-specific antlerless permits in possession, hunters are limited to taking ONLY one buck during each of the permit seasons ONLY after first purchasing a Buck Permit for that season.
- Deer permits are valid for the duration of the specified zone’s permit season, including when that season extends into the 2023 calendar year, and are non-transferable and non-refundable.
- Muzzleloader season permits are not valid unless accompanied by a valid Rifle Permit while hunting.
- It is illegal to use a permit for a zone, season or hunter other than those named on the permit.

Deer permit violations are subject to a fine of $100–$1,000 for each offense.
- The cost per permit [Antlerless (zone-specific) Deer Permit or Antlered Buck Permit] is $28 for adults and $12 for youths; the cost for a DRS Multi-Zone Permit is $56 for adults and $24 for Youths.
- Permits are available online at NJFishandWildlife.com/licensesales.htm or at license agents listed on pages 16 and 17. Special Areas deer permit information is as listed under each Special Area; see pages 43–45. Special Areas include federal military installations, certain state and county parks, and national wildlife refuges. Special Area zones include: 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 61, 64, 66, 67, and 68.

Buying A Permit at A License Agent
- Hours of operation and types of payment accepted vary according to license agent. Be prepared.
- To purchase a permit a hunter must present their valid, current year’s hunting license.
- A person may purchase a permit for an absent hunter only when the following conditions are met:
  1) The absent hunter has already completed a Child Support Certification (see page 13) online or at a license agent and
  2) The buyer shows the absent hunter’s valid hunting license and identifying information (date of birth and Conservation ID Number or Social Security Number). License photocopies not accepted.
- The hunter is responsible to know in what zone and season he or she wants to hunt.
- Hunters are urged to review their permit before leaving the license agent.
- Once a permit fee is paid and the buyer leaves the store, there will be no returns, exchanges, or refunds. No exceptions.
- Permits purchased online will print as PDF documents. Hunters may use those afield or may purchase duplicates printed on durable material. If purchased, the duplicate durable license copy will arrive in 7–10 business days. Additional fees apply.

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 ____________________________

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
Regulations in red are new this year.

**Deer Regulation Set (DRS) Multi-Zone Permit for Deer Reg Sets 7 OR 8**

Regulation Set 7 Deer Management Zones:
7, 8, 9, 12, 17, 41

Regulation Set 8 Deer Management Zones:
10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51

A $56 DRS (Deer Regulation Set) Multi-Zone Permit enables you to hunt antlerless deer in any zone within that specific Regulation Set for the specified permit season. (For youths, this permit is $24.) A separate permit is available for Regulation Set 7 OR for Regulation Set 8 only. DRS (Deer Regulation Set) Multi-Zone Permits are available for the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons.

For example, if you normally hunt Zone 9 (Reg Set 7) during the Permit Bow season, with a DRS Multi-Zone Bow Permit, you may now hunt antlerless deer during the permit bow season in any or all of the zones within Regulation Set 7: Zones 7, 8, 9, 12, 17 and 41.

Antlerless bag limits are unlimited in zones within Regulation Sets 7 and 8.

The multi-Zone permit enables hunters to try new hunting locations within one regulation set at a reduced cost.

Buck permits are still required to pursue or take an antlered deer. Buck permits remain unchanged and are valid for use with any zone-specific season antlerless permit or a Multi-Zone Regulation Set Permit. Only one buck may be taken per season regardless of the number of zones hunted.

The purchase of a DRS Multi-Zone Permit is optional — hunters may still choose to purchase a single zone permit for $28.

See pg. 35 for Map App and Zone Boundary Descriptions link.
Regulations in red are new this year.

Edible Portions Guide

Edible portions do not include meat from the head or neck; meat that has been damaged by the method of taking; bones, sinew, and meat reasonably lost as a result of butchering, boning, or close trimming of bones, or viscera. Edible portions do not include meat from diseased or scavenged carcasses. See Wanton Waste of Game, page 27.

For white-tailed deer:

- Front quarters to the knee
- Hind quarters to the hock
- Backstrap/tenderloin — the meat along the backbone, between the front and hind quarters

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# Public Hunting Land – Deer

New Jersey has more than 750,000 acres of state land available to the deer hunter. This list is arranged by deer management zone for public land open to deer hunting that do NOT require additional ACCESS permits or registration to hunt. Generally, only areas with 100 acres or more of upland habitat are listed. Updates since last year are noted below in red. See pg. 45 for additional deer hunting opportunities that require registration or additional access permits. To find additional public lands to hunt or trap use the Hunting and Trapping Explorer.

- Maps on NJ Fish and Wildlife hunting land, Wildlife Management Areas: dep.nj.gov/njfw/conservation/wildlife-management-areas/
- Maps on NJ Parks and Forestry hunting land: NJParksandForests.org/parks/sps_hunting_maps.html

See additional deer hunting opportunities on pg. 43-45

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 1
- Bear Swamp WMA
- Flatbrook—Roy WMA
- Hainesville WMA
- Stokes State Forest

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 2
- Kittatinny Valley State Park
- Paulinskill WMA
- Wawayanda State Park

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 3
- Abram Hewitt State Forest
- Hamburg Mountain WMA
- Long Pond Ironworks State Park
- Norvin Green State Forest
- Ramapo Mountain State Forest
- Ringwood State Park
- Wawayanda State Park

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 4
- Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
- Flatbrook—Roy WMA
- Stokes State Forest
- Walpack WMA
- Worthington State Forest

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 5
- 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

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 6
- Allamuchy Mountain State Park
- Berkshire Valley WMA
- Farny State Park
- Rockaway River WMA
- Sparta Mountain WMA
- Weldon Brook WMA
- Wildcat Ridge WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 7
- Buckhorn Creek WMA
- Clinton WMA
- Musconetcong River WMA
- Pequest WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 8
- Allamuchy Mountain State Park
- Black River WMA
- Hacklebarney State Park
- Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA
- Musconetcong River WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 9
- Black River WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 10
- Alpha Grasslands WMA
- Clinton WMA
- Musconetcong River WMA
- Pohatcong WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 11
- Lockatong WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 12
- South Branch WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 14
- Assunpink WMA
- Pigeon Swamp State Park

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 15
- Assunpink WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 16
- Butterfly Bogs WMA
- Turkey Swamp WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 17
- Colliers Mills WMA
- Pleasant Run WMA
- Prospetown Lake WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 18
- Colliers Mills WMA
- Manchester WMA
- Whittington WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 19
- Medford WMA
- Wharton State Forest

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 21
- Double Trouble State Park
- Forked River Mountain WMA
- Greenwood Forest WMA
- Lebanon State Forest

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 22
- Bass River State Forest

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 23
- Wharton State Forest

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 24
- Bass River State Forest
- Penn State Forest
- Stafford Forge WMA
- Swan Bay WMA
- Warren Grove Recreation Area
- Wharton State Forest

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 25
- Cedar Lake WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Penryn Pond WMA
- Wharton State Forest
- White Oak Branch WMA
- Winslow WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 26
- Upper Great Egg Harbor Greenway

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 27
- Salem River WMA
- Thundergut Pond WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 28
- Buckshutem WMA
- Eimer Lake WMA
- Parvin State Park
- Union Lake WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 29
- Colliers Mills WMA
- Manchester WMA
- Whittington WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 30
- Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15–Aug. 1)
- Dix WMA
- Egg Island WMA
- Fortescue WMA
- Nanuet WMA
- New Sweden WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 31
- Clarks Pond WMA
- Cohanseay WMA
- Millville WMA
- Buckshutem WMA
- New Sweden WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 34
- Beaver Swamp WMA
- Belleplain State Forest
- Cape Island WMA
- Cox Hall Creek WMA
- Cape May Coastal Wetlands WMA
- Dennis Creek WMA
- Heisterville WMA
- Hiqbee Beach WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 35
- D.O.D. Ponds WMA
- Harrisonville Lake WMA
- Racoon Creek WMA
- Salem River WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 41
- Alexauken Creek WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 42
- Port Republic WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 43
- Millville (Beven) WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 45
- Menanticco Ponds WMA
- Peaslee WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 46
- Gibson Creek WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Maple Lake WMA (Lenape Farms Tract)
- Peaslee WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA (Lenape Farms Tract)

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 47
- Peaslee WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 51
- Allaire State Park
- Manasquan River WMA
- Nanashawin WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 55
- Glassboro WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 63
- Abbotts Meadow WMA (Open for Bow and Arrow seasons ONLY on the old Salem Country Club property)

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 65
- White Oak Branch WMA
- Winslow WMA

### DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 68
- Menanticco Ponds WMA
- Peaslee WMA

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**Hunting in NJ State Parks and Forests**

Visit njparksandforests.org for information regarding hunting opportunities and rules, regulations and policies within NJ State Parks and Forests.
Regulations in red are new this year.

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 visit: https://www.atlantic-county.org/parks/dmz61.asp


Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 28–29; Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2022; Jan. 2–6, 2023; 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, and 14–16, 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. Please note: Hunting during the Winter Bow Season on Atlantic County Park property (Zone 61) is NOT open to all hunters, ONLY to hunters that had a valid 2022 Zone 61 bow permit.

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/montbr.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 FAA Technical Center (Zone 66) before purchasing a Zone 66 Permit. For more information, call (609) 485-4928.

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. However, for hunters who harvest two deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only.

Permit Shotgun Season: Nov. 26–Dec. 3 and Dec. 9 and 10, 2022, and Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 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 Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 26–Dec. 3 and Dec. 9 and 10, 2022, and Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2023; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire–Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force (Zone 37)
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 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. 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—only one 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.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 5–10, 14, 15, and 16, 2022, and Jan. 7–14, 2023; 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–Feb. 18, 2023; Bag limit: two deer—only one 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.

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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 and ONE antlered 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://greatswamp.reaccess.com. For more information contact Chelsea Utter at (973) 919-4829. Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season (concurrent): 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/edwin-management/.

Hunting & Trapping Explorer

Before heading out to hunt, use the online Hunting & Trapping Explorer to determine your hunting zone, unit, township and county and to confirm your zone boundaries. This will speed your harvest reporting after a successful hunt!

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Hunting & Trapping Explorer

Scan this code or visit NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt.
CWD Chronic Wasting Disease

What Is Chronic Wasting Disease?
Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a progressive and fatal neurologic disease affecting members of the Cervid family such as deer, elk, moose, and caribou (reindeer). CWD is caused by an infectious protein called a prion. CWD is always fatal with no treatment currently available.

How Is CWD Spread?
- CWD is transmitted directly by animal-to-animal contact or indirectly by contact with a contaminated environment. Congregating deer around food sources greatly increases the risk of spread where CWD is known to exist.
- CWD can be spread by the natural movement of infected animals or by humans moving live, infected, captive deer or carcass parts of infected deer.
- CWD prions are shed from the infected animals in saliva, blood, feces, and urine.

- Prions have been found throughout the body of infected deer, particularly in the brain, eyes, spinal cord, spleen, tonsils, and lymph nodes.
- Prions are shed before the animals appear sick and are known to remain infectious in the environment for decades where they bind to soil and plants.

What Does CWD Infection Look Like?
- CWD is only symptomatic in older deer but all adult deer are susceptible. CWD-infected symptom-free deer are more likely to die from deer-vehicle collisions, predation, hunters, pneumonia or other illness, or parasites than healthy deer.
- Late-stage symptoms include: Emaciation, excessive salivation, lack of muscle coordination, difficulty in swallowing, excessive thirst, excessive urination, an exaggerated wide posture, may stagger and carry the head and ears lowered, dull expression, and loss of fear of humans.

What Is New Jersey Doing to Prevent CWD?
- Banned the importation of any live cervid into New Jersey since 2002. Limited the movement of captive cervids.
- Banned the importation of whole hunter-killed carcasses.
- Banned the use, sale and possession of deer-derived scents, lures and deer semen. Only synthetic scents or natural lures made from species not in the deer family are legal for hunting in New Jersey.
- CWD continues to be found at captive cervid facilities in increasing numbers.
- Many states have reported CWD cases and this is an effort to keep New Jersey CWD free.
- The infectious prions which cause CWD are found in urine, and any exposure has the potential of spreading the disease. Urine for natural lures is collected from captive deer in catch pens that contaminate urine with feces and saliva which also contain prions.

Regulations to Stop the Spread of CWD

Whole Deer Carcass Ban
- Hunters are banned from bringing a whole carcass from any member of the Cervid family such as deer, elk, moose, and caribou (reindeer) into New Jersey from ANY other state or country.
- Hunters are banned from bringing a nontaxidermied head of any member of the Cervid family into New Jersey from ANY other state or country.
- ONLY boned-out meat, cleaned skullcaps and hides, shed antlers, and clean upper canine teeth of any member of the Cervid family may be brought into New Jersey.

Deer-Derived Scent And Lure Ban
- Lures and scents made from deer are banned for sale, possession, and use while hunting in New Jersey, including deer urine and deer glandular secretions, as infectious prions that cause CWD can be found in these fluids.
- ONLY synthetic scents or natural lures made from species not in the deer family are legal for deer hunting in New Jersey.
- Many synthetic products are readily available at sporting goods stores and online retailers. Hunters must use these products as part of New Jersey’s effort to keep CWD out of the state.

Keep NJ CWD-Free

IF you see a deer showing CWD symptoms while out hunting:
- Shoot the deer and note the exact location, if possible with a GPS waypoint.
- Place your shot in the vital organs as the head is needed for testing. Do not field dress the deer.
- Immediately contact Fish and Wildlife to surrender the WHOLE carcass. (If it is a BUCK you will be given a replacement tag).
- FW Wildlife Health: 908-735-6398
- FW Deer Biologists: Statewide 609-223-6072; North 908-735-7040; South 856-875-6418
- FW Law Enforcement: Northern 908-735-8240; Central 609-259-2120; Southern 856-629-0555

When hunting in other states, bring home ONLY:
- Cut and wrapped meat (either commercially or privately)
- Deboned meat (meat with bones removed)
- Hides with no head attached
- Finished taxidermy heads
- Antlers with no attached tissue
- Clean skulls or skull plates with no attached lymphoid or brain tissue (skull plates, antlers or skulls from which residual brain tissue has been removed should be soaked in a 30 percent bleach solution for 15 minutes to destroy the prions.)
- Upper canine teeth (also known as buglers, whistlers or ivories)

When hunting in other states, DO NOT bring home:
- Whole carcass from any member of the Cervid family such as deer, elk, moose, and caribou (reindeer)
- Nontaxidermied head of any member of the Cervid family
Hunt safely.

Stay away from utility equipment.

Protect yourself and others by staying away from all electric utility equipment.

Structures such as tree stands attached to a transmission tower, pole or underneath a high voltage line—even temporarily—are prohibited. Contact with these structures can be extremely dangerous due to high-voltage power flowing through the lines.

If you have questions about staying safe near utility equipment, go to firstenergycorp.com/rightofway.