

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 37.

Season	Hunting License	Zone-Specific Antlerless Permit	Antlered Buck Permit	Rifle Permit	Notes
Fall Bow	2024 Bow & Arrow, All-Around, Apprentice Archery, or Youth Archery	—	—	No	
Permit Bow	2024 Bow & Arrow, All-Around, Apprentice Archery, or Youth Archery	Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)	Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See Notes .	No	For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit
Youth Days	See Youth Day regulations on page 8				
Permit Muzzleloader	Valid 2024 or 2025 Firearm, All-Around or Youth Firearm	Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)	Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See Notes .	Yes	For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit. Rifle Permit required.
Six-Day Firearm	Valid 2024 Firearm, All-Around, Apprentice Firearm, or Youth Firearm	—	—	Yes, if using muzzleloader	Hunters with a valid Bow License AND a Firearm or All-Around License may use a bow during Six-day firearm.
Permit Shotgun	Valid 2024 or 2025 Firearm, All-Around, Apprentice Firearm, or Youth Firearm	Yes (zone or regulation set-specific)	Yes, if hunting for Antlered Bucks. See Notes .	No	For use ONLY in Zones where you possess a zone-specific antlerless permit
Winter Bow	2025 Bow & Arrow, All-Around, Apprentice Archery, or Youth Archery	—	—	No	

NOTE: All hunting licenses are valid for the calendar year; deer permits are valid for the 2024–2025 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.



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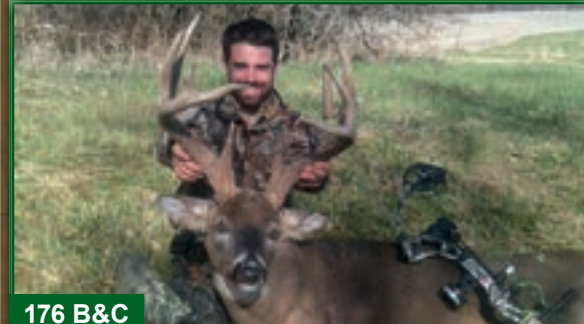
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Deer Hunting Definitions and Concepts

Term	Definition	Example/Explanation
Antlered Deer	Any deer with at least one antler 3 inches or greater	Adult buck, spike 3 inches or greater, or broken rack 3 inches or greater
Antler Point	Any point at least one inch in length	Measured from tip of point to its base line
Antlerless Deer	Any female deer or any male deer with antlers measuring less than 3 inches	Doe, button buck, shed buck or spike measuring less than 3 inches
Antlered Buck Permit	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).	Valid in any zone in which an Antlerless or DRS Permit (see below) has been purchased for a permit season.
Antlerless Deer Permit	A permit purchased for a specific zone in order to harvest Antlerless Deer. Permit is specific to weapon type license and season.	Required for the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons.
Antler Point Restriction Zone	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.	Applies to Zones: 3, 9, 13, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 47, 63 and 67. Does not apply to youth hunters during the Youth Archery Day or the Youth Firearm Day.
Baiting	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.	Corn, mineral supplements or apple scented grain blends are examples of bait.
Cervid	Any member of the deer family (Cervidae)	Including white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, reindeer, caribou, moose, fallow deer, muntjac, wapiti, red deer, roe deer, etc.
Deer Regulation Set (DRS) Multi-Zone Permit	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	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.
Legal Deer Hunting Hours	Half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset	See <i>Sunrise and Sunset</i> table, page 75
Lures, Deer-Derived	Products derived from deer urine, deer gland secretions or tissues, or other bodily fluid or biological material from deer.	No person shall possess or use natural deer lures.
Regulation Set	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).	Example: Reg Set 0 includes DMZs 21, 23, 24, 34, 43, 45, and 46.
Special Area Zone	Military bases, Federal installations, specific public and/or privately owned land requiring special access or not open to the general public.	Includes Zones: 37, 38, 39, 53, 54, 61, 64, 66, 67, and 68. See pages 41–43 for more information.
Spotlighting	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.	This does not apply to the regular use of headlights when traveling in a normal manner on public or private roads.
Sunday Hunting	Archery Hunting for Deer ONLY. Archery hunting for deer is allowed only on WMAs and private property.	Sunday deer hunting is not allowed on state parks and forests.

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Firearms, Bows, and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting

Weapon	Season(s)	Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Draw Weight	Projectile(s)	Firearm Sights; Bow releases	Weapon Transportation
Bow	Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Winter Bow	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow.	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4". Only bows capable of firing a single projectile may be used.	Handheld release devices are permitted. Prohibited: Any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer; multi-barrel bows.	All bows MUST be uncocked or uncocked.
	Six-day Firearm	Bowhunters must possess both a Firearm and a Bow and Arrow license OR an All-Around license to use a bow during the Six-day Firearm Season.				
Muzzleloader	Permit Muzzleloader	Muzzleloader: rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal. Double-barrel firearms prohibited.	Rifle: not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore: not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Must be loaded with a single projectile only	Telescopic sights permitted. Only black powder or black powder equivalents may be used.	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 frizzen is covered.
	Six-day Firearm	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.	Muzzleloading rifle: single shot not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore: single or double-barrel not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge			
	Permit Shotgun	Muzzleloader: single or double-barrel smoothbores only (no rifles.) Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Buckshot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile		
Shotgun	Six-day Firearm	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabotted slug. Prohibited: Pumpkin Balls Buckshot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	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.	Shotgun MUST be cased and unloaded while being transported in or on vehicles, including ATVs and UTVs
	Permit Shotgun	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug. Prohibited: Pumpkin Balls Buckshot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Prohibited: any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer.	

Attention Deer Hunters in Deer Management Zones 45 and 46!

Please note for the upcoming 2024–25 Deer Season:

- **Deer Management Zones 45 and 46 will be open for deer hunting during the 2024 Fall Bow, Youth Archery Day, 6-Day Firearm, and Youth Firearm Day ONLY.**
- **ALL other deer seasons for DMZ 45 and DMZ 46 are CLOSED** until further notice.
- **Bow, shotgun, and muzzleloader permits WILL NOT be available for DMZ 45 and DMZ 46.**

Closures are a result of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) mortalities from 2021 and 2022 and a failure of the population to recover.

For more information or questions, please email NJDEER@dep.nj.gov.

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

Six-day Firearm Deer Season

Dec. 9–14, 2024 and Dec. 8–13, 2025

(Season always opens the second Monday after Thanksgiving.)

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

Name: _____ CID: _____

Zone:	Date of Harvest:	Season of Harvest:	Gender:	Confirmation Number:

(Antlerless genders are: Does, button bucks, male deer with antlers <3", and shed antlers)

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) HUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865 or NJFishandWildlife.com/licensesalesite.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:

Doe Button Buck Male Deer with Antlers Less than 3" Shed

If Antlered, Circle Gender:

Male with Antlers Greater Than 3" Antler Points - Right: _____
 Broken Antlers Antler Points - Left: _____

Attention Deer Hunters

Please be sure to include the Deer Management Unit (DMU) when reporting your harvest through the AHRS. If you need help determining your DMU please call 609-223-6072, email us at NJDEER@dep.nj.gov, or use the Hunting Explorer at NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt

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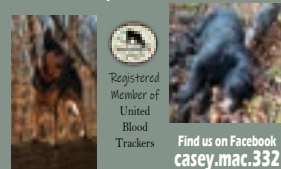
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Deer Hunting Regulations

- ♦ **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 NJDEP Fish & Wildlife's Automated Harvest Report System at (855) 448-6865 or NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm. 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 33 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. **NOTE:** 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 34) 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 28 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.

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♦ To view the New Jersey State Park Service updated policy on stands and blinds, visit: NJParksandForests.org/stand-blind_policy.htm.

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, visit NJFishandWildlife.com/licensesalesite.htm with mobile device or computer or call 1 (855) 448-6865.



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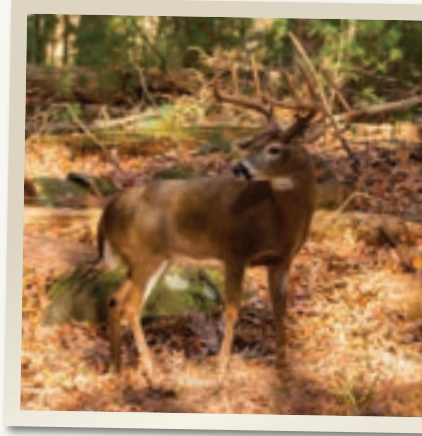


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Deer Harvest Trends in New Jersey

New Jersey deer hunters harvested 35,573 deer during the 2023–24 seasons.

The harvest for this year's deer season is 7.2% lower than the 38,324 deer taken in 2022–23. The antlerless portion of the 2023–24 harvest was 19,387 deer, down 12% from 2022–23. The antlered portion of the 2023–24 harvest was 16,186 deer, down 0.6% from 2022–23.



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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 NJDEP Fish & Wildlife Law Enforcement office and leave a message (see page 76) 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!

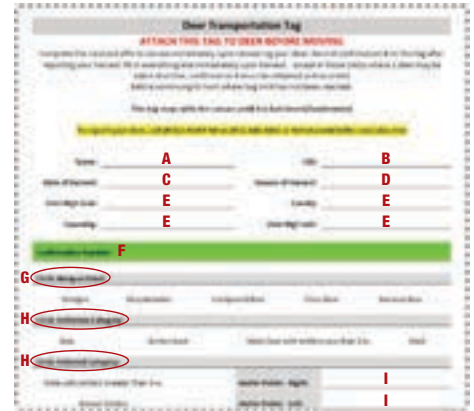
Tags are located on pg. 29 and can be cut out, photocopied or you can create your own.

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.

OR

Call in your harvest in at:
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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 29 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.

NOTE: A hunter may be required to produce the head of the deer — or produce records relating to the location of the head such as the butcher or taxidermist who has possession of the deer's head — upon request by a Conservation Police Officer within 48 hours after a deer harvest is reported.

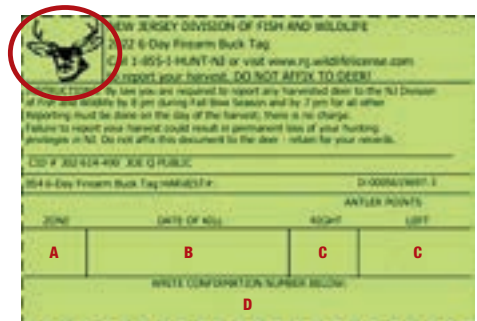
For Antlered Deer:

- 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.

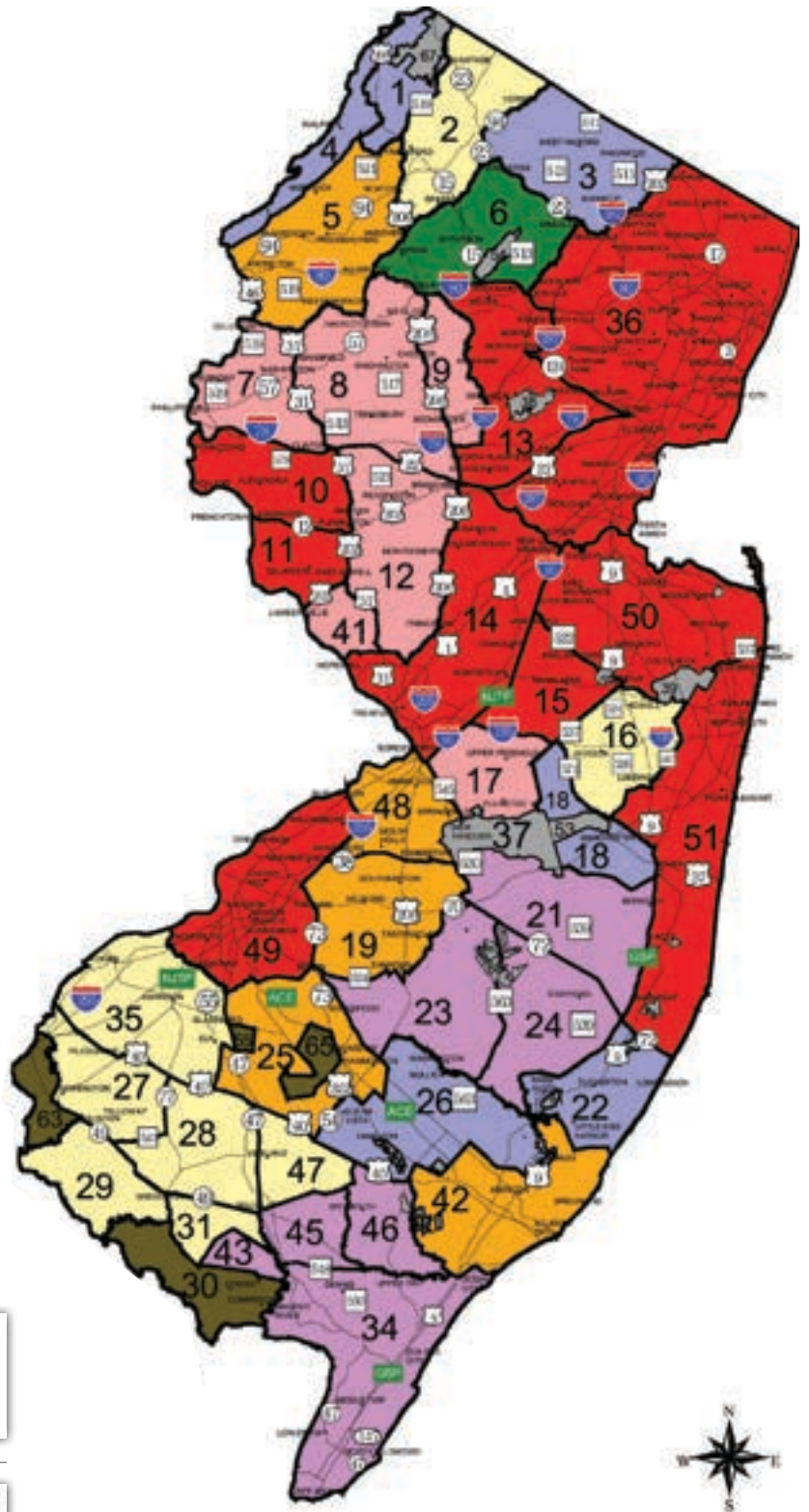
There is room for two deer on the antlerless tag, if additional deer are harvested use the Supplemental Harvest Log found on page 29.



2024–25 NJ Deer Season Regulation Sets Reference Chart

Zone	For seasons and bag limits, see information beginning on page 34.	Zone	For seasons and bag limits, see information beginning on page 34.
1	Regulation Set # 2	36	Regulation Set # 8
2	Regulation Set # 5	37	Special Area Hunting Season
3	Regulation Set # 2	38	Special Area Hunting Season
4	Regulation Set # 2	39	Special Area Hunting Season
5	Regulation Set # 6	40	Zone is not designated
6	Regulation Set # 4	41	Regulation Set # 7
7	Regulation Set # 7	42	Regulation Set # 6
8	Regulation Set # 7	43	Regulation Set # 0
9	Regulation Set # 7	44	Zone is not designated
10	Regulation Set # 8	45	Regulation Set # 0
11	Regulation Set # 8	46	Regulation Set # 0
12	Regulation Set # 7	47	Regulation Set # 5
13	Regulation Set # 8	48	Regulation Set # 6
14	Regulation Set # 8	49	Regulation Set # 8
15	Regulation Set # 8	50	Regulation Set # 8
16	Regulation Set # 5	51	Regulation Set # 8
17	Regulation Set # 7	52	Zone is not designated
18	Regulation Set # 2	53	Special Area Hunting Season
19	Regulation Set # 6	54	Special Area Hunting Season
20	Zone is not designated	55	Regulation Set # 3
21	Regulation Set # 0	56*	Zone is not designated
22	Regulation Set # 2	57*	Zone is not designated
23	Regulation Set # 0	58*	Zone is not designated
24	Regulation Set # 0	59	Zone is not designated
25	Regulation Set # 6	60	Zone is not designated
26	Regulation Set # 2	61	Special Area Hunting Season
27	Regulation Set # 5	62	Zone is not designated
28	Regulation Set # 5	63	Regulation Set # 3
29	Regulation Set # 5	64	Special Area Hunting Season
30	Regulation Set # 3	65	Regulation Set # 3
31	Regulation Set # 5	66	Special Area Hunting Season
32	Zone is not designated	67	Special Area Hunting Season
33	Zone is not designated	68	Special Area Hunting Season
34	Regulation Set # 0	70*	Zone is not designated
35	Regulation Set # 5		

* Formerly designated as a Special Area under the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR. See page 43 for details.



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 2024–25

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 41–43 for details.

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

Season	Regulation Set		Zones	Dates	Bag Limits	Additional Information
Fall Bow	7	8	7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 17, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51	Sept. 14–Sept. 27, 2024: Must take ONE Antlerless Deer FIRST before pursuing an Antlered Buck (Does not apply to Youth License Holders)	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	Deer MUST be tagged immediately. All harvests must be reported by 8 p.m. on day of harvest. Deer must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	6		5, 19, 25, 42, 48		9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5		2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	Sept. 28–Oct. 25, 2024: First deer can be of either sex	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	4		6		Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3		30*, 55, 63*, 65	Sept. 28–Oct. 25, 2024	2 antlerless OR 1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	2		1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26		1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	0		21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46		1 deer only (may be either sex)	
Youth Day Archery	ALL	ALL Zones Listed in Fall Bow above	Sept. 21, 2024	1 deer only (may be either sex)	Must be accompanied by licensed, non-hunting adult. Earn-A-Buck and Antler Point Restriction regulations DO NOT apply. (See page 18 for details.)	
Permit Bow	8		10, 11, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51	Oct. 26–Dec. 24, Dec. 26–Dec. 31, 2024	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	To harvest an antlered deer, a Buck Permit - Bow is also required. Buck Permit is valid in any zone for which hunter has a zone-specific Archery Permit or DRS Multi-Zone Permit. Only 1 buck is permitted. Deer MUST be tagged immediately. All harvests must be reported by 7 p.m. on day of harvest. Deer must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	7		7, 8, 9*, 12, 17, 41		Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	6		5, 19, 25, 42, 48		9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5		2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	Oct. 26–Nov. 24, 2024	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	4		6		Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3		30*, 55, 63*, 65		2 antlerless OR 1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	2		1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26		1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	0		21, 23, 24, 34*, 43		Oct. 26–Nov. 23, 2024	
Winter Bow	7	8	7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 17, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51	Jan. 1–Feb. 15, 2025	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	Deer MUST be tagged immediately. All harvests must be reported by 7 p.m. on day of harvest. Deer must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	6		5, 19, 25, 42, 48	Jan. 1–Jan. 31, 2025	9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5		2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*		5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	4		6		Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3		30*, 55, 63*, 65		2 antlerless OR 1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	2		1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26		1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	0		21, 23, 24, 34*, 43		1 deer only (can be either sex)	

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

Firearm Deer Seasons 2024–25

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 incidentally 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 41–43 for details.

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

Season	Regulation Set	Zones	Dates	Bag Limits	Additional Information
Youth Day Firearm	ALL	ALL Zones Listed Below	Nov. 23, 2024 (See page 18 for details.)	1 deer only (can be either sex)	Must be accompanied by licensed/permitted, non-hunting adult. Antler Point Restriction regulation DOES NOT apply. (See page 18 for details.)
Permit Muzzleloader	8	10, 11, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51	Antlerless Only: Nov. 25–27, 29, and Dec. 9–14, 2024 Either Sex: Dec. 2–3; Dec. 16, 17, Dec. 21–24, 26–31, 2024; Jan. 1–Feb. 8, 2025	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	To harvest an antlered deer , a Buck Permit — Muzzleloader is also required . Buck Permit is valid in any zone for which hunter has a zone-specific Muzzleloader Permit. Only 1 buck is permitted. Deer MUST be tagged immediately and reported by 7 p.m. on day harvested. Any coyote harvested must be reported by 8 p.m. Reporting of gray fox harvests requested. Deer harvest must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	7	7, 8, 9*, 12, 17, 41	Antlerless Only: Dec. 9–14, 2024 Either Sex: Dec. 2–3; Dec. 16, 17, Dec. 21–24, 26–31, 2024; Jan. 1–Feb. 8, 2025		
	6	5, 19, 25, 42, 48	Dec. 2–3; Dec. 16, 17, 21–24, 26–31, 2024; Jan. 1–31, 2025	9 antlerless deer and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	Dec. 2–3; Dec. 16, 17, 21–24, 26–31, 2024; Jan. 1–11, 2025	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3 4	6, 30*, 55, 63*, 65		2 antlerless OR 1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	2	1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26	Dec. 2–3; Dec. 16, 17, 21–24, 26–31, 2024	1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	0	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43	Dec. 2–3; Dec. 21, 23, 24, 26–31, 2024	1 deer only (can be either sex)	
Permit Shotgun	8	10, 11, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51	Antlerless Only: Nov. 25–27, 29 and Dec. 9–14, 2024 Either Sex: Dec. 18–20, 2024; Jan. 4–Feb. 8, 2025	Unlimited antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	To harvest an antlered deer , a Buck Permit — Shotgun is also required . Buck Permit is valid in any zone for which hunter has a zone-specific Shotgun Permit. Only 1 buck is permitted , see exception below. Note: Shotgun Buck Permit becomes VOID if 2 antlered deer were harvested during Six-day Firearm Season. Deer MUST be tagged immediately and reported by 7 p.m. on day harvested. Any coyote harvested must be reported by 8 p.m. Reporting of gray fox harvests requested. Deer harvest must be reported prior to pursuing additional deer, except in zones where it is legal to take two deer at a time.
	7	7, 8, 9*, 12, 17, 41	Antlerless Only: Dec. 9–14, 2024 Either Sex: Dec. 18–20, 2024; Jan. 4–Feb. 8, 2025		
	6	5, 19, 25, 42, 48	Dec. 18–20, 2024; Jan. 4–31, 2025	9 antlerless and 1 antlered (2 deer may be taken at a time)	
	5	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*	Dec. 18–20, 2024; Jan. 11–18, 2025	5 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	3 4	6, 30*, 55, 63*, 65		2 antlerless OR 1 antlerless and 1 antlered	
	0 2	1, 3*, 4, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 34*, 43	Dec. 18–20, 2024	1 deer only (can be either sex)	
Six-day Firearm	ALL	ALL zones listed above	Dec. 9–14, 2024	2 antlered deer Only 1 buck at a time may be taken. Once harvest of first antlered deer is reported, the hunter may pursue a second antlered deer.	NOTE: If 2 bucks are harvested, the buck bag limit for the Permit Shotgun Season becomes ZERO. Deer MUST be tagged immediately and reported by 7 p.m. on day harvested. Any coyote harvested must be reported by 8 p.m. Reporting of gray fox harvests requested.



**NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION
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Annual Convention and Sportsmen's Jamboree*

April 25–26, 2025



*Convention to be held at:

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Friday, April 25, 2025, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., with Awards Ceremony
Dinner on Saturday at 5 p.m.

*Sportsmen's Jamboree to be held:

Gloucester County Dream Park,
Logan Twp., NJ

Saturday, April 26, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Come see NJ's most outstanding deer from 2023–24 and everything
for the outdoor enthusiast. (details on page 72)

Join us at both locations for science-based wildlife management and hunting/fishing/trapping-related presentations and interactive discussions.
This 2-day event is co-hosted by the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., and its affiliates.

For details, go to www.njsfsc.org

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 24,486 pounds of venison (113,944 servings from 867 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 \$100 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), and will continue to allow us to waive the hunter's portion of hunter-donated deer weighing 50 lbs. or more in the 2024-25 season. The hunter's fee for deer weighing under 50 lbs. (dressed hanging weight) is \$50.

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.



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- 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

Salem County

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

Camden County

- Bringham 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 Firearm 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

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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 38.
- ♦ 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 13 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 2025 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/licensesalesite.htm or at license agents (information on page 13). Special Areas deer permit information is as listed under each Special Area; see pages 41–43. 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.

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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

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

DRS (Deer Regulation Set) Multi-Zone Permits are currently available for Regulation Set 7 OR Regulation Set 8. While they are separate permits, you can purchase both and have access to 15 zones for the season you select! Hunters can purchase a DRS Permit for each of the permit seasons: **Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader**. For your DRS Permit, pick the Regulation Set you want to hunt (either for Regulation Set 7 OR Regulation Set 8) then pick the permit season you want to hunt. For \$56 (\$24 for youths) you can now hunt any zone within your chosen Regulation Set for that specific season!

For example, if you normally hunt Zone 9 (Reg Set 7) during the Permit Bow season, with a DRS Multi-Zone Bow Permit, you can 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) That's access to 6 zones for the price of 2!

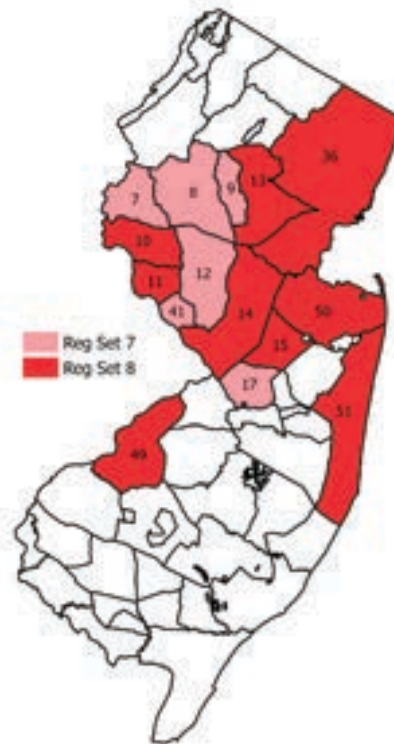
Perks of the DRS Permit:

- ♦ Multiple zones for the price of 2
- ♦ Try new hunting locations within one regulation set at a reduced cost
- ♦ All zones within Regulation Sets 7 and 8 have an unlimited antlerless bag limit

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. 33 for *Map App and Zone Boundary Descriptions link*.



ALL Deer Permit Sales

Sales for **all** Deer Permits begin at 10 a.m. on **MONDAY, Sept. 9, 2024** and continue until each season ends. Some permit seasons run through Feb. 15, 2025. Permit sales include those for Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons plus Antlered Buck Permits. See deer regulation tables, pages 34–35. Buck permits **must** be purchased by specific deadlines; see callout on page 13 for **important** buck permit rules.

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.



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, Fish & 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 ____/____/____



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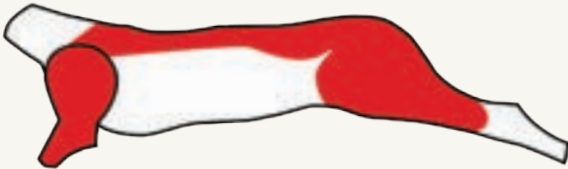
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Edible Portions Guide

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 25.

For white-tailed deer:


- Front quarters to the knee
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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. 43 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 NJDEP Fish & Wildlife hunting land, Wildlife Management Areas: dep.nj.gov/njfw/conservation/wildlife-management-areas/. Note: Not all WMAs are open to all types of hunting, trapping, or during all seasons. Please be sure to check WMA restrictions for a particular WMA before you go.
- Maps on NJ Parks and Forestry hunting land: NJParksandForests.org/parks/sps_hunting_maps.html

See additional deer hunting opportunities on pg. 41–43

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
- Pequest WMA
- Swartswood State Park
- Trout Brook WMA
- White Lake WMA
- Whittingham WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 6

- Allamuchy Mountain State Park
- Berkshire Valley WMA
- Fanny State Park
- Hamburg WMA
- 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
- Pequest WMA
- Rockport WMA
- South Branch WMA
- Voorhees State Park

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 9

- Black River WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 10

- Alpha Grasslands WMA
- Clinton WMA
- Lockatong WMA
- Musconetcong River WMA
- Pohatcong WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 11

- Lockatong WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 12

- South Branch WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 13

- Berkshire Valley WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 14

- Assunpink WMA
- Pigeon Swamp State Park

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 15

- Assunpink WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 16

- Butterfly Bogs WMA
- Colliers Mill WMA
- Turkey Swamp WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 17

- Colliers Mills WMA
- Pleasant Run WMA
- Prospertown Lake WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 18

- Colliers Mills WMA
- Manchester WMA
- Whiting WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 19

- Medford WMA
- Pemberton Lake WMA (Archery ONLY)
- 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
- Swan Bay WMA

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
- Penbryn Pond WMA
- Wharton State Forest
- White Oak Branch WMA
- Winslow WMA
- Upper Great Egg Harbor Greenway

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 26

- Absecon WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Hammonton Creek WMA
- Makepeace Lake WMA
- Port Republic WMA
- Swan Bay WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 27

- Salem River WMA
- Thundergut Pond WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 28

- Buckshutem WMA
- Elmer Lake WMA
- Parvin State Park
- Rainbow Lake WMA
- Union Lake WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 29

- Cohansey River WMA
- Gum Tree Corner WMA
- Mad Horse Creek WMA
- Maskells Mill Pond WMA
- Stowe Creek State Park

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 30

- Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15–Aug. 1)
- Dix WMA
- Egg Island WMA
- Fortescue WMA
- Heislerville WMA
- Millville WMA
- Nantuxent WMA
- New Sweden WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 31

- Clarks Pond WMA
- Cohansey WMA
- Millville WMA
- Buckshutem WMA
- New Sweden WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 34

- Beaver Swamp WMA
- Belleplaine State Forest
- Cape Island WMA
- Cox Hall Creek WMA
- Cape May Coastal Wetlands WMA
- Dennis Creek WMA
- Heislerville WMA
- Higbee Beach WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 35

- D.O.D. Ponds WMA
- Elmer Lake WMA
- Featherbed Lane WMA
- Harrisonville Lake WMA
- Logan WMA
- Mantua WMA
- Raccoon Creek WMA
- Salem River WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 41

- Alexauken Creek WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 42

- Absecon WMA
- Port Republic WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA

Use the Hunting & Trapping Explorer to help identify these and other opportunities:

NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt



DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 43

- Millville (Bevan) WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 45

- Menantico Ponds WMA
- Millville 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

- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Peaslee WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 49

- Andaloro WMA
- Mantua Creek WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 51

- Allaire State Park
- Manasquan River WMA
- Manahawkin WMA
- Upper Barnegat Bay WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 53

- Manchester 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.)
- Salem River WMA

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 65

- White Oak Branch WMA
- Winslow WMA

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.

All Special Areas

Special Area Deer Management Zones are properties which have their own zone designation. All Special Area Permits go on sale on a first-come, first-served basis at 10 am on **Monday, September 9, 2024.** Refer to specific areas for the closing deadline since permit sales for certain special areas are available only for a limited time.

County Lands

Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61)

Permits for Zone 61 will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 29, 2024. 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>

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 26–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2024; **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.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Dec. 2, 3, 16, 17, 21–24, 26–31, 2024; Jan. 1–11, 2025; **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.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 9–14, 2024; **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. 9–14, and 18–20, 2024; **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, 2025; **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 2024 Zone 61 bow permit. 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, including a map of the areas open to hunting, 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. 4–7 and 11–14, 2024; **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, 2025; **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 Sunday, October 20, 2024. 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. 9–14, 2024; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 9–14, 2024; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–Feb. 15, 2025; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

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 Kevin O'Connor at (732) 866-2014.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 14–Sept. 27, 2024, first deer must be antlerless. Sept. 28–Oct. 25, 2024, antlered or antlerless. **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 26–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2024; **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. 9–14, 2024; **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: Dec. 2–7 and 16–31, 2024, and Jan. 1–Feb. 8, 2025; **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. 7, 9–14, 21, and 28, 2024, and Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25 and Feb. 1 and 8, 2025; **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 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–Feb. 15, 2025; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (Zone 66)

The Technical Center is open to deer hunting through a cooperative agreement between the FAATC, Fish & Wildlife, and the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (NJSFSC). Membership in the NJSFSC is required. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 66 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.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 14–27, 2024; First deer must be antlerless. Sept. 28–Oct. 25, 2024; antlered or antlerless deer. **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 26–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2024; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 30–Dec. 7 and Dec. 13 and 14, 2024, and Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2025; **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.

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Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2025; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

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 Natural Resources at 609-754-1847.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 14–27, 2024, first deer must be antlerless. Sept. 28–Oct. 25, 2024, 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. 26–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2024; **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. 9–14, 2024; **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: Dec. 2–7, 16–24, 26–31, 2024, and Jan. 2–11, 2025; **Bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered only for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 28, 30, and 31, 2024; **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 2025; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

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) before purchasing a Zone 53 permit. For more information, contact Natural Resources at 609-754-1847.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 14–27, 2024, first deer must be antlerless. Sept. 28–Oct. 25, 2024, 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. 26–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2024; **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. 9–14, 2024; **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. 30, and Dec. 2–7, 16–24, 26–31, and Jan. 1–11, 2025; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 9–14, 18, 19, and 20, 2024, and Jan. 4–11, 2025; **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. 15, 2025; **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 Natural Resources Manager Brad Garie at (973) 724-3594 or Conservation Law Enforcement Officer James Opalecky at (973) 724-8647.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 28–Oct. 25, 2024; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 26–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2024; **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. 9–14, 2024; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity

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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: Dec. 2, 3 and 16–31, 2024, and Jan. 1–11, 2025; **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. 9–14 and 21, 2024 and Jan. 4, 6–11, 2025; **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, 2025; **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

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, November 1, 2024.** Hunters must have approval and refuge hunt permit from U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service. Go to <https://greatswamp.recaccess.com>. For more information, please visit this webpage: <https://greatswamp.recaccess.com/#/help>.

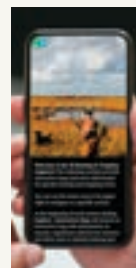
Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season (concurrent): Nov. 6–9, 2024. On Nov. 2 (Saturday), hunting is only for youths who possess a valid New Jersey Youth hunting license and a Zone 38 permit from NJ Fish & Wildlife plus a refuge hunt permit (no fee). Youths must be accompanied by a licensed but 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 & Michael Huber Prairie Warbler Preserve (Zone 68)

Hunters must possess proper Zone 68 permits. Seasons and bag limits for Regulation Set #6 apply. For more information, contact njconservation.org/deer-management/.

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Please Note: Not all land highlighted in green is publicly accessible or huntable. Please contact the landowner/manager for more information.

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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: nj.gov/dep/njnl/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; 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; state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/drcanal.html
Rancocas State Park (Zone 48) Open for Bow and Arrow Seasons Only. For more information: nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/rancocasstatepark.html
Round Valley Recreation Area (Zone 12) Park access permit required, 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; mercercountyparks.org
Middlesex County Park System: Deer Management Permit required for access. For more information: (732) 745-8278
Monmouth County Park System: Park access permit required. For more information: (732) 842-4000; monmouthcountyparks.com
Morris County Park System: Park access permit required. For more information: (862) 325-7745; www.morrisparks.net/deer-management/
Ocean County Parks Department: For more information: (732) 506-9090; planning.co.ocean.nj.us/natlands.htm
Federal (National Wildlife Refuge-NWR) Land (Baiting is prohibited on all National Wildlife Refuges)
Edwin B Forsythe NWR (Zones 22, 24, 26, 42, and 51) Federal access permit required. For more information: (609) 652-1665; fws.gov/refuge/edwin-b-forsythe
Wallkill River NWR (Zone 2) Federal access permit required. For more information: (413) 468-0457; www.fws.gov/refuge/wallkill_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

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.

NJ Taking Action to Prevent CWD

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.

Why is this helpful?

- 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:

- ✓ Immediately contact NJDEP Fish & Wildlife for further instruction. Take photos/videos if possible.
 - » F & W Wildlife Health: 908-735-6398
 - » F & W Deer Biologists: Statewide 609-223-6072; North 908-735-7040; South 856-875-6418
 - » F & W Law Enforcement: Northern 908-735-8240; Central 609-259-2120; Southern 856-629-0555
- ✓ If instructed by NJDEP Fish & Wildlife, 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.

When hunting in other states, bring home **ONLY**:

- ✓ Cut and wrapped meat (either commercially or privately)
- ✓ Boned 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

If you are a nonresident hunter, be sure to check your home state's CWD rules and regulations regarding importation and transportation of a harvested deer from another state.





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