

HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION 2021-2022 CONTROLLED HUNTING PROGRAM REGULATIONS

PLEASE READ THIS BOX FIRST

- To hunt county park land, you must purchase a hunting access permit from the Division of Parks and Recreation
- Six types of hunting access permits (for DEER HUNTING ONLY) are sold:

IF YOU PURCHASE

THIS KIND OF PERMIT

THEN YOU CAN HUNT THESE DATES

WITH THIS

“SPORTING ARM”

FALL BOW

Sept.11-Oct. 29, 2021

BOW

PERMIT BOW

Oct. 30-Nov. 27, Dec. 1-Dec. 4, 2021

BOW

WINTER BOW

January 1-February 19, 2022

BOW

SHOTGUN

Dec. 6-11, 15-17, 2021. Jan.1-Feb. 12, 2022

SHOTGUN

MUZZLELOADER

Nov. 29, 30, Dec 13, 14, 18, 20-24, 27-31, 2021

MUZZLELOADER

SPECIAL HUNT

Dec. 6-11, 15-17, 2021

SHOTGUN

- **There is NO Sunday bow hunting on Park Property**

- Each permit is valid for only one area.

- Permit fees are \$25 for Hunterdon County residents, \$40 for non-residents for all permits except the Special Hunt permit. The fee for the Special Hunt permit will be \$20 for Hunterdon residents, \$30 for non-residents.

- Permit sales begin at 8:00 a.m. Sale days will be:

BOW, PERMIT BOW, WINTER BOW – **August 18** (Hunterdon Co. residents); **August 19** and after (all hunters)

SHOTGUN, MUZZLELOADER, AND SPECIAL HUNT – **October 20** (Hunterdon Co. residents); **October 21** and after (all hunters)

All New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife license and permit requirements and regulations must be followed. Hunters are responsible for obtaining and learning state regulations. Hunters are also responsible for knowing safety zones and ensuring that they are **at least 450 feet** from any structure or playground; **150 feet for Archery seasons.**

• **IN ALL SEASONS AND FOR EACH PERMIT, EVERY HUNTER (Including alternates), MUST HARVEST AN ANTLERLESS DEER ON PARK PROPERTY BEFORE THEY CAN SHOOT AN ANTLERED DEER. (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SIX DAY FIREARM SEASON)**

**Only one permit, per season, per hunter. Hunters may purchase additional permits for other park areas beginning the first business day after Opening Day, if permits are available.*

Hunters who fail to return their survey cards on-time will not be eligible to purchase a permit the following year until the 3rd day of permit sales, (the day after permits go on sale to non-county residents.)

PERMIT INFORMATION

Hunting permits are sold to walk-in applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Mail-in applications are also accepted, but will not be processed until after all walk-ins are completed on the first day of permit sales for each respective season. Because of this, mail-in applicants have a reduced chance of getting a permit. On the first day of permit sales, only Hunterdon County residents may purchase a permit. On the second day, and any day thereafter, all others can purchase a permit. To be fair, **only one permit, per season, per person on line!** Permit applications and maps of hunting areas are available at the Park Office.

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

All state hunting regulations, licensing requirements, and permit requirements are in effect on Hunterdon County Park lands open to hunting. Hunters are responsible for obtaining and learning state regulations and county park regulations.

- **In all seasons and for each permit, every hunter, (including alternates) must harvest an antlerless deer on the property the permit is valid for, before they can take an antlered deer.** (With the exception of the six day firearm season.)
- **Transferable permits.** Each permit sold will be transferable to a maximum of two alternate hunters. **Each hunter is allowed to be an alternate on a maximum of two (2) permits per season. Each alternate hunter must provide their personal information in designated section on application and sign the original application before it is processed by this Division.** Alternates need not be present in line, however, the person purchasing the permit must have a copy of the “alternate(s)” current hunting license **only one hunter**

may utilize the permit at any given time, and must be in possession of the original permit while hunting. Failure to do so will result in a summons, voided permit and removal from the program. Permits sold to Hunterdon County Residents on “residents only” sale days may only be transferred to other Hunterdon County Residents.

- Hunters who possess permits for both the Fall and Permit bow seasons **for the same park**, may “bank” their doe for the permit bow season. In order to “bank” your doe, you must harvest two or more does in the fall bow season. You must indicate this on your survey for the permit bow season. Surveys will be cross referenced.
- The use and/or construction of permanent tree stands is prohibited. Hunters found using a permanent tree stand will be subject to prosecution whether they built it or not. Portable tree stands are allowed, but are used and left unattended at the user’s risk. Permit holder’s name or Parks Division permit number **must** be securely affixed to stand in an obvious location. **Unidentified stands will be confiscated!** No more than **Two (2)** tree stands/ground blinds may be put up at a time for each issued permit. Tree stands and steps must be removed within 3 weeks of the expiration of your permit (**Hunters who fail to remove their tree stand within the three week period may receive a summons and be disqualified from the hunting program for 2 years**)
- Trail cameras must be marked and identified with your **current** permit number. Any camera without a valid permit number will be removed and confiscated.
- Possession of a permit to hunt on county parkland does not give hunters permission to cross private property, roads or railroad right-of-ways. Hunters are responsible for knowing park boundaries and safety zones.
- As indicated on the permit form, one copy of your county park-hunting permit must be kept in your hunting license holder, and one copy must be prominently displayed in your vehicle windshield.
- Hunters in the Controlled Hunting Program who receive a summons for **any** violation committed on park lands will have their park hunting privileges revoked for **2 years** and will not be able to purchase a permit. Privileges will be permanently revoked for a second offense.
- Hunters should be aware that non-hunting visitors are allowed on park lands open to hunting and must be treated courteously. Non-hunting visitors are encouraged to wear blaze orange or confine visits to Sundays.
- During the six day firearm season; and from **Jan.1 thru Feb. 12, 2022**, hunters who possess a Park shotgun permit may elect to use either a shotgun or muzzleloader to hunt with; in accordance with NJ Fish and Wildlife season dates and laws. A valid NJ Rifle and Muzzleloader permit are required to hunt with a muzzleloader.
- Baiting on Park Property is legal but not encouraged. All types of feeders are prohibited and will be confiscated.
- No cutting of trees, saplings, or shrubs is permitted. Trimming twigs and small branches in close proximity to tree stands is permissible.

BOW, SHOTGUN, AND MUZZLELOADER PERMITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THESE AREAS:

- Charlestown Reserve, Bethlehem Twp. (215 acres; 7 hunters max., DMZ 7)
- Cold Brook Reserve, Tewksbury Twp. (179 acres; 6 hunters max.; DMZ 8)
- Crystal Springs, Lebanon Twp. (247 acres; 8 hunters max; DMZ 8)
- Cushetunk Mountain Nature Preserve, Readington Twp. (380 acres; 20 hunters max.; DMZ 12)
- Deer Path Park, Round Mtn. North (North of summit) Readington Twp. (145 acres, 5 hunters max. DMZ 12)
- “Drag Strip Property,” Franklin Twp. (198 acres; 8 hunters max.; DMZ 10) *Not a County Park
- Hoffman Park, Union Twp. (125 huntable acres; 7 hunters max.; DMZ 10)
- Jugtown Mtn., Bethlehem Twp. (211 acres 8 hunters max.; DMZ 7)
- Landsdown Meadows, Franklin Twp. (172 acres; 5 permits max; DMZ 10)
- Musconetcong Mtn. Preserve **MMP** (Formerly Mallin), Ellis Rd, Holland Twp. (227 acres; 8 hunters max. DMZ 10)
- Miquin Woods, Lebanon Twp. (302 acres; 10 hunters max; DMZ 8)
- Musconetcong Gorge, Musconetcong River Res., Holland & Bethlehem Twp (523 acres, 25 hunters max.; DMZ 10)
- Pearson Property, East Amwell Twp. (90 Acres; 4 hunters max.; DMZ 12)
- Point Mountain “North” section, (Northeast of Penwell Rd.), Lebanon Twp. (217 acres; 8 hunters max.; DMZ 8)
- Point Mountain South (Formerly Wattles), Mt. Top Rd., Lebanon Twp. (508 acres; 18 hunters max.; DMZ 8)
- Schick Reserve, Alexandria Twp. (305 acres; 12 hunters max.; DMZ 10)
- South Branch Reservation, “Three Bridges Section,” Raritan Twp. (84 acres, 3 hunters max; DMZ 12)

- South Branch Reservation, “Valinsky Section,” Clinton Twp. (64 acres; 3 hunters max; DMZ 10)
- South Branch Reservation, “Wing Section,” Readington Twp. (88 acres; 3 hunters max; DMZ 12)
- South Branch Reservation, “Melick’s Bridge Section,” Clinton Twp. (61 acres; 3 hunters max., DMZ 10)
- South Branch Reservation, “Stanton Station Section”, Raritan Twp. (151 acres; 5 hunters max, DMZ 10)
- South County Park, formerly “Delago” West Amwell Twp. (220 acres; 9 hunters max., DMZ 41)
- Union Furnace Nature Preserve, Union Twp. (167 acres; 8 hunters max.; DMZ 7)
- Sourland Mountain Nature Preserve, East Amwell Twp. (273 acres; 12 hunters max.; DMZ 12)
- Teetertown Ravine Nature Preserve/Mountain Farm, Lebanon Twp. (298 acres; 15 hunters max.; DMZ 8)
(Closed for hunting from 5pm on Fridays to 5am on Mondays thru November 15th only.)
- Tower Hill Reserve, Mountainview Road, Bethlehem Twp. (290 acres; 11 hunters max.; DMZ 7)
- Turkey Top Reserve, Lebanon Twp. (244 acres, 8 hunters bow, 6 hunters gun; DMZ 8)
- Wescott Nature Preserve, Delaware Twp. (180 acres; 7 hunters max.; DMZ 11)

SPECIAL HUNT PERMITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS. THESE AREAS WILL BE OPEN FOR HUNTING, ONLY DURING THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER PORTIONS OF THE SHOTGUN SEASON

- Deer Path Park, Round Mountain Section South (South of summit, North of West Woodschurch Road only), Readington Twp. (71 acres; 3 hunters max.; DMZ 12)
- Point Mountain Central Section (Formerly “SOUTH”), Musconetcong River Reservation South of Penwell Road, Lebanon Township, (475 acres; 15 hunters max.; DMZ 8)
- Uplands Reserve, Raritan Twp. (100 acres; 4 hunters max.; DMZ 10)

ARCHERY ONLY AND WINTER BOW HUNTING AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

(The following areas are open for fall and permit bow seasons Sept.-Nov., as well as winter bow Jan.- Feb.)

For all seasons, there is **NO HUNTING** on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at the **Arboretum** and **Echo Hill**.

- Arboretum, Clinton Twp. (74 acres; 3 hunters max.; DMZ 12) **No hunting on Tuesdays and Thursdays**
- “Case Farm,” Raritan Twp. (15 acres; 2 hunters max.; DMZ 11) *Not a County Park
- Clover Hill Park(Merck), Raritan Twp. (116 acres; 3 hunters max.; DMZ 12)
- DPP, Round Mtn. South. Readington Twp. (71 Acres; 3 hunters max; DMZ 12)
- Doves Landing Section (Charlestown Greenway), Bethlehem Twp. (59 acres; 3 hunters max: DMZ 7)
- Echo Hill, Clinton Twp. (90 Acres; 3 hunters max.; DMZ 10) **No hunting on Tuesdays and Thursdays**
- Furnas Section (Arb), Clinton Twp. (51 acres; 3 hunters max.; DMZ 12)
- Pine Hill Section (South Branch Reservation), Franklin Twp. (42 Acres; 3 hunters max.; DMZ 10)
- Riverfield Section (South Branch Reservation), Clinton Twp. (25 Acres; 2 hunters max; DMZ 8)
- Uplands Reserve, Raritan Twp. (100 acres; 4 hunters max.; DMZ 10)
- Van Leight Property, Bethlehem Twp. (53 acres; 3 hunters max.; DMZ 7)
- “Wings” South Branch (Front Section Only along Deerpath Rd.; 20 acres; Two hunters for Winter Bow)

PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

NOTE: INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATIONS MAY BE REJECTED. PERSONS WHO SUBMIT FALSIFIED APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION.

1. Fill in NAME, ADDRESS including ZIP, PHONE, DRIVER’S LICENSE #, and VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE #
2. Fill in HUNTING LICENSE NUMBER appropriate for the season you are applying for, and indicate license year.
3. Fill in the NAME OF THE PARK YOU WANT TO HUNT. Check these instructions to make sure the park you want to hunt is open for the season you want to hunt. Your permit will be good for only one park.
4. Check the TYPE OF PERMIT you are applying for.
6. READ and SIGN on the line at the bottom. Parent or guardian must sign for children under 18. Signatures required for alternate hunters as well.
7. If you are walking in, bring permit application WITH YOUR STATE HUNTING LICENSE to the park office on the correct sales day, with check payable to “HCDPR” or exact cash. Sales dates are listed on page one of these instructions. Doors open at 8:00 a.m.
8. If you are mailing in, mail ALL THREE COPIES of the application WITH A COPY OF YOUR HUNTING LICENSE to Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation, PO Box 2900, Flemington NJ 08822; with a check or money order for the correct amount payable to “HCDPR.”

Report illegal activities on County Park Lands AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to a Ranger by contacting the park office at (908)782-1158. For after hours contact Ranger cell phone at (908)507-5236 or Hunterdon County Communications at (908)788-1202.