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## Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge 2023/2024 Hunting Regulations

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A previous version of this document prohibited walk-in hunting for migratory game birds. This rule has been rescinded. Hunters entering the marsh should monitor tidal conditions to avoid becoming trapped.

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Supawna Meadows NWR is open for deer hunting, migratory game bird, upland game and turkey hunting only. Trapping is **NOT** permitted. **See the Supawna Meadows Hunt Map for the areas legally open for hunting.**

For additional information contact the Refuge.

### **General Hunting Regulations**

- In addition to Refuge specific regulations, hunters must comply with all hunting regulations established by the State of New Jersey.
- Hunting is permitted on Refuge land 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.
- The distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait is prohibited.
- Motorized and non-motorized vehicles are prohibited on Refuge land. This includes, but is not limited to, cars and trucks, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, motorcycles, and bicycles.
- Sunday hunting is prohibited.
- All public entry is prohibited in areas marked with “Area Closed” signs as well as on Refuge roads marked with “Inholder Only” signs.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- The use of spotlights, automotive headlights, or other artificial light for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking any animal is prohibited. This rule applies even if there are not weapons in the vehicle.
- The use of wire, nails, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. This also includes screw-in tree steps.
- Permanent stands, blinds, or pit blinds are prohibited. The Service takes no responsibility for the loss, theft, or damage of stands/blinds left in the field.
- Marking (including but is not limited to the use of flagging, bright eyes, tacks, paint), cutting, and/or the removal of trees or vegetation is prohibited.
- Falconry is prohibited.

- Federally approved, non-toxic shot must be used for all migratory game bird, upland game birds, small game, and turkey hunting.

## Deer Hunting

The Refuge is open during all six State Deer Management Zone 63 seasons: fall bow, permit bow, winter bow, six-day firearm, permit shotgun, and permit muzzleloader, as well as youth deer hunt days.

- Tree stands may be set up no earlier than 1 month prior to the opening of the Zone 63 fall bow season and must be removed no later than 14 days following the close of the Zone 63 winter bow season.
- All tree stands left in the field must be marked with the owner's Conservation Identification Number. The identification marking must be conspicuous and easily readable from the ground.

## Migratory Game Bird Hunting

- Hunters may pursue light goose, dark goose, duck, sea duck, gallinule, coot, crow, rail, and common snipe.
- Migratory game bird hunting is permitted only on those Refuge lands designated on the Refuge hunting map.
- All hunting blinds, boats, decoys, and other hunting materials must be removed from the Refuge at the end of each hunting day.
- Hunters may use retrieving and/or pointing dogs for migratory game birds in alignment with State regulations.
- Only federally approved non-toxic shot is permitted for migratory game bird hunting.

## Upland Game Birds and Small Game Hunting

- Hunters may pursue coyote, fox, woodchuck, rabbit, squirrel, and pheasant.
- These species may be hunted on any area on the Refuge open for public hunting.
- Woodchuck hunting is only permitted during the State coyote and fox seasons.
- Night hunting is prohibited.
- Only federally approved non-toxic shot is permitted for upland game bird and small game hunting.

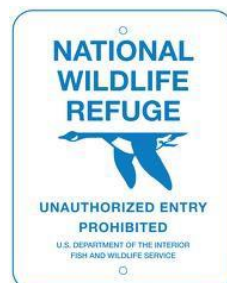
## Turkey Hunting

- Hunters must remove all hunting stands, blinds, and decoys at the end of each hunting day.
- Only federally approved non-toxic shot is permitted for turkey hunting.

See Supawna Meadows hunting map for areas open for hunting.



**Closed Area Sign**, all entry prohibited.



**Refuge Boundary Sign**, entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.