



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Deer Hunting 2020

on Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

General Information

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is located 26 miles west of New York City and seven miles south of Morristown, New Jersey (NJ). Public hunting is permitted on approximately 7,000 acres in New Jersey during specific times of the year. The hunting program is administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in cooperation with the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (NJDFW).

Hunting Regulations

Please note these regulations are specific to hunting on refuge lands in Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey. The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting is permitted in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations and is subject to special regulations. Hunters should consult the New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest.

Deer hunting on the refuge is open for the NJDFW's **Permit Shotgun (Zone 38), Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 38), and Youth Day Shotgun and Muzzleloader Permit (Zone 38)**.

THE REFUGE IS NOT OPEN FOR SUNDAY HUNTING

Permits While **hunting or scouting**, permittees **MUST** carry a valid NJ Hunting License and all applicable NJ deer season permits. Permits are not transferable and are not valid until signed.

Weaponry Deer may be taken using firearms in accordance with NJDFW's Zone 38 regulations for each respective season (Muzzleloader and Shotgun).

Scouting **Scouting is permitted.** Permittees must wear hunter orange while scouting during firearms seasons. Scouting is permitted from October 1-November 7, 2020. Weapons are prohibited while scouting outside the hunt season.

Hunter Orange Hunters must wear in a conspicuous manner **hunter orange clothing** during deer firearm season consistent with NJDFW regulations.

Observer All refuge permit holders will receive one Observer Permit to allow one non-hunting person to accompany the hunter. This is an opportunity for others to learn about hunting or to assist the hunter. The holder of this permit must be set up with the hunter at the same location and is not allowed to possess or fire a weapon.

Deer Drives **All deer drives are prohibited.**

Tree Stands Only portable tree stands may be used.

Trail Markers All marking tape, reflective pins, or other materials used to mark trails must be removed at the end of the hunt day. The use of paint is prohibited.

Hours Hunters may enter the refuge two hours before legal shooting time and leave no later than two hours after legal shooting time. See the New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest for legal hunting hours.

Parking **Hunters must park in designated refuge parking areas (see map) with the Refuge. Parking Permit displayed on the vehicle's dash. Do not block gates, roads, or buildings**

No Hunting Zones No Hunting Zones are located in various areas within the refuge. Hunting is prohibited in these areas. Refer to refuge hunt map for details.

<i>Nature Trails</i>	Hikers may be using the Bochoven Trail, Nature Detective Trail, and Wilderness trails during the hunting season. Use extreme caution. Refer to refuge hunt map for trail locations.
<i>Report Your Harvest</i>	Harvested game must be reported in accordance with NJ state regulations. Please indicate you are hunting on FEDERAL land.
<i>Disabled Hunters</i>	Individuals who possess a state disabled hunting license / permit or an Access Pass may qualify for special accommodations by making arrangements in advance with refuge staff. Please contact the refuge at 973-425-0215, ext. 1.
<i>Law enforcement</i>	Individuals utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, vehicles, and their contents by refuge or state law enforcement officers.

 Refuge hunting areas may change each year. Hunters are required to read the hunt maps provided. Please respect adjacent landowners. **DO NOT TRESPASS!**

Some Prohibited Activities

- ┆ Littering
- ┆ Use of a spotlight or other artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife
- ┆ Baiting or hunting over bait, salt or any consumable attractant
- ┆ Drives are prohibited
- ┆ Drive or screw a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or hunt from any tree in which such an object has been driven
- ┆ Trimming or cutting vegetation
- ┆ Use or possession of alcoholic beverages
- ┆ Use of ATVs and/or dirt bikes
- ┆ Target practice
- ┆ Camping and campfires
- ┆ Overnight parking
- ┆ Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery, or other artifacts
- ┆ Blocking gates or roadways with vehicles

An Important Message

Our wildlife is a valuable resource. Laws and regulations are intended to protect them, while allowing for some consumptive use. Hunters are encouraged to report any violations they may encounter to a State or Federal employee. The future of hunting on the refuge requires responsible hunter behavior and compliance with regulations.

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