

# Edwin B. Forsythe

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Deer Management Zone #58 (Middle Branch/Forked River)

To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting the refuge, please read all of the information in this package and abide by all rules and regulations.

Hunting is permitted in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations and is subject to special regulations. Hunters should also consult the New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest.

Deer Management Zone #58 is designated as **Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader, and Permit Shotgun**. There are 35 bow, 35 muzzleloader and 50 shotgun permits available.

#### Season Dates

*Permit Bow:* Oct. 26 to Dec. 24, 26-31, 2013.

*Permit Muzzleloader:* Dec. 2, 3, 16, 17, 21-24, 26-31, 2013 and Jan. 1-10, 2014.

*Permit Shotgun:* Dec. 4-6 and Dec. 9-14, 2013 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 18-20, 2013 and Jan. 4-11, 2014.

#### Hours

Refuge hunting hours are concurrent with State legal hunting hours (½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset). NO Sunday hunting.

Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than two hours before shooting time and leave no later than one hour after the end of shooting time.

#### Bag Limits

*Permit Bow:* Unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer.

*Permit Muzzleloader:* 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:* 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—not on the refuge—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.

#### Zone Regulations

The Middle Branch Unit of DMZ 58 includes Refuge lands located west of Route 9 from the Middle Branch of the Forked River south to the Oyster Creek Generation Station property line and west from private property lines along the west side of Route 9 to the Garden State Parkway. For specific boundary locations, refer to the map on the reverse page. Only shaded areas depicted on the map are open to deer hunting.

Hunters may park in the parking area located at the end of Old Shore Road. DO NOT trespass on private property; enter the refuge only where you see “National Wildlife Refuge” signs adjacent to the road. Do not block roadways or gates.

#### Checking Deer

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife’s Automated Harvest Report System is in effect for reporting all deer harvested, and has replaced all deer check stations. Hunters must report every deer harvested either by calling the toll-free number (855) IHUNT NJ, also known as (855)448-6865, or online at [NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm). The phone number and website are both printed on every hunting license and deer permit.

#### Safety Zones

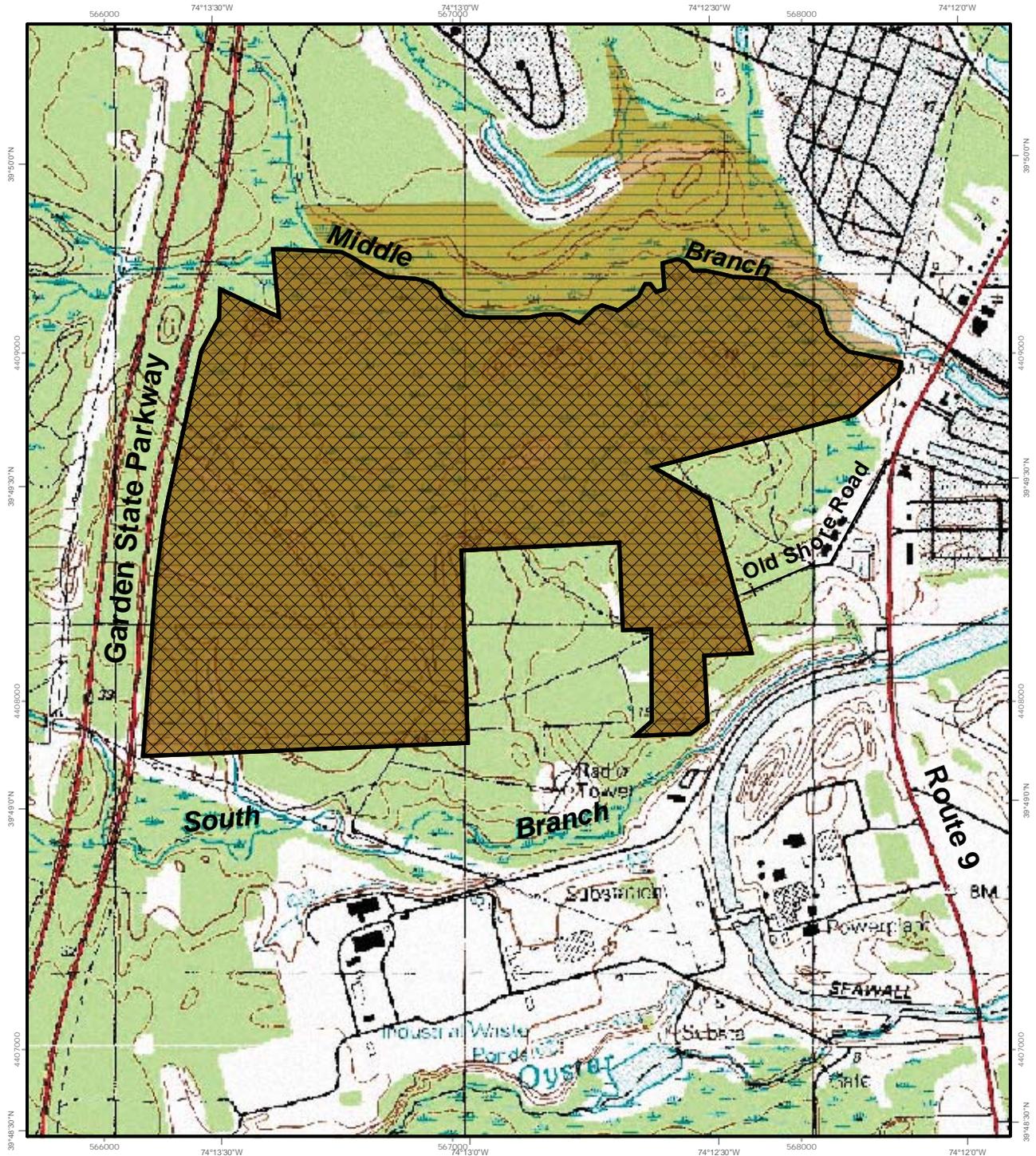
Safety Zones include all areas 450 feet from a building or school playground, even if not occupied. No hunter may carry a loaded firearm or knocked bow and arrow within these Safety Zones. Exception: a hunter may be within a Safety Zone with a loaded firearm or knocked arrow if they have written permission in their possession from the owner or qualified lessee of the property. Shooting into a Safety Zone is prohibited.

For any questions, information or comments regarding refuge-specific hunting regulations or activities, call (609) 652-1665. The refuge can also be reached by writing: [forsythe@fws.gov](mailto:forsythe@fws.gov) or visit the refuge website at [www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin\\_b\\_forsythe/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/).





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### Legend

-  DMZ 58
-  Area Closed to Deer Hunting



Map Projection: NAD\_1983\_UTM\_Zone\_18N  
 Graticule Units: degrees, minutes, seconds  
 Map Grid Unit: Meter 1:17,210 Revised: 9/27/2007