



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Edwin B. Forsythe *National Wildlife Refuge*

Deer Hunting

Thank you for choosing to participate in the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge deer hunt. 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 current New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest.

To hunt Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, hunters **MUST** purchase the appropriate **Zone 56, 57, 58, and/or 70** permit through the State Fish and Wildlife Internet Sales website or through any State approved licensing agent. Any leftover permits will not be sold after the final day of permit sales; **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Only designated sections of the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR are open for deer hunting; all other areas are closed. Purchasing a Zone 22, 42 or 51 permit does not allow hunters to hunt anywhere on the refuge.

Scouting

Hunters with validated DMZ permit may scout the refuge. Scouting is permitted on the two Sundays prior to the opening day from sunrise to sunset, as well as all Sundays during the respective season. Hunters must carry their hunting license and valid zone permit. The permittee is the only person authorized to scout the refuge.

Safety Zones

State Mandated safety zone regulations apply to all refuge hunting.

Hunter Orange

Deer hunters, hunting on the refuge during the Firearm season, must wear, at all times, in a conspicuous manner on **HEAD, CHEST, and BACK** a minimum of 400 square inches of **SOLID-COLORED HUNTER ORANGE** clothing or material. Requirements to hunt on a national wildlife refuges are double the amount required by New Jersey regulations.

Tree stands

Only portable tree stands may be used and must be removed from the refuge by the last day of the season.

Check Station

Harvested deer must be taken to an official State operated check station. A check station is not available at the refuge. Please remember to indicate which DMZ you are hunting in.

Sunday Hunting

Sunday hunting is **NOT** permitted on refuge lands.

Wounded Deer

If you wound a deer and it goes off the refuge, follow state and local laws. If you shoot a deer and it runs outside your hunting zone or into a closed area of the refuge, mark the location and contact a refuge officer at (609) 226-1075. The refuge officer may either give you permission to enter the closed area or other hunting zone with your weapon, or accompany you to retrieve the deer. Failure to comply with any State or Federal regulation may result in a Violation Notice.

Refuge hunting areas may change each year. Hunters are encouraged to carefully read the hunt maps provided. It is the hunters responsibility to know the boundaries of the refuge hunting areas. Please respect adjacent landowners, **DO NOT TRESPASS!**



Prohibited Activities

- No person shall use a spotlight or other artificial light, including automotive headlights, for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking any animal.
- Regardless of State Regulation, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait is prohibited.
- The use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, and/or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited.
- 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.
- Trimming or cutting vegetation.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages.
- Use of ATVs and/or dirt bikes.
- Target practice
- Camping and campfires
- Littering
- Overnight parking
- Searching for or removing an object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.
- Blocking gates or roadways with vehicles.
- Pets are not permitted at anytime.

Thank you. Have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience.

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