



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# 2013 Wild Turkey Hunting *on the Walkill River National Wildlife Refuge*

## *General Information*

Walkill River National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1990, is located along the Walkill River in Sussex County, New Jersey and Orange County, New York. Public hunting is permitted on more than 5,000 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 NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife.

To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting Walkill River, please take time to become familiar with the following regulations.

## *Hunting Regulations*

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. The refuge wild turkey seasons are **concurrent with the seasons administered by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife.**

### *Permits*

While **hunting or scouting**, permittees **MUST** carry a valid NJ Hunting License, a valid NJ Turkey Management **Area 5** Permit, and a valid Walkill River NWR Turkey Hunting Permit. Permits are not transferable. The Refuge Hunt Permit must be carried on the hunter's person and is not valid until signed.

### *Spring Scouting*

Beginning April 13 through April 19, you may scout the refuge from 2 hours before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset, everyday. Beginning April 20, scouting will only be allowed from 1 PM to 2 hours after sunset on hunting days and 2 hours before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset on Sundays. Weapons, firearms and dogs are prohibited while scouting. Only authorized participants possessing valid refuge permits are allowed to scout.

### *Fall Scouting*

Beginning October 19 through October 25, you may scout the refuge from 2 hours before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset, everyday. Weapons, firearms and dogs are prohibited while scouting. Only authorized participants possessing valid refuge permits are allowed to scout.

### *Caller/Observer*

All refuge permit holders will receive one Caller/Observer Permit. The Caller/Observer Permit will allow one non-hunting person to accompany the hunter. This is an opportunity for others to learn about turkey hunting or assist the hunter by calling or carrying equipment. The holder of this permit must be set up with the hunter at the same location, and is not allowed to shoot a firearm or bow.

### *Youth Turkey Day*

All State and Federal regulations apply. Youth hunters must carry their valid Wild Turkey Hunting Permit issued by the refuge.

### *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 no earlier than two hours before shooting time and leave no later than two hours after shooting hours. See the NJ Fish & Wildlife Digest for legal hunting hours.

### *Parking*

**Hunters must park in designated refuge hunt parking areas only. Blocking gates, roads and buildings will result in a fine!**

<i>Closed Areas</i>	A No Hunting Area is located in the northern hunting zone including the Liberty Loop Trail. Hunting in this area is prohibited. See refuge hunt map for detailed location.
<i>Nature Trails</i>	Other outdoor enthusiasts may be using the Wood Duck, Dagmar Dale or the Timber Doodle Nature Trails during the hunting season. Extreme caution should be taken when hunting near the trails.
<i>Check Station</i>	Harvested turkey must be taken to State operated check stations. No check station is available at the refuge. Please remember to indicate you are hunting on <b>FEDERAL</b> land.
<i>Disabled Hunters</i>	A Special Hunting Restrictions Area (“Access for Disabled Hunters Only”) exists at 119 Owens Station Road. Hunters must carry a special refuge access permit before entering this property. Only hunters possessing a state-issued “Permit for Physically Challenged Hunters” are eligible to receive a special refuge access permit. Contact the refuge office for details.
<i>Law enforcement</i>	Individuals utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles, and their contents by refuge or state law enforcement officers.

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

- Littering
- Use of a spotlight or other artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife
- Baiting or hunting over bait
- 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
- Pets are not permitted at anytime

*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.

*Thank you. Have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience.*

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