



2016 - Hunting Rules & Regulations

1. All persons hunting on the Newark Watershed must have a current New Jersey Hunting License and a City of Newark Permit.
2. All of the laws (when applicable) as set forth in the most recent summary of New Jersey Hunting Laws must be observed.
3. All individuals hunting on Watershed property must be at least 18 years of age. Senior permits offered for those 65 years or over.
4. No hunting or the carrying of weapons is allowed in the areas posted or indicated as RESTRICTED. Hunting maps are issued along with hunting licenses and permits from the Watershed Permit Office, 223 Echo Lake Road, West Milford, NJ or at Newark City Hall, 920 Broad Street, Room B-12, Newark, NJ 07102.
5. Vehicles are allowed only in designated parking areas. Violators will be ticketed and/or towed away.
6. All vehicles should be parked off of the road on the shoulder and all hunters should conspicuously display the City of Newark decal on their vehicles inside left rear window in the lower right hand corner.
7. Hunters are not permitted to gain access to Watershed lands through private property without prior consent of the property owner and must have a current year City of Newark hunting permit.
8. Trapping is permitted on the Watershed property only by special use permit.
9. All hunters must comply with City of Newark safety zones around all lakes and reservoirs.
10. **NO NIGHT HUNTING, TARGET PRACTICE OR HUNTING WITH RIFLES on the Newark Watershed property is allowed.**
11. No permanent deer stands are allowed to be constructed on Watershed property.

12. The hunting of wild turkeys on Watershed property requires a City of Newark hunting permit and a State of New Jersey turkey permit.

13. The following species shall not be hunted on Newark Watershed Property: raccoon, opossum and woodchuck.

14. The hunting of migratory birds on Watershed property is permitted only during the State established season and subject to the most recent NJ migratory bird regulations. Duck hunters are not allowed to use rowboats.

15. All successful turkey and deer hunters are requested to check their kill at the mandatory State checking station.

16. No hunting is permitted at any time in the Echo Lake or Hanks Pond Conservation areas.

FALL AND WINTER BOW HUNTING SEASON

Bow and arrow hunting is permitted during State stipulated season only.

SMALL GAME HUNTING:

Small game hunting is allowed during the State season through January 31st. Note the exceptions to the State Small Game Season as stated in the most recent *New Jersey Summary of the Hunting and Trapping Laws*. No rifle or night hunting is allowed.

HIKING, FISHING AND BOATING

Anyone hiking with a dog must keep the dog on a leash at all times.

Reservoir openings and closings are subject to: water levels, ice conditions, NJ State fishing seasons and construction schedules.

Access to the Watershed resource for fishing and boating activities are controlled through a permit program. **Opening season dates** are subject to change and the City of Newark reserves this right.

NJ State Fish & Wildlife licenses and City of Newark permits for all recreational uses of the Watershed, are issued from the offices located at 223 Echo Lake Road, West Milford, NJ. 07435 from Newark City Hall, 920 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102; (973) 733-4784. For detailed hunting information, call the West Milford Office at (973) 697-1724 or 1758. **For more details on the bow hunting season, including dates, please refer to the [NJDEP Division of Fish & Wildlife - Regulations](#)**