

How to Apply For a Monmouth County Park System Deer Hunting Permit

To obtain a Monmouth County Park System hunting access permit, the Park System requires that hunters obtain a valid NJ hunting license or permit, present a hunting safety education card, and provide proof that you are age 18 or older. These documents must be presented in person at one of the three locations listed below. **New this year: a \$20 non-refundable application fee to hunt on Park System property, payable in cash or by check.**

Beginning on **September 8, 2009**, application for the 2009/2010 Park System "Deer Hunting Access Permit" must be made in person at the following locations:

Thompson Park Headquarters Building, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

September 8, 2009 – February 19, 2010

Monday - Friday from 8am to 4:30pm

Note: this office is closed on the following 2009 County holidays: October 12, November 3, November 11, November 26, December 25, January 1. Holidays for 2010 to be determined.

Manasquan Reservoir Visitor Center, Windler Road, Howell Twp. AND
Turkey Swamp Park Campground Office, Georgia Road, Freehold Twp

September 8 - September 30

Monday through Friday from 2pm to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 4pm

October 1 - October 31

Monday through Friday from 2pm to 5pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 2pm

A hunter must present the following items to obtain a permit to hunt in the Monmouth County Park System:

- **Current valid NJ Hunting License**

License must match type of hunting on application

- **Hunting Safety Education Card** from a recognized government agency

Education Card must match type of hunting on application

- **Proof of age**

Example: Driver's license or government issued Non-Driver ID Card

- **\$20 non-refundable application processing fee.** Check or cash only

Hunters that obtained a previous Park System "Deer Hunting Access Permit" must re-apply each year. All previous permits are expired; re-application must be made in full with all appropriate paperwork and documentation presented.

Hunters who held a 2008/2009 permit and did not file an end-of-the-season harvest report are not eligible to receive a 2009/2010 permit. Hunting on Park System property has been approved as a deer management tool, not as a recreational activity. Reports are necessary to assess the effectiveness of this management tool.

Hunting on lands managed by the Park System is subject to all Park System rules and regulations as well as the Supplemental Rules and Regulations Governing Public Deer Hunting and the Administrative Procedures for deer hunting. **Rule changes for 2009/2010 include:**

- crossbows permitted – must be unloaded and cased or socked except when in the tree stand
- No trail cameras on any Park System property
- No baiting in Category 2 parks
- Earn-a-buck program eliminated – all Category 2 parks are antlerless only
- Ramanessin Section of Holmdel Park now Category 1- open for bow hunting only October 3, 2009 – February 20, 2010
- Huber Woods Park opens November 2, 2009

There is **no Sunday hunting** on County park lands.

For additional information please call 732-842-4000 ext 4256.