

## Readington Township Hunting Information

All persons entering areas where any type of hunting may be taking place are encouraged to wear some type of hunter orange.

Information regarding the Division of Fish and Wildlife can be found on our website [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com).

General Hunting Regulations can be found on pages 26-29 of the current 2017-18 New Jersey Hunting and Trapping Digest <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/dighnt.htm>.

A SAFETY ZONE is the place where a hunter cannot carry a loaded firearm or nocked arrow unless they have written permission in hand. The firearm safety zone is the area within 450 feet of a building or school playground, even if not occupied. For bowhunters, the safety zone around buildings is 150 feet but remains 450 feet from a school playground. For more information on safety zones, please see page 28 of the current 2017-18 New Jersey Hunting and Trapping Digest <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/dighnt.htm>.

### **Readington Township and its surrounding area hunting zone designations:**

- Zone 12 (Regulation set #7) for White-tailed Deer Season
- Zones 4 & 5 for Black Bear Season
- Areas 9 & 11 for Wild Turkey Season
- There are no zone designations for Small Game Season. Same regulations apply throughout the State, except where designated.

**White-tailed Deer Season** began on September 9, 2017 and runs through February 17, 2018. (Page 40 of the current 2017-18 New Jersey Hunting and Trapping Digest <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/dighnt.htm>)

- Bowhunting is allowed on Sundays **ONLY** on Wildlife Management Areas and on private property. Firearm hunting is not allowed on Sundays.
- Legal hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- Archery season began on September 9, 2017 and runs through February 17, 2018. It is closed on December 25, 2017.
- Muzzleloader Season dates are November 27-28, December 4-9, 11, 12, 16—23, 26-30, 2017 and January 1 through February 10, 2018.
- Six-Day Firearm Season runs from December 4-9, 2017
- Shotgun Season dates are December 4-9, 13-15, 2017 and January 1 through February 10, 2018

\*\*More deer hunting information can be found on pages 32-49 of the current 2017-18 New Jersey Hunting and Trapping Digest <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/dighnt.htm>.

**Black Bear Season** has two separate segments in which to hunt in 2017.

- Legal hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- Hunting Segment A – Archery begins on October 9 and runs through October 14, 2017
- Hunting Segment A – Archery/Muzzleloader begins October 12 and runs through October 14, 2017
- Hunting Segment B – Shotgun/Muzzleloader begins December 4 and runs through December 9, 2017
- Hunting Segment B (*if authorized*) - Shotgun/Muzzleloader begins December 13 and runs through December 16, 2017

\*\*More black bear hunting information can be found on pages 50-53 of the current 2017-18 New Jersey Hunting and Trapping Digest <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/dighnt.htm>.

**Wild Turkey Hunting** Season has two separate segment in which to hunt during the year, the spring and fall season.

- Fall Turkey season begins on October 28 and runs through November 4, 2017
- Youth Turkey Hunting Day is April 21, 2018
- 2018 Spring Turkey Season begins on April 23, 2018 and runs through May 25, 2018

\*\*More wild turkey hunting information can be found on pages 57-61 of the current 2017-18 New Jersey Hunting and Trapping Digest <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/dighnt.htm>.

**Small Game Hunting Season** dates vary in New Jersey depending on species. Please see pages 54-58 of the current 2017-18 New Jersey Hunting and Trapping Digest <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/dighnt.htm>.