

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.

A \$40 non-refundable application fee to hunt on Park System property is required.

Beginning on **September 3, 2025**, application for the 2025/2026 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 3, 2025 - February 21, 2026

Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This office is closed on the following 2025/2026 County holidays: September 11; October 13; November 4, 11, 27 & 28; December 25, 2025; and January 1 & 19, 2026.

Manasquan Reservoir Visitor Center, Windeler Road, Howell Twp.

- **September 3 - September 30**
Sunday through Saturday from 6 a.m to 6 p.m.
- **October 1 – November 30**
Sunday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Turkey Swamp Park Campground Office, Georgia Road, Freehold Twp.

- **September 3 – November 15**
Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

- Current **valid NJ Hunting 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
- **\$40 non-refundable application processing fee.**

Hunters that obtained a previous Park System "Deer Hunting Access Permit" must reapply 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 2024/2025 permit and did not file an end-of-the-season harvest report are not eligible to receive a 2025/2026 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.

There is **no Sunday hunting** on County park lands. A **450 foot buffer** applies to playgrounds and school properties; a 150 foot buffer applies to all structures except as indicated on the maps back side of the Deer Access Permit. For additional information, please call 732-842-4000, ext. 4242 or 732-643-5755 1#, or email info@monmouthcountyparks.com.