

Advisory

2022-2023 Cranbury Township Municipal Deer Management Program

Cranbury Township will be accepting individual hunting permit applications for the Township's municipal deer management program to be conducted at the Fischer Property, Updike Property, Frosztega Property, Reinhardt Forest Preserve and Hagerty Preserve for the 2022-2023 hunting season that opens September of 2022 (**Start Date to be Determined by the State of NJ**). Hunters will only be permitted to hunt on the listed days attached in this packet, Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays unless otherwise noted. The managed deer hunt is intended to reduce the deer population to minimize widespread vegetation damage to the Preserve and the surrounding environs.

All applicants must be eighteen (18) years or older, have a valid New Jersey hunting license, and must show proof of and maintain \$1,000,000 general liability insurance for the entire hunting season. There is no application fee. Please note hunting permits are limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) individuals who will be identified through a lottery process. Upon notification, successful applicants are required to participate in a mandatory hunter orientation will be scheduled for the beginning of September 2022 at 6:00 pm via ZOOM. Township hunting permits will then be issued later that week upon successful orientation training and will be valid for the entire 2022-2023 white tail deer hunting season. Failure to attend the orientation will result in the forfeiture of the applicant's permit.

The deer management program kit, which includes a permit application form, a parcel location map, program rules, hunting schedule, the township resolution and ordinance and this advisory is available in the Township's Main Office at 23A North Main Street as of August 9, 2022 and on the Cranbury Township website. Applications must be post-marked and/or received by the Cranbury Police Department, 1 Logan Drive, Cranbury, NJ 08512 no later than August 22, 2022. Please put completed application forms and all other documents in an envelope marked "Cranbury Deer Management Application". Only fully completed applications will be processed.

Permit ID #
CRANBURY Township
Controlled Deer Management Program
Permit Application

In-person permit applications must be received by **August 22nd** at Cranbury Township Police Department
1 Logan Drive, Cranbury, NJ 08512.

Attn: Cranbury Township Deer Management Application

Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before August 22, 2022

1. **Name:**

One person per application

2. **Address:**

Street name and number; no PO boxes

Town

State

Zip Code

3. **E-mail:**

4. **Cell Phone:**

Home Phone:

5. **Emergency Contact:**

Name:

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

6. **Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)**

Age:

Note: All applicants must be 18 years or older when applying.

7. **Driver License #**

_____ State _____ (Attach copy of license to application)

Hunting Vehicle # 1 License Plate Number & State: _____

Year: _____

Make/Model _____

Color: _____

8. **New Jersey Conservation Identification Number (CID#):**

(Attach copy of current hunting license(s) to application)

9. NJ deer season permits that I plan to purchase: _____ Permit Bow
10. Check all sporting arms that you plan to use when hunting at the Fischer Property, Updike Property, Frosztega Property, Reinhardt Forest Preserve and Hagerty Preserve:
_____ Longbow _____ Crossbow _____ Recurved Bow _____ Compound Bow

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- 11a. Attached is a copy of my certificate of insurance confirming general liability insurance with combined single limits coverage for bodily injury and property damage of at least one million (\$1,000,000) dollars per single occurrence and one million (\$1,000,000) dollars annual aggregate.
_____ (Hunter's initials)
- 11b. I understand that I must maintain valid insurance for the entire 2022-23 NJ white-tailed deer hunting season. For in-season renewals, I will not hunt in Cranbury's program until I provide the Township with a copy of my valid renewal certificate(s).
_____ (Hunter' s initials)
12. I understand that to receive my permit I must attend the mandatory Cranbury hunter orientation scheduled for the beginning of September 2022 at 6 p.m. via ZOOM (Date to be determined and emailed.) Do not apply if you cannot attend this date.
_____ (Hunter's initials)

I hereby certify that I have not been convicted of any felonies, nor am I prohibited by law from possessing a firearm. I further authorize Cranbury Township to conduct a background check for violations of the New Jersey Game Code N.J.A.C. 7:25-5 et seq. and N.J.S.A. Title 23, and for violations of any local regulations pertaining to parks or hunting. Any applicant who has violated any significant provision of the New Jersey Game Code N.J.A.C. 7:25-5 et seq. and N.J.S.A. Title 23 or has violated any local regulation pertaining to parks or to hunting within five years of the date of the application shall not be eligible for a permit. I have read, understand and agree to abide by the program rules and regulations set forth by Cranbury Township.

Applicant Signature

Date

Permit application must be received in-person or via mail by August 22, 2022 at:
Cranbury Township Police Department
1 Logan Drive, Cranbury NJ 08512
Attn: Cranbury Township Deer Management Application

Cranbury 2022-2023 Deer Management Program Schedule

Cranbury Township is conducting a Deer Management Program during the fall bow, permit bow and winter bow seasons. The program will be in effect on the dates below per Regulation Set 8 for Zones 14 and 15

(Start Date and End Date to be announced by State of NJ).

September 2022	October 2022	November 2022
Monday: TBA <i>Hunter Orientation</i> Mondays: 12, 19 & 26	Mondays: 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31	Mondays: 7, 14, 21 & 28
Thursdays: 15, 22 & 29	Thursdays: 6, 13, 20 & 27	Thursdays: 3, 10 & 17 <i>*NO HUNTING 11-24-2022</i>
Saturdays: 17 & 24	Saturdays: 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29	Saturdays: 5, 12, 19 & 26
December 2022	January 2023	February 2023
Mondays: 5, 12, 19 & 26	Mondays: 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	Mondays: 6, 13, 20 & 27
Thursdays: 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29	Thursdays: 5, 12, 19 & 26	Thursdays: 2, 9, 16 & 23
Saturdays: 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31	Saturdays: 7, 14, 21 & 28 Winter Bow ENDS Feb 18.	Saturdays: 4, 11, 18

There is NO hunting on Sundays

When the properties are open during hunting season, patrons are asked to wear bright colors when using the trails.

Township of Cranbury

23 A North Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512

Municipally Controlled Deer Management Program (Fischer Property, Updike Property, Frosztega Property, Reinhardt Forest Preserve and Hagerty Preserve)

PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

2022-2023 Season

All state and local regulations pertaining to parks and to hunting (as established or amended by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife) apply, with additional unique season dates and a modified bag limit for harvesting white-tailed deer at each of these properties. See Cranbury Township Deer Management Program Schedule, attached. Hunting shall occur only on the properties listed above. In addition, the following special rules apply:

Eligibility Requirements

Only licensed New Jersey hunters who meet the following criteria shall be eligible for a Cranbury Township Deer Management Permit:

1. Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
2. Have not been convicted of a felony.
3. Have no significant New Jersey Fish and Wildlife violations or local parks violations within the past (5) years.
4. Can receive communications via email.
5. Will attend the mandatory hunter orientation in the beginning of September 2022, date to be determined.

Application Process - Notification

Printed copies of the Deer Management Program kit, which includes a permit application and other pertinent information, will be available beginning Tuesday, August 9, 2022, Monday — Friday, 8 am- 3 pm at the Cranbury Municipal Building 23A North Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512.

1. Applications must be post marked or received by the Township no later than Friday, August 22, 2022.
2. For an application to be considered complete, the application form and all required attachments, as prescribed below, must be submitted.
3. Successful applicants that are selected by lottery will be notified through email by the Township on or around August 31, 2022.

Documentation Requirements

1. Applicants must include a copy of their current certificate of insurance confirming general liability insurance with combined single limits coverage for bodily injury and property damage of at least one million (\$1,000,000) dollars per single occurrence and one million (\$1,000,000) dollars annual aggregate, which can be satisfied through full membership in the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs or other sources.
2. Permitted hunters must maintain this insurance for the entire hunting season. Hunters are responsible to renew the policy when due and may not hunt until proof of renewal is submitted to the Cranbury Police Department.
3. Include a copy of each current, valid hunting license for the sporting arms to be used during each hunting season: Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-Around Sportsman licenses.

Mandatory Hunter Orientation

Successful permit applicants are required to complete the Township's hunter orientation session scheduled for the beginning of September 2022 via ZOOM. Do not apply if you cannot attend. Your hunting permit and parking permit will be issued at the end of the orientation session and available for pick up at the Cranbury Township Police Department shortly thereafter. No permit will be issued unless you complete this course.

Permits

1. There is no permit fee.
2. Permits are non-transferrable.
3. Each hunter's permit must be carried together with personal hunting license and presented upon request. Each parking permit must be displayed on the front left dashboard whenever the hunter is on the property.
4. The permit authorizes only hunters to be on the designated property chosen by lottery for the management of white-tailed deer, including pre-season scouting, setting of bait (no feeders of any type) and while legally hunting or retrieving deer.

Vehicles and Parking

1. A parking permit will be issued after the mandatory hunter orientation.
2. Motorized vehicles are restricted to public roads and designated parking areas.
3. Park only in designated parking areas or as directed by Cranbury officials.
4. All-terrain vehicles are not allowed on Cranbury property.

Tree Stands

1. Hunting will be allowed from only commercially manufactured; portable tree stands. Hunting must take place from an elevated position to shoot down toward the ground.
2. Tree stands are for daily use only; carry in—carry out. Stands must be removed each day.
3. Do not load, or raise, the sporting arm (bow) until you are safely in your stand with a commercially manufactured fall-restraint device or harness functionally in-place.
4. Use a haul line to raise or lower the uploaded bow from the ground to the tree stand and back.
5. Tree stands must be marked, visible from the ground, with the hunter's permit number.
6. Only one tree stand per hunter.

Boundaries

1. A map of each of the properties is attached.
2. All property boundaries and safety zones must be respected, even where not marked.
3. Do not trespass on bordering properties, even to retrieve a deer, unless permission is granted by the landowner. Request written permission in advance of the season.
4. Obey all signs posted by Cranbury Township and bordering landowners.
5. Tree stand placement and hunting is prohibited within 25 feet of walking trails.

Hunting Restrictions - Methods

1. Only white-tailed deer may be hunted. The hunting, killing, pursuit or removal of any other wildlife is strictly prohibited.
2. Hunting days are different than for statewide hunting. See attached table for allowed dates.
3. No Sunday hunting on municipal property, as per state law.
4. Hunters may use only bows allowed by state law for each hunting season according to the attached schedule of hunting dates.
5. The properties will be open only for bow seasons – Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow. Hunters **MUST** harvest **TWO** antlerless deer before harvesting an antlered buck and a minimum of **FOUR** antlerless for the season. There is no limit on antlerless deer. Across all three deer seasons, the maximum buck harvest is three, harvested in accordance with State law. The law allows one buck in each hunting season. Failure to fulfill the antlerless requirements during the season may disqualify the hunter from participating next season.
6. Target practice is strictly prohibited. Discharge of a bow prior to transporting is not considered target practice. A portable discharge target is recommended.
7. Violation of any special condition or any applicable State law or local regulation will result in the immediate loss of hunting privileges on the property and will also subject the hunter to any applicable penalties.

Reporting Your Harvest

1. Follow all state requirements to report your harvest and receive the state-issued Confirmation Number.
2. Report your harvest and a photo of the deer to Cranbury at Deermanagement@cranbury-nj.com.
3. Complete your Cranbury Hunter Report Log at the completion of each season: Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow.

General Regulations

1. Littering is prohibited.
2. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while on these properties is prohibited.
3. Respect other users' enjoyment of the land.
4. Violation of any special condition or any applicable State law or local regulation will result in the immediate loss of hunting privileges on the property and will also subject the hunter to any applicable penalties.
5. Report any hunting law violation concerns to NJ Fish and Wildlife Bureau of Law Enforcement as listed in the New Jersey Hunting & Trapping Digest. Report any local law issues to Cranbury Township Police at (609) 395-0031. For emergencies call 911.

Hagerty Tree Park



Reinhardt Preserve



Updike Property



