



Hunter Notice Advisory

2020-2021 Plainsboro Township Municipal Deer Management Program

Plainsboro Township will be accepting individual hunting permit applications for the Township's municipal deer management program to be conducted at the Plainsboro Preserve for the 2020-2021 hunting season to begin on September 12, 2020. 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 18 years or older (21 years or older if accompanied by a youth or apprentice license holder), 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 thirty-five (35) individuals. Upon notification, successful applicants are required to participate in a September 10, 2020 **mandatory** virtual hunter orientation safety session at 6:00pm. Virtual meeting details will be provided at the time we notify you that your application is approved. Hunting permits will be emailed after the orientation session and will be valid for the entire 2020-2021 white tail deer hunting season. Failure to attend the mandatory orientation session will result in non-issuance of a permit.

The 2020-2021 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 can be accessed on the main page of our website at www.plainsboronj.com. Kits will also be available in the Township's Recreation and Cultural Center at 641 Plainsboro Road as of August 11, 2020. Applications must be received by the Plainsboro Police Department, 641 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro, NJ 08536 no later than August 24, 2020. Please put completed application forms and all other documents in an envelope marked 'Plainsboro Preserve Deer Management Application'. Only fully completed applications will be processed. E-mail us at deermanagement@plainsboronj.com with any questions.



Plainsboro Township Controlled Deer Management Program Permit Application

12a. 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)

12b. I understand that **I must maintain valid insurance for the entire 2020-2021 NJ white-tailed deer hunting season. For in-season renewals, I will not hunt in Plainsboro's program until I provide the Township with a copy of my valid renewal certificate(s)**

_____ (Hunter's initials)

13. I understand that to receive my permit I must attend the **mandatory Plainsboro hunter orientation scheduled for September 10th at 6 p.m. This will be a virtual orientation and you may attend online or by phone. The details will be provided at the time your application is approved.**

_____ (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 Plainsboro 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 Plainsboro Township.

Applicant Signature

Date

Permit application must be received by August 24, 2020 at Plainsboro Township Police Department, Attn: Plainsboro Preserve Deer Management application, 641 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro NJ 08536. For questions about completing the application email deermanagement@plainsboronj.com

2020-2021 PLAINSBORO PRESERVE MANAGED DEER HUNT SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
							5
							12
							19
							26
							3
							10
							17
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							14
							21
							28
							5
							12
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							26
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							24
							31

September Holidays
Part Day of Autumn - 22

OCTOBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
							3
							10
							17
							24
							31
							7
							14
							21
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							22
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							19
							26
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							8
							15
							22
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October Holidays
Day of Mourning - 12
Halloween - 31

NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
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							21
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							9
							16
							23
							30

November Holidays
Day of Mourning - 1
Thanksgiving - 25

DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
							5
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							26
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December Holidays
Christmas Eve - 24
New Year's Eve - 31

JANUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
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							22
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January Holidays
New Year's Day - 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. - 18

FEBRUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
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							29

February Holidays
Valentine's Day - 14
Presidents Day - 15

X = No Hunting
 O = Bow only & Park open
 1/2 = Bow only until 12:00pm
 Δ = Firearm & Bow - Park closed



Township of Plainsboro

641 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro, NJ 08536

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Municipally Controlled Deer Management Program (Plainsboro Preserve only)

PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

2020-2021 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 the Plainsboro Preserve. See *Plainsboro Preserve Deer Management Program Schedule, attached*. Hunting shall occur **only** at the Plainsboro Preserve, 80 Scotts Corner Road, Plainsboro, NJ 08536. In addition, the following special rules apply:

Eligibility Requirements

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

1. Must be 18 years of age or older. Must be 21 years or older if accompanied by a youth or apprentice license holder.
2. Are not prohibited by law from possessing a firearm.
3. Have not been convicted of a felony.
4. Have no significant New Jersey Fish and Wildlife violations or local parks violations within the past (5) years.
5. Can receive communications via email.
6. Will attend the mandatory hunter orientation on September 10th at 6:00pm. This will be a virtual orientation and you may attend online or by phone. The details will be provided at the time your application is approved.

Application Process - Notification

Printed copies of the Deer Management Program kit, which includes a permit application and other pertinent information, will be available beginning August 11, 2020, Monday – Friday, 9 am- 4 pm at the Plainsboro Township Recreation and Cultural Center, 641 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro, NJ 08536.

1. Applications must be post marked or received by the Township no later than August 24, 2020.
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 September 1, 2020.

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 Plainsboro 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 attend the Township's virtual hunter orientation session scheduled for September 10, 2020. in Community Room A/B of the Plainsboro Township Municipal Building. **Do not apply if you cannot attend.** Your hunting permit and parking permit will be issued at the end of the orientation session. 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 Plainsboro Preserve property - 80 Scotts Corner Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey - 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 Plainsboro Preserve parking permit will be issued after the mandatory hunter orientation.
2. Motorized vehicles are restricted to public roads and designated parking areas. The white trail can be used for deer pickup only, not for general parking.
3. Park only in designated parking areas or as directed by Plainsboro officials.
4. All-terrain vehicles are not allowed in the Plainsboro Preserve.

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. Do not load, or raise, the sporting arm (gun or bow) until you are safely in your stand with a commercially manufactured fall-restraint device or harness functionally in-place.
3. Use a haul line on an unloaded firearm or uncocked bow to raise or lower the sporting arm from the ground to the tree stand and back.
4. Tree stands must be marked, visible from the ground, with the last two digits of the hunter's permit number.
5. Only one tree stand per hunter. If a portable stand or sling is used, the hunter may not have another stand on the property simultaneously.

Boundaries

1. A map of the Plainsboro Preserve 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.
4. Obey all signs posted by Plainsboro Township and bordering landowners.

Hunting Restrictions - Methods

1. Only white-tailed deer may be hunted. The hunting, shooting, killing, pursuit or removal of any other wildlife is strictly prohibited.
2. Hunting days *are different* at the Plainsboro Preserve 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 those sporting arms allowed by state law for each hunting season when open at the Plainsboro Preserve according to the attached schedule of hunting dates.
5. Hunters *must* always harvest two antlerless deer before harvesting an antlered deer. There is a harvest *maximum* of three antlered deer that applies throughout all seasons (September to February). A hunter *may* harvest all required antlerless deer "up front" if he/she chooses to. A harvest *minimum* of four antlerless deer is required with no *maximum* limit on the number of antlerless deer across all hunting seasons (September to February). Failure to harvest four antlerless deer during the season may disqualify the hunter from participating next season.
6. Target practice is strictly prohibited. Discharge of a crossbow 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.

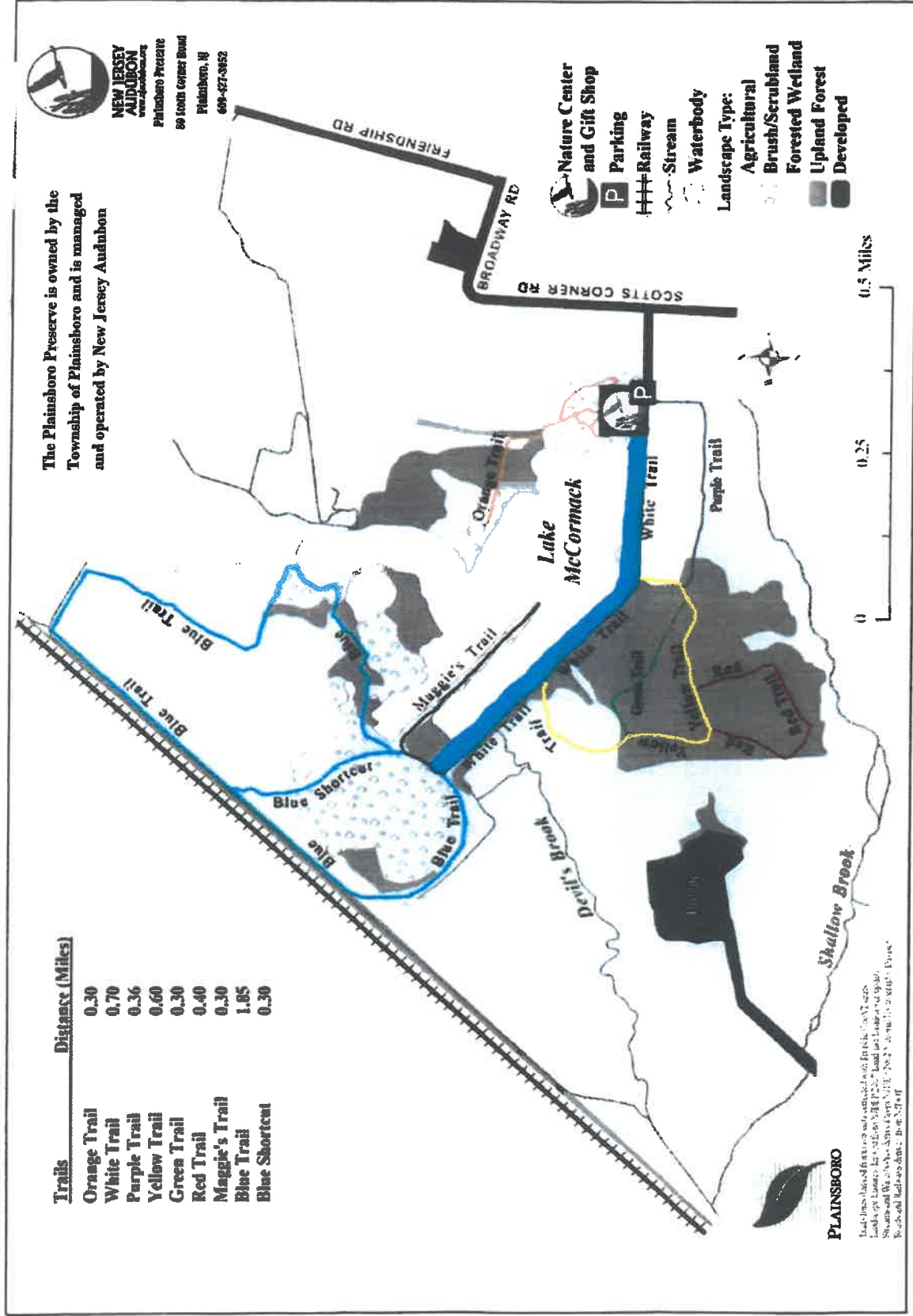
Reporting Your Harvest

1. Follow all state requirements to report your harvest and receive the state-issued Confirmation Number.
2. Complete your Plainsboro Hunter Report Log at the completion of each season: Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader, Permit Shotgun and Winter Bow.

General Regulations

1. Littering is prohibited.
2. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while on the property is prohibited.
3. The Plainsboro Preserve is a multi-use area. 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. Questions on the hunt program should be sent to deermanagement@plainsboronj.com. 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 Plainsboro Township Police at (609) 799-2333. For emergencies call 911.

2019-2020 Plainsboro Township Municipal Deer Management Program



PROHIBITED: Littering, Pets, Alcohol, Smoking, Horses, Bikes, Trapping, Fishing, Swimming, Boating, Woodcutting, Motorized Vehicles and the Collection of Plants or Animals.