

Hillsborough Township Wildlife Management Commission

2020-2021 Hunter Orientation and Rules & Regulations

Safety is The #1 Priority

Since the inception of deer hunting on Township Properties in 2004, The Wildlife Management Commission is proud of the 100% safety record of the hunters involved.

1. NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife Code and Hillsborough Township Rules and Regulations pertaining to hunting activities shall apply to all hunters who possess a Hillsborough Township Hunting Permit.
2. Hunting on Township property shall be limited to the property that the permit is issued for and is listed on the permit. Permits are not transferable to other parties or properties.
3. Vehicles are restricted to public roads and designated parking areas. All hunters shall place the Township issued parking placard visibly in the front windshield area of the vehicle.
4. Hunting is permitted only from elevated tree stands, which shall be a minimum of ten feet in height. No permanent stands shall be constructed; portable stands must have the permit identification number visibly marked on the stand. Stands left in place shall be done so at the hunter's own risk. The Township will not be liable for loss or damage to stands. Only one tree stand may be left on the property during the season.
5. All hunters shall possess the Township permit while engaged in any hunting activity on Township property.
6. Archery hunters shall, at a minimum, wear a blaze orange hat or vest while walking to and from tree stands and at all times while not actually hunting from an elevated tree stand.
7. The Deer Harvest and General Wildlife Observation Surveys must be returned to the Clerk's Office, or mailed in. Hunters who do not return the survey will not be eligible for a hunting permit the following year. The Survey will be provided at the safety meeting with a S.A.S.E.
8. Hunters shall provide proof of insurance with a minimum liability of \$1,000,000. Hillsborough Township shall be held harmless from all suits, judgments, costs, fees, and liabilities arising out of or related to the hunting activities of the hunters. A copy of a valid insurance card or policy must be submitted with the application.
9. Target practice on Township property is prohibited.
10. No hunting on Sundays.
11. Hunters shall not possess a knocked arrow within 150 feet of any building, or within 450 feet with a loaded firearm, without possessing written permission from the owner or lessee. Hunting shall be specifically prohibited within 450 feet of any school playground.
12. Hunting shall not be permitted within 100 feet of any public road.
13. Permit is for deer and coyote hunting only.
14. A safety harness shall be utilized while in your tree stand.
15. Hunting permit may be revoked at any time for a violation of the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife Code or Hillsborough Township Rules and Regulations.

16. Hunters that harvest two or more deer will be allowed to maintain their current zone until that hunter either requests to change zones, or fails to follow the rules as set forth by the Wildlife Management Commission. At that point, the hunter will either be allowed to go back into the lottery process or be removed from the program as seen fit by the Commission.
17. Hunters will be responsible for posting signs on all current properties. Newly added properties will initially be posted by the Public Works Dept., then by the hunters in subsequent years.
18. If you are the winner of a permit, yet fail to pick up the permit within two weeks of issuance and without prior notice, you lose the permit and will be required to go back into the lottery in the subsequent year at a lower priority than other applicants (third lottery).
19. The Wildlife Management Commission reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding the permit process and permit recipients as deemed to be in the best interest of the Hillsborough Township Deer Management Program, with the approval of the Township Committee, as appropriate.
20. If it's determined (through a NJ Fish and Wildlife background check) that a hunter has a safety violation, that hunter will not be able to participate in the program for a period of 10 years. This may be increased depending on the nature and severity of the violation.

NOTES

2019-2020 Season Totals

The following information was tabulated from returned individual Hunter Harvest Surveys. 54 surveys were returned (90%)

Total Deer Harvested From All Seasons and Areas:	88
Total Deer Harvest – Firearms:	16
Total Deer Harvest – Archery:	72
Total Males Harvested:	29
Total Females Harvested:	59
Total Days Hunted:	882

Additional Information

The area of Hillsborough Township that is hunted is in the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife's Deer Management Zones 12 (west of Rt. 206) and 14 (east of Rt. 206). These zones cover an area beyond the boundaries of Hillsborough Township.

Within these zones and throughout the State of New Jersey are numbered Deer Management Units. Each unit covers an area of 14.288 square miles.

Hillsborough Township Motor Vehicle Accident Involving Deer That Were Marked For Pick-Up

Year 2004	Jan – Dec:	333	Year 2013	Jan – Dec:	262
Year 2005	Jan – Dec:	333	Year 2014	Jan – Dec:	259
Year 2006	Jan – Dec:	330	Year 2015	Jan – Dec:	250
Year 2007	Jan – Dec:	344	Year 2016:		232
Year 2008	Jan – Dec:	316	Year 2017:		181
Year 2009	Jan – Dec:	320	Year 2018:		141
Year 2010	Jan – Dec:	323	Year 2019:		106
Year 2011	Jan – Dec:	253	Total :		4252
Year 2012	Jan – Dec:	269			

Hunters Helping The Hungry – Venison Food Bank Program 2019-2020 Season

- Deer donated and processed – 23
- Approximate number of pounds of venison to Hunters Helping The Hungry Food Bank Program - ~900 pounds
- Participating butcher – V. Roche and Son, Whitehouse Station, NJ
- Cost - \$1725 paid through Township Hunting Permits

Proposals/Recommendations For The 2020/2021 Hunting Season

Continue with the Hunters Helping The Hungry venison food bank program by utilizing the permit fees to offset the cost for the butchering of donated deer.

ZONE MAP



Questions?

Please contact Dr. Robert Matros at 908 874-4499

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Hillsborough Township Wildlife Management Commission Hunter Orientation and Rules and Regulations. I understand that it is my responsibility to read and comply with the policies contained therein and any revisions made to it. I agree that if there is any policy or provision in this document that I do not understand, I will seek clarification from the Hillsborough Township Wildlife Commission. I understand that my Hunting permit may be revoked at any time for a violation of the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife Code or Hillsborough Township Rules and Regulations.

Signature

Date

Please print your full name

Please sign and date this acknowledgement and return it to the Township Clerk's Office.