
HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP
DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
PERMIT APPLICATION



2025-2025 Hunting Season

Application Deadline:

Wednesday, July 23, 2025, by 4 p.m.

No applications will be accepted after this time

Must submit a completed application to:

Hillsborough Township Clerk's Office
379 South Branch Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Submit via email to clerksoffice@hillsborough-nj.org

If dropping off when the building is closed: Please place the application in the Tax Office mailbox located near the entrance to the Police Station.

Clearly mark "Wildlife Application"

Lottery Date:

Friday, July 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., Clerk's Office

HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

2025-2026 Rules and Regulations for Hunting on Township Properties

1. New Jersey 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 for which the permit is issued 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 permitted only from elevated tree stands, which shall be a minimum of 10' in height. No permanent stands shall be constructed; portable stands must have 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 any damage to stands. All tree stands must be removed within two (2)-weeks after the close of the hunting season. Only one (1) tree stand may be left on the property during the hunting 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 blaze orange safety 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 Survey report must be returned to the Clerk's Office, or mailed in by March 15, 2026. Hunters who do not return the survey will not be eligible for a hunting permit the following year. Survey provided at Safety Meeting.
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 hunt or possess a loaded firearm within 450 feet, (150 feet with a nocked arrow for archery hunting) or any building without possessing written permission from the owner or lessee. Hunting shall be prohibited explicitly 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. Applicable NJ licenses and permits are required.
14. A safety harness shall be utilized while in your tree stand.
15. Hunting permits may be revoked at any time for a violation of the N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife Code or Hillsborough Township Rules and Regulations.
16. Hunters will be required to post existing properties with provided signs.

17. If you are the winner of a permit, yet fail to pick up the permit within two weeks 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).
18. 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. Hunters must reapply each year even if they are maintaining zones.
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.

HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT
APPLICATION 2025-2026

- Application must be submitted to the Clerk’s Office by the applicant by July 23, 2025.
- Only complete applications will be processed, incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Permits will be issued through a lottery system. Lottery will be held in the Township’s Clerk’s Office on July 25, 2025, at 10:00 am—lottery preference - Hillsborough Township Residents, Somerset County Residents, All Other Applicants. Selected applicants must pass License Check.
- If you are awarded a permit, you are required to attend a mandatory safety and permit distribution meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Hillsborough Twp. Municipal Building. **Please note that in-person payment will begin at 6:30 PM.**
- Permit fee of \$100.00 shall be collected at the Hunter Safety Meeting on August 7, 2025. NO CASH - Credit Cards will be accepted or Check or Money Order made out to: **Township of Hillsborough.**
- For quick permit pickup, Credit Card payments can be made online prior to the Safety Meeting - a link will be sent with notice of permit award.
- You must have the following with you when you submit your application:
 - Driver’s License
 - Current (and valid) hunting license
 - Liability insurance (minimum of \$1 million coverage)

Photocopies of the above documents should be made and attached to your application.

Note: When submitting your application to the Township of Hillsborough, Detach and retain the Instruction Form pertaining to Dates, the Rules and Regulations page, and the Township maps of the hunting properties.

Name _____

Street _____

Town, State and Zip Code _____

County _____

E-Mail Address (optional) _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ (must be 18 years)

Vehicle Information: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

State & License Plate Number _____

Did you ever possess a Township Deer Management Permit? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, What year(s):

2022-23 Yes _____ No _____ Area _____

2023-24 Yes _____ No _____ Area _____

2024-25 Yes _____ No _____ Area _____

2025 New Jersey Resident Hunting License Number

Firearms _____

Archery _____

All-Around Sportsman _____

Liability Insurance Carrier _____

Policy Number _____ **Expiration Date** _____

The Township of Hillsborough, Hillsborough Twp. Wildlife Management Commission et. al., shall be held harmless from all suits, judgments, costs, fees, and liabilities arising out of or related to the hunting activities of the hunters. If your insurance policy expires once the hunting season starts and you want to continue hunting, you must provide an updated policy to the Township of Hillsborough. Your issued permit is not valid **without valid insurance.**

KNOWINGLY OR PURPOSELY PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION FORM SHALL BE CAUSE FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE DENIED AND / OR PERMIT REVOKED.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

IF YOU ARE DRAWN FOR A PERMIT YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL OR TELEPHONE, HOWEVER YOU MUST FIRST PASS THE NJ FISH AND WILDLIFE BACKGROUND CHECK ON YOUR HUNTING LICENSE.

IF YOU ARE NOT DRAWN FOR A PERMIT, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL OR EMAIL.

AREA FOR WHICH PERMIT IS SOUGHT

Please include your preference of the following areas. (1 being the most desirable - and so on). **Please do not rate an area you do not want to hunt. Not all areas are available. Please see below for available areas and number of permits.**

Rating	Area	Location	Block & Lot	Notes	# of Permits Available
	Area 1	Montgomery Road and Pschorn Lane	Block 169, Lots 27 & 30		0
	Area 2	Dauids Lane	Block 171, Lots 14.04,14.06,14.12 & 112.01		0
	Area 3	Wertsville Road	Block 171, Lot 6		0
	Area 4	Auten Road	Block 151, Lot 1	Bow Hunting Only	0
	Area 5	Montgomery Road and Amwell Road	Block 166, Lots 1 & 3.02 Block 167, Lot 8 and Block 167, Lot 10.01	Bow Hunting Only	1
	Area 6	Dutchtown Zion Road	Block 174, Lot 200		1
	Area 7	East Mountain Rd (PID Property)	Block 12, Lots 26.01, 33, 47		1
x	Area 8	ELIMINATED FROM PROGRAM			
	Area 9	Scott Drive	Block 203.5, Lot 1 & 53	Bow Hunting Only	0
	Area 10	River Road (Old Main Road)	Block 80, Lot 9	Bow Hunting Only	0
	Area 11	Surrey Drive and Mulford Lane	Block 207.01, Lot 36	Bow Hunting Only	0
	Area 12	River Road and Norz Drive	Block 13.01, Lot 4.18	Bow Hunting Only	0
	Area 13	Horseshoe Drive	Block 205.11, Lots 41 & 58	Bow Hunting Only	0
	Area 14	Raddel Court	Block 205.15, Lot 38	Bow Hunting Only	0
x	Area 15	ELIMINATED FROM PROGRAM			
	Area 16	Montgomery Road between Wertsville and Amwell	Block 167 Lots 13.01 and Block 167 Lots 9 & 12.04		1
	Area 17	South Branch Road	Block 149.08 Lots 81, 82 & 83	Bow Hunting Only	0
	Area 18	Brooks Blvd.	Block 65, Lot 22	Bow Hunting Only	0
	Area 19	Daval Road	Block 174.04 Lots 48 and 84	Bow Hunting Only	0
	Area 20	River Road East	Block 11, Lot 13.02	Bow Hunting Only	0
	Area 21	Hamilton Road	Block 198, Lot 2		1

**TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH
CONSENT FOR LICENSE CHECK
FOR
NJ STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE CODE
VIOLATIONS**

I hereby authorize the Hillsborough Township Police Department and/or the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife to conduct a hunting license check for the purpose of determining if I have violated the NJ Fish and Wildlife Code within the past five (5) years. *

NAME (print)_____

DATE OF BIRTH_____

SIGNATURE_____

DATE_____

2025 NJ HUNTING LICENSE #_____

*License check will only be conducted if you are selected for a permit.

**Hillsborough Township Wildlife Management Commission
Township Open Space Property
Deer Management Program
2025-2026 Hunter Survey**

In order to effectively assess the success of the Deer Management Program and to be eligible for the 2025-2026 hunting season, you must complete the following survey and return it to the Township of Hillsborough no later than March 15, 2026.

Name _____ Permit# _____

Area Hunted:

Total number of days hunted: _____

Total number of deer taken during all hunting seasons: _____

Archery Bucks: _____ Firearm Bucks: _____

Archery Button Bucks: _____ Firearm Button Bucks: _____

Archery Does: _____ Firearm Does: _____

Confirmation number 1: _____

Confirmation number 2: _____

Highest number of deer observed during any particular hunt: _____

Bucks: _____ Does: _____

If you harvested two or more deer, are you planning to return to the same area? _____

If you answered "NO", will you be going back into the lottery? _____

Comments or Suggestions:

Hillsborough Township Deer Management Program General Wildlife Observation Survey

In order to carry out effective future decision making and management, the Hillsborough Township Wildlife Management Commission is looking for your assistance in their goal of inventorying other wildlife/game species other than deer which you might encounter during your time in the field. With this in mind, please find below a general listing of wildlife/game species that are or have been found in Hillsborough Township in the recent past.

Please indicate with a check in the "Observed?" column if the species was observed. Indicate the least and the greatest number of each species observed at one time in the appropriate column.

Common Name	Observed?	Least # Observed	Most # Observed
American Woodcock			
Ring-Necked Pheasant			
Bobwhite Quail			
Wild Turkey			
Cottontail Rabbit			
Red Fox			
Gray Fox			
Raccoon			
Black Bear			
Bald Eagle			
Other			

Comments: _____

Poor animal conditions observed (mange, rabies, etc): _____

**Hillsborough Township Wildlife Management Commission
Township Open Space Property
Deer Management Program
2025- 2026
Coyote Survey**

Did you observe any coyotes during the 2025-2026 hunting season on Hillsborough Township property?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, continue: _____

How many coyotes did you observe? _____

Did you shoot at any coyotes? Yes _____ No _____

If No, why not? _____

How many coyotes did you harvest? _____

Comments:
