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#### About our cover:

*This picture was taken on December 13, 2007 on Aquidneck Island. Lowell Turner is 13 years old and will turn 14 in September. This was his first duck hunt. "Cutter" Fenway Trooper, the Laborator Retriever, is registered at the Kennel Club UK and was 11 months old in this picture.*

Photo by Frank Toti of Ashaway, RI.

## The Division of Fish and Wildlife Mission Statement

Our mission is to ensure that the Freshwater, Marine and Wildlife resources of the State of Rhode Island will be conserved and managed for equitable and sustainable use.

### A message from the Chief...

The cover of the 2008-2009 Hunting and Trapping Abstract features a photo of a young hunter with his dog and the Canada geese he has just harvested. To the Division, this photo is incredibly significant, as it shows a boy who has discovered the pride, happiness, and skill achieved in being a good hunter. As the Chief, I wish I could accurately say that this photograph was an indicator of how the numbers of hunting participants are flourishing in the state; however, this is unfortunately not the case. In the urban Northeast, involvement in hunting has been steadily decreasing for a number of reasons.

The Division of Fish & Wildlife is working diligently to keep the cultural and social traditions of hunting alive and well. Through outreach and educational programs, the Division is rekindling the interest of the youth of Rhode Island and introducing them to what our vast outdoors have to offer. I believe that the dedicated staff, with your help, can continue to spread this message by “taking a kid hunting”. I urge all parents to read *Last Child in the Woods* – it could be as portending as “the canary in the coal mine”.

The ending of this message is a little sad for me, as I will be retiring in October, having given 36 years of service with the Division. In 1972, I started as a young biologist and have advanced over the years to the position of Chief, and through it all, it has been a wonderful time.

As always, please act responsibly, courteously, ethically, and above all SAFELY, so that we may all enjoy the great tradition of hunting. I wish you all the best of good health and good hunting. –*Michael Lapisky*

### About this Booklet

*This booklet has been designed to assist you in navigating the many rules and regulations governing hunting and trapping for the 2008-2009 seasons. For more detailed information, see the General Laws of Rhode Island, obtainable in most public libraries. A complete copy of the Seasons and Bag Limits and Management Area regulations may be reviewed at the Rhode Island Division of Fish & Wildlife, Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879.*

### *New this season:*

- ◆ **All Outdoors Permit package changes.** The All Outdoors Package still allows hunters to harvest 11 mainland deer. Hunters are now allowed to use six antlerless permits to be used in any combination during the appropriate season on a trial basis only. A limited number are available at the DEM Division of Licensing. Please see page 12 for further details and the instructions on your permit.
- ◆ On a trial basis, muzzleloaders can be used during the shotgun season with a valid shotgun permit only. All shotgun rules and regulations apply, including fluorescent orange.
- ◆ Pop-up blinds are permitted during the deer season, provided the fluorescent orange requirements are met.
- ◆ There will be no Prudence Island Lottery. Permits to hunt on Prudence Island state land will be required. The Heritage Property still requires a lottery. Proficiency testing for Prudence Island hunting is still required.
- ◆ There will be no Francis Carter Lottery. Proficiency testing and a permit to hunt is still required.
- ◆ Air gun rifles permitted – See page 8 for restrictions and page 15 for specific species.
- ◆ Jr. Pheasant season – Please see page 15 for details and registration information.
- ◆ The casting of rays (spot-lighting) is prohibited from October 1, 2008 – January 31, 2009 (see page 8).
- ◆ HIP permits may also be available by calling a toll-free phone number, pending fiscal approval.
- ◆ Additionally, a toll-free number or website may be available for checking deer this season, pending contractual approval. See page 11 and 12 for more details.

### *Additional information available...*

Rhode Island Hunting and Wildlife Management Areas Guide, Rhode Island Freshwater Fishing Abstract, Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Laws & Regulations, Wild Turkey Regulations, Waterfowl Hunting Season Guide (available in late September), Lyme disease, rabies, Chronic Wasting Disease, Avian Influenza, and other pamphlets on native wildlife;

Deer, turkey, furbearer and small game harvest information, damage abatement, Hunters for the Hungry, and seafood safety are available on request at 401-789-0281 or visit the website at [www.dem.ri.gov/topics.htm](http://www.dem.ri.gov/topics.htm)

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## DEFINITIONS (this is a partial listing)

**Antlerless Deer** – Deer having no antlers or antlers less than three (3) inches in length.

**Bearded Turkey** – A turkey, which carries a visible beard (*a tuft of stiff filament-like feathers projecting outward and downward from the center of the chest*).

**Box Trap** – Any trigger-operated device intended to restrain an animal by confinement in a box or cage.

**Conibear-type trap** – “Conibear” model traps and similar body-gripping traps and devices, whether or not enclosed in or comprising part of a box, tube, or other enclosing device.

**Crossbow** – A bow and string (either compound or recurve) that launches an arrow, mounted upon a stock, with a trigger unit that holds the string and limbs under tension until released. The trigger unit must have a working safety. The minimum crossbow, arrow, and blade restrictions are further described on page 12 of these regulations.

**CWD endemic area** – Any state where chronic wasting disease has been diagnosed, or county bordering a state where chronic wasting disease has been diagnosed, to include the following: Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming or the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan or Alberta.

**Driving deer** – To pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause a deer to move in a direction toward a person or persons known to be waiting for a deer, for the purpose of hunting.

**Daylight fluorescent orange** – The color orange having a dominant wavelength between 595 and 606 nanometers, an excitation purity not less than 85 percent, and a lumination factor not less than 40 percent.

**Furbearer** – Defined as the following species: coyote, gray fox, red fox, raccoon, fisher, short-tailed weasel, long-tailed weasel, mink, striped skunk, river otter, bobcat, beaver, gray squirrel, muskrat, opossum, eastern cottontail, New England cottontail, snowshoe hare (RIGL 20-16-1).

**Jacklighting** – The use of an artificial light to illuminate, locate, attempt to locate, or show up wild birds or mammals or any other vertebrates.

**Migratory game bird** – Per US Fish & Wildlife, those migratory birds included in the conventions between the United States and any foreign country for the protection of migratory birds, belonging to the following families: Anatidae (ducks, geese & swans); Columbidae (doves & pigeons); Gruidae (cranes); Rallidae (rails, coots, & gallinules); Scolopacidae (woodcock & snipe).

**Paraplegic** – Individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs.

**RIGL** – Rhode Island General Law

**RIHR** – Rhode Island Hunting Regulations

**Small Game** – For the purposes of Rhode Island hunting regulations includes fox, gray squirrel, partridge (ruffed grouse), pheasant, quail, rabbits, raccoon and snowshoe hare.

**Translocation** – Means the transport and release of live wild animals from one location to another.

# LICENSES AND PERMITS

No person shall hunt, pursue, take or kill any wild bird or animal in the state without first having obtained a Rhode Island hunting license (RIGL 20-13-1). Hunters must have a license in possession, on their person, at all times and shall present it for inspection to any authorized person demanding same. Failure to present a license shall make a person liable to the same penalties as if he or she was hunting without a license (RIGL 20-2-9). Licensed hunters and trappers are subject to inspection of any boat, vehicle, game bag, blind, stand, or other paraphernalia used in conjunction with licensed activity (RIGL 20-2-32). Licenses may be suspended or revoked because of violations of hunting rules and regulations (RIGL 20-2-13).

**Available from DEM Division of Licensing** at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908 (401) 222-3576; most city and town clerks (licenses only); most sporting goods stores; and <http://www.dem.ri.gov/>. To replace a lost or stolen license or permit, contact DEM Division of Licensing.

Resident Hunting (must be 15 years old) <sup>1</sup> .....	\$18.00
Combination (Hunting & Fishing) .....	33.00
Non-Resident Hunting (must be 15 years old) <sup>1</sup> .....	45.00
Non-Resident (3-day hunting) Tourist License .....	16.00
Permanent Resident combination (over 65 or disabled) .....	No fee <sup>3</sup>
Resident and Non-Resident active military personnel .....	18.00
Resident Deer <sup>2</sup> .....	12.50
Non-Resident Deer <sup>2</sup> .....	25.50
Turkey Permit (Resident) .....	7.50
Turkey Permit (Non-Resident) .....	20.00
RI Waterfowl Stamp .....	7.50
RI Pheasant Stamp, Resident and Non-Resident .....	15.50
RI HIP Permit* .....	No fee

<sup>1</sup>NOTE: A Junior Hunting License is available for persons age 12-14 years of age upon completion of Hunter Safety Course. Must hunt in immediate company of adult, 21 years of age or older, holding valid RI Hunting License.

<sup>2</sup>Individual seasonal permits required for each deer hunted. See Deer Hunting Information, pg. 12.

<sup>3</sup>NOTE: Any resident reaching 65 years may obtain a free permanent license from the offices of the DEM or any city or town clerk. Permanent disability licenses are available at the offices of the DEM.

**Available from DEM Division of Licensing only:**

<b>All Outdoors Package Permit (Resident) .....</b>	<b>112.50*</b>
<i>*Limited number of permits available.</i>	
Crossbow permit for disabled .....	no fee
Fur Buyer (Resident) .....	10.00
Earn-A-Buck.....	R 12.50/NR 25.50
Fur Buyer (Non-Resident).....	30.00
Shooting Preserve .....	25.00
Shooting Preserve Hunting License .....	3.50
Trapping (Resident) .....	10.00
Trapping (Non-Resident) if reciprocal privileges allowed.....	30.00

**Available through DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife, Great Swamp Field Headquarters, 277 Great Neck Rd, W. Kingston, RI 02892 (401) 789-0281.**

**No Fee:**

- Beaver trapping permit
- Burlingame North Camp hunting permit
- Early Canada Goose Hunting permit – **The facsimile duck stamp on the permit is your temporary duck stamp until Oct. 1**
- Fisher trapping permit
- Francis Carter Cooperative deer permit
- Great Swamp Shooting Range Permit
- Great Swamp Waterfowl Impoundment hunting permit
- Grills Preserve hunting permit
- Late Season Canada goose hunting permit
- Northwest Cooperative Hunting Area deer permit
- South Shore Mgt Area goose hunting permit
- Heritage Property deer lottery applications
- State lands trapping permit

**Available from DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife, Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Rd, Wakefield. Ph. 789-3094**

Game bird stocking permit .....	No fee
Great Swamp Shooting Range permit .....	No fee
Landowner deer damage applications (applications for commercial farms available (night hunting permit for deer damage for farms only) from Division of Agriculture) .....	\$25.00
Management area group use permit .....	No fee
Nuisance animal control permit (application and trapping permit required) .....	\$25.00
Rhode Island waterfowl collector stamp .....	\$7.50

**Time to get HIP: The Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program**

The HIP program was designed to aid state and wildlife agencies and the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) better information on managing our nation's migratory bird resources. To comply with HIP, all migratory bird hunters will need to obtain a permit and answer a small survey (not available at press time). Barring unforeseen fiscal constraints, you may be able to obtain your HIP permit by calling a toll-free number or on the web. More details to follow after press time.

# HUNTING DATES AND BAG LIMITS

( ) = Bag limit      \* = Important to see full text regulations

**NOTE:** Some towns restrict hunting and, therefore, it is important to check town ordinances before hunting. Towns closed to Sunday hunting include Portsmouth, Little Compton, Middletown, Barrington, and Tiverton (including Sapowet Management Area). Some towns require written permission of the landowner, and/or local police department. For local and Sunday hunting regulations, check with the town police department or town clerk. **Landowner permission is required for all hunting on Block Island.**

<b>SMALL GAME &amp; TRAPPING</b>		
Prudence: Nov 1 - 30, 2008 EXCEPT Northern Prudence where it is Jan 5 - 31, 2009. Private land will be closed to small game hunting: during the shotgun deer season Dec. 6-21, 27 & 28, 2008 and Jan. 3 & 4, 2009. State Land is closed to small game hunting: Dec. 6-14, 2008.		
<b>RABBIT (3), HARE (1), &amp; SQUIRREL (5), FOX (unlimited)</b>	<b>Oct 18, 2008-Feb 28, 2009 except during shotgun deer season.</b> Please see above.	On 10/18/08 - 7:00AM to sunset, then sunrise to sunset for remainder of season
<b>RACCOON (unlimited)</b>	<b>Oct 1, 2008-Feb 28, 2009 except during shotgun deer season.</b> Please see above.	6:00 PM 10/1/08 - Midnight 2/28/09
<b>COYOTE Hunting</b>	<b>Private land</b> -no closed season. <b>State land</b> -Sept. 20, 2008 - Feb. 28, 2009 and Apr. 30 - May 26, 2009	<b>No bag limit</b> See abstract page 15 for additional details.
<b>COYOTE Trapping</b>	<b>Private land</b> - no closed season <b>State land</b> - Nov. 1, 2008 - Jan. 31, 2009	<b>No bag limit</b> *the use of foothold traps and snares is prohibited. See abstract for details
<b>TRAPPING mink, muskrat, skunk, raccoon, fox, opossum, rabbit, and weasel (unlimited)</b>	<b>Nov 1, 2008 - Jan 31, 2009</b>	Traps may not be set, staked, or placed prior to 8:00 AM on opening day, November 1, annually. See abstract for details.
<b>TRAPPING Beaver</b>	<b>Private land</b> Nov 1, 2008 - Feb 28, 2009 <b>State land</b> Dec 1, 2008 - Feb 28, 2009	Bag limit - 20 special permit required call 789-0281 for information
<b>TRAPPING Fisher</b>	<b>Dec 1 - 21, 2008</b>	Bag limit - 4 special permit required call 789-0281 for information

<b>UPLAND &amp; MIGRATORY GAME</b>		
Private land will be closed to upland hunting: during the shotgun deer season Dec. 6-21, 2008 and Jan 3 & 4, 2009 in Providence, Kent, Newport, Bristol, the towns of Tiverton and Little Compton and Washington County with the exception of Block Island. State Land is closed to upland hunting: Dec. 6-14, 2008. Migratory Game Birds: Early Goose, Rails, Snipe, and Mourning Dove - Subject to federal approval.		
<b>EARLY CANADA GOOSE (15)</b> *Permit is required.	September 1 - 30, 2008	1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset
<b>MOURNING DOVE (12)</b>	Sept. 20 - Oct. 5, 2008	NOON to sunset
	Oct. 18 - Nov 16, 2008	Sunrise to sunset
	Dec. 24 - Jan. 8, 2009	
<b>RAILS (1)</b>	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2008	1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset
<b>COMMON SNIPE (5)</b>	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2008	
<b>PHEASANT (2)</b> Pheasant tags required.	<b>MAINLAND</b>	Oct. 18 - Jan 20, 2009 - please see above. Jr. Pheasant – Oct. 11-12, 2008 see p. 15 for more details.
	<b>BLOCK ISLAND</b>	November 19, 26, 2008 December 3, 17, 24, 31, 2008 January 7, 21, 28, 2009 [two (2) male bag limit]
<b>QUAIL (3)</b> <b>RUFFED GROUSE (1)</b>	Oct. 18 - Nov. 30, 2008	On 10/20 at 7:00 AM to sunset, then sunrise to sunset for the remainder of season. Closed in Arcadia
<b>WOODCOCK (3)</b>	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30, 2008	1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset
<b>CROWS</b> 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Aug. 15 - Oct. 5, 2008	Fri, Sat, Sun ONLY
	Oct. 18 - Nov. 23, 2008	All inclusive
	Dec. 19, 2008 - Apr. 18, 2009	Fri, Sat, Sun ONLY
<b>CROWS</b> Northern Prudence Island Management Area		Jan. 5 - 31, 2009, inclusive
<b>WILD TURKEY Fall</b> Archery only Bag limit: one either sex bird Permit Required	October 1 - 28, 2008	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset Permits may be purchased from DEM Division of Licenses or designated vendors.
<b>WILD TURKEY Spring</b> Bag limit: one bearded bird Permit Required	April 30 - May 26, 2009	1/2 hour before sunrise until 1:00PM Permits may be purchased from DEM Division of Licenses or designated vendors.
<b>WILD TURKEY - SPECIAL SEASONS</b> • Paraplegic Hunters & • Junior Turkey Hunters (one bearded bird)	April 25 and 26, 2009	1/2 hour before sunrise until 1:00 PM

# HUNTING DATES AND BAG LIMITS

<b>DEER SEASON</b>		
Legal shooting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Mainland is defined as the counties of Providence, Kent, Bristol, the towns of Tiverton and Little Compton and Washington County (except New Shoreham)		
<b>ARCHERY</b>	<b>Mainland</b> "All Outdoors", see abstract page 12.	State & private land: October 1, 2008 - January 31, 2009 1 Either Sex [MA01]; NR[MA21] 2 Antlerless [MA10]; NR[MA30] 1 Experimental Earn-A-Buck-see abstract page 12. Junior Archery -- September 20-21, 2008
	<b>Prudence &amp; Patience</b>	October 24, 2008 through January 4, 2009 [if the state land quota has not been met]. Bag limit is one (1) of either sex and one (1) antlerless. 1 Either sex [PA04]; NR[PA24] 1 Antlerless [PA15]; NR[PA35] Junior Archery -- October 18-19, 2008
	<b>Block Island (no limit)</b> Possession of only five (5) permits at any one time	<b>Archery Only [BA05]; NR[BA25] - Private land ONLY</b> October 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2008 November 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 2008
	<b>Conanicut/Aquidneck (excluding Newport)</b>	October 1, 2008 - January 31, 2009 Bag limit is one (1) either sex, and two (2) antlerless 1 Either Sex [JA11]; NR[JA31] 2 Antlerless [JA16]; NR[JA36]
<b>MUZZLE LOADING</b>	<b>Mainland</b> "All Outdoors", see abstract page 12.	State & private land: either sex & antlerless; Nov 8 - Nov 30, 2008 Private land: antlerless permit only; Dec 22-25, 2008. Bag limit: One (1) of either sex, and two (2) antlerless 1 Either Sex [ML02]; NR[ML22] 2 Antlerless [ML08]; NR[ML28]
	<b>Conanicut/Aquidneck (excluding Newport)</b>	Either sex & antlerless permits: Nov. 8 - Nov. 30, 2008 Antlerless permit only : Dec 22 - 25, 2008 Bag limit: One (1) of either sex, and two (2) antlerless 1 Either Sex [JL12]; NR[JL32] 2 Antlerless [JL17]; NR[JL37]
<b>SHOTGUN</b>	<b>Mainland</b> "All Outdoors", see abstract page 12.	State & private land: Dec 6-14, 2008; either sex & antlerless permits Private land only: Dec 15-21, 2008; either sex & antlerless permits Private land: antlerless permit only; Dec. 27 & 28, 2008 & Jan. 3 & 4, 2009 1 Either Sex [MS03]; NR[MS23] 2 Antlerless [MS07]; NR[MS27]
	<b>Block Island (no limit)</b> Possession of only five (5) permits at any one time	[BS06]; NR[BS26] -- Private land only November 24 & 25, 2008 December 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 2008 January 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29 30, 2009 February 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2009
	<b>Conanicut/Aquidneck (excluding Newport)</b>	Either sex & antlerless permits: December 6-21, 2008 Antlerless permit only: Dec. 27 & 28, 2008 and Jan. 3 & 4, 2009 Bag limit: One (1) of either sex, and two (2) antlerless 1 Either Sex [JS13]; NR[JS33] 2 Antlerless [JS18]; NR[JS38]
<b>SPECIAL SEASON Paraplegic</b>	<b>Prudence(1) Fort Greene (1)</b>	October 14 - 17, 2008 One (1) either sex October 21 - 24, 2008 One (1) either sex Call 789-0281 for Fort Greene lottery information

## PROHIBITED

### *General:*

- No loaded rifles or shotguns in or on vehicles (RIGL 20-13-8).
- No shooting at, hunting, or pursuing game along, upon, or across a public highway (20-13-9).
- No hunting while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs (20-13-10).
- **It is a violation of law, punishable by a fine and imprisonment, to fire “into” land for which one does not have landowner permission.**
- No hunting on posted land or state parks, removing or defacing posters thereon, or doing willful damage to property (RIGL 11-44-4,5).
- No more than five persons to hunt in unison (RIGL 20-13-11).
- Target or trap shooting on state lands is only allowed on provided ranges (RIGL 32-2-4).
- Shooting at any animal at anytime while such animal is on a telephone or electric line, pole, or tower or any communication device (RIHR 15.8).
- **Casting of Rays prohibited from October 1 – January 31, 2009.**

### *Shooting Restrictions:*

- The use of laser sights or night vision on any firearm or bow while hunting is illegal (RIHR 14.10).
- No lead shot larger than No. 2 at any time, except shotgun season for deer (RIGL 20-13-13).
- No rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire at any time; however, from Apr. 1 to Sept. 30, (both dates inclusive), centerfire rifles no larger than .229 caliber may be used during daylight hours (RIGL 20-13-13).
- Discharge of a firearm, including crossbows, within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling without written permission.
- Archery deer hunting, within 200 feet of an occupied dwelling.

### *Wildlife Restrictions:*

- The importation, exportation, possession, liberation, or sale of any mute swan and/or eggs thereof, or live pen-reared or hybrid wild turkey and/or eggs thereof (RIHR 15.2,3).
- Importing of live birds or animals without permit (RIGL 20-17-9).
- Taking of birds by any method other than shotgun, bow and arrow, or falconry with permit (RIGL 20-14-17).
- The sale of game, except as provided (RIGL 20-13-14).
- Spotlighting for wild animals and birds is prohibited on both Prudence Island & Patience Island, from October 1 – January 4, and at all times on Block Island.
- **Spotlighting is prohibited on the mainland from Oct. 1-Jan. 31.**

## PROTECTED WILDLIFE

**The Lacey Act** of 1900, the first federal game law, regulates interstate and international commerce in wildlife. The term “wildlife”, for the purposes of the act, means any wild animal, wild bird, amphibian, reptile, mollusk, or crustacean, or their dead bodies, parts, eggs, or offspring, but does not include migratory birds for which protection is afforded under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Briefly, action can be taken against anyone who transports, ships, or sells wildlife in interstate or foreign commerce contrary to state or foreign laws, or transports any package not properly labeled or tagged.

**The Migratory Bird Treaty Act**, signed in 1918, includes agreements between the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Mexico, Japan, and Russia for the protection of migratory bird populations. Migratory birds are protected by the federal government with provisions allowing state regulation. All birds, their parts, nests, and eggs are protected, except as provided by open hunting seasons. Refer to Rhode Island waterfowl abstract for more information.

### **Reptiles and Amphibians**

The removal from the wild, for any purposes, of any reptile or amphibian (to include eggs or nest) except bullfrogs, green frogs and snapping turtles is prohibited except by special permit (RIHR 12.1). The release into the wild of any non-native reptile or amphibians is prohibited.

The following species of reptiles and amphibians (to include eggs or nests) are protected and possession without permit is prohibited at all times: Timber rattlesnake, *Crotalus horridus*; northern diamondback terrapin, *Malaclemys terrapin*; wood turtle, *Clemmys insculpta*; eastern box turtle, *Terrapene carolina*; spotted turtle, *Clemmys guttata*; and bog turtle, *Clemmys uhlenbergi* (RIHR 12.2). The taking of snapping turtles at any time shall be limited to the following methods: turtle traps, snagging, snaring, grabbing, jugging, bow and arrow, or while legally fishing. Traps and jugs must carry the trapper’s name and address (RIHR 12.1).

## STATE LANDS

There are over 48,000 acres of land designated as state management areas in Rhode Island. Maps of management areas are available from the Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife at the Great Swamp Field Office. Regulations are designed and enforced to allow all outdoor enthusiasts to safely enjoy these land holdings. Hunting and trapping is allowed during the open seasons. In order to effectively manage and safeguard these open areas for people, wildlife, and habitat, the following regulations are to be adhered to while on state management areas:

### Regulations:

- All state management areas will be closed to all hunting, Oct. 13-17, 2008 except waterfowl hunting, as provided, and bow hunting for deer.
- The possession of a valid Rhode Island hunting, or combination hunting and fishing license, shall serve as a permit to hunt State Management Areas (RIGL 20-18-2 and 20-18-3). This permit shall be valid only from the first day of dove season to the last day in February and spring turkey season except when check stations are in operation or when special permits are required for deer, waterfowl, or turkey hunting on state lands. The carrying of firearms on state management areas at any other time is prohibited. *Only archery equipment may be possessed or used while hunting white-tailed deer within the Simmons Mill Pond Management Area, Little Compton.*
- Except for fishing, hunting, launching, and/or mooring of boats, all management areas are closed ½ hour after sunset to 5:00 a.m., except by written permit. (RIGL 32-2-4)
- Camping is prohibited on all areas with the exception of portions designated at Arcadia and George Washington Management Areas (*contact the Division of Forest Environment for camping information*).
- The use of motorcycles is prohibited except in designated portions of Arcadia Mgt. Area.
- The use of ATVs is prohibited statewide.
- The blocking of any gate, road, or access in State Management Areas is prohibited and subject to fines (RIGL 32-2-4).
- No person shall refuse to obey an enforcement officer or other authorized representative of the RI Department of Environmental Management (RIGL 32-2-4).
- Horseback riding is prohibited in the Great Swamp Management Area during small game and shotgun deer season (RIGL 32-2-4).
- Groups consisting of 10 or more persons must obtain a group use permit available from the Division of Fish & Wildlife, 4808 Tower Hill Rd, Wakefield, RI 02879.
- Fluorescent orange requirements see page 11.

**Dogs on Management Areas:** No dogs shall be trained, run, exercised or be permitted to run at large on state management areas from March 15-August 15, inclusive, without written permission of the Director or authorized representative, except in specified dog training areas (below). Walking of dogs on a leash of not more than twenty-five (25) feet in length shall be permitted on roads and trails only. All dogs must be wearing a collar with the name and address of the owner or handler and license tag.

**Special Dog Training Areas:** Dog training is allowed in designated areas located within Arcadia Management Area (Midway Trail) in Exeter, Nicholas Farm Management Area (north of Trestle Trail) in Coventry, and Black Farm Management Area in Hopkinton from January 1 to September 30, from sunrise to sunset. The use of live birds is by special permit only. A hunting license is required when training dogs on wild game on state management areas, except when participating in state sanctioned field trials. Call Fish & Wildlife at 789-0281 for complete dog-training regulations, including training area maps.

**Trapping on State Lands:** refer to page 16.

## STATE PARKS

Hunting is prohibited on developed state parks (RIGL 32-2-4). The remaining undeveloped state parks are open to hunting, with the exception of the following restrictions:

**Beavertail State Park** – Archery deer hunting with permit from Jamestown Police Department.

**Burlingame State Park, North Camp Area.** Hunting by special permit available from Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife, Great Swamp Field Headquarters.

**Cocumcussoc State Park, Undeveloped.**

**George Washington Grove, Undeveloped.**

**John L. Curran State Park.** All hunting in this park shall be within the inner boundaries of the buffer zones as posted. Only shotguns and bow and arrows may be possessed or used while hunting. The hunting of and/or possession of Mourning Doves and/or Wild Pigeons (Rock Doves) are prohibited.

# GUIDE TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

<b>Wildlife Management Areas Open To Public Hunting</b>									
<i>WMA</i>	<i>Town(s)</i>	<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Boating</i>	<i>Developed Access</i>	<i>Turkey</i>	<i>Pheasant</i>	<i>Small Game</i>	<i>Waterfowl</i>	<i>Deer</i>
Arcadia	Exeter, W. Greenwich	13357	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Big River	Coventry, W. Greenwich	8312	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Black Farm	Hopkinton	240		X	X		X	X	X
Black Hut	Burrillville	1527	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Buck Hill	Burrillville	1777	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Burlingame	Charlestown	2417		X	X		X	X	X
Carolina	Richmond	2198	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Durfee Hill	Glocester	1174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eight Rod Farm <sup>1</sup>	Tiverton, L. Compton	418	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Galilee Bird Sanctuary <sup>2</sup>	Narragansett	128							X
George Washington	Burrillville	3248	X	X	X		X		X
Great Swamp	S. Kingstown	3475	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
John L. Curran	Cranston	300	X	X	X				X
Killingly Pond	Glocester	397			X		X		X
Newton Swamp	Westerly	78						X	
Nicholas Farm	Coventry	1557	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Prudence Island	Portsmouth	1755					X		X
Patience	Portsmouth	209					X		X
Rockville	Hopkinton	996	X	X	X		X	X	X
Round Top	Burrillville	136		X	X		X		
Tillinghast	W. Greenwich	1728		X	X		X	X	X
Sapowet Marsh <sup>3</sup>	Tiverton	254	X	X		X		X	
Simmons Mill Pond <sup>4</sup>	Little Compton	445	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Shore	S. Kingstown	236		X	X			X	X
Succotash Marsh	S. Kingstown	134	X	X				X	
Wickaboxet	W. Greenwich	679		X	X		X		X
Woody Hill	Westerly	734	X	X	X		X	X	X
<b>Total</b>		<b>47909</b>							
1 - Eight Rod Farm: Sunday hunting is allowed.									
2 - Galilee Bird Sanctuary: Archery hunting only.									
3 - Sapowet Marsh: No Sunday hunting is allowed. Archery hunting only.									
4 - Simmons Mill Pond: Sunday hunting is allowed. Archery hunting only.									

The following areas are cooperative hunting areas, not management areas.

## Cooperative Areas open to hunting

Please see page 13 for special permits and restrictions

<b>CO-OP AREA</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Deer</b>
Francis Carter	Charlestown	841		X*
Grills Property	Westerly	482	X	X
Northwest	Glocester	~800	X	X

\*archery only

# GENERAL DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

## FLUORESCENT ORANGE REQUIREMENTS:

Fluorescent orange safety clothing is required during the hunting season statewide for all hunters. To meet this requirement, safety clothing must be **solid** daylight fluorescent orange. Fluorescent camouflage does not meet this requirement. The hunter orange must be worn above the waist and be visible in all directions. Examples are: a hat that covers 200 square inches or combination of hat and vest covering 500 square inches.

1. 200sq. in. by small game hunters during the small game season.
2. 200sq. in. by fall turkey hunters while traveling.
3. 200sq. in. by muzzleloader hunters during the muzzle-loading deer season and concurrent shotgun season.
4. 200sq. in. by archers when traveling to/from stands during the muzzleloader deer season only.
5. 500sq. in. by *all hunters* (including archers) *and all users of management areas and undeveloped state parks* during *all portions* of shotgun deer seasons.
6. Pop-up blinds are allowed for deer hunting as long as proper fluorescent clothing is worn.

Exemptions: Specifically, waterfowl hunters while hunting from a boat or a blind, over water or field, when done in conjunction with decoys; crow hunting over decoys, spring turkey hunters, and first segment dove hunters.

### ORANGE REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-HUNTING ACTIVITIES ON STATE MANAGEMENT AREAS

**In addition to the above hunter requirements, all other users (hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders, etc.) of State Management areas are required to wear 200 square inches of solid daylight fluorescent orange from the third Saturday in October to the last day of February and the last Thursday in April to the last day in May, annually.**

**Hunter Safety Course Requirements & Licensing:** Persons applying for a hunting license or archery permit for the first time or not having been a member of the armed forces must complete a course in safe hunting or archery practices and have been issued a Certificate of Competency to obtain a license. Applicants must present a valid hunter safety card from Rhode Island or other state, or possess a previous RI hunting license. A list of hunter safety instructors, dates, and locations of classes is available from the Hunter Safety Office: (401) 789-3094

**All hunting accidents must be reported to an Environmental Police Officer within 72 hours (RIGL 20-13-12).**

**Hunter Ethics/Landowner Cooperation Course:** The RI Division of Fish & Wildlife Hunter Safety Office is offering a hunter ethics/landowner cooperation course. By participating in this course, hunters will be more familiar with the concerns of landowners and non-hunting public. Course is open to anyone over 18 who meets the requirements for a RI Hunting license. There is a four-hour classroom program, including a written exam and proficiency testing. Successful participants will be placed on a registry, which landowners may reference when seeking hunters for their property. For more information, call the Hunter Safety Office: (401) 789-3094.

**Any person who wounds or kills a deer shall make a written report stating the facts relative to the wounding or killing, signed by him or her, to be sent or submitted within twenty-four (24) hours to the department. (RIGL 20-15-1,8)**

Deer permits are available at specified vendors; complete list available from the Division of Licensing.

## Annual Written Permission

Annual written landowner permission is required for deer hunting on private land (RIGL 20-15-1) for the current deer season. It is not required that deer permits (tags) be signed by the landowner, provided the hunter has other written permission. Deer permits (tags) must be carried while hunting. Annual written permission must be shown to any authorized person upon demand, and must be presented when checking deer (RIHR 1.8).

## Restrictions:

- Only one firearm or bow may be possessed in the field per individual hunter while hunting deer.
- Check local ordinances, for there are many other restrictions in towns.

## Prohibited:

- The use of decoys or electronic calls. The construction and use of permanent tree stands. The use of nails, spikes, bolts, or climbing devices, which may damage trees on state property; and on private property without the permission of the landowner.
- Hunting, pursuing or molesting deer below mean high tidal water or while deer are swimming in any waters of the state.
- Feeding or baiting: the act of using, placing, giving, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering any material, or any act to maintain the availability of such material that attracts deer to feed on such material.

## Chronic Wasting Disease Regulations:

Please see page 18-19 for important regulations regarding the importing, releasing, feeding and baiting of deer and other cervids in Rhode Island.

## ATTENTION HUNTERS: NOTE NEW CHANGES

### Tagging and Checking Procedures:

Deer must be tagged, with a valid deer permit (tag) for the appropriate season, immediately upon taking. All deer must be checked by a state Environmental Police Officer, at a state operated check station, or by approved vendors, within 24 hours. **During the shotgun and muzzleloader deer seasons all deer must be checked at a state operated check station during the first three days of the season. All other deer may be checked at approved vendor check stations for the remainder of the seasons.** On the final day of the season, deer must be checked by 6:00pm. Toll free and/or online deer checking may be available – details to follow.

# MAINLAND DEER HUNTING

## SHOTGUN DEER SEASON AND LIMITS:

- A. EITHER SEX PERMIT – one (1) either sex, valid December 6 - 14, 2008, state and private land. December 15 - 21, 2008, private land only. **Not valid** Dec. 27 & 28, 2008 and Jan. 3 & 4, 2009.
- B. ANTLERLESS PERMIT – two (2) antlerless deer, valid December 6 - 14; state and private land December 15 - 21, Dec. 27 & 28, 2008, and Jan. 3 & 4, 2009; private land only.

## MUZZLELOADING DEER SEASON AND LIMITS:

- A. EITHER SEX PERMIT – one (1) either sex, valid November 8 - 30, 2008. **Not valid** December 22 – 25, 2008, and Jan. 3 & 4, 2009.
- B. ANTLERLESS PERMIT – two (2) antlerless deer November 8 - 30, 2008; state and private land. December 22 – 25, 2008, and Jan. 3 & 4, 2009; antlerless, private land only

## ARCHERY DEER SEASON AND LIMITS:

October 1 – January 31, 2009; state and private land.  
Junior Archery Weekend: September 20 - 21, 2008.

- A. EITHER SEX PERMIT – one (1) either sex
- B. ANTLERLESS PERMIT – two (2) antlerless
- C. EXPERIMENTAL EARN-A-BUCK – one (1) either sex. Available only at the Division of Licensing with affidavits and deer tags showing proof of take of two female deer or deer with NO VISIBLE ANTLERS from the mainland.

## ALL OUTDOORS PACKAGE PERMIT:

Available from DEM Division of Licensing (address on page 4). Hunters may purchase one (1) "All Outdoors Package Permit" for the MAINLAND deer seasons to take a maximum of 11 deer during the established mainland seasons:

- Three either sex tags - one for each respective season; archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun.
- Six antlerless permits for use in any combination during any of the established mainland seasons with the appropriate archery or firearm equipment (see instructions on your permit).
- Two hunter's choice permits valid for any sex deer during their respective seasons. See permit for detailed instructions.

## DEER TELECHECK AND ONLINE CHECKING:

Pending contractual approval, you may be able to check your deer by phone or online after the biological check station period has ended. There will be more details to follow after press time.

**ATTENTION:** Mainland is Providence, Kent and Bristol Counties; all of Washington County except New Shoreham (Block Island); and the towns of Tiverton and Little Compton. Mainland permits are **not valid** on Aquidneck and Conanicut Islands.

## Firearm Restrictions:

**SHOTGUN:** limited to 10, 12, 16, and 20 gauges, **plugged to 5 shell maximum.** Buckshot is limited to 00 buck or larger and is prohibited in 20 gauges. No other shot but buckshot, sabot rounds, or rifled slug shall be carried or had in possession by any person while hunting deer. **On a trial basis only, muzzleloaders can be used during the shotgun season with a valid shotgun permit only. All shotgun rules and regulations apply, including fluorescent orange.**

**MUZZLELOADING:** Firearms are limited to single or double barrel flintlock, caplock, inline ignition system muzzle-loading shotgun or rifle only. Muzzle-loading rifles are limited to **.45** caliber or larger. Smoothbore firearms limited to .50 caliber or 20 gauge or larger. Ammunition is limited to single lead projectile of the same caliber as the firearm. Sabot rounds either lead or jacketed permitted on **.43** caliber or larger. Powder limited to black powder or approved substitutes. **All conversion kits, which use a replacement barrel to convert a typical modern shotgun into a muzzle-loading rifle, are prohibited.** Approved sights are fixed iron sights, peep sights, aimpoints, and scopes (including telescopic). A firearm is considered unloaded when cap or pan powder is removed.

**ARCHERY Equipment:** Archers must use a long bow, recurve or compound bow capable of not less than forty (40) pounds at peak draw weight. Only broadhead tipped arrows with at least two (2) metal cutting edges are allowed. All broadheads must be 7/8<sup>th</sup> or greater at the widest point. Mechanical broadheads are allowed provided that 1.) bow minimum draw weight is 50 pounds and 2.) mechanical broadhead when open is 7/8<sup>th</sup> wide minimum. Mechanical devices for drawing or releasing the arrow are not allowed for general archery deer hunting (see crossbow/aid below). A bow string release whereby the bow is hand held, hand drawn, and finger released is permitted.

## Crossbow or Adaptive Aid permit requirements:

RIGL 20-15-2 states that crossbow or adaptive aid permits for conventional bows, may be issued to those persons who have a permanent physical impairment due to injury or disease, congenital or acquired, which renders them so severely disabled as to be unable to use a conventional bow and arrow device. Applications can be obtained from the Division of Licensing. For those 65 and older, the use of adaptive aids for conventional bows is permitted without permit. Applications require a doctor's note certifying permanent disability as well as copies of photo id, hunting license, hunter safety course and Bowhunter education course. Crossbow hunters from the previous year must reapply, but do not require a doctor's note. Re-applicants must submit a copy of their hunting license and photo id.

## Crossbow Equipment restrictions:

Must use a minimum draw of one hundred fifty (150) pounds, minimum width of 24 inches. Expandable broadheads meeting the specifications outlined above in archery equipment are permitted.

## SPECIAL SEASONS

### CONANICUT/AQUIDNECK ISLAND (excluding the city of Newport) Season Dates and Limits:

- Shotgun: December 6 - 21, 2008 – either sex or antlerless permit.  
Dec. 27 & 28, 2008 and Jan. 3 & 4, 2009 antlerless permit only.
- Muzzleloader: November 8 - 30, 2008 – either sex or antlerless permit.  
December 22 – 25, 2008 – antlerless permit only.
- Archery: October 1, 2008 – January 31, 2009
- A. EITHER SEX PERMIT – one (1) either sex
- B. ANTLERLESS PERMIT – two (2) antlerless
- All deer must be checked in** at a state operated station, vendor check station or Environmental Police Officer. Same firearm restrictions from the mainland apply.

### PRUDENCE & PATIENCE Season Dates and Limits:

- October 24, 2008 – January 31, 2009 if quota has not been met
- A. EITHER SEX PERMIT – one (1) either sex
- B. ANTLERLESS PERMIT – one (1) antlerless on private land only
- Junior Archery Weekend – October 18 - 19, 2008.

State land will close when 50 deer have been taken to include 25 from the south end. Archery hunting on state lands is by permit only. **No lottery is required.** Requests for permits are available by sending a SASE to PRUDENCE/PATIENCE ISLANDS, RI Division of Fish and Wildlife, 277 Great Neck Rd., West Kingston, RI 02892. A LOTTERY & Reservations are required for Heritage Property hunting. Proficiency testing is required for all archery deer hunters on Prudence and Patience Islands. Proficiency card must be carried.

**All deer must be checked in** at the designated check station or by an Environmental Police Officer, or designee, before leaving the island. Deer taken on Patience Island may be checked at a vendor check station.

### BLOCK ISLAND:

- Archery: October 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31; 2008.  
November 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21; 2008.
- Shotgun: November 24, 25; 2008  
December 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23; 2008  
January 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30; 2009.  
February 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 24, 25, 26, 27; 2009.

State land is closed to hunting on Block Island. Written permission from a landowner must be obtained before hunting on private land. Hunters must also obtain permission from the Block Island chief of police. All deer must be tagged within 24 hours of taking, and checked before being removed from the island. Only rifled slugs and sabot rounds are permitted.

### Northwest Cooperative Hunting Permits – Shotgun, Muzzleloader, and Archery

Permits may be obtained by sending a SASE (9½" x 4") to: NORTHWEST COOPERATIVE HUNTING, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 277 Great Neck Rd, West Kingston, RI 02892, Attn: NW Coop. Please designate which permit(s) you wish to have: shotgun, muzzleloader, or archery. All permits must be returned to be eligible for future seasons.

### Francis Carter Preserve Cooperative Hunting Area:

**ARCHERY ONLY:** November 1 – December 31, 2008

Proficiency testing is required and cards must be carried while hunting. **No lottery will be conducted.** A Carter Hunting Preserve Permit is required and will serve as written permission to hunt this private land. Requests for permits are available by sending a SASE to FRANCIS CARTER COOP, RI Division of Fish and Wildlife, 277 Great Neck Rd., West Kingston, RI 02892. Hunters must return their permit by January 15, 2009, regardless of activity or success, to be eligible for the next season's hunt.

### Beavertail Cooperative Archery Deer Hunting Area:

November 10, 2008 – January 31, 2009. No weekends prior to December 31, 2008.

Proficiency is required and cards must be carried while hunting. Permits must be returned by February 15, 2009, regardless of activity or success, to be eligible for next year's hunt. Permits are available at the Jamestown Police Department. Ten (10) hunters are allowed per day on a first-come first-served basis. Limit of 5 slots per week reserved no more than 20 days in advance.

### Grills Preserve Cooperative Hunting Permit (deer and turkey):

Archery and Muzzleloader portions of the deer seasons in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by DEM.

Permits available after September 1, 2008. Available by sending a SASE to GRILLS PRESERVE COOP, RI Division of Fish and Wildlife, 277 Great Neck Rd., West Kingston, RI 02892.

Turkey hunting permitted in accordance with rules on page 14.

### Paraplegic and double amputee hunters:

South End Management Area, Prudence Island:

October 14 - 17, 2008

Fort Greene, Narragansett:

October 21 - 24, 2008

Special deer permits must be obtained through the DEM Licensing Division, (address on page 5), prior to the hunt. Fort Greene hunters must apply for lottery: application available at RI Fish and Wildlife, 277 Great Neck Rd., West Kingston, RI 02892 ATTENTION: Fort Greene, and postmarked by September 30, 2008.

# TURKEY SEASON

Permits for hunting wild turkey may be purchased from licensed vendors.

*A mandatory hunter survey card will be issued to each person purchasing a turkey permit. This survey information is vital to the turkey management program in Rhode Island and assists DEM biologists in maintaining a successful wild turkey season for our hunters. Please, we request your cooperation in returning the hunter survey card, **WHETHER OR NOT YOU HUNT, AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU WERE SUCCESSFUL.***

## **General Rules and Regulations:**

1. Season dates:
  - **Fall Season (archery only):** Oct. 1 – 28, 2008. Bag limit is one (1) either sex bird.
  - **Spring season:** April 30 – May 26, 2009. Bag limit is one (1) bearded bird.
  - **Junior & Paraplegic hunters\*:** April 25 - 26, 2009. Bag limit is one (1) bearded bird.
2. Areas open to hunting restricted to: Providence County; Kent County; Washington County (except New Shoreham); Tiverton, and Little Compton in Newport County.
3. Limited to: shotguns, gauges 10, 12, 16, and 20 only, with shot sizes 4, 5, and 6 magnum loads only; and archery equipment consisting of a longbow (straight limb, reflex, recurve and compound bow) of not less than forty (40) pounds pull.
4. Arrows must be broadhead, with at least two cutting edges seven-eighths inches (7/8") or greater at the widest point. A bow string release device where the bow is hand held, hand drawn and finger released is allowed.
5. Hunters must carry a turkey-calling device (non-electric) while hunting. Calling is the only legal method for hunting wild turkey gobblers.
6. The use of decoys while hunting is allowed.

\*Paraplegic Hunters: April 25 – 26, 2009. Contact the Great Swamp Field Office, 401-789-0281 for specific requirements for the special turkey season.

\*Junior turkey hunting weekend, April 25 – 26, 2009, is open to all 12-14 year olds with a valid hunting license and accompanied by an unarmed licensed adult, 21 or older.

## **Prohibited:**

- The use of any other firearm, live decoy(s), dog(s), baiting, cooperative drive(s).
- Electric calling devices, or any other devices, to capture or ensnare turkeys.
- The shooting of turkeys from the roost.
- Stalking or attempting to sneak up on a turkey to get a shot.

The hunting, killing, taking, or attempting to take or possess, any wild turkey by any individual unless they possess a permit to do so. However, a person having a valid Rhode Island hunting license may call turkeys for individuals with a valid turkey permit.

**REWARD:** \$100.00 reward for anyone giving information leading to the arrest of persons illegally hunting or killing a wild turkey in Rhode Island. (Sponsored by the RI Chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation)

## **SAFE TURKEY HUNTING--**

### **IS NO ACCIDENT!**

When compared to other sports activities (baseball, basketball and swimming--injuries per hundred thousand participants) hunting is a **relatively** safe activity. These comparisons should not cause any hunter to take accident free hunting for granted--each and every hunter must make safety *the* top priority of the hunt.

Very few hunting experiences compare with the exhilaration of turkey hunting. A chance to spend a day afield in the turkey woods, enjoying not only the hunt but also the splendor of the outdoors in spring makes this experience worthwhile to sportsmen. This is a privilege not to be taken for granted. Be sure that your turkey hunting experience is an enjoyable one by observing these key ingredients for a safe hunt.

## **TURKEY HUNTING SAFETY**

- **NEVER crowd another hunter working a bird and avoid high-pressure areas.**
- "Mistaken for game" accounts for 87% of all turkey hunting accidents-- Be sure of your target and what's beyond.
- Use proper setup techniques-- Sit against a wide tree to shield head, neck and back. A tree is an effective blind as it breaks your outline.
- Never wear the colors red, white or blue while turkey hunting. These colors mimic the colors of a gobbler's head and can draw fire. Be totally camouflaged.
- Never stalk turkey sounds or turkeys- it's unsafe and illegal. Never use the sounds of a turkey to warn approaching hunters.
- Avoid using gobbling calls-- which draw more hunters than game.
- Don't fall prey to peer pressure – turkey hunting is not a contest for the biggest or first bird.

# SMALL GAME

## MAINLAND

### Management Areas

Small game hunters are required to check in and out of the state operated check stations at Great Swamp, Arcadia, Durfee Hill, and Carolina management areas on the following dates: Oct. 18 & 19, 25 & 26, and Nov. 1 & 2, 8 & 9. Check station hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. **Subject to change pending fiscal constraints.**

**Pheasant hunting:** Pheasants are stocked prior to opening day through the end of December. Stocked management areas are: Arcadia, Black Hut, Big River, Buck Hill, Carolina, Durfee Hill, Great Swamp, Nicholas Farm, Seapowet, Simmons Mill Pond and 8 Rod Farm.

- The daily limit for pheasant is 2 either sex birds.
- Each pheasant must be tagged immediately upon taking.
- Hunters may purchase unlimited permits. Each permit allows taking of 6 pheasants.
- Management Areas may remain open during the season stocking period pending fiscal approval.
- **Jr. Pheasant – Oct. 11-12. Registration required by Sept. 11. Limited slots. Call 789-0281 for application and information.**

### Restrictions:

- The small game season is closed during the shotgun deer season (Dec. 6 - 14, 2008) except:
  - State management areas will remain open to small game hunting during the private land shotgun deer season, Dec. 15 - 21, and Dec. 27 & 28, 2008 and Jan. 3 & 4, 2009.
- **ATTENTION:** Ruffed grouse hunting is **CLOSED** in Arcadia.
- Muzzle-loading rifles, no greater than .40 caliber with round ball and patch, may be used for hunting small mammals during established seasons.
- Night hunting of raccoons with shot larger than No. 4 or rifles larger than .22 cal. rimfire long-rifle is prohibited.
- **Migratory game birds:** Federal law requires that migratory game bird hunters use a shotgun that is capable of holding no more than three (3) shells. The methods of taking migratory birds and waterfowl are the same as the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (50 CFR part 20). Refer to Waterfowl Abstract for additional regulations.
- **Non-Toxic Shot Requirements:** No person shall take or attempt to take waterfowl, rails, or snipe within the State of Rhode Island, including Narragansett Bay and its coastal waters, to the three mile limit, while possessing shells loader with any shot other than non toxic shot and other shot as approved by USFWS. **All non-toxic shot larger than BB is prohibited, including duplex loads containing shot larger than BB.**

### Block Island Pheasant Hunting

Pheasant hunting is open on Block Island, **with written permission**, on Nov. 19, 26; Dec. 3, 17, 24, 31, 2008; and Jan. 7, 21, 28, 2009. Cocks only may be taken from Block Island.

### Coyote Hunting Information

- State land shall be from the beginning of dove hunting season in September to February 28<sup>th</sup> inclusive and during the open spring turkey-hunting season. Prudence Island during established seasons with associated equipment.
- During the firearm deer & spring turkey seasons, coyote hunters must possess a deer & turkey hunting permits while hunting on state lands and on Prudence Island with an archery deer permit.
- Coyote hunters on state lands must wear a minimum of 200 square inches of fluorescent orange while traveling to and from hunting locations during the small game season. During the shotgun deer season, 500 square inches is required.
- The placement or use of bait or carcasses for purposes of hunting coyotes on state lands is prohibited.

### Air Rifle Information

**Air gun rifles are permitted to hunt the following small mammals: squirrels, woodchucks, cottontail rabbits, and snowshoe hare, provided that the air guns are a minimum of .177 caliber and not larger than .22; a minimum of 750 fps velocity with pellets 7.5 grain or larger.**

## THE BAY ISLANDS

### Prudence & Patience Islands:

Written permission of the landowner, countersigned by the police chief, must be obtained to hunt private property on Prudence Island.

**The Southern Prudence and Patience Management Areas are closed to small game hunting.** The small game season on Prudence Island is Nov. 1 – 30, 2008, except on Northern Prudence Island, where the small game season is Jan 5 – 31, 2009. Raccoon open season for Prudence Island is Jan. 5 – Feb. 29, 2009 with written permission of landowner. Raccoon may also be taken while bow hunting with a valid deer archery permit on Prudence Island, Oct. 24, 2008 – Jan. 4, 2009. Private land small game season is Nov. 1 – 30, 2008.

Waterfowl hunting is permitted no more than 10 feet above mean high water on Prudence Island, except in that period from Nov. 1 – 30, 2008 and during the period Oct. 14 – 17, 2008 by paraplegic and double amputee deer hunters with special permit (RIHR 5.18).

Hope Island	No Trespassing Apr. 1 – Aug. 15, for nesting birds. All domestic animals prohibited except hunting dogs during small game and waterfowl season.
Big Gould Island (East Passage)	No Trespassing Apr. 1 – Aug. 15, for nesting birds.
East & West Island (off Sakonnet Point)	No Trespassing Apr. 1 – Aug. 15, for nesting birds.
Dutch Island	Emergency closure due to safety hazards.

# TRAPPING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

<u>Species</u>	<u>Open season (dates inclusive)</u>	<u>Pelt Tagging</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>
<b>Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Raccoon, Rabbit, Opossum, Weasels, Red Fox, Gray Fox</b>	November 1, 2008 - January 31, 2009	NO	NO
<b>Coyote</b>	Private land: no closed season, State land: Nov. 1 - Jan. 31	NO	NO
<b>Beaver*</b> State lands:	December 1, 2008 –February 28, 2009	YES	20
Private land:	November 1, 2008 - February 28, 2009		
<b>Fisher*</b>	December 1-21, 2008	YES	4

\* Special permit required in addition to RI trapping license and may be obtained at Fish and Wildlife's Great Swamp Field Headquarters (401)789-0281

## General Regulations

- No person shall set, maintain or tend any trap without first obtaining a trapping license from the Department of Environmental Management. A resident of this state may set traps on property, which they own and on which they are domiciled without obtaining a trapping license. (20-16-7)
- Every holder of a trapping license will be provided with a trapping harvest report card that must be returned to the Division of Fish and Wildlife within 30 days of the end of the trapping season. Failure to return the card will result in denial of trapping license renewal. (20-16-12)
- Traps may not be set, staked, or placed prior to 8:00 AM opening day.
- All traps must have, at a minimum, the trapper's current RI trapping license number attached by a metal tag or embedded or cut into the trap. (20-6-7)
- Written landowner permission is required to trap on private land. (20-16-9)
- All traps must be checked at least once in every 24-hour period. (20-6-9)
- There is no open season on bobcat (*Lynx rufus*) or river otter (*Lontra canadensis*).

### Types of Traps Permitted:

**Furbearers for which there is an open season may be taken in: box (a.k.a. "cage") traps, body-grip (a.k.a. "conibear") traps, or species specific traps, with the following restrictions:**

#### **Body-grip traps**

- **Private land:** Body-grip (a.k.a. smooth wire or "conibear") type traps up to 6 ½" jaw spread (i.e. "110, 120, 160" or equivalent) are permitted on land or in water on private land. Body-grip type traps greater than 6 ½" but not exceeding 8" jaw spread ("220") may only be set if completely submerged in water or set no less than six (6) feet above the surface of the ground. Body-grip traps greater than 8" but not exceeding 10" jaw spread ("330") may only be set completely submerged in water.
- **State land:** Body-grip traps up to 6 ½" jaw spread are only permitted in water sets (i.e. all or a portion of the trap in water) or if placed six (6) feet above the ground. Body-grip traps with a jaw spread greater than 6 ½" but not exceeding 10" ("220-330") may only be set if completely submerged in water.

#### **Box traps**

- The use of box traps is permitted on private and state lands.

#### **Species-specific traps**

- The use of species-specific traps is permitted on private and state land.

#### **Definitions**

Species-specific trap: is characterized by all of the following:

1. Triggering and restraining mechanisms are enclosed with a housing;
2. Triggering and restraining mechanisms are only accessible through a single opening when set;
3. The access opening does not exceed 2 inches in diameter;
4. The triggering mechanism can only be activated by a pulling force;
5. A swivel mounted anchoring system.

#### **Trapping on state management areas**

- All trappers harvesting furbearers from state management areas must obtain a special permit (no fee), issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Great Swamp Field Headquarters in addition to their current RI trapping license.

#### **Prohibitions**

- The use of poisons or snares. (20-16-6).
- The use of steel-jawed leghold traps (20-16-8).
- No person shall disturb, tend, or possess a trap of another, or take a furbearer animal from the traps of another unless specifically authorized to do so. (20-16-12).
- The setting of traps within ten feet of a beaver lodge or bank den or within eight feet of a muskrat lodge unless authorized by special permit.
- The taking or possession of a road-killed furbearer (20-16-1), unless with a current RI trapping license and during the open season for that species or as provided for under a current RI Scientific Collectors Permit (20-1-18) or otherwise permitted by the Division.
- The translocation (i.e. the relocation) of protected furbearers (RIGL 20-16-1) is prohibited without prior written approval of the Division of Fish & Wildlife.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia means lowered body temperature. It is very dangerous and can kill the unprepared. Submersion in water is not needed to become endangered by hypothermia. Wet clothing from perspiration or rain can cause hypothermia. It is also easily brought on by boating accidents. To avoid hypothermia the hunter must be prepared before going out. Staying dry is the most important step. Wear proper clothing, bring dry clothes in waterproof containers, and dress in layers to avoid sweating. Avoid alcohol, as it increases moisture and heat loss while making you feel warmer. When hunting on or near the water, observe safe boating methods.

Symptoms and First Aid for Hypothermia			
	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<b>Symptoms:</b>	Shivering Complaints of cold Loss of coordination Mental withdrawal and apathy	Listlessness, mental confusion, refusal to recognize problem Uncontrollable shivering Slurred speech Stumbling Clumsiness	Unresponsiveness Decreased pulse and respiration Shivering stops Change in skin color Collapse, unconsciousness
<b>First aid:</b>	End exposure – get victim out of cold and wet environment. Replace wet clothing with dry. Offer warm liquids or food only if victim is fully conscious.	See first aid for mild symptoms. Wrap in blankets or sleeping bag when wet clothing cannot be changed; dry clothing layer by layer.	Deliver warmth to the head and body of the victim. Treatment should only be attempted if victim cannot be evacuated to a hospital.

## RABIES

Rabies is a fatal disease. ALL mammals are susceptible. The virus is transmitted when the saliva or nervous system tissue of an infected animal enters through a bite, cut, or opening in the skin. Prevention and vaccination is crucial.

### Precautions before hunting

- Sportsmen who handle large numbers of mammals, or who butcher deer, should receive pre-exposure rabies vaccinations.
- Hunting dogs should be kept up to date on all vaccines, and boosted if exposed to suspect animals.

### Precautions while hunting

- Avoid direct contact by always wearing rubber gloves during handling.
- Avoid contact with saliva and nervous system tissues
- Place carcass in a heavy plastic bag to avoid spread of disease.

### Precautions at home

- Gloves, a rubber apron, and face protection should be worn when skinning, fleshing, and butchering animals. The virus can survive for weeks at refrigerator temperatures and for months to years when frozen.

- Trim and discard all meat near wounds.
- All animal parts not being utilized should be properly disposed of or buried.
- Do not prepare meat with equipment used for skinning or preparing carcass.
- Clean all materials and surface areas used in game preparation, and disinfect with a 5% bleach solution for at least 20 minutes.
- Thoroughly wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 60 seconds.

### In case of exposure

- Wash the area thoroughly with soap and warm water for at least 2 minutes and contact your physician immediately.
- If available, the head of the animal can be tested for rabies. If the animal is not available for testing, rabies treatment will be initiated for you. Consult your veterinarian immediately if your pet is exposed, and wear gloves when handling or cleaning its wounds.

## LYME DISEASE

Lyme disease is caused by infection from the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*, and is spread by the bite of ticks of the genus *Ixodes*. In the northeast, the tick responsible for spreading this disease is commonly known as the deer tick. The life cycle of the deer tick has three stages. If you find a deer tick that has been embedded over 24 hours it is likely to have transmitted the disease. The larval and nymph stages are extremely tiny and hard to see, so check carefully after being outdoors.

### Symptoms of Lyme Disease:

- Fatigue
- Chills and fever
- Headache
- Muscle and joint pain
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Red,

### Prevention of Lyme Disease:

- Wear light colored clothing so that ticks can be spotted more easily.
- Tuck pant legs into socks or boots and shirt into pants.
- Tape the area where pants meet socks so that ticks cannot crawl under clothing.
- Use insect repellants containing DEET on clothes and exposed skin, or treat clothes with permethrin, which kills ticks on contact.
- Wear a hat and a long-sleeved shirt for added protection
- Wash and dry clothing at high temperature
- Inspect body carefully and remove attached ticks with tweezers

# CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

*What is CWD?* CWD is a rare neurological disease that affects deer and elk. It attacks the brain, producing small lesions that eventually result in death. CWD was first recognized in the late 60s in Colorado and has recently been found in New York State. **Although domestic livestock and humans are not known to be susceptible to CWD, currently there is not enough information to prove that they are safe from the disease. Also, there is no connection between CWD and BSE (mad cow disease).**

***Rhode Island CWD Surveillance:  
Deer Head Collection Quota and Criteria***

1. Deer heads will again be collected from deer **18 months of age and older** throughout the state during the upcoming deer season.
2. **We are obligated to submit 190 deer heads** from all areas of the state.
3. We are also collecting samples from deer that appear sick. Call (401) 222-3070 immediately with exact location of sick deer.
4. **Your cooperation is essential!** We cannot be declared CWD-free without meeting our quota for deer testing.
5. **When you check in your deer, simply attach the special metal seal provided to the ear** - no additional paperwork required.
6. For more information, please see <http://www.dem.ri.gov/topics/wltopics.htm>.

## 3 Things You Can Do to Halt the Spread of CWD:

1. **Do not feed or bait deer. Feeding and baiting spreads disease and is illegal.**
2. **Donate your deer heads for CWD testing at hunter check stations.**
3. **If you hunt outside of Rhode Island, please read the following information about how to safely transport your deer:**

### Requirements for Marking Imported Carcasses and Parts:

**All carcasses and parts of any cervids imported into Rhode Island must have a legible label** bearing the following information: the species of animal, the State, Province or Country where the animal was taken or where the shipment originated, the name of the person who took the animal or the name of the shipper, the address of the taker or shipper and, for transport through the State, the destination of the shipment. Hunter harvested carcasses; parts or meat taken outside Rhode Island shall also bear the marking, tagging or labeling required by the State where the animal was taken.

**Feeding and baiting Cervids in Rhode Island:** No person shall feed cervids at any time in Rhode Island except:

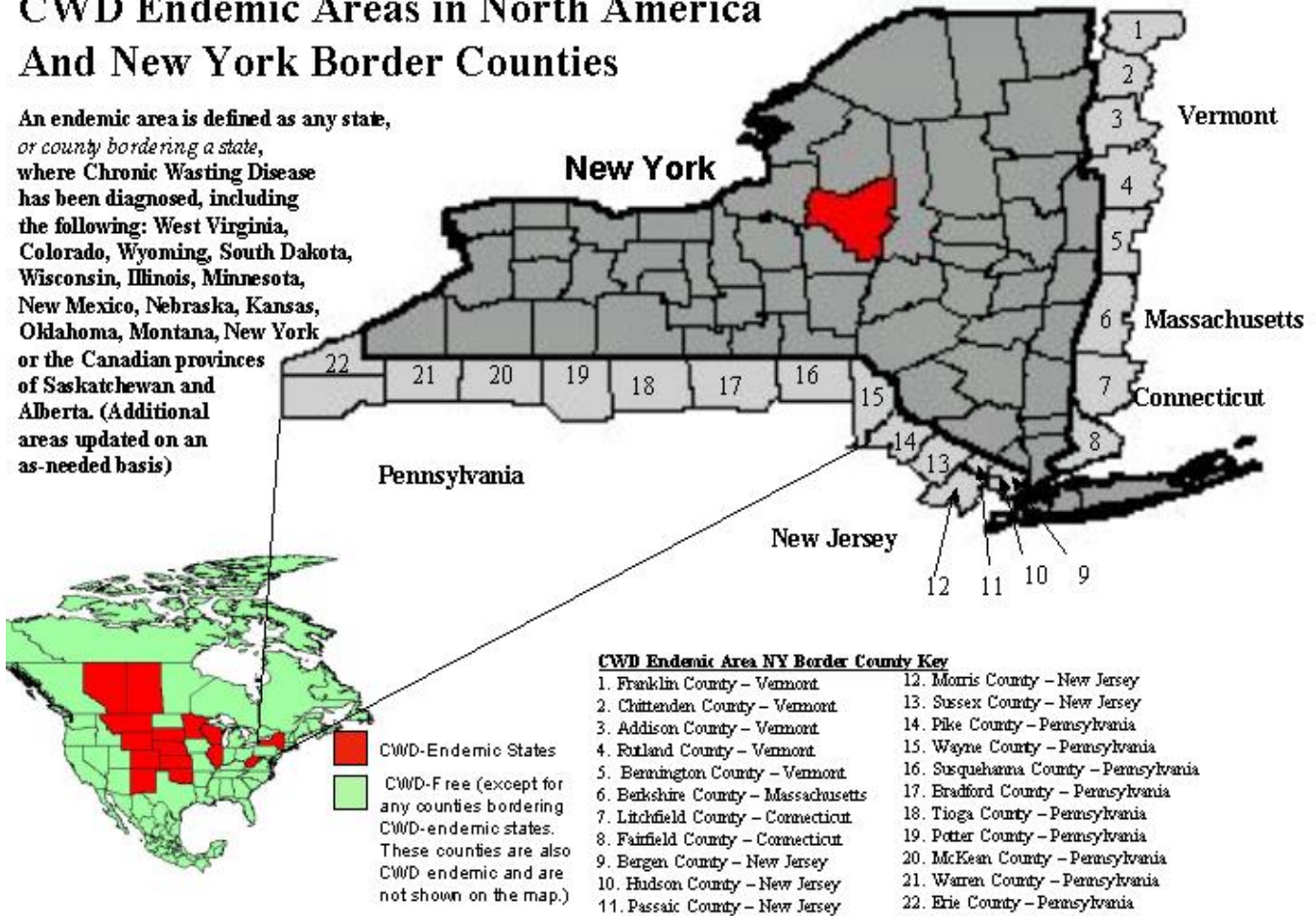
- Under a license or permit issued by the Department of Environmental Management for scientific research.
- By planting, cultivating, or harvesting of crops directly associated with agricultural practices, including planted wildlife food plots;
- By distribution of food materials for livestock directly associated with agricultural practices;
- By distribution of food material for legally possessed captive cervids, pursuant to a permit;
- By cutting of trees or brush;
- By elevated bird/squirrel feeders providing seed, grain, fruit, worms, or suet for birds or squirrels located within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling.

**Distribution of Certain Food Materials:** No person shall feed wild or captive cervids with any material that contains protein derived from any mammalian tissues.

POSSESSING AND IMPORTING CERVID PARTS AND CARCASSES IN RHODE ISLAND		
Cervids from CWD Endemic Areas	Possessing or importing <b>PROHIBITED:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brain, eyes, spinal cord, lymph nodes, tonsils or spleen.</b></li> </ul>
	Possessing or importing <b>Permitted:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hide or cape, the skull-cap with antlers attached, the antlers, finished taxidermy, tanned hides, and the upper canine.</li> <li>• <b>Meat that is boned, cut up, packaged and wrapped,</b> and not mixed with the meat of any other animal.</li> </ul>
Cervids from Non-CWD Areas:	Possessing or importing <b>PROHIBITED:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brain, eyes, spinal cord, lymph nodes, tonsils or spleen</b> from any <b>captive or captive bred</b> cervid originating <b>outside</b> of Rhode Island.</li> </ul>
	Possessing or importing <b>Permitted:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any parts or carcasses from <b>wild</b> animals or captive RI cervids.</li> </ul>

# CWD Endemic Areas in North America And New York Border Counties

An endemic area is defined as any state, or county bordering a state, where Chronic Wasting Disease has been diagnosed, including the following: West Virginia, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, New Mexico, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Montana, New York or the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. (Additional areas updated on an as-needed basis)



## What Hunters Should Know about Avian Influenza

Prepared July 10, 2008

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management is participating in a nationwide effort of surveillance of wild birds for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1. The Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) has, in cooperation with other federal and state agencies, targeted several species for surveillance. The DFW is using a variety of methods to sample birds and working cooperatively with designated laboratories to have samples tested. The state will work with federal agencies and the local media to inform the public in the event of a positive detection of HPAI H5N1.

Although the Highly Pathogenic H5N1 strain of avian influenza has not yet been discovered in North America, RI DEM DFW would advise hunters to adhere to the following procedures when handling wild birds to avoid any possible exposure:

- Do not handle or butcher game animals that are obviously sick or are found dead.
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke while cleaning game.
- Wear rubber gloves or cover hands with plastic when cleaning game.
- Wash your hands with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds after handling game.
- Carry disinfecting wipes or an alcohol-based gel into the field with you for immediate use after handling game.
- Wash tools and working surfaces with soap and water, then disinfect with a 10% solution of chlorine bleach.
- Cook game meat thoroughly—reaching an internal temperature of 165°F.

More information can be found on the following websites: [www.nwhc.usgs.gov](http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov), [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [www.fws.gov/home/avianflu/](http://www.fws.gov/home/avianflu/), [www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/).

# HUNTERS & FISHERMEN FOR THE HUNGRY

Hunters and fishermen, Rhode Island's DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife, and the local food bank network have come together to help Rhode Islanders in need. Food banks receive few in meat donations, and high quality protein is in high demand. Hunters and fishermen now have an opportunity to donate a portion of their catch to those who are less fortunate this season. In addition to the primary need for meat, there is the benefit derived to sportsmen from the good relations with the community. To obtain the packet of information regarding this program, please contact the Division at (401) 789-0281 or 277 Great Neck Rd, West Kingston, RI 02892. All information is also available at our website, [www.dem.ri.gov](http://www.dem.ri.gov).

Suggested donations may include: venison, Canada geese and fish.

- All donated fish and game meat must be legally harvested. (See "Guidelines for Accepting Donations & Proper Food Handling Techniques")
- All donations must be processed, packaged and refrigerated. Roasts, stew meat and hamburger in 1-5 pound packages are acceptable. It is preferred that the meat be frozen. For fish: Please see "Seafood Safety: What Consumers Need to Know".
- The Donation Label must be completed and fixed to the package.
- Food pantries will not accept donations with incomplete or missing labels.

Once all of these requirements are met, the donations may then be taken to a participating food bank from the list provided.

**The following is the current list as of 7/1/08 of food pantries accepting delivery of donations (please call for hours of operation):**

Mental Health Consumer Advocates of RI (Fish Only) Geri Lebeau 1280 North Main Street Providence, RI 02903 401-831-6937	The Salvation Army Nubia Ocampo 102 High Street Pawtucket, RI 02860 401-723-9533	St. Mary's / St. James Debbie Nigrelli P.O. Box 204 2075 Matunuck Schoolhouse Rd. Charlestown, RI 02813 401-364-9412	Matthewson St. Church Gordon Cooper, Ph.D. AFIA Center 134 Matthewson St. Providence, RI 02903 401-331-1350 ex. 3268
Martin Luther King Meal Site Jane Maloney 20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd. Newport, RI 02840 401-846-4828	Bristol Good Neighbors Janet Stephenson PO Box 414 378 Hope Street Bristol, RI 02809 401-254-0726	WARM Shelter (Fish only) Bob Shea 56 Spruce St. Westerly, RI 02891 401-596-9276	
The Salvation Army Captain Charles Adams 51 Memorial Blvd. Newport, RI 02840 401-846-3234	St. Theresa's Food Pantry Lorraine Burns 275 Manton Ave. Providence, RI 02909 401-831-7714	Amos House Maggie Meany 415 Friendship Street Providence, RI 02907 401-272-0220	

## **Hunters & Fishermen for the Hungry**

Suggested **Game** Donation Label

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting License #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Game:** \_\_\_\_\_

Deer Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

Packaging Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Donors will not be liable when donating to a non-profit organization as per The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (10/1/1996).

## **Hunters & Fishermen for the Hungry**

Suggested **Fish** Donation Label

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fishing License #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Fish:** \_\_\_\_\_

Packaging Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Donors will not be liable when donating to a non-profit organization as per The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (10/1/1996).

# CHECK STATIONS

## STATE CHECK STATION OPERATING TIMES:

Small Game Season: October 18-19, 25-26, Nov 1-2, 8-9. Stations open ½ hour before sunrise and close at sunset.\*

**Muzzleloader Deer Season: November 8 -10, 2008, 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.\***

**Shotgun Deer Season: December 6- 8, 2008, 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.\***

Turkey hunters: please check the turkey abstract for a list of turkey check stations.

## STATE OPERATED CHECK STATIONS

*\*Subject to change, due to fiscal constraints.*

### Arcadia Management Area

Rt. 165, Ten Rod Road, at Wood River,  
Exeter, Phone: 539-7117.

### Durfee Hill Management Area

Rt. 94, Reynolds Road  
Glocester, Phone: 568-6753.

### Carolina Management Area

Pine Hill Road  
Richmond, Phone: 364-3483.

### Great Swamp Management Area

277 Great Neck Rd.  
West Kingston, Phone: 789-1636.

### Fort Wetherill

3 Fort Wetherill Rd.  
Jamestown, Phone: 423-1920

*\*Closed due to fiscal constraints.*

## VENDOR DEER CHECK STATIONS

**The following is a tentative list of deer check stations. A phone call to the vendor of choice to verify hours and season availability is strongly suggested. NOTE: All deer taken during the first weekend of the shotgun season (December 6– December 7, 2008) and the first 3 days of muzzleloader season (November 8 – November 9, 2008) must be checked at a state operated check station.**

### Kevin Mahoney

105 John Oldham Road  
Prudence Is., RI. 02872  
ph. 508-308-6587

### Main Bait and Tackle Shop

2599 South Main St.  
Fall River, MA 02724  
ph. 508-679-3853

### Block Island (shotgun)

Joe DeMatteo  
10 Ocean Ave. Town Highway Garage  
NSPD ph 466-3220  
Archery –call NSPD

### Moy Works

215 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Newport, RI 02840 ph 849-4673

### Big Bear Hunting and Fishing Supply

401 Putnam Pike  
Harmony, RI 02829 ph. 949-0339

### Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle

4019 Quaker Lane  
North Kingstown, RI 02852 ph. 294-9642

### Breachway Bait & Tackle

166 Charlestown Beach Rd.  
Charlestown, RI 02813 ph. 364-6407

### Pete's Bait & Tackle

341 Burnside Ave  
Woonsocket, RI 02895  
ph. 767-0990

### Foster Bear Arms

Al & Janice Weidele  
52 Danielson Pike  
Foster, RI 02825 ph. 647-4681

### Sandy Bottom Bait & Tackle

97 Sandy Bottom Rd.  
Coventry, RI 02816  
October 1 to November 25, 2007  
ph. 823-1540

### Hope Valley Bait & Tackle

Main St. (PO Box 245)  
Corner of Rt. 3 & 138  
Hope Valley, RI 02832 ph. 539-2757

### Snowhurst Farm

462 Chopmist Hill Rd, Rt. 102  
Chepachet, RI 02814  
ph. 568-8900

**SUNRISE AND SUNSET TABLE**

**SEPTEMBER 2008 – MAY 2009**

Day	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL		MAY	
	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset
1	6:11	19:19	6:42	18:28	7:17	17:40	6:53	16:15	7:13	16:25	6:58	17:00	6:20	17:35	6:28	19:10	5:42	19:43
2	6:12	19:18	6:43	18:26	6:19	16:39	6:54	16:15	7:13	16:25	6:57	17:01	6:19	17:36	6:27	19:11	5:40	19:44
3	6:13	19:16	6:44	18:24	6:20	16:38	6:55	16:15	7:13	16:26	6:56	17:02	6:17	17:37	6:25	19:12	5:39	19:45
4	6:14	19:14	6:45	18:23	6:21	16:36	6:56	16:15	7:13	16:27	6:55	17:03	6:16	17:38	6:23	19:13	5:38	19:46
5	6:15	19:13	6:46	18:21	6:22	16:35	6:57	16:14	7:13	16:28	6:54	17:05	6:14	17:39	6:22	19:14	5:37	19:47
6	6:16	19:11	6:47	18:19	6:23	16:34	6:58	16:14	7:13	16:29	6:52	17:06	6:12	17:40	6:20	19:15	5:35	19:48
7	6:17	19:09	6:48	18:17	6:25	16:33	6:59	16:14	7:13	16:30	6:51	17:07	6:11	17:42	6:18	19:16	5:34	19:49
8	6:18	19:08	6:50	18:16	6:26	16:32	7:00	16:14	7:12	16:31	6:50	17:09	7:09	18:43	6:17	19:17	5:33	19:50
9	6:19	19:06	6:51	18:14	6:27	16:31	7:01	16:14	7:12	16:32	6:49	17:10	7:07	18:44	6:15	19:19	5:32	19:51
10	6:20	19:04	6:52	18:13	6:28	16:30	7:02	16:14	7:12	16:33	6:48	17:11	7:06	18:45	6:13	19:20	5:31	19:52
11	6:21	19:02	6:53	18:11	6:30	16:29	7:02	16:14	7:12	16:34	6:46	17:12	7:04	18:46	6:12	19:21	5:30	19:53
12	6:22	19:01	6:54	18:09	6:31	16:28	7:03	16:14	7:11	16:35	6:45	17:14	7:02	18:47	6:10	19:22	5:28	19:54
13	6:23	18:59	6:55	18:08	6:32	16:27	7:04	16:15	7:11	16:36	6:44	17:15	7:01	18:49	6:09	19:23	5:27	19:55
14	6:24	18:57	6:56	18:06	6:33	16:26	7:05	16:15	7:11	16:37	6:42	17:16	6:59	18:50	6:07	19:24	5:26	19:56
15	6:25	18:55	6:57	18:04	6:34	16:25	7:05	16:15	7:10	16:39	6:41	17:17	6:57	18:51	6:05	19:25	5:25	19:58
16	6:26	18:54	6:58	18:03	6:36	16:24	7:06	16:15	7:10	16:40	6:40	17:19	6:56	18:52	6:04	19:26	5:24	19:59
17	6:27	18:52	7:00	18:01	6:37	16:23	7:07	16:16	7:09	16:41	6:38	17:20	6:54	18:53	6:02	19:27	5:23	20:00
18	6:28	18:50	7:01	18:00	6:38	16:22	7:07	16:16	7:09	16:42	6:37	17:21	6:52	18:54	6:01	19:28	5:23	20:01
19	6:29	18:48	7:02	17:58	6:39	16:22	7:08	16:16	7:08	16:43	6:36	17:22	6:51	18:55	5:59	19:30	5:22	20:02
20	6:30	18:47	7:03	17:57	6:41	16:21	7:09	16:17	7:08	16:45	6:34	17:24	6:49	18:56	5:58	19:31	5:21	20:02
21	6:31	18:45	7:04	17:55	6:42	16:20	7:09	16:17	7:07	16:46	6:33	17:25	6:47	18:58	5:56	19:32	5:20	20:03
22	6:32	18:43	7:05	17:54	6:43	16:20	7:10	16:18	7:06	16:47	6:31	17:26	6:45	18:59	5:55	19:33	5:19	20:04
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25	6:36	18:38	7:09	17:49	6:46	16:18	7:11	16:19	7:04	16:51	6:27	17:30	6:40	19:02	5:50	19:36	5:17	20:07
26	6:37	18:36	7:10	17:48	6:47	16:17	7:11	16:20	7:03	16:52	6:25	17:31	6:39	19:03	5:49	19:37	5:16	20:08
27	6:38	18:35	7:11	17:47	6:49	16:17	7:12	16:21	7:02	16:53	6:24	17:32	6:37	19:04	5:47	19:38	5:16	20:09
28	6:39	18:33	7:13	17:45	6:50	16:16	7:12	16:21	7:02	16:54	6:22	17:33	6:35	19:05	5:46	19:39	5:15	20:10
29	6:40	18:31	7:14	17:44	6:51	16:16	7:12	16:22	7:01	16:56			6:34	19:06	5:45	19:41	5:14	20:11
30	6:41	18:29	7:15	17:43	6:52	16:16	7:12	16:23	7:00	16:57			6:32	19:08	5:43	19:42	5:14	20:11
31			7:16	17:41			7:12	16:24	6:59	16:58			6:30	19:09			5:13	20:12

\*Times listed are for Providence, RI.

# RESPECT LANDOWNERS' RIGHTS

**Trespassing is illegal** and can result in fines (RIGL 11-44-4). Annual written landowner permission is required for hunting deer. On wildlife management areas your permit is your written permission. In order to keep private land open to hunting in future years, it is recommended that the hunter gain the landowner's permission prior to hunting, for all hunting activities. Treat the landowner's land with respect. Know the property boundaries and respect the rights of abutting property owners. It is unlawful to shoot upon the land of another without their permission. A note or word of thanks to your host after the hunt will be greatly appreciated, and help to foster continued positive relations.

## Outdoor Recreation Code of Ethics

### I will:

- Consider myself an invited guest of the landowner, and conduct myself so that I will be welcome in the future.
- Recognize the rights and privileges of others sharing the same lands and waters.
- Understand the habits and habitats of the species, the regulations, and the fragile nature of the environment.
- Treat game with profound respect, engaging only in fair chase and seeking primarily a priceless outdoor experience.
- Avoid hunting practices that degrade the safety and quality of the sport.
- Avoid practices that disrupt nesting and denning activities.
- Avoid irresponsible use of alcohol and other drugs during outdoor recreation.
- Exercise care when dealing with fire and smoking materials.
- Support fish and game laws and harvest quotas so that future generations can have the same outdoor experiences we now enjoy.

### Landowner Liability:

The landowner assumes no liability for any injury to person or property while the hunter is recreationally using private lands, unless the landowner has willfully failed to inform the hunter of dangerous conditions on private lands, and as long as no fee is charged to hunt (RIGL 32-6-3).

*Please cut out courtesy cards below for your convenience-----as a reminder, annual written permission for deer hunting is now required.*

### Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife Hunter – Landowner Courtesy Card Bearer of this card:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hunter Name

Has my permission to hunt upon my land during the annual period  
from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner name (please print)

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Address

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