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Cover photo : A successful hunter checks his deer at the Arcadia check station in Exeter during the 2010 muzzleloader season. Photo: B. Tefft

## **RIDEM 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.**

### **Hunting Abstract**

This Hunting Abstract is a summary of the rules, regulations, seasons and bag limits for the 2011-2012 Rhode Island hunting season. For more detailed information, see the General Laws of Rhode Island, obtainable in most public libraries. A complete copy of the Hunting Regulations for the 2011-2012 Season can be viewed online at:

**<http://www.dem.ri.gov/>**

or copies are available by contacting the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

### **Significant Regulation Changes 2011-2012**

1. **Kill Report Cards:** Beginning with the 2011 deer and fall turkey seasons, hunters will be required to report their harvested animals within 24 hours of the kill, by using a simple Pre-paid postage kill report card supplied by RIDEM. The harvest/ kill report cards will replace the need for hunters to check deer and turkey at vendor check stations. Vendors will no longer check deer; however, all hunters will be required to check deer at State operated check stations when they are open.
2. **All deer hunters must check all deer at State operated check stations during the first 4 days of the muzzle-loader season (November 5-8, 2011).**

3. There is a SEASON (annual) limit of one (1) antlered buck statewide during the deer season, regardless of zone hunted, for each hunting method used (archery, muzzleloader or shotgun).
4. All Outdoor Permit holders have a SEASON (annual) Limit of three (3) antlered bucks statewide during the deer season that may be taken in any combination and by any method in the appropriate season.
5. Archery “Earn a Buck” in Zone 1 is no longer in effect.
6. An ANTLERLESS only muzzleloader deer season has been established October 1-4 in **Zone 1 only**.
7. Deer decoys are now permitted during the early portion of the archery season on private lands statewide (September 15 to 30) and from September 15 to January 31, 2012 in areas where only archery hunting is allowed.
8. Crossbows are approved for use by all hunters during the SHOTGUN deer season only with a valid shotgun deer permit.
9. We have expanded Cooperative Hunting Programs at Providence Water Supply (Scituate) and Grills II (Hopkinton) for deer hunting (see cooperative hunting programs page 31-32).
10. The Deer hunting permit (Deer tag) has been revised and simplified into a mainland permit that can be purchased for use in all of Providence, Kent, Bristol, Washington county (except for Block Island) and Newport county (except for Prudence-Patience Islands) for each method of hunting selected (archery, muzzleloader or shotgun). Separate deer tags are required and must be purchased to hunt Block Island and Prudence-Patience Island.
11. The hunting season for Ring-neck pheasant is extended and will now run from October 15, 2011 until February 29, 2012. Bird stocking will occur on management areas only during the months of October, November and December. There will be no bird stocking in January and February.

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### Definitions

1. **Antlerless deer** - deer having no antlers or antlers less than three (3) inches in length.
2. **Bearded turkey** - a turkey that carries a visible beard, i.e., a tuft of stiff filament-like feathers projecting outward and downward from the center of the chest.
3. **Box trap** - any trigger operated device intended to restrain an animal by confinement in box or cage.
4. **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.
5. **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.

## Definitions

6. **Daylight fluorescent orange** - the color orange having a dominant wave length between 595 and 606 nanometers, an excitation purity not less than 85 percent, and a lamination factor not less than 40 percent.
7. **Driving deer/cooperative drive** - 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.
8. **Deer Management Zone:** designed to target and achieve harvest and management goals for deer in RI.
9. **Paraplegic** - an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs.
10. **Proficiency testing** - the measurable demonstration of skills with bows and arrows or use of firearms using a set of standards as determined by the hunter education program.
11. **Written permission**—means annual written permission of the owner of the land for any current deer season.



“It is the policy of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to offer its services and accommodations to all orderly persons, and, as required, to all properly licensed persons, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, or disability.” If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, facility, or if you desire further information, please write to the Office for Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Washington, D.C. 20240.

### **Legal Shooting Hours**

Small Game:	Sunrise until Sunset (7:00 on opening day)
Deer Hunting:	1/2 hour before Sunrise to 1/2 hour after Sunset
Coyote:	1/2 hour before Sunrise to 1/2 hour after Sunset
Raccoon:	6:00PM 10/1 until Midnight 2/29
Waterfowl:	1/2 hour before Sunrise until Sunset
Canada Goose:	(September season only) 1/2 hour before Sunrise until 1/2 hour after Sunset
Spring Turkey:	1/2 hour before Sunrise until 1:00PM
Fall Turkey:	1/2 hour before Sunrise until Sunset
Dove (1st segment):	Noon to Sunset
Dove (2nd –3d segment):	Sunrise to Sunset
Woodcock:	1/2 hour before Sunrise until Sunset

### **Prohibited Activities**

1. No loaded rifles or shotguns in or on vehicles (RIGL 20-13-8).
2. No shooting at, hunting, or pursuing game along, upon, or across a public highway (RIGL 20-13-9).
3. No hunting while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs (RIGL 20-13-10).
4. It is a violation of law, punishable by a fine and imprisonment, to fire “into” land for which one does not have landowner permission.
5. No hunting on posted land or state parks, removing or defacing posters thereon, or doing willful damage to property (RIGL 11-44-4,5).
6. No more than five persons to hunt in unison (RIGL 20-13-11).
7. Target or trap shooting on state lands is only allowed on provided ranges (RIGL 32-2-4).
9. 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).

## 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).

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 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.

**Hunting Licenses are 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
All Outdoors Package Permit (Resident).....	\$112.50
Crossbow permit for disabled.....	no fee
Fur Buyer (Resident).....	\$10.00
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

<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.

**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.

## **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 Proficiency 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) 783-2304

## **Special Permits**

Special Hunting Permits are available at no extra fee through DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife, Great Swamp Field Headquarters, 277 Great Neck Rd, W. Kingston, RI 02892 (401) 789-0281.

Beaver trapping permit  
Burlingame North Camp hunting permit  
Early Canada Goose Hunting permit  
Fisher trapping permit  
Francis Carter Cooperative deer permit  
Grills Preserve hunting permit  
Late Season Canada goose hunting permit  
Northwest Cooperative Hunting Area deer permit  
South Shore Mgt Area goose hunting permit  
State lands trapping permit

### **Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP)**

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. All migratory bird hunters need to obtain a permit and answer a small survey. HIP permits are available through all license vendors and DEM.

### **Shooting Restrictions**

1. The use of laser sights or night vision on any firearm or bow while hunting is illegal (Regulation 14.11).
2. No lead shot larger than No. 2 at any time, except shotgun season for deer (RIGL 20-13-13).
3. 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).
4. Discharge of a firearm, including crossbows, within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling without written permission.
5. Archery deer hunting, within 200 feet of an occupied dwelling.

### **Wildlife Restrictions**

1. 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 (Regulations 14.2, 14.3).
2. Importing of live birds or animals without permit (RIGL 20-17-9).
3. Taking of birds by any method other than shotgun, bow and arrow, or falconry without permit (RIGL 20-14-17).
4. The sale of game, except as provided (RIGL 20-13-14).
5. Spotlighting for wild animals and birds is prohibited on both Prudence Island & Patience Island, from October 1 – January 31, and at all times on Block Island.
6. Spotlighting is prohibited on the mainland from Sept 15-Jan. 31.

## **Important Laws and Regulations Pertaining to 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 amphibian 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 (Regulations 12.1, 12.2).

### **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.
4. 200sq. in. by archers when traveling to/from stands during the muzzle-loader 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.

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, first segment dove hunters, not required in areas limited to Archery by regulation.

### **ALL OTHER USERS:**

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.

## **Landowner Rights and Liability**

Written landowner permission is required to hunt deer on private property. Hunters are urged to gain a landowners permission prior to hunting for all other hunting activities as well. To maintain good landowner - hunter relations, always treat the landowners private property with respect and by knowing and respecting the property boundaries. It is also unlawful to shoot upon the land of another without their permission. Hunting on private land is a privilege not to be taken lightly.

To encourage landowners to make their lands available for recreational purposes, the RI General Law (32-6-3) limits the liability of persons making private land available for recreational activities, including hunting and fishing, by limiting their liability to persons they give permission.

Liability of Landowner: an owner of land who either directly or indirectly invites or permits without charge any person to use that property for recreational purposes does not thereby:

- (1) Extend any assurance that the premises are safe for any purpose;
- (2) Confer upon that person the legal status of an invitee or licensee to whom a duty of care is owed; nor
- (3) Assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to any person or property caused by an act of omission of that person.

Limitations – (a) Nothing in the law limits in any way any liability which, but for this chapter, otherwise exists:

- (1) For the willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity after discovering the user's peril; or
- (2) For any injury suffered in any case where the owner of land charges the person or persons who enter or go on the land for the recreational use thereof, except that in the case of land leased to the state or a subdivision thereof, any consideration received by the owner for that lease shall not be deemed a "charge" within the meaning of this section.
- (b) When the coastal resources management council designates a right-of-way as part of its designation process as specified in § 46-23-6(5), or when the coastal resources management council stipulates public access as a condition of granting a permit, the landowner automatically will have "limited liability" as defined in this chapter, except as specifically recognized by or provided in this section.

**PLEASE RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY!!!**

**PLEASE RESPECT STATE PROPERTY!!!**

### Small Game Hunting

Species	Dates	Bag limit
<b>Red, Gray Fox</b>	<b>10/15/11 – 2/29/12</b>	<b>none</b>
<b>Gray Squirrel</b>	<b>10/15/11 – 2/29/12</b>	<b>5 daily</b>
<b>Cottontail Rabbit</b>	<b>10/15/11 – 2/29/12</b>	<b>3 daily</b>
<b>Hare</b>	<b>10/15/11 – 2/29/12</b>	<b>1 daily</b>
<b>Ruffed Grouse</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	
<b>Quail</b>	<b>10/15/11 – 11/27/11</b>	<b>3 daily</b>
<b>Pheasant</b>	<b>10/15/11 – 2/28/12</b>	<b>2 daily</b>
<b>Junior Pheasant:</b>	<b>10/08/11 – 10/09/11</b>	<b>2 daily</b>
<b>Raccoon:</b>	<b>10/01/11 – 2/29/12</b>	<b>unlimited</b>

#### 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. 15 & 16, 22 & 23, and Oct. 29 & 30, Nov 5 & 6. Check station hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

**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. **No stocking in January or February.**

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.

Jr. Pheasant – Oct. 08-09. Registration required by September 9, 2011 Limited slots. Call 789-0281 for application and information.

#### Restrictions:

The small game season is closed during the shotgun deer season (Dec. 3 - 11, 2011) and (December 26, 2011-January 1, 2012).

State management areas are open to small game hunting during the private land only portion of the shotgun deer seasons.

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.

#### Block Island Pheasant Hunting

Pheasant hunting is open on Block Island, **with written permission**, on Nov. 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011; and Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2012. Roosters only may be taken from Block Island, bag limit 2 per day.

**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.**

## Migratory Game

Species	Dates	Bag	limit
Dove:	9/17/11 – 10/1/11		12
	10/15/11	– 11/12/11	
	12/21/11	– 1/05/12	
King/Clapper Rail	9/3/11 – 11/11/11		1
Sora/Virginia Rail	9/3/11 - 11/11/11		3
Snipe:	9/3/11 – 11/11/11		5
Woodcock:	11/1/11 – 11/30/11		3
Crow:	8/19/11 – 10/09/11	Fri, Sat, Sun only	
	10/15/11 – 11/20/11	Inclusive	
	12/16/11 – 4/17/12	Fri, Sat, Sun only	
Canada Goose*:	9/1/11 – 9/30/11		15
Sea Duck:	10/08/11 – 1/22/12		5

\*Shooting hours include 1/2 hr after sunset for September Canada goose hunting only.

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. Special DEM Permit required to hunt September Goose Season (available at Great Swamp).

**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 a 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.**

## Coyote Hunting

1. State land shall be open from the beginning of dove hunting season in September to February 29<sup>th</sup> inclusive and during the open spring turkey-hunting season. Prudence Island during established seasons with associated equipment.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The placement or use of bait or carcasses for purposes of hunting coyotes on state lands is prohibited.
5. Shooting hours 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

## Wild Turkey

<u>Season</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Bag limit</u>
<b>Fall Archery:</b>	<b>10/ 01/11-10/28/11</b>	<b>1 either sex bird</b>
<b>Spring Gobbler:</b>	<b>4/26/12-5/22/12</b>	<b>1 bearded bird</b>
<b>Junior &amp; Paraplegic</b>	<b>4/21 - 4/22, 2012</b>	<b>1 bearded bird</b>

### **General Rules and Regulations:**

1. Areas open to hunting restricted to: Providence County; Kent County; Washington County (except New Shoreham); Tiverton, and Little Compton in Newport County.
2. 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 long-bow (straight limb, reflex, recurve and compound bow) of not less than forty (40) pounds pull.
3. 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.
4. Hunters must carry a turkey-calling device (non-electric) while hunting. Calling is the only legal method for hunting wild turkey gobblers. The use of decoys while hunting is allowed.
5. Junior turkey hunting weekend open to all 12-14 year olds with a valid hunting license and accompanied by an unarmed licensed adult, 21 or older.

**Hunter Survey:** 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 hunted or were successful.

### **Prohibited:**

1. The use of any other firearm, live decoy(s), dog(s), baiting, cooperative drive(s).
2. Electric calling devices, or any other devices, to capture or ensnare turkeys.
3. The shooting of turkeys from the roost.
4. 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.

**Tagging:** A person killing a wild turkey must immediately sign, complete and attach to the leg in a conspicuous manner the turkey tag provided with the permit. The tag must remain attached to the turkey until processed.

### Checking Requirements:

Hunters are required within 24 hours of taking the turkey to fill out and return a **Pre-paid Kill Report Card** to DEM to record the harvest. This card replaces mandatory check in stations and is vital to recording your harvested bird for effective species management. Report cards are available from license vendors or from DEM.

**Rhode Island Turkey Season Kill Report Card**  
Kill the card within 24 hours of your harvest

Turkey Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Kill: month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Kill \_\_\_\_\_ AM/EST  
PM/EST

State \_\_\_\_\_ Permit \_\_\_\_\_  
If State, enter WMA name \_\_\_\_\_ Town of Kill \_\_\_\_\_



Age and Sex of Bird (Sex must be checked) \_\_\_\_\_ Hunter \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Wing length \_\_\_\_\_ Tail \_\_\_\_\_ Head length \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Greater than 12 inch \_\_\_\_\_ Longer than 12 inch \_\_\_\_\_  
Head length \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Greater than 6 inches \_\_\_\_\_ Longer than 6 inches \_\_\_\_\_  
Town \_\_\_\_\_ WMA \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

### 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

## HOW TO TELL THE SEX AND AGE OF A TURKEY

Determination of the sex and age of a wild turkey is vital to the hunter since only males are “legal birds” in the spring gobbler season. Proper identification of your target before shooting protects vulnerable hen turkeys from accidental shooting during the spring nesting season. Biologists also gather important data about the composition of the turkey population from this information to assist management decisions.

Hunters are reminded they should use a variety of characteristics to identify a legal bird, including behavior (strutting, gobbling) and color (black body coloration, bright red, white and blue head color). Beards alone are not reliable indicators since up to as many as 30% of a population may have “bearded” hens.

### General Characteristics:

Males: Body color black- iridescent, breast feathers black tipped; spurs greater than ½ inch (adults-gobblers) less than ½ inch (juveniles-jakes); head crown white with prominent red and blue face and head; weight 15 to 20 pounds.

Females: Body color brown, drab -breast feathers brown tipped; no spurs; head color blue-gray no white crown; weight jennies (6-8 pounds), adults-hens (8-13 pounds).



## Trapping

Species	Dates	Bag limit	Pelt Tagging
Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Raccoon Opossum, Weasel, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Rabbit	11/1/11 to 1/31/12	None	No
Coyote	Private-no closed season State land: 11/01/11-1/31/12	None None	No No
Beaver*	Private: 11/1/11-3/13/12 State Land: 12/1/11-2/29/12	20 total	Yes
Fisher*	12/1/11 -12/24/11	4 per season	Yes

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

### General Regulations

1. 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)
2. 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)
3. Traps may not be set, staked, or placed prior to 8:00 AM opening day.
4. 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)
5. Written landowner permission is required to trap on private land. (20-16-9)
6. All traps must be checked at least once in every 24-hour period. (20-6-9)
7. 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 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. A **species specific trap** is characterized by all of the following: triggering and restraining mechanisms are enclosed within a housing; triggering and restraining mechanisms are only accessible through a single opening when set; access opening does not exceed 2 inches in diameter; triggering mechanism can only be activated by a pulling force; has a swivel mounted anchoring system.

**Permit to trap state lands:** 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**

1. The use of poisons or snares. (RIGL 20-16-6).
2. The use of steel-jawed leghold traps (RIGL 20-16-8).
3. No person shall disturb, tend, or possess a trap of another, or take an animal from the traps of another unless specifically authorized to do so. (RIGL 20-16-12).
4. 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.
5. The taking or possession of a road-killed furbearer (RIGL 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 (RIGL 20-1-18) or otherwise permitted by the Division.
6. The relocation of beaver.

## 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 or on the web. 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 followed:

1. All state management areas will be closed to all hunting, Oct. 10-14, 2011 except waterfowl hunting, as provided, and bow hunting for deer
2. 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)
3. 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*).
4. The use of motorcycles is prohibited except in designated portions of Arcadia Mgt. Area.
5. The use of ATVs is prohibited statewide.
6. The blocking of any gate, road, or access in State Management Areas is prohibited and subject to fines (RIGL 8-8-2-2).
7. Horseback riding is prohibited in the Great Swamp Management Area during small game and shotgun deer season (RIGL 32-2-4).
8. Groups consisting of 10 or more persons must obtain a group use permit available from the Division of Forest Environment.
9. Galilee Bird Sanctuary: open for Archery deer hunting

**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.

**State Lands:** The following areas are open to public hunting. These lists are provided as a guide for best opportunities to hunters; however, we encourage you visit the areas and see for yourself!

<b>Wildlife Management Areas - 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	13357	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Big River	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
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
GWashington	Burrillville	3248	X	X	X		X		X
Great Swamp	S. Kingstown	3475	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Curran	Cranston	300	X	X	X				X
Killingly	Glocester	397			X		X		X
Newton	Westerly	78						X	
Nicholas	Coventry	1557	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Prudence	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		
Eight Rod	Tiverton	418	X	X		X	X		X
Sapowet	Tiverton	254	X	X		X		X	
Simmons Mill	Little Compton	445	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Shore	S. Kingstown	236		X	X			X	X
Succotash	S. Kingstown	134	X	X				X	
Tillinghast	W. Greenwich	1700	X	X	X		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>47753</b>							

## Deer Hunting Seasons

<u>Season</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Bag limit</u>
<u>Archery</u> <u>Mainland:</u>	9/15/11-1/31/12	
State Lands		1 either sex 1 antlerless
Zone 1 Private Land		1 either sex *2 antlerless
Zone 2 Private Land		1 either sex 2 antlerless
 Junior Archery:	 9/10/11-9/11/11	
Prudence/Patience:	10/22/11-1/31/12	
State Land		1 either sex
Private Land		1 either sex 1 antlerless
Paraplegic Prudence/Patience:	10/11/11-10/14/11	by special permit
Junior Archery Prudence/Patience:	10/15/11-10/16/11	
Archery Block Island (private)	October 11-14, 17-21, 24-28, 31 November 1-4, 7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,18,21,22	5 either sex

additional permits may be purchased

### Muzzleloader Mainland

State Lands	11/5/11-11/27/11	1 either sex 1 antlerless
	12/26/11-1/1/12	(antlerless only)
Zone 1 Private Lands	10/1/11 –10/4/11 11/5/11-11/27/11	antlerless only 1 either sex *2 antlerless
	12/26/11-1/1/12	(antlerless only)
Zone 2 Private Lands	11/5/11-11/27/11	1 either sex 1 antlerless
	12/26/11-1/1/12	(antlerless only)

\*Free replacement tags (see page 23)

**Muzzleloader**

**Block Island (private)** November 7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,18,21,22 5 either sex  
additional permits may be purchased

**Shotgun**

**Mainland**

<b>State Lands</b>	12/3/11-12/11/11	1 either sex 1 antlerless
	12/26/11-1/1/12	(antlerless only)
<b>Zone 1 Private Land</b>	12/3/11-12/18/11	1 either sex *2 antlerless
	12/26/11-1/1/12	(antlerless only)
<b>Zone 2 Private Land</b>	12/3/11-12/18/11	1 either sex 1 antlerless
	12/26/11-1/1/12	(antlerless only)

**Block Island (private land)**

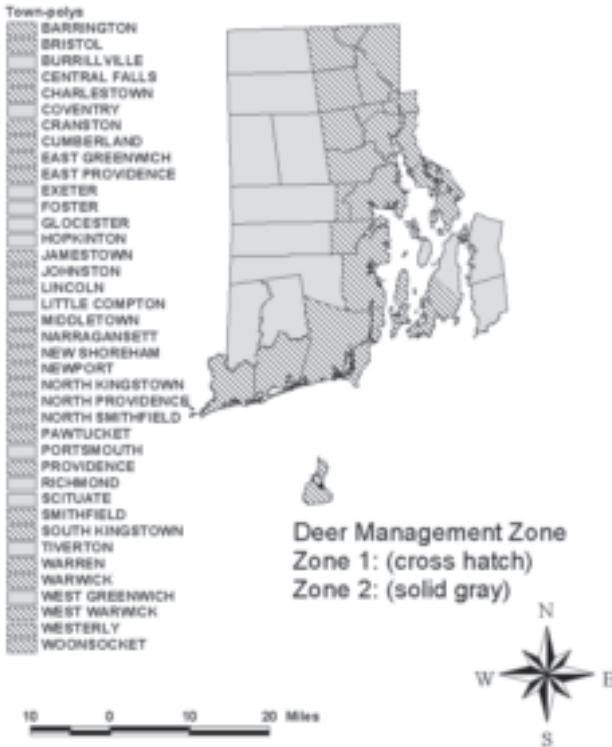
November 28 and 29; 5 either sex  
December 1,2,5,6,8,9,12,13,15,16,19,20,22,23.  
January 3,5,6,9,10,12,13,17,19,20,23,24,26,27,30,31;  
February 1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10,13,14,15,16,17,20,21,22,23,24,27,28,29  
additional permits may be purchased

**Replacement tags -**

Free replacement tags for deer are issued by the DEM Division of Licensing after a hunter harvests two (2) antlerless deer in Zone 1 and upon the hunter providing evidence (checked field tags) of having tagged the antlerless deer. The replacement tag may be used to take an additional deer of either sex, but may not be used to take more than the season limit of antlered deer.

To qualify for the replacement tag bring two field tags to DEM Licensing to document having harvested (2) antlerless deer in Zone 1.

# RI Deer Management Zones



## Deer Management Strategy:

Deer management zones have been established for harvesting deer in accordance with specific management goals for RI. The need to reduce auto strikes and address nuisance deer issues as well as health related Lyme disease issues are important deer management concerns as well as maintaining quality hunting.

With this strategy we hope to:

1. Provide a sustainable quality deer management program that maintains deer populations that are ecologically sustainable.
2. Maintain quality hunting programs for the deer resource recognizing the strong hunter tradition of deer hunting in Rhode Island and the important role hunters play in population regulation.

## Deer Hunting

### All Outdoors Permit Package

#### **New provisions apply!**

Hunters may purchase one (1) "All Outdoors Package Permit" for the **MAINLAND** deer season to take up to 12 deer during the established mainland seasons. Available from DEM Division of Licensing only :

1. The Season limit on antlered bucks is three (3) statewide and may be taken by AO permit holders in any combination during the appropriate open season.
2. Hunters will receive three (3) either sex permits for buck or doe. Hunters also receive two (2) "All Outdoor" tags that may be used to take Antlerless deer only.
3. Hunters will also be issued seven (7) antlerless permits that may be used in any combination statewide to take antlerless deer.

### Written Permission

Annual written landowner permission is required for deer hunting on private land (RIGL 20-15-1) during the deer season. It is not required that deer permits (tags) be signed by the landowner, provided the hunter has other written permission in possession. 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 a deer (Regulation 1.8).

### Tagging and Checking (NEW)

New requirements for checking harvested deer are in effect this year (see page 26). To make for a more convenient and efficient procedure for sportsmen to check their deer and turkey, we are distributing **Pre-Paid Kill Report cards** that can be filled out and dropped in any mailbox to report your deer harvest.

Deer must be tagged in the field, with a valid deer permit (tag) for the appropriate season, immediately upon taking. During the first four (4) days of the Muzzleloader deer season (November 5, 6, 7, 8) all deer must be checked at a state operated check station (see list page 32).

**At all other times deer can be reported to DEM by mailing a Pre-Paid Kill Report card within 24 hours of taking. Kill/Harvest report cards can be found in this abstract and are available at all Hunting License Vendors and DEM offices.**

## Revised Checking Procedures for Deer and Turkey hunters:

Beginning with the 2011 deer and fall turkey seasons, hunters will be required to report their harvested animals within 24 hours of the kill, by using a simple **Pre-paid postage** Kill Report Card supplied by RIDEM. The harvest/ kill report cards will replace the need for hunters to check deer and turkey at vendor check stations during most of the deer and turkey hunting seasons.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife still requires a portion of our harvested deer to be inspected and measured by State biologists and therefore, **all hunters will be required during the first 4-days of the muzzleloader deer season in November (5 to 8) to check, weigh and measure all deer at an Official State Deer Checking Station.** The information collected is vital to the RI deer management program as well as monitoring herd health and disease (CWD) surveillance. Every hunter is a vital and important contributor to deer management in Rhode Island. Please report your harvested deer and encourage fellow hunters to do the same.

Biologists rely on the deer, turkey and related data provided by hunters to set season lengths and bag limits each year. Without reliable, accurate data, biologists cannot correctly determine many factors related to the health of our deer and turkey, to know how many can be taken to provide a sustainable harvest of healthy animals. This directly affects the sportsmen in how many days you can hunt, how many deer you can take and the quality of the deer that you harvest during your hunting season.

So please, all hunters, take your deer and turkey checking responsibilities seriously! We appreciate your efforts in helping us to maintain a quality deer and turkey hunting season for Rhode Island.

Rhode Island Deer Season Kill Report Card			
Mail this card Within 24 Hours to report your harvest			
Deer Permit Number: _____	Date of Kill: _____	Time of Kill: _____	AM EST PM EST
State _____ Private _____ If State, enter WMA name _____		Town of Kill: _____	
Sex (please circle one): Doe Doe (young of year) Button buck Antlered buck Antlers dropped			
Antler points Left _____ Right _____	Dressed weight est. _____ actual _____	Method (circle one): Archery Muzzleloader Shotgun	
Hunter's Signature: _____		Hunter Name (please print) Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____	
DEM Division of Fish and Wildlife 277 Great Neck Road West Kingston, RI 02892		Phone number _____	

## Deer Hunting Methods

1. **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. Crossbows and Muzzleloader may be used in shotgun season with a valid shotgun deer permit.
2. **Muzzleloader:** Firearms are limited to single or double barrel flint-lock, 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. A muzzleloader is considered unloaded when cap or pan powder is removed.
3. **Archery:** 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.
4. **Crossbow and Adaptive Aid permit:** 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. 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. **Applications can be obtained from the DEM Division of Licensing. Return applicants must submit a copy of their hunting license and a photo ID.**
5. **Crossbow Equipment:** Must use a minimum draw of one hundred fifty (150) pounds. Expandable broadheads meeting the specifications outlined above in archery equipment are permitted.
6. Only one firearm or bow may be possessed in the field per individual hunter while hunting deer. Check local ordinances, for there may be other restrictions in specific towns.

### **Prohibited Activities**

1. 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.
2. Hunting, pursuing or molesting deer below mean high tidal water or while deer are swimming in any waters of the state.
3. 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.

### **Local Ordinances**

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.

### **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)**

**DEM Fish and Wildlife will conduct surveillance for CWD in RI in the 2011 season.** RIDEM surveillance for CWD has shown we do not have this in R.I. CWD is a rare neurological disease that affects deer and elk. It attacks the brain, producing small lesions that eventually result in death. 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).

#### **Precautions for limiting spread of CWD:**

1. Do not feed or bait deer. Feeding and baiting spreads disease and is illegal.
2. Contribute your deer's head at hunter check stations (or after butchering) for CWD testing
3. If you hunt outside of Rhode Island, please read the following information about how to safely transport your deer.

## **Chronic Wasting Disease**

**Importation:** All carcasses and parts of any Deer 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 Deer in Rhode Island:** No person shall feed Deer at any time in Rhode Island except:

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

## **Avian Influenza**

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, DEM DFW would advise hunters to adhere to the following procedures when handling wild birds to avoid any possible exposure.

### **Tips for Handling and Cooking Game:**

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

## Special Deer Seasons– Co-op Hunting

1. **Prudence and Patience Islands:** Archery only. State land will close when 50 deer have been taken to include 25 from the south end. No lottery is required. Proficiency testing is required for all archery deer hunters on Prudence and Patience Islands. Proficiency card must be carried while hunting. All deer taken may be checked by an Environmental Police Officer, or by kill report card within 24 hour as prescribed by DEM.
2. **Block Island (New Shoreham):** 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. Buckshot (00 or larger in 12 gauge), rifled slugs and sabot rounds are permitted on the island.
3. **Northwest Cooperative Hunting Area (Glocester)–** Permits may be obtained by sending a SASE (9½" x 4") to: NORTHWEST CO-OPERATIVE HUNTING, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 277 Great Neck Rd, West Kingston, RI 02892, Attn: NW Coop. One permit will be issued for all methods of deer hunting. Permits with hunting activity records must be returned to the Division at the close of the season.
4. **Francis Carter Preserve (TNC Co-op-Charlestown):** Archery only (9/15/11 to 1/31/12). Proficiency testing is required and cards must be carried while hunting. 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 self addressed stamped envelope to FRANCIS CARTER COOP, RI Division of Fish and Wildlife, 277 Great Neck Rd., West Kingston, RI 02892. Hunters must return their permit by end of season, with record of hunting activity to be eligible for the next season's hunt.
5. **Beavertail (Jamestown):** Archery only (11/7/11-1/31/12) no week-ends prior to 12/31/11. Proficiency is required and cards must be carried while hunting. Permits must be returned by February 15 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.

## Special Deer Seasons– Co-op Hunting

**6. Grills Preserve I (Westerly) and Grills Preserve II:** Archery and Muzzleloader only portions of the deer seasons in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by DEM. Permits available after September 1. Available by sending a SASE to DEM Division of Fish and Wildlife, 277 Great Neck Road, West Kingstown, RI 02892

**7. Paraplegic and double amputee hunters: South End Management Area, Prudence Island** Special deer hunting permits must be obtained through the DEM Division of Licensing (222-3576) for these special hunts.

**8. Providence Water Supply Cooperative:** Permits (deer) are available by lottery only for 150 hunters. Applications must be submitted by August 15, 2011 and are available from Great Swamp Headquarters or online at:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/pdf/pwshunt.pdf>

**PWS Cooperative follows Zone 1 regulations**

### State Operated Check Stations

1. **Arcadia Management Area** Rt. 165, Ten Rod Road, at Wood River, Exeter, Phone: **539-7117**.
2. **Carolina Management Area** Pine Hill Road, Richmond, Phone: **364-3483**.
3. **Durfee Hill Management Area** Reynolds Road (Rte 94), Gloucester, Phone: **568-6753**
4. **Great Swamp Management Area** 277 Great Neck Rd. West Kingstown, Phone: **789-1636**

**Operating hours:**

**Small Game Season:** October 15-16, October 22-23, October 29-30, November 5-6. Stations open ½ hour before sunrise and close at sunset.

**Deer Season:** Muzzleloader Deer Season—**Checking Required** November 5-9, 2011, 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

**NEW:** Except for the period November 5 to 9, 2011 all deer must be reported within 24 hours by mailing Pre-Paid Kill Report Card available from all hunting license vendors and DEM (See page 26). This includes Prudence-Patience and Block Island hunters.

**PLEASE REPORT ALL GAME VIOLATIONS  
TO  
RIDEM ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE  
401-222-3070**

**24 Hours/7 days week**

RIDEM Environmental Police Officers enforce all of the hunting, game and fish regulations statewide and are always present and on guard to protect these valuable natural resources for all of our citizens. These officers have broad responsibility's for enforcement of Game Laws and Regulations for freshwater fishing, hunting, as well as recreational and commercial Marine resources and many other state Laws and Regulations.

You can assist them by reporting wildlife violations by calling them in to the 24 hour hotline at DEM.

**Turn In Poachers!**

**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.

**South Prudence and Patience Management Areas are closed to small game hunting.** The small game season on Prudence Island is Nov. 1 – 30, except on Northern Prudence Island, where the small game season is Jan 4– 31. Raccoon open season for Prudence Island is Jan. 4 – Feb. 28 with written permission of landowner. Raccoon may also be taken while bow hunting with a valid deer archery permit on Prudence Island, Oct. 22, 2011 – Jan. 3, 2012. Private land small game season is Nov. 1 – 30, 2011.

Waterfowl hunting is permitted no more than 10 feet above mean high water on Prudence Island, except in that period from Nov. 1 – 30, and during the period Oct. 11 – 14, 2011 by paraplegic and double amputee deer hunters with special permit (RIHR 5.18).

Other Restrictions:

1. **Hope Island:** No Trespassing Apr. 1 – Aug. 15, for nesting birds. All domestic animals prohibited except hunting dogs during small game and waterfowl season.
2. **Big Gould:** No Trespassing Apr. 1 – Aug. 15, for nesting birds.
3. **East and West Island:** No Trespassing Apr. 1 – Aug. 15, for nesting birds.
4. **Dutch Island:** Closed to hunting and all other access.

## Sunrise Sunset Table September –December 2011

### Corrected for Daylight Savings Time

Day	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset
01	0611	1921	0642	1829	0717	1742	0653	1616
02	0612	1920	0643	1828	0718	1740	0654	1616
03	0613	1918	0644	1826	0720	1739	0655	1615
04	0614	1916	0645	1824	0721	1738	0656	1615
05	0615	1915	0646	1823	0722	1737	0657	1615
06	0616	1913	0647	1821	0623	1635	0658	1615
07	0617	1911	0648	1819	0624	1634	0659	1615
08	0618	1909	0649	1818	0626	1633	0700	1615
09	0619	1908	0650	1816	0627	1632	0701	1615
10	0620	1906	0652	1814	0628	1631	0702	1615
11	0621	1904	0653	1813	0629	1630	0702	1615
12	0622	1903	0654	1811	0631	1629	0703	1615
13	0623	1901	0655	1809	0632	1628	0704	1615
14	0624	1859	0656	1808	0633	1627	0705	1615
15	0625	1857	0657	1806	0634	1626	0706	1615
16	0626	1856	0658	1805	0635	1625	0706	1616
17	0627	1854	0659	1803	0637	1624	0707	1616
18	0628	1852	0701	1801	0638	1624	0708	1616
19	0629	1850	0702	1800	0639	1623	0708	1617
20	0630	1849	0703	1758	0640	1622	0709	1617
21	0631	1847	0704	1757	0641	1621	0709	1617
22	0632	1845	0705	1755	0643	1621	0710	1618
23	0633	1843	0706	1754	0644	1620	0710	1618
24	0634	1842	0708	1752	0645	1619	0711	1619
25	0635	1840	0709	1751	0646	1619	0711	1619
26	0636	1838	0710	1750	0647	1618	0712	1620
27	0638	1836	0711	1748	0648	1618	0712	1621
28	0639	1835	0712	1747	0650	1617	0712	1621
29	0640	1833	0713	1745	0651	1617	0713	1622
30	0641	1831	0715	1744	0652	1616	0713	1623
31			0716	1743			0713	1624

## Sunrise Sunset Table January—May 2012

### Corrected for Daylight Savings Time

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL		MAY	
Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset
0713	1624	0659	1659	0621	1735	0629	1911	0542	1944
0713	1625	0658	1700	0619	1737	0627	1912	0541	1945
0713	1626	0657	1702	0617	1738	0625	1913	0539	1946
0713	1627	0656	1703	0616	1739	0623	1914	0538	1947
0713	1628	0655	1704	0614	1740	0622	1915	0537	1948
0713	1629	0654	1706	0613	1741	0620	1916	0536	1949
0713	1630	0653	1707	0611	1743	0618	1917	0534	1950
0713	1631	0652	1708	0609	1744	0617	1918	0533	1951
0713	1632	0650	1709	0608	1745	0615	1919	0532	1952
0713	1633	0649	1711	0606	1746	0614	1921	0531	1953
0713	1634	0648	1712	0704	1847	0612	1922	0530	1954
0712	1635	0647	1713	0703	1848	0610	1923	0529	1955
0712	1636	0645	1715	0701	1849	0609	1924	0528	1956
0712	1637	0644	1716	0659	1851	0607	1925	0527	1957
0711	1638	0643	1717	0658	1852	0605	1926	0526	1958
0711	1639	0641	1718	0656	1853	0604	1927	0525	1959
0710	1641	0640	1720	0654	1854	0602	1928	0524	2000
0710	1642	0639	1721	0652	1855	0601	1929	0523	2001
0709	1643	0637	1722	0651	1856	0559	1930	0522	2002
0709	1644	0636	1723	0649	1857	0558	1932	0521	2003
0708	1645	0634	1725	0647	1858	0556	1933	0520	2004
0707	1647	0633	1726	0646	1900	0555	1934	0519	2005
0707	1648	0631	1727	0644	1901	0553	1935	0519	2006
0706	1649	0630	1728	0642	1902	0552	1936	0518	2007
0705	1650	0628	1729	0640	1903	0550	1937	0517	2008
0704	1652	0627	1731	0639	1904	0549	1938	0517	2009
0704	1653	0625	1732	0637	1905	0547	1939	0516	2010
0703	1654	0624	1733	0635	1906	0546	1940	0515	2011
0702	1655	0622	1734	0634	1907	0545	1941	0515	2011
0701	1657			0632	1908	0543	1943	0514	2012
0700	1658			0630	1910			0514	2013

