



## R3 News

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The NJ Division Fish and Wildlife R3 Program will be providing monthly newsletters jam-packed with upcoming events, conservation news, division staff & mentor highlights, and resources to expand your hunting, fishing, and/or shooting sport participation.

### What is R3?

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Reactivation

The R3 Program is synonymous with the New Jersey Outdoor Heritage Program where its main objective is to **recruit, retain, and reactivate** sportsmen and women conservationists into hunting and shooting sport participants.

From 2011 to 2016, the number of licensed hunters declined by 2 million people nationally. During that time, New Jersey saw a decline nearly double the national average. This poses a pitfall for state agencies and their ability to facilitate wildlife management, which is largely supported by funding from sportsmen and women. Excise taxes on hunting and shooting equipment, as well as license fees are significant funding sources for state fish and wildlife agencies, much like our agency here in New Jersey. Here in NJ, the development of an R3 program began 2018 to develop new, innovative programs, and enhance existing recruitment, retention, and reactivation programs to increase hunting and recreational shooting participation in New Jersey.

### May & June Events:

- **Women's Mentored Turkey Hunt:** Was offered to first time/beginner female turkey hunters on May 2-4. Participants learned how to call, pattern, scout, and hunt turkeys with the help from mentors and division staff in the Southern Region.
- [Locavore to the Core GoToWebinar:](#) Virtual event offered to all! Learn how to be a New Jersey Locavore on May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- [Family Fun Shoot:](#) Offered to families to enjoy a free night trap shooting. No experience is necessary! June 3, 2021 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. offered

### April Events:

- **Intro to Turkey Calling** Presented by NWTF President Lou Gamble. Lou discussed turkey calling tactics and techniques to 161 attendants.

### March Events:

- **Shed Hunting Webinar:** Ben Westfall from the National Deer Association discussed the antler shedding process, and New Jersey Conservation Police Officer Andrew Riviello, discussed the legality of shed hunting. 108 hunters and non-hunters alike were attendance.
- **Couples Night Fun Shoot:** 25 couples in attendance enjoyed a free night on the range. Participants were taught firearm safety and basic shotgun shooting techniques with instructors from the Pine Valley Trap Club in Berlin, NJ.

More events can be found below!

[NJOP & R3 Events](#)

## Trout Season Has Arrived!

Check out this [recorded seminar](#) provided by Chris Lido, Expert Angler and NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife Employee where he discusses New Jersey Trout Fishing: Terrain, Tactics and Techniques!

**Monthly Fun Fact: In New Jersey, about 15% of wild turkey hens have beards? So, before you shoot, be sure the bird is a gobbler. Bearded hens are not legal game during the spring season. (Pictured below)**



## Staff Highlight: Joe Leskie

### Hunter Education State Administrator

Joe has worked for the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife for over 26 years. Joe has served as the Southern Region Deer Biologist for the last 20 years. He has recently accepted a new position with the Division's Bureau of Information and Education's to oversee Hunter Education and R3 Programs.

**“Growing up loving the outdoors and the excitement of interacting with fish and wildlife resource, it was an instant and easy decision for me to get outdoors and experience nature. From fishing for both freshwater and saltwater species to crabbing and clamming, as well as hunting for deer, small game, waterfowl and OF COURSE, my all-time favorite, wild turkeys!” -Joe Leskie, Hunter Education State Administrator**

### What can you do to support R3?

We challenge every sportsman and woman to make R3 a priority and commit yourself to this idea that, the species we must strive to conserve is hunters. Introduce someone new to target shooting, hunting, or fishing. It only takes a moment, to make a moment!

## R3 Recipes to Share!

### Wild Turkey Crunch Wrap Supreme for Two!

By: Ryan Risher, R3 Coordinator

#### Ingredients:

- Two turkey tenderloins
- Choice of cooking oil
- 1 egg (whisked)
- ¼ cup flour
- ¼ cup panko breadcrumbs & 1 TBSP Lemon Pepper Seasoning mixture
- 4 oz Pepper jack Cheese
- 12" Flour Tortilla (2)
- 8" Flour Tortilla (2)
- Tostada Shell (2)
- 1 Avocado (sliced)
- Shredded Lettuce
- 1 Large. Tomato (Diced)
- ¼ red/green bell pepper (diced)
- Sour Cream (optional)

#### Directions:

1. Heat oil in skillet on medium to high heat. Pat tenderloins dry with paper towel, coat in flour, and dip into egg.
2. Coat Tenderloins in breading/seasoning mixture and place in skillet. Cook 3-5 minutes on both sides, until golden brown.
3. Remove from skillet and slice into ½" strips (against the grain). Set aside.
4. On large tortilla, layer: cheese, avocado, turkey, tostada, & remainder vegetables. (Do not over fill)
5. Place smaller tortilla on top to encase ingredients. Fold the edges of the larger tortilla tightly over smaller tortilla.
6. In a heated and lightly oiled skillet, place folded crunch wrap supreme seam side down first, to seal your supreme.
7. Carefully flip after 1-2 minutes and cook for another 1-2 minutes or until both sides are golden brown.
8. Remove from skillet and serve hot with sour cream.

\*This recipe makes two crunch wraps supreme. ENJOY!

Do you have a recipe you would like to share? Send the full recipe to [R3mentoredhunt@dep.nj.gov](mailto:R3mentoredhunt@dep.nj.gov) to be featured on an upcoming newsletter!

#### Seasonal Sights:

