



Outdoor Women of New Jersey's Coastal Waterfowl Mentored Hunt

Virtual: Nov. 16 – 30, 2021

Mentored Hunt: December 3-4, 2021



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The Women's Coastal Waterfowl Mentored Hunt is part of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's "Outdoor Women of New Jersey" (O.W.N.J.) program. O.W.N.J. workshops are designed to provide **women 18 years of age or older** with a welcoming environment in which to learn outdoor skills. These workshops are for newcomers and experienced outdoors women, outdoor enthusiasts who wants to learn new skills, or someone who wishes to network with others.

Workshop Overview: This workshop will be offered in two segments: virtual and a mentored hunt. **You must participate in the virtual portion to be eligible to participate in the mentored hunt.** (Please note: You may participate in the virtual only without participating in the mentored hunt.)

This workshop is for women who are proficient in firearms and have some hunting experience but are interested in learning about coastal waterfowl hunting.

Virtual Portion: Online content paired with virtual meetups.

Topics covered: history of waterfowl hunting; waterfowl biology and identification; hunting regulations, equipment, and techniques; and more!

Virtual Meetups will be held on the following:

Nov. 16 @ 6:30p.m. – Welcome, Program Overview and Goals

Nov. 23 @ 6:30p.m. – Discussion, Q&A for Week 1 Content

Nov. 30 @ 6:30p.m. – Discussion, Q&A for Week 2 Content, Mentored Hunt Prep

Workshop Fee: **Virtual and Mentored Hunt - \$30.00**, covers meals (to be paid after selected for hunt)

Mentored Hunt Facilities: The Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center is a rustic, renovated duck hunting lodge situated on an island, a mile from Island Beach State Park, in Barnegat Bay. A short boat ride will transport participants to the island. The facility does not have central heat, but space heaters will be available. The facility is completely off-grid; composting toilets handle human waste, a shallow well provides running water for hand washing, and potable water is brought to the island.

Registration:

Mentored Hunt: The workshop is limited to 12 women hunters who will be selected based on current/previous outdoor recreation and firearm experience. All applicants will be notified by email on November 8, 2021. To apply please complete the R3 Mentee Application Form found [HERE](#) and submit it to r3mentoredhunt@dep.nj.gov. When submitting your application please put Coastal Waterfowl in the subject line of the email.

The registration deadline is November 5, 2021.

Mentored Hunt Requirements: Participants must be at least 18 years of age; you will be taking part in an actual waterfowl hunt. **You must have completed a Hunter Education course and possess the following by the date of the workshop:** a valid 2021 New Jersey hunting license, a NJ Waterfowl Stamp Certification, a Migratory Bird Hunting & Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp), and a HIP certification. Participants must also bring a firearm, waders, rain gear, cold weather gear, gloves, and a face mask. Ammunition will be provided.

Lodging and Meals: Lodging will be on your own. A list of local hotels will be provided. All meals will be provided.

Questions? Contact Karen Byrne at karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov or (609) 947-1201.

All Division of Fish and Wildlife programs strictly adhere to current New Jersey COVID-19 safety protocols.