DEER NEW JERSEY,

Let's find balance for our forests, farms, and families.

PROSPECTIVE HUNTER GUIDE

For people ready to learn at their own pace

LOCAL FOOD • HEALTHIER LAND • SAFER COMMUNITIES

Becoming a guardian hunter.

Build outdoor skills, put high-quality food on the table and help bring deer into balance with the land.



WHY CONSIDER HUNTING?

Connect with nature and tradition, nourish family and neighbors, and contribute directly to healthier forests, farms and deer herds.

YOU SET THE PACE

New Jersey provides required safety education, clear rules and a field session. Mentors and local organizations can help at every stage.

YOUR PATH FROM INTEREST TO FIRST HARVEST

1	**COMPLETE ONLINE TRAINING**	Take New Jersey's hunter education course, save your proof and keep your nine-digit Conservation ID number.
2	**CHOOSE + LEARN EQUIPMENT**	Decide between archery and firearm hunting. Get properly fitted equipment and learn from a knowledgeable person.
3	**PRACTICE + PASS THE FIELD SESSION**	Build confidence at a range, then complete the State live-fire session and receive your Hunter Education card.
4	**GET LICENSED + PERMITTED**	Purchase your annual hunting license and the permit for the correct deer zone, season and hunting method.
5	**FIND PEOPLE + A PLACE**	Join a group, find a mentor and explore federal, state, county, municipal, nonprofit and private lands.
6	**PLAN THE WHOLE HARVEST**	Scout, learn the rules, and prepare for tracking, reporting, field dressing, transport, butchering and sharing venison.

Your first step starts here.

Deer New Jersey can help you navigate training, mentors, land access and what to do after the shot.

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