



State of New Jersey  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Fish & Wildlife  
Shooting Preserve Permits  
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Dear Semi-Wild Shooting Preserve Applicant:

Please read this letter carefully, as some information has been recently updated. Attached you will find updated Semi-Wild Shooting Preserve information, along with the permit application and supplemental forms that may be required to submit with your application. They may also be downloaded at: <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/wildlife/semi-wild-shooting-preserve-information/>. If you are unable to download these forms, contact the Wildlife Permits Unit at or [NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov](mailto:NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov) for assistance.

**Applications must be received by October 1** to ensure that they will be received on time. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received. Any permit applications or game bird tag requests received after October 1 will be processed with the potential for major delay due to limited staff. It is strongly recommended that you submit all application materials before October 1 and **request all the necessary tags prior to October 1** to ensure that you receive all materials.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** No new shooting preserves may stock bobwhite quail since the Fish & Game Council voted to close the quail hunting season in 2009. If you have been stocking quail since before the closing of the season, you may continue to do so. If quail are not stocked in consecutive years, you are no longer authorized to stock quail.

The Semi-Wild Shooting Preserve Permit fee is \$75.00 with a \$2.00 application fee.

**Applications:**

Incomplete applications or applications with incorrect information will be denied.

- Be sure to complete the entire application.
- The contact person must sign and date the form.
- Block/lot numbers on the map must match those listed on the application.

**Contract for Birds:**

- You must submit a contract for birds from a currently licensed supplier.
- The minimum stocking requirement is one (1) bird per acre up to 200 acres. Facilities with more than 200 acres must stock a minimum of 200 birds.
- If you are getting your birds from out of state, you must complete and submit an Application to Import Game Birds (see link below) along with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and required test results. Importation permits require a minimum of 2 weeks to process.

**Verification of Lease:**

- If you are leasing property, you must complete and submit a Verification of Lease form.
- Both parties must sign the form.
- The lease must cover the entire hunting season.

**Maps:**

Maps are now only required for new shooting preserves and previously permitted shooting preserves that have had recent changes in huntable property. If you are submitting a new map, you must note any changes of land previously approved by NJFW.

Tax maps must be 8.5" x 11" and must include the following:

- Pre-printed block/lot numbers and acreage.
- Printed club name and permit number.
- Property outlined in red.
- All buildings and dwellings on the property marked or noted that there are NO buildings/dwellings.
- All safety zones marked.

Maps without complete and accurate information will result in your application being delayed.

Site inspections by a NJFW Conservation Police Officer are conducted prior to the approval of all new applications, applications with recent property changes, and any application in which there appears to be a safety problem or complaint. If a site inspection is conducted after a permit has been issued, and maps or information that has been provided in the permit application are found to be inaccurate, NJFW may revoke the permit.

If you intend to purchase game birds from another state, you must apply for a Permit to Import Game Birds. Importation permits are issued at no cost and are available at [https://dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/njfw/game\\_import-bird.pdf](https://dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/njfw/game_import-bird.pdf).

Hunters under the age of 16 are required to display a NJ Youth Hunting License. NJ Youth Hunting Licenses may be obtained at any authorized licensed agent. A list of agents is available on our website at: <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/licenses-and-permits/license-agents/>.

If you raise and stock game birds for your own use on your Semi-Wild Shooting Preserve, you are not required to have a Propagation and Sales Permit. However, preserves selling game birds are required to obtain a Propagation and Sales Permit. Captive Game permits cost \$12.00 and are available on our website at <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/wildlife/captive-game-information-and-application-forms/>, by emailing [NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov](mailto:NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov).

For further information, contact the Wildlife Permits Unit at [NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov](mailto:NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov).