



Outdoor Women of New Jersey's Waterfowl Hunt for Beginners

December 1-2, 2017
1:00 pm on Dec. 1 to 4:30 pm on Dec. 2



The Women's Waterfowl Hunt for Beginners is part of the NJ 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 you if you are a newcomer to the outdoors, an outdoor enthusiast who wants to learn new skills, or someone who wishes to network with other outdoor enthusiasts.

Workshop Overview:

This workshop offers women who want to try waterfowl hunting for the first time or who are novice waterfowl hunters the opportunity to learn about the history of waterfowl hunting, waterfowl biology and identification, hunting regulations, equipment and techniques, game cooking and more, and experience a quality, guided waterfowl hunt. Participants will meet at 1:00 p.m. at Island Beach State Park in Seaside Park, NJ on December 1st to register and travel to Sedge Island by pontoon boat. The entire workshop will be held on Sedge Island. Friday afternoon and evening will be spent receiving instruction from Division biologists and expert waterfowl hunters. On Saturday, participants will be teamed with an experienced instructor for the morning waterfowl hunt, followed by cleaning and cooking waterfowl.

Workshop Fee:

\$25.00. Fee includes transportation to and from Sedge Island, ammunition, and food.

Facilities:

The Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center is a historic, renovated duck hunting lodge situated on an island, a mile offshore from Island Beach State Park, in Barnegat Bay. It is now used as a residential environmental education facility for the Division's Marine Education Program. There are facilities at the lodge that will help make the overnight workshop comfortable – like a composting toilet and running water, screened-in porch, living room, dining room and space heaters.

Registration:

Complete the registration form on page 2, make check or money order for \$25.00 payable the **NJOA-EP** (NJ Outdoor Alliance-Environmental Projects) and mail to: Michelle Smith, NJDEP Division of Fish & Wildlife, 1 Eldridge Road, Robbinsville, NJ 08691. **Registration deadline is October 27, 2017**, provided space is still available. No registrations will be accepted after that date.

Upon receipt of your registration and payment, you will be **e-mailed** a confirmation notice. A detailed message with directions, and a list of items you need to bring to be prepared will be emailed to you approximately 2 weeks before the event. **NOTE:** Registration is **limited to 12 participants** and registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Requirements:

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and will be taking part in an actual waterfowl hunt. **You must have completed a Hunter Education course and possess the following by the workshop:** a valid 2017 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.



Cancellation:

The deadline for cancellation is November 8, 2017. If you cancel before that date, you will receive a full refund. After that date, no refunds will be issued. You may send a substitute if you are unable to attend provided they complete the application form and requirements prior to the event.

Questions?

Contact Michelle Smith at Michelle.Smith@dep.nj.gov or (609) 259-6961.

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