

ATTENTION

The 2018-19 Union County Deer Management Program

will be conducted in

Watchung Reservation

Berkeley Hts., Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit

Lenape & Nomahegan Parks

Cranford, Kenilworth, Springfield, Union, Westfield

Passaic River Park

Summit

Ash Brook Reservation & Oak Ridge Park

Clark, Scotch Plains

Elizabeth River Park

Hillside

Hawk Rise Sanctuary

Linden

Cushing Road Detention Basin

Plainfield

October 1, 2018 to March 1, 2019

The County of Union will conduct a deer management program in nine parks to prevent the destruction of native park vegetation, minimize damage to residential landscaping, and reduce deer-related motor vehicle accidents.

Carefully selected hunters, sitting in elevated tree stands, will use shotguns and crossbows to remove deer. Hunting will occur during daylight hours only. Any evidence of hunting being conducted on other dates or after dark should be reported immediately to the Union County Police at 908-654-9800.

Crossbow hunting can occur on all weekdays, morning and afternoon, between October 1 and December 31 in the Watchung Reservation, Lenape Park, Ash Brook Reservation, Oak Ridge Park, Passaic River Park in Summit, and the Hawk Rise Sanctuary/Linden Municipal Landfill. It may also be conducted on weekdays from January 1 to February 16 in the Acadia Arboretum section of the Watchung Reservation in Scotch Plains and Mountainside, Passaic River Park in Summit, Nomahegan Park, Elizabeth River Park in Hillside and the Cushing Road Detention Basin in Plainfield (afternoons only)

The shotgun program will operate one day per week from January 7 to March 1. Hunting will generally occur on Mondays; if inclement weather or a holiday precludes hunting on a Monday, the program will be re-scheduled for that week to Wednesday or Friday. January 7 and 14 will be full days of hunting. On the six other days, hunting will only occur in the afternoon. Shotgun hunting will be conducted in the Watchung Reservation, Lenape Park, Ash Brook Reservation, Oak Ridge Park and the Hawk Rise Sanctuary.

Most parks will not be closed during hunting. Park users should stay on the paths or trails. Pets should always be restrained on a leash. Some venison generated by this program will be distributed to the needy and homeless through New Jersey food banks.

Complete details are available at www.ucnj.org/deer. Questions can be directed to deer@ucnj.org or 908-527-4900.