

# Field Notes...



## Noteworthy news from the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources

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### Noteworthy Dates

- **October 15. Statewide Trout Season Ends But Opportunities Abound!**

The statewide trout season ended on October 15; however, most counties offer an extended trout fishing season on selected bodies of water. To find out which bodies of water still have trout fishing opportunities, check out the [fishing regulations](#) webpage and review the regulations for the Great Lakes and tributaries, Finger Lakes and tributaries, Lake Champlain, Border Waters, NYC Reservoirs, and Special Regulations by County. There is bound to be a trout fishing opportunity near you!

### Fall Hunting

Mark your calendars! The following list identifies the upcoming fall hunting opportunities for various areas across the state on October 23, 2010. To find all available hunting dates, visit the [Hunting Seasons](#) webpage.

- **October 23. Fall Turkey Hunting.**

On October 23, 2010, the fall turkey hunting season will be open for New York's Western and Central Wildlife Management Units (WMUs), and will be closed for northern WMUs. A detailed map of open and closed WMUs can be found on the [Turkey Hunting Season Map](#).

- **October 23. Northern Zone Big Game Hunting.**

On October 23, 2010, the regular firearm deer and bear hunting season will be open, and bowhunting and muzzleloading privileges will be closed in Northern areas of the State. View the [Deer and Bear Hunting Seasons](#) webpage for details on the open and closed Wildlife Management Units (WMUs).

- **October 23. Waterfowl Hunting.**

October 23, 2010 marks the opening day for ducks, coots, mergansers, and Canada geese in many areas of the state. Find details on season dates, hunting zones, and bag limits by visiting the [2010-11 Waterfowl Seasons](#) webpage. Waterfowl hunters must register with the federal [Harvest Information Program](#) at [www.ny-hip.com](http://www.ny-hip.com), and hunters age 16 or older must have a [2010-11 federal duck stamp](#)



### **REMEMBER: REPORT YOUR HARVEST.**

Please remember that reporting take on deer, bear, and/or turkey within the first 48 hours of kill is a requirement in New York State. Reporting your game take is mandatory and necessary for proper game management, to determine game harvests and to set future hunting seasons. Simply report your take [online](#), or by calling toll-free at 1-866-GAME-RPT (1-866-426-3778).

*Click on the icon to get started  
on your harvest report!*

## **Significant Notes**

- **DFWMR August Monthly Highlights Available.**  
Get the latest information on our fish and wildlife program activities by reading through the [Division's August Monthly Highlights](#) (PDF, 535 kb). In it you'll find a variety of topics, including: a survey on undocumented wild brook trout populations, a black tern success story in Montezuma Wetlands, an invasive species eradication event, an assessment on Lake Ontario and Lake Erie fish populations, an update on remapping New York's wetlands, and more!
- **Maps for the Outdoors on DEC's Mapping Gateway.**  
Check out [DEC's Mapping Gateway](#) for useful mapping tools to help you plan your next outdoor excursion. Find a map for any adventure, whether that is planning your next hiking trek, preparing for a hunting or fishing trip, finding a new campground to explore, or site-seeing for New York's watchable wildlife. The maps can be viewed with our [State Lands Interactive Mapper](#) or with [Google Maps](#) or [Google Earth](#). Some maps offered on our Mapping Gateway include: state managed lands, public fishing access points, over 2,400 miles of trails, license sales agents, watchable wildlife sites, state campgrounds, accessible recreation destinations, boat launch sites, ecological zones of NY, and much more.
- **Conservation Fund Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Online.**  
The Conservation Fund Advisory Board (CFAB) [September 2010 Meeting Minutes](#) (pdf, 5.8 mb) are now available to review online. Also available is the new [CFAB Correspondences](#) webpage, containing letters written by CFAB concerning various sportsmen issues and funding matters associated with the State's Fish and Wildlife programs.

## Did You Know...?



Preparing for the winter, the Eastern gray squirrel can gather and hide up to 25 nuts in half an hour, storing them in tree cavities or underground.

As winter snow arrives, a gray squirrel uses its keen sense of smell to find hidden nuts; sometimes finding stored food as far as 12 inches beneath the snow!

*~Photo courtesy of Kentucky State Parks*

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