



Understanding the habits and habitats of wildlife, and taking appropriate measures to prevent unwanted encounters, will help everyone to continue to enjoy the wonderful wild resources that still exist in New Jersey.

The Mercer County Wildlife Center is located on Route 29, approximately twelve miles north of Trenton, NJ and three miles south of Lambertville, NJ. The Center is open 365 days a year and is directed by a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Trained and dedicated full-time and seasonal employees, volunteers, and interns help us care for the animals.

If you find an animal in distress, please call us. The animal may not actually need assistance and removing it from its environment may cause more harm. We may advise you to bring the animal to us. The Mercer County Wildlife Center is not equipped to provide a pick-up service. In the meantime, please keep it warm and quiet. Handle it as little as possible and keep it away from pets and children.

Do not attempt feed the animal or force it to drink water! Any attempt to offer food or water may not be in the best interest of the animal. In fact, it may actually cause harm.

The Center cannot accept domestic animals as patients; however, we would be happy to provide a referral.

While the primary purpose of the Center is to provide a community resource to handle wildlife questions and problems, of equal importance are the educational opportunities available through the Center.





About Mercer County Wildlife Center

The Mercer County Wildlife Center is a state and federally licensed facility that cares for injured, ill and displaced wildlife. The Center provides these animals with the medical treatment and a temporary refuge before releasing them back into an appropriate wild habitat.

For more information regarding the work we do and the animals who share our environment, including a series of printable brochures that provide tips for coexisting peacefully with those animals, visit us online at: www.mercercountyparks.org/facilities/wildlife-center

For information on protecting bee hives and livestock, contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Control Unit at (908) 735-8793.

Mercer County Wildlife Center believes that education is the key to a peaceful coexistence among the varied inhabitants of the planet. A group of animals with permanent disabilities are sheltered and cared for at the Center. These animals travel to schools and community organizations throughout the year, acting as ambassadors for their wild counterparts.

Comprehensive education presentations, featuring live animals, are available upon request, for a nominal fee.

Who We Are

The goal of the Mercer County Wildlife Center is to protect the future of our native wildlife species through education, rehabilitation, and release.

As human development continues along the east coast corridor, the suitable habitat available to wildlife is ever decreasing. This leads to more human contact, which in turn results in an increased risk of injury for the animals.

The Center cares for injured, ill, and displaced native wildlife, providing medical treatment and a temporary refuge prior to release back into an appropriate wild habitat.

We are a state and federally licensed facility accepting birds and mammals from the central New Jersey area. All services provided by the Center are free of charge to those who bring animals in need of care. Donations are appreciated.

You can help the wildlife in our care by donating your time or resources.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Wildlife care technicians help with the cleaning, diet preparation, and other various behind the scenes care of wildlife patients
- Community outreach volunteers to greet the public at community events, raise funds by selling merchandise, and educate others about wildlife by distributing literature.
- General facilities maintenance

For more information about these volunteer positions, call the Volunteer Coordinator at (609) 303-0552 ext 103.

Wish list items:

Caring for the injured, ill, or displaced animals that come through our door involves various supplies, many of which you probably use in your own home. Visit our website to see our complete wish list.

- Paper Towels
- Arm + Hammer Laundry Detergent
- Copier Paper
- Bleach
- Pedialyte
- Receiving Blankets
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- Large 38 Gallon Trash Bags



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