



Maryland

National Wild Turkey Federation



The NWTF is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to conserve the American wild turkey and preserve the country's hunting heritage.

(.88 of your dollars are spent on conservation and 600,000.00 is spent currently on the transmitter program)



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Start-up chapter opportunities in our state:

- > Baltimore County
- > Dorchester County (Cambridge)
- > Montgomery County
- > Washington County
- > Central Maryland

Finding a chapter in your local area is the best way to find out about upcoming NWTF events or to get plugged in with the NWTF family flock and learn more about volunteer opportunities, whether for fundraising banquets, outreach events or conservation projects. If there are no local chapters, consider reaching out to inquire about starting a chapter in your hometown.

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HABITAT

The Maryland NWTF (MD-NWTF) contributed over \$30,000 in funding for habitat management on public lands across the state of Maryland in 2024-2025. Habitat management projects include the purchase of a combination of lime, fertilizer, and seed in each of the western, central, and eastern shore regions of the state for wildlife opening maintenance, herbicide treatments in the mid-shore and lower shore regions targeting noxious and invasive plant species, and purchase of herbicide spray rigs for trucks and UTVs as well as the purchase of prescribed fire equipment for the central region.

RESEARCH

The Maryland DNR has undertaken a large wild turkey research project investigating how weather, predators, disease, and habitat impact nesting success and survival of females. Gobbler survival, harvest rates, breeding season timing, and other valuable data will also be collected. MD-NWTF has provided \$20,000 towards the purchase of GPS transmitters used for tracking individual wild turkeys and has provided reward band payments to lucky hunters who have harvested a gobbler tagged with a reward band.

SEED PROGRAM

The NWTF Conservation Seed Program helps seed companies distribute outdated commercial seed that can only be used for conservation purposes. The companies dispose of the surplus, treated seeds they can no longer sell by providing it to the NWTF. MD-NWTF participates in the Conservation Seed Program and offers seed at a nominal cost to members through the local chapter system. If you are a member, please get in touch with your local chapter about requesting seed.

OUTREACH

MD-NWTF has allocated over \$18,000 for education and outreach events in 2024-2025. Events include youth field days (JAKES), Women in the Outdoor (WITO), and Wheelin Sportsmen (Wheelin). Marquee events include the Wheelin Sportsmen hunt on Assateague, First Shot spring turkey hunt at Blackwater, and the National Archery in the Schools program. Local chapters host or sponsor events within their area. If interested in finding an outreach event in your area, check out www.nwtf.org/events.

To register for any of our Hunting Heritage Programs in your area, visit:

www.nwtf.org

MID-SHORE
Allen Spray 302-922-0549
Banquet October 5, 2024

CHESAPEAKE LONGBEARDS
Jay Johnson 301-399-0880
Banquet February 2025

WYE OAK LONGSPURS
Kenny Ervin 410-708-0787
Banquet March 2025

WESTERN MARYLAND
Joe Mills 304-590-4300
Banquet June 2025

STATE LINE STRUTTERS
Mike Moore 443-206-9105
Banquet October 24, 2024

FREE STATE CHAPTER
William Valentine 410-952 6748
Banquet February 2025

SOUTHERN MARYLAND
Steve Berry 301-752-4292
Banquet March 2025

MONOCACY VALLEY
Russ Leith 443-677-3669
Banquet February 1, 2025

PATUXENT RIVER
Billy Price 301-481-1266
Banquet March 2025

BAY SHORE GOBBLERS
Dean Ennis 410-603-7281
Banquet April 2025



The key to conserving wild turkeys and preserving our hunting heritage is you! Please consider joining the NWTF!

We're making Maryland the best it can be for the people and wildlife who call it home.