

Bear cub orphaned in Allamuchy State Park hunting accident dies, report says



Woodlands Wildlife Refuge Executive Director Tracy Leaver holds two, weeks-old bear cubs. The cubs, nicknamed Mike and Ike, were orphaned in Allamuchy State Park when a hunter stumbled onto a den and defended himself by shooting the mother bear. (Andre Malok | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com)



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One of two bear cubs being cared for at a wildlife refuge in Hunterdon County after their mother was killed in a hunting accident in **Allamuchy State Park** has



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died, [nj.com reports](#).

"Mike and Ike," as the cubs were nicknamed, lost their mother when a deer hunter stumbled into their den. The hunter reportedly shot her in self-defense as she guarded them. Two other bear cubs were likely crushed during the encounter, [nj.com reported](#).

Biologists from the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife brought the surviving cubs to Woodlands Wildlife Refuge in [Alexandria Township](#), [nj.com reported](#).

Ike died over the weekend, [nj.com reports](#). He and Mike had been recovering last week and were ready to be moved from a small incubator to a larger cage.

Mike is estimated to be four weeks old and will continue his recovery at the refuge, [nj.com's report says](#). Executive Director Tracy Leaver wants to take him back into the wild in early March if she and biologists from the Division of Fish and Wildlife can find a nursing mother bear for him, [nj.com reports](#).

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