



News for conservation patrons, potential patrons, and other fishing & hunting license buyers.

Wisconsin offers a wide range of outdoor recreational opportunities. License sales support the programs that make Wisconsin one of the best states for hunting and fishing.

Mark your calendar: 2011 licenses go on sale March 9.

Current licenses expire on March 31, 2011.

Purchasing a license is fast and easy!

BUY ONLINE:

Purchase a license from the convenience of your home by visiting our website at dnr.wi.gov. Online orders can be billed to either MasterCard or Visa, with a handling fee. Many licenses can be printed right at home.

VISIT A LICENSE SALES AGENT LOCATION:

Did you know there are over 1,300 sporting goods stores, merchants and resorts throughout the state where you can purchase recreational licenses? For a list of license agents in your area and to find out when your nearest service center is open, visit dnr.wi.gov.

PURCHASE BY PHONE:

Call toll-free 1-877-WI LICENSE (1-877-945-4236). Phone orders can be billed to either MasterCard or Visa for a \$3 handling fee.

A list of license fees is available at dnr.wi.gov.

Reserve a backtag number?

Conservation Patron and Sports License holders have the option of reserving a four-digit backtag number for a \$5 annual fee on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve your backtag number before buying or renewing a license. That backtag number will continue to be reserved for your use until you request otherwise or do not purchase a Patron or Sports License for two consecutive years. To reserve or relinquish your backtag number, call (608) 266-7030 or send an e-mail to sue.meyer@wisconsin.gov

Continue the tradition

Wisconsin's Mentored Hunting Program

- Share the tradition
- Create new memories
- Make a difference
- Become a mentor

Visit the DNR website at dnr.wi.gov for more information.



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Congratulations to the 2011 Wisconsin wildlife stamp art winners!



Steven A. Hovel, DeForest

Vernon Javes, Appleton

James Pieper, Iron Ridge

Thank you for supporting the Conservation Patron License program. The Patron License covers a variety of hunting and fishing activities.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Annual fishing
- Great Lakes trout stamp privilege
- Inland trout stamp privilege
- Sturgeon hook & line tags
- Small game hunting
- Pheasant stamp privilege
- Gun deer hunting
- Archery hunting
- Trapping license
- Otter application
- Fisher application
- Turkey applications (spring & fall)
- Turkey licenses and stamp privilege (spring & fall)
- Early goose permit
- Exterior Zone goose permit or Horicon goose application
- State waterfowl stamp privilege
- Annual park sticker *
- State trail pass *
- Admission to Heritage Hill State Park*
- Subscription to *Wisconsin Natural Resources* magazine*

*Not included with the Junior Patron License

FEES:

- Resident Patron \$165
- Resident Jr. Patron \$75
- Nonresident Patron \$600
- Nonresident Jr. Patron \$77

Get the lead out!

It makes sense now, before you go fishing, to get your tackle box in order. Consider it a rite of spring along with cleaning out the garden and the garage. Getting organized will allow you to spend more time fishing and less time digging for what you need. And while you are sorting the sinkers and the reels, the DNR is asking that you consider swapping out the lead tackle for less toxic hardware.

Lead is a toxic metal that can poison people and animals such as loons, bald eagles, trumpeter swans, great blue herons and snapping turtles. All it takes is one ingested lead sinker to kill a 12-pound loon.

Lead poisoning from ingested tackle usually occurs in one of two ways. A lead jig head is swallowed by a fish which is then eaten by a water bird, or lost lead tackle and shot are picked up along with small stones and grit from the bottom of lakes by water birds to help digest food.

Switching to nonlead tackle is a fairly inexpensive and easy way to make a difference. Sinkers and jigs are also made from safer materials such as steel, tin, tungsten, bismuth, pewter, ceramic, densified plastic and glass. These alternatives are available on the Internet and in some bait and tackle shops. Nonlead tackle is generally only pennies more than lead equivalents. Consider asking your favorite bait/tackle shop to carry lead alternative fishing tackle.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES ARE READY TO HELP YOU!

*Cómo puedo ayudarle?
Kuv pab koj tau licas?*

**CALL US TOLL-FREE
1-888-WDNRINFO (1-888-936-7463)**

DNR has Customer Service Representatives available seven days per week (7 a.m. – 10 p.m.)

Our representatives are ready to assist you on a wide range of subjects, including fish and game regulations, permits, which carcass tag to use while deer hunting or just helping you to fill out a form. They can refer you to the right person within the DNR who has the expertise on specific programs. If you have a question when you are out in the field hunting or on the water fishing, just call! It doesn't matter where you live, the Customer Service Representatives will be able to help you. Bilingual services also are available when calling.

VISIT DNR'S WEBSITE

dnr.wi.gov

Our website is filled with valuable information. We think that in many cases, you will find answers to your questions or information you need just by visiting us online.

CHAT WITH US ONLINE

(7 a.m. – 9:45 p.m.)

You can have a conversation with one of our Customer Service Representatives without even picking up the phone. You can chat directly with a staff member who will be happy to answer your questions or provide you with the information you need. Just select "Contact Us" from our web page.

E-MAIL US

Send us an e-mail at csweb@wisconsin.gov to ask a question, request information or make a comment. You may find this especially useful if you think of a question during the hours the Call Center is closed.

SUBSCRIBE TO DNR UPDATES

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources offers updates on a number of topics relating to customer interests. You can decide which topics you are interested in and receive periodic updates throughout the year on the topics you choose.

New!

You can now renew your ATV, boat and snowmobile at over 100 Vehicle Registration Agents.

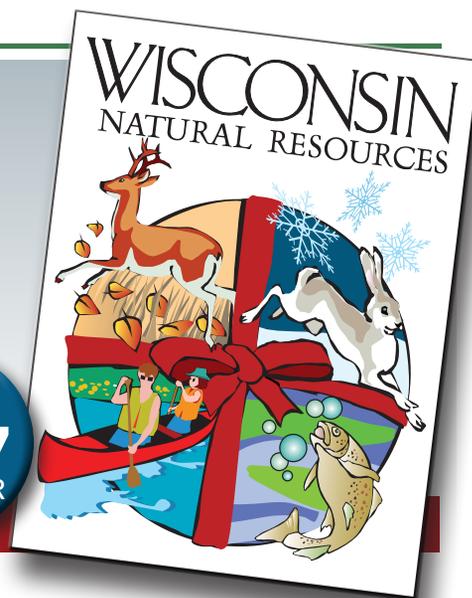
Visit our website and search "Registration Agent" to find one near you!



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2011 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

GET YOUR REGULATIONS FASTER!

Visit dnr.wi.gov to view regulations up to one month before they are printed.

Some seasons may be subject to change.

Consult the hunting regulation pamphlet(s) or dnr.wi.gov before going hunting.



DEER**

Bow	September 17 - November 17 November 28 - January 8, 2012
Gun	November 19 - November 27
Muzzleloader	November 28 - December 7
Youth Deer Hunt	October 8 - October 9
Statewide Antlerless Hunt	December 8 - December 11
October Antlerless Hunt for CWD and other authorized units	October 13 - October 16**

** Check the 2011 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for a complete set of dates and units, including CWD units.

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone	September 17 - February 29, 2012
Southern Zone	October 15 (noon) - February 29, 2012

Squirrels, Gray and Fox

Statewide	September 17 - January 31, 2012
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GAME BIRDS

Pheasant

Statewide	October 15 (noon) - December 31
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Bobwhite Quail

Statewide	October 15 (noon) - December 7
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Ruffed Grouse

Zone A	September 17 - January 31, 2012
Zone B	October 15 - December 8

Sharp-tailed Grouse

October 15 - November 6

Hungarian Partridge

Statewide*	October 15 (noon) - December 31
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* Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

Crow

January 18 - March 20 September 17 - November 17

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Woodcock

September 24 - November 7

Mourning Dove

Statewide	September 1 - November 9
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WATERFOWL

Canada Goose

Early Goose Season	September 1 - 15
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Waterfowl

Season dates for waterfowl vary annually. Duck and regular season goose regulations will not be available until August.

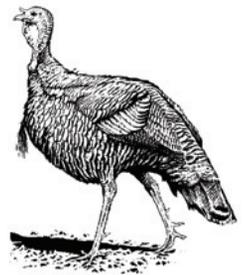
TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt	April 9 - 10
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Open Zones

Spring

Period A	April 13 - 17
Period B	April 20 - 24
Period C	April 27 - May 1
Period D	May 4 - 8
Period E	May 11 - 15
Period F	May 18 - 22



Fall

September 17 - November 17

It's possible that the fall season will be extended for zones 1-5 from November 28 - December 31. See the 2011 Wisconsin Small Game Hunting Regulations for details.

BEAR

Zone C where dogs **are not** permitted:
September 7 - October 11

All other zones where dogs are permitted:
September 7 - September 13
• with aid of dogs only

September 14 - October 4
• with aid of dogs
• with aid of bait
• with all other legal methods

October 5 - October 11
• with aid of bait
• with all other legal methods not
utilizing dogs

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species such as badger, woodchuck, wolf, jackrabbit and flying squirrel is prohibited. See 2011 Small Game Regulations for more details.

FURBEARERS



Coyote

Hunting
Continuous open season except closed in the northern Wisconsin wolf management zone during an October antlerless only firearm deer hunt, the regular gun deer season, December antlerless only hunt, and muzzleloader seasons.

Trapping October 15 - February 15, 2012

Beaver

Trapping Only
Zone A (Northwest) November 5 - April 30, 2012
Zone B (Northeast) November 5 - April 30, 2012
Zone C (South) November 5 - March 31, 2012
Zone D (Mississippi River) Day after duck season closes to March 15, 2012

Mink

Trapping Only
North Zone October 15 - February 29, 2012
South Zone October 29 - February 29, 2012
Winnebago Zone October 29 - March 15, 2012
Mississippi River Zone Begins the day after duck season closes or the second Monday in November, whichever comes first, and ends on February 29, 2012.

Muskrat

Trapping Only
North Zone October 15 - February 29, 2012
South Zone October 29 - February 29, 2012
Winnebago Zone October 29 - March 15, 2012
Mississippi River Zone Begins the day after duck season closes or the second Monday in November, whichever comes first, and ends on February 29, 2012.

Fox, Red and Gray

Hunting and Trapping October 15 - February 15, 2012

Bobcat

Hunting and Trapping - Permits required
North of Hwy 64 Only
Period 1 October 15 - December 25
Period 2 December 26 - January 31, 2012

Fisher

Trapping Only - Permits required
Various Zones October 15 - December 31

Otter

Trapping Only - Permits required
North Zone November 5 - April 30, 2012
Central Zone November 5 - March 31, 2012
South Zone November 5 - March 31, 2012

Raccoon

Resident Hunting and Trapping October 15 - February 15, 2012
Nonresident Hunting and Trapping October 29 - February 15, 2012

Opossum, Skunk, Weasel and Snowshoe Hare

No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits.

Questions?

Contact the DNR Call Center toll-free at 1-888-WDNRINFO (1-888-936-7463) • local 608-266-2621. **Staff are available 7 days a week from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.**

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El personal también está disponible para asistir a clientes de habla hispana en nuestro número gratuito. El personal que habla español está disponible 7 días a la semana a partir de la 7 de mañana hasta 10 p.m.

Customer service representatives at service centers are also available to assist you but have limited hours and days open for counter services. See below.

Office hours: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

					Open	Closed	(Subject to change)			
	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F
Antigo	Open									
Ashland	Open									
Baldwin			Open		Open					
Black River Falls		Open	Open	Open	Open					
Cumberland	Open									
Dodgeville		Open								
Eau Claire		Open		Open	Open					
Fitchburg		Open		Open	Open					
Green Bay		Open		Open	Open					
Hayward			Open							
Horicon		Open								
Janesville	Open		Open							
La Crosse	Open									
Ladysmith		Open								
Milwaukee		Open		Open	Open					
Oshkosh				Open						
Park Falls				Open						
Peshigo			Open							
Plymouth		Open		Open						
Poynette		Open								
Rhineland		Open		Open						
Spooner		Open		Open	Open					
Sturgeon Bay		Open								
Sturtevant		Open		Open						
Superior			Open	Open	Open					
Waukesha		Open		Open						
Wausau				Open	Open					
Wautoma		Open								
Wisconsin Rapids		Open								
Woodruff		Open		Open	Open					

Permit Application Deadlines

Horicon Zone Goose Season	August 1
Fall Turkey (paper application)*	August 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse	August 1
Bobcat	August 1
Otter	August 1
Fisher	August 1
Spring Turkey (paper application)*	December 10
Bear	December 10

Drawing Dates

Horicon Zone Goose Season	Late August
Fall Turkey	Late August
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Mid-September
Bobcat	Mid-September
Otter	Mid-September
Fisher	Mid-September
Spring Turkey	Late January
Bear	Early February

To check your drawing status go to: dnr.wi.gov

* Paper applications must be postmarked by the deadline.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunity in its employment, programs, services and functions under an Affirmative Action Plan. If you have any questions, please write to Equal Opportunity Office, Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

The Department of Natural Resources is committed to serving people with disabilities. If you need this information in an alternative format, please call 608-266-8204.

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