

2015 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

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Some seasons may be subject to change. Consult the hunting regulation pamphlet(s) or dnr.wi.gov before going hunting.



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DEER *

Archery & Crossbow	Sept. 12 - Jan. 3, 2016
Youth Deer Hunt	Oct. 10 & 11
Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities [▲]	Oct. 3 - 11
Gun	Nov. 21 - 29
Muzzleloader	Nov. 30 - Dec. 9
Central Forest and Central Farmland Antlerless Hunt	Dec. 10 - 13
Southern Farmland	
Holiday Hunt	Dec. 24 - Jan. 1, 2016

* All dates are subject to change through a rule making or a legislative process. Please check the *2015 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* for a complete set of dates and unit designations.

[▲] More information is available at dnr.wi.gov, keyword: "disabled deer hunt".

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant

Statewide Oct. 17 (noon) - Dec. 31

Bobwhite Quail

Statewide Oct. 17 (noon) - Dec. 9

Ruffed Grouse

Zone A Sept. 12 - Jan. 31, 2016
Zone B Oct. 17 - Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Season is under review. Visit dnr.wi.gov for updates.

Hungarian Partridge

Statewide* Oct. 17 (noon) - Dec. 31

* Closed in Clark, Marathon, and Taylor counties

Crow

Statewide Jan. 24 - Mar. 20 &
Sept. 12 - Nov. 19

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Early Canada Goose

Statewide Sept. 1 - 15

Early Teal Season

Statewide Sept. 1 - 7

Regular Duck and Goose

Dates will be established in mid August

Woodcock

Statewide Sept. 19 - Nov. 2

Mourning Dove

Statewide Sept. 1 - Nov. 29

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt Apr. 11 - 12

Open Zones

Spring Period A Apr. 15 - 21
Period B Apr. 22 - 28
Period C Apr. 29 - May 5
Period D May 6 - 12
Period E May 13 - 19
Period F May 20 - 26

Fall Statewide Sept. 12 - Nov. 19
Zones 1-5 Nov. 30 - Dec. 31

BEAR

Zone C where dogs **are not** permitted:

Sept. 9 - Oct. 13

- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods **not** using dogs

All other zones where dogs **are** permitted:

Sept. 9 - 15

- with aid of dogs only

Sept. 16 - Oct. 6

- with aid of dogs
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods

Oct. 7 - 13

- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods not using dogs

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone Sept. 12 - Feb. 29, 2016

Southern Zone Oct. 17 (noon) - Feb. 29, 2016

Squirrels (Gray and Fox)

Statewide Sept. 12 - Jan. 31, 2016

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species, such as badger, woodchuck, jackrabbit, moose, and flying squirrel, is prohibited. See *2015 Small Game Regulations* for more details.

FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting Continuous open season
Trapping Oct. 17 - Feb. 15, 2016

Beaver

Trapping Only
 Zone A (Northwest) Nov. 7 - Apr. 30, 2016
 Zone B (Northeast) Nov. 7 - Apr. 30, 2016
 Zone C (South) Nov. 7 - Mar. 31, 2016
 Zone D (Mississippi River) Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2016

Mink and Muskrat

Trapping Only
 Statewide Oct. 24 - Mar. 6, 2016
 Mississippi River Zone Nov.9** - Mar. 6, 2016

**Zone opens either the day after the duck season closes or Nov. 9, whichever occurs first.

Fox (Red and Gray)

Hunting and Trapping Oct. 17 - Feb. 15, 2016

Bobcat

Hunting and Trapping - Permits required
 Period 1 Oct. 17 - Dec. 25
 Period 2 Dec. 26 - Jan. 31, 2016

Fisher

Trapping Only - Permits required
 Various zones Oct. 17 - Dec. 31

Otter

Trapping Only - Permits required
 North Zone Nov. 7 - Apr. 30, 2016
 Central Zone Nov. 7 - Mar. 31, 2016
 South Zone Nov. 7 - Mar. 31, 2016

Raccoon

Hunting and Trapping
 Resident Oct. 17 - Feb. 15, 2016
 Non-resident Oct.31 - Feb. 15, 2016

Opossum, Skunk, Weasel, and Snowshoe Hare

No season limits, bag limits, size limits, or possession limits, but a license is required.



GET IN THE GAME!

Mentored Hunting Licenses

Adults and youth age 10 or older who have not completed Hunter Education are eligible to hunt through the Mentored Hunting Program. Visit dnr.wi.gov, keyword: "mentored hunting" for more information.

Reduced License Fees

Youth ages 10 and 11, first-time hunters, and those who have not hunted in the preceding 10 years are eligible to purchase hunting licenses at a reduced fee. Resident hunters who recruit three first-time hunters, trappers, or anglers are also eligible for reduced fees.

Permit Application Deadlines

Fall Turkey	August 1
Bobcat	August 1
Otter	August 1
Fisher	August 1
Spring Turkey	December 10
Bear	December 10

Timing of Drawings

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:
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