

# 2022 Wisconsin Hunting And Trapping Seasons

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Some seasons may be subject to change. Consult the hunting regulations or [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) before hunting.



## DEER

Archery & Crossbow	Sept. 17–Jan. 8, 2023
Youth Deer Hunt	Oct. 8–9
Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities <sup>▲</sup>	Oct. 1–9
Gun	Nov. 19–27
Muzzleloader	Nov. 28–Dec. 7
Statewide Antlerless Hunt	Dec. 8–11
Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt	Dec. 24–Jan. 1, 2023**

\* Please check the [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), search “deer” for a complete set of dates and unit designations.

<sup>▲</sup> This is not a statewide season. More information is available at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), search “disabled deer hunt.”

\*\*Open only in select Farmland (Zone 2) counties; see regulations for open counties.

## ELK

Clam Lake Elk Management Zone

Archery, Crossbow, Firearm Oct. 15–Nov. 13; Dec. 8–16

\*Licenses awarded through a drawing. Only bull elk may be harvested. See [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword “elk” for details.

## GAME BIRDS

### Pheasant

Statewide Oct. 15 (9 AM)–Jan. 8, 2023

### Bobwhite Quail

Statewide Oct. 15 (9 AM)–Dec. 7

### Hungarian Partridge

Statewide\* Oct. 15 (9 AM)–Jan. 8, 2023

\*Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

### Ruffed Grouse

Zone A Sept. 17–Jan. 8, 2023

Zone B Oct. 15–Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Season is under review. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) for updates.

### Crow

Statewide Sept. 17–Nov. 17 & Jan. 18–March 20, 2023

## SMALL GAME

### Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone Sept. 17–Feb. 28, 2023

Southern Zone Oct. 15 (9 AM)–Feb. 28, 2023

### Squirrels (Gray and Fox)

Statewide Sept. 17–Jan. 31, 2023

## PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species—such as badger, jackrabbit, moose and flying squirrel—is prohibited. See Ch. NR 10.02 for more details.

## TURKEY

Youth Turkey

Hunt Apr. 16 & 17

### Open Zones

Spring Period A Apr. 20–26

Period B Apr. 27–May 3

Period C May 4–10

Period D May 11–17

Period E May 18–24

Period F May 25–31

Fall Zones 1–5 Sept. 17–Jan. 8, 2023

Zones 6 & 7 Sept. 17–Nov. 18

## BEAR

Zones C, E and F where dogs are not permitted:

Sept. 7–Oct. 11

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

All other zones where dogs are permitted:

Sept. 7–13

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

Sept. 14–Oct. 4

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

Oct. 5–11

- with aid of dogs only

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

### Early Canada Goose

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Early Teal

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Duck

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Regular Goose

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Woodcock

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Mourning Dove

Dates will be established in mid-April.

# FURBEARERS

## Coyote

Hunting	Continuous open season
Trapping	Oct. 15–Feb. 15, 2023

## Beaver

Trapping Only	
Zone A (Northwest)	Nov. 5–Apr. 30, 2023
Zone B (Northeast)	Nov. 5–Apr. 30, 2023
Zone C (South)	Nov. 5–Mar. 31, 2023
Zone D (Miss. River)	Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2023

## Mink and Muskrat

Trapping Only	
Statewide	Oct. 22–Mar. 5, 2023
Mississippi River Zone	Nov. 14**–Mar. 5, 2023

\*\*Zone opens either the day after the duck season closes or Nov. 14, whichever occurs first.

## Fox (Red and Gray)

Hunting and Trapping	Oct. 15–Feb. 15, 2023
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## Bobcat

Hunting and Trapping — Permits Required	
Period 1	Oct. 15–Dec. 25
Period 2	Dec. 26–Jan. 31, 2023

## Fisher

Hunting and Trapping — Permits Required	
Various Zones	Oct. 15–Jan. 8, 2023

## Otter

Hunting and Trapping — Permits Required	
North Zone	Nov. 5–Apr. 30, 2023
South Zone	Nov. 5–Mar. 31, 2023

## Raccoon

Hunting and Trapping	
Resident	Oct. 15–Feb. 15, 2023
Non-resident	Oct. 29–Feb. 15, 2023

## Woodchuck, 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 who have not completed hunter education may hunt through the Mentored Hunting Program. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search “[mentored hunting](#)” for more information.

## Mentored Trapping Licenses

Youth ages 16–17 and adults who have not completed trapper education may trap through the Mentored Trapping program. Youth under the age of 16 may trap without a license when supervised by a licensed trapper, even if the youth has not completed trapper education. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search “[mentored trapping](#)” for more information.

## Reduced License Fees

Youth ages 11 and younger, 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

Elk	May 31
Bobcat	August 1
Fisher	August 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse*	August 31
Spring Turkey	December 10
Bear	December 10

## Timing of Drawings

Elk	Early June
Bobcat	Mid-September
Fisher	Mid-September
Spring Turkey	Early January
Bear	Early February

\*If season is open and permits are offered.

To check your drawing status, go to:  
[gowild.wi.gov](http://gowild.wi.gov)

## Find More Information

Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search “[Hunt](#)” and “[Trap](#)”

For season dates, regulations, license and permit requirements, finding a place to hunt or trap and more.

Additional questions? Call the DNR Call Center toll-free:

1-888-WDNR INFO (1-888-936-7463) • local 608-266-2621

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