2021 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons
Get your regulations faster!
Visit dnr.wi.gov to view and print regulations up to one month before they are available in hard copy. Some seasons may be subject to change. Consult the hunting regulation pamphlet(s) or dnr.wi.gov before hunting.

DEER*

Archery & Crossbow
Youth Deer Hunt
Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities▲
Gun Muzzleloader
Statewide Antlerless Hunt
Archery, crossbow, firearm

Sept. 18–Jan. 9, 2022
Oct. 9 & 10
Oct. 2–10
Nov. 20–28
Nov. 29–Dec. 8
Dec. 9–12

Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt Dec. 24–Jan. 1, 2022**

* Please check the dnr.wi.gov, search “deer” for a complete set of dates and unit designations.
▲ This is not a statewide season. More information is available at 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. 16–Nov. 14; Dec. 9–17

* Licenses awarded through a drawing. Only bull elk may be harvested. See dnr.wi.gov, keyword “elk” for details.

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant
Statewide

Oct. 16 (9 AM)–Jan. 9, 2022

Bobwhite Quail
Statewide

Oct. 16 (9 AM)–Dec. 8

Hungarian Partridge
Statewide*

Oct. 16 (9 AM)–Jan. 9, 2022
* Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

Ruffed Grouse
Zone A
Zone B

Sept. 18–Jan. 9, 2022
Oct. 16–Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed Grouse
Season is under review. Visit dnr.wi.gov for updates.

Crow
Statewide

Sept. 18–Nov. 18 & Jan 28–March 20, 2022

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit
Northern Zone
Southern Zone

Sept. 18–Feb. 28, 2022
Oct. 16 (9 AM)–Feb. 28, 2022

Squirrels (Gray and Fox)
Statewide

Sept. 18–Jan. 31, 2022

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. 17 & 18

Open Zones

Spring
Period A
Period B
Period C
Period D
Period E
Period F

Apr. 21–27
Apr. 28–May 4
May 5–11
May 12–18
May 19–25
May 26–June 1

Fall
Zones 1-5
Zones 6 & 7

Sept. 18–Jan. 9, 2022
Sept. 18–Nov. 19

BEAR

Zones C, E and F where dogs are not permitted:
Sept. 8–Oct. 12
• with aid of bait
• with all other legal methods not using dogs

All other zones where dogs are permitted:
Sept. 8–14
• with aid of dogs only
Sept. 15–Oct. 5
• with aid of dogs
• with aid of bait
• with all other legal methods
Oct. 6–12
• with aid of bait
• with all other legal methods not using dogs

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Early Canada Goose
Statewide

Sept. 1-15

Early Teal Season
Statewide

Sept. 1-9

Duck Season
Youth
Northern Zone
Southern Zone
Open Water Zone

Sept. 18-19
Sept. 25–Nov. 23
Oct. 2-10; Oct. 16-Dec. 5
Oct. 16-Dec. 14

Regular Goose Season
Northern Zone
Southern Zone
Mississippi Zone

Sept. 16-Dec. 16
Sept. 16-Oct. 10; Oct. 16-Dec. 5;
Oct. 2-10; Oct. 16-Jan. 4, 2022
Dec. 20-Jan. 4, 20200

Woodcock
Statewide

Sept. 25–Nov. 8

Mourning Dove
Statewide

Sept. 1-Nov. 29
FURBEARERS

Coyote
Hunting Continuous open season.
Trapping Oct. 16–Feb. 15, 2022

Beaver
Trapping Only
Zone A (Northwest) Nov. 6–Apr. 30, 2022
Zone B (Northeast) Nov. 6–Apr. 30, 2022
Zone C (South) Nov. 6–Mar. 31, 2022
Zone D (Miss. River) Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2022

Mink and Muskrat
Trapping Only
Statewide Oct. 23–Mar. 6, 2022
Mississippi River Zone Nov. 6–Mar. 6, 2022
**Zone opens either the day after the duck season closes or Nov. 11, whichever occurs first.

Fox (Red and Gray)
Hunting and Trapping Oct. 16–Feb. 15, 2022

Bobcat
Hunting and Trapping - Permits required
Period 1 Oct. 16–Dec. 25
Period 2 Dec. 26–Jan. 31, 2022

Fisher
Trapping Only - Permits required
Various zones Oct. 16–Jan. 9, 2022

Otter
Trapping Only - Permits required
North Zone Nov. 6–Apr. 30, 2022
South Zone Nov. 6–Mar. 31, 2022

Raccoon
Hunting and Trapping
Resident Oct. 16–Feb. 15, 2022
Non-resident Oct. 30–Feb. 15, 2022

Wolf
Hunting and Trapping Nov. 6–Feb. 28, 2022

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 are eligible to hunt through the Mentored Hunting Program. Visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword “mentored hunting” for more information.

Mentored Trapping Licenses
Youth age 16 – 17 and adults who have not completed trapper education are eligible to trap through the Mentored Trapping program. Youth under the age of 16 may trap without a license when under the supervision of a licensed trapper, even if the youth has not completed trapper education. Visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword “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
Wolf 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

For more information...

Visit dnr.wi.gov and search “hunt” and “trap” for season dates, regulations, license and permit requirements as well as finding a place to hunt or trap and more.

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