

2024 Wisconsin Hunting And Trapping Seasons

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DEER

Archery & Crossbow	Sept. 14, 2024-Jan. 5, 2025
Youth Deer Hunt	Oct. 5-6
Gun Deer Hunt For Hunters with Disabilities▲	Oct. 5-13
Gun	Nov. 23-Dec. 1
Muzzleloader	Dec. 2-Dec. 11
Statewide Antlerless-only Hunt	Dec. 12-15
Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt	Dec. 24-Jan. 1, 2025**

* Please check dnr.wisconsin.gov, search "deer" for a complete set of dates and unit designations.

▲ Not a statewide season. More information is available at dnr.wisconsin.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. 12-Nov. 10 & Dec. 12-20

*Licenses awarded by drawing. Only bull elk may be harvested.

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant	
Statewide	Oct. 19 (9 AM)-Jan. 5, 2025

Bobwhite Quail	
Statewide	Oct. 19 (9 AM)-Dec. 11

Hungarian Partridge	
Statewide*	Oct. 19 (9 AM)-Jan. 5, 2025

*Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

Ruffed Grouse	
Zone A	Sept. 14-Jan. 5, 2025
Zone B	Oct. 19-Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed Grouse
2024 season under review

Crow
Dates will be established in mid-April

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit	
Northern Zone	Sept. 14-Feb. 28, 2025
Southern Zone	Oct. 19 (9 AM)-Feb. 28, 2025

Squirrels (Gray & Fox)	
Statewide	Sept. 14-Feb. 28, 2025

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt		Apr. 13 & 14
Open Zones		
Spring	Period A	Apr. 17-23
	Period B	Apr. 24-30
	Period C	May 1-7
	Period D	May 8-14
	Period E	May 15-21
	Period F	May 22-28
Fall	Statewide	Sept. 14-Nov. 22
	Zones 1-5	Nov. 23, 2024-Jan. 5 2025

BEAR

Zones C, E and F:
Sept. 4-Oct. 8

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

Zones A, B, and D:
Sept. 4-10

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

Sept. 11-Oct. 1

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

Oct. 2-8

- with aid of dogs only

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Early Canada Goose	
Statewide	Sept. 1-15

Early Teal	
Statewide	Dates will be established in mid-April
Duck	Dates will be established in mid-April

Regular Goose	Dates will be established in mid-April
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Woodcock	
Statewide	Sept. 21-Nov. 4

Morning Dove	
Statewide	Sept. 1-Nov. 29

FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting	Year-round
Trapping	Oct. 19-Feb. 15, 2025

Beaver

Trapping Only

Zone A (Northwest)	Nov. 2-Apr. 30, 2025
Zone B (Northeast)	Nov. 2-Apr. 30, 2025
Zone C (South)	Nov. 2-Mar. 31, 2025
Zone D (Mississippi River)	Day after the duck season closes-Mar. 15, 2025

Mink & Muskrat

Trapping Only

Northern Zone	Oct. 19-Apr. 15, 2025
Central Zone	Oct. 26-Mar. 22, 2025
Southern Zone	Nov. 2-Mar. 15, 2025
Mississippi River Zone	Nov. 11-Mar. 9, 2025

Fox (Red & Gray)

Hunting & Trapping	Oct. 19-Feb. 15, 2025
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Bobcat

Hunting & Trapping - Permits Required

Period 1	Oct. 19-Dec. 25
Period 2	Dec. 26-Jan. 31, 2025

Fisher

Trapping Only - Permits Required

Various Zones	Oct. 19-Jan. 5, 2025
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Otter

Trapping Only - Permits Required

North Zone	Nov. 2-Apr. 30, 2025
South Zone	Nov. 2-Mar. 31, 2025

Raccoon

Hunting & Trapping

Resident	Oct. 19-Feb. 15, 2025
Non-resident	Nov. 2-Feb. 15, 2025

Opossum, Skunk, Weasel, Porcupine, Woodchuck, & Snowshoe Hare

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

PROTECTED SPECIES

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

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.wisconsin.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.wisconsin.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	Aug. 1
Fisher	Aug. 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse*	Aug. 31*
Spring Turkey	Dec. 10
Bear	Dec. 10

Timing of Drawings

Elk	Early Jun.
Bobcat	Mid-Sept.
Fisher	Mid-Sept.
Sharp-tailed Grouse*	Sept.*
Spring Turkey	Late Jan.
Bear	Early Feb.

*If season is open and permits are offered.

To check your drawing status, go to:

gowild.wi.gov

Find More Information

Visit dnr.wisconsin.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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