



2017 MAINE HUNTING SEASONS

The following are general dates for the 2017 season.

This information is subject to change. Please check the 2017-2018 Hunting & Trapping Summaries.

Questions? Go online at www.maine.gov/ifw or call our Info Center at 287-8000

DEER Firearms Season
 Maine Resident Only Day **
 Youth Deer Day
 Archery
 Muzzleloader statewide (all WMD's)
 Muzzleloader WMD's 12, 13, 15 through 18, 20 through 26, 29
 Expanded Archery (designated areas only).....

BEAR General hunting seasons.....
 Youth Bear Day.....
 Hunting with dogs
 Hunting with bait
 Bait can be placed July 29

MOOSE (by permit only) WMD's 1 through, 6, 11, 19
 WMD's 1 through 14, 17 through 19, 27, 28
 WMD's 15, 16, 23, 25, 26
 Maine Resident Only Day - WMD's 15, 16, 23, 25, 26
 WMD's 1 through 4 & 19

RUFFED GROUSE & BOBWHITE QUAIL
 PHEASANT

SPRING WILD TURKEY (bow & arrow, crossbow or shotgun)
 WMD's: 7, 9 through 29
 WMD 8.....
 WMD's: 1 through 6 Season A Week 1 (odd year birth)
 WMD's: 1 through 6 Season A Week 2 (odd year birth)
 WMD's: 1 through 6 Season B Week 3 (even year birth)
 WMD's: 1 through 6 Season B Week 4 (even year birth)
 WMD's: 1 through 6 All Hunters
 Youth Spring Wild Turkey Day

FALL WILD TURKEY (bow & arrow or shotgun)
 WMD's: 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 28
 WMD's: 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 26, & 29
 WMD's: 1 through 9, 14, & 27

WOODCOCK
 COMMON SNIPE
 DUCKS, GEESE, SEA DUCKS (scoter, eider, long-tailed duck)
 SORA & VIRGINIA RAILS (and GALLINULES)

CROW WMD's 1 through 6.....
 WMD's 7 through 29.....

GRAY SQUIRREL
 GRAY SQUIRREL (FALCONRY).....
 SNOWSHOE HARE
 SNOWSHOE HARE (on Vinalhaven Island, Knox County).....
 BOBCAT
 FOX
 RACCOON
 SKUNK, OPOSSUM
 COYOTE NIGHT HUNT
 COYOTE, WOODCHUCK, PORCUPINE, RED SQUIRREL.....
 SPRUCE GROUSE, LYNX, COTTONTAIL RABBIT

FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	BASIC LIMITS	
		DAILY	POSSESSION
Oct. 30	Nov. 25	1 Deer Per Year (see exception below)	
Oct. 28		Only deer with antlers at least three inches long may be taken from Oct. 28 - Dec. 9, except that any deer may be taken in designated wildlife management districts by hunters with any-deer permits.	
Oct. 21		Exceptions: Additional deer may be taken by participating in the Expanded Archery Season, or by anyone possessing a bonus antlerless deer permit or superpack antlerless deer permit. Note: In WMD's where no any-deer permits are issued, it is bucks only for youth hunters on youth deer day and also bucks only for archers during the archery season on deer.	
Sept. 28	Oct. 27		
Nov. 27	Dec. 2		
Dec. 4	Dec. 9		
Sept. 9	Dec. 9		
Aug. 28	Nov. 25	2 Bear Per Year	
Aug. 26		1 by hunting, 1 by trapping	
Sept. 11	Oct. 27		
Aug. 28	Sept. 23		
Sept. 25	Sept. 30	Permit application period: January through April 1.	
Oct. 9	Oct. 14	1 Moose Per Year, by either permittee or sub-permittee.	
Oct. 30	Nov. 25		
Oct. 28			
Oct. 23	Oct. 28		
Oct. 1	Dec. 31	4	Grouse & Quail 8
Oct. 1	Dec. 31	2	Pheasant 4
May 1	June 3	2 bearded Wild Turkeys.	
May 1	June 3		
May 1	May 6		
May 15	May 20		
May 8	May 13		
May 22	May 27		
May 29	June 3		
April 29			1 bearded Wild Turkey*
Oct. 1	Nov. 7	2 Wild Turkeys either sex, any age.	
Oct. 1	Nov. 7	1 Wild Turkey either sex, any age.*	
Closed to Fall Turkey hunting.			
Seasons set in late August/ early September. Regulations available mid-September from license agents, game wardens, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Dept. offices, and on the web at www.maine.gov/ifw			
Feb. 4	April 15	-	-
Aug. 1	Sept. 22		
Jan. 20	March 31		
Aug. 1	Sept. 22	-	-
Oct. 1	Dec. 31	4	8
Oct. 1	Feb. 28	4	8
Oct. 1	Mar. 31	4	8
Oct. 1	Feb. 28	4	8
Dec. 1	Feb. 21	-	-
Oct. 16	Feb. 28	-	-
Oct. 1	Dec. 31	-	-
Oct. 16	Dec. 31	-	-
Dec. 16	Aug 31	-	-
NO CLOSED SEASON FOR HUNTING NO OPEN SEASON FOR HUNTING Note: Except for migratory game birds, there is no hunting season on any species of bird or animal which is not listed above.			

* May take up to 2 turkeys for the season, but the second turkey must come from a WMD listed as having a two bird limit.

** A nonresident who owns 25 or more acres of land in Maine and leaves land open to hunting, holds a valid hunting license, and is not otherwise prohibited by law, may hunt deer on the Resident only day, anywhere in the state. A verification form must be completed and can be located on our website.

LICENSES: Hunting license is required. The archery license allows bow and arrow hunting for all legal game throughout the year, and during regular archery and expanded archery seasons (additional permits required for expanded archery) Archery hunting for deer during the muzzleloading season is not allowed.

A muzzleloading permit is required, in addition to a hunting license, to hunt deer during muzzleloading season on deer.

A bear permit is required in addition to a hunting license for youth hunting on the youth bear hunting day and from August 28 through October 27, 2017. Nonresident and alien hunters are required to purchase a November (late season) bear hunting permit to hunt bear during the firearm season on deer if they do not already possess a regular bear hunting permit.

SUNDAY HUNTING: Illegal in Maine.

HUNTER ORANGE: See hunting law book for details.

STAMPS: A State waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp are required for waterfowl hunters age 16 and over. A person who is 16 but hunting on their junior hunting license may hunt on a youth day, but needs a Federal duck stamp. Migratory waterfowl permits are not required to hunt Crow, Woodcock, Common Snipe, Sora & Virginia Rails, and Gallinules. A pheasant permit is required to hunt pheasant in York and Cumberland counties.

LEGAL HUNTING HOURS:

1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Exceptions: Migratory game birds, raccoons, and coyote.



OPERATION GAME THIEF:

Call 1-800-ALERT US (253-7887) to report game law violations.

Caller identification protected. Rewards paid.

Poachers are thieves — help us stop them.

Ethics are what we do when no one else is watching.

Maine is a very unique place. You can be completely alone in the wild, practicing ethical behavior and no one may be there to notice. However, the landowner, as well as the hunters and anglers that follow you, will appreciate it greatly. Your ethical behavior contributes significantly to Maine's sporting future, and it encourages landowners to keep important habitat property available for all to enjoy. So remember, always respect the rights of landowners and please



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