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DEER	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Expanded Archery	Designated areas only	September 10, 2022	December 10, 2022	1 Antlered Deer Per Year* See exceptions on page 20
Regular Archery and Crossbow	All	October 1, 2022	October 28, 2022	
Youth Deer Hunting Day	All	October 22, 2022		
Maine Resident Only Day**	All	October 29, 2022		
Firearms Season	All	October 31, 2022	November 26, 2022	
Muzzleloader Statewide	All	November 28, 2022	December 3, 2022	
Muzzleloader	12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 29	December 5, 2022	December 10, 2022	

BEAR	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Youth Bear Hunting Day	All	August 27, 2022		2 Bear Per Year 1 by hunting, 1 by trapping
General Hunting Season	All	August 29, 2022	November 26, 2022	
Hunting with Bait <i>Bait can be placed July 30, 2022</i>	All	August 29, 2022	September 24, 2022	
Bear Trapping	All	September 1, 2022	October 31, 2022	
Hunting with Dogs	All	September 12, 2022	October 28, 2022	

MOOSE BY PERMIT ONLY	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Antlerless-Only	4A (Adaptive Unit Hunt)	October 17, 2022	October 22, 2022	1 Moose Per Year by either permittee or sub-permittee
		October 24, 2022	October 29, 2022	
		October 31, 2022	November 5, 2022	
Bull-Only	1- 6, 10, 11, 18, 19, 27, 28	September 26, 2022	October 1, 2022	
Bull-Only	1-14, 17-19, 27, 28	October 10, 2022	October 15, 2022	
Antlerless-Only	1-6, 8	October 24, 2022	October 29, 2022	
Maine Resident Only Day**	15, 16	October 29, 2022		
Any Moose	15, 16	October 31, 2022	November 26, 2022	

Permit application period: February - May of each year.

*Only deer with antlers at least 3 inches long may be taken from October 29, 2022-December 10, 2022, except that antlerless deer may be taken in designated WMDs/subunits by hunters with Antlerless Deer Permits. Please see page 20 for more information on Antlerless Deer Permits.

**A non-resident 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.

SPRING WILD TURKEY <i>Bow & arrow, crossbow or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	SEASONAL BAG & POSSESSION	
All Hunters	7 and 9-29	May 1, 2023	June 3, 2023	2 bearded Wild Turkeys*	
	1-6 and 8	May 1, 2023	June 3, 2023	1 bearded Wild Turkey*	
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Day		April 29, 2023		May take up to 2 bearded Wild Turkeys from WMDs that have a 2 bird limit.	

*May take up to 2 turkeys for the spring season, but an individual WMD bag limit cannot be exceeded. The order in which they are taken does not matter.

FALL WILD TURKEY <i>Bow & arrow, crossbow or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	SEASONAL BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	15-17, 20-25	September 19, 2022	November 7, 2022	5 Wild Turkeys**	No more than two wild turkeys (either-sex, any age) may be harvested per permit holder per day, but cannot exceed the WMD bag limit.
	26	September 19, 2022	November 7, 2022	3 Wild Turkeys**	
	28	September 19, 2022	November 7, 2022	2 Wild Turkeys**	
	6-8, 10-14, 18, 19, 27 & 29	September 19, 2022	November 7, 2022	1 Wild Turkey**	
	1-5, 9				
Youth Fall Wild Turkey Day		September 17, 2022			

**May take up to five wild turkeys for the fall season, but cannot exceed an individual WMD bag limit, the order in which they are taken from a WMD does not matter.

UPLAND AND MIGRATORY BIRDS	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Ruffed Grouse & Bobwhite Quail	All	September 24, 2022	December 31, 2022	4	8
Pheasant	All	September 24, 2022	December 31, 2022	2	4
Woodcock	All				
Common Snipe	All				
Ducks, Geese, Sea Ducks (Scoter, Eider, Long-Tailed Duck)		More detailed season info on page 36.			
Sora & Virginia Rails (and Gallinules)	All				
Crows	1-6	February 6, 2023 August 1, 2023	April 15, 2023 September 23, 2023		No Limit
	7-29	January 21, 2023 August 1, 2023	March 31, 2023 September 23, 2023		

OTHER SPECIES	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Gray Squirrel	All	September 24, 2022	December 31, 2022	4	8
Gray Squirrel (Falconry)	All	September 24, 2022	February 28, 2023	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	All	September 24, 2022	March 31, 2023	4	8
	Season on Island of Vinalhaven	September 24, 2022	February 28, 2023		
Bobcat	All	December 1, 2022	February 21, 2023	No Limit	
Fox	All	October 17, 2022	February 28, 2023	No Limit	
Raccoon	All	October 1, 2022	December 31, 2022	No Limit	
Skunk, Opossum	All	October 17, 2022	December 31, 2022	No Limit	
Coyote	All	During daylight hunting hours No Closed Season for Hunting		No Limit	
		Night hunting December 16, 2022 - August 31, 2023			
Woodchuck, Porcupine, Red Squirrel	All	No Closed Season			
Spruce Grouse, Lynx, Cottontail Rabbit		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. All dates are inclusive except that hunting is prohibited on Sunday.