2021-22 MAINE HUNTING QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Please reference the *Maine 2021-22 Summary of Hunting Laws* for more details, available at mefishwildlife.com/huntinglaws.

LICENSES

To hunt in Maine, you need to have one of the 30+ hunting licenses available. These vary by category of game, equipment used, resident status, age, and other factors. Go to mefishwildlife.com to see which license type is right for you, and to read what the license allows, when it allows it, and what permits are included or need to be purchased separately.

PERMITS

To hunt for certain game or with certain equipment, you need to buy a permit. For example, archery licenses allow year-round bow and arrow hunting for all legal game, except for deer during the muzzle-loading season. During that time, you also need a muzzleloading permit. And during the expanded archery season, you need to purchase extra deer permits.

Some permits are included in certain licenses. For example, the junior hunting license includes a bear permit, but non-resident licenses don't. These license-holders must buy regular or November (late-season) bear permits to hunt for bear during the firearm season on deer.

STAMPS

Waterfowl hunters age 16 and up must purchase state waterfowl permits and federal duck stamps. 16-year-olds still hunting on a junior license may hunt on a youth day, but need a Federal duck stamp.

Migratory waterfowl permits are not required to hunt Crow, Woodcock, Common Snipe, Sora & Virginia Rails, or Gallinules. A pheasant permit is required to hunt pheasant in York and Cumberland counties.

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.

SUNDAY HUNTING IS ILLEGAL IN MAINE

LEGAL HUNTING HOURS:

½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. Exceptions: Migratory game birds, raccoons, and coyote.

HUNTER ORANGE CLOTHING

Hunter orange is defined as a daylight fluorescent orange color with a dominant wave length between 595 and 605 nanometers, excitation purity of at least 85% and luminance factor of at least 40%. A decal on an article of clothing that is otherwise solid hunter orange is permissible. Articles of hunter orange clothing must be in good and serviceable condition and visible from all sides.

See hunting law book for details.

ETHICS ARE WHAT WE DO WHEN NO ONE ELSE IS WATCHING

In the Maine woods, rarely will anyone be there to notice your ethical behavior, but the landowner and the hunters that follow will greatly appreciate it. Ethical behavior is vital to Maine's sporting future, and it encourages landowners to keep their property open for all to enjoy. So remember: always respect the rights of landowners, and please ***ask first***.

OUTDOOR PARTNERS LANDOWNER RELATIONS PROGRAM

For $15.00, you can become an Outdoor Partner and support the MDIFW landowner relations program, which works to preserve and enhance access, helps landowners with access issues, and promotes responsible, ethical sporting behavior.

Members also receive discounts from retail partners, discounted subscriptions, and day passes, as well as an Outdoor Partners decal and entry into a drawing to win one of six $500 gift cards. You can join at any time – either as an add-on to your license purchase or at mefishwildlife.com/outdoorpartners.

OUTDOOR PARTNERS

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DEER	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Firearms Season	All	November 1, 2021	November 27, 2021	1 Deer Per Year**
Maine Resident Only Day*	All	October 30, 2021		
Youth Deer Day	All	October 23, 2021		
Archery/Crossbow	All	October 2, 2021	October 29, 2021	
Muzzleloader Statewide	All	November 29, 2021	December 4, 2021	
Muzzleloader	12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 29	December 6, 2021	December 11, 2021	
Expanded Archery	Designated areas only	September 11, 2021	December 11, 2021	

Only deer with antlers at least 3 inches long may be taken from October 30-December 11, 2021, except that any deer may be taken in designated WMDs by hunters with any-deer permits.* ***Exceptions: *Please see pages 18-19 for exceptions related to crossbow and expanded archery, and more information on any-deer permits.* ***Note:*** *In WMDs 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.*

BEAR	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Youth Bear Day	All	August 28, 2021		2 Bear Per Year 1 by hunting, 1 by trapping
General Hunting Season	All	August 30, 2021	November 27, 2021	
Hunting with Bait *Bait can be placed July 31, 2021*	All	August 30, 2021	September 25, 2021	
Bear Trapping	All	September 1, 2021	October 31, 2021	
Hunting with Dogs	All	September 13, 2021	October 29, 2021	

MOOSE BY PERMIT ONLY	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
	4A (Adaptive Unit Hunt)	October 18, 2021	October 23, 2021	1 Moose Per Year *by either permittee or sub-permittee*
		October 25, 2021	October 30, 2021	
		November 1, 2021	November 6, 2021	
	1- 6, 10, 11, 18, 19, 27, 28	September 27, 2021	October 2, 2021	
	1-14, 17-19, 27, 28	October 11, 2021	October 16, 2021	
	1-6, 8	October 25, 2021	October 30, 2021	
Maine Resident Only Day*	15, 16	October 30, 2021		
	15, 16	November 1 , 2021	November 27, 2021	

Permit application period: February - May of each year.

**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.*

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SPRING WILD TURKEY *Bow & arrow, crossbow or shotgun*	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	SEASONAL BAG & POSSESSION
All Hunters	7 and 9-29	May 2, 2022	June 4, 2022	2 bearded Wild Turkeys*
	1-6 and 8	May 2, 2022	June 4, 2022	1 bearded Wild Turkey*
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Day		April 30, 2022		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 *Bow & arrow, crossbow or shotgun*	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	SEASONAL BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	15-17, 20-25	September 20, 2021	November 6, 2021	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 20, 2021	November 6, 2021	3 Wild Turkeys**	
	28	September 20, 2021	November 6, 2021	2 Wild Turkeys**	
	6, 10-13, 18, 19, 27 & 29	September 20, 2021	November 6, 2021	1 Wild Turkey**	
	1-5, 7-9, 14			Closed to taking of Wild Turkeys	
Youth Fall Wild Turkey Day		September 18, 2021			

***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 25, 2021	December 31, 2021	4	8
Pheasant	All	September 25, 2021	December 31, 2021	2	4
Woodcock	All	**More detailed season info on page 36.**			
Common Snipe	All				
Ducks, Geese, Sea Ducks (Scoter, Eider, Long-Tailed Duck)					
Sora & Virginia Rails (and Gallinules)	All				
Crows	1-6	February 5, 2022 August 1, 2022	April 15, 2022 September 23, 2022	No Limit	
	7-29	January 21, 2022 August 1, 2022	March 31, 2022 September 23, 2022		

OTHER SPECIES	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Gray Squirrel	All	September 25, 2021	December 31, 2021	4	8
Gray Squirrel (Falconry)	All	September 25, 2021	February 28, 2022	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	All	September 25, 2021	March 31, 2022	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	Vinalhaven Island, Knox County	September 25, 2021	February 28, 2022	4	8
Bobcat	All	December 1, 2021	February 21, 2022	No Limit	
Fox	All	October 18, 2021	February 28, 2022	No Limit	
Raccoon	All	October 1, 2021	December 31, 2021	No Limit	
Skunk, Opossum	All	October 18, 2021	December 31, 2021	No Limit	
Coyote Night Hunt	All	December 16, 2021	August 31, 2022	No Limit	
Coyote, Woodchuck, Porcupine, Red Squirrel	All	No Closed Season for Hunting			
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.

This time chart is NOT the sunrise and sunset time table and has already been adjusted to display the actual legal hunting hours.

2021-22 LEGAL HUNTING HOURS

DAY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
01	5:28 - 7:41	6:03 - 6:45	6:44 - 5:53	6:23 - 4:26	6:43 - 4:35	6:24 - 5:14	5:43 - 5:53	5:46 - 7:33		4:22 - 8:44	4:23 - 8:55	4:51 - 8:31
02	5:29 - 7:40	6:05 - 6:43	6:45 - 5:52	6:24 - 4:25		6:23 - 5:15	5:41 - 5:54	5:44 - 7:34	4:53 - 8:12	4:22 - 8:45	4:24 - 8:55	4:52 - 8:30
03	5:30 - 7:38		6:46 - 5:50	6:25 - 4:25	6:43 - 4:37	6:22 - 5:16	5:39 - 5:55		4:52 - 8:13	4:21 - 8:46		4:53 - 8:29
04	5:31 - 7:36	6:07 - 6:40	6:48 - 5:49	6:26 - 4:25	6:43 - 4:38	6:21 - 5:18	5:37 - 5:57	5:40 - 7:37	4:51 - 8:14	4:21 - 8:46	4:25 - 8:54	4:54 - 8:27
05		6:08 - 6:38	6:49 - 5:48		6:43 - 4:39	6:20 - 5:19	5:36 - 5:58	5:39 - 7:38	4:49 - 8:15		4:25 - 8:54	4:56 - 8:26
06	5:34 - 7:32	6:10 - 6:36	6:50 - 5:47	6:28 - 4:24	6:42 - 4:40			5:37 - 7:39	4:48 - 8:16	4:20 - 8:48	4:26 - 8:53	4:57 - 8:25
07	5:35 - 7:30	6:11 - 6:34		6:29 - 4:24	6:42 - 4:41	6:17 - 5:22	5:32 - 6:01	5:35 - 7:40	4:46 - 8:18	4:20 - 8:49	4:27 - 8:53	
08	5:36 - 7:29	6:12 - 6:32	5:53 - 4:44	6:30 - 4:24	6:42 - 4:42	6:16 - 5:24	5:30 - 6:02	5:33 - 7:42		4:19 - 8:49	4:28 - 8:53	4:59 - 8:22
09	5:37 - 7:27	6:13 - 6:31	5:54 - 4:43	6:31 - 4:24		6:14 - 5:25	5:28 - 6:03	5:31 - 7:43	4:44 - 8:20	4:19 - 8:50	4:28 - 8:52	5:00 - 8:20
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**Legal hunting hours are based on sunrise/sunset in Bangor, Maine (Eastern Standard Time).*
Exceptions: *Raccoon, Coyote, and Migratory Bird hunting (see separate legal hunting hours for these species).*