

# Pennsylvania Game Commission - State Wildlife Management Agency

## Hunting in Pennsylvania

### **ADOPTED 2009-10 HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS**

**SQUIRRELS, Red, Gray, Black and Fox (Combined):** Special season for eligible junior hunters, with or without required license, and mentored youth – Oct. 10-16 (6 daily, 12 in possession limit after first day).

**SQUIRRELS, Red, Gray, Black and Fox (Combined):** Oct. 17-Nov. 28; Dec. 14-23 and Dec. 26-Feb. 6 (6 daily, 12 possession).

**RUFFED GROUSE:** Oct. 17–Nov. 28, Dec. 14-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 23 (2 daily, 4 possession).

**RABBIT (Cottontail):** Oct. 24-Nov. 28, Dec. 14-23 and Dec. 26-Feb. 6 (4 daily, 8 possession).

**PHEASANT:** Special season for eligible junior hunters, with or without required license – Oct. 10-17 (2 daily, 4 in possession). Male pheasants only in **WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A and 5B**. Male and female pheasants may be taken in all other WMUs. There is no open season for the taking of pheasants in any Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas in any WMU.

**PHEASANT:** Male only in WMUs **2A, 2B, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A and 5B** – Oct. 24-Nov. 28. Male and female may be taken in all other WMUs – Oct. 24-Nov. 28, Dec. 14-23 and Dec. 26-Feb. 6 (2 daily, 4 in possession). There is no open season for the taking of pheasants in any Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas in any WMU.

**BOBWHITE QUAIL:** Oct. 24-Nov. 28 (4 daily, 8 possession). (Closed in WMUs 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D.)

**HARES (SNOWSHOE RABBITS) OR VARYING HARES:** Dec. 26–Jan. 1 (1 daily, 2 possession).

**WOODCHUCKS (GROUNDHOGS):** No closed season, except: Sundays; during the antlered and antlerless deer seasons; and until noon daily during the spring gobbler turkey season.

**CROWS:** July 3-April 4, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. No limit.

**STARLINGS AND ENGLISH SPARROWS:** No closed season, except during the antlered and antlerless deer seasons and until noon daily during the spring gobbler turkey season. No limit.

**WILD TURKEY (Male or Female):** Wildlife Management Units **1A, 1B and 2A** (Shotgun and bow and arrow) – Oct. 31-Nov. 14; **WMU 2B** (Shotgun and bow and arrow) – Oct. 31- Nov. 21; **WMUs 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 4A and 4B** – Oct. 31-Nov. 14; **WMUs 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4D and 4E** – Oct. 31-Nov. 21; **WMUs 5A and 5B – CLOSED TO FALL TURKEY HUNTING**; and **WMUs 5C and 5D** (Shotgun and bow and arrow) – Oct. 31-Nov. 4 (1 bird limit, either sex).

**SPRING GOBBLER (Bearded bird only):** Special season for eligible junior hunters, with required license, and mentored youth – April 24, 2010. Only 1 spring gobbler may be taken during this hunt.

**SPRING GOBBLER (Bearded bird only):** May 1-31, 2010. Daily limit 1, season limit 2. (Second spring gobbler may only be taken by persons who possess a valid special wild turkey license.)

**BLACK BEAR (WMUs 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 4A, 4B and 4D) Bow and Arrow only:** Nov. 18-19. Only 1 bear may be taken during the license year.

**BLACK BEAR (Statewide):** Nov. 23-25. Only 1 bear may be taken during the license year.

**BLACK BEAR (Portions of WMUs 3B, 4E and 2G):** Nov. 30-Dec. 5. Only 1 bear may be taken during the license year. In the following portions:

- The portion of **WMU 3B**, East of Rt. 14 from Troy to Canton, East of Rt. 154 from Canton to Rt. 220 at Laporte, and East of Rt. 42 from Laporte to Rt. 118; and that portion of **WMU 4E**, East of Rt. 42; and

- The portions of **WMUs 2G** in Lycoming and Clinton counties and **WMU 3B** in Lycoming County that lies North of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River from the Rt. 405 bridge, West to the Rt. 15 at Williamsport, Route 15 to Rt. 220, North of Rt. 220 to the Mill Hall exit, North of SR 2015 to Rt. 150, East of Rt. 150 to Lusk Run Road and south of Lusk Run Road to Rt. 120, Rt. 120 to Veterans Street Bridge to SR 1001, East of SR 1001 to Croak Hallow Road, South of Croak Hallow Road to Rt. 664 (at Swissdale), South of Rt. 664 to Little Plum Road (the intersection of SR1003, South of SR 1003 to SR 1006, South of S R 1006 to Sulphur Run Road, South of Sulphur Run Road to Rt. 44, East of Rt. 44 to Rt. 973, South of Rt. 973 to Rt. 87, West of Rt. 87 to Rt. 864, South of Rt. 864 to Rt. 220 and West of Rt. 220 to Rt. 405 and West of Rt. 405 to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

**BLACK BEAR (WMUs 4C, 4D, 4E, 5B and 5C):** Dec. 2-5. Only 1 bear may be taken during the license year.

**ELK (Antlered or Antlerless):** Nov. 2-7. Only one elk may be taken during the license year. The Board gave approval to an allocation of 59 elk license for the 2009 season. Further information about allocation of antlered and antlerless licenses, as well as allocations by zone, will be announced later.

**ELK (Conservation Tag):** Sept. 1-Nov. 7, in any Elk Management Zone. One antlered elk license awarded per Act 101 of 2008.

**DEER, ARCHERY (Antlerless Only) WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D:** Sept. 19-Oct. 2, Nov. 16-28 and Dec. 14-23. One antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

**DEER, ARCHERY (Antlered and Antlerless) Statewide, including WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D:** Oct. 3-Nov. 14 and Dec. 26-Jan. 9. One antlered deer per hunting license year. One antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

**DEER (Antlered and Antlerless) WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E, 2F, 3A, 3B, 3D, 4A, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D:** Nov. 30-Dec. 12. One antlered deer per hunting license year. An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

**DEER (Antlered Only) WMUs 2D, 2G, 3C and 4B:** Nov. 30-Dec. 4. One antlered deer per hunting license year. (Holders of valid DMAP antlerless deer permits may harvest antlerless deer on DMAP properties during this period in WMUs 2B, 2G, 3C and 4B.)

**DEER (Antlered and Antlerless) WMUs 2D, 2G, 3C and 4B:** Dec. 5-12. One antlered deer per hunting license year. An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

**DEER, ANTLERLESS (Statewide):** Oct. 22-24. Junior and Senior License Holders, Disabled Person Permit (to use a vehicle) Holders, and Pennsylvania residents serving on active duty in U.S. Armed Services or in the U.S. Coast Guard only, with required antlerless license. Also included are persons who have reached or will reach their 65th birthday in the year of the application for a license and hold a valid adult license, or qualify for license and fee exemptions under section 2706. One antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

**DEER, ANTLERLESS MUZZLELOADER (Statewide):** Oct. 17-24. An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

**DEER, ANTLERED OR ANTLERLESS FLINTLOCK (Statewide):** Dec. 26-Jan. 9. One antlered per hunting license year, or one antlerless deer and an additional antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

**DEER, ANTLERED OR ANTLERLESS FLINTLOCK (WMUs 2B, 5C, 5D):** Dec. 26-Jan. 23. One antlered per hunting license year, or one antlerless deer and an additional antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

**DEER, Antlerless (WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D):** Dec. 14-23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 23. An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

**DEER, ANTLERLESS (Military Bases):** Hunting permitted on days established by the U.S. Department of the Army at Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County; New Cumberland Army Depot, York County; and Fort Detrick, Raven Rock Site, Adams County. An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

#### **ADOPTED 2009-10 FURBEARER HUNTING SEASONS**

**COYOTES:** No closed season. Unlimited. Outside of any deer or bear season, coyotes may be taken with a hunting license or a furtaker license, and without wearing orange. During any archery deer season, coyotes may be taken while lawfully hunting deer or with a furtaker license. During the regular firearms deer and any bear seasons, coyotes may be taken while lawfully hunting deer or bear, or with a furtaker license while wearing 250 square inches of fluorescent orange. During the spring gobbler season, may be taken by those with a valid tag and meet fluorescent orange and shot size requirements.

**RACCOON and FOXES:** Oct. 24–Feb. 20, unlimited.

**OPOSSUM, SKUNKS & WEASELS:** No closed season, except Sundays and prior to noon during the spring gobbler season. No limits.

**BOBCAT (WMUs 2A, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4D and 4E):** Oct. 24-Feb. 20. One per permit. (Bobcats may only be taken by furtakers in possession of a Bobcat Hunting-Trapping permit.)

#### **ADOPTED 2009-10 TRAPPING SEASONS**

**MINK and MUSKRAT:** Nov. 21–Jan. 10. Unlimited.

**COYOTE, FOXES, OPOSSUM, RACCOON, SKUNKS and WEASELS:** Oct. 25–Feb. 21. No limit.

**COYOTE and FOXES (Statewide) Cable Restraints:** Jan. 1-Feb. 21. No limit. Participants must pass cable restraint certification course.

**BEAVER (Statewide):** Dec. 26–March 31 (Limits vary depending on WMU).

**BOBCAT (WMUs 2A, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4D and 4E):** Oct. 25-Feb. 21. One per permit. (Bobcats may only be taken by furtakers in possession of a Bobcat Hunting-Trapping permit.)

**ADOPTED 2009-10 FALCONRY SEASONS**

**SQUIRRELS (combined), QUAIL, RUFFED GROUSE, COTTONTAIL RABBITS, SNOWSHOE OR VARYING HARE, RINGNECK PHEASANT (Male or Female combined):** Sept. 1-March 31. Daily and Field Possession limits vary. (Migratory game bird seasons and bag limits for falconers will be set in accordance with federal regulations in August.)

**No open season on other wild birds or mammals. Waterfowl and Migratory Game Bird seasons will be established in accordance with Federal Regulations this summer.**

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