

2017 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

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DEER*

Archery & Crossbow	Sept. 16–Jan. 7, 2018
Youth Deer Hunt	Oct. 7 & 8
Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities [▲]	Oct. 7–15
Gun	Nov. 18–26
Muzzleloader	Nov. 27–Dec. 6
Statewide Antlerless Hunt	Dec. 7–10
Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt	Dec. 24–Jan. 1, 2018**

* Please check the *2017 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* for a complete set of dates and unit designations.

[▲] This is not a statewide season. More information is available at dnr.wi.gov, keyword: “disabled deer hunt”.

**Open only in select Farmland Zone counties; see 2017 regulations for open counties.

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant

Statewide Oct. 14 (9 AM)–Dec. 31†

Bobwhite Quail

Statewide Oct. 14 (9 AM)–Dec. 6

Hungarian Partridge

Statewide* Oct. 14 (9 AM)–Dec. 31†

* Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

Ruffed Grouse

Zone A Sept. 16–Jan. 31, 2018

Zone B Oct. 14–Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Season is under review. Visit dnr.wi.gov for updates.

Crow

Statewide Sept. 16–Nov. 16 & Jan 18 - March 20, 2018

†Season may extend to Jan. 7, 2018. Go to dnr.wi.gov and search “hunting regulations” for updates.

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone Sept. 16–Feb. 28, 2018

Southern Zone Oct. 14 (9 AM)–Feb. 28, 2018

Squirrels (Gray and Fox)

Statewide Sept. 16–Jan. 31, 2018

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species—such as badger, woodchuck, jackrabbit, moose and flying squirrel—is prohibited. See *2017 Small Game Regulations* for more details.

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt Apr. 15 & 16

Open Zones

Spring	Period A	Apr. 19–25
	Period B	Apr. 26–May 2
	Period C	May 3–9
	Period D	May 10–16
	Period E	May 17–23
	Period F	May 24–30

Fall Zones 1-5 Sept. 16–Dec. 31†
Zones 6 & 7 Sept. 16–Nov. 17

†Season may extend to Jan. 7, 2018. Go to dnr.wi.gov and search “hunting regulations” for updates.

BEAR

Zone C where dogs **are not** permitted:

- Sept. 6–Oct. 10
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods **not** using dogs

All other zones where dogs **are** permitted:

- Sept. 6–12
- with aid of dogs only
- Sept. 13–Oct. 3
- with aid of dogs
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods
- Oct. 4–10
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods not using dogs

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Early Canada Goose

Statewide Sept. 1–15

Early Teal Season

Statewide Sept. 1–7

Duck Season

Youth Sept. 16 & 17
Northern Zone Sept. 23–Nov. 21
Southern Zone Sept. 30–Oct. 8; Oct. 14–Dec. 3
Mississippi Zone Sept. 30–Oct. 6; Oct. 14–Dec. 5

Regular Goose Season

Exterior Zone–North Sept. 16–Dec. 16
Exterior Zone–South Sept. 16–Oct. 8; Oct. 14–Dec. 21
Mississippi Zone Sept. 30–Oct. 6; Oct. 14–Jan. 4, 2018
Horicon Zone Sept. 16–Dec. 16

Woodcock

Statewide Sept. 23–Nov. 6

Mourning Dove

Statewide Sept. 1–Nov. 29

FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting Continuous open season.
Trapping Oct. 14–Feb. 15, 2018

Beaver

Trapping Only
 Zone A (Northwest) Nov. 4–Apr. 30, 2018
 Zone B (Northeast) Nov. 4–Apr. 30, 2018
 Zone C (South) Nov. 4–Mar. 31, 2018
 Zone D (Mississippi River) Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2018

Mink and Muskrat

Trapping Only
 Statewide Oct. 28–Mar. 4, 2018
 Mississippi River Zone Nov. 13**–Mar. 4, 2018
 **Zone opens either the day after the duck season closes or Nov. 13, whichever occurs first.

Fox (Red and Gray)

Hunting and Trapping Oct. 14–Feb. 15, 2018

Bobcat

Hunting and Trapping - Permits required
 Period 1 Oct. 14–Dec. 25
 Period 2 Dec. 26–Jan. 31, 2018

Fisher

Trapping Only - Permits required
 Various zones Oct. 14–Dec. 31†
 †Season may extend to Jan. 7, 2018. Go to dnr.wi.gov and search “hunting regulations” for updates.

Otter

Trapping Only - Permits required
 North Zone Nov. 4–Apr. 30, 2018
 Central Zone Nov. 4–Mar. 31, 2018
 South Zone Nov. 4–Mar. 31, 2018

Raccoon

Hunting and Trapping
 Resident Oct. 14–Feb. 15, 2018
 Non-resident Nov. 4–Feb. 15, 2018

Opossum, Skunk, Weasel and Snowshoe Hare

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



Find more information on hunting and trapping in Wisconsin!

Visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword “hunt” and “trap” for season dates, regulations, license and permit requirements, finding a place to hunt or trap and more.

GET IN THE GAME!

Mentored Hunting Licenses

Adults and youth who have not completed Hunter Education are eligible to hunt through the Mentored Hunting Program. Visit dnr.wi.gov, keyword: “mentored hunting” for more information.

Reduced License Fees

Youth ages 11 and under, 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

Fall Turkey	August 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse (if permits are offered)	August 1
Bobcat	August 1
Otter	August 1
Fisher	August 1
Wolf (only if removed from fed. endangered species list)	August 1
Spring Turkey	December 10
Bear	December 10

Timing of Drawings

Fall Turkey	Late August
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Mid-September
Bobcat	Mid-September
Otter	Mid-September
Fisher	Mid-September
Spring Turkey	Late January
Bear	Early February

To check your drawing status go to:
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