

How will the wardens know if a person is supposed to be a mentored hunter?

Licenses for 10 or 11 year olds or people who have not yet completed hunter education, will indicate that the hunter is a "Mentored Only" hunter. This identifies the license holder as someone who must be within arms reach of their mentor and that there should only be one firearm or bow possessed jointly between them.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A person who is at least 10 years old by the first day of the bear hunting season for which they are applying can now apply for a Class A bear hunting license or a bear hunting preference point.
- A person who is age 9 or older may apply for a spring or fall turkey hunting permit, sharp-tailed grouse and Horicon goose permit. There is no minimum age to apply for a bobcat permit, but a person must be at least 10 before they may actually obtain a license that allows hunting for bobcat.
- Any person may apply to the DNR to transfer one or more of their hunting permits or licenses to a youth age 10-17 who is eligible to hunt. The transfer application must be made at least 15 days before that season begins.
- It is legal for a youth of any age to possess a firearm (rifles, shotguns, or handguns) for the purpose of target practice, which also includes shooting trap, skeet or sporting clays, if accompanied by a parent or guardian, or a person age 18 or older designated by the parent or guardian. Note: the arms reach one firearm rule does not apply to target practicing.
- Handguns may not be possessed or used for hunting by any one under age 18.

REDUCED LICENSE FEES FOR 10 OR 11 YEAR OLD HUNTERS

Residents & Nonresidents

Small game	\$7.00
Gun Deer	\$7.00
Class A Bear	\$7.00
Archery	\$7.00
Wild turkey	\$7.00
After drawing turkey permits	\$5.00
Wild turkey Stamp	\$4.50
Pheasant Stamp	\$4.50
Bonus antlerless deer tags (for Regular DMUs)	\$5.00
Herd Control & EAB antlerless deer carcass tags	\$2.00
Class B Bear: Not required if under age 12	
Waterfowl Stamp: Not required if under 16	
<u>Nonresidents</u>	
Nonres. Fur-bearing animal	\$7.00

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To find out more, Google "**HUNTING IN WISCONSIN**"

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



Wisconsin's Mentored Hunting Program



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NEW LAW: Anyone age 10 or older, born on or after 1-1-73, can obtain a hunting license and hunt, without the need to first take hunter education, provided they and a mentor comply with all of the following requirements:

RULES THAT APPLY TO THE HUNTER:

- Must be at least 10 years old.
- Must have the appropriate valid hunting license, permits and tags.
- May only hunt while within arms reach of a “mentor” - regardless of the hunter’s age or the mentor’s age.
- Must follow all other hunting laws, seasons and bag limits.
- 10 & 11 year olds may only hunt under these mentorship rules, even if they already completed hunter education.

RULES THAT APPLY TO THE MENTOR:

- Must be at least 18 year old.
- If born on or after 1-1-73, must be a hunter education course graduate, or have completed basic training with the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Must be the hunter’s parent or guardian, or have the permission of the hunter’s parent or guardian before acting as a mentor for a person under age 18.
- Must have a current year’s hunting license. (Type of hunting license does not matter for the mentor, unless they will also be attempting to harvest game, in which case they must have the appropriate valid hunting license, permits and tags for species they are hunting.)
- Only allowed to serve as a mentor for **ONE** hunter at a time if the hunter is either of the following:
 - age 10 or 11, **or**
 - was born on or after 1-1-73 and has not yet taken and passed a hunter education course.

RULES THAT APPLY TO BOTH THE HUNTER AND THE MENTOR:

- Only **ONE** firearm, bow or crossbow (if eligible for a crossbow permit) can be possessed jointly between the hunter and the mentor.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can the mentor also hunt ?

If the mentor has all the appropriate hunting license, permits and tags for the species being hunted and the season is open for them to hunt that species, then yes, the mentor can also hunt. The mentor and hunter would have to share the **ONE** firearm or bow that may be possessed jointly between them. A mentor **may not** hunt during the youth waterfowl, gun deer or turkey hunts for ducks, turkeys or deer with a gun.

Are both the hunter and mentor allowed to harvest their own daily bag limit?

Each person who has a valid hunting license (and any required permits, tags or stamps) is allowed to shoot and possess their own daily bag limit during an open season in which they are allowed to participate. No person may kill game for another person’s bag limit, except as allowed under the group gun deer hunting rules.

Can adults without hunter education certification also participate as a mentored hunter?

Adults may also participate as a mentored hunter. Adults **must** abide by the same hunting requirements of the Hunting Mentorship Program. This means regardless of the hunter’s age, the adult must remain within arms reach of their mentor and only one firearm or bow is allowed jointly between them.

THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OR TIMES OR YEARS, AN ADULT OR A YOUTH, MAY PARTICIPATE AS A MENTORED HUNTER

What is the difference between the need to “accompany” a youth who has taken hunter education and is only age 12 or 13, or who is age 12-15 during a special youth waterfowl, gun deer or spring turkey hunt, and the “mentoring” of a youth or adult under the new hunting mentorship program?

*To “**Accompany**” means the adult is within both visual and voice contact of the youth. The adult does not have to be a licensed hunter or a hunter education graduate to accompany a youth age 12 or older with hunter education. If the adult is hunting with a youth they are accompanying and a season is open for them both to hunt, they may possess their own firearm or bow. An adult can only accompany 2 youth during the youth waterfowl, gun deer or spring turkey hunts.*

*To serve as a “**Mentor**” the adult must be within arms reach of the one youth or adult that they are mentoring, and they may only have one firearm or bow jointly between them. The mentor must also have a hunting license and be a hunter education course graduate or have completed basic training with the U.S. Armed Forces if born on or after 1-1-73.*

Can an adult accompany one or more 12 or 13 year old hunters who have already taken hunter education, at the same time they are serving as a mentor for a hunter who has not yet taken hunter education?

An adult is allowed to serve as a “**mentor**” for only one hunter at a time. In addition, the mentor can (at the same time) “**accompany**” other hunters who are at least 12 and have graduated from Hunter Education. However, during the youth hunts, an adult may only “**accompany**” one hunter age 12-15 who has already completed hunter education while they are serving as a “mentor” for any youth who is required to hunt with a mentor.

Is “Group Hunting” allowed? Only for hunting deer with firearms. The normal group gun deer hunting rules apply. The hunter and mentor are allowed to share the one firearm, but both must have a valid gun deer hunting license.