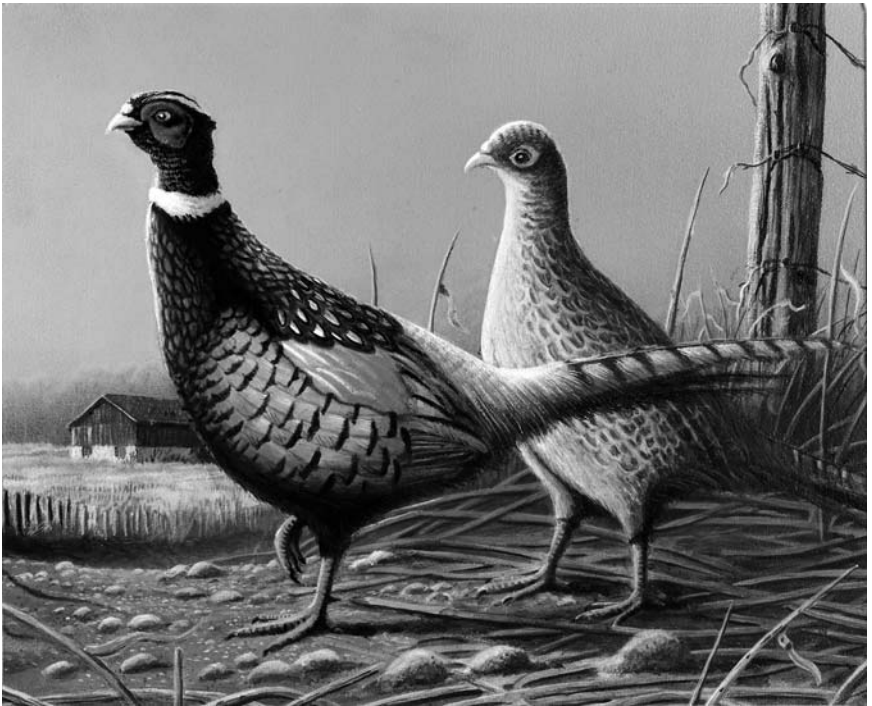


# 2007

## Wisconsin **SMALL GAME** Hunting Regulations

***New in 2007:***

**A pheasant stamp is required statewide for anyone hunting pheasants on public or private lands.**



*2007 Pheasant Stamp art by John Rickaby*

This pamphlet gives you a summary of Wisconsin's small game hunting laws and how they affect you; it is not a complete set of hunting laws.



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## How to use this pamphlet:

1. Determine which license you need in order to hunt legally (pages 19-20).
2. Know the general regulations that apply to most species (pages 5-11).
3. Know the regulations that apply to the species you will be hunting (pages 12-18).

Other information in this pamphlet is important for you to know, such as information regarding hunting on public land and license exemptions.

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## Definitions:

The following definitions may help in your understanding of the regulations in this pamphlet.

**Species** (Species definitions for the purpose of this pamphlet)

**Furbearing Animal** means raccoon, fox, coyote, bobcat, skunk, opossum, and weasel.

**Game Bird** means ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, pheasant, gray (Hungarian) partridge, bobwhite quail, and crow.

**Migratory Game Bird** means mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, sora and Virginia rail.

**Protected Species** means the following mammals, reptiles, and birds that may not be hunted, trapped, or possessed without first obtaining appropriate DNR authorization: Mammals—Badger, Canada lynx, cougar, flying squirrel, marten, moose, gray wolf, white deer (all white except for hooves, tarsal glands, head and parts of the head), wolverine, woodchucks (see landowner exemption, page 24). Reptiles—black rat snake, bull snake, timber rattlesnake and yellow-bellied (blue) racer. Birds—all wild birds (including song birds and blackbirds) not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping and migratory bird regulation pamphlets are protected. All endangered and threatened species.

**Small Game Mammal** means squirrel, rabbit, and hare.

**Unprotected Species** means mammals and birds that can be hunted year-round without bag limits or hunting hours restrictions and includes starling, pigeon, English (house) sparrow, chukar partridge, coturnix quail, opossum, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping, and migratory game bird regulations pamphlets or not listed as an endangered, threatened or protected species (see Protected Species listed above).

**Waterfowl** means ducks, geese and brant.

## Other terms

**Daily bag or bag limit** means the total number of a particular game species that a person may harvest in one day, no matter how long or often they hunted that day. No one can exceed or attempt to exceed his or her daily bag limit, possess more than the bag limit while in the field, or assist another hunter to fill his or her bag limit.

**Harvest Information Program (HIP):** To hunt migratory game birds and waterfowl in Wisconsin, each year, hunters first have to be HIP registered at a license outlet. No individual may hunt any species of migratory game bird including mourning doves and woodcock, until HIP registered with the department and all hunters must have in their possession proof of HIP registration while hunting Migratory Game Birds.

**Hunt or hunting** includes shooting, shooting at, pursuing, taking, catching, or killing any wild animal.

**Possession limit** means the total number of a particular game species that a person may possess at any given time.

## Power Lines

Discharging firearms at or towards power and utility lines is **illegal** and highly dangerous. This also includes any pipeline, duct, wire, cable, pole, equipment, or tower for data or power transmissions. A person found in violation of this law is subject to a fine, having their hunting license revoked for a year, and paying restitution for any damage incurred.

## Bring Kids Into the Woods and Keep Conflict Out

*Our hunting tradition is about family, friendships, stories and memories. In order to keep that tradition alive and the experience safe, hunters, landowners, and many others need to recognize the crucial role that they play. Our role at the DNR is to create a safe and pleasant environment to enjoy our natural resources.*

*Passing on the hunting tradition to young people has many benefits. Research suggests that exposure to nature is important for healthy development. Outdoor experiences aid in the development of skills in problem solving, critical thinking and decision making. Furthermore, if we do not involve our children, who will be the stewards of our natural resources in the future?*

*The DNR currently offers youth hunts for deer, waterfowl, and spring turkey. These are designed to give hunters age 12–15 an opportunity to hunt and gain a valuable outdoor experience. Another great opportunity is the Learn to Hunt Program, where experienced outdoorsmen, outdoorswomen, and landowners can work together to host mentor-supervised hunts for inexperienced hunters, both youth and adult. You can visit the DNR website at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) for more information on these.*

*Positive hunter behavior and ethics will preserve the future of hunting and will help ensure continued opportunities and places to hunt. By respecting landowners, other hunters and non-hunters alike, and wildlife in general, we can make the woods a safe place to bring our children. There is nothing to be gained by having emotionally charged conflicts in the field.*

*Enjoy your time in the outdoors this fall and be courteous to everyone. Take the time to pass on the conservation ethic to the next generation by introducing a child to an outdoor experience—the future depends on it.*

*Scott Hassett  
Secretary of the DNR*

### Remember the basic rules of firearms safety:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- Be certain of your target and what's beyond it.
- Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you're ready to shoot.

If every hunter followed these four basic rules we could eliminate hunting injuries and fatalities. For your sake and that of your fellow hunters, make safety your first priority on every hunting trip.

## General Small Game Hunting Regulations

The following regulations apply to hunting all Game Species listed in this pamphlet. In addition to these regulations, be sure to check pages 12–18 for season dates, bag limits, and special regulations for the species you are hunting.

### General Firearm and Bow Restrictions

**It is illegal to:**

- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt with any means other than a gun discharged from the shoulder, a legal handgun, or a bow and arrow.
- possess any firearm from 12:00 a.m.–11:59 p.m. on November 16, 2007 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case (see definition below).  
**Exceptions:** target shooting at established target ranges, on private lands by landowners and immediate family members who live with them, waterfowl hunting during open season, CWD Zones, and hunting on licensed bird hunting preserves or registered deer farms. *Established target range* means an existing location where target shooting with firearms is the major purpose or use.
- shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands you do not own without the permission of the owner or occupant of that building.

**Note:** Be sure to check with local authorities before using firearms in urbanized or populated areas.

**Note: Enclosed within a carrying case** for firearms means that a firearm must be completely contained in a case expressly made for that purpose. The case must fully enclose the firearm by being zipped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, with no portion of the firearm exposed. Homemade cases are legal if they conform to this definition.

### Rifles

**Rifle** means a firearm or airgun designed to be fired from the shoulder, by the energy of an explosive propellant or by compressed air, used to fire a single projectile for each pull of the trigger through a rifled or smooth barrel.

It is legal to hunt Small Game Mammals (page 12), Furbearing Animals (page 16), and Unprotected Species (page 18) with a rifle except that **it is illegal to:**

- possess a rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches.
- possess a rifle with an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- possess a rifle larger than .22 caliber rimfire or any .22 caliber centerfire or larger during the gun deer season in shotgun only deer hunting areas unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.
- hunt any Game Bird or Migratory Game Bird with a rifle.

### Shotguns

**Shotgun** means a smoothbore barreled firearm designed to shoot pellets. It is legal to hunt Small Game Mammals (page 12), Game Birds (page 13), Migratory Game Birds (page 15), Furbearing Animals (page 16), and Unprotected Species (page 18) with a shotgun except that **it is illegal to:**

- possess a shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches.
- possess a shotgun with an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- hunt any Migratory Game Bird, including mourning dove, woodcock, rail and snipe, with any shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells.

## Ammunition, Shotshells and Shot Size Restrictions

### *It is illegal to:*

- possess or control shotshells loaded with single slug or ball while hunting except during open gun deer or bear seasons.
- possess while hunting, shot, or shotshells loaded with shot, larger than No. BB from June 1–Dec. 7 (or June 1–Dec. 11 in Herd Control and EAB units, CWD Zones or Metro DMUs).
- hunt any Game Bird with a shotgun or muzzleloader loaded with shot larger than No. BB\* or with single slug or ball, or with a bore larger than a no. 10 gauge.  
\***Note:** Nontoxic shot size BBB and T may be used for hunting waterfowl.

### *Non-toxic shot currently approved for use:*

Shot Type	Composition by Weight
Bismuth-Tin	97% bismuth and 3% tin
Iron (Steel)	iron and carbon
Iron-Tungsten	any proportion of tungsten and ≥1% iron
Iron-Tungsten-Nickel	≥1% iron, any proportion of tungsten, & up to 40% nickel
Tungsten-Bronze (Two types)	51.1% tungsten, 44.4% copper, 3.9% tin, and 0.6% iron and 60% tungsten, 35.1% copper, 3.9% tin, and 1% iron
Tungsten-Iron-Copper-Nickel	40-76% tungsten, 10-37% iron, 9-16% copper, and 5-7% nickel
Tungsten-Matrix	95.9% tungsten and 4.1% polymer
Tungsten-Polymer	95.5% tungsten and 4.5% Nylon 6 or 11
Tungsten-Tin-Iron	any proportions of tungsten and tin, and ≥1% iron
Tungsten-Tin-Bismuth	any proportions of tungsten, tin, and bismuth.
Tungsten-Tin-Iron-Nickel	65% tungsten, 21.8% tin, 10.4% iron, and 2.8% nickel

## Muzzleloaders & Muzzleloading Handguns

**Muzzleloader** means any caliber of muzzleloading firearm. It is legal to hunt Small Game Mammals (page 12), Game Birds (see ammunition restrictions above and page 13), Migratory Game Birds (see ammunition restrictions above and page 15), Furbearing Animals (page 16), and Unprotected Species (page 18) with a muzzleloader, **except:**

- Muzzleloading handguns used for these species shall have a minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the breech face.
- Muzzleloading *handguns* are not legal for hunting Game Birds (page 13) or Migratory Game Birds (page 15).

**Note:** Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a percussion muzzleloader or the flashpan is cleaned of powder on a flintlock muzzleloader; the ball or shot and powder can remain in the barrel.

## Handguns

**Handgun** means a weapon designed and intended to be fired while held in one hand and to use the energy of an explosive, propellant, or compressed air to expel a projectile(s) through a smooth or rifled bore. It is legal to hunt Small Game Mammals (page 12), Furbearing Animals (page 16), and Unprotected Species (page 18) with a handgun except that ***it is illegal to:***

- hunt with or possess a handgun (that is a firearm) if under the age of 18. This does not apply to air guns.  
**Note:** Target shooting with handguns by persons under the age of 18 years is allowed only when supervised by an adult.
- hunt with a handgun or pellet gun less than .17 caliber.  
**Note:** Persons possessing a Class A, B or C Disabled Permit may use handguns chambered for .410 or larger shot shells for hunting Game Birds, listed on page 13.
- hunt with a handgun with a barrel length shorter than 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed or to the breech face.
- possess a concealed handgun.
- transport a handgun in a vehicle unless it is unloaded and completely enclosed within a carrying case. **Note:** A holster is not a legal carrying case unless it completely encloses the handgun, so that no part of the handgun is visible.

## Bows, Arrows, and Crossbows

**Crossbow** means any device using a bow which, once drawn, is held solely by means other than the effort of the person firing it.

### *It is illegal to:*

- possess, while hunting, any crossbow (except as described below) or poisoned, drugged, or explosive tipped arrow.

**Crossbows** are not legal to use except by the following:

1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B Crossbow, Class C or Crossbow Permit.
2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older with an appropriate hunting license.

**Note:** When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use at least 14-inch long bolts or arrows equipped with broadheads. Bows that are equipped with a *Draw-Lock type mechanism* that holds the bow at full draw are considered crossbows, but are exempt from the 100 pound minimum requirement.

## Arms Transportation

### *It is illegal to:*

- possess, place or transport in or on any vehicle, whether moving or stationary, any firearm, bow or crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded and completely enclosed within a carrying case (see page 5 for definition) with no portion of the firearm visible and the bow or crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- possess, place or transport in or on any motor driven boat while the motor is running, any firearm, bow or crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded (see below) and bow or crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case. **Exception:** Possession of a strung, uncased bow in a boat while using a motor is legal for bowfishing only. See Fishing Regulations for additional restrictions.

**Unloaded** means any of the following:

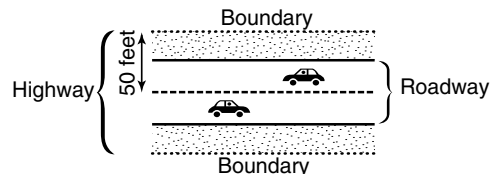
1. Having no shell or cartridge in the chamber of a firearm or in the magazine, clip, or cylinder attached to a firearm.
2. Having the cap removed from a percussion muzzleloading firearm.
3. Having the flashpan cleaned of powder from a flint lock muzzleloading firearm.

## Hunting Near Roadways

**Highway** means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road, but does not include private roads and driveways.

**Roadway** means the portion of the highway that is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.

**Public road** means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation.



### *It is illegal to:*

1. Hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or
2. Discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow:
  - a. From or across a highway, or
  - b. Within 50 feet of the roadway's center.

**Note:** The above prohibitions apply to all public roads (defined above). However, anyone hunting small game with a muzzleloader or shotgun loaded with shot size BB or smaller is exempt from these prohibitions if the roadway is unpaved (dirt, sand or gravel). **Exceptions:** Certain exceptions are allowed for Class A and B disabled permit holders. Call the nearest DNR Service Center (back cover) for an explanation of these exceptions and request publication number WM-352. (*What You Should Know About Permits for People with Disabilities*, also available at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov).)

## Shining

### *It is illegal to:*

- use or possess with intent to use, a light (including vehicle headlights) for shining any wild animal while hunting or in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow (includes laser sights on firearms, bows and crossbows).  
**Note:** Visually handicapped hunters with a Class C Disabled Permit may use a laser sight for hunting.
- use or possess with intent to use, whether or not in possession of a firearm or bow, a light for shining wild animals (including vehicle headlights) between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 through December 31.  
**Note:** Some areas may prohibit shining by local ordinance. Check with local Sheriff's department or township officials for local shining restrictions.

**Exceptions:** A flashlight may be used: 1) while shooting coyote, raccoon, fox, or Unprotected Species at the point of kill while hunting on foot, or 2) to find your way.

**Flashlight** is defined as a battery operated light designed to be carried and held by hand.

## Dogs

- Dogs are considered private property and are protected by law. Only conservation wardens may kill dogs chasing deer. Owners may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs while hunting or for dogs running at large.
- **It is illegal to:** allow a dog to run at large, however, a dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person **and** the dog is on land that is open to public hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt with or to train a dog.

### Use of dogs for hunting

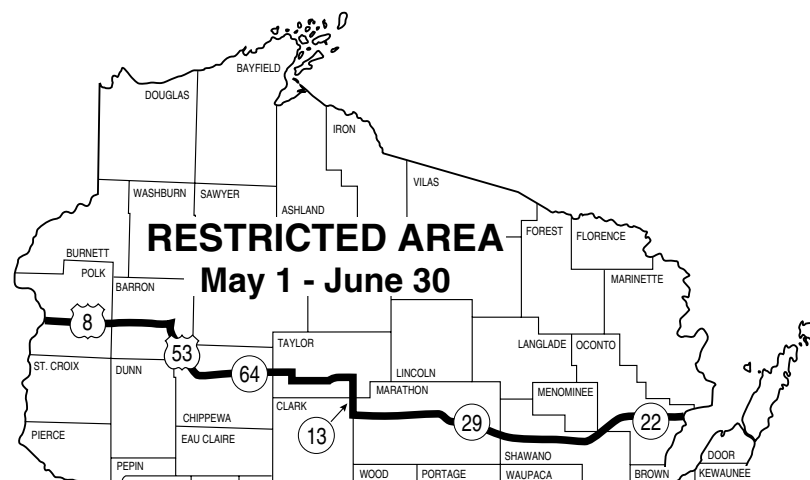
Legal to use for hunting Small Game Mammals, Game Birds, Furbearing Animals, Migratory Game Birds, and Unprotected Species. Dogs must be leashed at all times on Waterfowl Protection Areas (WPAs) unless engaged in legal hunting activity. It is illegal to allow a dog to kill any wild animal at any time.

### Dog Training

For a more detailed listing of rules, regulations and licenses related to dog training and trialing, refer to the *Wisconsin Dog Training and Trialing Regulations* (WM-444), available on the DNR website [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov).

### *It is illegal to:*

- allow dogs to run on DNR lands from April 15 through July 31 unless the dog is on a leash no longer than 8 feet. This rule does not apply to class 1 field trial grounds or DNR lands open to dog training or trials, or to train dogs to track bear after June 30.
- allow a dog to kill any wild animal at any time.
- hunt or pursue any free-roaming wild animal with the aid of any dog from May 1 to June 30 in that portion of the state north of the highways shown on the following map, except as authorized for raccoon and rabbit dog trials or training under the authority of a hound dog trial or training license.



## Use of devices

### *It is illegal to:*

- hunt any animal with the aid of an airplane.
- use any device other than legal firearms, bows, or crossbows to kill or catch wild animals, except traps and falconry birds may be used under the appropriate license or permit and seasons.
- use *Draw-Lock type mechanisms* that can hold a compound bow at full draw unless authorized to use a crossbow (page 7).
- use any electronic or electronically amplified calls while hunting Migratory Game Birds (page 15), or wild turkeys.  
**Note:** It is legal to use any type of call or amplified sound for attracting foxes, raccoon, crows, coyotes, and Unprotected Species during the open season.
- use or possess laser sights while hunting unless you are visually handicapped and possess a Class C Disabled Permit.

## Trap theft

Stealing or molesting lawfully set or placed traps or snares is a criminal act and is punishable by fine (\$300–\$1000), imprisonment (up to 90 days), or both, and a mandatory 5-year revocation of all hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges.

## Transport and sale of game

*It is illegal to:* sell, purchase, or barter, or offer to sell, purchase or barter any Small Game Mammal, Migratory Game Bird, or Game Bird or part thereof **except:**

1. the tail and skin of any squirrel, when severed from the rest of the carcass.
2. rabbit, raccoon, and other Furbearing animal carcasses or parts can be sold during the open season for those species. (The DNR may retain bobcat, fisher and otter carcasses for research)

## Serving game to guests

It is illegal for Innkeepers, managers or stewards of any restaurant, club, hotel, boarding house, tavern, logging or mining camp to sell, barter, serve or give, or cause to be sold, bartered, served or given to its guests or boarders any of the following:

1. The meat of any squirrel, Game Bird, deer, bear, elk, or game fish at any time (except game raised on a Licensed Captive Wild Animal Farm).
2. The meat of any wild animal not listed under 1., during the closed season for the wild animal, whether the meat of the wild animal was lawfully or unlawfully taken in or out of state.

**Note:** The Department of Natural Resources may issue a permit authorizing the serving of lawfully taken and possessed wild animals at any time. Contact your local DNR Service Center for more information on Wild Game Serving Permits.

## Taking and possession of game

### *It is illegal to:*

- take any wild animal which has been lawfully obtained by someone else without having that person's consent.
- hunt beaver, fisher, mink, muskrat or otter with the aid of a spear, gun or dog, except landowners can take beaver with a firearm.
- not immediately kill, in a humane manner, all game taken and make it part of your daily bag.
- tag game shot by another hunter or shoot game for another hunter (except for deer hunting, see deer hunting regulations for details).

- molest any squirrel nest or den, raccoon den or tree, mink den, or muskrat house.
- unreasonably destroy, molest or waste game. You must make every reasonable effort to retrieve all game killed or crippled. Until such effort is made, such game shall be included in the daily bag. This rule does not allow you to trespass without the permission of the landowner or shoot game beyond established shooting hours.
- possess any game unless you hold a valid hunting or trapping license or state permit carried on your person, unless you are hunting as a landowner (page 24).
- capture and tag, collar or mark and release any game taken from the wild unless issued the appropriate state and/or federal permit.

## Hunting accidents

Any person involved in an accident in which a person is injured by gunfire, bow and arrow, or crossbow while hunting or trapping should first render necessary assistance and then immediately report the incident to the local sheriff or police. Every person involved in a hunting accident must render a report to the DNR within 10 days.

## Blaze orange clothing requirements:

During any gun or muzzleloader deer season, no person may hunt any game unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. **Note:** Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet legal requirements. Camo-blaze is legal if 50% of the material is blaze orange, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended. **Exceptions:** The blaze orange requirement does not apply to hunting waterfowl and during legal night hunting activities for coyote, fox, raccoon, and Unprotected Species, from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

### White-tailed Deer Seasons

<b>Gun</b>	November 17–November 25
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	November 26–December 5
<b>Statewide Youth Deer Hunt</b>	October 6–7
<b>Statewide Antlerless Only</b>	December 6–December 9
<b>CWD Units</b>	
<b>Early gun season</b>	October 13-21 (DEZ) October 18-21 (HRZ)
<b>Late gun season</b>	November 17–December 9

## Baiting

*It is illegal to:* use bait to hunt Small Game Mammals, Migratory Birds, Game Birds, and Furbearing Animals. However, seeds dispersed from naturally occurring vegetation or grain or feed scattered solely by normal agricultural operations, which include normal harvesting, normal post-harvest manipulations, or other normal agricultural practices is not considered baiting.

Manipulation of agricultural crops or natural vegetation prior to harvest by mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatment is legal for hunting doves, but is **not legal** for hunting other species.

## Small Game Season Limits & Special Regulations

### Small Game Mammal Hunting Seasons & Regulations

In addition to the General Small Game Hunting Regulations listed on pages 5–11, the following are regulations specific to Small Game Mammals.

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2007–2008	
			Opens	Closes
Squirrels—Gray & Fox	5	Statewide	Sept. 15	Jan. 31
Cottontail Rabbit	3	North Zone (see Map)	Sept. 15	Feb. 29
	3	South Zone (see Map)	Oct. 20 (noon)	Feb. 29
Jack Rabbit	3	Statewide	Oct. 20 (noon)	Nov. 15
Snowshoe Hare	Unlimited	Statewide	Year-round open season	

**Possession Limits:** twice the daily bag limit.

**Possession and Sale:** The tails and skins of lawfully taken squirrels may be bought and sold, but not the carcass. Carcasses and skins of rabbits and hares can be sold, but only during their open season dates specified on this page.

#### Licenses/Stamps/Permits:

Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required. (See pages 19–24 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners.)

### Cottontail Rabbit Hunting Zones



## Game Bird Hunting Seasons and Regulations

In addition to the General Small Game Hunting Regulations listed on pages 5–11, the following are regulations specific to Game Birds.

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2007–2008	
			Opens	Closes
Pheasants	See below*	Statewide	Oct. 20 (noon)	Dec. 31
Bobwhite Quail	5	Statewide	Oct. 20 (noon)	Dec. 12
Ruffed Grouse	5	Zone A	Sept. 15	Jan. 31
	2	Zone B	Oct. 20	Dec. 8
Gray (Hungarian) Partridge	3	Statewide**	Oct. 20 (noon)	Dec. 31
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Determined by permits	Apply by permit for specific area	Oct. 20	Nov. 11
Crows	15	Statewide	Sept. 15	Nov. 15
			Jan. 18, 2008	Mar. 20, 2008

\* Pheasant: Oct. 20-21, 1 cock daily, Remainder of season 2 cocks daily

\*\* Gray (Hungarian) Partridge Season CLOSED in Clark, Marathon and Taylor Counties

**Note:** Turkey Regulations are published in separate pamphlets.

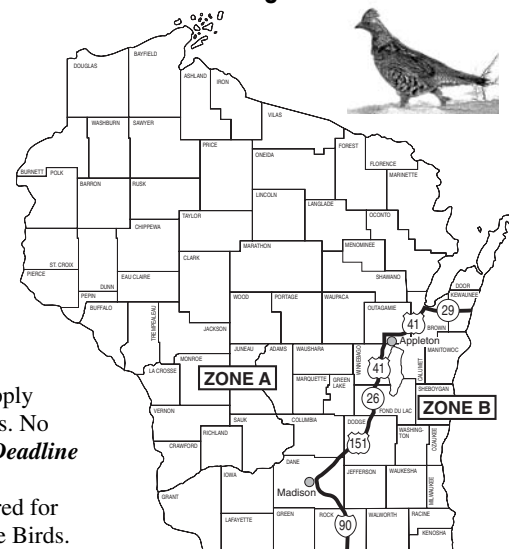
**Possession Limits:** twice the daily bag limit for that species.

**Possession and Sale:** It is illegal to sell, purchase or trade any Game Bird or the parts of any wild Game Bird.

#### Licenses/Stamps/Permits:

- Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required. See pages 19–24 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners.
- Pheasant—**New in 2007: A pheasant stamp is required statewide**
- Ruffed grouse, quail, partridge and crow—No special stamps or permits are required.
- Sharp-tailed grouse—Must apply for a permit for specified areas. No stamp required. **Application Deadline is August 1st.**
- HIP Certification is **not** required for hunting the above listed Game Birds.

### Ruffed Grouse Hunting Zones



### Special Pheasant Hunting Regulations:

#### 2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure Areas

The boundaries of the following wildlife properties are posted with signs stating the 2:00 P.M. daily pheasant hunting closure time from Oct. 22 (third day of the season)–Nov. 3. **For more information refer to the 2007 Pheasant Flier.**

- Allenton Wildlife Area (W.A.) (Washington County)
- Brooklyn W. A. (Dane and Green)
- C.D. “Buzz” Besadny Fish and W. A. (Kewaunee)
- Dunnville W.A. (Dunn)
- Eldorado Marsh W.A. (Fond Du Lac)
- Goose Lake W.A. (Dane)
- Grand River W.A. (Green Lake and Marquette)
- Holland W.A. (Brown)
- Horicon W.A. (Dodge)
- Jackson W.A. (Washington)
- Killsnake W.A. (Calumet and Manitowoc)
- Mazomanie Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway (Dane)
- Mud Lake W.A. (Dodge)
- New Munster W.A. (Kenosha)
- Nichols Creek W.A. (Sheboygan)
- Scuppernong (Waukesha)
- Theresa W.A. (Dodge and Washington)
- Tichigan W.A. (Racine)
- Vernon W.A. (Waukesha)
- White River W.A. (Green Lake and Marquette)

#### Hen-Rooster Hunting Areas & Regulations

##### (Applicable on Hen-Rooster areas only!)

The boundaries of the following areas are posted with signs stating that hunters must obtain a permit and tags before hunting pheasants. **For more information refer to the 2007 Pheasant Flier.**

- Avoca Unit of the Lower Wisc. State Riverway (Iowa County)
- Boscobel Unit of the Lower Wisc. State Riverway (Grant)
- C.D. “Buzz” Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area (Kewaunee)
- Kettle Moraine State Forest Southern Unit (Waukesha)
- Kickapoo Valley Reserve (Vernon)
- Pine River Public Hunting Grounds (Richland)
- Scuppernong (Waukesha)
- Tom Lawin W.A. (Chippewa)
- Vernon W.A. (Waukesha)

1. You must obtain a pheasant hunting permit and tags BEFORE hunting pheasants on the above Hen-Rooster hunting areas. There is no charge (pending legislation for a fee). Contact a DNR Service Center to locate the nearest vendor.
2. The permit sticker (labeled “L”) at the bottom of the tag package must be separated from the tags and attached to your hunting license before you hunt.
3. Ten carcass tags are issued with your permit and this establishes your season bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas. Daily bag and possession limits also apply (see 7 below).
4. The permit and carcass tags are not transferable or replaceable, even if accidentally lost.
5. Immediately upon killing a pheasant, a tag must be attached to the featherless part of the pheasant’s leg, between the foot and the knee joint.
6. Both sexes must be tagged.
7. The daily bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas is 1 pheasant daily on Oct. 20 and 21 and 2 pheasants daily from Oct. 22 to Dec. 31. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

### Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons & Regulations

*Does not include Waterfowl!\**

In addition to the General Small Game Hunting Regulations listed on pages 5–11, the following are regulations specific to Migratory Game Birds.

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2007–2008	
			Opens	Closes
Mourning Dove	15	Statewide	Sept. 1	Oct. 30
Woodcock	3	Statewide	Sept. 22	Nov. 5
Snipe	8	Statewide	Concurrent with duck season**	
Sora & Virginia Rails	25	Statewide	Concurrent with duck season**	

\* Waterfowl regulations are printed in a separate publication available in August.

\*\* Duck seasons are determined in August. Contact a DNR Service Center for dates.

**Dove hunting safety!** Hunters need to be absolutely aware of their target and beyond, especially when hunting on public grounds where hunters wearing camouflaged clothing are likely to be. Avoid shooting horizontally at low-flying birds or at birds on the ground. When in doubt, limit shooting to birds flying overhead.

**Possession Limits:** Twice the daily bag limit for that species, except for Sora and Virginia Rails that have a possession limit of 25.

**Possession and Sale:** *It is illegal to* sell, purchase or trade any wild Migratory Game Bird or the parts of any wild Migratory Game Bird.

**Transportation:** May be field dressed, but the head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached while in the field and while being transported (1) from the field to the person’s permanent residence and (2) between a hunting cabin, camp, motel or other temporary residence to the person’s permanent residence.

**Licenses/Stamps/Permits:** Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required (State or Federal waterfowl stamps are not required). See pages 19-24 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals.

**HIP Certification:** Must be enrolled in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) (see page 3 for definition).

**Weapons: Only** shotguns capable of holding 3 shells or less, with bores 10 gauge or smaller **are legal** for hunting Migratory Game Birds. While not required, hunters are encouraged to use nontoxic shot while hunting these species.

**Blaze Orange Clothing:** Required at certain times for hunting Migratory Game Birds, *other than waterfowl*. See page 11 for details.

**Hunting Hours:** End at sunset each day. Must subtract 20 minutes from P.M. hours each day in the tables listed on pages 28 and 30 or refer to the hours printed in the *Migratory Bird Regulations*.

**Look For Dove Bands!**—The Wisconsin DNR began a dove banding program in 2005 as part of dove population monitoring and dove harvest management. Please look for a small silver band on one leg of harvested doves and follow reporting instructions on the band. Thanks for your cooperation!

## Furbearing Animal Hunting Seasons & Regulations

In addition to the General Small Game Hunting Regulations listed on pages 5–11, the following are regulations specific to Furbearing Animals.

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2007–2008	
			Opens	Closes
<b>Racoons</b> — Residents	Unlimited	Statewide	Oct. 20 (12:00 a.m.)	Jan. 31
<b>Racoons</b> — Non-residents	Unlimited	Statewide	Nov. 3	Jan. 31
<b>Fox—Red &amp; Gray</b>	Unlimited	North of Hwy 64	Oct. 20	Feb.. 15
	Unlimited	South of Hwy 64	Oct. 27	Feb. 15
<b>Coyote</b>	Unlimited	Statewide	see map on page 17	
<b>Bobcat*</b>	1 by permit	North of Hwy 64	Oct. 20	Dec. 31

\* Application Deadline for bobcat is **August 1**.

**Possession Limits:** Unlimited for above listed species except bobcat, which may be hunted by permit only.

**Possession and Sale:** Carcasses and pelts can only be sold during the open season. Bobcat carcasses may be retained by the DNR for research purposes. Green skins (a skin that has not been removed from the carcass of a dead animal and a skin which has been removed but has not been fleshed, stretched and dried or tanned) of raccoon, fox, coyote and bobcat may not be possessed beginning on the 6<sup>th</sup> day after season closes.

**Licenses/Stamps/Permits:** Residents are required to have a Small Game hunting approval/authorization and non-residents are required to have a Furbearer License. See pages 19–24 for details, exceptions for qualified individuals and landowners.

**Night Hunting:** Coyote, fox, or raccoon may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions *except*:

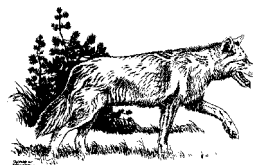
1. During the bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 28–31 apply to bow hunting all species.
2. During the regular gun deer season from November 17–25, when normal hunting hours listed on pages 28–31 apply to hunting all species. This restriction does not apply during the muzzleloader or CWD deer seasons, or antlerless deer hunts in Herd Control or EAB units.

**Blaze orange:** Coyote, fox, and raccoon hunters are exempt from the blaze orange requirements on page 11, if hunting ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

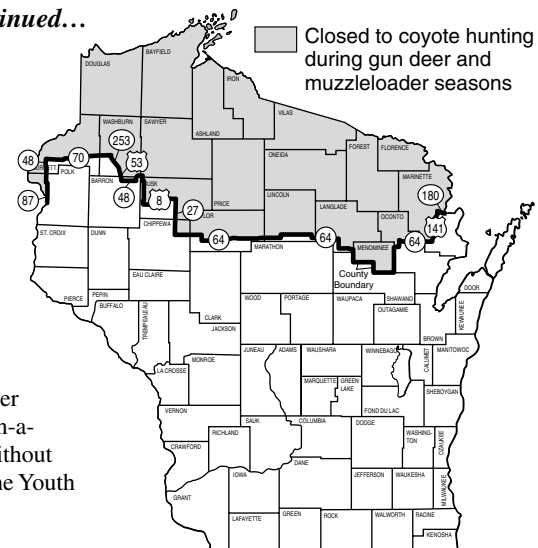
**Use of lights:** A flashlight may be used to find your way and at the point of kill while hunting raccoon, fox, and coyotes. Lights may not be used to shine or search for these animals.

**Flashlight is defined as a battery operated light designed to be carried and held by hand.**

## Furbearing Animals continued...



**Coyote Season** is open all year statewide, *except* in northern Wisconsin where it closes for the 19 day period of the regular gun deer and muzzleloader deer seasons and any antlerless deer hunts in Herd Control or Earn-a-Buck units. (Open in units without antlerless hunts and during the Youth Deer Hunt).

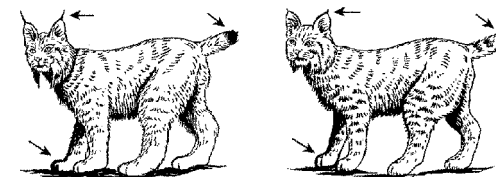


## Bobcat:

- A Bobcat Harvest Permit and carcass tag is required to be in your possession while hunting bobcat.
- Immediately upon killing a bobcat, the carcass tag must be attached and sealed by passing the wire portion of the tag through the animal's mouth to eye opening, just beneath the skin. The tag must also be validated by slitting the month and date of kill and securing/folding it to over the wire by its adhesive.
- The bobcat pelt must be separated from the carcass and both parts presented to a conservation warden for registration no later than five days after the month of harvest.
- The pelt tag shall remain attached to the pelt until removed by a fur dresser or taxidermist at time of preparation.
- No person may transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any bobcat pelt unless it bears a DNR carcass tag and registration tag.
- The bobcat carcass may be retained by the DNR for research purposes. Carcasses are used for determining population trends which aid in establishing harvest quotas. See *2007 Trapping Regulations* for more information.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists the Canada lynx, a rare visitor to Wisconsin, as a threatened species. Please help us protect this unique animal through your careful observation. View the illustrations below and if you observe a Canada lynx contact your local DNR office immediately.

Lynx are distinguished from bobcat primarily by the tip of their tail, which is completely black. Only the upper half of the tail tip is black on the bobcat. Lynx also have larger ear tufts, are lighter in coloration, have large densely furred feet, and less distinct tracks than bobcat.



Lynx

Bobcat

## Unprotected Species Regulations

In addition to the General Small Game Hunting Regulations listed on pages 5–11, the following are regulations specific to Unprotected Species.

**Unprotected Species** are described on page 3 of this pamphlet. **Note:** Grackles, red-winged blackbirds and cowbirds are not considered Unprotected Species and may not be hunted for recreation purposes. They may be killed on private lands without a hunting license or federal permit **ONLY IF** they are causing damage or are about to cause damage to trees, crops, livestock, or wildlife; or they are concentrated in large numbers that may constitute a health hazard or other nuisance. Crows may also be killed without a federal permit and outside the normal crow season in these situations.

**Season Dates:** These species can be hunted year round.

**Possession Limit:** There is no daily bag limit, so no possession limit applies to these species.

**Possession and Sale:** No possession limit applies to these animals. It is legal to sell the carcass, or skins, or feathers of legally harvested Unprotected Species.

**Licenses/Stamps/Permits:** Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required. See pages 19–24 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners. Persons hunting or trapping Unprotected Species must possess a hunting or trapping license (including landowners) and comply with all method of taking requirements and restrictions unless otherwise authorized by the DNR for qualified individuals. **Note:** License not required for landowners shooting or trapping Unprotected Species causing damage or nuisance.

**Night Hunting:** Unprotected Species may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions *except*:

1. During the bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 28–31 apply to bow hunting all species.
2. During the regular gun deer season outside of CWD zones from November 17–25, when normal hunting hours listed on pages 28–31 apply to hunting all species. This restriction does not apply during the muzzleloader or CWD deer seasons, or antlerless deer hunts in Herd Control or EAB units. (*Season dates on page 11*)

**Use of Lights:** A flashlight may be used at the point of kill while hunting Unprotected Species. Lights may not be used to shine or search for these animals.

**European wild hogs** and **Russian wild boars** are not common nor are they native to Wisconsin. These animals damage the environment, pose health risks to native wildlife and domestic livestock, and have been known to out-compete native wildlife for food and resources.

You may legally shoot a wild or feral hog year round if:

1. You are a landowner with or without a hunting license and you see a wild hog on your property, or
2. You have a small game license, or
3. You have an archery license and are hunting with a bow.

While hunting this year, please help the DNR address this potentially harmful non-native species. Please consider shooting any wild hogs you see while out in the field and report any sightings to the local Warden or wildlife manager.

**Note:** an unconfined hog in the wild, may not be a wild hog. It is your responsibility to know what you are shooting.

## Small Game License, Stamp and Privilege Information

License	Resident	Non-Resident	Privileges Included
Conservation Patron	\$165	\$600	Small Game*, Spring and Fall Turkey Licenses and Stamp, Pheasant Stamp, Deer Firearm, Archery, Trapping, Fishing, State Fishing and Waterfowl Stamps, Most Permit Fees, DNR Magazine Subscription, Vehicle Admission to State Parks and Related Areas (Including State Trail Pass). <b>Non-resident license does not include hunting Furbearing Animals.</b>
Junior Conservation Patron (12-17) Without magazine & Park Sticker	\$75	\$77	
Sports	\$60	\$275	General Fishing, Small Game* (excluding Furbearing Animals as defined on page 3, for non-residents), (bobcat requires a special permit, see next page), Deer Firearm
Junior Sports	\$35	\$36	
Archery	\$24	\$160	Small Game*, deer, and Unprotected Species (bobcat requires a special permit, see next page) may be harvested with a bow. <b>Non-resident license does not include hunting Furbearing Animals.</b>
Junior Archery	\$20	NA	
Resident Small Game	\$18	NA	Small Game* and Unprotected Species, (bobcat requires a special permit, see next page), may be harvested with a firearm and bow.
Non-resident Small Game	NA	\$85	Small Game* and Unprotected Species (excluding Furbearing Animals as defined on page 3) may be harvested with a firearm and bow.
Junior Small Game (Ages 12-17)	\$9	NA	Small Game* and Unprotected Species, (bobcat requires a special permit, see next page), may be harvested with a firearm and bow.
Senior Citizen Small Game (Age 65 or Over)	\$9	NA	Small Game* and Unprotected Species, (bobcat requires a special permit, see next page), may be harvested with a firearm and bow.
5-Day Small Game	NA	\$55	Small Game* hunted with a firearm or a bow during a specified, consecutive 5-day period. <b>Does not include hunting Furbearing Animals.</b>

License	Resident	Non-Resident	Privileges Included
Furbearer Hunting	NA	\$160	Hunting skunk, raccoon, fox, weasel, opossum, coyote and bobcat (with special permit, see below) with a firearm or bow
Armed Forces Small Game & Fishing	FREE	NA	Small Game*, (bobcat requires a special permit, see below) with a firearm or bow and arrow. (See page 22 for stamp exemptions and qualifications).
Waterfowl Stamp	\$7	\$7	Required (in addition to the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp) for waterfowl hunting in addition to a Small Game, Archery or Sports License for hunters 16 years old and older. (See page 22-23 for exemptions).
Pheasant Stamp	\$10	\$10	<b>New in 2007:</b> Required statewide to hunt pheasants, in addition to a Small Game, Archery or Sports License (See page 22-23 for exemptions).
Sharp-tailed Grouse Application	\$3	\$3	Must be submitted to be eligible in the drawing for a permit required for hunting sharp-tailed grouse (deadline is August 1).
Bobcat Application	\$3	\$3	Must be purchased to be eligible in the drawing for a tag and permit required for hunting and trapping bobcat (deadline is August 1).
HIP (See Definition page 3)	\$0	\$0	Yearly registration required of all hunters who wish to hunt Migratory Game Birds or Waterfowl (including woodcock and mourning doves).

\* **Small Game** means all varieties of wild mammals and birds for which there is an open season, but does not include deer, moose, elk, bear, wild turkey, or endangered, threatened, or protected species.

**License Sales and Applications:**

All licenses are available at DNR Service Centers (see back cover), License Sales Agents, over the phone at 877-WI-LICENSE (877-945-4236), or online at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov). Resident and non-resident customers can purchase their hunting licenses and submit their special permit applications online via the Internet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Licenses purchased online that do not have a back tag, carcass tag, or harvest report card must be printed at home (other licenses will be delivered by mail within 7 days). When submitting special permit applications purchased online, customers will receive an immediate printable confirmation that their data was received. Visit the DNR website or call 608-266-2621 for more information.

**Applications for Special Permit Programs:**

The following special permits are required in addition to hunting (or trapping) licenses and/or stamps to pursue these species.

Program	Application Deadline:
Horicon & Collins Zones—Goose Seasons	August 1
2007 Fall Turkey	August 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse	August 1
Bobcat	August 1
Otter	August 1
Fisher	August 1
2008 Spring Turkey	December 10
<b>2008 Bear</b>	<b>December 10</b>

**To obtain a permit**, a hunter must submit a valid application, which means that he or she must purchase and accurately complete an application and submit it before the application deadline. A permit drawing will be administered using valid applications. **Preference Points:** If an applicant is drawn for a permit he or she will NOT receive a preference point. If a valid application is submitted and the applicant is not successful in the drawing, a preference point is recorded. Applicants with preference points who submit valid applications will have a better chance of being drawn for a permit than if they had no preference point(s). Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. **Visit the DNR website [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) to check for drawing success or for information on preference point status and transfers.**

**Licensing and Stamp Requirements:**

- Hunters must carry a valid hunting license and necessary stamp privilege on their person while engaged in hunting and present it to a Warden upon request.
- Hunters must meet hunter education requirements in order to obtain a license (see page 22).
- It is illegal to allow someone else to use or carry your license or tag, or for you to use or carry another person’s license or tag when engaged in hunting.
- No person less than 12 years old may obtain a license which authorizes hunting.
- To receive a duplicate license, you must turn in all remaining parts of the lost license to a license agent. (Duplicate licenses are available from any license sales agent).
- First time purchasers of a Wisconsin hunting license must provide their social security number.

**Effective Dates:**

- All hunting licenses are effective immediately after purchase and with the opening of the specific seasons except for the following:
  - Archery licenses purchased after the open season for deer begins are not valid until 3 days after the purchase, excluding the day of purchase (Example: A license purchased on a Monday is valid on Thursday), except for **resident** members of the U.S. Armed Forces in active service who exhibit proof that they are on furlough or leave are exempt from the waiting period.
  - Non-resident 5-day Small Game Licenses, which are valid beginning on the date specified on the license and for 5 consecutive days thereafter.
- All 2007 hunting licenses expire on March 31, 2008, with the exception of the Non-resident 5-day Small Game License, which expires on the date stated on the license.

## Resident Licenses:

### *Residency requirements to purchase a resident hunting license:*

- A person must have maintained a permanent residence in this state for 30 consecutive days immediately before purchasing a license. Domiciliary intent is required. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes, but is not limited to, where the person votes, pays personal income taxes, or obtains a driver's license. Mere presence in the state for a 30-day period or ownership of property is not sufficient to establish residency. **Non-residents 12–17 years of age who have a parent that is a Wisconsin resident may purchase licenses at resident rates.**

### *Non-resident students attending school in Wisconsin:*

- Full-time students in residence at a public or private Wisconsin college or university and foreign citizens residing in the state and attending a Wisconsin high school or a university agricultural short course, may purchase Deer Gun, Archery, Small Game, Fishing and Sports Licenses at resident prices.

## Armed Forces Members

### *Armed Forces members are entitled to the following:*

- Exemption from hunter education requirements (see below).
- A U.S. Armed Forces member who exhibits proof that he or she is a Wisconsin resident:
  1. in **active service** with the Armed Forces, and
  2. is **on furlough or leave**, may receive a free Armed Forces Small Game and Fishing License (available at any ALIS agent). Note: The state Waterfowl, Pheasant, and Trout Stamps are not required with this free combination license.
- **Any U.S. Armed Forces member** who exhibits proof of active service and that he or she is:
  1. **stationed in the state** or
  2. is a **resident on furlough or leave**, are exempt from the three day waiting period for resident Archery and resident Conservation Patron License purchased after the season opens.
- **Any non-resident active duty U.S. Armed Forces member stationed in Wisconsin** may purchase resident Gun Deer, Archery, Small Game, Fishing and Sports Licenses.
- **Any U.S. Armed Forces member who is unable to use his/her bobcat, otter, fisher, or sharp-tailed grouse permit due to active duty service may request to defer using the permit. Contact your DNR Service Center for more information.**

## Hunter Education Requirements:

Persons born on or after January 1, 1973, must present their Hunter Education certificate, last year's hunting license, or proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard to purchase any hunting license. A certificate of successful completion of a Bow Hunter Education course can be used to purchase an archery license. Contact your local DNR office for course information or visit our web site at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov).

## *First time Hunter Education graduates:*

Residents\*, 12 years and older, graduating from a *Wisconsin Hunter Education course for the first time* are entitled to the following:

- Certificates issued after January 1, 2007, serve as your Small Game License and are valid for hunting small game until March 31, 2008. You must carry your Hunter Education Certificate with you while hunting if it is acting as your Small Game hunting authorization.
- Exemption from the requirement to purchase the Pheasant and **state** Waterfowl Stamps while the certificate is valid for small game hunting.

**Note:** The above does not exempt a person from the requirement to purchase goose permits, a **Federal** Waterfowl Stamp (16 & over) or from becoming HIP registered (page 3).

\*Non-residents graduating from a Wisconsin hunter education course do not qualify for the above license privileges or stamp exemptions.

### **Adult Supervision Required:**

A parent or guardian must accompany hunters 12 and 13 years of age. **Accompanied** means within sight and voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid. Persons under the age of 12 may not possess a firearm, except as part of a hunter education course.

## Disabled Hunters:

Qualified disabled persons may obtain a permit to hunt from a stationary vehicle and/or use a crossbow. Visually handicapped persons may be able to obtain a permit to include the use of a laser sighting device while hunting with a firearm, bow, or crossbow. Contact a DNR Service Center for further information or go to the DNR website at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov). Allow 30–60 days for processing. **Important:** Disabled permits issued prior to 1989 expired in 1994. If you possess an old permit, which has no expiration date, contact your local DNR Service Center.

## Senior Citizen Recreation Card Holders:

*The Senior Citizen Recreation Card, which is no longer offered, is a former privilege that has not been available since 1991. It continues to convey lifetime privileges to the holder as outlined below as long as the holder possesses the card and remains a resident.*

### **The Senior Citizen Recreation Card includes:**

Small Game hunting privileges, fishing privileges, state park sticker and state trail access, spring and fall turkey hunting privileges, Turkey Stamp privileges, state Waterfowl Stamp privileges, Pheasant Stamp privileges, Great Lakes Trout and Salmon stamp and Inland Trout stamp privileges.

### **The Senior Citizen Recreation Card does not include:**

Federal Migratory Bird Stamp, Early Goose Permit, Exterior Goose Permit, Regular (Horicon or Collins) Goose application, Fall or Spring Turkey application, Sharp-tailed grouse application, or Sturgeon Sparring license.

## Private Lands and Landowner Information

### License Requirements:

A landowner is required to have a license to hunt deer, bear, Game Birds, Migratory Game Birds, bobcat and Unprotected Species or to trap otter, muskrat, mink, bobcat, or fishers. The owner or occupant of any land and members of their family may, **without a license** and subject to all other restrictions except seasons, hunt or trap on their own property for beaver, fox, coyote, raccoon, woodchuck, rabbit, and squirrel year-round; however, hunting with a firearm is not allowed during the 24-hour period immediately preceding the regular gun deer season, and hunting is illegal for anyone under the age of 12.

### Liability:

Under sec. 895.52 of the Wisconsin Statutes, landowners are generally immune from liability for injuries received by individuals recreating on their lands. This law provides liability protection for landowners from injury or death of individuals occurring when participating in outdoor recreation activities on their land such as fishing, hunting, trapping, hiking, camping, boating and berry picking. This immunity does not apply when the landowner receives more than \$2,000 a year income from the recreation activity or when the landowner acted maliciously with an intent to harm the recreator. There also is an exception for social guests invited specifically for an occasion on residential or platted property or property within 300 feet of a commercial building or structure. Courts have consistently interpreted this statute to protect landowners in furtherance of its purpose, to encourage landowners to allow others to recreate on their lands.

### Trespassing:

Landowners suspecting that individuals are trespassing on their property should **contact their local Sheriff or other local law enforcement**. Conservation Wardens do not have the authority to investigate trespassing complaints. Any person convicted of trespassing is subject to a penalty of up to \$1,359. According to s. 943.13, of the Wisconsin Statutes, it is illegal to:

- Enter land of another without the express or implied consent of the owner or occupant of the land.
- Enter or remain on land after having been notified by the owner or occupant not to enter or remain. A person has received notice from the owner or occupant if he or she has been notified personally, either orally or in writing, or if the land is posted.

**Remember:** Although hunters are required to make a reasonable effort to retrieve game they have killed or injured, hunters **may not** trespass to retrieve game, even if it was shot from outside the posted area.

### Managed Forest Lands:

Landowners enrolled in either the Forest Crop Law or the Managed Forest Law programs are not required to remove elevated tree stands daily from land they own. No damage may be done to the tree. This exception can also be granted to other individuals using the landowner's property with the landowners prior permission. In addition, owners of land enrolled in these programs and individuals authorized by the landowner can operate vehicles and park on these lands.

## Tribal lands

Special rules apply on tribal lands in portions or all of Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Iron, Menominee, Oneida, Sawyer, and Vilas counties. For more information, contact the tribal chairpersons.

## State-Owned Lands (including State Forests)

### It is illegal to:

- hunt or possess any firearm or bow in any wildlife refuge or possess any firearm, air gun, slingshot or bow in any state park, state fish hatchery, or within 100 yards of any state campground, picnic area or within the exterior boundaries of a state recreational trail (except as posted open to deer, turkey or Small Game hunting) unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or in the case of a bow/crossbow, unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- pursue, drive or chase animals on lands under the ownership or control of the DNR that are closed to hunting.
- build or use a ground blind or any elevated device on lands owned or under the control of the DNR unless it does not damage the tree and it is completely removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours. This also includes lands enrolled in the Managed Forest Law (MFL) and Forest Crop Law (FCL) programs, however this does not apply to the owners of land enrolled in the program or those who have the landowner's authorization. **All tree stands that are not occupied shall have the owner's customer ID number or name and address attached in a manner that is visible and legible to a person on the ground.** **Note:** Blinds used for waterfowl hunting are exempt from daily removal requirements. See *Migratory Game Bird Regulations*. **Note:** Ground blinds may be constructed entirely of dead vegetation found on the property and do not need to be removed at the end of each day.
- damage trees on state-owned lands including MFL and FCL lands. **Note:** Cutting shooting lanes and use of screw-in tree-stands or steps are considered damaging and are illegal on state or MFL lands and FCL lands.
- possess any loaded or uncased firearm or air gun while within the exterior boundary of state-owned lands posted with department signs in Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Sauk, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties or on state forest lands in the Kettle Moraine or Point Beach state forests, or state recreation areas, except as follows:
  1. while engaged in hunting in accordance with the open seasons listed on pages 12–18.
  2. while shooting at an established target range (this is the only target shooting permitted on these state lands).
  3. while training or trialing dogs under department license within designated areas.
- camp on any state lands except in designated campgrounds unless a special camp registration permit is obtained from the DNR prior to setting up camp.
- allow dogs to run on DNR lands from April 15 through July 31 unless the dog is on a leash no longer than 8 feet. This rule does not apply to class 1 field trial grounds, DNR lands open to dog training or to train dogs to track bear after June 30. Also, there are exceptions for the training and trialing of dogs on raccoon and rabbits. See the *Wisconsin Dog Training and Trialing Regulations* (PUB-WM-444) for more information, license requirements and restrictions.
- operate any vehicle, including, but not limited to, snowmobiles, bicycles, trail bikes, and all terrain vehicles on lands owned or under the control of the DNR, except where their use is authorized by posted notice or permit or in the case of Managed Forest Law and Forest Crop Law lands, authorization of the landowner. This prohibition does not apply to public roadways and trails held open to the public for the type of vehicle being operated.

- operate motor vehicles, including ATVs and snowmobiles, on lands owned or operated by the DNR except for areas posted open to such use.

## State Park Hunting

Limited Small Game hunting is again proposed to be offered in Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, and Mirror Lake State Parks. Special regulations for hunting in these parks will include:

- All approved hunting areas will be designated (contact the park offices for a map of the areas open to Small Game hunting).
- All hunters must register at the State Park entrance station prior to hunting (contact the State Park for details on gaining access to the park).
- All hunts are limited to shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, and bow (**no rifles or handguns**).
- The discharging of firearms is not allowed outside of the designated hunting area.
- All state parks conducting hunting will be clearly posted to notify the general public where and when hunting is allowed.

Small Game hunting in State Parks will follow established regulations for Small Game listed in this pamphlet **except** as follows:

- Small Game hunting will be by special access permit only (contact the State Park for information on obtaining this free access permit).
- Small Game hunting will be permitted only between November 1 and December 15 (except where the season ends earlier for a particular species—see pages 12–18). Bag limits applicable to the land surrounding the park would apply to the park as well.
- Small Game hunting will be permitted only from one half-hour before sunrise until 12 noon each day.
- Waterfowl hunting in Mirror Lake State Park will be permitted for the full, regular migratory waterfowl hunting season (see *2007 Migratory Bird Regulations*).

### Finding Public Land Open to Hunting

The DNR website provides detailed maps showing public lands in your area. Go to [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and click on the Hunting link. On the left side of the screen under "Hunting Opportunities" click on Wildlife Recreation Lands to select your region. For even more detailed boundary lines, use the interactive Web Mapping Tool found on that page.

## Special Hunts

### Badger Army Ammunition Plant:

For hunting information send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Commander's Representative, Badger Army Ammunition Plant, ATTN: SMCBA-NR, Baraboo, WI 53913-5000.

### Fort McCoy Military Reservation:

Applications for hunting permits may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Permit Sales Office, 110 E. Headquarters Rd., Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5226. Applications may also be obtained from the website at [www.mccoy.army.mil](http://www.mccoy.army.mil). Applications are available at the end of February, and the earliest they may be postmarked is March 26. Information: 608-388-3337.

## Federal Lands

### Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest information:

Headquarters Offices—Park Falls: 715-762-2461, TTY 715-762-5701 and Rhinelander: 715-362-1300, TTY 715-362-1383.

Additional information and regulations may be found on the web at [www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/).

Portions of National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) and Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) are open to hunting and trapping in accordance with state and federal regulations. Federal regulations will vary. ***In order to avoid violating federal regulations contact the office of the NWR or WPA you will be hunting at to get regulations specific to that property*** (see numbers below). Additional information may be obtained from the Web at [midwest.fws.gov](http://midwest.fws.gov)

**Horicon NWR**—Mayville, WI 920-387-2658

**Fox River NWR**—(Marquette County) contact the Horicon office 920-387-2658

**Necedah NWR**—Necedah, WI 608-565-2551

**Trempealeau NWR**—Trempealeau, WI 608-539-2311

**Whittlesey Creek NWR**—Ashland, WI 715-685-2678

**Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge**—Winona, MN 507-452-4232

**Leopold Wetland Management District (WMD)**—Portage, WI 608-742-7100

Contact this office for information regarding WPAs in the southeast.

**St. Croix WMD**—New Richmond, WI 715-246-7784

Contact this office for information regarding WPAs in the northwest.

### National Wildlife Refuge and Waterfowl Production Area Regulations

The following is a partial list of general NWR and WPA regulations. Be sure to check with the property you will be hunting on for complete regulations. Additional federal regulations may be listed elsewhere in this pamphlet.

#### *It is illegal to:*

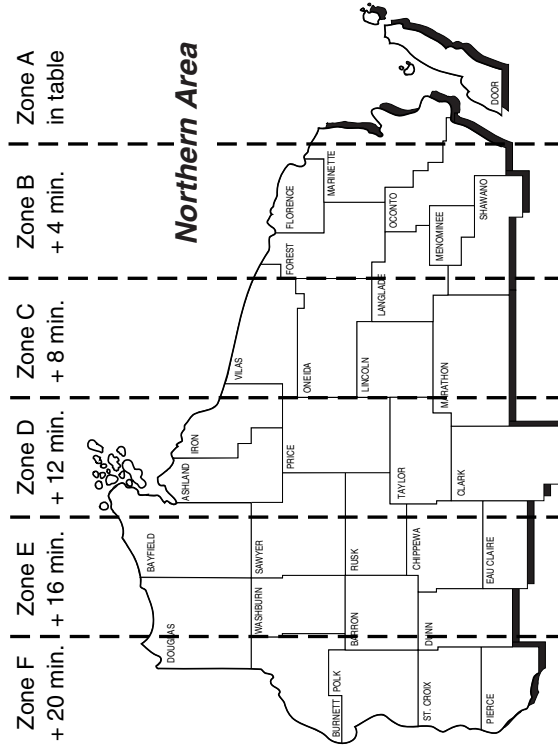
- Possess any firearm, bow, or other weapons unless engaged in legal hunting. **Note:** Concealed weapons, including those approved by permit, are illegal anytime.
- Possess lead shot. **Note:** Only non-toxic shot may be possessed for hunting game birds and animals on WPAs, Horicon NWR, Necedah NWR, and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuges (UMRNWFR), except lead shot may be used for wild turkey hunting on WPAs and UMRNWFR. This rule does not apply to hunting Small Game Mammals or deer with rifles and shotguns with a single projectile (slugs).
- Build or use a ground blind or any elevated device, unless it does not damage the tree (i.e. no use of screws, nails, etc.) **and** it is completely removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours.
- Construct permanent blinds out of manmade materials, except in pool 12 on the UMRNWFR. **Note:** Portable blinds constructed of manmade materials are allowed, but must be removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours.
- Possess alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Camp, horseback ride, have overnight use or campfires on WPAs.
- Shine wild animals at any time.

# Northern Area Hunting Hours 2007–2008: Zone A

Date	Sept.2007		Oct.2007		Nov.2007		Dec.2007		Jan.2008		Feb.2008		Mar.2008		Apr.2008		May.2008	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	5:41	7:49	6:18	6:51	7:00	5:57	6:40	4:28	7:01	4:37	6:41	5:17	5:56	5:59	7:40	5:06	8:19	1
2	5:42	7:47	6:19	6:49	7:01	5:56	6:41	4:27	7:01	4:36	6:42	5:16	5:58	5:58	7:39	5:07	8:18	2
3	5:43	7:45	6:21	6:47	7:02	5:54	6:42	4:27	7:01	4:38	6:40	5:19	5:54	6:00	7:42	5:04	8:21	3
4	5:45	7:43	6:22	6:45	6:04	4:53	6:43	4:27	7:01	4:39	6:39	5:20	5:52	6:02	7:43	5:03	8:22	4
5	5:46	7:41	6:23	6:43	6:05	4:52	6:45	4:27	7:01	4:40	6:37	5:22	5:51	6:03	7:44	5:01	8:23	5
6	5:47	7:39	6:24	6:41	6:07	4:50	6:46	4:26	7:01	4:41	6:36	5:23	5:49	6:05	7:46	5:00	8:24	6
7	5:48	7:37	6:26	6:39	6:08	4:49	6:47	4:26	7:00	4:42	6:35	5:24	5:47	6:06	7:47	4:59	8:26	7
8	5:49	7:35	6:27	6:38	6:10	4:48	6:48	4:26	7:00	4:43	6:33	5:26	5:45	6:07	7:48	4:57	8:27	8
9	5:51	7:33	6:28	6:36	6:11	4:46	6:49	4:26	7:00	4:45	6:32	5:27	5:44	7:09	7:50	4:56	8:28	9
10	5:52	7:31	6:30	6:34	6:12	4:45	6:50	4:26	7:00	4:46	6:30	5:29	5:43	7:10	7:51	4:55	8:29	10
11	5:53	7:30	6:31	6:32	6:14	4:44	6:51	4:26	6:59	4:47	6:29	5:30	5:39	7:11	7:52	4:53	8:30	11
12	5:54	7:28	6:32	6:30	6:15	4:43	6:51	4:26	6:59	4:48	6:28	5:32	5:38	7:13	7:53	4:52	8:32	12
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24	6:09	7:04	6:48	6:10	6:31	4:32	6:59	4:30	6:51	5:04	6:08	5:49	5:18	8:09	8:45	4:39	8:45	24
25	6:10	7:02	6:50	6:08	6:33	4:31	6:59	4:31	6:50	5:06	6:07	5:51	5:17	8:10	8:46	4:39	8:46	25
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30	6:17	6:53	6:57	6:00	6:39	4:28	7:01	4:35	6:45	5:13	6:03	5:56	5:09	8:17	8:17	4:35	8:51	30
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\*\* 6:21 4:39

- Times listed are one-half hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset.
- \*\* Most firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 16. Hours for permitted hunting are 6:21–4:39 (i.e. waterfowl hunting, licensed bird hunting preserves, CWD Zones).
- **Calculating Hunting Hours:** Determine your location in either the Northern or Southern Area and add the minutes shown in the zone in which you are hunting to the opening and closing times listed in either the Northern or Southern Area Hunting Hours table.
- **Night Hunting:** Coyote, fox, raccoon or Unprotected Species may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions except:
  1. During the bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 28 -31 apply to bow hunting all species.
  2. During the regular gun deer season from November 17-25, when normal hunting hours apply to hunting all species.
- Note: This restriction does not apply during the muzzleloader or CWD deer seasons, or antlerless deer hunts in Herd Control or EAB units.



• **Caution:** Consult the *Migratory Bird Regulations* pamphlet for waterfowl and other migratory bird hunting hours. Mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, and rails are Migratory Game Birds and have different closing hours than other small game. Migratory Game Bird hunting hours end at sunset. (**Must subtract 20 minutes from the P.M. column when hunting mourning dove, woodcock, rails and snipe.**)



# Questions?

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Call the DNR Service Center nearest you.  
Office hours may vary by location. Contact center for information on office hours.

## For general customer service, call the WI DNR Information Line 1-800-282-0367

<b>South Central Region</b> (Fitchburg) .....	608-275-3266
Madison (Central Office) .....	608-266-2621
Dodgeville .....	608-935-3368
Horicon .....	920-387-7860
Janesville .....	608-743-4800
Poynette .....	608-635-8110
<b>Southeast Region</b> (Milwaukee) .....	414-263-8500
Plymouth .....	920-892-8756
Sturtevant .....	262-884-2300
Waukesha .....	262-574-2100
<b>Northeast Region</b> (Green Bay) .....	920-662-5100
Oshkosh .....	920-424-3050
Peshtigo .....	715-582-5000
Sturgeon Bay .....	920-746-2860
Wautoma .....	920-787-4686
<b>West Central Region</b> (Eau Claire) .....	715-839-3700
Baldwin .....	715-684-2914
Black River Falls .....	715-284-1400
La Crosse .....	608-785-9000
Wausau .....	715-359-4522
Wisconsin Rapids .....	715-421-7800
<b>Northern Region</b> (Spooner) .....	715-635-2101
Antigo .....	715-627-4317
Ashland .....	715-685-2900
Cumberland .....	715-822-3590
Hayward .....	715-634-2688
Ladysmith .....	715-532-3911
Park Falls .....	715-762-3204
Rhineland .....	715-365-8900
Superior .....	715-392-7988
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