

2011 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

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DEER**

Bow	September 17 - November 17 November 28 - January 8, 2012
Gun	November 19 - November 27
Muzzleloader	November 28 - December 7
Youth Deer Hunt	October 8 - October 9
Statewide Antlerless Hunt	December 8 - December 11
October Antlerless Hunt for CWD and other authorized units	October 13 - October 16**

** Check the 2011 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for a complete set of dates and units, including CWD units.

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone	September 17 - February 29, 2012
Southern Zone	October 15 (noon) - February, 29 2012

Squirrels, Gray and Fox

Statewide	September 17 - January 31, 2012
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GAME BIRDS

Pheasant

Statewide	October 15 (noon) - December 31
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Bobwhite Quail

Statewide	October 15 (noon) - December 7
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Ruffed Grouse

Zone A	September 17 - January 31, 2012
Zone B	October 15 - December 8

Sharptailed Grouse

October 15 - November 6

Hungarian Partridge

Statewide*	October 15 (noon) - December 31
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* Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

Crow

January 18 - March 20
September 17 - November 17

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Woodcock

September 24 - November 7

Mourning Dove

Statewide	September 1 - November 9
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WATERFOWL

Youth Waterfowl Hunt	September 17 - 18
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Canada Goose

Early Goose Season	September 1 - 15	
Exterior Zone	North South	September 16 - December 9 September 16 - October 9 & October 15 - December 14
Mississippi River Subzone	September 24 - October 2 & October 15 - December 29	
Horicon Zone	Period 1 Period 2	September 16 - October 30 October 31 - December 16

Snow, Blue, and Ross Geese, and Brant

Same as the Canada goose zone or subzone in which you are hunting

White-Fronted Geese

Exterior Zone	North South	September 16 - December 9 September 16 - October 9 & October 15 - December 14
Mississippi River Subzone	September 24 - October 2 & October 15 - December 29	
Horicon Zone	September 20 - December 16	

Ducks

Northern Zone	September 24 - November 22
Southern Zone	October 1 - 9 & October 15 - December 4
Mississippi River Zone	September 24 - October 2 & October 15 - December 4

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt	April 9 - 10
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Open Zones

Spring	Period A Period B Period C Period D Period E Period F	April 13 - 17 April 20 - 24 April 27 - May 1 May 4 - 8 May 11 - 15 May 18 - 22
Fall	September 17 - November 17	

There is the possibility that the fall season will be extended for zones 1-5, from November 28 - December 31. See the 2011 Wisconsin Small Game Hunting Regulations for details.

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species such as badger, woodchuck, wolf, jackrabbit and flying squirrel is prohibited. See *2011 Small Game Regulations* for more details.

BEAR

Zone C where dogs **are not** permitted:
September 7 - October 11

All other zones where dogs **are** permitted:
September 7 - September 13
• with aid of dogs only
September 14 - October 4
• with aid of dogs
• with aid of bait
• with all other legal methods
October 5 - October 11
• with aid of bait
• with all other legal methods not utilizing dogs

FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting

Continuous open season except closed in the northern Wisconsin wolf management zone during an October antlerless only firearm deer hunt, the regular gun deer, December antlerless only, and muzzleloader seasons.

Trapping October 15 - February 15, 2012

Beaver

Trapping Only
Zone A (Northwest) November 5 - April 30, 2012
Zone B (Northeast) November 5 - April 30, 2012
Zone C (South) November 5 - March 31, 2012
Zone D (Mississippi River) Day after duck season closes to March 15, 2012

Mink

Trapping Only
North Zone October 15 - February 29, 2012
South Zone October 29 - February 29, 2012
Winnebago Zone October 29 - March 15, 2012
Mississippi River Zone Begins the day after duck season closes or the second Monday in November, whichever comes first, and ends on February 29, 2012.

Muskrat

Trapping Only
North Zone October 15 - February 29, 2012
South Zone October 29 - February 29, 2012
Winnebago Zone October 29 - March 15, 2012
Mississippi River Zone Begins the day after duck season closes or the second Monday in November, whichever comes first, and ends on February 29, 2012.

Fox, Red and Gray

Hunting and Trapping October 15 - February 15, 2012

Bobcat

Hunting and Trapping - Permits required
North of Hwy 64 Only
Period 1 October 15 - December 25
Period 2 December 26 - January 31, 2012

Fisher

Trapping Only - Permits required
Various zones October 15 - December 31

Otter

Trapping Only - Permits required
North Zone November 5 - April 30, 2012
Central Zone November 5 - March 31, 2012
South Zone November 5 - March 31, 2012

Raccoon

Resident Hunting and Trapping October 15 - February 15, 2012
Non-resident Hunting and Trapping October 29 - February 15, 2012

Opossum, Skunk, Weasel, and Snowshoe Hare

No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits.

Permit Application Deadlines

Horicon Zone Goose Season	August 1
Fall Turkey (paper application)	August 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse	August 1
Bobcat	August 1
Otter	August 1
Fisher	August 1
Spring Turkey (paper application)	December 10
Bear	December 10

Drawing Dates

Horicon Zone Goose Season	Late August
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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