NEWS for Conservation Patrons, potential patrons, and other fishing & hunting license buyers

Wisconsin offers a wide range of outdoor recreational opportunities. License sales support the programs that make Wisconsin one of the best states for hunting and fishing.

Wisconsin CONSERVATION PATRON

Thank you for supporting the Conservation Patron License program. The Patron License covers a variety of hunting and fishing activities.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Annual fishing
- Great Lakes trout stamp privilege
- Inland trout stamp privilege
- Sturgeon hook & line tags
- Small game hunting
- Pheasant stamp privilege
- Gun deer hunting
- Archery hunting
- Trapping license
- Otter application
- Fisher application
- Turkey applications (spring & fall)
- Turkey licenses and stamp privilege (spring & fall)
- Early goose permit
- Exterior Zone goose permit or Horicon goose application
- State waterfowl stamp privilege
- Annual park sticker *
- State trail pass *
- Admission to Heritage Hill State Park*
- Subscription to *Wisconsin Natural Resources* magazine*

*Not included with the Junior Patron License

FEES

Resident Patron	$165
Resident Jr. Patron	$75
Nonresident Patron	$600
Nonresident Jr. Patron	$77

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 2012 licenses go on sale March 6. Current licenses expire on March 31, 2012.

PURCHASING A LICENSE IS FAST AND EASY!

BUY ONLINE:

Purchase a license from the convenience of your home by visiting our website at dnr.wi.gov Online orders can be billed to either MasterCard or Visa, with a handling fee. Many licenses can be printed right at home.

VISIT A LICENSE SALES AGENT LOCATION:

Did you know there are over 1,300 sporting goods stores, merchants and resorts throughout the state where you can purchase recreational licenses? For a list of license agents in your area and to find out when your nearest service center is open, visit dnr.wi.gov

PURCHASE BY PHONE:

Call toll-free 1-877-WI LICENSE (1-877-945-4236). Phone orders can be billed to either MasterCard or Visa for a $3 handling fee.

A list of license fees is available at dnr.wi.gov

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Conservation Patron and Sports License holders have the option of reserving a four-digit backtag number for a $5 annual fee and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve your backtag number before buying or renewing a license. That backtag number will continue to be reserved for your use until you request otherwise or do not purchase a Patron or Sports License for two consecutive years. To reserve or relinquish your backtag number, call the Patron/Sports License Coordinator at (608) 266-7030 or send an email to sue.meyer@wisconsin.gov

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- Share the tradition
- Create new memories
- Make a difference
- Become a mentor

Visit the DNR website at dnr.wi.gov for more information.

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Congratulations to the 2012 Wisconsin wildlife stamp art winners!

Caleb Metrich, Lake Tomahawk

Jon Rickaby, Green Bay

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WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

Customer service representatives are ready to help you.

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1-888-WDNRINFo (1-888-936-7463)
(7 a.m. – 10 p.m.)

DNR has Customer Service Representatives available seven days per week.

Our representatives are ready to assist you on a wide range of subjects, including fish and game regulations, permits, which carcass tag to use while deer hunting or just helping you fill out a form. They can refer you to the right person within the DNR who has the expertise on specific programs. If you have a question when you are out in the field hunting or on the water fishing, we are ready to assist you. It doesn't matter where you live, Customer Service Representatives will be able to help you. Bilingual services also are available when calling.

VISIT DNR'S WEBSITE

dnr.wi.gov

Our website is filled with valuable information. We think that in many cases, you will find answers to your questions or information you need just by visiting us online.

CHAT WITH US ONLINE

(7 a.m. – 9:45 p.m.)
You can have a conversation with one of our Customer Service Representatives without even picking up the phone. Chat directly with a staff member who will be happy to answer your questions or provide the information you need at dnr.wi.gov/chat/

EMAIL US

Send us an email at csweb@wisconsin.gov to ask a question, request information or make a comment. You may find this especially useful if you think of a question during the hours the Call Center is closed.

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The Department of Natural Resources is using social media to keep in touch with Conservation Patrons and Sports License holders.

The Wisconsin DNR Facebook page at facebook.com/WIDNR is an agency-wide page focusing on seasonal subjects from hunting seasons to fishing and bird migration.

People with Twitter accounts can "follow" DNR by typing @WDNR in the Twitter search bar and they will see the Wisconsin DNR account twitter.com/WDNR pop up on the right hand side of the screen. Click "follow" to receive Wisconsin DNR tweets.

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2012 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

Get your regulations faster!

Visit **dnr.wi.gov** to view and print regulations up to one month before they are available in hard copy.
Some seasons may be subject to change. Consult the hunting regulation pamphlet(s) or **dnr.wi.gov** before going hunting.

DEER**

Bow	September 15 - November 15
	November 17 - January 6, 2013
Youth Deer Hunt	October 6 - October 7
Gun	November 17 - November 25
Muzzleloader	November 26 - December 5
Statewide Antlerless Hunt	December 6 - December 9
CWD Holiday Hunt	December 24 - January 6, 2013

*** Check the 2012 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for a complete set of dates, including the October antlerless-only hunt for CWD units, and unit designations.*

SMALL GAME

- **Cottontail Rabbit**

Northern Zone	September 15 - February 28, 2013
Southern Zone	October 20 (noon)- February 28, 2013

- **Squirrels (Gray and Fox)**

Statewide	September 15 - January 31, 2013

GAME BIRDS

- **Pheasant**

Statewide	October 20 (noon) - December 31

- **Bobwhite Quail**

Statewide	October 20 (noon) - December 12

- **Ruffed Grouse**

Zone A	September 15 - January 31, 2013
Zone B	October 20 - December 8

- **Sharp-tailed Grouse** — October 20 - November 11
- **Hungarian Partridge**

Statewide*	October 20 (noon) - December 31

** Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties*

- **Crow** — January 19 - March 20; September 15 - November 15

MIGRATORY BIRDS

- **Woodcock**

Statewide	September 22 - November 5

- **Mourning Dove**

Statewide	September 1 - November 9

WATERFOWL

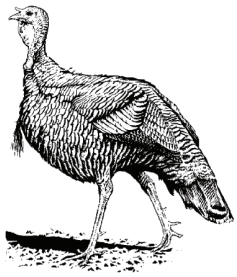
- **Canada Goose**

Early Goose Season	September 1 - September 15

- **Waterfowl**

Season dates for waterfowl vary annually. Duck and regular season goose regulations will not be available until August.

TURKEY



Youth Turkey Hunt	April 7 - April 8

Open Zones

Spring	Period A	April 11 - April 17
	Period B	April 18 - April 24
	Period C	April 25 - May 1
	Period D	May 2 - May 8
	Period E	May 9 - May 15
	Period F	May 16 - May 22
Fall	Statewide	September 15 - November 15
	Zones 1-5	November 26 - December 31

BEAR

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

September 5 - October 9
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods not using dogs

All other zones where dogs are permitted:

September 5 - September 11
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods not using dogs

September 12 - October 2
- with aid of dogs
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods

October 3 - October 9
- with aid of dogs only

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species such as badger, woodchuck, wolf, jackrabbit and flying squirrel is prohibited. See *2012 Small Game Regulations* for more details.

FURBEARERS

• Coyote

Hunting

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

Trapping October 20 - February 15, 2013

• Beaver

Trapping Only

Zone A (Northwest)	November 3 - April 30, 2013
Zone B (Northeast)	November 3 - April 30, 2013
Zone C (South)	November 3 - March 31, 2013
Zone D (Mississippi River)	Day after duck season closes to March 15, 2013.

• Mink

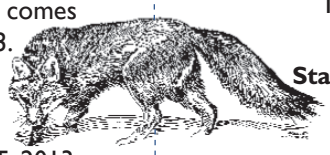
Trapping Only

Northern Zone	October 20 - February 28, 2013
Southern Zone	October 27 - February 28, 2013
Winnebago Zone	October 27 - March 15, 2013
Mississippi River Zone	Day after duck season closes or November 12, whichever comes first, to February 28, 2013.

• Muskrat

Trapping Only

Northern Zone	October 20 - February 28, 2013
Southern Zone	October 27 - February 28, 2013
Winnebago Zone	October 27 - March 15, 2013
Mississippi River Zone	Day after duck season closes or November 12, whichever comes first, to February 28, 2013.



• Fox (Red and Gray)

Hunting and Trapping October 20 - February 15, 2013

• Bobcat

Hunting and Trapping - Permits required

Season dates not known at the time of publication.

• Fisher

Trapping Only - Permits required

Various zones October 20 - December 31

• Otter

Trapping Only - Permits required

Northern Zone	November 3 - April 30, 2013
Central Zone	November 3 - March 31, 2013
Southern Zone	November 3 - March 31, 2013

• Raccoon

Hunting and Trapping

Resident	October 20 - February 15, 2013
Non-resident	November 3 - February 15, 2013

• 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

TIMING OF DRAWINGS

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:
dnr.wi.gov

Questions?

Contact the DNR Call Center toll-free

1-888-WDNR INFo (1-888-936-7463)
local 608-266-2621

Staff are available seven days a week from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

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