



For Our Patrons

NEWS FOR CONSERVATION PATRON LICENSE HOLDERS AND POTENTIAL PATRONS

Thanks for your interest in renewing or buying a hunting, fishing or Conservation Patron license. These licenses expire each year on **March 31.**

Mark your calendar: **2008 licenses go on sale March 10!**

Patron Licenses: Now EASIER than ever!

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is excited to announce that its license agents throughout the state will be using a new, updated license issuance system this year to make your purchase easier and more convenient.

What's New?

- A bar code scanner can be used on last year's (2007) license that will retrieve your customer information immediately, so be sure to take last year's license with you. You will still have an opportunity to make any corrections to the information, such as a change of address, change in weight, etc.
- When you buy your license, you will have an opportunity to apply for bobcat, otter, fisher, bear and upriver sturgeon permits. The spring and fall turkey permit applications will still need to be submitted using a paper application that will be sent to you with your fall hunting packet or by applying online.
- Licenses will have a new look — new paper, new color.

What hasn't changed is the price of the license. We know that our patrons are avid outdoors enthusiasts. The patron license covers a wide variety of hunting and fishing activities

with the purchase of just one license for a reasonable price.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources offers three convenient ways to quickly buy recreational licenses:

1. VISIT ANY LICENSE SALES LOCATION
2. BUY ONLINE
3. CALL US

We hope you will find that purchasing a Patron License is easier and more convenient than ever. Recreational licenses can be purchased at nearly 1,500 sporting goods stores, merchants and resorts as well as at DNR offices. For the locations and phone numbers of all DNR Service Centers visit dnr.wi.gov under the heading "About." Click on the words "Service Centers" listed under "Contacts."

Of course, if you prefer, you can still purchase your new license online at dnr.wi.gov/ (click on "Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Permits") or over the phone by calling 1-877-945-4236; an additional \$3.00 handling fee will be charged.

FEES: Resident Patron	\$165
Resident Junior Patron	\$ 75
Nonresident Patron	\$600
Nonresident Junior Patron	\$ 77

Other resident hunting, fishing and license fees are available at dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cs/

RESERVE A BACKTAG NUMBER?

Conservation Patron and Sports License holders have the option of reserving a four-digit backtag number for a \$5 annual fee 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 Conservation Patron or Sports License for two consecutive years. To reserve or relinquish your backtag number, call Patron/Sports License Coordinator Sue Meyer at (608) 266-7030 or e-mail her at sue.meyer@wisconsin.gov



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Patron Coordinator: (608) 266-7030

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

"¿Cómo puedo ayudarle?"

"How may I help you?"

"Kuv pab koj tau licas?"

CALL CENTER STAFF available 7 days a week, 7am–10pm

Toll-free **1-888-WDNRInfo** (1-888-936-7463)

ONLINE CHAT at dnr.wi.gov/contact/

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2008 Wisconsin Hunting & Trapping Seasons

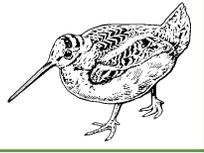
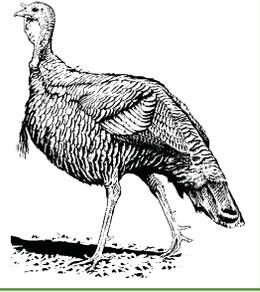
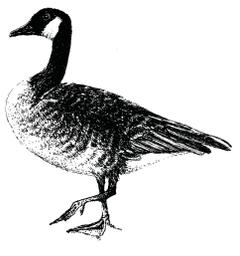


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Get your regulations faster!

Visit dnr.wi.gov to view and print regulations up to one month before they are available in print.

Some seasons may be subject to change. Consult the hunting regulations pamphlet(s) before going hunting or check DNR's website at dnr.wi.gov. Some 2008 seasons extend into 2009.

<p>Ruffed Grouse</p> <p>Zone A Sept. 13 - Jan. 31, 2009 Zone B Oct. 18 - Dec. 8</p> 	<p>Hungarian Partridge</p> <p>Statewide* Oct. 18 (noon) - Dec. 31 * Closed in Clark, Marathon, and Taylor counties</p> 
 <p>Bobwhite Quail</p> <p>Statewide Oct. 18 (noon) - Dec. 10</p>	 <p>Crow</p> <p>Sept. 13 - Nov. 20 and Jan. 25 - March 20, 2009</p>
<p>Sharp-tailed Grouse</p> <p>Oct. 18 - Nov. 9</p> 	<p>White-tailed Deer (non-CWD units**)</p> <p>Due to pending rules, these deer seasons may be modified.</p> <p>Bow Sept. 13 - Nov. 20 and Dec. 1 - Jan. 4, 2009 Gun Nov. 22 - Nov. 30</p> <p>Muzzleloader Dec. 1 - Dec. 10 Youth Deer Hunt Oct. 11 - 12 Statewide Antlerless Only Dec. 11 - Dec. 14</p>  <p>**See the 2008 Deer Hunting Regulations for October antlerless only gun hunting opportunities likely to be in place on October 16-19; list of Herd Control and Earn-a-Buck units; and for CWD hunt dates.</p>
 <p>Pheasant</p> <p>Statewide Oct. 18 (noon) - Dec. 31</p>	
<p>Woodcock</p> <p>Sept. 20 - Nov. 3</p> 	
<p>Wild Turkey</p> <p>Youth Turkey Hunt April 12 - 13</p> <p>Open Zones</p> <p>Spring Period A April 16 - 20 Period B April 23 - 27 Period C April 30 - May 4 Period D May 7 - 11 Period E May 14 - 18 Period F May 21 - 25</p> <p>Fall Sept. 13 - Nov. 20</p> 	<p>Cottontail Rabbit</p> <p>Northern Zone Sept. 13 - Feb. 28, 2009 Southern Zone Oct. 18 (noon) - Feb. 28, 2009</p> 
 <p>Mourning Dove</p> <p>Statewide Sept. 1 - Oct. 30</p>	 <p>Gray and Fox Squirrels</p> <p>Statewide Sept. 13 - Jan. 31, 2009</p>
<p>Waterfowl</p> <p>Season dates for waterfowl vary annually. Duck and regular season goose regulations will not be available until August.</p> <p>Canada Goose</p> <p>Early Goose Season Sept. 1 - 15</p> 	<p>Raccoon</p> <p>Resident Gun/Trapping Oct. 18 - Jan. 31, 2009 Non-Resident Furbearer Nov. 1 - Jan. 31, 2009 Hunting and Trapping</p>  <p>Black Bear</p> <p>Zone C where dogs are not permitted: Sept. 3 - Oct. 7</p> <p>All other zones where dogs are permitted: Sept. 3 - Sept. 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with aid of bait • with other methods not utilizing dogs <p>Sept. 10 - Sept. 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with aid of dogs • with aid of bait • with all other methods <p>Oct. 1 - Oct. 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with aid of dogs only

Pick up litter, including spent shotgun shells, and keep your hunting grounds healthy and looking natural!

Coyote



Hunting

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

Trapping

Northern Zone Oct. 18 - Feb. 15, 2009
Southern Zone Oct. 25 - Feb. 15, 2009

Fox (all species)

Northern Zone Oct. 18 - Feb. 15, 2009
Southern Zone Oct. 25 - Feb. 15, 2009



Beaver



Trapping only

Zone A (Northwest) Nov. 1 - April 30, 2009
Zone B (Northeast) Nov. 1 - April 30, 2009
Zone C (South) Nov. 1 - Mar. 31, 2009
Zone D (Mississippi River) Day after duck season closes to March 15, 2009.

Mink

North Zone Oct. 18 - Feb. 28, 2009
South Zone Oct. 25 - Feb. 28, 2009
Winnebago Oct. 25 - March 15, 2009
Mississippi River Begins the day after duck season closes or the second Monday in November, whichever occurs first, and ends on February 28, 2009.



Muskrat

North Zone Oct. 18 - Feb. 28, 2009
South Zone Oct. 25 - Feb. 28, 2009
Winnebago Oct. 25 - March 15, 2009
Mississippi River Begins the day after duck season closes or the second Monday in November, whichever occurs first and ends February 28, 2009.



Bobcat, Otter and Fisher

Permits required

Bobcat Hunting/Trapping North of Hwy 64 Oct. 18 - Dec. 31
Fisher Trapping only Various Zones Oct. 18 - Dec. 31
Otter Trapping only North Zone Nov. 1 - April 30, 2009
Central Zone Nov. 1 - Mar. 31, 2009
South Zone Nov. 1 - Mar. 31, 2009



Opossum, Skunk, Weasel and Snowshoe Hare

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

Protected Species

Hunting protected species such as badger, woodchuck, wolf, elk, jackrabbit and flying squirrel is prohibited. See *2008 Small Game Regulations* for more details.

DNR Service Centers

Office hours vary by location.

You may also call the DNR Call Center toll-free at:
1-888-WDNR INFO (1-888-936-7463)

Staff are available 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

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El personal también está disponible para asistir a clientes de habla hispana en nuestro número gratuito. El personal que habla español está disponible 7 días a la semana a partir de la 7:00 de mañana hasta 10:00 p.m.

Permit Application Deadlines

Horicon & Collins Zones Goose Seasons	August 1
Fall Turkey	August 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse	August 1
Bobcat	August 1
Otter	August 1
Fisher	August 1
Spring Turkey	December 10
Bear	December 10

Drawing Dates

Horicon & Collins Zones 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



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South Central Region (Fitchburg)	608-275-3266
Dodgeville	608-935-3368
Horicon	920-387-7860
Janesville	608-743-4800
Poynette	608-635-8110
Madison (Central Office)	608-266-2621
Southeast Region (Milwaukee)	414-263-8500
Plymouth	920-892-8756
Sturtevant	262-884-2300
Waukesha	262-574-2100
Northeast Region (Green Bay)	920-662-5100
Oshkosh	920-424-3050
Peshigo	715-582-5000
Sturgeon Bay	920-746-2860
Wautoma	920-787-4686
West Central Region (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
Northern Region (Spooner)	715-635-2101
Antigo	715-627-4317
Ashland	715-685-2900
Cumberland	715-822-3590
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