

# 2018 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

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## DEER\*

Archery & Crossbow	Sept. 15–Jan. 6, 2019
Youth Deer Hunt	Oct. 6 & 7
Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities <sup>▲</sup>	Oct. 6–14
Gun	Nov. 17–25
Muzzleloader	Nov. 26–Dec. 5
Statewide Antlerless Hunt	Dec. 6–9
Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt	Dec. 24–Jan. 1, 2019**

\* Please check the *2018 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* for a complete set of dates and unit designations.

<sup>▲</sup> This is not a statewide season. More information is available at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword: “disabled deer hunt”.

\*\*Open only in select Farmland (Zone 2) counties; see 2018 regulations for open counties.

## ELK\*

Clam Lake Elk Management Zone archery, crossbow, firearm	Oct. 13–Nov. 11; Dec. 13 - 21
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\*Licenses awarded through a drawing. Only bull elk may be harvested. See [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword “elk” for details.

## GAME BIRDS

### Pheasant

Statewide	Oct. 20 (9 AM)–Jan. 6, 2019
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### Bobwhite Quail

Statewide	Oct. 20 (9 AM)–Dec. 12
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### Hungarian Partridge

Statewide*	Oct. 20 (9 AM)–Jan. 6, 2019
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\* Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

### Ruffed Grouse

Zone A	Sept. 15–Dec. 31
Zone B	Oct. 20–Dec. 8

### Sharp-tailed Grouse

By permit where established	Oct. 20 - Nov. 11
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### Crow

Statewide	Sept. 15–Nov. 15 & Jan 18–March 20, 2019
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## SMALL GAME

### Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone	Sept. 15–Feb. 28, 2019
Southern Zone	Oct. 20 (9 AM)–Feb. 28, 2019

### Squirrels (Gray and Fox)

Statewide	Sept. 15–Jan. 31, 2019
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## PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species—such as badger, jackrabbit, moose and flying squirrel—is prohibited. See the *2018 Small Game Regulations* for more details.

## TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt	Apr. 14 & 15
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### Open Zones

Spring	Period A	Apr. 18–24
	Period B	Apr. 25–May 1
	Period C	May 2–8
	Period D	May 9–15
	Period E	May 16–22
	Period F	May 23–29

Fall	Zones 1-5	Sept. 15–Jan. 6, 2019
	Zones 6 & 7	Sept. 15–Nov. 16

## BEAR

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

- Sept. 5–Oct. 9
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods **not** using dogs

All other zones where dogs **are** permitted:

- Sept. 5–11
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods not using dogs
- Sept. 12–Oct. 2
- with aid of dogs
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods
- Oct. 3–9
- with aid of dogs only

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

### Early Canada Goose

Statewide	Sept. 1–15
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### Early Teal Season

Statewide	Sept. 1–7
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### Duck Season

Youth	Sept. 15 & 16
Northern Zone	Sept. 29–Nov. 27
Southern Zone	Sept. 29–Oct. 7; Oct. 13–Dec. 2
Mississippi Zone	Sept. 29–Oct. 5; Oct. 13–Dec. 4

### Regular Goose Season

Exterior Zone–North	Sept. 16–Dec. 16
Exterior Zone–South	Sept. 16–Oct. 7; Oct. 13–Dec. 2; Dec. 16 - Jan. 3, 2019
Mississippi Zone	Sept. 29–Oct. 5; Oct. 13–Jan. 3, 2019

### Woodcock

Statewide	Sept. 22–Nov. 5
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### Mourning Dove

Statewide	Sept. 1–Nov. 29
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# FURBEARERS

## Coyote

Hunting Continuous open season.  
Trapping Oct. 20–Feb. 15, 2019

## Beaver

Trapping Only  
Zone A (Northwest) Nov. 3–Apr. 30, 2019  
Zone B (Northeast) Nov. 3–Apr. 30, 2019  
Zone C (South) Nov. 3–Mar. 31, 2019  
Zone D (Mississippi River) Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2019

## Mink and Muskrat

Trapping Only  
Statewide Oct. 27–Mar. 10, 2019  
Mississippi River Zone Nov. 12\*\*–Mar. 10, 2019

\*\*Zone opens either the day after the duck season closes or Nov. 12, whichever occurs first.

## Fox (Red and Gray)

Hunting and Trapping Oct. 20–Feb. 15, 2019

## Bobcat

Hunting and Trapping - Permits required  
Period 1 Oct. 20–Dec. 25  
Period 2 Dec. 26–Jan. 31, 2019

## Fisher

Trapping Only - Permits required  
Various zones Oct. 20–Jan. 6, 2019

## Otter

Trapping Only - Permits required  
North Zone Nov. 3–Apr. 30, 2019  
South Zone Nov. 3–Mar. 31, 2019

## Raccoon

Hunting and Trapping  
Resident Oct. 20–Feb. 15, 2019  
Non-resident Nov. 3–Feb. 15, 2019

## Woodchuck, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel and Snowshoe Hare

No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.



### Find more information on hunting and trapping in Wisconsin!

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# GET IN THE GAME!

## Mentored Hunting Licenses

Adults and youth who have not completed Hunter Education are eligible to hunt through the Mentored Hunting Program. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword: “mentored hunting” for more information.

## Reduced License Fees

Youth ages 11 and younger, first-time hunters and those who have not hunted in the preceding 10 years are eligible to purchase hunting licenses at a reduced fee. Resident hunters who recruit three first-time hunters, trappers or anglers are also eligible for reduced fees.

### Permit Application Deadlines

Elk	May 31
Sharp-tailed Grouse	August 1
Bobcat	August 1
Otter	August 1
Fisher	August 1
Wolf (only if removed from fed. endangered species list)	August 1
Spring Turkey	December 10
Bear	December 10

### Timing of Drawings

Elk	Early June
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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