2019 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 hunting.

DEER*

Youth Deer Hunt  Oct. 5 & 6
Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities*  Oct. 5–13
Gun  Nov. 23–Dec. 1
Muzzleloader  Dec. 2–11
Statewide Antlerless Hunt  Dec. 12–15
Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt  Dec. 24–Jan. 1, 2020**

* Please check the 2019 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for a complete set of dates and unit designations.
* This is not a statewide season. More information is available at dnr.wi.gov, keyword: “disabled deer hunt”.
**Open only in select Farmland (Zone 2) counties; see 2019 regulations for open counties.

ELK*

Clam Lake Elk Management Zone archery, crossbow, firearm  Oct. 12–Nov. 10; Dec. 12 - 20

*Licenses awarded through a drawing. Only bull elk may be harvested. See dnr.wi.gov, keyword “elk” for details.

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant Statewide  Oct. 19 (9 AM)–Jan. 5, 2020

Bobwhite Quail Statewide  Oct. 19 (9 AM)–Dec. 11

Hungarian Partridge Statewide*  Oct. 19 (9 AM)–Jan. 5, 2020
* Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

Ruffed Grouse
Zone A  Sept. 14–Jan. 31, 2020
Zone B  Oct. 19–Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed Grouse Season is under review. Visit dnr.wi.gov for updates.

Crow Statewide  Sept. 14–Nov. 21 & Jan 26–March 20, 2020

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit
Northern Zone  Sept. 14–Feb. 29, 2020
Southern Zone  Oct. 19 (9 AM)–Feb. 29, 2020

Squirrels (Gray and Fox) Statewide  Sept. 14–Jan. 31, 2020

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species—such as badger, jackrabbit, moose and flying squirrel—is prohibited. See the 2019 Small Game Regulations for more details.

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt  Apr. 13 & 14

Open Zones

Spring
Period A  Apr. 17–23
Period B  Apr. 24–30
Period C  May 1–7
Period D  May 8–14
Period E  May 15–21
Period F  May 22–28

Fall
Zones 1-5  Sept. 14–Jan. 5, 2020
Zones 6 & 7  Sept. 14–Nov. 22

BEAR

Zone C where dogs are not permitted:
Sept. 4–Oct. 8
• with aid of bait
• with all other legal methods not using dogs

All other zones where dogs are permitted:
Sept. 4–10
• with aid of dogs only
Sept. 11–Oct. 1
• with aid of dogs
• with aid of bait
• with all other legal methods
Oct. 2–8
• with aid of bait
• with all other legal methods not using dogs

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Early Canada Goose Statewide  Sept. 1–15

Early Teal Season Statewide  Sept. 1–9

Duck Season
Youth  Sept. 14 & 15
Northern Zone  Sept. 28–Nov. 26
Southern Zone  Sept. 28–Oct. 6; Oct. 12–Dec. 1
Mississippi Zone  Sept. 28–Oct. 4; Oct. 12–Dec. 3

Regular Goose Season
Northern Zone  Sept. 16–Dec. 16
Southern Zone  Sept. 16–Oct. 6; Oct. 12–Dec. 1; Dec. 16–Jan. 4, 2020
Mississippi Zone  Sept. 28–Oct. 4; Oct. 12–Jan. 4, 2020

Woodcock Statewide  Sept. 21–Nov. 4

Mourning Dove Statewide  Sept. 1–Nov. 29
FURBEARERS

Coyote
Hunting Continuous open season.
Trapping Oct. 19–Feb. 15, 2020

Beaver
Trapping Only
Zone A (Northwest) Nov. 2–Apr. 30, 2020
Zone B (Northeast) Nov. 2–Apr. 30, 2020
Zone C (South) Nov. 2–Mar. 31, 2020
Zone D (Mississippi River) Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2020

Mink and Muskrat
Trapping Only
Statewide Oct. 26–Mar. 8, 2020
Mississippi River Zone Nov. 11**–Mar. 8, 2020
**Zone opens either the day after the duck season closes or Nov. 11, whichever occurs first.

Fox (Red and Gray)
Hunting and Trapping Oct. 19–Feb. 15, 2020

Bobcat
Hunting and Trapping - Permits required
Period 1 Oct. 19–Dec. 25
Period 2 Dec. 26–Jan. 31, 2020

Fisher
Trapping Only - Permits required

Otter
Trapping Only - Permits required
North Zone Nov. 2–Apr. 30, 2020
South Zone Nov. 2–Mar. 31, 2020

Raccoon
Hunting and Trapping
Resident Oct. 19–Feb. 15, 2020
Non-resident Nov. 2–Feb. 15, 2020

Woodchuck, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel and Snowshoe Hare
No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

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 and search keyword “mentored hunting” for more information.

Mentored Trapping Licenses
Youth age 16 – 17 and adults who have not completed Trapper Education are eligible to trap through the Mentored Trapping Program. Youth under the age of 16 may trap without a license when under the supervision of a licensed trapper, even if the youth has not completed trapper education. Visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword “mentored trapping” 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.

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Timing of Drawings
Elk Early June
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

For more information...

Visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword “wildlife.”

For additional questions, contact the DNR Call Center toll-free 1-888-WDNR INFO (1-888-936-7463) • local 608-266-2621 TTY Access via relay – 711.

Find more information on hunting and trapping in Wisconsin!
Visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword “hunt” and “trap” for season dates, regulations, license and permit requirements, finding a place to hunt or trap and more.

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