

# 2019 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

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## DEER\*

Archery & Crossbow	Sept. 14–Jan. 5, 2020
Youth Deer Hunt	Oct. 5 & 6
Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities <sup>▲</sup>	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.

<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 2019 regulations for open counties.

## ELK\*

Clam Lake Elk Management Zone archery, crossbow, firearm	Oct. 12–Nov. 10; Dec. 12 - 20
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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. 19 (9 AM)–Jan. 5, 2020
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### Bobwhite Quail

Statewide	Oct. 19 (9 AM)–Dec. 11
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### Hungarian Partridge

Statewide*	Oct. 19 (9 AM)–Jan. 5, 2020
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\* 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](http://dnr.wi.gov) for updates.

### Crow

Statewide	Sept. 14–Nov. 21 & Jan. 26–Mar. 20, 2020
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## 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
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## 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
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### 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

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Early Teal Season

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Duck Season

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Regular Goose Season

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Woodcock

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Mourning Dove

Dates will be established in mid-April.

# 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**  
 Various zones Oct. 19–Jan. 5, 2020

## 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.



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

Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://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.

# GET IN THE GAME!

## Mentored Hunting Licenses

Adults and youth age 16 – 17 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](http://dnr.wi.gov), 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.

## Permit Application Deadlines

Elk	May 31
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
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](http://dnr.wi.gov)



## For more information...

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