

# 2018 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

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Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://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](http://dnr.wi.gov) before hunting.



## DEER\*

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| 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.  
▲ 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\*

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| 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

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

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

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

### Ruffed Grouse

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| Zone A | Sept. 15–Jan. 31, 2019 |
| Zone B | Oct. 20–Dec. 8         |

### Sharp-tailed Grouse

Season is under review. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) for updates.

### Crow

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

### Cottontail Rabbit

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| 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

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

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| 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

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

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| Statewide | Sept. 1–7 |
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### Duck Season

|                  |                                 |
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| 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

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

### Woodcock

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

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| 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!

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 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

|  |             |
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| Elk  | May 31      |
| Sharp-tailed Grouse (if permits are offered)             | 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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