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Outdoors

List of environmental agencies in the United States

Alabama

- [Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources](#)
- [Alabama Department of Environmental Management](#)

Loaded with deer, turkey and opportunities for alligator, feral swine, waterfowl, upland and plenty of small game.

Residents:

- All Game – \$26.60 (includes deer and turkey)
- Small Game – \$17.70 (all game except deer and turkey)
- Physically Disabled All Game – \$6.05
- 50% physically disabled military veterans all game – \$13.85
- 100% physically disabled military veterans all game – \$3.10
- Physically disabled military veterans 3-day hunting event – \$131.65
- Wildlife heritage – \$11
- Duck Stamps – State is \$11, Federal is \$25
- Wildlife Management Area License – \$17.70
- Fur Catchers License – \$21.70
- Commercial Fowl hunting preserve license – \$10

Nonresidents:

- All Game Annual – \$306.25
- All Game 10-day – \$189.20
- All Game 3-day – \$133.55
- Small Game Annual (not for deer or turkey) – \$100.05
- Small Game 10-day – \$61.10
- Small Game 3-day – \$44.35

Alabama Hunting Regulations Info

The state is divided into zones. The season dates vary based on the zone and species with specific weapon seasons. Seasons and bag limits are updated here – <http://www.outdooralabama.com/season-and-bag-limits>. Here's the general list of dates and bag limits.

Deer Seasons

Zone A :

- Bow and Spear Season – Oct 4 – Feb 10, either sex
- Firearm stalking on private and/or leased land – Nov 18 – Feb 10, either sex
- Firearm on open permit public lands – Nov 18 – Feb 10 for antlered bucks only, Dec 15 – Jan 1 either sex
- Dog deer hunts where legal – Nov 18 – Jan 15

Zone B:

- Bow and Spear – Oct 14-23 for antlered bucks only, Oct 24 – Feb 10 for either sex
- Firearm stalking on private or leased lands – Nov 18 – Feb 10, either sex
- Firearm on open permit public lands – Nov 18 – Feb 10 for antlered bucks only, Dec 15 – Jan 1 for either sex
- Dog hunts – Nov 18 – Jan 15, either sex

Zone C:

- Bow and Spear – Oct 14 – Feb 10, either sex
- Firearms on private or leased land – Nov 18 – Feb 10 for antlered bucks only, Nov 18-26 either sex and Dec 22 – Jan 1.
- Firearm on open permit public lands – Nov 18 – Feb 10 for antlered bucks only, Dec 22 – Jan 1 either sex
- Dog hunts – Nov 18 – Jan 6 for antlered bucks, Nov 18-26 and Dec 22 – Jan 1 for either sex

All Zones

- Special muzzleloader and air rifle – Nov 13-17

Turkey Seasons

Zone 1: March 15 – April 30

Zone 2: March 31 – April 30

Zone 3: April 21 – April 25

Zone 4:

- November 18 – 30 Fall Season
- December 16 – January 1 Fall Season
- March 15 – April 30 Spring Season

Zone 5: No Season

Bob White Quail Season:

November 4 – February 28, 8 per day and 8 in possession

Small Game Seasons and Limits:

- Rabbit – Sept 16 – March 4, 8 per day and 8 in possession
- Squirrel – Same as rabbit
- Raccoon – No closed season (don't run dogs after 3 am in spring turkey areas)
- Opossum – Same as raccoon

Alligator – Special permit required

Other species of interest – bobcat, coyote, feral swine, fox, nutria, groundhog, beaver, sparrows, crows, starlings, snipe, woodcock, pig frog, bull frog

Alaska

- [Alaska Department of Natural Resources](#)
- [Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation](#)

The big game hunters paradise with more wilderness, predators and opportunity than anywhere in the United States. Residents have incredible opportunities and there are plenty of ways for non-residents to capitalize here.

Resident:

- Annual Hunt and Fish Combo – \$69
- Annual fishing, hunting and trapping – \$94
- Annual hunting – \$45
- Annual trapping – \$25
- Annual low income fishing, hunting and trapping – \$5
- Annual hunting for the blind – \$45

- State Waterfowl Stamp – \$10

Nonresident:

- Annual hunt and fish – \$305
- Annual hunt and 1-day fishing – \$185
- Annual Hunt and 3-day fishing – \$205
- Annual hunt and 7-day fishing – \$230
- Annual hunting and 14-day fishing – \$265
- Annual hunting – \$160
- Annual hunting and trapping – \$405
- Annual small game hunting – \$60
- Waterfowl Stamp – \$10

Nonresident Military:

- Annual hunt and fish – \$69
- Annual hunting – \$45
- Annual state waterfowl – \$5

Alaska Big Game Tag Fees

Resident:

- Brown/Grizzly Bear – \$25
- Bull Muskox – \$500
- Cow Muskox – \$25

Nonresident:

- Brown/Grizzly Bear (guide is required) – \$1000
- Black Bear – \$450
- Bison – \$900
- Caribou – \$650
- Deer – \$300
- Elk – \$600
- Goat (guide is required) – \$600
- Moose – \$800
- Muskox – \$2200 bull/cow, check permit requirements
- Sheep (guide required) – \$850
- Wolf – \$60
- Wolverine – \$350

Additional fees exist for nonresident aliens. Check the fee schedule for those here – <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.prices>.

Application Dates – Alaska hunting and fishing licenses run on Jan 1 calendar year. Put in for special draw tags November through Mid-December. Tags are drawn in February. The hunting regulatory year begins in July.

Alaska Hunting Regions

Region 1 – Southeast, Game Management Units 1-5:

Dense forests and steep mountains represent this area well. Known for blacktail deer and black bears along with shots at moose, some very remote and rare elk herds and goats.

Region 2 – Southcentral, Game Management Units 6, 7, 11, 13-16

Kenai, Kodiak, record brown and grizzly bears, black bears, moose, wolf, Dall sheep, caribou. Mild to cold weather during hunting season. Prepare for everything from heat and mosquitoes to snow. Big river valleys, alpine and sub-alpine terrain.

Region 3 – Southwest, Game Management Units 8-10, 17

Wind and cold dominate the southwest. Bring your best gear and expect varied terrain. Expansive views, mountain ranges and long coastlines. Brown bear, caribou, moose, blacktail and waterfowl hunting.

Region 4 – Interior, Game Management Units 12, 19-21, 24, 25

Conditions vary as does the terrain. Dense forests, big river valleys, mountain ranges, alpine and sub alpine experiences. Moose, Dall sheep, caribou, grizzly/brown bear, black bear, wolf, mountain goat.

Region 5 – Western, Game Management Units 18 and 22

More of a west central zone with the western coast and the town of Nome. There's a 3 bear bag limit on black bears in both units and some opportunities for Muskox as well. Caribou and Moose are the primary non-predator targets.

Region 6 – Artic, Game Management Units 23 and 26

The far northern units offer opportunities for black and brown bear, wolves and wolverines. Caribou moose and muskox for big game. Emperor Goose are also a species of interest here.

The complete list of Alaska Hunting Regulations and GMU's are listed here – <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wildliferegulations.hunting>.

Arizona

- [Arizona Department of Environmental Quality](#)
- [Arizona Game and Fish Department](#)

A sleeper state with a target rich environment and tons of public land opportunities.

Resident General:

- General License – \$37
- Combo Hunt/Fish – \$57
- Youth Combo – \$5
- Short Term Combo – \$15/day

Resident Permit Tag Costs:

- Antelope – \$102
- Big Horn – \$313
- Turkey – \$38
- Bear – \$38
- Javelina – \$38
- Elk – \$148
- Deer – \$58
- Pheasant – \$13
- Bison Bull – \$1,113
- Bison Cow – \$663
- Bison Yearling Only – \$363
- Raptor Tag – \$13

Resident Non-Permit Tag Fees:

- Archery Turkey – \$25
- Bear – \$25
- Mountain Lion – \$25
- Javelina – \$15
- Elk – \$135
- Archery Deer – \$45
- Bobcat Seal – \$3

Non-Resident General:

- Combo Hunt/Fish – \$160
- Youth Combo – \$5
- Short Term Combo – \$20/day

Non-Resident Permit Tag Costs:

- Antelope – \$565
- Big Horn – \$1,815
- Turkey – \$105
- Bear – \$165
- Javelina – \$115
- Elk – \$665
- Deer – \$58
- Pheasant – \$13
- Bison Bull – \$5,415
- Bison Cow – \$3,265
- Bison Yearling Only – \$1765
- Raptor Tag – \$15

Non-Resident Non-Permit Tag Fees:

- Archery Turkey – \$90
- Bear – \$150
- Mountain Lion – \$75
- Javelina – \$100
- Elk – \$650
- Archery Deer – \$300
- Bobcat Seal – \$3

Arizona Big Game Application Deadlines

If you want a shot at a limited draw tag or want to obtain a bonus point for future hunts, get your permit submitted before the deadlines. You must purchase a license in order to apply. This means non-residents must buy the 160 dollar combo license even if they only want a preference point.

You also owe a permit application fee (13 resident/15 non-resident) and the permit costs upfront (unless only applying for a point). If you do not draw, the permit fee is refunded and you are only out the application and license fee.

June 12, 2018 – Deer, turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, bison, pheasant.

October 9, 2018 – Spring Bison, javelina

February 13, 2018 – Elk and Antelope deadline

Season Dates

Dates have some variation based on hunting unit and weapon type. The state is large and has quite a few units so pay close attention. There are special dates for archery mule and coues deer

hunts and numerous date ranges according to each species. Choose your weapon, area and species then consult the larger regulation book.

Arkansas

- [Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality](#)

Rich with hunting history and culture, Arkansas is loaded with big and small game species.

Resident:

- Combination Sportsman – \$35.50
- Sportsman – \$25
- Wildlife Conservation License – \$10.50
- Waterfowl Stamp – \$7
- Non-expiring lifetime hunting and fishing – \$1,000
- 65+ Lifetime Combo – \$35.50

Non-resident:

- Annual All Game Hunting – \$350
- 5-day All Game – \$180
- 3-day All Game – \$125
- 1-day All Game – \$55
- Small Game Annual – \$110
- 5-day Small Game – \$70
- Non-resident trapper – \$125
- Waterfowl Stamp – \$35

Elk Application Dates and Draw Notes

June 1 – Public Land application deadline, only residents with a lifetime license or resident Sportsman hunting license can apply. A \$5 application fee is required. Hunts are limited to designated public areas. In 2017 these included the Buffalo National River, Gene Rush WMA, Richland Valley Sonny Varnell Elk Conservation Area and the Bearcat Hollow WMA. 29 total permits were drawn in 2017 but numbers are liable to increase base on herd health in future years.

July 15 – Private land application deadline, Applications must be sent by mail with a \$35 app fee. Resident and nonresidents can apply if they own land within the private lands elk zone. Permit numbers are determined based on acreage, only one application per property. Must have a hunting license to apply.

Arkansas Hunting Season Dates and Limits

Quail – Nov 1 – Feb 4, 6 daily and 12 in possession

Rabbit – Sept 1 – Feb 28, 8 daily and 16 in possession

Squirrel – May 15 – Feb 28 following year

Gray fox, red fox, mink, striped skunk – Sept 1 – Feb 28, 2 per day limit. No limit on striped skunk

Opossum – Sept 1 – Feb 28, 2 per day

Bobcat – Sept 1 – Feb 28, 2 per day

Coyote – July 1 – Feb 28, no bag limit

River Otter – Nov 11 – Feb 28, 2 per day

Elk – Oct 2-6 and Oct 30-Nov 3 (different youth dates apply)

Alligator – By permit only. Apply between June 15-30.

Bear:

- Archery in zones 1 and 2 – Sept 23 – Nov 30
- Muzzleloader in zones 1 and 2 – Oct 21-29
- Modern gun zones 1 and 2 – Nov 11-30
- Modern gun zone 5 – Nov 25 – Dec 3
- Modern Gun zone 5A – Nov 18 – Dec 3

Deer:

- Archery – Opens Sept 22, 2018
- Muzzleloader – Opens Oct 20, 2018
- Modern Gun – Opens Nov 10, 2018

Arkansas Deer Hunting Notes

The state is divided into 25 different zones and each has specific variations on the regulations. The seasons also differ in some of the zones. The archery season is very liberal, typically running through February 28 with a multiple deer bag limit in each zone. 4-5 deer limits are not uncommon and in some units you can take multiple bucks. Muzzleloader runs over a week in October and several rifle seasons are common in the different areas.

California

- [California Environmental Protection Agency](#)
 - [California Department of Pesticide Regulation](#)
 - [California Department of Toxic Substances Control](#)
- [California Natural Resources Agency](#)
 - [California Department of Conservation](#)
 - [California Department of Fish and Game](#)
 - [California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection](#)
 - [California Department of Parks and Recreation](#)
 - [California Department of Water Resources](#)

Experience a diverse range of ecosystems with unique hunts for big game, small game and birds.

Resident:

- Hunting Base – \$47.01
- Junior Hunting – \$12.45
- Disabled veteran – \$7.30
- First Deer Tag Application – \$31.06
- Second Deer Tag Application – \$38.62
- Elk, Antelope, Bighorn sheep application – \$8.13 each
- Bear Tag – \$45.62
- Elk Tag – \$446.40
- Antelope Tag – \$149.86
- Bighorn Sheep Tag – \$408.50
- Wild Pig – \$22.42
- California Duck Validation – \$20.52
- Upland Game Bird Validation – \$9.46
- Federal Duck Stamp – \$25

Non-resident:

- Hunting base – \$164.16
- One Day Hunting – \$22.42
- Two Day – \$47.01
- First and Second Deer Tag Application – \$276.85 each
- Bear Tag – \$291.55
- Elk Tag – \$1364.90
- Antelope Tag – \$459.80
- Bighorn Sheep – \$1511.75
- Wild Pig – \$75.60

California Hunting Application Dates

June 2 each year – Bighorn sheep, elk, deer and antelope applications due. Results typically announced June 17.

Point Systems – Points are straightforward for California hunts. You accumulate a point for each species every time you apply and do not draw (first choice for deer). When you do pull a tag, your points are cleared for that species and you start fresh.

General Regulation Info:

Party Tags – You can apply as a party for deer tags in California. The first party member to apply becomes the group leader then each individual has to apply separately. The order each person applies does not effect the

Small Game:

- Tree squirrel – 4 daily and 4 in possession. Sept 9 – Jan 28 general season.
- Rabbits – 5 daily and 10 in possession. July 1 – Jan 28 general season.
- Jackrabbits – open all year, no limits

Birds:

- Pheasant – 2 males/day first 2 days of season. 3 males/day after. Nov 11 – Dec 24
- Quail – 10 daily, triple the limit in possession. Oct 21- Jan 28 Zone Q1, Sept 30 – Jan 28 Zone Q2, Oct 21 – Jan 28 Zone Q3
- Chukar – 6 daily, triple that in possession. Oct 21 – Jan 28
- Blue and Ruffed Grouse – 2 daily. Sept 9 – Oct 9
- Fall Turkey – 1 either sex, 2 per season total. Nov 11 – Dec 10
- Spring Turkey – 1 bearded daily, 3 per season total. Mar 31 – May 6 general. May 7 – May 20 archery.

Waterfowl seasons change a bit and the California hunting regulations divide season dates by the zone. The most productive waterfowl areas are found in central and northern California. There is some amazing duck and goose hunting in the state with public and private land opportunities.

An additional hunt to consider is wild pig. The season is open all year and there is no limit on pigs. Just get your hunting license and pig tag before heading out. Pigs are most abundant in Northern California.

Elk licenses are rare but well worth the wait. The state also has some excellent deer hunting. Quality blacktails and mule deer occupy many regions in the state. Check the full regulations and unit descriptions here – <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting>.

Colorado

- [Colorado Department of Natural Resources](#)

Known for the high elk populations and steep terrain but there's plenty more than the elk here.

Residents:

- Elk, bull and cow – \$49
- Elk, bull/either sex OTC and leftover – \$46
- Deer and Antelope – \$34
- Deer and Antelope OTC and leftover – \$31
- Moose – \$254
- Bear – \$44
- Lion – \$41
- Spring turkey – \$21
- Fall turkey – \$16
- Small game annual – \$21
- Fishing and small game combo – \$41

Non-residents:

- Elk, bull – \$629
- Elk, cow drawing – \$469
- Elk, bull/either sex OTC and leftover – \$626
- Deer and Antelope – \$379
- Deer and Antelope OTC and leftover – \$376
- Moose – \$2,081
- Bear – \$351
- Lion – \$351
- Spring turkey – \$101
- Fall turkey – \$101
- Small game annual – \$56

Colorado Hunting Season Dates

Application Dates – The Colorado hunting application deadline is March 1 for 2018 and falls on a similar day most years. You can apply online and over the phone for limited draw areas.

Point Systems – Some Colorado hunts are so popular that you cannot draw until a minimum of preference points is reached. When you have the minimum requirement, you get a random number generator and entered into the draw. This only means you are entered and does not guarantee a tag. The total number of tags are divided between residents, non-residents and landowners. Residents typically make up the majority but landowners take a fair chunk in some units.

You earn a point each time you apply and don't draw your first choice. You can apply only for the point as well. Accumulating points for a few years while you focus on other hunts is a great strategy. You can put a difficult draw as your first choice and collect the preference point then hunt OTC tags in other parts of the state.

These are the season dates as of 2017. There are liable to change slightly in future years.

Archery Seasons:

- Deer and Elk – Aug 26 – Sept 24
- Moose – Sept 9-24
- Antelope Bucks – Aug 15-31
- Antelope either sex – Sept 1-20

Muzzleloader Seasons:

- Elk, Moose and Deer – Sept 9-17
- Antelope – Oct 21-29

Rifle Seasons:

- Limited elk 1st Season – Oct 14-18
- Deer and Elk 2nd Season – Oct 21-29
- Deer and Elk 3rd Season – Nov 4-12
- Deer and Elk 4th season – Nov 15-19
- Antelope – Oct 7-13
- Moose – Oct 1-14

Black Bear Seasons:

- Limited – Sept 2-30
- Archery – Sept 2-30
- Muzzleloader – Sept 9-17
- Rifle unlimited with a cap seasons are the same as deer and elk seasons.

Colorado Turkey Hunting Season Dates:

- Fall – Sept 1 – Oct 26 (apply by July 12)
- Late Season – Dec 15 – Jan 15
- Spring – April 14 – May 27 (apply by Feb 8)

Waterfowl – Hunting waterfowl in Colorado is a special experience. There are major bird populations and great ground for public and private land access. The seasons are different based on flyways, regions and species. You can view all of the waterfowl dates here – <http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/WaterfowlDatesFees.aspx>.

Connecticut

- [Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#)

Deer, turkey, small game alongside some great fishing here as well.

There is a 50-percent discount on license fees for residents aged 12-17.

Residents:

- Firearms Hunting – \$19
- Inland Fishing, Firearm Hunt Combo – \$38
- Marine Fishing and Firearm Hunt Combo – \$25
- All fishing and firearm hunting combo – \$40
- Junior Firearm hunting – \$11
- Age 65+ hunting – Free
- Archery Deer/Small Game – \$41
- Archery Deer, Small Game and All Waters Fishing – \$65
- Junior Archery Deer, Small Game – \$10
- Trapping – \$34
- 16 & 17 Year Old Trapping – \$17
- Junior Trapping – \$11
- Resident game bird conservation stamp – \$28
- Connecticut migratory bird conservation stamp – \$17

Non-resident:

- Firearms Hunting – \$91
- Inland Fishing, Firearm Hunt Combo – \$110
- Marine Fishing and Firearm Hunt Combo – \$120
- All fishing and firearm hunting combo – \$94
- 3 day bird hunting – \$35
- Junior Firearm hunting – \$11
- Archery Deer/Small Game – \$135
- Junior Archery Deer, Small Game – \$19
- Trapping – \$250
- Resident game bird conservation stamp – \$28
- Connecticut migratory bird conservation stamp – \$17

Connecticut Hunting Season Dates

The seasons are different on private and public lands. The State land archery season starts Sept 15 and ends Nov 14. There is another block of open season from Dec 20-30. The private land

season tends to run a little longer with dates going through January. Shotgun and muzzleloader seasons are also set each year for private lands.

Bird seasons run from roughly October 21 through the end of February. Pheasant hunting is popular here. Birds are released on some public WMA's and several preserves also operate around the state. While Pheasants are popular, some preserves also have quail and chukar hunting in Connecticut.

Hunters can also chase migratory birds and small game. Woodcock, Snipe, Rails and Crows, Ducks, Seaducks, Canada geese and snow geese are available. You can view the 2017 guide with dates here – http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/hunting_trapping/pdf_files/mbguide1718.pdf

Small Game:

- Gray Squirrel – Sept 1 – Feb 28, 8 daily, 40 per season
- Rabbit – Oct 20 – Feb 28 – 3 daily, 25 per season
- Snowshoe Hare – Nov 17 – Jan 31 – 2 daily, 10 per season
- Woodchuck – March 15 – Nov 15, No limits

Fox and Coyote:

- Red and Gray Fox – Oct 20 – Feb 28, 3 daily, 20 per season
- Coyote – Jan 1 – Dec 31 – No limits

Raccoon and Opossum:

- Raccoon – Oct 20 – Jan 20 – 5 daily, no season limit
- Opossum – Oct 20 – Jan 20 – No limits

The Connecticut hunting regulations are pretty easy to interpret. The state has a good locals game and produces some quality whitetails. Having access to private lands is a huge bonus here. Otherwise, the state has some nice sized Wildlife Management Areas.

Delaware

- [Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control](#)

Waterfowl in the gap and turkey/deer as well.

Resident:

- Hunting – \$39.50
- Guide – \$159.50
- Wildlife Area Deer Stand/Waterfowl Blind Lottery Permit – \$20

- Junior Hunting – \$5
- Quality Buck tag combo – \$20
- Additional antlerless tag – \$20
- Migratory waterfowl stamp – \$50
- Annual conservation access pass – \$32.50
- 3-day conservation access pass – \$10

Non-resident:

- Hunting – \$199.50
- 3-day hunting – \$75
- Guide – \$475
- Junior Hunting – \$50
- Quality buck – \$50
- Antlered deer – \$50
- Additional antlerless – \$20
- Migratory waterfowl stamp – \$15
- Annual conservation access pass – \$65
- 3-day conservation access pass – \$20

Delaware Hunting Seasons

Deer:

- Archery – Sept 1 – Jan 31
- Crossbow – Sept 1 – Jan 31
- Muzzleloader – Oct 6-14, Jan 22-27
- Shotgun – Nov 10-19, Jan 13-20
- Special Antlerless – Oct 16, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 30, Dec 9-16
- Handgun – Jan 6-13

Small Game:

- Gray Squirrel – Sept 15 – Feb 3, Limit 6
- Cottontail Rabbit – Nov 20 – Feb 28, Limit 4
- Groundhogs – July 1 – June 30, No limit
- Pheasant (roosters only) – Nov 20 – Feb 3, Limit 2
- Bobwhite quail – Nov 20 – Jan 6, Limit 6

Turkey:

The turkey season runs from April 14 – May 12. Seasons differ based on the public land permits you draw. You must apply by January 5 in the 2018 season for the lottery drawing. You can only hunt on the public property that you draw. You must also report to a check station if you take a bird. Only one bird annually per hunter if you draw the tag.

Waterfowl:

Delaware and Maryland have a reciprocal policy for snow geese. You need the state and federal waterfowl stamps but the general license works in both states (snow geese only).

- Ducks – Oct 27 – Nov 7, Nov 20-25, Dec 8 – Jan 27. 6 daily, 18 in possession.
- September Teal – Sept 8-26. 6 daily, 18 in possession
- Sea Ducks – Nov 20 – Jan 27, 5 daily, 15 in possession
- Resident Canada Geese – Sept 1-25. 15 daily, 45 in possession
- Migratory Canada Geese – Nov 20-25, Dec 15 – Feb 3. 2 daily, 6 in possession
- Snow Geese – Oct 10 – Feb 10, 25 daily

Hunting seasons are also available for coot, mourning dove, woodcock, common snipe, crows. Waterfowl hunters have long seasons and some liberal bag limits here. The Delaware hunting regulations are updated each year and dates/bag limits are subject to change. Deer numbers are healthy and trophy potential is good throughout the state.

Additionally, seasons, for raccoon, opossum, fox, coyote and beaver offer furbearer hunting and trapping.

District of Columbia

- [Department of Energy and Environment](#)

Florida

- [Florida Department of Environmental Protection](#)
- [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission](#)
- [Northwest Florida Water Management District](#)
- [Suwannee River Water Management District](#)
- [St. Johns River Water Management District](#)
- [Southwest Florida Water Management District](#)
- [South Florida Water Management District](#)

Full of native and invasive species to target in environments ranging from coastal to inland forests. Florida has some really cool hunting options.

Residents:

- Gold Sportsman's License – Hunting, Saltwater fishing, freshwater fishing, archery, wildlife management area, crossbow, muzzleloading, turkey, florida waterfowl, snook, lobster. – \$100
- Sportsman's License – hunting, saltwater fishing, freshwater fishing, wildlife management area, archery, muzzleloading, crossbow, turkey, Florida waterfowl – \$80.50

- Resident 64+ Sportsman's License – \$13.50
- Annual Hunting – \$17
- 5 Year Hunting – \$79
- Hunting, Freshwater Fishing combo – \$32.50
- Hunting, Freshwater/Saltwater fishing – \$48

Non-residents:

- Annual hunting – \$151.50
- 10-day hunting – \$46.50

Permits – Same price for resident and non-resident:

- Federal duck stamp – \$17.50
- Wildlife Management Area – \$26.50
- Archery – \$5
- Muzzleloading gun – \$5
- Turkey – \$10 resident, \$125 non-resident
- Florida waterfowl permit – \$5
- Crossbow – \$5

Florida Hunting Seasons

Deer Archery:

- Zone A – July 29 – Aug 7
- Zone B – Oct 14 – Nov 12
- Zone C – Sept 16 – Oct 15
- Zone D – Oct 21 – Nov 22

Deer Crossbow:

- Zone A – July 29 – Sept 1
- Zone B – Oct 14 – Nov 12
- Zone C – Sept 16 – Oct 15, Oct 16 – 20 (antlered only)
- Zone D – Oct 21 – Nov 22, Nov 27 – Dec 1 (antlered only)

Deer Muzzleloader:

- Zone A – Sept 2 – 15
- Zone B – Nov 18 – Dec 1
- Zone C – Oct 21 – Nov 3
- Zone D – Dec 2-8 and 19-25

Deer Rifle:

- Zone A – Sept 16 – Oct 15, Nov 18 – Jan 7
- Zone B – Dec 2 – Feb 18
- Zone C – Nov 4 – Jan 21
- Zone D – Nov 23-26, Dec 9 – Feb 18

Turkey:

- Zone A – July 29 – Aug 27 bow, July 29 – Sept 1 bow, Sept 2-15 muzzleloader/bow, Oct 9-15 and Nov 18 – Jan 7 for all legal methods.
- Zone B – Oct 14 – Nov 12 bow, Oct 14 – Nov 17 bow, Nov 18 – Dec 1 muzzleloader/bow, Dec 2 Jan 28 all legal methods.
- Zone C – Sept 16 – Oct 15 bow, Sept 16 – Oct 20 bow, Oct 21 – Nov 3 muzzleloader/bow, Nov 4 – Dec 31 all legal methods
- Zone D – Oct 21 – Nov 22 bow, Oct 21 – Nov 22 and Nov 27 – Dec 1 bow, Dec 2-8 muzzleloader/bow, Nov 23-26 and Dec 9 – Jan 14 all legal methods

Spring Turkey (gobblers and bearded only):

- South of State Road 70 – March 3 – April 8
- North of State Road 70 – March 17 – April 22

Rabbit:

- Year-round season. 12 daily, 24 in possession

Wild Hog:

- Year-round season, no limit

Bobcat:

- Dec 1 – March 31, no limits

Otter:

- Dec 1 – March 1, no limits

Raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, skunk, nutria:

- Year-round, no limits

Georgia

- [Georgia Department of Natural Resources](#)

Some great upland and waterfowl hunting along with deer and turkey.

Residents:

- Hunting – \$15
- Senior 65+ – \$4
- Annual hunt and fish – \$30
- Bear – \$25
- Deer – \$25
- Turkey – \$25
- Alligator – \$75
- Georgia Migratory Bird Stamp – \$5
- Trapping – \$40

Non-residents:

- Hunting – \$100
- 1 day hunt – \$20 (\$6 each additional day)
- Annual hunt and fish \$150
- Bear – \$225
- Deer – \$225
- Turkey – \$225
- Alligator – \$250
- Georgia Migratory Bird Stamp – \$5
- Trapping – \$325

Georgia Hunting Season Dates

Deer:

- Archery, either sex statewide – September 9 – January 14
- Extended Archery – Sept 9 – January 31
- Primitive Weapons – October 14 – January 14
- Firearms – October 21 – January 14

Northern Zone Bear:

- Archery – Sept 9 – Jan 14
- Primitive Weapons – October 14 – January 14
- Firearms – October 21 – January 14

Central Zone Bear:

- Firearms – Jan 13

Southern Zone Bear:

- Firearms – Sept 21-23, Sept 28-30, Oct 5-7, Oct 12-14

Turkey:

- March 24 – May 15, 3 per season

Alligator:

- Aug 18 – Oct 2, limited by zone and quota

Crows:

- Nov 4 – Feb 28, no limit

Dove:

- Sept 2-17, Oct 14 – Nov 2, Nov 23 – Jan 15. 15 per day, 45 in possession

Fox and Bobcat:

- December 1 – February 28, no limit

Grouse:

- October 15 – November 29, 3 per day

Opossum:

- October 15 – November 28, no limit

Quail:

- November 18 – February 28, 12 per day

Rabbit:

- November 18 – February 28, 12 per day

Raccoon:

- October 15 – February 28, 3 per day

Snipe:

- November 15 – February 28, 8 per day

Squirrel:

- August 15 – February 28

Woodcock:

- December 9 – January 22

Georgia has over 1.7 million acres of public lands. The Chattahoochie-Oconee National Forest makes up a significant portion of those lands. Wildlife Management areas are also important for hunter access and opportunity. You can view a complete list of the WMA's here – <http://georgiawildlife.com/allwmas>.

Another hunt that flies under the radar is wild hogs. There is no limit and no closed season on hog hunts. You may also swing access to private lands where hogs are a major nuisance. You can actually take 2 bears per season although only one may come from the southern or central zone. 3 turkeys means Georgia hunters can really get after gobblers. The limits on deer are also very liberal and filling a freezer with does is possible for archery and rifle hunters. Check your hunting zone for specific limits on deer and other species.

You can also find some great waterfowl hunting in the state. Check the Georgia hunting regulations for more specific information regarding the waterfowl seasons and limits.

Hawaii

- [Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources](#)

Not just for surfing and beach lounging. Hawaii has liberal seasons and species to target. Highly recommend for hunters looking to capitalize on multiple species in a single trip. Also combines well with a bigger vacation picture.

You need a waiver for hunter education to purchase your license. You simply have to prove that you've taken hunter ed in another state. The license fees are very affordable.

Resident:

- Hunting – \$10
- Conservation – \$10
- Blacktail deer application – \$5
- Blacktail deer rifle – \$10
- Feral pig season – \$5

- Feral goat rifle – \$10
- Feral goat muzzleloader – \$5
- Feral goat archery – \$5
- Mouflon sheep season – \$20 (\$10 app)
- Axis deer season – \$20 (\$10 app)
- Puu Waawaa feral sheep or goat – \$10
- Puuanahulu feral goat and sheep – \$10

Non-resident:

- Hunting – \$95
- Conservation – \$10
- Blacktail deer application – \$5
- Blacktail deer rifle – \$25
- Feral pig season – \$25
- Feral goat rifle – \$25
- Feral Goat muzzleloader – \$25
- Feral goat archery – \$25
- Mouflon sheep season – \$125 (\$10 app)
- Axis deer season – \$125 (\$10 app)
- Puu Waawaa feral sheep or goat – \$25
- Puuanahulu feral goat and sheep – \$25

Species of Interest and Highlights

Blacktail Deer: They are not as widespread or as popular as some other species but blacktail spot and stalk hunts are available on a draw basis.

Feral Pig: Some of the locals run hogs with dogs and finish them with a knife. You can chase them with a bow or rifle as well. You can also chase them year-round.

Feral Goat: Good numbers and they are destructive to some property owners.

Mouflon Sheep: These wild sheep are a great species to chase on the Islands.

Axis Deer: Native to India, these deer arrived as a gift from Japan. Tall antlers and white spots are distinctive features. Numbers are high and many hunters will have multiple encounters daily.

There is plenty of public land access to make a DIY hunt fairly manageable. Check the Hawaii hunting regs closely though as some public lands are only open on select days each week. You can also seek private access but this is difficult without local knowledge. Hiring a guide is another option for private land access. If you do pursue access on your own, start with the big plantations and focus on nuisance species that may damage their crops.

You can learn more about hunting Hawaii here – <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting/>. There is a fee for bringing a firearm into the state. I think it runs around ten bucks. There's a ton of ground to explore on the islands and the terrain is not easy. The weather will be fantastic but roads and trails are often tough depending on where you decide to hunt and how ambitious you are.

Idaho

- [Idaho Department of Environmental Quality](#)

Big game, birds and amazing rivers in this western state. Idaho is a sportsman's paradise with a well managed system for both residents and non-residents.

Resident:

- Hunt and Fish Combo – \$38.50
- Hunt and fish combo, 3 year – \$97
- Sportsman's package (combo license + deer, elk, bear, mountain lion, wolf, turkey, salmon, steelhead, archery and muzzleloader) – \$144.60
- Hunting – \$15.75
- Hunting 3 year – \$34.75
- Black Bear – \$13.75
- Deer – \$24.75
- Elk – \$36.75
- Mountain Lion – \$13.75
- Turkey – \$12.25
- Wolf – \$13.50
- Archery – \$19.50
- Muzzleloader – \$19.50
- Moose – \$199.75
- Mountain Goat – \$199.75
- Antelope – \$36.50

Non-resident:

- Hunt and Fish Combo – \$240
- Hunt and Fish Combo, 3 year – \$716.50
- Hunting – \$154.75
- Hunting, 3 year – \$460.75
- Hunting, Small Game – \$97.75
- Hunting, Small Game 3 day – \$35.50
- Black Bear – \$186
- Deer – \$301.75

- Elk – \$416.75
- Mountain Lion – \$186
- Turkey – \$80
- Wolf – \$31.75
- Archery – \$20
- Muzzleloader – \$20
- Bighorn Sheep – \$2101.75
- Moose – \$2101.75
- Mountain Goat – \$2101.75
- Antelope – \$311.75

Idaho Big Game Hunting Application Deadlines

May 1 – June 5 deadline for elk, deer, antelope, fall bear and fall turkey.

June 15 – June 25 – bighorn sheep, mountain goat, moose

Aug 5 – 15 – second drawing for deer, elk, antelope, fall bear

Point Systems – Idaho does not use a point system for their controlled hunts. It's a pure lottery system and everyone who enters has the same odds of drawing. Other states use bonus and preference point systems. Idaho does not.

Idaho Hunting Season Dates

Deer and Elk seasons vary by the unit. They are all a little different. Here is the complete Idaho hunting regulations with the seasons for each individual unit – <https://idfg.idaho.gov/rules/big-game>. You can also view the cow elk objectives for each zone to see where populations are health. Whitetail deer distribution maps are shown on the deer PDF as well.

Upland Game:

- Dusky, Ruffed and Spruce Grouse – Aug 30 – Jan 31, 4 daily, 12 in possession
- California and Bobwhite Quail – Sept 15 – Jan 31, 10 daily, 30 in aggregate (area 1)
- Chukar and Gray Partridge – Sept 15 – Jan 31, 8 Chukar and 8 Gray's daily
- Sharptail Grouse – Oct 1 – Oct 31, 2 daily, 6 in possession (area 1)
- Pheasant – Oct 13 – Dec 31(zone 1), Oct 20 – Nov 30 (zone 2), Oct 20 – Dec 31 (area 3)

Because it's a straight draw, the Idaho Hunting regulations aren't too painful to navigate. Have maps handy to note the different units and boundaries when researching everything. Also pay close attention to access as there are some really large wilderness areas with very limited access here. This is a great state to for non-residents looking to draw elk and deer tags. It ranks up there with Colorado in terms of finding good odds and opportunities to hunt quality areas.

Illinois

- [Illinois Department of Natural Resources](#)

Classic whitetail state with a number of other hunts available. If you're looking for a shot at record-book racks, consider this state.

Resident:

- Hunting – \$12.50
- Lifetime Hunting – \$360
- Lifetime Sportsman Fish and Hunt – \$765
- Senior Hunting – \$6.50
- Senior Sportsman's Hunt and Fish – \$13.50
- Annual hunt and fish combo – \$26.25
- Veteran hunting license – \$6.50
- Veteran sportsman hunt and fish – \$13.50
- Resident youth hunting – \$7.50
- Deer firearm lottery app – \$25
- Deer firearm lottery antlerless – \$17.50
- Deer firearm lottery either sex and antlerless – \$42.50
- Deer muzzleloader antlerless – \$17.50
- Deer muzzleloader either sex and antlerless – \$42.50
- Deer firearm OTC county permit – \$25.50

Non-resident:

- Hunting – \$57.75
- 5 day – \$35.75
- Hunting preserve license – \$12.50
- Hunting apprentice license – \$7.50
- OTC Archery – \$100.50
- OTC antlerless archery – \$25.5
- Deer combo archery – \$410
- Deer combo archery OTC – \$411
- Deer Firearm lottery application – \$25
- Deer firearm lottery either sex – \$300
- Deer OTC firearm county permit – \$300.50
- Deer landowner archery – \$210
- Deer muzzleloader either sex – \$300
- Deer Muzzleloader OTC county permit – \$300.50
- Fall turkey archery – \$75.50
- Fall turkey shotgun – \$125
- Spring turkey – \$125

Illinois Hunting Season Dates

Deer:

- Firearm 1st Season – November 16, 17 and 18
- Firearm 2nd Season – November 29-30, December 1-2
- Muzzleloader 1st season – November 29-30, December 1-2
- Muzzleloader Only Season – December 7-9
- Archery – October 1 – January 20
- Youth Firearm – October 6-8

Turkey:

- Youth – March 25-26 South, April 1-2 North
- Spring Shotgun or Archery – April 3 – May 4 South, April 10 – May 11 North
- Fall shotgun – Oct 22-30
- Fall archery – Oct 1 – Jan 15

Small Game:

- Rabbit – Nov 5 – Feb 15, 4 daily, 10 in possession
- Pheasant, Hungarian partridge, Bobwhite quail – Nov 5 – Jan 8 North, Nov 5 – Jan 15 South
- Squirrel – Aug 1 – Feb 15 statewide – 5 daily, 10 in possession
- Woodchuck – June 1 – March 31, no limit
- Raccoon and opossum – Nov 5 – Feb 10 north, Nov 10 – Feb 15 south
- Bobcat and fox – Nov 10 – Jan 31
- Coyote and striped skunk – Year-round

Birds:

- Teal – Sept 3-18, 6 daily, 18 in possession
- Early Canada Geese – Sept 1-15
- Ducks – Oct 15 – Jan 12 North, Oct 22 – Dec 20 central, Nov 11 – Jan 9 south-central, Nov 24 – Jan 22 south

Application Periods and Deadlines:

- Deer firearm/muzzleloader – 1st lottery (residents only) March 13 – April 30, 2nd lottery May 1 – June 30, 3rd lottery July 1 – August 17.
- Deer archery non-resident- June 1-30, Aug 7-31 OTC, Sept 1 – Jan 20 OTC
- Deer archery residents – Aug 7 – Jan 20 OTC, Aug 7 – Sept 1 app period

There are additional seasons for Canada Geese, snow geese and several bird species. Check the complete season dates [here](#)

– <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/HuntSeasonDatesAndLimitInfo.pdf>. Illinois hunters can access state lands but many hunters also focus on leases and private access. Areas with food plots and permanent blinds are ideal but public land hunters can set tree stands and game cameras. Check the rules for each individual area. Some areas are ok for semi-permanent stands while others are temporary only.

Indiana

- [Indiana Department of Environmental Management](#)
- [Indiana Department of Natural Resources](#)

Another classic whitetail state with great turkey hunting, waterfowl and small game. Good public access and private lease options.

Resident:

- Hunting and Fishing – \$25
- Annual Hunting – \$17
- Deer license bundle – \$65
- Deer hunting – \$24
- Deer second and additional bonus antlerless – \$15
- Spring Turkey – \$25
- Fall Turkey – \$25
- Waterfowl Stamp Privilege – \$6.75
- Game Bird Habitat Stamp Privilege – \$6.75
- Annual Trapping – \$17

Non-resident:

- Annual Hunting – \$80
- Youth annual hunting – \$17
- 5 day hunting – \$31
- Deer license bundle – \$295
- Deer hunting – \$150
- Deer second and additional bonus antlerless – \$24
- You deer bundle – \$65
- Youth deer – \$24
- Spring turkey – \$120
- Youth spring turkey – \$25
- Fall turkey – \$120
- Youth fall turkey – \$25
- Private shooting preserve – \$17
- Youth private shooting preserve – \$7

- Annual trapping – \$140
- Youth annual trapping – \$17
- Waterfowl Stamp Privilege – \$6.75
- Game Bird Habitat Stamp Privilege – \$6.75

Indiana Hunting Season Dates

Deer:

- Youth – September 23-24
- Archery – October 1 – January 7
- Muzzleloader – December 9-24
- Firearms – November 18 – December 3
- Special Antlerless – December 26 – January 7
- Reduction Zone – September 15 – January 31

Turkey:

- Spring – April 25 – May 13
- Fall Archery – October 1-29, December 9 – January 27
- Fall Firearms – October 18-29
- Youth Spring – April 21-22

Small Game and Upland Birds:

- Pheasant – Nov 1 – Dec 15, limit 2 per day
- Rabbit – November 1 – February 28, 5 each day
- Quail – Nov 1 – Dec 15 North (4/day), Nov 1 – Jan 10 South (8/day)

State parks, state forests and designated public hunting areas open up some great ground. Reduction hunts are also used as management tools to prevent deer from overpopulating. The reduction hunts make it possible to harvest several deer each season. You can view a map with all open hunting areas here – <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5427.htm>. You can harvest a single deer per license but the bundle license allows for 2 antlerless and one antlered or a total of 3 antlerless. Hundreds of B&C typical and non-typical bucks have come from Indiana. The long archery season and ample access makes this a great state with plenty of opportunity.

Iowa

- [Iowa Department of Natural Resources](#)

Right in the heart of the midwest with ag lands and trophy deer. Iowa is a friendly state that consistently produces.

Resident:

- 16+ Hunting – \$19
- Habitat Fee – \$13
- Hunting and Habitat Fee Combo – \$30
- 3-year hunting with habitat fee – \$86
- Migratory game bird fee – \$10
- Federal Duck Stamp – \$25
- Apprentice – \$30
- Fur-harvester 16+ – \$22.50
- Hunting, fishing and habitat combo – \$47
- Hunting preserve – \$7
- Lifetime hunting 65+ – \$52.50
- General deer license – \$28.50
- Antlerless only, 1st – \$28.50
- Antlerless 2nd – \$13.00
- Landowner General Deer – \$2
- Landowner antlerless only – \$2
- Wild turkey – \$24.50

Non-resident:

- Adult hunting – \$112
- Under 18 hunting – \$32
- Habitat fee – \$13
- Hunting and Habitat Fee – \$123
- Migratory Bird Fee – \$10
- Federal Duck Stamp – \$25
- Apprentice – \$123

Iowa Hunting Season Dates**Small Game and Upland:**

- Pheasant roosters – Oct 28 – Jan 10, 3 daily, 12 in possession
- Bobwhite quail – Oct 28 – Jan 31, 8 daily, 16 in possession
- Gray partridge – Oct 14 – Jan 31, 8 daily, 16 in possession
- Ruffed grouse – Oct 7 – Jan 31, 3 daily, 6 in possession
- Cottontail – Sept 2 – Feb 28, 10 daily, 20 in possession
- Squirrel – Sept 2 – Jan 31, 6 daily, 12 in possession

Spring Turkey:

- Season 1 – April 16-19
- Season 2 – April 20-24
- Season 3 – April 25 – May 1

- Season 4 – May 2-20
- Resident archery only – April 16 – May 20

Deer:

- Youth – Sept 16 – Oct 1
- Archery Early Split – Oct 1 – Dec 1
- Archery Late Split – Dec 18 – Jan 10
- Early Muzzleloader – Oct 14-22
- Late Muzzleloader – Dec 18 – Jan 10
- Shotgun season 1 – Dec 2-6
- Shotgun season 2 – Dec 9-17

Deer are divided in management zones. Each zone has a different antlerless quota and some are antlered counties only for resident hunters. The state also has migratory bird seasons broken down by species. For the complete list of dates in 2018, refer to the Iowa hunting regulations pdf here – <file:///home/chronos/u-cb93a838469ad908c53ceb335c0099cf62e82843/Downloads/huntingregs.pdf>.

There are outfitters and leases throughout the state for access to managed land and deer that see less hunting pressure. This is a great way to really see bigger bucks from permanent blind and stand locations. Turkey hunters have several season options to spread out pressure and youth hunters have their own season dates as well.

Kansas

- [Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources](#)
- [Kansas Department of Health and Environment](#), Division of Environment

Similar to Iowa, a great place for big whitetails. Also some incredible pheasant hunting.

Residents:

- Lifetime Senior hunt and fish – \$42.50
- Senior hunting – \$15
- Senior hunt and fish – \$25
- Hunting – \$27.50
- Hunt and fish combo – \$47.50
- Apprentice – \$27.50
- 5 year hunt and fish – \$182.50
- 5 year hunt – \$102.50
- Deer OTC – \$42.50
- Deer landowner – \$22.50

- Deer schedule A – \$52.50
- Turkey – \$27.50
- Antelope Application – \$62.50
- Antelope – \$52.50
- Elk – \$302.50
- Antlerless elk – \$152.50

Non-resident:

- Hunting – \$97.50
- Under 16 hunting – \$42.50
- Hunt and fish combo – \$137.50
- Deer, whitetail – Schedule B drawing – \$442.50
- Turkey – \$52.50
- Antelope – \$302.50

Kansas Hunting Application Deadlines

Elk – July 13, 2018

Antelope – June 8, 2018

Deer – July 13, 2018

Kansas Hunting Season Dates

Deer:

- Archery – Sept 17 – Sept 30
- Early muzzleloader – Sept 17 – Sept 30
- Antlerless pre-rut firearm – Oct 6-8
- Regular firearm – Nov 28 – Dec 9

Turkey:

- Fall Archery/Shotgun – Oct 1 – Nov 28, Dec 11 – Jan 31
- Spring Archery – April 9-17
- Spring general – April 18 – May 31

Antelope:

- Early archery – Sept 23 – Oct 1
- Late archery – Oct 14 – Oct 31
- Muzzleloader – Oct 2-9
- Firearm – Oct 6-9

Upland Bird and Small Game:

- Pheasant and Quail – Nov 11 – Jan 31
- Prairie Chicken Early – Sept 15 – Oct 15
- Prairie Chicken Regular – Nov 18 – Jan 31
- Rabbit – Jan 1 – Dec 31
- Squirrel – June 1 – Feb 28

Waterfowl:

For a complete list of waterfowl dates, consult the Kansas hunting regulations page here – <http://ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/When-to-Hunt/Hunting-Seasons>. Seasons are subject to change each year depending on overall counts and federal surveys.

Deer hunting is the biggest draw in Kansas and the state consistently produces some of the highest scoring whitetails in the country. Kansas also has mule deer populations. Elk are a tough draw but a really cool hunt. More tags will be allocated as herd sizes grow. Antelope tags are affordable for residents and the state has plenty of walk-in areas where you have a shot. The walk-in program opens up some great ground to deer and upland game hunters as well. You can chase rabbits year-round here and furbearers are also fair game with some seasons for hunting and trapping specifically. Excellent pheasant and quail populations offer bird hunters some serious chances at daily limits. Overall, Kansas is a great state for hunters chasing a variety of big game, small game and birds.

Kentucky

- [Kentucky Department for Natural Resources](#)
- [Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection](#)

Growing elk numbers present a unique draw hunt. Plenty of deer, birds and a small game hunters paradise.

Resident:

- Annual hunting – \$27
- 1-day hunting – \$7
- Annual youth hunting – \$6
- Shooting hunting area license – \$5
- Annual trapping – \$20
- Youth trapping – \$5
- Fish and hunt combo – \$42
- Sportsman's License (hunt, fish, deer, spring and fall turkey, migratory bird, waterfowl, trout) – \$95

- Statewide Deer (2 total) – \$35
- Youth deer – \$10
- Additional deer – \$15
- Spring turkey – \$30
- Fall turkey – \$30
- Migratory bird, waterfowl – \$15
- Pheasant quota hunt (draw) – \$25
- Sandhill Crane – \$3
- Elk application – \$10
- Quota bull elk (draw) – \$100
- Quota cow elk (draw) – \$60
- Youth elk – \$30
- Bear – \$30
- Youth bear – \$10

Non-resident:

- Hunting – \$140
- 1-day hunting – \$15
- 7-day hunting – \$55
- Youth hunting – \$10
- Trapping – \$130
- Statewide deer (limit 2) – \$120
- Youth deer – \$15
- Additional deer – \$15
- Spring turkey (2 turkeys) – \$75
- Fall turkey (4 turkeys) – \$75
- Migratory game bird, waterfowl – \$15
- Pheasant quota hunt permit – \$25
- Elk application – \$10
- Quota bull elk (draw) – \$550
- Quota cow elk (draw) – \$400
- Bear – \$250

Point Systems – Kentucky has a preference point system for deer quota hunts. Demand for elk permits is extremely high and the state does a straight lottery draw for these. The majority of licenses are set aside for residents with a small percentage available for non-residents. The odds are not great but it's worth applying for this hunt of a lifetime. As herds grow, opportunities will expand.

Kentucky Hunting Season Dates

Elk application deadline – April 30

Coyotes – Year-round, no bag limit

Deer:

- Archery zones 1, 2 and 3 – Sept 1 – Jan 21
- Archery zone 4 –
- Crossbow zones 1, 2 and 3 – Oct 1 – Oct 21
- Modern gun zone 1 and 2 – Nov 10-25
- Modern gun zone 3 and 4 – Nov 10-19
- Muzzleloader zone 1, 2 and 3 – Oct 20-21, Dec 8-16

Elk:

- Bull elk Archery – Sept 16-29, Oct 14 – Dec 8 , Dec 23-31
- Bull elk crossbow – Sept 23-29, Oct 14 – Dec 8, Dec 23-31
- Bull elk modern gun – Sept 30 – Oct 6, Oct 7 – 13

Fall Turkey:

- Shotgun – Oct 28 – Nov 3, Dec 2-8
- Archery – Sept 2 – Jan 15
- Crossbow – Oct 1-22, Nov 11 – Dec 31

You can view a full list of the 2017 dates and Kentucky hunting regulations here – <https://fw.ky.gov/Hunt/Documents/1718huntingguideentire.pdf>. This page was last update spring 2018 however many of the 2018 season dates are not yet announced. We will look for changes as they are released. In the meantime, check the state site for information not found on this page.

In addition to the big game and turkey seasons, Kentucky has great small game along with furbearer and waterfowl.

Louisiana

- [Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality](#)
- [Louisiana Department of Natural Resources](#)

A sportsman's state with year-round fishing and hunting. Some residents still live off the land here.

Resident:

- Hunting – \$15
- Big Game – \$14
- Archery – \$10.50

- Primitive Firearm – \$10.50
- Louisiana Duck – \$5.50
- Wild Turkey – \$5.50
- WMA Permit – \$15
- Sportsman’s Paradise – \$100

Non-resident:

- Hunting – \$150
- Big game – \$150
- Bow – \$26
- Primitive Firearm – \$26
- Louisiana Duck – \$25
- Wild Turkey – \$20.50
- WMA Permit – \$15
- Small Game, Migratory Bird – \$29
- Deer (1 day) – \$36
- Turkey (1 day) – \$36

Louisiana Hunting Season Dates

Deer Area 1:

- Archery – Oct 1 – Jan 31
- Primitive Firearms – Nov 11-17, Jan 22-31
- Firearms (still hunt only) – Nov 18 – Dec 8, Jan 8-21
- Firearms (with or without dogs) – Dec 9 – Jan 7

Deer Area 2:

- Archery – Oct 1- Jan 31
- Primitive Firearms – Oct 21-27, Jan 15-21
- Firearms (still hunt only) – Oct 28 – Dec 5
- Firearms (with or without dogs) – Dec 6 – Jan 14

Deer Area 3:

- Archery – Sept 16 – Jan 15
- Primitive Firearms – Oct 14-20, Nov 27 – Dec 1
- Firearms (still hunt only) – Oct 21 – Nov 26
- Firearms (with or without dogs) – Dec 2 – Jan 7

Deer Area 4:

- Archery – Oct 1 – Jan 31

- Primitive Firearms – Nov 11-17, Jan 22-31
- Firearms (still hunt only) – Nov 18 – Dec 8, Jan 8-21
- Firearms (with or without dogs) – Dec 9 – Jan 7

Deer Area 5:

- Archery – Oct 16 – Feb 15 either sex, Oct 1-15 bucks only
- Primitive Firearms – Jan 22-28 either sex, Jan 29-31 and Nov 11-17 bucks only
- Firearms (still hunt only) – Nov 24-26 either sex, Nov 18-23 and Nov 27 – Dec 8 bucks only
- Firearms (with or without dogs) – Dec 9-10/Dec 30-31/Jan 13-14 either sex, Dec 11-29/Jan 1-12/Jan 15-21 bucks only

Deer Area 6:

- Archery – Oct 16 – Feb 15 either sex, Oct 1-15 bucks only
- Primitive Firearms – Nov 11-17, Jan 22-31
- Firearms (still hunt only) – Nov 18 – Dec 8
- Firearms (with or without dogs) – Dec 9 – Jan 21

Deer Area 7:

- Archery – Oct 1 – Jan 31
- Primitive Firearms – Oct 14-20, Nov 4-10
- Firearms (still hunt only) – Oct 21 – Nov 3, Nov 11-26
- Firearms (with or without dogs) – Nov 27 – Dec 31

Deer Area 8:

- Archery – Sept 16 – Jan 15
- Primitive Firearms – Oct 14 – 20
- Firearms (still hunt only) – Oct 21 – Nov 26
- Firearms (with or without dogs) – Dec 2 – Jan 7

Deer Area 9:

- Archery – Oct 16 – Feb 15 either sex, Oct 1-15 bucks only
- Primitive Firearms – Jan 22-28 either sex, Jan 29-31/Nov 11-17 bucks
- Firearms (still hunt only) – Nov 24-26 either sex, Nov 18-23/Nov 27 – Dec 8 bucks
- Firearms (with or without dogs) – Dec 9-10/Dec 30-31/Jan 13-14 either sex, Dec 11-29/Jan 1-12/Jan 15-21 bucks

Deer Area 10:

- Archery – Sept 16 – Jan 15

- Primitive Firearms – Oct 14-20, Nov 27 – Dec 1
- Firearms (still hunt only) – Oct 21 – Nov 26, Dec 2 – Jan 7

Quail:

- Nov 18 – Feb 28, 10 daily, 30 in possession

Rabbit:

- Oct 7 – Feb 28, 8 daily, 24 in possession

Squirrel:

- Oct 7 – Feb 28, 8 daily, 24 in possession
- May 5-27, 3 daily, 9 in possession

Turkey:

- Area A – April 7 – May 6
- Area B – April 7 – 29
- Area C – April 7-22

WMA Schedules:

Wildlife management areas have individual schedules and some different species specific regulations. You can check the options for each area in the Louisiana hunting regulations here – <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/publication/37904-2017-2018-louisiana-hunting-regulations/17lahd-lr2.pdf>.

Maine

- [Maine Department of Environmental Protection](#)

Way up north there are moose, deer and a number of other options for hunters. Maine is both beautiful and wild.

Resident:

- Hunt license (16+) – \$26
- Junior Hunting – \$8
- Small Game Hunting (16+) – \$15
- Hunt and Fish Combo – \$43
- Archery and Fishing Combo – \$43

- Resident Serviceman Combo – \$3
- Disabled war veteran – Free
- Archery Hunting (16+) – \$26
- Trapping – \$35
- Junior Trapping – \$9
- Superpack – \$201

Non-resident:

- Big Game Hunting – \$115
- Hunting and Fishing Combo – \$150
- Small Game Hunting – \$75
- 3-day small game hunting – \$50
- Junior hunting – \$35
- Archery Hunting – \$75
- 6-day Archery – \$26

Maine Hunting Season Dates

Deer:

- Firearm – Oct 30 – Nov 25
- Resident Only Day – Oct 28
- Youth Deer Day – Oct 21
- Archery – Sept 28 – Oct 27
- Muzzleloader Statewide – Nov 27 – Dec 2
- Muzzleloader for units 12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 29 – Dec 4 – Dec 9
- Expanded Archery – Sept 9 – Dec 9

Bear:

- General Hunting – Aug 28 – Nov 25
- Youth Bear Day – Aug 26
- With Dogs – Sept 11 – Oct 27
- with Bait – Aug 28 – Sept 23

Moose: Apply Jan through April 1

- WMD 1-6, 11, 19 – Sept 25-30
- WMD 1-14, 17-19, 27, 28 – Oct 9 – 14
- WMD 15, 16 – Oct 30 – Nov 25
- Resident Only WMD 15, 16 – Oct 28
- WMD 1-4, 19 – Oct 23-28

Spring Turkey:

- General Season WMD 7, 8, 9-29 – April 30 – June 2
- Season A Week 1 – WMD 1-6, April 30 – May 5
- Season A Week 2 – WMD 1-6, May 14-19
- Season B Week 3 – WMD 1-6, May 7-12
- Season B Week 4 – WMD 1-6, May 21-26
- All Hunters – WMD 1-6, May 28 – June 2
- Youth Day – April 28

Fall Turkey:

- WMD 15-17, 20-25, 28 – Oct 2 – Nov 7 (2 turkeys either sex)
- WMD 10-13, 18, 19, 26, 27, 29 – Oct 2 – Nov 7 (1 turkey either sex)

Upland Bird:

- Bobwhite Quail and Ruffed Grouse – Oct 2 – Dec 31, 4 daily, 8 in possession
- Pheasant – Oct 2 – Dec 31, 2 daily, 4 in possession

Other Species:

- Gray Squirrel – Oct 2 – Dec 31, 4 daily, 8 in possession
- Snowshoe Hare – Oct 2 – March 31, 4 daily, 8 in possession
- Bobcat – Dec 1 – Feb 21 – No Limit
- Fox – Oct 15 – Feb 28 – No Limit
- Raccoon – Oct 2 – Dec 31, No Limit
- Opossum and Skunk – Oct 15 – Dec 31, No Limit
- Red squirrel, coyote, porcupine, woodchuck – Open year-round

Maine has hunter safety courses for firearms, archery, crossbow and a trapper ed course. The state also has a lottery draw system for moose with a May 15 deadline. They have a bonus point system weighted based on years applied. You can view the full bonus point schedule in the Maine hunting regulations – <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting-trapping/moose-permit.html>.

The state also has a lottery draw for an any-deer permit. The online application deadline is April 15 but you can mail and application by July 28. There are distinctions for landowners and superpack license holders in the drawings. In some instances, you are drawing a second deer license for antlerless only.

Maryland

- [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#)
- [Maryland Department of the Environment](#)

Primarily deer, turkey and migratory birds.

Resident:

- Hunting Age 16-64 – \$24.50
- Junior Hunting – \$10.50
- Senior Hunting – \$5
- Maryland migratory bird – \$9
- Archery Stamp – \$6
- Muzzleloader stamp – \$6
- Bonus antlered deer stamp – \$10

Non-resident:

- Hunting age 16-64 – \$130
- Senior Hunting (65+) – \$65
- Junior Hunting – \$32.50
- 3-day waterfowl and small game – \$45
- Maryland migratory bird – \$9
- Archery Stamp – \$25
- Muzzleloader stamp – \$25
- Bonus antlered deer stamp – \$25

Maryland Hunting Season Dates

Whitetail Deer:

The deer seasons run anywhere from September through January with a few extended seasons. There are several different seasons for each weapon type. You can view the full season calendar here – http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf.

Turkey:

- Winter Season – 1/18-1/20
- Fall Season – 10/28-11/4
- Spring Season – 4/18-5/23

Waterfowl:

- Canada goose – 9/1-15 early resident eastern zone, 9/1-9/25 early resident western zone, migratory Atlantic 11/8-11/24 and 12/15-2/3, late resident 11/18-11/24 and 12/15-3/10
- Light geese – 10/2-11/24, 12/11-2/3
- Teal – 9/16-9/30
- Ducks – 10/14-10/21, 11/11-11/24, 12/12-1/27

- Sea ducks – 11/4-1/12
- Rails – 9/1-11/9
- Woodcock – 10/27-11/24 and 1/12-1/27

Black Bear:

- 10/23-10/26

Small Game and Upland:

- Squirrel – 9/2-2/28
- Rabbit – 11/4-2/28
- Quail eastern region – 11/4-2/15
- Quail western region – 11/4-1/15
- Quail DNR lands – 11/4-12/15
- Pheasant – 11/4-12/31
- Ruffed grouse – 10/7-1/31

The Maryland hunting regulations focus heavily on deer seasons. The state has over 200k whitetail deer and residents can harvest multiple in many regions. You can also take multiple bucks in some areas. The coastal habitat makes for some interesting hunting and the state puts out some solid size bucks in most years.

You can also chase sea ducks up and down the coast and combine trips with fishing when appropriate. The winter turkey season is unique and extends opportunities to chase birds. Wildlife Management Areas make for good public access in some areas but private land access is always a bonus in this state. State parks and state forest areas also open access for hunters. Overall, Maryland has good access and some long seasons. Coyotes are available year-round too.

Massachusetts

- [Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs](#) (EOEEA)
 - Coastal Zone Management
 - Water Resources Commission
 - Massachusetts Environmental Police
 - Office of Grants and Technical Assistance
 - Division of Conservation Services
 - Massachusetts Environmental Trust
 - Office of Technical Assistance and Technology
 - Natural Resource Damages Assessment and Restoration
- [Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources](#)
 - Division of Agricultural Conservation and Tech Assistance
 - Division of Agricultural Markets

- Division of Animal Health
- Division of Crop and Pest Services
- [Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation](#)
 - Division of State Parks (MassParks)
 - Division of Water Supply Protection
- [Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game](#)
 - Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife)
 - Division of Marine Fisheries
 - Division of Ecological Restoration
 - Office of Fishing and Boating Access

Deer, turkey, bear, other predators and some great bird hunting as well.\

Resident:

- Hunting license – \$27.50
- Senior hunting 65-69 – \$16.25
- Minor hunting – \$11.50
- Trapping – \$35.50
- Archery stamp – \$5.10
- Waterfowl stamp – \$5
- Primitive firearms – \$5.10
- Antlerless deer – \$5
- Bear – \$5
- Turkey – \$5

Non-resident:

- Small game – \$65.50
- Big game hunting – \$99.50
- Shooting preserve 1-day – \$10

Massachusetts Hunting Season Dates

Deer:

- Youth – Sept 30
- Paraplegic hunt – Nov 2-4
- Archery – Oct 16 – Nov 25
- Shotgun – Nov 27 – Dec 9
- Primitive Firearms – Dec 11 – Dec 30

Black Bear:

- 1st Season – Sept 5 – Sept 23
- 2nd Season – Nov 6-25
- Shotgun – Nov 27 – Dec 9

Turkey:

- Spring – April 24 – May 20
- Fall – Oct 23 – Nov 4
- Youth – April 22

Upland:

- Pheasant – Oct 14 – Nov 25, 2 daily, 4 in possession, 6 annually
- Quail – Oct 14 – Nov 25, 4 daily, 8 in possession, 20 annually
- Ruffed grouse – Oct 14 – Nov 25, 3 daily, 6 in possession, 15 annually

Small Game:

- Cottontail Rabbit – Zones 1-12 – Jan 2 – Feb 28 and Oct 14 – Feb 28, 5 daily, 10 in possession
- Jackrabbit – Zone 15 – Nov 15 – Dec 30, 1 daily, 2 in possession
- Gray squirrel – Zones 1-9 – Sept 11 – Jan 2, Zones 10-14 – Oct 14 – Jan 2

Furbearer:

- Bobcat – Jan 2 – March 8
- Coyote – Jan 2 – March 8
- Fox – Jan 2 – Feb 28
- Raccoon – Jan 2 – Jan 31
- Opossum – Jan 2 – Jan 31

Public Access:

The MassWildlife offers Wildlife Management Area access with special regulations. Over 200,000 acres are open to hunting. You can only hunt after sunrise and before sunset in these zones. They are not open for target shooting and are closed to alcoholic beverages. A complete list of rules is accessible on the main site. You can use the interactive map to locate WMA's here – <http://gisprpxy.itd.state.ma.us/MassWildlifeLands/index.html>. There is also a ton of private lands in the state and having a lease for turkey and deer is a game changer.

The majority of hunting is done with primitive weapons. There is not a modern rifle season for deer. Look to the Gilbert Hills State Forest, Myles Standish State Forest, Savoy Mountain State

Forest, Erving State Forest and the Harold Parker State Forest for larger blocks of land with good access.

Michigan

- [Michigan Department of Environmental Quality](#)
- [Michigan Department of Natural Resources](#)

Diverse terrain, great fishing in the great lakes ecosystem, grouse galore and great deer hunting.

Resident:

- Junior Base Hunting – \$6
- Base Hunting – \$11
- Senior Base Hunting – \$5
- Hunt and Fish Combo – \$76
- Antlerless Deer – \$20
- Applications – \$5
- Bear – \$25
- Deer license – \$20
- Deer combo – \$40
- Elk – \$100
- Fur harvester license – \$15
- Mentored youth – \$7.50
- Military License (FT Active duty and 100-percent disabled veterans) – \$0
- Turkey – \$15
- Waterfowl – \$12

Non-resident:

- Base Hunting – \$151
- Hunt and Fish Combo – \$266
- Antlerless Deer – \$170 each
- Applications – \$5
- Deer license – \$20
- Deer combo – \$190
- Small game 7-day – \$80

Michigan Hunting Season Dates and Applications

Bear:

- Apply – May 1 – June 1
- Numerous different seasons depending on location. View the complete list here – http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/Bear_hunting_dates_598768_7.pdf

Deer:

- Antlerless Application Period – July 15 – August 15
- Early antlerless firearm – Sept 16-17
- Liberty hunt (youth and disabled) – Sept 16-17
- Independence Hunt – Oct 19-22
- Archery – Oct 1 – Nov 14, Dec 1 – Jan 1
- Regular Firearm – Nov 15-30
- Muzzleloading – Zones 1 and 2 – Dec 1-10, Zone 3 – Dec 1-17
- Late antlerless firearm – Dec 18 – Jan 1

Elk:

- Application May 1- June 1, Draw announced June 25
- Hunt Period One – Aug 28-31, Sept 14-17, Sept 28 – Oct 1, Unit L
- Hunt Period Two – Dec 15-23, Units F, G, X
- Hunt Period Three – Jan 16-19, Only if additional harvests are required

Turkey:

- Spring turkey applications – Jan 1 – Feb 1, Draw on March 5
- Spring season – April 23 – May 31

Small Game and Upland Bird:

- Ruffed Grouse – Sept 15 – Nov 14, Dec 1 – Jan 1
- Sharp-tailed grouse – Oct 10-31, 2 daily, 4 in possession, 6 in season
- Pheasant (cock only) – Zone 1 – Oct 10-31, Zone 2, 3 – Oct 20 – Nov 14, Zone 3 partial – Dec 1 – Jan 1, 2 daily, 4 in possession

Quail:

- Oct 20 – Nov 14
- 5 daily, 10 in possession

Rabbit:

- Sept 15 – March 31
- 5 daily, 10 in possession

Squirrel (gray and fox):

- Sept 15 – March 1
- 5 daily, 10 in possession

Woodcock:

- Sept 23 – Nov 6
- 3 daily, 9 in possession

Coyote:

- Year-round, no limit

Where to hunt in Michigan:

When you start researching hunting areas, this is a must use resource from the Michigan hunting regulations page – http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79119_79147_81529--,00.html. The interactive maps and Grouse Enhanced Management Sites map is incredibly useful. You can also look up managed waterfowl hunting areas and state WMA's.

In addition to the extensive state managed resources, you can hunt forest service lands and in some cases Commercial Forest Lands. The Hunting Access Program or HAP can also open the door to private lands, extending your ability to hunt more acres with less pressure.

Minnesota

- [Minnesota Department of Health](#)
- [Minnesota Department of Natural Resources](#)
- [Minnesota Environmental Quality Board](#)
- [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency](#)
- [University of Minnesota Extension Service](#)

Moose, bear, deer, grouse and other bird hunting. Minnesota is a hunter's state with good access and wild country.

Resident:

- Bear – \$44
- Deer Archery – \$30
- Deer bonus – \$16
- Deer firearm – \$34
- Deer muzzleloader – \$30
- Moose – \$356
- Prairie chicken – \$23

- Sandhill crane – \$3
- Small game, 72 hours – \$19
- Small game – \$22
- Sports individual – \$41
- Sports combination – \$57
- Pheasant – \$8.25
- Migratory waterfowl – \$8.25
- Turkey – \$26

Non-resident:

- Bear \$230
- Deer archery – \$185
- Deer bonus – \$91
- Deer firearm – \$185
- Deer muzzleloader – \$185
- Furbearer, raccoon, bobcat – \$183
- Deer, early antlerless – \$45
- Small game, 72 hour – \$75
- Small game – \$102
- Trapping – \$84
- Turkey – \$96

Minnesota Hunting Season and Application Dates

Bear:

- Lottery deadline – 5/4/2018
- Start baiting – 8/17/2018
- Bear season – 9/1/2018 – 10/14/2018

Deer:

- Youth deer application deadline – 8/17/18
- Antlerless and special hunt lottery deadline – 9/6/18
- Archery – 9/15/2018 – 12/31/2018
- Camp Ripley archery 1st season – 10/18/2018 – 10/19/2018
- Youth special deer – 10/18/2018 – 10/21/2018
- Camp Ripley archery 2nd season – 10/27/2018 – 10/28/2018
- Deer firearm, 100A – 11/03/2018 – 11/18/2018
- Deer firearm, 200A-300A – 11/03/2018 – 11/11/2018
- Deer firearm, 300B – 11/17/2018 – 11/25/2018
- Muzzleloader – 11/24/2018 – 12/09/2018

Elk:

- Lottery deadline – 6/15/2018

Turkey:

- A season – 4/18 – 4/24
- B season – 4/25 – 5/01
- C season – 5/02 – 5/08
- D season – 5/09 – 5/15
- E season – 5/16 – 5/22
- F season – 05/23 – 5/31
- Fall turkey season – 09/29 – 10/28

Grouse:

- Ruffed, spruce and Hungarian partridge – 9/15 – 1/01
- Sharp tail grouse northwest zone – 9/15 – 11/30
- Sharp tail grouse east central zone – 10/13 – 11/30

Pheasant:

- 10/13 – 1/01

Prairie chicken:

- Lottery deadline – 8/17
- Season – 9/29 – 10/07

Small Game:

- Rabbits and Squirrels – 9/15 – 2/28
- Sandhill crane NW zone – 9/15 – 10/21
- North, Red fox, gray fox, raccoon, badger, opossum – 10/20 – 3/15
- South, Red fox, gray fox, raccoon, badger, opossum – 10/20 – 3/15

Waterfowl:

- Season opener – 9/22
- Early Canada goose – 9/01 – 9/16
- Spring light goose conservation action – 2/15 – 4/30

Check here for any additional seasons not found on our list
– <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/seasons.html>

Minnesota is a deer hunters state with plenty of national forest and public lands to explore. If you are really adventurous, get a canoe and head for the Boundary Waters and other remote float-in locations. Using a boat for access and cruising shorelines is a great way to escape the crowds and locate low pressured bucks. Otherwise, there are some great agricultural lands and a variety of ecosystems and terrain to chase deer.

Great moose and bear hunts are also an option if you draw in the hunt lotteries. Head east to the ag lands for upland birds like pheasant or tramp through the forests for grouse. The state is loaded with water, making it a solid choice for migratory birds. Minnesota has some great diversity and fun places to chase game.

Mississippi

- [Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality](#)

Southern paradise with tons of game and country to explore. Deer, small game, long seasons, birds, birds and more birds.

Resident:

- Sportsman license – \$45
- All game hunting, freshwater fishing – \$25
- Archery, primitive weapon, crossbow – \$14
- Fall turkey – \$5
- WMA permit – \$15
- Small game, freshwater fishing – \$10
- Resident range permit – \$40
- Senior range permit – \$20
- Apprentice sportsman – \$32
- Apprentice all game license – \$17
- Apprentice small game – \$13
- North Mississippi national wildlife refuge permit – \$15
- 3-day sportsman apprentice – \$7
- Trapping – \$25

Non-resident:

- All game hunting – \$300
- 7 day all game hunting – \$125
- 3 day all game hunting – \$125
- Youth all game hunting – \$110
- Youth 7 day all game – \$60
- Archery, primitive weapon, crossbow – \$75

- Wildlife management area – \$30
- Deer permit – \$5
- Turkey permit – \$20
- Small game – \$95
- Range permit – \$80
- 7-day small game – \$38
- North Mississippi wildlife refuge – \$15
- Trapping – \$205

Mississippi Hunting Season Dates:

Deer Seasons:

Delta, Northeast, East Central and Southwest Zones

- Archery – Sept 30 – Nov 17
- Youth gun – Nov 4-17, Nov 18 – Jan 31
- Early Primitive weapons – Nov 6-17
- Gun with dogs – Nov 18 – Dec 1
- Primitive weapons – Dec 2-15
- Gun without dogs – Dec 16-23
- Archery/Primitive weapons – Jan 18-31

Southeast Zone

- Archery – Oct 14 – Nov 17
- Youth gun – Nov 4-17, Nov 18 – Feb 15
- Gun with dogs – Nov 18 – Dec 1
- Primitive weapons – Dec 2-15
- Gun without dogs – Dec 16-23
- Archery/Primitive weapons – Jan 18-31, Feb 1-15

Turkey:

- Fall – Oct 14 – Nov 15
- Youth Spring season – March 8-14
- Spring – March 15 – May 1

Small game:

- Youth squirrel – Sept 23-30
- Fall squirrel – Sept 30 – Feb 28
- Spring squirrel – May 15 – June 1
- Rabbit – Oct 14 – Feb 28
- Bobwhite quail – Nov 23 – March 3

- Frog – March 31 – Sept 30
- Raccoon – July 1 – Sept 29
- Opossum, raccoon, bobcat – Sept 30 – Oct 31 (food/sport), Nov 1 – Feb 28 (food/sport/pelt)
- Trapping – Nov 1 – March 15

Migratory Bird

- Sept Teal – Sept 9-24
- Sept Canada Goose – Sept 1-30
- Woodcock – Dec 18 – Jan 31
- Snipe – Nov 14 – Feb 28
- Moorhens and Gallinules – Sept 2 – Nov 10
- Clapper and king rails – Sept 2 – Nov 10
- Sora and Virginia rails – Sept 2 – Nov 10
- Mourning and white wing dove, North Zone – Sept 2 – Oct 8 , Oct 21 – Nov 4, Dec 9 – Jan 15
- Mourning and white wing dove, South Zone – Sept 2-10, Oct 7 – Nov 11, Dec 2 – Jan 15
- Crows – Nov 2 – Feb 28
- Ducks, mergansers, coots – Nov 24-26, Dec 1-3, Dec 6 – Jan 28
- Geese – Nov 10-26, Dec 1-3, Dec 6 – Jan 28
- Youth waterfowl – Nov 18 – Feb 3
- Light goose – Oct 1 – Nov 9, Jan 29 – Feb 2, Feb 2 – March 31

Application Dates in the Mississippi Hunting regulations for 2018:

- Deer – Aug 1-31
- Canemount WMA – Aug 1-31
- Turkey – Jan 15 – Feb 15
- Early teal – Aug 1-15
- Rabbit – Aug 1 – Oct 15

Waterfowl apps:

- Period 1 – Oct 30 – Nov 12
- Period 2 – Nov 13 – Nov 26
- Period 3 – Nov 27 – Dec 10
- Period 4 – Dec 11 – Dec 24
- Period 5 – Dec 25 – Jan 7

You can run through the Mississippi hunting regulations here – <https://www.mdwfp.com/wildlife-hunting/> for info on alligator, bear and special hunts that require applications or have limited permits available.

Missouri

- [Missouri Department of Conservation](#)
- [Missouri Department of Natural Resources](#)

Midwestern gem with high deer densities, public access, consistent trophy quality and simple regulations.

Resident:

- Archer's Permit – \$19
- Archer's youth permit – \$9.50
- Archery antlerless deer – \$7
- Archery antlerless deer youth – \$3.50
- Conservation order – \$5
- Fall turkey firearm – \$13
- Antlerless deer firearm – \$7
- Any deer firearm – \$17
- Managed deer permit – \$17
- Lifetime conservation partner (hunt and fish) – 0-15 years \$550, 16-29 years \$800, 30-39 years \$700, 40-59 years \$600, 60-64 years \$70
- Lifetime small game – 0-15 years \$275, 16-29 years \$400, 30-39 years \$350, 40-59 years \$300, 60-64 years \$35
- Migratory bird – \$6
- Trapping – \$10
- Small game hunt and fish – \$19
- Small game hunt – \$10
- Spring turkey – \$17
- White river boarder lakes – \$10

Non-resident:

- Archer's permit – \$225
- Archery antlerless deer – \$25
- Conservation order – \$40
- Fall turkey firearm – \$110
- Antlerless deer firearm – \$25
- Any deer firearm – \$225
- Managed deer permit – \$225
- Migratory bird – \$6
- Daily small game – \$11
- Furbearer hunting and trapping – \$130

- Small game hunt – \$80
- Spring turkey – \$190
- White river boarder lakes – \$10

Missouri Hunting Season Dates

Coyote:

- Jan 1 – Dec 31 No limits

Turkey:

- Spring youth – April 7-8
- Spring – April 16 – May 06
- Turkey archery – Sept 15 – Nov 9, Nov 21 – Jan 15
- Turkey fall firearm – Oct 1-31
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Small game and bird:

- Ground hog – May 7 – Dec 15
- Bull frog and green frog – June 30 – Oct 31
- Dove – Sept 1 – Nov 29, 15 daily, 45 in possession
- Pheasant youth – Oct 27-28
- Pheasant – Nov 1 – Jan 15, 2 males daily, 4 in possession
- Quail – Nov 1 – Jan 15, 8 daily, 16 in possession

Migratory Bird:

- Common snipe – Sept 1 – Dec 16, 8 daily, 24 in possession
- Sora and Virginia rail – Sept 1 – Nov 9, 25 daily, 75 in possession
- Teal – Sept 8-23, 6 daily, 8 in possession
- Brant geese – Oct 6-14, Nov 11 – Feb 6
- Canada Geese – Oct 6-14, Nov 11 – Feb 6
- Greater white fronted goose – Nov 11 – Feb 6, 2 daily, 6 in possession
- Light geese – Nov 11 – Feb 6, 20 daily
- Woodcock – Oct 15 – Nov 28
- Ducks and coots middle zone – Nov 3-9, Nov 15 – Jan 6
- Ducks and coots north zone – Nov 3 – Jan 1

Deer:

- Archery – Sept 15 – Nov 9, Nov 21 – Jan 15
- Firearm youth – Oct 27-28, Nov 23-25
- Nov Firearms – Nov 10-20

- Firearms antlerless – Nov 30 – Dec 2
- Firearms alternative – Dec 22 – Jan 1

End of the day, there are some monster bucks in this state, great numbers and long seasons. You can work public lands, seek private access and even pursue urban treestand hunts. In addition to deer, Missouri has some great turkey hunting and several specialty youth seasons for deer and turkeys.

Montana

- [Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation](#)

Longest big game seasons in the west. Tons of public land, general units and a great mix of big game, predators, birds, small game and fishing at every turn.

Resident:

- Hunting Base – \$10
- Archery – \$10
- Conservation – \$8
- Sportsman's with Bear – \$85
- Sportsman's Without Bear – \$70
- Antelope – \$19
- Bighorn Sheep – \$125
- Bison – \$125
- Black Bear – \$19
- Deer – \$16
- Deer B – \$10-15
- Elk – \$20
- Elk B – \$20-25
- Migratory Bird – \$6.50
- Moose – \$125
- Mountain Goat – \$125
- Mountain Lion – \$19
- Upland Game – \$6.50
- Turkey – \$5
- Wolf – \$19

Non-resident:

- Base hunting – \$15
- Archery – \$10
- Conservation – \$10

- Antelope – \$205
- Bighorn Sheep – \$1250
- Bison – \$1250
- Black bear – \$350
- Deer Combination (includes base, conservation, state lands, upland, fishing and general deer) – \$625
- Elk Combination (same as deer) – \$885
- Deer/Elk Combination (same as latter + general deer/elk) – \$1041
- Migratory Bird – \$50
- Moose – \$1250
- Mountain Goat – \$1250
- Mountain Lion – \$320
- Upland – \$110
- Turkey – \$5 (upland required)
- Wolf – \$50

Montana Hunting Application Deadlines

March 15 – Elk and deer deadline (2018)

June 1 – Antelope

May 1 – Bighorn, Moose, Mountain goat

June 28 – Super Tags

Point Systems – Montana uses a bonus point system. Every applicant has a chance at drawing. If you are unsuccessful, a bonus point is allocated. If you miss the application deadline, you can also buy a bonus point between July 1st and the end of September. Your bonus points are squared in the drawing. This means that someone with 3 points will actually have 9 entries in the lottery. The more you build, the better your odds of pulling the desired tag.

Montana Hunting Season Dates

Antelope:

- 900 Series – Aug 15 – Nov 11
- Archery – Sept 1 – Oct 5
- General – Oct 6 – Nov 11

Bighorn Sheep:

- Archery – Sept 1-14

- General – Sept 15 – Nov 25

Bison:

- Nov 15 – Feb 15

Black Bear:

- Spring – April 15 – May 31/June 15
- Archery – Sept 1-14
- Fall – Sept 15 – Nov 25

Deer and Elk:

- Archery – Sept 1 – Oct 14
- Youth, deer – Oct 18-19
- General – Oct 20 – Nov 25

Moose:

- Sept 15 – Nov 25

Mountain Goat:

- Sept 15 – Nov 25

Mountain Lion:

- Archery – Sept 1 – Oct 14
- Fall – Oct 20 – Nov 25
- Winter – Dec 1 – April 14

Wolf:

- Archery – Sept 1-14
- General – Sept 15 – March 15
- Trapping – Dec 15 – Feb 28

Upland Birds:

- Mountain grouse – Sept 1 – Jan 1
- Partridge – Sept 1 – Jan 1
- Pheasant – Oct 6 – Jan 1
- Sage Grouse – Sept 1-30
- Sharp-tailed Grouse – Sept 1 – Jan 1

- Spring Turkey – April 14 – May 20
- Fall Turkey – Sept 1 – Jan 1

Montana's Block Management Program

In addition to the extensive National Forest, BLM and State Lands, Montana offers access to private lands through the block management program. There are different types of block and some have special rules. You may be required to call ahead on a specific day and time and access is limited to the first couple of callers. In other instances, you simply sign in at a box and can hunt the property. Many properties are limited by species as well. Some are waterfowl only while others allow for big game, upland, waterfowl, etc. While this requires a bit of research, it opens up a ton of productive ground and it spreads out the hunting pressure. Be respectful and follow the rules so we can continue enjoying the block program. You can view maps and info here – <http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/hunterAccess/blockman/>. It changes each year as well so make sure you check the most current listings.

Hunting Highlights in Montana

Start browsing the Montana hunting regulations and it doesn't take long to realize the incredible opportunities. Elk are distributed throughout the state and occupy ecosystems ranging from high elevation to open grasslands. World class mule deer live in several units and whitetails are a sleeper species, rivaling many midwestern and southern states. The 900 series antelope opens mid-August when few other hunts are happening. Upland birds occupy a good chunk of the state and there are some seriously productive waterfowl grounds. Throw in dense predator populations and you can't really go wrong hunting here.

Nebraska

- [Nebraska Department of Natural Resources](#)

Hunting in Nebraska is great for muleys, whitetails, turkey, upland and waterfowl. Elk, antelope and bighorn sheep populations add to the fun if you can draw here.

Resident:

- Annual hunting – \$18
- 3-year hunt with habitat stamp – \$108.50
- 3-year hunt with all state stamps – \$123.50
- 5-year hunt with habitat – \$158
- 5-year with all state stamps – \$181
- Resident lifetime 0-15 – \$260
- Resident lifetime 16-45 – \$355
- Resident lifetime 46 and over – \$260

- Turkey – \$30
- Antelope – \$42.50
- Deer Draw- \$44
- Deer – \$37
- Statewide buck only (whitetail) – \$88
- Statewide buck only (allow for mule deer) – \$173
- Elk either sex – \$189
- Bighorn sheep application – \$29

Nonresident:

- Annual hunt – \$97
- 3-year with habitat stamp – \$320.50
- 3-year with all state stamps – \$335.50
- 5-year with habitat stamp – \$474
- 5-year with all state stamps – \$497
- Lifetime hunting 0-16 – \$873
- Lifetime hunting 18+ – \$1,395
- Youth – \$18
- 2-day – \$67
- Turkey – \$109
- Antelope – \$184.50
- Deer draw – \$249
- Deer – \$242
- Statewide buck only (whitetail only) – \$600
- Statewide buck only (w/ mule deer) – \$798
- Antlerless – \$70
- Elk landowner – \$542

Nebraska Hunting Season Dates

Application Deadlines:

- Deer – June 11-22
- Antelope – June 11-22 resident
- Elk – Landowner May 21 – June 1, Resident June 11-22
- Bighorn sheep – April 16 – Aug 3

Deer:

- Archery – Sept 1 – Dec 31
- November Firearm – Nov 10-18
- Muzzleloader – Dec 1-31
- Late firearm (antlerless) – Jan 1-15

Antelope:

- Archery – Aug 20 – Dec 31
- Muzzleloader – Sept 15-30
- Firearm – Oct 13-28
- November doe/fawn – Nov 1 – Jan 31

Elk:

- Archery bull – Sept 15 – Oct 28
- Firearm bull – Sept 29 – Oct 29
- Cow private land – Aug 15 – Oct 28, Dec 1-31
- Cow public lands – Sept 29 – Oct 28, Dec 1-31

Bighorn Sheep:

- Nov 27 – Dec 22

Turkey:

- Spring youth archery – March 25 – May 31
- Spring Archery – March 25 – May 31
- Spring youth shotgun – April 7 – May 31
- Spring shotgun – April 14 – May 31
- Fall youth archery and shotgun – Sept 15 – Jan 31
- Fall archery and shotgun – Sept 15 – Jan 31

Small Game:

- Squirrel – Aug 1 – Jan 31
- Cottontail and Jackrabbit – Sept 1 – Feb 28

Webless Migratory Bird:

- Snipe – Sept 1 – Dec 16
- Virginia and sora rail – Sept 1 – Nov 9
- Woodcock – Sept 23 – Nov 6
- Crow – Oct 1 – Nov 15, Jan 20 – April 6
- Dove – Sept 1 – Oct 30
- Eurasian collared-dove – Oct 31 – Aug 31

Upland Bird:

- Grouse – Sept 1 – Jan 31
- Pheasant, quail, partridge – Oct 27 – Jan 31

- Youth pheasant, quail, partridge – Oct 21-22

Waterfowl Seasons:

The Nebraska hunting regulations have waterfowl seasons broken down by zones here – <http://outdoornebraska.gov/huntingseasons/>. Waterfowl are a huge attraction in the state and hunting is hot and heavy when timed right. Duck, goose and teal all have different seasons with distinctions by subspecies.

Nevada

- [Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources](#)

If you're after once in a lifetime trophy quality for big game, Nevada has that and more. The majority of this state is public land with loads of BLM and forest service access. There's so much more to this state than Las Vegas.

Resident:

- Adult Combo Hunt and Fish – \$75
- Youth Combo Hunt and Fish – \$15
- Adult Hunting – \$38
- Apprentice Hunting – \$15
- Adult Trapping – \$40
- Mule Deer Tag – \$30
- Antelope Tag – \$60
- Bighorn Sheep Tag – \$120
- Elk Tag – \$120
- Mountain Goat – \$120
- Mountain Lion – \$29
- Swan – \$10
- Wild Turkey – \$20
- Black Bear – \$100

Non-resident:

- Adult Combo Hunt and Fish – \$155
- Youth Combo hunt and fish – \$15
- Apprentice Hunting – \$15
- 1 Day Upland and Waterfowl – \$23
- Consecutive Day – \$8
- Trapping – \$188
- Mule Deer Tag – \$240

- Restricted Guided Deer Tag – \$300
- Bighorn Sheep – \$1200
- Antelope – \$300
- Elk Tag – \$1200
- Elk incentive tag – \$1200
- Mountain Goat Tag – \$1200
- Mountain Lion Tag – \$104
- Wild Turkey – \$50
- Black Bear – \$300

Nevada Hunting Application Deadlines

April 17 1st draw, **June 26** 2nd draw – elk, mule deer, antelope, bighorn sheep, mountain goat

Big Game Point Systems – Nevada uses a bonus point system. If you apply for a tag and do not draw, you receive a bonus point. You are required to purchase a license for the bonus point. You can forego the license and still apply but you won't receive the point. Your points are squared in the draw process. If you have 5 points, you get 25 entries into the drawing. More points means better odds so buy that license and increase your odds each year.

Nevada Hunting Season Dates

The Nevada hunting regulations have a ton of different big game season dates. They differ by unit and hunt. Click the pdf links below to open the regs book or the season specific book.

[Nevada Big Game Regulations](#)

[Nevada Big Game Seasons](#)

It takes some studying to figure out the dates. The best approach is to start with a map and narrow down your top unit choices. Then move on to the weapon choice and see where the dates land. Most of the seasons have fair lengths giving you time to hunt hard. There are a few short seasons. Archery is the way to go if you want more time in the field.

New Hampshire

- [New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services](#)

Great hunting for big bucks, small game and gobblers. A fair amount of public land access as well.

Resident:

- Hunting/Freshwater Fishing Combo – \$56
- Senior Combo – \$7
- Hunting – \$32
- Archery – \$32
- Senior archery – \$3
- Special deer archery – \$26
- Muzzleloader – \$16
- Senior muzzleloader – \$3
- Pheasant – \$31
- Bear – \$16
- Wild turkey – \$16
- Migratory waterfowl – \$11
- Trapper – \$36

Nonresident:

- Hunting/Freshwater Fishing Combo – \$151
- Hunting – \$113
- Archery – \$83
- Special deer archery – \$26
- Muzzleloader – \$41
- Pheasant – \$31
- Bear – \$48
- Wild turkey – \$31
- Migratory waterfowl – \$11
- Small game hunting – \$53
- Small game 3-day – \$25

New Hampshire Hunting Season Dates**Turkey:**

- Youth hunting weekend – April 29-30
- Spring gobbler season – May 3-31
- Fall archery – Sept 15 – Dec 15
- Fall shotgun – Oct 16-22 (not statewide, only some Wildlife Management Areas)

Black Bear:

- Starts on September 1, subject to change

Deer:

- Archery – Sept 15 – Dec 15
- Muzzleloader – Oct 28 – Nov 7
- Firearm – Nov 8 – Dec 3
- Youth weekend – Oct 21-22

Waterfowl:

- The state is divided into several zones. The Northern, Inland and CT river Zone, and Coastal zone all have different season dates for each waterfowl species. It's a good idea to carry a species guide and date chart for quick reference on bag limits. You can view the 2017 dates here – [New Hampshire waterfowl regulations](#). They will be relative year to year but changes are always possible. Tentative are often announced well in advance, sometimes with a public comment period.

There are more than 100k deer in the state. Archery hunters have a huge advantage with longer seasons than muzzleloader and rifle. Archery also has more public land and urban opportunity. Tree stand hunters can bag some really large bucks in this state. Ground blinds are also a great approach for deer and turkey. Get after the big bucks, gobblers, upland birds, small game and waterfowl to make the most of hunting in New Hampshire.

New Jersey

- [New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection](#)
 - [New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry](#)

New Mexico

- [New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources](#)
- [New Mexico Environment Department](#)

Monster elk, some great wilderness, remote mountains, big pronghorn and good non-resident draw systems. There's a little bit of everything here.

Resident:

- Hunting License – \$15
- Hunting and Fishing Combo – \$30
- Junior Hunting – \$10
- Junior hunting and fishing – \$15
- Senior or handicapped hunting – \$15
- Disabled veteran hunting and fishing – \$10
- Private land deer – \$34
- Private land deer junior – \$22

- Turkey license – \$25
- Bear license – \$47
- Cougar – \$43
- Oryx (private land only) – \$153
- Barbary Sheep – \$103
- Ibex – \$103
- Javelina – \$58
- Trapper license – \$20
- Habitat – \$5
- Standard or high demand elk antlerless – \$60
- Standard or high demand elk mature bull – \$90
- Pronghorn – \$60
- Bighorn sheep – \$160

Non-resident:

- Hunting License – \$65
- Junior hunting – \$15
- Private land deer standard – \$270
- Private land deer quality – \$355
- Turkey – \$100
- Bear – \$260
- Cougar – \$290
- Oryx (private land) – \$1610
- Barbary Sheep – \$360
- Ibex – \$1610
- Javelina – \$165
- 4-day game hunting – \$33
- Trapper License – \$345
- Habitat stamp – \$5
- Standard elk mature bull – \$548
- High demand elk – \$773
- Pronghorn – \$283
- Bighorn sheep – \$3173

New Mexico Big Game Application Dates

March 21 – elk, deer, antelope, bighorn sheep, ibex, oryx, javelina, barbary sheep

Point Systems – New Mexico doesn't do bonus points. Residents are allocated 84-percent of the total quota while 10-percent go to residents or non-residents who are using an outfitter. The remainder goes to non-residents. You get several choices for units and can play the odds to increase your chances of drawing.

New Mexico Hunting Season Dates

The big game hunting season dates are set according to the unit, species and weapon. You can view all of the dates here for 2018 – [New Mexico hunting regulations](#). They vary quite a bit. Starting with the unit and species then focusing on the dates afterwards is a good approach. You do have several selection for the application process as well. Taking some time to research maps and draw odds while planning your hunt is important.

The big game licenses also distinguish between private and public lands. Make sure you have access and a private lands game plan before applying for this tag. Otherwise, focus on elk and deer in public land zones. The state does have a private land access program for antelope called the A-Plus program. They work with landowners to allocate access for these hunts.

New York

- [Adirondack Park Agency](#)
- [Hudson River Valley Greenway](#)
- [New York City Department of Environmental Protection](#)
- [New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets](#)
- [New York State Department of Environmental Conservation](#)
- [New York State Energy Research and Development Authority](#)
- [New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation](#)
- [New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation](#)

BIG whitetails, beautiful hardwoods and everything you wouldn't expect within hours of NYC. New York is ripe with small towns and cool hunts.

North Carolina

- [North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#)

North Dakota

- [North Dakota Department of Health](#), Environmental Health Section

Pheasants and deer dominate the landscape here. Ag lands are prolific.

Ohio

- [Ohio Department of Natural Resources](#)
- [Ohio Environmental Protection Agency](#)

Oklahoma

- [Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality](#)

Oregon

- [Oregon Department of Environmental Quality](#)

High deserts, dense rainforest, huge river valleys, big game, heavy migratory bird traffic and hunts for both residents and non-residents.

Pennsylvania

- [Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection](#)

Rhode Island

- [Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management](#)

South Carolina

- [South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control](#)
- [South Carolina Department of Natural Resources](#)

South Dakota

- [South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#)

Whitetail and mule deer. Birds and small game.

Tennessee

- [Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation](#)
- [Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency](#)

Definitely a deer and turkey state with a great mix of mountains, agriculture and varying terrain.

Texas

- [Texas Commission on Environmental Quality](#)
- [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#)

Local deer, exotics, massive ranches, lease systems

Utah

- [Utah Department of Environmental Quality](#)
- [Utah Department of Natural Resources](#)

Similar to Nevada for trophy potential with limited opportunities. Plan carefully, build your points and bring your best game.

Vermont

- [Vermont Agency of Natural Resources](#)
 - [Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation](#)
 - [Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife](#)
 - [Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation](#)

Virginia

- [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#)
- [Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#)
- [Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation](#)
- [Virginia Department of Forestry](#)
- [Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries](#)

Washington (state)

- [Washington State Department of Ecology](#)
- [Washington State Department of Natural Resources](#)

There are some sneaky OTC hunts, great flyways and remote places like the Olympic Peninsula.

West Virginia

- [West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection](#)
- [West Virginia Division of Forestry](#)
- [West Virginia Division of Natural Resources](#)

Wisconsin

- [Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources](#)

Wyoming

- [Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality](#)

Enjoy an open landscape, pronghorn everywhere, wilderness areas, public lands and low populations densities.

Interstate agencies

- [Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission](#)
- [Great Lakes Commission](#)
- [Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin](#)
- [Northwest Power and Conservation Council](#)
- [Red River Compact Commission](#)
- [Susquehanna River Basin Commission](#)
- [Tahoe Regional Planning Agency](#)
- [Yellowstone River Compact Commission](#)