



2017 MAINE HUNTING SEASONS

The following are general dates for the 2017 season.

This information is subject to change. Please check the 2017-2018 Hunting & Trapping Summaries.

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	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	BASIC LIMITS		
			DAILY	POSSESSION	
DEER Firearms Season	Oct. 30	Nov. 25	1 Deer Per Year (see exception below)		
Maine Resident Only Day **	Oct. 28		Only deer with antlers at least three inches long may be taken from Oct. 28 - Dec. 9, except that any deer may be taken designated wildlife management districts by hunters with any-deer permits.		
Youth Deer Day	Oct. 21		Exceptions: Additional deer may be taken by participants in the Expanded Archery Season, or by anyone possessing a bonus antlerless deer permit or superpack antlerless deer permit. Note: In WMD's where no any-deer permits are issued it is bucks only for youth hunters on youth deer day and bucks only for archers during the archery season on deer day.		
Archery	Sept. 28	Oct. 27			
Muzzleloader statewide (all WMD's)	Nov. 27	Dec. 2			
Muzzleloader WMD's 12, 13, 15 through 18, 20 through 26, 29	Dec. 4	Dec. 9			
Expanded Archery (designated areas only)	Sept. 9	Dec. 9			
BEAR General hunting seasons	Aug. 28	Nov. 25	2 Bear Per Year		
Youth Bear Day	Aug. 26		1 by hunting, 1 by trapping		
Hunting with dogs	Sept. 11	Oct. 27			
Hunting with bait	Aug. 28	Sept. 23			
Bait can be placed July 29					
MOOSE (by permit only) WMD's 1 through, 6, 11, 19	Sept. 25	Sept. 30	Permit application period: January through April 1.		
WMD's 1 through 14, 17 through 19, 27, 28	Oct. 9	Oct. 14	1 Moose Per Year, by either permittee or sub-permittee		
WMD's 15, 16	Oct. 30	Nov. 25			
Maine Resident Only Day - WMD's 15, 16	Oct. 28				
WMD's 1 through 4 & 19	Oct. 23	Oct. 28			
RUFFED GROUSE & BOBWHITE QUAIL	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	4	Grouse & Quail	8
PHEASANT	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	2	Pheasant	4
SPRING WILD TURKEY (bow & arrow, crossbow or shotgun)					
WMD's: 7, 9 through 29	May 1	June 3	2 bearded Wild Turkeys.		
WMD 8	May 1	June 3			
WMD's: 1 through 6 Season A Week 1 (odd year birth)	May 1	May 6			
WMD's: 1 through 6 Season A Week 2 (odd year birth)	May 15	May 20			
WMD's: 1 through 6 Season B Week 3 (even year birth)	May 8	May 13	1 bearded Wild Turkey*		
WMD's: 1 through 6 Season B Week 4 (even year birth)	May 22	May 27			
WMD's: 1 through 6 All Hunters	May 29	June 3			
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Day	April 29				
FALL WILD TURKEY (bow & arrow or shotgun)					
WMD's: 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 28	Oct. 1	Nov. 7	2 Wild Turkeys either sex, any age.		
WMD's: 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 26, 27, & 29	Oct. 1	Nov. 7	1 Wild Turkey either sex, any age.*		
WMD's: 1 through 9, & 14			Closed to Fall Turkey hunting.		
WOODCOCK	Seasons set in late August/ early September.				
COMMON SNIFE	Regulations available mid-September from license agents, game wardens, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Dept. offices, and on the web at maine.gov/ifw				
DUCKS, GEESE, SEA DUCKS (scoter, eider, long-tailed duck)					
SORA & VIRGINIA RAILS (and GALLINULES)					
CROW WMD's 1 through 6	Feb. 4	April 15	-	-	
	Aug. 1	Sept. 22	-	-	
	Jan. 20	March 31	-	-	
WMD's 7 through 29	Aug. 1	Sept. 22	-	-	
GRAY SQUIRREL	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	4	8	
GRAY SQUIRREL (FALCONRY)	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	4	8	
SNOWSHOE HARE	Oct. 1	Mar. 31	4	8	
SNOWSHOE HARE (on Vinalhaven Island, Knox County)	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	4	8	
BOBCAT	Dec. 1	Feb. 21	-	-	
FOX	Oct. 16	Feb. 28	-	-	
RACCOON	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	-	-	
SKUNK, OPOSSUM	Oct. 16	Dec. 31	-	-	
COYOTE NIGHT HUNT	Dec. 16	Aug 31	-	-	
COYOTE, WOODCHUCK, PORCUPINE, RED SQUIRREL	NO CLOSED SEASON FOR HUNTING				
SPRUCE GROUSE, LYNX, COTTONTAIL RABBIT	NO OPEN SEASON FOR HUNTING				
	Note: Except for migratory game birds, there is no hunting season on any specific bird or animal which is not listed above.				