

**Hunting Season Dates** For further information regarding specific bag, possession, and season limits please visit the pages noted in the table below.

|  |                        | OPEN SEASON(ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)                                       |
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| <b>BLACK BEAR</b> See <a href="#">bear</a> for bag limits                      |                        |  |
| Black Bear (Big Game)  | Zones 1-9              | Sept. 8 – Sept. 26<br>Nov. 2 – Nov. 21                                 |
| <b>UPLAND GAME BIRDS*</b> See <a href="#">upland game birds</a> for bag limits |                        |  |
| Wild Turkey (Big Game)   | Spring: Zones 1–13     | April 27 – May 23  |
|  | Fall: Zones 1–13       | Oct. 19 – Oct. 31  |
|  | Youth Hunt: Zones 1-13 | April 25 (special restrictions apply**)                                |
| Crow   |                        | Jan. 1 – April 10<br>July 1 – April 9, 2016                            |
| Pheasant   |                        | Oct. 17 – Nov. 28  |
|  | Youth Hunt             | See <a href="#">Outdoor Skills &amp; Wildlife Education Programs</a> . |
| Quail  | Zones 11–14            | Oct. 17 – Nov. 28  |
| Ruffed Grouse  |                        | Oct. 17 – Nov. 28  |

Upland game bird hunting is closed during shotgun deer season.

\* Migratory game birds (includes waterfowl, woodcock, snipe, rails): Seasons set annually. see Migratory Game Bird Abstract posted in late August.

\*\* Must have completed the youth turkey hunt program ([Outdoor Skills & Wildlife Education Programs](#)).

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| <b>DEER</b> See <a href="#">deer</a> for bag limits                                       |                    |   |
| Deer (Big Game)   | Archery            | Oct. 19 – Nov. 28                           |
|   | Shotgun            | Nov. 30 – Dec. 12                           |
|   | Primitive Firearms | Dec. 14 – Dec. 31                           |
| <b>RABBITS &amp; SQUIRRELS</b> See <a href="#">Rabbits &amp; Squirrels</a> for bag limits |                    |   |
| Cottontail Rabbit   | Zones 1-12         | Jan. 1 – Feb. 28<br>Oct. 17 – Feb. 29, 2016 |
|   | Zones 13 and 14    | Jan. 1 – Feb. 28<br>Nov. 16 – Feb. 29, 2016 |
| Snowshoe Hare   | Zones 1–4          | Jan. 1 – Feb. 28<br>Oct. 17 – Feb. 29, 2016 |
|   | Zones 5–12         | Jan. 1 – Feb. 5<br>Oct. 17 – Feb. 5, 2016   |
|   | Zones 13 and 14    | Jan. 1 – Feb. 5<br>Nov. 16 – Feb. 5, 2016   |
| Jackrabbit  | Zone 14            | Nov. 16 – Dec. 31                           |
| Gray Squirrel   | Zones 1–9          | Sept. 14 – Jan. 2, 2016                     |
|   | Zones 10–14        | Oct. 17 – Jan. 2, 2016                      |

Rabbit, jackrabbit, hare, and squirrel hunting are closed during shotgun deer season.

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| <b>FURBEARERS</b> See <a href="#">furbearers</a> for bag limits |           |  |
| Bobcat  | Zones 1-8 | Jan. 1 – Mar. 7<br>Dec. 21 – Mar. 8, 2016  |
| Coyote  |           | Jan. 1 – Mar. 7<br>Oct. 17 – Mar. 8, 2016  |
| Fox (red or gray)   |           | Jan. 1 – Feb. 28<br>Nov. 2 – Feb. 29, 2016 |
| Raccoon   |           | Jan. 1 – Jan. 31<br>Oct. 1 – Jan. 30, 2016 |
| Opossum   |           | Jan. 1 – Jan. 31<br>Oct. 1 – Jan. 30, 2016 |

All furbearer hunting seasons are closed during shotgun deer season except for coyotes.