

2012-2013 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit			
*Wild Boar (Gun)	October 27	November 3	1					
*Wild Boar (Archery)	October 13	December 31						
*Deer (Buck)	November 19	December 1	See pages 13-18.					
*Deer (Archery)	September 29	December 31						
*Deer (Antlerless) Split Season	October 25	October 27						
	November 19	December 1						
	December 13	December 15						
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 3	December 8	1					
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ/Class XS)	October 20	October 20						
Split Season (see page 30)	December 26	December 27	1	2	2			
*Bear (Archery) Split Season	September 29	November 17	See pages 38-39.					
	December 3	December 31						
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties)	September 24	September 26				1	2	2
	September 24	September 29						
	November 19	December 1						
	December 3	December 31	1					
*Turkey, Fall (Selected Counties - see page 33) Split Season	October 13	October 20						
	October 29	November 3						
	October 29	November 17	1					
*Turkey (Spring 2013 - Bearded Only)	April 22	May 18						
*Turkey (2013 Youth Season - see page 33)	April 20	April 20	1	2	2			
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	September 8	January 31	6	24	None			
Small Game (Youth Season - see page 30)	September 29	September 29	See page 30.					
Ruffed Grouse	October 13	February 28	4	16	None			
Bobwhite Quail	November 3	January 5	3	9	None			
Cottontail Rabbit	November 3	February 28	5	20	None			
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 3	February 28	2	8	None			
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only) Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	November 3	January 5	2	2	None			
	November 10	December 1	1	1	None			
Raccoon (Hunting) The bag limit during an 11-hour period beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 5 a.m. is four raccoons for each person or groups of persons hunting as a party.	October 13	February 28	4	None	None			
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 3	February 28	None					
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 3	February 28	None					
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting - night with artificial light, see page 3)	January 1	February 28						
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 3	February 28	3					
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 3	February 28	None					
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 3	January 31	1					
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 3	March 31	None					
*Otter (Trapping)	November 3	February 28	1					
Crow - Split Season Nuisance Crows - crows committing depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, home gardens, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated so as to constitute a health hazard and or other nuisance may be killed at any time.	October 1	November 17	None					
	January 1	March 2						
Coyote (Hunting)**	Continuous Open Season		None					
Coyote (Hunting - night with artificial light)**	January 1	July 31						
Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck, Weasel, English Sparrow, European Starling and Pigeon (Hunting)	Continuous Open Season		None					
Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, and Weasel (Trapping)	November 3	February 28						
Mountain Lion, Elk, Song and Insectivorous Birds, Owls, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles			No Open Season					
Geese, Ducks, Mourning Doves, Gallinules, Rails, Woodcock, and Common Snipe			Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration required. See WVDNR Migratory Bird Hunting regulations available in September.					
* Must be checked at an official game checking station ** See page 6 for additional regulations								