

2014-2015 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit			
*Wild Boar (Gun)	October 25	November 1	1					
*Wild Boar (Archery)	September 27	December 31						
*Deer (Buck)	November 24	December 6	See pages 13-18.					
*Deer (Archery)	September 27	December 31						
*Deer (Antlerless) Split Season	October 23	October 25						
	November 24	December 6						
	December 18	December 20						
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 8	December 13	1					
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ/Class XS) Split Season (see page 32)	October 18	October 18						
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ/Class XS) Split Season (see page 32)	December 26	December 27	1	3	3			
	September 27	November 22	See pages 38-39.					
*Bear (Archery) Split Season	December 8	December 31						
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties)	September 18	September 20				1	2	2
	October 4	October 10						
	November 24	December 6						
*Turkey, Fall	October 11	October 18	1					
Split Season (Selected Counties - see page 34)	October 27	November 1						
	October 27	November 15						
*Turkey (Spring 2015 - Bearded Only)	April 27	May 23	1	2	2			
*Turkey (2015 Youth Season - see page 35)	April 25	April 25	1 - counts towards spring season bag limit of two					
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	September 13	January 31	6	24	None			
Squirrel (Youth Season - see page 32)	September 6	September 6	6					
Ruffed Grouse	October 18	February 28	4	16	None			
Bobwhite Quail	November 1	January 3	3	9	None			
Cottontail Rabbit	November 1	February 28	5	20	None			
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 1	February 28	2	8	None			
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only)	November 1	January 3	2	2	None			
Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	November 8	December 6	1	1	None			
Raccoon (Hunting) <i>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.</i>	October 18	February 28	4	None	None			
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 1	February 28	None					
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 1	February 28	None					
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting - night with artificial light, see page 3)	January 1	February 28	None					
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 1	February 28	3					
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 1	February 28	None					
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 1	January 31	1					
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 1	March 31	None					
*Otter (Trapping)	November 1	February 28	1					
Crow - Split Season <i>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.</i>	October 1	November 22	None					
	January 1	March 7						
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 1	February 28	None					
Elk, Mountain Lion, 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 5 and 35 for instructions for checking beavers checked in beginning April 1, 2015 and turkeys checked in during spring 2015 gobbler seasons.								
** See page 7 for additional regulations								