

2015-2016 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
*Wild Boar (Gun)	October 24	October 31	1		
*Wild Boar (Archery and Crossbow)	September 26	December 31			
*Deer (Buck Firearms)	November 23	December 5	See pages 13-18.		
*Deer (Archery and Crossbow)	September 26	December 31			
*Deer (Antlerless) Split Season (Selected Counties)	October 22	October 24			
	November 23	December 5			
	December 17	December 19			
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 7	December 12	1		
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ/Class XS) Split Season (see page 32)	October 17	October 17			
	December 26	December 26			
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ/Class XS) Split Season (see page 32)	December 28	December 28	1	3	3
	December 28	December 28			
*Bear (Archery and Crossbow) Split Season	September 26	November 21	See pages 38-39.		
	December 7	December 31			
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties)	September 5	September 12			
	September 19	September 25			
	October 3	October 9			
	November 23	December 5			
*Turkey, Fall	October 10	October 17	1		
Split Season (Selected Counties - see page 34)	October 26	October 31			
	October 26	November 14			
*Turkey (Spring 2016 - Bearded Only)	April 18	May 14	1	2	2
*Turkey (2016 Youth Season - see page 35)	April 16	April 16	1 - counts towards spring season bag limit of two		
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	September 12	January 31	6	24	None
Squirrel (Youth Season - see page 32)	September 5	September 5	6		
Ruffed Grouse	October 17	February 29	4	16	None
Bobwhite Quail	November 7	January 2	3	9	None
Cottontail Rabbit	November 7	February 29	5	20	None
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 7	February 29	2	8	None
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only)	November 7	January 2	2	2	None
Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	November 14	December 5	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 17	February 29	4	None	None
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 7	February 29	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 7	February 29	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology, see page 3)	January 1	February 29	None		
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 7	February 29	3		
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 7	February 29	None		
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 7	January 31	1		
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 7	March 31	None		
*Otter (Trapping)	November 7	February 29	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 21	None		
	January 1	March 5			
Coyote (Hunting)**	Continuous Open Season		None		
Coyote (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology)**	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 7	February 29			
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 electronically registered (checked). See page 24 for instructions on the electronic registration process.					
** See page 7 for additional regulations.					