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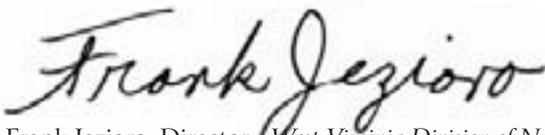
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From the Director

Let me start off by thanking our hunters, anglers, Governor and legislators for their unwavering support as we worked through the process of restructuring and increasing the license fees this past legislative session. With this increase and restructuring the DNR will be able to continue providing the great hunting, fishing, hiking, trapping and nature enjoyment activities our citizens have come to expect.

Our spring and summer trout season is winding down. From the feedback I have received from many anglers, it has been one of the most successful in recent years. This success is due in great part to the efforts of our coldwater fisheries staff. Earlier in the year I asked if we might try stocking some of our most popular waters on Thursdays and Fridays to provide the trout to a greater number of weekend anglers. We felt that this would provide extra opportunities to those working through the week and to the children that were in school. Our staff took up the challenge and from what I have seen and heard there were more trout in the water on weekends.

This idea is one of many that we hope to explore in the coming months and years. As we look at our game management efforts we hope to review our WMA management plans for more aggressive management as we recognize that our forests are maturing, reducing understory habitat needed, and depended on, by small and big game alike. This effort will go hand in hand with the idea of establishing areas managed for older-age class bucks. A healthy forest is a forest made up of various stages of regeneration. New growth forest is beneficial not only to deer, grouse and turkey but also to over 70 other species of game and nongame animals and birds. With your continued support we will build on the past great work done by our DNR staff.



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Summary of Changes 2005-2006

1. Effective June 19, 2005, coyotes may be hunted at night during open season using either amber- or red-colored artificial light - Page 7.
2. The bag limit for antlered deer (bucks) has been changed to three per year, which may be taken by bow, firearm or muzzleloader as provided in the respective seasons.
3. Antlerless deer seasons have changed significantly from previous years and hunters should carefully read the antlerless section of this booklet - Pages 16-18.
4. Hunters are advised that major changes in hunting and trapping licenses will become effective January 1, 2006. These changes will affect the licenses required to spring turkey hunt as detailed in this booklet - Pages 25 and 34.
5. Bear hunting season in counties where dogs cannot be used has been increased from one to four weeks - Page 29.
6. Crow hunting season has been changed to October 5 - November 19, 2005, and January 1 - March 4, 2006. Hunters may hunt all week long during both segments of the season - Page 2.
7. The bobcat hunting and trapping season bag limit has been increased to 3 - Page 2.
8. Effective July 6, 2005, hunters who hunt with dogs may not be guilty of trespassing just because their dog, without their direction or encouragement, travels onto another person's land where they do not have permission to hunt, provided no game is taken, livestock or domestic animals killed or damage done to that property.
9. Effective July 7, 2005, it shall be illegal to hunt or conduct hunts for a fee where the hunter is not physically present in the same location as the wildlife being hunted.

2005 - 2006 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
*Wild Boar (Gun)	October 24	October 29	1	1	1
*Wild Boar (Archery)	October 15	December 31			
*Deer (Bucks-Only)	November 21	December 3	1	2(a)	2(a)
*Deer (Archery)	October 15	December 31	1	3(a)	3(a)(b)
*Deer (Antlerless)	November 21**	December 10	1(b)	4(b)	4(b)
Split Season	December 28	December 31			
*Deer (Muzzleloading)	December 12	December 17	1	2(a)(b)	2(a)(b)
*Deer (Youth/Class Q Hunt)	October 29	October 29	1	1	1
Split Season	December 26	December 27	1	2	2
*Bear (Archery)	October 15	November 19	1	1	1
*Bear (Gun - Selected Counties) Pages 27 - 29	October 31	November 5			
	November 21	November 26			
	December 5	December 31			
*Turkey, Fall (Selected Counties) (Selected Counties - page 24)	October 22	November 19	1	1	1
	October 22	October 29			
*Turkey (Spring 2006 - Bearded Only)	April 24	May 20	1	2	2
*Turkey (2006 Youth Hunt - page 25)	April 22	April 22	1	1	1
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	October 8	January 31	6	24	None
Squirrel (Youth Hunt - page 19)	October 1	October 1	6	6	6
Ruffed Grouse	October 15	February 28	4	16	None
Bobwhite Quail	November 5	January 7	3	9	None
Cottontail Rabbit	November 5	February 28	5	20	None
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 5	February 28	2	8	None
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only)	November 5	January 7	2	2	None
Hillcrest WMA	November 12	December 3	1	1	None
Raccoon (Hunting)	October 15	February 28	4	See definition of possession limit on page 7.	None
<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>					
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 5	February 28	None	None	None
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 5	February 28	None	None	None
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 5	February 28	3	3	3
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 5	February 28	None	None	None
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 5	January 31	1	1	1
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 5	March 31	None	None	None
Crow	October 1	November 19	None	None	None
Split Season	January 1	March 4			
<i>Nuisance Crows - crows committing depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, home gardens, live stock, or wildlife, or when concentrated so as to constitute a health hazard and or other nuisance may be killed at any time.</i>					
Coyote (day)	Continuous Open Season		None	None	None
Coyote (night)***	January 1	July 31			
Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck, Weasel, English Sparrow, European Starling and Pigeon		Continuous Open Season	None	None	None
Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, and Weasel (Trapping)	November 5	February 28			
Mountain Lion, Elk, Otter, Song and Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles				No Open Season	
Geese, Ducks, Mourning Doves, Gallinules, Rails, Woodcock, and Common Snipe	Harvest Information Program (HIP) card required. See WVDNR Migratory Bird Hunting regulations available in September.				
*Must be checked at an official game checking station (a) Maximum of three antlered deer for all seasons		**December 4 Closed (b) See charts on pages 10-12		***can only use amber-colored or red-colored light	

Prohibitions

It is illegal to:

- hunt in state parks, in safety zones in state forests or wildlife management areas, and in Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.
- shoot, hunt or trap upon the fenced or posted grounds or lands of another person without having in your possession written permission from the landowner.
- have a loaded firearm or a firearm with an attached magazine from which all shells have not been removed in or on any vehicle or conveyance or its attachments. You can have a loaded clip or magazine in the vehicle as long as it is not in or attached to the firearm. Exception for concealed weapons permit holders (see page 5).
- carry an uncased or loaded firearm in the woods, except during open firearms hunting seasons. It is legal to hunt unprotected species of wild animals, wild birds and migratory game birds during the open season in fields, waters and marshes.
- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt small game in counties having a bucks-only season during the first three days of this season. It **is** legal to hunt waterfowl during this period on lakes, rivers, and waterways during the open waterfowl season, to hunt bear in specified counties and to hunt coyotes.
- hunt deer, bear or boar between ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise.
- be afield with a gun and bow, or with a gun and any arrows, except for concealed weapons permit holders (see page 5).
- carry an uncased gun in or on a vehicle between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. E.S.T. from October 1 - June 30; and between 8:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. E.S.T. from July 1 - September 30.
- carry an uncased or loaded gun after 5 a.m. on Sunday in counties which prohibit Sunday hunting except at a regularly-used firearm range, or except as provided in the trapping regulations.
- shoot a firearm within 400 feet of a school or church, or within 500 feet of a dwelling, or on or near a park or other place where persons are gathered for pleasure.
- hunt while under the influence of alcohol.
- for anyone under the age of 15 to hunt on public land or the lands of another unless accompanied by a licensed adult who remains near enough to render advice and assistance.
- hunt or fish with a modified bow without a special permit issued by the Director.
- get out of a motor vehicle along a public road and shoot a bow or firearm unless you are at least 25 yards from the vehicle.
- shoot an animal unless it is plainly visible.
- shoot at a deer or boar while it is in water.
- hunt or conduct hunts for a fee where the hunter is not physically present in the same location as the wildlife being hunted.
- use or take advantage of artificial light in hunting, locating, attracting, or trapping wild birds or wild animals while in possession or control of a firearm, whether cased or uncased, bow, arrow, or other implement suitable for taking, killing or trapping a wild bird or animal. However, lights ordinarily carried on the person may be used for taking raccoon, skunk and opossum. Coyotes may be hunted using amber- or red-colored artificial light in open season (see page 7). No person shall be guilty merely because he uses an artificial light to look for, at, or attract a wild bird or animal, unless he has in his possession a firearm, whether cased or uncased, bow, arrow, or other implement suitable for taking, killing or trapping a wild bird or animal, or unless the artificial light (other than the headlamps of a vehicle or other land conveyance) is attached to, a part of, or used from a vehicle or other land conveyance.
- smoke wildlife from its den or place of refuge except as provided by law or regulation.
- hunt with a crossbow or have a crossbow afield.
- catch or kill, or attempt to do so by seine, net, bait, trap, deadfall, snare, or like device, any bear, game bird, protected bird or mammal, or wild boar.
- bait or feed bear.
- hunt or shoot at wild animals or birds from an airborne conveyance, from a vehicle or other land conveyance, from a motor-driven water conveyance, or from or across a public road, unless specifically authorized to do so by law or regulation. You may shoot from a motorized watercraft if the motor has been completely shut off and progress from the motor has ceased.
- use poisons, chemicals or explosives in taking any furbearing animal, game animal, game bird or protected song and insectivorous bird, provided that groundhogs may be controlled on private land by landowners, their resident children or resident parents, or a resident tenant from April 1 through September 30.
- use shot larger than No. 4 or solid ball ammunition, except for .22 caliber or smaller rimfire during the bucks-only deer season in the four counties closed to the bucks-only season.
- hunt between ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise with any firearm larger than .22 caliber rimfire, a shotgun using solid ball ammunition or shot shells larger than No. 4 shot.

General Regulations - Trapping

Trapping Regulations

A trap is a device used to catch and hold animals and includes box traps, killer-type traps, leghold traps and snares.

No traps shall be set before 8 a.m. on the first day of the season or either set or left set after 12 noon on the last day of the season.

All traps **MUST** be checked and tended daily.

Traps previously and legally set may be tended after 5 a.m. on Sunday, if the person so doing shall have no firearm greater than .22 caliber rimfire or a bow in possession.

Nonresidents must possess valid Class E or XXJ, and CS/LE licenses to trap.

Traps used for taking wildlife shall be marked with a durable plate or tag attached to the trap, trap chain or set bearing the owner's name and address.

A person who unintentionally traps and kills more than the season bag limit shall deliver excess animals to a conservation officer within 24 hours.

Trappers shall present beaver, bobcat and fisher pelts to a game checking station or DNR representative within 30 days after the close of the respective trapping season. A tag provided by the DNR shall be attached and remain attached to each beaver, bobcat and fisher pelt until it has been sold, tanned or mounted.

Foot snares are legal when the snare loop:

1. does not exceed 6½ inches in diameter.
2. is at ground level.
3. is horizontal to ground level.

Terrestrial body-gripping snares must have a relaxing-type lock system with a breaking point of 350 pounds or less or a stop with a minimum loop diameter of at least 2½ inches. Set snares shall not have a loop diameter average greater than 15 inches. All terrestrial body-gripping snares must be anchored at the trap site.

A person may not ship or transport any raw furs, pelts, or skins of wild furbearers outside of the state unless such shipment has a special shipping tag visibly attached. Shipping tags must be obtained from the DNR. One part shall be attached to the outside of the package or container and the other part completed and returned to the DNR within 24 hours of shipping furs out of state.

The dealer or buyer of raw furs, pelts, or skins of furbearers in this state shall have a license and shall submit to the Director a completed fur dealer transaction report as provided by the Director.

It is illegal to:

- have in possession an untagged beaver, bobcat, or fisher pelt or parts thereof, after 30 days following the close of the respective season.
- set deadfalls for taking wildlife.
- set traps with an open jaw spread of more than 6½ inches except as underwater sets for beaver.
- set traps or trapping devices in human foot trails or livestock paths.
- set conibear or mohawk type traps for terrestrial trapping, but they may be used in water sets.
- set spring pole snares.
- use exposed animal or bird carcasses or parts thereof to bait an animal to a trap set that is within 50 feet of the carcass. Animal or bird carcasses or parts thereof that are completely covered and concealed from sight may be used as a lure at the immediate trap site.
- trap without written permission of a landowner.
- trap within 15 feet of the waterline on the structure of any beaver house or burrow.
- disturb or destroy dams, houses or burrows of beavers while beaver trapping.
- take beaver, fisher, mink, or muskrat by any means other than by trap.
- use steel jaw traps with any teeth on or attached to them.
- set a trap, trapset or snare upon a tree, post or other natural or man-made object at any point more than three linear feet from the surface of the earth (whether such surface is water, soil or rock) measured at right angle from the surface to the trap or trapset. Traps may be set on natural earthen mounds, such as ant hills or muskrat houses, constructed without human assistance.
- set traps other than water sets in March.
- trap in state parks, in safety zones located in state forests and wildlife management areas, in Harpers Ferry NHP and on National Park Service land within the New River Gorge NR.
- trap on a state WMA without obtaining a permit from the district wildlife biologist.

Regulations Meeting Schedule

March 20, 2006

Fairmont • Lewisburg • Martinsburg • Milton
Spencer • Summersville

March 21, 2006

Buckhannon • Glen Dale • Logan • Moorefield
Parkersburg • Twin Falls Resort State Park

General Regulations

Archery Regulations

Nonresident bow hunters must possess a Class EE license, and Class CS/LE and DS stamps to hunt bear.

For bow fishing, a resident is required to have a fishing license; a nonresident is required to have a Class E or XXJ license, and a Class CS/LE stamp.

A bow may be substituted for a firearm during any season for which firearms are legal except during muzzleloading firearms deer seasons.

It is illegal to:

- have a gun and bow afield together, except that persons who have a concealed weapons permit may carry a concealed handgun for *self defense only*.
- hunt with a crossbow.
- hunt turkey, bear, deer or boar with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than 3/4 of an inch in width.
- use an arrow with an explosive, drug-laced or poisoned head or shaft.
- have a bow in the woods during closed seasons on game animals and non-migratory game birds.
- use dogs while bow hunting for black bear except during the bear firearms season (exception is only for counties where dogs are legal).
- hunt with a locking device capable of holding a bow at full draw, except with a modified bow permit issued by the Director.
- bowhunt on state parks and wildlife refuges, Harpers Ferry NHP, and safety zones on state forests and wildlife management areas. All wildlife refuges are appropriately posted.

Tagging and Transporting

Refer to deer, bear, wild turkey, boar and trapping sections for specific tagging and transporting requirements.

No persons may transport or possess wildlife **killed by another hunter**, unless the wildlife or parts thereof is accompanied by a paper tag filled out legibly bearing the signature, address, date of kill, hunting license number (if required) and the official game checking tag number (if required) of the hunter who killed the wildlife. The tag shall also specify the species and quantity of wildlife.

Pistol Laws and Regulations

Individuals who possess a valid concealed carry permit may carry a concealed handgun while afield hunting, hiking, camping, fishing or in or on a motor vehicle for purposes of self defense only.

Only persons 21 years old or older are eligible for a Class A-1 license.

Only pistols having a barrel at least 4 inches in length are legal for hunting.

While hunting, the licensee shall carry the pistol outside his outer clothing, in an unconcealed and easily visible place.

A pistol may be used only during established hunting seasons. Only single-shot muzzleloading pistols of .38 caliber or larger are legal for deer during the muzzleloader season.

It is legal to hunt groundhogs in open fields with a pistol.

It is illegal to:

- take migratory game birds with a pistol.
- hunt between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise with a pistol larger than .22 caliber rimfire.
- hunt bear, deer, or wild boar with a pistol using a straight-walled case of less than .357 magnum cartridge or a bottle-necked case of less than .24 caliber.
- hunt bear, deer, or wild boar with a muzzleloading pistol of less than .38 caliber.

Dog Training

Persons training dogs shall not have a firearm or other implement for the taking of wildlife in their possession during closed seasons on wild animals and birds.

Persons participating in the training of dogs must have a hunting license.

Residents may train dogs and hold field trials on wild animals and birds, except deer and wild turkeys, on private land with the landowner's written permission, or on public lands, at any time.

Nonresidents may train dogs during the legal small game hunting season, or if their state offers WV hunters reciprocal dog training privileges, they may train dogs on raccoons from August 15 through the end of the small game season. See additional information on bear dog training on page 30.

General Regulations

When Licenses or Permits are not Required

1. Resident landowners or their resident children or their resident parents or resident tenants of such land, may hunt or trap on their own land without a license during open seasons (see definition of resident landowner privileges on page 7).
2. Residents honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces receiving total permanent service connected disability benefits or former prisoners of war as determined by the Veterans Administration or resident disabled veterans who qualify under West Virginia Code 17A-10-8 and are exempted from payment of a motor vehicle registration fee by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, may hunt or trap without a license during open seasons. Such individuals shall carry on their person an identification card issued by the Director. Additional licenses required to hunt: Class P; Class N; Class RG or RB; Class A-1.
3. Ohio residents who carry valid Ohio hunting licenses may hunt waterfowl on the Ohio River and its embayments or tributaries to points identified by the Director or from the West Virginia banks of said river without obtaining West Virginia licenses, and West Virginia residents who carry valid West Virginia hunting licenses may hunt waterfowl on Ohio River embayments or tributaries to designated points in Ohio or from the river's banks in Ohio without obtaining Ohio licenses.

Ohio hunting laws apply to residents of Ohio and West Virginia while hunting or fishing from Ohio banks or in Ohio embayment areas. West Virginia hunting laws apply to residents of Ohio and West Virginia while hunting on the Ohio River proper or from West Virginia banks and embayment areas.

4. Residents 65 years of age or older do not need a license to hunt or trap, but shall carry a WV driver's license or WV photo ID card issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles (see page 32). Residents who have not reached their 15th birthday may hunt without a license but they must be accompanied by a licensed adult (exceptions, see page 32).
5. West Virginia residents on active duty in the U.S. armed forces while on military leave, may hunt or trap in season without obtaining a license. Leave papers shall be carried while hunting or trapping.
6. Persons participating in field trials permitted by the Director shall not be required to have a hunting license.
7. Persons under 16 years of age do not need a state or federal migratory waterfowl stamp.

Mandatory Hunter Education Requirement

No hunting license may be issued to a person born on or after January 1, 1975, unless the person presents to the license agent: 1) a certificate of satisfactory completion of a Hunter Education Course approved by the Hunter Education Association or the Director, 2) a previous resident or nonresident WV hunting license bearing certification, or 3) attests to certification when purchasing a license online. Persons who purchase a lifetime hunting license before their 15th birthday must complete a certified hunter education course before using the license.

Hunter Education Classes Information:

1-800-243-9968 or www.wvhuntered.com/classes.asp
(Minimum age for certification is eight years old.)

Point System for Hunting Violations

Persons found guilty of negligent shooting of humans or livestock will have their hunting licenses revoked for five years.

For bear hunting violation penalties see page 27.

Persons making false application for a license will have their license privileges suspended for one year.

Points are assigned for other hunting violations:

-10 points use of spotlight with firearms or other implement.

-6 points illegal possession or sale of wildlife or illegally killing deer, boar, or turkey.

-6 points hunting from a motor vehicle.

-4 points all other hunting violations.

When a violator accumulates 10 or more hunting or fishing points combined, his/her licenses will be revoked for a period of two years.

Points will be removed on the second anniversary or upon restoration of the license.

Sunday Hunting

In any county where Sunday hunting **has not** been prohibited by local election, Sunday hunting is legal on private land only with written permission of the landowner. Hunting is prohibited on any Sunday preceding the Monday opening of a big game season (deer, turkey, boar or bear). Check with your county DNR officer or county clerk to see if Sunday hunting is legal in your county.

Wildlife Management Areas and State Forests

Rules and regulations governing hunting and trapping on state owned and leased lands are the same as on adjacent private lands except as follows:

1. Trapping permit, available from District Wildlife Biologist, required on all areas.
2. McClintic, Hillcrest and Green Bottom WMAs - Hunting only in accordance with special rules established for the area (see pages 2, 9 and 12).
3. WMAs and state forests with camping areas require a permit and fee. (See regulations posted at each area.)
4. Camping is lawful ONLY in designated areas.
5. Use of ATVs and snowmobiles is prohibited. All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) means any motor vehicle designed for off-road use not subject to the vehicle registration requirements of Chapter 17A of the West Virginia Code.
6. Driving a vehicle, ATV, or snowmobile so as to harass or chase wildlife is prohibited.
7. Maximum speed limit for vehicles on WMAs and state forests is 30 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted. All traffic signs and directions must be observed.
8. Driving a vehicle in a manner which creates a nuisance to other persons by repetitive or continuous cruising is prohibited.
9. Class Q hunting facilities are available on some WMAs. Contact the District Wildlife Biologist for more information.
10. Only portable tree stands may be used on public lands.

Coyote Hunting Regulations

During daylight hours (½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset) coyotes may be hunted year round.

Hunting coyotes at night using amber- or red-colored artificial light is legal from January 1 thru July 31.

Firearms legal for night coyote hunting are shotguns with #4 or smaller shot and rifles or handguns of .22 caliber or smaller rimfire. Laser light or telescopic sights using a laser light are prohibited.

During closed small game season, coyotes may only be hunted in open fields.

Electronic calls are legal.

There is no annual or season bag limit.

Definitions of Terms Used

Bait: any feed or edible enticement.

Baiting: the direct or indirect placing or exposing of bait so as to attract or entice wildlife to an area where hunters are attempting to take them. An area is considered to be baited for 10 days after bait is removed.

Big Game: black bear, deer, wild turkey and boar.

Bow: a longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow that is hand-drawn, hand-held and held at full draw without the aid of any mechanical device. Triggering devices or release aids are legal.

Concurrent hunting: hunting of the same and/or other species during a legally prescribed season.

Hunt: to chase, catch or take wild birds or animals.

Modified bow: a longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow that has been modified to hold the bow at full draw to accommodate a physical impairment of the user.

Nonresident: person who does not meet the requirements of a resident.

Permanently disabled in the lower extremities: a person permanently and totally disabled from the waist down who is unable to ambulate without the full-time use of a walker, two crutches or a wheelchair.

Possession limit: game which is in any way under the hunter's control. The daily bag limit for raccoon may be possessed for each day the season is open. Example, the total of all game in a car, truck, home freezer, commercial food locker, or any other storage method or place.

Private lands: lands owned by an individual(s), partnership, heirship, club, organization or company and/or not qualifying as public land.

Protected: no open season. Hunting at any time shall be illegal for protected wildlife.

Public lands: State or Federal lands owned, leased, licensed to or under the control of West Virginia DNR for wildlife management purposes.

Resident: a person who has been a domiciled resident continuously in West Virginia for 30 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of application for a license or permit. This includes members of the U.S. armed forces stationed outside the state who were West Virginia residents at the time of entry into the service and full-time students of a college or university of this state. Nonresident students of West Virginia colleges are not eligible to apply for Lifetime licenses. Absentee ownership of land in West Virginia does not constitute legal residence.

Resident landowner privileges: apply to West Virginia residents who own land in West Virginia, their resident children and parents, or resident tenants. Resident tenants must permanently live on the land.

Small Game: all game and furbearing animals, and game birds except big game. Does not include coyotes.

Deer - General Regulations

Resident Deer Hunting License Privileges with

Annual Class X and Class XJ, Lifetime Class A-L and AB-L, Class C, Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, Senior Citizen and Underage: entitle a hunter to take one deer during the archery season, one antlered deer during the bucks-only season and one deer during the muzzleloader season.

Additional licenses must be purchased:

- To hunt an additional deer in deer firearm seasons: Class RG
- To archery hunt an additional deer: Class RB
- To hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class N
- To hunt with a handgun: Class A-1

Annual Class A and Class Q (must also have a Class CS): entitles the hunter to hunt one antlered deer during the bucks-only season.

Additional licenses must be purchased:

- To hunt an additional deer in deer firearm seasons: Class RG
- To archery hunt deer: Class U
- To archery hunt an additional deer: Class RB
- To muzzleloader hunt deer in muzzleloader season: Class V
- To hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class N
- To hunt on national forest lands: Class I
- To hunt with a handgun: Class A-1



Resident Landowner Privileges

West Virginia resident landowners may hunt on their own land without obtaining a license. See definition of resident landowner privileges on page 7.

A resident landowner hunting on his/her own land without a license can take the same number of deer as a licensed hunter. *A hunter (licensee or landowner) cannot take more than the number of deer allowed in the respective seasons.*

After killing a deer as a landowner, a person cannot take another deer by use of a license for which the privilege has already been used. Example - if a landowner has a Class X or A license and kills a deer on his own land during a deer season, the landowner cannot use the Class X or A license to kill another deer. He/she can check the deer in as a landowner kill or on the Class X or A license. Either way, the Class X or A privilege has been used for that season.

Nonresident License Privileges

Nonresidents ages 8 thru 14 who have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course may purchase a Class XXJ license and a Class CS/LE license which entitles the holder to take one deer during the archery season, one antlered deer during the bucks-only season, and one deer during the muzzleloader season.

Additional licenses must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional deer in deer firearm seasons: Class RRG
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RRB
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class NN

All other nonresidents, regardless of age or landowner status, must purchase an annual Class E, and a Class CS/LE license which entitles the holder to hunt one antlered deer during the bucks-only season.

Additional licenses must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional deer in deer firearm seasons: Class RRG
- to archery hunt deer: Class UU
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RRB
- to muzzleloader hunt deer in muzzleloader season: Class VV
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class NN
- to hunt on national forest lands: Class I
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1

General Regulations - Deer

Firearms/Bows and Equipment

It is illegal to hunt deer with:

- a shotgun using ammunition loaded with more than one solid ball, or a rifle using rimfire ammunition of less than .25 caliber.
- a fully automatic rifle, shotgun or handgun.
- a handgun using a straight-walled case of less than .357 magnum cartridge or a bottle-necked case of less than .24 caliber.
- a muzzleloader of less than .38 caliber during the muzzleloader deer season.
- anything other than a bow or single-shot muzzleloading firearm on Green Bottom WMA.
- an electronic call.

Hunting Hours and Restrictions

After a person has killed his/her legal daily limit of deer, they may not participate further in hunting deer with either a bow or firearm the remainder of the day.

After killing the legal limit of deer, a hunter shall not be afield with any firearm with solid ball ammunition, unless legally hunting bear, or shot shells containing larger than No. 4 shot unless legally hunting waterfowl using nontoxic shot.

It is legal to hunt small game during the muzzleloader season with a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire.

A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer per year in all seasons combined.

Blaze Orange Requirement

Persons hunting in counties or portions thereof where a deer firearms season is presently open shall wear a blaze orange outer garment of at least 400 square inches. This applies to counties or parts thereof with a special youth/Class Q deer hunt. This does not apply to waterfowl hunters and persons engaged in farming activities on their own land.

Field Tagging, Checking and Transporting

Each person killing a deer must, within one hour and before moving the carcass from where it was killed, complete and attach the game field tag supplied with his/her license. This tag must bear the hunter's name, address, hunting license number (if required) and the date, time and county of kill. The field tag must remain on the carcass until it is dressed for consumption.

The unskinned carcass or the fresh skin and head of each deer, shall be delivered to a conservation officer or an official checking station for checking and retagging:

1. before it is transported beyond the county adjacent to the county of kill,
2. within 72 hours from when it was killed or 24 hours from the close of the respective season, whichever comes first.

All deer killed in Logan, McDowell, Mingo or Wyoming counties shall be checked and retagged at an official game checking station in the four-county area within 24 hours of the time of kill. Deer killed outside these four counties may not be checked within the four-county area.

A hunter may not hunt deer until the day after any previously killed deer has been checked, except for that portion of the antlerless deer season during which two deer may be taken on the same day on private land provided the first deer has been legally checked.

Common Violations

Following are the most common violations observed by conservation officers during the deer hunting seasons:

- Hunting without license
- Improper license
- Making false application for license
- Loaded gun in a vehicle
- Failure to field tag deer
- Illegal possession of wildlife
- Hunting without permission
- Exceeding the limits
- Shooting at decoy deer

Deer - 2005 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons

Where permitted, the maximum annual bag limit (excluding special hunts-NRAO, Urban, Youth and Class Q) is nine deer which may include no more than three antlered bucks.

County	Archery	Bucks-Only Firearms	Antlerless	Muzzleloader
See page 12 for Public Land Regulations	October 15 - December 31	November 21 - December 3	November 21 - December 3 and December 28 - 31: Private Land Only December 5 - 10: Public/Private Land	December 12 - 17
County See page 12 for Public Land Regulations	Archery October 15 - December 31	Bucks-Only Firearms November 21 - December 3	Antlerless November 21 - December 3: Private Land Only December 5 - 10: Public/Private Land	Muzzleloader December 12 - 17
Berkeley Brooke Doddridge Hampshire Hancock Hardy Harrison Jackson Jefferson Lewis Marion Marshall Mason	Maximum season bag limit: 3 A first either sex deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. Two additional deer (one must be antlerless) may be taken on Class RB or RRB licenses (one deer per license) or by a resident landowner using those privileges.	Maximum season bag limit: 2 The first antlered deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RG or RRG license or by a resident landowner using that privilege. Note: concurrent Antlerless Season.	Maximum season bag limit: 4 The first antlerless deer must be taken on a Class N or NN license or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. Two additional antlerless deer may be taken on Class N or NN licenses (one deer per license) or by a resident landowner. One additional antlerless deer may be taken by a properly licensed hunter using an unfilled Class RG or RRG license or by a resident landowner using that privilege. Requires a valid base license or license combination, or free license plus a Class N, NN, RG or RRG license for each deer, except for resident landowners hunting on their own land. Two antlerless deer may be taken on the same day on private land only during the Dec. 5-10 portion of the Antlerless Season, provided the first antlerless deer taken must be checked before pursuing or taking a second antlerless deer.	Maximum season bag limit: 2 A first either sex deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. One additional deer may be taken on an unfilled Class RG or RRG license or by a resident landowner using that privilege.
Barbour Cabell Calhoun Gilmer Grant Greenbrier <i>(South of I-64 and West of Rt. 219)</i> Monroe Preston Roane Upshur	Maximum season bag limit: 3 A first either sex deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. Two additional deer (one must be antlerless) may be taken on Class RB or RRB licenses (one deer per license) or by a resident landowner using those privileges.	Maximum season bag limit: 2 The first antlered deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RG or RRG license or by a resident landowner using that privilege. Note: concurrent Antlerless Season.	Maximum season bag limit: 3 deer per county, not to exceed 3 deer total One antlerless deer may be taken on a Class N or NN license or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land in each county. Requires a valid base license or license combination, or free license and a Class N or NN license, except for resident landowners hunting on their own land. Prior application for permit not required.	Maximum season bag limit: 1 One either sex deer may be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.

2005 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons - Deer

Where permitted, the maximum annual bag limit (excluding special hunts-NRAO, Urban, Youth and Class Q) is nine deer which may include no more than three antlered bucks.

County	Archery	Bucks-Only Firearms	Antlerless	Muzzleloader
See page 12 for Public Land Regulations	October 15 - December 31	November 21 - December 3	November 21 - December 3: Private Land Only December 5 - 10: Public/Private Land	December 12 - 17
Braxton Kanawha (North of Elk R. and West of Corridor G) Lincoln Pendleton (East of North Fork of South Branch R.) Summers Wayne (North of Rt. 37)	Maximum season bag limit: 3 A first either sex deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. Two additional deer (one must be antlerless) may be taken on Class RB or RRB licenses (one per license) or by a resident landowner using those privileges.	Maximum season bag limit: 2 The first antlered deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage, or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RG or RRG license or by a resident landowner using that privilege. Note concurrent Antlerless Season.	Maximum season bag limit: 1 Limited to West Virginia residents only and prior application for permit is required. One antlerless deer may be taken on a Class N license or by a resident landowner. Requires a valid base license or license combination, or free license and a Class N license except for resident landowners hunting on their own land.	Maximum season bag limit: 1 One either sex deer may be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.
Boone Clay Fayette Greenbrier (North of I-64 and East of Rt. 219) Kanawha (South of Elk R. and East of Corridor G) Mercer	Maximum season bag limit: 2 A first either sex deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage, or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. One additional either sex deer may be taken on a Class RB or RRB license or by a resident landowner using that privilege.	Maximum season bag limit: 2 The first antlered deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage, or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RG or RRG license or by a resident landowner using that privilege.	Maximum season bag limit: 1 One antlered deer may be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.	Maximum season bag limit: 1 One antlered deer may be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.
Logan McDowell Mingo Wyoming	Maximum season bag limit: 2 Only one antlered deer may be taken per year. One deer may be taken on a valid base license, free license, resident underage, or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land and one deer may be taken on a class RB or RRB license or by a resident landowner using that privilege. OR, if the hunter's first archery deer was taken in a county open to firearms deer hunting, two deer (one must be antlerless) may be taken on Class RB or RRB licenses (one per license) or by a resident landowner using those privileges.	Season Closed	Season Closed	Season Closed

Deer - 2005 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons

Where permitted, the maximum annual bag limit (excluding special hunts-NRAO, Urban, Youth and Class Q) is nine deer which may include no more than three antlered bucks.

Wildlife Management Areas and Other Public Lands	Special Regulations
Hughes River WMA	All regulations, including the Antlerless Season length and bag limit, are the same as private land in the respective counties where the WMA is located.
McClintic WMA	All regulations, including the Antlerless Season length and bag limit, are the same as Mason County private land except: all antlered deer taken must have a minimum 14" outside spread.
Lewis Wetzel WMA	All regulations are the same as Wetzel County private land except: the Antlerless Season bag limit is one deer. The Muzzleloader Season bag limit is one either sex deer. RG and RRG licenses are only valid for an additional bucks-only season deer.
Amherst/ Plymouth WMA Beech Fork WMA Big Ugly WMA Bluestone WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in the respective county where the WMAs are located except: the Antlerless Season is limited to West Virginia residents and is only six days, Dec. 5-10. Prior application is required and the season bag limit is one. The Muzzleloader Season bag limit is one either sex deer. RG and RRG licenses are only valid for an additional bucks-only season deer.
Hillcrest WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in Hancock County except: Bucks-Only gun Season is closed. This is a Special Muzzleloader Bucks-Only deer season area from Nov. 21-Dec. 3. All Muzzleloader Season license requirements apply and the season bag limit is one. The Antlerless Season is limited to West Virginia residents and is only six days, Dec. 5- 10. Prior application is required and the season bag limit is one.
Wilson Cove Deer Study Area	All regulations are the same as private land in Hardy County except: Bucks-Only gun Season is closed. This is a Special Muzzleloader Bucks-Only deer season area from Nov. 21-Dec. 3. All Muzzleloader Season license requirements and bag limits apply. The Antlerless Season is only six days, Dec. 5-10.
Burnsville Lake WMA Potts Creek WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in the respective county where the WMAs are located except: the Archery Season bag limit is two deer. The Antlerless Season is closed. The Muzzleloader Season bag limit is one antlered deer. RG and RRG licenses are only valid for an additional bucks-only season deer.
Greenbottom WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in Cabell County except: Deer may only be hunted with bows or muzzleloaders and the Antlerless Season is only six days, Dec. 5-10.
All other WMAs and other Public Lands	All regulations are the same as private land in the respective counties where the WMAs and public lands are located except: the Antlerless Season is only six days, Dec. 5-10.

Daily Bag Limit: 1

Opening Date: October 15

Closing Date: December 31

Three deer may be taken with a bow during the archery season - the first deer must be taken on one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, Class XJ, Class AB-L, Class A-L, Classes A+CS+U, or Classes Q+CS+U); or a free license: Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, or Senior Citizen; or nonresident (Classes XXJ+CS/LE or Classes E+CS/LE+UU). Underage residents and resident landowners (see page 7) may take a first archery deer without a license. Two additional deer may also be taken with Class RB or Class RRB licenses (one per license) or by resident landowners hunting on their own property. One of the deer taken on a Class RB or RRB license must be an antlerless deer.

A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer per year in all seasons combined.

Deer of either sex may be hunted statewide with a bow during the archery season. A bow may be substituted for a firearm during any deer firearms season except muzzleloader season.

It is illegal:

- to be afield with both gun and bow, or with a gun and any arrows, except that persons who have a concealed weapons permit may carry a concealed handgun for self-defense only.
- to hunt with a crossbow and/or have a crossbow afield.
- to hunt deer with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than 3/4 of an inch in width.
- to use a bow-locking device, except with a modified bow permit issued by the Director.
- to use an arrow with an explosive, drug-laced or poisoned head or shaft.
- to use an electronic call to hunt deer.

Special Seasons and Restrictions

Special Urban Deer Archery Season

A special archery deer hunting season is available between October 1 - December 31, 2005 to incorporated cities, towns, villages and homeowner associations. To implement the hunt, homeowner associations must submit a written request to the Director by March 1 of the hunt year. During this special season two deer may be taken which shall not apply to the regular archery season bag limit. For information regarding this special archery deer hunt contact your local municipal government, homeowner association or the appropriate DNR office.

McClintic Wildlife Management Area

All antlered deer taken during archery season on McClintic WMA must have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches (ear tip to ear tip).

Additional Deer Archery Licenses

Class RB and Class RRB

During a calendar year a resident may purchase only **two** Class RB licenses and a nonresident may purchase only **two** Class RRB licenses. The Class RB or Class RRB archery licenses must be purchased before October 15, 2005, prior to the opening of archery season.

Only **one** deer may be taken with each Class RB or RRB license. Hunting on the Class RB or Class RRB licenses can begin on the day after legally checking the first deer. Class RB or RRB licenses cannot be used for taking deer with a firearm.

Two additional deer may be taken with Class RB or Class RRB licenses or by a landowner hunting on their own land during the archery season. One Class RB or Class RRB license or landowner license privilege must be used to take an antlerless deer.

There is an annual limit of two archery deer, one of which must be antlerless, for the four-county area of Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties. One Class RB or RRB license is valid in these counties, except if the first archery deer was taken in a county open to firearms deer hunting, then two deer (one must be antlerless) may be taken on Class RB or RRB licenses. The taking of antlerless deer during the bucks-only season is legal in these counties.

To take additional archery deer, all residents except resident landowners (see page 7) hunting on their land are required to purchase Class RB licenses. All nonresidents are required to purchase Class RRB archery licenses to take additional archery deer. (See license requirements on page 8.)

Concurrent hunting during Deer Archery Season

A bow hunter may take small game at any time the small game season is open, except the first three days of bucks-only season.

Archery hunting is legal during muzzleloader deer season but must be done under archery deer hunting regulations.

Archery hunters must wear a blaze orange outer garment of at least 400 square inches during any deer firearms seasons.

Deer - Bucks-Only Firearms Season

Daily Bag Limit: 1

Opening Date: November 21

Closing Date: December 3

Only deer having one or both antlers 3 inches or more in length above the hairline are legal during the bucks-only season (see concurrent hunting during bucks-only season for antlerless deer on page 15).

Two deer may be taken with a gun or bow during the bucks-only season -- the first deer must be taken on one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, Class XJ, Class AB-L, Class A-L, Classes A+CS, or Classes Q+CS); or free license: Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW or Senior Citizen; or nonresident (Classes XXJ+CS/LE or Classes E+CS/LE). Underage residents and resident landowners (see page 7) may take a first antlered deer without a license. A second deer may only be taken with a Class RG, Class RRG, or by resident landowners hunting on their own property.

A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer per year in all seasons combined.

Legal firearms for hunting deer during the bucks-only season shall include:

- a rifle using center-fire ammunition.
- a rifle using .25 caliber or larger rimfire ammunition.
- a muzzleloading rifle with or without scope and muzzleloading pistol of .38 caliber or larger.
- a handgun using a straight-walled case of .357 magnum cartridge or larger or a bottle-necked case of .24 caliber or larger. A Class A-1 handgun license is required.
- a shotgun loaded with solid ball ammunition.

Bucks-Only Firearms Counties

All counties except Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming are open.

-  **Open:** Bucks-Only Firearms Season November 21 - December 3, 2005
-  **Closed:** to all firearms deer hunting



Antlerless deer may be taken on Class N/NN or RG/RRG licenses on private land in 41 specified counties or parts thereof during Bucks-Only season (see pages 15 and 16).

Bucks-Only Firearms Season - Deer

Concurrent hunting during Bucks-Only Deer Season

Antlerless deer hunting is legal on private land in 41 counties or portions thereof and Lewis Wetzel, McClintic and Hughes River WMAs during the bucks-only season (November 21 thru December 3). To hunt antlerless deer during the bucks-only season, a valid Class N or NN license (antlerless permit) is required for all hunters, regardless of age, except for resident landowners (see page 7) hunting on their own land. Hunters may take only one deer per day, therefore, a buck and an antlerless deer may not be taken on the same day.

Small game hunting is prohibited during the first three days of bucks-only season in all counties having a bucks-only season; provided, waterfowl hunting is legal on lakes, rivers, and waterways during the open waterfowl season, bear hunting is legal in specified counties, and coyote hunting is legal. Small game hunting is legal during open seasons beginning November 24, 2005. While hunting small game during the bucks-only season, No. 4 shot or smaller and slugs may be carried with a shotgun only if the hunter is legally hunting deer or bear.

A combination rifle-shotgun (over-under, etc.) is legal for deer hunting and concurrent small game hunting.

After killing the legal limit of deer, a hunter shall not be afield with any firearm with solid ball ammunition or shot shells containing larger than No. 4 shot unless legally hunting bear. Waterfowl hunters may use nontoxic shot larger than No. 4.

It is illegal to hunt small game during the bucks-only deer season with any centerfire rifle, with any rimfire rifle larger than .22 caliber, or with a shotgun using solid ball ammunition or shot larger than No. 4 in a county that is not open to bucks-only deer hunting.

Archery hunting for deer is legal during bucks-only season. A bow may be substituted for a firearm to take antlered deer, or if hunting on a Class N or NN license, antlerless deer may be taken during the bucks-only season on private land in specified counties (see pages 10-12).

All persons hunting during a deer firearms season, except those engaged in farming activities on their own land and waterfowl hunters, must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange as an outer garment.

Additional Deer Gun Licenses

Class RG and Class RRG

During a calendar year a resident may purchase only one Class RG license and a nonresident may purchase only one Class RRG license.

Only one deer may be taken with a Class RG or Class RRG license. The Class RG and Class RRG licenses must be purchased before November 21, 2005, prior to the opening of bucks-only season. The Class RG and Class RRG licenses are valid for buck hunting in all counties open to bucks-only season.

To take an additional deer, all residents except resident landowners (see page 7) while hunting on their own land are required to purchase a Class RG gun license. All nonresidents are required to purchase a Class RRG gun license if they choose to take an additional deer. (See license requirements on page 8.)

During the bucks-only season, hunting on the Class RG or Class RRG gun licenses can begin on the day after legally checking the first antlered or antlerless deer. If used for antlerless deer, **the first antlerless deer must have been checked by using a valid Class N or NN license or as a landowner.**

A Class RG or Class RRG gun license not used in the bucks-only season is valid to take an additional deer in the antlerless (Class N) or muzzleloader seasons in specified counties. (See antlerless and muzzleloader sections).

Special Seasons and Restrictions

Wilson Cove Deer Study Area and Hillcrest Wildlife Management Area

Wilson Cove Deer Study Area located in Hardy County on the George Washington National Forest and the **Hillcrest WMA**, located in Hancock County will have a bucks-only muzzleloader season November 21 - December 3, 2005. Only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines", of .38 caliber or larger are legal. A muzzleloader with telescopic sights is legal. **These two areas will not be open to the traditional rifle bucks-only firearms season.** All muzzleloader license requirements and bag limits apply. (See pages 8, 12 and 21.)

McClintic Wildlife Management Area

All antlered deer taken on McClintic WMA must have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches (ear tip to ear tip).

Deer - Antlerless Season

An antlerless deer is any deer having no antlers or having both antlers less than three inches long above the hairline.

<p>Counties or parts thereof open to Unlimited Resident Class N, Nonresident Class NN, Two Additional Class N/NN and Valid RG/RRG</p> <p>Season Bag Limit: 3 or 4*</p> <p>November 21 - December 3 and December 28 - 31 (private land only)</p> <p>December 5 - 10 (private and public land)</p>	<p>Counties or parts thereof open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN</p> <p>Season Bag Limit: 1 per county, not to exceed 3 total</p> <p>November 21 - December 3 (private land only)</p> <p>December 5 - 10 (private and public land)</p>	<p>Counties or parts thereof open to Limited Licenses for Resident Only (Must Apply)</p> <p>Season Bag Limit: 1</p> <p>November 21 - December 3 (private land only)</p> <p>December 5 - 10 (private and public land)</p>	<p>Wildlife Management Areas open to Limited Licenses for Resident Only (Must Apply)</p> <p>Season Bag Limit: 1</p> <p>November 21 - December 3 (private land only)</p> <p>December 5 - 10 (private and public land)</p>
<p>Berkeley</p> <p>Brooke</p> <p>Doddridge</p> <p>Hampshire</p> <p>Hancock</p> <p>Hardy</p> <p>Harrison</p> <p>Jefferson</p> <p>Jackson</p> <p>Lewis</p> <p>Marion</p> <p>Marshall</p> <p>Mason</p> <p>Mineral</p> <p>Monongalia</p> <p>Morgan</p> <p>Ohio</p> <p>Pleasants</p> <p>Putnam</p> <p>Ritchie</p> <p>Taylor</p> <p>Tyler</p> <p>Wetzel</p> <p>Wirt</p> <p>Wood</p>	<p>Barbour</p> <p>Cabell</p> <p>Calhoun</p> <p>Gilmer</p> <p>Grant</p> <p>Greenbrier (South of I-64 and West of Rt 219)</p> <p>Monroe</p> <p>Preston</p> <p>Roane</p> <p>Upshur</p>	<p>Braxton</p> <p>Kanawha (North of Elk R. and West of Corridor G)</p> <p>Lincoln</p> <p>Pendleton (East of North Fork of South Branch R.)</p> <p>Summers</p> <p>Wayne (N of Rt 37)</p>	<p>Amherst/Plymouth WMA (Putnam County) 100</p> <p>Beech Fork WMA (Wayne County) 100</p> <p>Big Ugly WMA (Lincoln County) 100</p> <p>Bluestone WMA (Summers/Monroe counties) 100</p> <p>Chief Cornstalk WMA (Mason County) 200</p> <p>Cross Creek WMA (Brooke County) 75</p> <p>Hillcrest WMA (Hancock County) 75</p> <p>Stonewall Jackson WMA (Lewis County) 500</p> <p>Stonecoal WMA (Lewis/Upshur counties) 100</p>
<p>Counties not listed in the table are closed to firearms antlerless hunting.</p> <p>*A maximum of four antlerless deer may be taken (one per day, except that two antlerless deer may be taken on the same day, December 5 - 10, 2005, on private land only, provided that the first deer is legally checked prior to hunting a second deer). Three deer may be taken with Class N/NN licenses. One deer may also be taken with an unfilled Class RG or Class RRG gun license in a county open for its use in the antlerless season. See pages 10-12.</p> <p>Note: Hughes River and McClintic WMAs will be open the same length and have the same bag limit as private land in their respective counties. Lewis Wetzel WMA will be open for the same number of days as Wetzel County; however, the bag limit for Lewis Wetzel WMA will be one antlerless deer.</p> <p>See page 12 for a complete list of seasons on public lands.</p>			

Antlerless Season - Deer

In all instances the first deer taken during the antlerless deer season or the portion of the antlerless deer season concurrent with bucks-only season must be taken on a Class N or NN license or as a landowner.

All West Virginia residents, regardless of age, must purchase a Class N license to hunt during the antlerless season with the following exceptions:

- Resident landowners (see page 7) may hunt antlerless deer on their land without a license provided the land is in a county or part thereof open to antlerless deer hunting.
- Resident landowners, their resident children or resident parents do not have to live on the property. However, a resident tenant must permanently live on the land.
- Resident stockholders of resident corporations formed for the primary purpose of hunting or fishing who own in fee no less than 1,000 acres may hunt antlerless deer on their own land, provided the land is in a county or part thereof open to antlerless deer hunting.

All non-residents, military personnel, senior citizens, Class Q, disabled veterans, former POWs and underage hunters must purchase a Class N or NN license to hunt antlerless deer.

Class N or NN licenses may be purchased at any license agent, county clerk's office, the DNR Offices in Charleston and Elkins, or on the DNR website.

Class N or NN licenses are county specific and nontransferable.

Only one antlerless deer may be taken on each Class N or NN license.

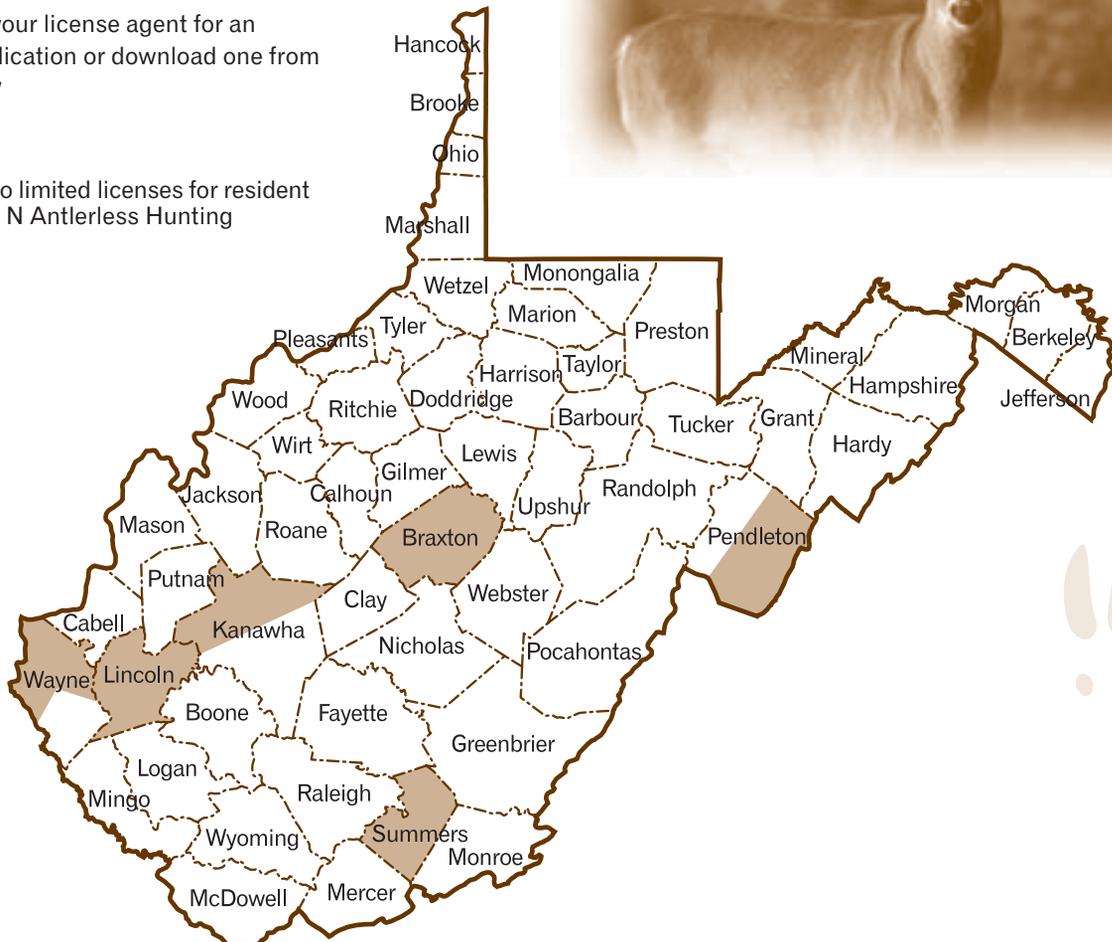
No person may actively participate (driving) in any manner in hunting antlerless deer without a valid Class N or NN license or otherwise being exempt from having a Class N license.



Limited Resident Class N Antlerless Counties

To apply, ask your license agent for an antlerless application or download one from www.wvdnr.gov

 **Open:** to limited licenses for resident Class N Antlerless Hunting



Deer - Antlerless Season

Antlerless Deer Hunting

Limited Resident

Six counties or parts thereof and nine wildlife management areas (WMAs) have a limited number of Class N licenses for resident antlerless deer hunting. To be eligible to hunt in one of these counties or wildlife management areas an application must be submitted by August 12, 2005. Successful applicants will receive notification from the DNR by mail. Resident landowners (see page 7) may hunt on their own land in these counties or parts thereof without a permit. See page 16.

In limited resident antlerless counties or parts thereof and limited resident antlerless WMAs, a hunter may take only one deer in the antlerless season.

Unlimited Resident and Nonresident

Thirty-five counties or parts thereof have an unlimited number of Class N/NN licenses for resident and nonresident antlerless deer hunting. No application is necessary for these counties. (See page 12 for antlerless regulations on Wildlife Management Areas and other public lands.)

Counties with a Bag Limit of three Class N or NN Deer and counties for use of unfilled Class RG and RRG Licenses in Antlerless Season

There are 25 counties or parts thereof where a hunter can take additional antlerless deer during the antlerless season by purchasing additional Class N or NN licenses (see page 16).

Also, unfilled Class RG and RRG gun licenses may be used to take an additional antlerless deer during the Class N season in 25 specified counties or parts thereof (see page 16).

Deer hunting on the Class RG or RRG or the second (or third) Class N or NN license during the November 21 - December 3, 2005 and December 28 -31, 2005, portions of the antlerless season can begin on the day after legally checking the first, second or third antlerless deer on a Class N or NN license or as a resident landowner (see page 7). Two antlerless deer may be taken on the same day during December 5 - 10, 2005, on private land only, provided the first deer is legally checked prior to hunting a second deer.

See page 12 for antlerless regulations on Wildlife Management Areas and other public lands.

Concurrent hunting during the Deer Antlerless Season

During antlerless season (December 5 - 10, 2005 and December 28 - 31, 2005) concurrent hunting for small game and bear (where the season is open) is legal, however, no hunter except those legally hunting antlerless deer or bear shall be afield with a firearm with solid ball ammunition or shot shells containing larger than No. 4 shot, except for waterfowl hunters using nontoxic shot.

Concurrent archery hunting is legal during the antlerless season subject to all archery deer hunting regulations. All persons hunting during deer firearms seasons (except those engaged in farming activities on their own land and waterfowl hunters) must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange as an outer garment.

Concurrent waterfowl hunting (See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations) is legal.

West Virginia's 2005 Celebration
September 24 - 25
Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday: 9 am - 5 pm

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Over 100 vendors and exhibitors showing outdoor equipment
Nationally recognized wildlife artists and craftsmen
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For more information: **Marshall Snedegar at (304) 558-2771**

Special Split Youth and Class Q - Deer

October 29 and December 26- 27, 2005: Antlerless Deer Only

A special split deer season for youth and Class Q hunters will be held on private land in counties or parts thereof open to antlerless (Class N) deer hunting and on 22 specified Wildlife Management Areas which are listed below. Only one antlerless deer may be taken per day.

Youth hunters must:

- be at least 8 years old and no more than 14 years old,
- be accompanied by a licensed adult, at least 21 years of age, who must also wear 400 square inches of blaze orange, cannot carry a gun or a bow and must remain near enough to the youth to render advice and assistance. **All accompanying adult nonresidents must possess Class E + CS/LE licenses,**

and, if a nonresident youth,

- possess Class XXJ + CS/LE licenses.

Class Q hunters must possess:

if a resident,

- Class Q permit+CS licenses.

if a nonresident,

- Class Q permit+Class E+CS/LE licenses.

The bag limit of one antlerless deer per day will not count towards the hunter's annual deer season bag limit. A class N license is not required. Each deer taken must be field tagged (see page 9) and checked at an official game checking station within 24 hours of the close of each portion of this special split season and before hunting an additional deer.

Youth and Class Q hunt participants and all other hunters hunting on private land or on any of the specified WMAs on the day of the special youth and Class Q deer hunt, with the exception of waterfowl hunters and persons engaged in farming activities on their own land, must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange as an outer garment.

Wildlife Management Areas open for a Special Split Youth and Class Q Deer Season

1. Allegheny (Mineral County)
2. Amherst/Plymouth (Putnam County)
3. Beech Fork (Cabell and Wayne counties)
4. Bluestone (Summers, Mercer and Monroe counties)
5. Big Ugly (Lincoln County)
6. Chief Cornstalk (Mason County)
7. Cross Creek (Brooke County)
8. Frozen Camp (Jackson County)
9. Hughes River (Ritchie and Wirt counties)
10. Jug (Tyler County)
11. Lewis Wetzel (Wetzel County)
12. McClintic (Mason County)
13. Mill Creek (Cabell County)
14. Nathaniel Mountain (Hampshire County)
15. Pruntytown (Taylor County)
16. Shannondale (Jefferson County)
17. Short Mountain (Hampshire County)
18. Sleepy Creek (Berkeley and Morgan counties)
19. Snake Hill (Monongalia and Preston counties)
20. Stonewall Jackson (Lewis County)
21. Stumptown (Gilmer County)
22. Underwood (Marshall and Wetzel counties)

Youth Squirrel Hunt

October 1, 2005

Youth hunters must be no more than 14 years of age and must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older. The accompanying adult cannot carry a gun or a bow and must remain near enough to the youth to render advice and assistance.



Muzzleloader Season - Deer

Use of unfilled Class RG and Class RRG Licenses in Muzzleloader Season

Unfilled Class RG and Class RRG licenses can be used to take an additional deer in the muzzleloader season in 25 counties or parts thereof (see page 10). See page 12 for muzzleloader regulations on Wildlife Management Areas and other public lands.

Deer hunting in the muzzleloader season on the Class RG or RRG gun license can begin on the day after legally checking the first muzzleloader deer.

In all instances, the first muzzleloader season deer must be taken on an appropriate license or as a landowner (see page 7) and legally checked before the Class RG or RRG license is legal (see page 10).

Concurrent hunting during the Muzzleloader Deer Season

A bow cannot be substituted for a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season. Concurrent archery hunting is legal during the muzzleloader season subject to all archery deer hunting regulations, except archery hunters must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange as an outer garment.

Concurrent hunting is permitted during the muzzleloader season. Except for those persons legally hunting bear, it is illegal to be afield with solid ball ammunition or shot larger than No. 4 during the muzzleloader season, except for waterfowl hunters using nontoxic shot.

It is legal to hunt small game with .22 caliber or smaller rimfire during the muzzleloader season.

Concurrent waterfowl hunting (See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations) is legal.

Special Seasons and Restrictions

Wilson Cove Deer Study Area and Hillcrest Wildlife Management Areas

Wilson Cove Deer Study Area located in Hardy County on the George Washington National Forest and the **Hillcrest WMA**, located in Hancock County will have a bucks-only muzzleloader season November 21 - December 3, 2005.

Only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines", of .38 caliber or larger are legal. A muzzleloader with telescopic sights is legal. **These two areas will not be open to the traditional rifle bucks-only firearms season.** All muzzleloader license requirements and bag limits apply. (See pages 8, 12 and 20.)

McClintic Wildlife Management Area

All antlered deer taken during muzzleloader season on McClintic WMA must have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches (ear tip to ear tip).

November 6, 2005

Share Your Harvest Sunday

Designated annually by the WV Division of Natural Resources in conjunction with the WV Council of Churches, **Share Your Harvest Sunday** helps support and keep the **Hunters Helping the Hungry** (HHH) program alive and growing. Hunters are asked to encourage their churches to participate by asking each member to donate \$1.00 to help defray meat processing costs.

HHH is a charitable program that provides high quality meat for meals to needy West Virginians. Hunters' donated deer are processed into ground venison and distributed to charitable agencies who help feed West Virginia's less fortunate.

Donations should be mailed to:
HHH, Mountaineer Food Bank
180 Enterprise Drive
Gassaway, WV 26624

If your church is unable to participate on November 6, a more convenient time may be chosen.

For more information contact
Marshall Snedegar
(304) 558-2771



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Health & Human Resources

This program is being presented with financial assistance as a grant from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.



Deer - 2004 Harvest by Season

County	Buck	Antlerless	Muzzleloader	Bow	Total
Barbour	1,311	1,693	333	525	3,862
Brooke	538	699	122	357	1,716
Hancock	462	653	149	459	1,723
Harrison	1,650	2,098	395	527	4,670
Marion	1,446	1,731	308	521	4,006
Marshall	1,719	1,658	277	506	4,160
Monongalia	1,808	2,138	415	709	5,070
Ohio	527	625	117	273	1,542
Preston	2,041	2,825	512	1075	6,453
Taylor	802	959	175	264	2,200
Tucker	626	562	269	428	1,885
Wetzel	1,952	2,323	524	431	5,230
District 1 Subtotal	14,882	17,964	3,596	6,075	42,517
Berkeley	836	790	143	399	2,168
Grant	1,352	1,458	352	471	3,633
Hampshire	2,233	2,265	348	350	5,196
Hardy	2,117	2,221	367	457	5,162
Jefferson	685	601	131	353	1,770
Mineral	1,312	1,312	162	340	3,126
Morgan	680	772	109	163	1,724
Pendleton	1,443	1,223	232	371	3,269
District 2 Subtotal	10,658	10,642	1,844	2,904	26,048
Braxton	1,539	2,604	567	546	5,256
Clay	472	190	94	278	1,034
Lewis	1,838	2,555	497	524	5,414
Nicholas	1,091	543	572	833	3,039
Pocahontas	1,057	874	243	353	2,527
Randolph	1,357	1,494	545	864	4,260
Upshur	1,312	2,107	338	571	4,328
Webster	800	344	361	604	2,109
District 3 Subtotal	9,466	10,711	3,217	4,573	27,967
Fayette	812	922	319	616	2,669
Greenbrier	1,840	2,455	534	722	5,551
McDowell	0	0	0	692	692
Mercer	509	650	147	451	1,757
Monroe	1,472	1,973	273	505	4,223
Raleigh	602	617	141	537	1,897
Summers	807	1,029	212	411	2,459
Wyoming	0	0	0	493	493
District 4 Subtotal	6,042	7,646	1,626	4,427	19,741
Boone	584	269	130	294	1,277
Cabell	773	809	148	326	2,056
Kanawha	1,077	758	179	716	2,730
Lincoln	944	1,038	176	389	2,547
Logan	0	0	0	541	541
Mason	2,295	2,506	454	767	6,022
Mingo	0	0	0	292	292
Putnam	1,206	1,403	202	550	3,361
Wayne	875	823	164	348	2,210
District 5 Subtotal	7,754	7,606	1,453	4,223	21,036
Calhoun	1,125	1,369	243	344	3,081
Doddridge	1,396	1,895	333	249	3,873
Gilmer	1,229	1,620	270	264	3,383
Jackson	2,289	2,599	439	677	6,004
Pleasants	574	635	102	102	1,413
Ritchie	2,000	2,539	476	479	5,494
Roane	1,909	2,568	404	541	5,422
Tyler	1,470	1,942	385	397	4,194
Wirt	1,234	1,807	291	341	3,673
Wood	1,845	2,319	425	631	5,220
District 6 Subtotal	15,071	19,293	3,368	4,025	41,757
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
State Total	63,873	73,862	15,104	26,227	179,066

General Regulations - Turkey

Resident and Nonresident Turkey Hunting License Privileges for Fall 2005

One wild turkey may be taken by hunters who possess one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, Class XJ, Class AB-L, Class A-L, Classes A+CS+W, or Classes Q+CS+W); or a free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW or Senior Citizen); or nonresident (Classes E+CS/LE+WW or Classes XXJ+CS/LE). Underage residents and resident landowners (see page 7) may take one turkey without a license.

Additional licenses must be purchased:

- to hunt on national forest lands: Class I (required for Classes A, Q, and E).
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1. (Must be age 21 or older, required for all hunters except resident landowners.)

Resident Landowner Privileges:

West Virginia resident landowners (see page 7) may hunt on their own land without obtaining a license.

Resident landowners hunting on their own property without a license can take the same number of turkeys as a licensed hunter. A hunter (licensee or landowner) cannot take more than the number of turkeys allowed in the respective seasons.



Field Tagging, Checking and Transporting

Each person killing a turkey must, within one hour and before moving the carcass from where it was killed, complete and attach the game field tag supplied with his or her license. This tag must bear the hunter's name, address, hunting license number (if required) and the date, time and county of kill. The field tag must remain on the carcass until it is dressed for consumption.

The carcass of each turkey shall be delivered to an official game checking station or a conservation officer for checking and retagging before it is either skinned or transported beyond the boundaries of the county adjacent to that in which the kill was made and within 72 hours from when it was killed or 24 hours from the close of the respective season, whichever comes first. The checking tag shall remain on the bird until it is dressed for consumption.

Common Violations

Following are the most common violations observed by Conservation Officers during the turkey hunting seasons:

- Hunting over bait
- Hunting without license
- Improper license
- Making false application for license
- Exceeding the limits
- Loaded gun in a vehicle
- Failure to field tag turkey
- Illegal possession of wildlife
- Hunting without permission

Reward

Reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of person found guilty of:

- illegally killing a turkey - \$200
- hunting turkey over bait - \$100
- willfully destroying a turkey nest or eggs - \$100

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2006 Spring Gobbler Season Regulations - Turkey

Statewide: April 24 - May 20, 2006

Shooting hours:

One-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.

It is illegal to:

- have an uncased firearm or a bow in your possession in the woods after 1 p.m.
- hunt with dogs
- use electronic calls
- hunt with the use of bait

Youth Spring Gobbler Hunt

A special one day youth spring gobbler hunt will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006.

The bag limit is one bearded turkey and the harvested bird **will** count toward the hunter's annual bag limit. Only shotguns using shot size 4, 5 or 6 are legal.

Youth hunters must:

- be at least 8 years old and no more than 14 years old,
- be accompanied by a licensed adult, at least 21 years of age, who cannot carry a gun or a bow and must remain close enough to render advice and assistance.

and, if a nonresident,

- possess Class XXJ + CS/LE licenses.

Nonresident adults accompanying youth hunters must possess Class E+WW+CS/LE licenses.

Resident and Nonresident Turkey Hunting License Privileges for Spring 2006

Two wild turkey may be taken by hunters who possess one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, Class XJ, Class AB-L, Class A-L, or Classes A+CS+BG); or a free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW or Senior Citizen); or nonresident (Classes E+CS/LE+WW or Classes XXJ+CS/LE). Underage residents and resident landowners (see page 7) may take two bearded turkeys without a license.

Additional licenses must be purchased:

- to hunt on national forest lands: Class I (required for Class E).
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1. (Must be age 21 or older, required for all hunters except resident landowners.)

Resident Landowner Privileges:

West Virginia resident landowners (see page 7) may hunt on their own land without obtaining a license.

Resident landowners hunting on their own property without a license can take the same number of turkeys as a licensed hunter. A hunter (licensee or landowner) cannot take more than the number of turkeys allowed in the respective seasons.

Spring Gobbler Survey

The Division of Natural Resources conducts an annual Spring Gobbler Survey. Spring turkey hunters interested in participating in the survey should contact the following office:

Division of Natural Resources Operations Center

c/o Dr. Randy Tucker

P.O. Box 67 • Elkins, WV 26241

(304) 637-0245 • email: randytucker@wvdnr.gov



Bear and Turkey - 2004 Harvests

County	Black Bear - Archery	Black Bear - Gun	Turkey - Spring	Turkey - Fall
Barbour	7	7	188	Closed
Brooke	0	0	144	12
Hancock	0	0	182	12
Harrison	0	0	277	Closed
Marion	0	0	190	Closed
Marshall	0	0	278	35
Monongalia	2	0	292	Closed
Ohio	0	0	116	17
Preston	20	27	348	125
Taylor	0	0	116	Closed
Tucker	11	62	53	41
Wetzel	1	0	200	Closed
District 1 Subtotal	41	96	2,850	242
Berkeley	0	0	74	42
Grant	5	30	138	73
Hampshire	1	1	200	135
Hardy	13	40	217	120
Jefferson	0	0	40	Closed
Mineral	0	10	86	62
Morgan	1	1	61	31
Pendleton	8	84	124	45
District 2 Subtotal	28	166	940	508
Braxton	4	3	227	Closed
Clay	2	1	83	Closed
Lewis	0	0	279	Closed
Nicholas	44	26	181	106
Pocahontas	19	90	74	49
Randolph	47	90	165	69
Upshur	6	1	225	Closed
Webster	41	54	96	55
District 3 Subtotal	163	265	1,330	279
Fayette	9	54	271	Closed
Greenbrier	35	80	239	165
McDowell	11	1	214	Closed
Mercer	5	3	294	Closed
Monroe	4	9	167	163
Raleigh	17	55	299	Closed
Summers	3	0	316	Closed
Wyoming	7	2	166	Closed
District 4 Subtotal	91	204	1,966	328
Boone	13	68	189	Closed
Cabell	0	0	141	Closed
Kanawha	25	67	260	Closed
Lincoln	0	0	208	Closed
Logan	1	1	159	Closed
Mason	0	0	400	Closed
Mingo	2	0	81	Closed
Putnam	0	0	211	Closed
Wayne	0	0	198	Closed
District 5 Subtotal	41	136	1,847	0
Calhoun	2	0	189	Closed
Doddridge	0	0	191	Closed
Gilmer	1	0	186	Closed
Jackson	0	0	250	Closed
Pleasants	0	0	89	Closed
Ritchie	0	0	291	Closed
Roane	1	0	294	Closed
Tyler	0	0	178	Closed
Wirt	0	0	215	Closed
Wood	0	0	229	Closed
District 6 Subtotal	4	0	2,106	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
State Total	368	867	10,573	1,357

Season Limit: 1

Resident and Nonresident Bear Hunting License Privileges

To hunt black bear, hunters must possess one of the following valid license combinations: resident (Classes X+DS, Classes XJ+DS, Classes AB-L+DS, Classes A-L+DS, Classes A+CS+DS or Classes Q+CS+DS); or a free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW or Senior Citizen); or nonresident (Classes EE+DS+CS/LE). Underage residents and resident landowners (see page 7) may hunt bear without a license.

Additional licenses must be purchased:

- To hunt on national forest lands: Class I (required for Classes A, Q and EE)
- To hunt with a handgun: Class A-1 (must be 21 or older, required for all hunters except resident landowners)

It is illegal to:

- hunt bears with the use of bait.
- feed bears.
- hunt a bear with
 1. a shotgun using ammunition loaded with more than one solid ball,
 2. a rifle of less than .25 caliber using rimfire ammunition
 3. a pistol or revolver using a straight-walled case of less than .357 magnum cartridge or a bottle-necked case of less than .24 caliber or
 4. a muzzleloading pistol of less than .38 caliber.
- hunt bear between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise.
- kill or attempt to kill any bear through the use of poison, explosives, snares, steel traps or deadfalls.
- shoot at or kill a cub bear weighing less than 100 pounds or to kill any bear accompanied by such cub.
- pursue a bear, after the chase has begun, with dogs not in use at the beginning of the hunt.
- kill more than one bear per year.
- organize for commercial purposes, or to professionally outfit a bear hunt, or to give or receive any consideration whatsoever or any donation in money, goods or services in connection with a bear hunt.
- for nonresidents to hunt bear with dogs, except in certain designated counties during the bear gun season.
- use an electronic call.

Field Tagging, Checking and Transporting

Each person killing a bear must, within one hour and before moving the carcass from where it was killed, complete and attach the game field tag supplied with his/her license. This tag must bear the hunter's name, address, hunting license number (if required) and the date, time and county of kill. The field tag must remain on the carcass until it is dressed for consumption.

A person killing a bear must, within 24 hours after the kill, transport the bear or its fresh skin to a conservation officer or an official game checking station for retagging. A checking tag must be affixed to the bear before any part of it may be transported more than 75 miles from the point of kill, and shall remain on the skin until it is tanned or mounted.

Penalties For Chapter 20 Bear Law Violations

These penalties are not subject to suspension by the court.

1st Offense

\$1,000 to \$5,000 fine or 30 to 100 days in jail, or both. Also includes suspension of hunting and fishing licenses for two years.

2nd Offense

\$2,000 to \$7,000 fine or 30 days to one year in jail, or both. Also includes suspension of hunting and fishing licenses for life.

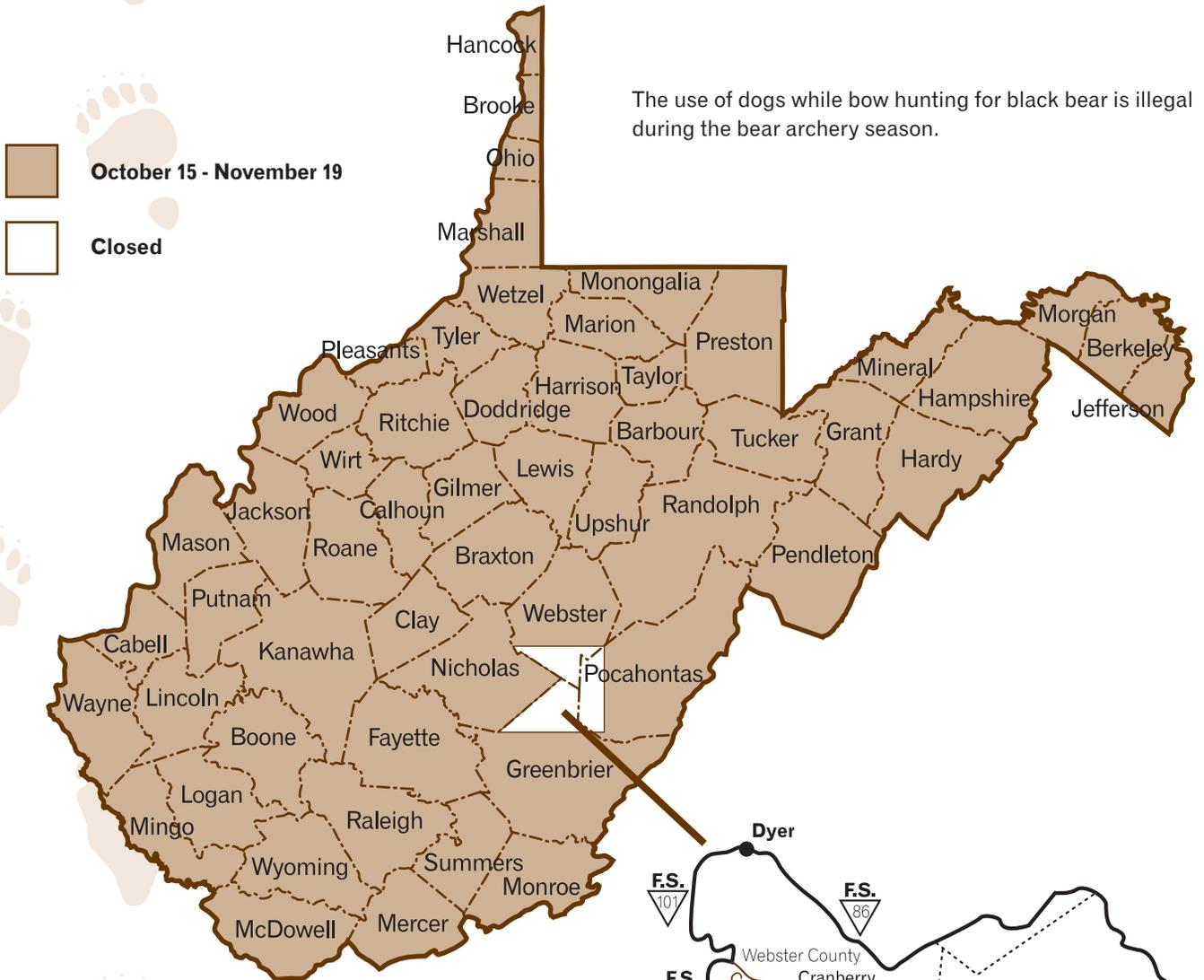
3rd Offense

FELONY - \$5,000 to \$10,000 fine or 1 to 5 years in prison, or both.

Bear - Archery Season

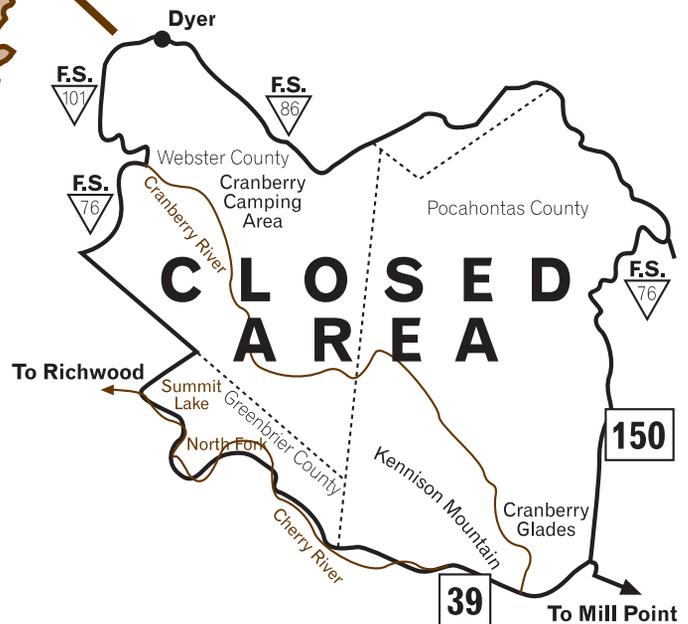
Opening Date: October 15

Closing Date: November 19



Cranberry Closed Area

The Cranberry Closed Area is bounded as follows: Starting at Dyer on Forest Service Route 86, the boundary proceeds along Forest Service Route 86 east to Forest Service Route 76 (The Black Mountain Road); the boundary follows Forest Service Route 76 south to the intersection with the Highland Scenic Highway (State Route 150); the line then follows State Route 150 to State Route 39. The southern boundary of the Closed Area follows State Route 39 to the Nicholas County line; then proceeds north following the Nicholas County line to Forest Service Route 76, it then follows Forest Service Route 76 north to Forest Service Route 101. The boundary then follows Forest Service Route 101 north to Dyer.



Firearms Season - Bear

Season Limit: 1

A bow may be substituted for a firearm during bear firearms season.

Can Use Dogs

**Oct. 31 - Nov. 5
December 5 - 31**

Boone
Fayette
Kanawha
Raleigh

December 5 - 31

Barbour (*East of Rt. 92*)
Grant
Greenbrier
Hardy
Mineral
(*West of New Creek*)
Monroe (*East of Rt. 219*)
Nicholas
Pendleton
Pocahontas
Preston
Randolph
Tucker
Webster

 **October 31 - November 5
and December 5 - 31**

 **December 5 - 31**

 **Closed**



Cranberry Closed Area

Cannot Use Dogs

November 21 - 26

Boone
Fayette
Kanawha
Raleigh

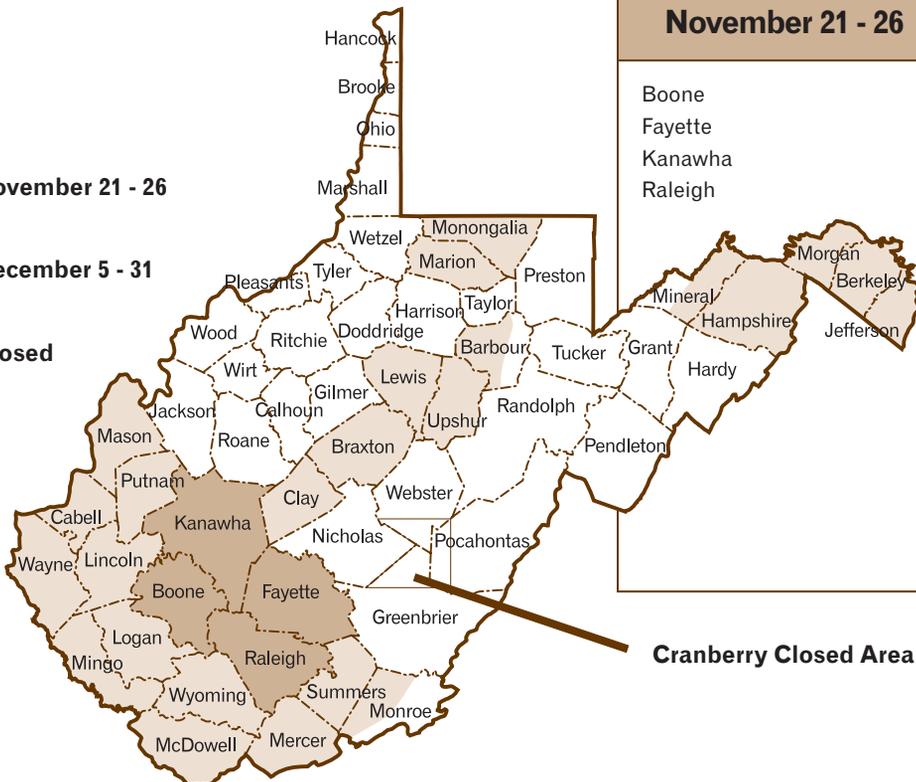
December 5 - 31

Barbour (<i>West of Rt. 92</i>) Berkeley Braxton Cabell Clay Hampshire Jefferson Lewis Lincoln Logan Marion Mason McDowell	Mercer Mingo Mineral (<i>East of New Creek</i>) Monongalia Monroe (<i>West of Rt. 219</i>) Morgan Putnam Summers Upshur Wayne Wyoming
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 **November 21 - 26**

 **December 5 - 31**

 **Closed**



Cranberry Closed Area

Bear - Dog Training Regulations

The same licenses required for bear hunting are required for the training of dogs on bear.

Training for nonresidents may begin October 8, 2005 and continue throughout small game season, ending February 28, 2006.

- It is unlawful for a person to permit a dog owned by him or under his control to chase, pursue or follow upon the track of any deer or wild turkey.
- Dogs may be trained on bears on private land with the landowner's written permission, or on public lands, at any time.
- Persons training dogs may not have firearms or other implements for the taking of wildlife in their possession during closed seasons on wild animals and birds.

Attention Bear Hunters

The Division of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently studying factors related to the productivity and mortality of black bears in West Virginia. As part of this research effort, radio collars, ear tags and lip tattoos have been placed on a number of bears. Anyone observing a bear wearing a radio collar or ear tag is asked to report the number of the tag (if obtainable) to the DNR. Hunters that harvest a bear with a radio collar and/or ear tag should return this equipment to the DNR.

Successful bear hunters can contribute to this research effort by allowing a tooth, the size of a kitchen match, to be pulled and submitted to the bear project. This will enable wildlife biologists to determine the bear's age. After processing the tooth, the DNR will provide you with the age of the animal.

A tagged bear may have been tranquilized.

Please contact the District Wildlife Biologist prior to consumption of meat.



Bear Reproductive Tract Collection

WV Wildlife biologists are continuing to collect female bear reproductive tracts. Information from these tracts, as well as a premolar tooth from each bear will reveal such data as breeding ages of females, number of cubs produced, age structure of female population and reproductive success. Please help us obtain as much information as possible by following the outlined procedures. You may call any District DNR office or the Elkins Operations Center for assistance.

District 1: (304) 367-2720

District 2: (304) 822-3551

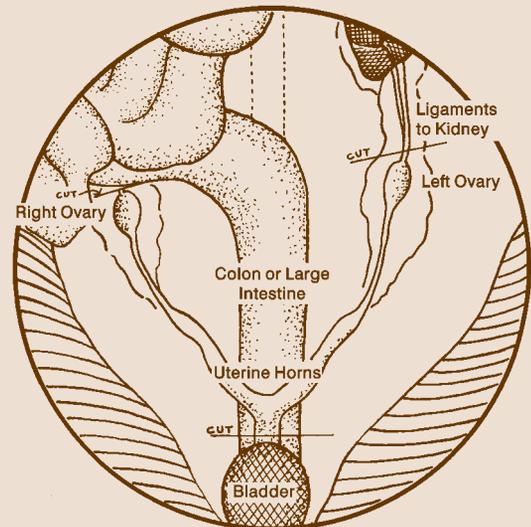
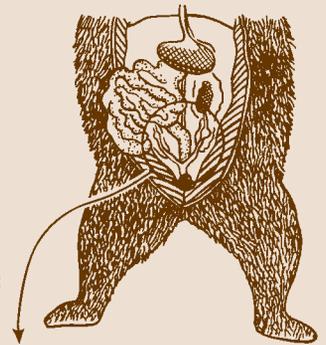
District 3: (304) 924-6211

District 4: (304) 256-6947

District 5: (304) 675-0871

District 6: (304) 420-4550

Elkins Operations Center:
(304) 637-0245



Procedures

1. Open bear abdominal cavity.
2. Move intestines aside.
3. Locate bladder.
4. Note uterus under bladder, over large intestine.
5. Remove uterus and ovaries by cutting as close to vulva as possible and above ovaries. Be certain to get both ovaries which are each about the size of an acorn. They may be buried in large amounts of fat.
6. Put in plastic bag and place in cool location (in refrigerator if available), and notify DNR personnel.
7. If scales are available, weigh the bear.

2005 Archery and Firearms Seasons - Boar

Season Limit: 1 Archery Season: October 15 - December 31 Firearms Season: October 24 - 29

Residents only - no application required

Wild boar may be taken during the firearms wild boar season with a bow or with a firearm using ammunition legal in West Virginia for taking deer (see page 9).

A field tag must be completed and attached to the animal within one hour, or in any case prior to its removal from the site where it was killed.

All boar killed must be taken to an official game checking station or a conservation officer in the county of kill within 24 hours for retagging.

Use of dogs and/or bait is prohibited.

Concurrent hunting of small game, using a shotgun or a bow, is permitted during wild boar seasons. Concurrent hunting of deer and bear, in counties where legal, is permitted during boar seasons.

Only one Class P stamp is needed for firearms and archery seasons. Any West Virginia Lifetime hunting license holder may purchase a Class P boar hunting license. A Class P license must be accompanied by a Class A, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ, Q, or free license to hunt boar.

Shooting hours:

½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Wild Boar Seasons Counties

Boone, Logan, Raleigh and Wyoming counties are open to boar archery and firearms seasons.

-  **Archery:** October 15 - December 31
-  **Firearms:** October 24 - 29
-  **Closed**



Licenses - Valid Base and Combination Licenses

Hunter Type	Deer Archery	Deer Bucks-Only Firearms	Deer Antlerless	Deer Muzzleloader	Black Bear	Fall 2005 Only Wild Turkey	Wild Boar
Resident**	A-L	A-L	A-L + N	A-L	A-L + DS	A-L	A-L+P
	AB-L	AB-L	AB-L + N	AB-L	AB-L + DS	AB-L	AB-L + P
	X	X	X+N	X	X+DS	X	X+P
	XJ	XJ	XJ+N	XJ	XJ+DS	XJ	XJ+P
	A+CS+U	A+CS	A+CS+N	A+CS+V	A+CS+DS	A+CS+W	A+CS+P
	Q+CS+U	Q+CS	Q+CS+N	Q+CS+V	Q+CS+DS	Q+CS+W	Q+CS+P
	Free License*	Free License*	Free License*+ N	Free License*	Free License*	Free License*	Free License*+P
	one of the above + up to two RBs for additional deer in specified counties	one of the above + an RG for one additional deer in specified counties					
Nonresident**	E+CS/LE+UU	E+CS/LE	E+CS/LE+NN	E+CS/LE+VV	EE+CS/LE+DS	E+CS/LE+WW	CLOSED
	XXJ+CS/LE	XXJ+CS/LE	XXJ+CS/LE+NN	XXJ+CS/LE		XXJ+CS/LE	
	one of the above + up to two RRBs for additional deer in specified counties	one of the above + an RRG for one additional deer in specified counties					

*Free Licenses include: Military, Senior Citizen, former POW and Disabled Veteran.
 **Handgun hunting also requires Class A-1 License

Residents

Under the age of 15

may hunt or trap without a license when accompanied by a licensed adult.

Licenses required:

- to hunt antlerless deer: Class N
- to hunt additional deer: Class RG and/or RB
- to hunt boar: Class P

65 years of age or older

must carry a WV driver's license or photo ID card issued by the DMV to hunt, trap or fish.

Additional licenses required:

- to hunt antlerless deer: Class N
- to hunt additional deer: Class RG and/or RB
- to hunt with a pistol: Class A-1
- to hunt boar: Class P
- Federal Migratory Waterfowl Stamp
- to hunt waterfowl or migratory birds: free HIP card

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Fall 2005 Hunting & Trapping Fees - Licenses

Hunting, trapping and fishing licenses are good for the calendar year. You must buy new licenses at the beginning of each year. All hunters must carry a valid form of photo identification. Hunters born after December 31, 1974, must carry proof of hunter education certification while hunting. *Types and costs of licenses will change beginning January 1, 2006 (see page 34).*

Resident Licenses

Conservation Stamp (Class CS): Required for all licensed hunters and anglers except holders of Class X, XJ, A-L, B-L and AB-L licenses	\$ 3
Hunting and Trapping License (Class A):	\$11
Sportsman Hunting/Trapping/Fishing License (Class X): For ages 18 through 64. Includes privileges of Conservation Stamp, National Forest stamp and Class U, Class V, and Class W licenses	\$25
Junior Sportsman Hunting/Trapping/Fishing License (Class XJ): Similar to Class X, but for ages 15-17	\$15
Antlerless Deer Hunting License (Class N): Must be accompanied by a Class A, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ, Q, or free license	\$ 8
Wild Boar Hunting License (Class P): Must be accompanied by A, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ, Q, or free license	\$ 5
Additional Deer Hunting Stamp (Class R): One or two for archery and one (1) for firearms - sold separately. Must be accompanied by a Class A, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ, Q, or free license	\$10
Archery Deer Hunting Stamp (Class U): Must be accompanied by a Class A or Q license	\$ 5
Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Stamp (Class V): Must be accompanied by a Class A or Q license	\$ 5
Turkey Hunting Stamp (Class W): Must be accompanied by a Class A or Q license	\$ 5
Fishing (Class B):	\$11

Nonresident Licenses

Conservation/Law Enforcement Stamp (Class CS/LE): Required for all licensed hunters and anglers	\$ 10
Statewide Hunting /Trapping License (Class E):	\$100
Statewide Fishing (Class F):	\$ 30
Junior Sportsman Hunting/Trapping license (Class XXJ): (Ages 8-14)	\$ 15
Bear Hunting License (Class EE):	\$150
Small Game Hunting License (Class H): Six days	\$ 20
Antlerless Deer Hunting License (Class NN): Must be accompanied by a Class E or XXJ license	\$ 25
Additional Deer Stamp (Class RR): One or two for archery and one (1) for firearms - sold separately. Must be accompanied by a Class E or XXJ license	\$ 30
Archery Deer Hunting Stamp (Class UU): Must be accompanied by a Class E license	\$ 25
Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Stamp (Class VV): Must be accompanied by a Class E license	\$ 25
Turkey Hunting Stamp (Class WW): Must be accompanied by a Class E license	\$ 25
Commercial Small Game Shooting Preserve License (Class J): available only at www.wvhunt.com	\$ 10

Lifetime Licenses

Resident lifetime hunting, trapping and fishing licenses serve in lieu of the equivalent annual license; applications are available at Division of Natural Resources offices and all license agents.

Combination Hunting, Trapping and Fishing (Class AB-L)*:	\$570
Combination Hunting, Trapping and Fishing - Infant (Class AB-L-I)*:	\$285
Hunting and Trapping (Class A-L)*:	\$425
Hunting and Trapping - Infant (Class A-L-I)*:	\$213
Small Arms Hunting (Class A-1-L)*:	\$ 75

**Class I, U, V, W Licenses and Conservation Stamp not required with the Class AB-L, A-L, A-L-I and AB-L-I Lifetime Licenses.*

Resident and Nonresident Licenses

Bear Stamp (Class DS): Required to hunt or chase bear. Bear Damage Stamp is to be accompanied by Class A, A-L, AB-L, EE, X, XJ, C or Q license	\$4
National Forest Hunting/Trapping/Fishing (Class I): Required on National Forests in addition to a Class A, B, E, F, EE, H, Q, or K license	\$2
West Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Stamp (Class MW): Required to hunt migratory waterfowl in addition to Class A, A-L, AB-L, E, H, X, Q, or XJ if age is 16 or older. Federal Waterfowl Stamp required	\$5
Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP): Required of all licensed migratory bird hunters	FREE
Small Arms Hunting License (Class A-1): for ages 21 or older. Must be accompanied by a Class A, A-L, AB-L, P, X, E, EE, H, J, Q, or free license	\$5

Purchasing a License in 2005

Licenses may be obtained as follows:

- At over 350 retail agent locations throughout the state and all county clerks offices. (\$3 issuing fee for first purchase and \$1 for subsequent purchases)
- www.wvhunt.com**
(Official WVDNR website - No issuing fee.)
- Directly from the Hunting and Fishing License Unit by phoning (304) 558-2758. (No issuing fee.)

For additional information please contact the

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Licenses - 2006 Hunting and Trapping Fees

Hunting, trapping and fishing licenses are good for the calendar year. You must buy new licenses at the beginning of each year.
The following hunting and trapping fees are effective January 1, 2006.

Resident Licenses

Conservation Stamp (Class CS): Required for all licensed hunters and anglers except holders of Class X, XJ, A-L, B-L and AB-L licenses	\$ 5
Hunting and Trapping License (Class A):	\$18
Sportsman Hunting/Trapping/Fishing License (Class X): For ages 18 through 64. Includes privileges of Conservation Stamp, Class A, B and BG licenses.....	\$33
Junior Sportsman Hunting/Trapping/Fishing License (Class XJ): Similar to Class X, but for ages 15-17	\$15
Antlerless Deer Hunting License (Class N): Must be accompanied by a Class A, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ, or free license.....	\$10
Additional Archery Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RB): Two may be purchased. Must be accompanied by a Class A+BG, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ or free license....	\$20
Additional Firearms Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RG): Must be accompanied by a Class A, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ or free license.....	\$20
Additional Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RM): Must be accompanied by a Class A+BG, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ or free license	\$15
Resident Big Game Stamp (Class BG): Required of Class A license holders to hunt deer during the archery and muzzleloader deer seasons, and to hunt bear, wild turkey, and wild boar	\$10
Fishing License (Class B):	\$18

Lifetime Licenses

Resident lifetime hunting, trapping and fishing licenses serve in lieu of the equivalent annual license; applications are available at Division of Natural Resources offices and all license agents. These fees are subject to increase upon approval of legislative rules.

Combination Hunting, Trapping and Fishing (Class AB-L)*:	\$570
Combination Hunting, Trapping and Fishing - Infant (Class AB-L-I)*:	\$285
Hunting and Trapping (Class A-L)*:	\$425
Hunting and Trapping - Infant (Class A-L-I)*:	\$213
Small Arms Hunting (Class A-1-L)*:	\$ 75

*Class BG License and Conservation Stamp not required with the Class AB-L, A-L, A-L-I and AB-L-I Lifetime Licenses.

Resident and Nonresident Licenses

Bear Stamp (Class DS): Required to hunt or chase bear. Bear Damage Stamp is to be accompanied by Class A, A-L, AB-L, EE, X, XJ or C license	\$10
Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP): Required of all licensed migratory bird hunters....	FREE
Small Arms Hunting License (Class A-1): for ages 21 or older. Must be accompanied by a Class A, A-L, AB-L, X, E, EE, H, J, or free license	\$8

Nonresident Licenses

Conservation/Law Enforcement Stamp (Class CS/LE): Required for all licensed hunters and anglers.....	\$ 12
National Forest Hunting/Trapping/Fishing (Class I): Required on National Forests in addition to a Class E, F, EE, or H license.....	\$ 2
Statewide Hunting /Trapping License (Class E):	\$110
Statewide Fishing License (Class F):	\$ 35
Junior Sportsman Hunting/Trapping license (Class XXJ): (Ages 8-17)	\$ 15
Bear Hunting License (Class EE):	\$150
Small Game Hunting License (Class H): Six days	\$ 25
Antlerless Deer Hunting License (Class NN): Must be accompanied by a Class E or XXJ license	\$ 25
Additional Archery Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RRB): Two may be purchased. Must be accompanied by a Class E or XXJ license	\$ 35
Additional Firearms Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RRG): Must be accompanied by a Class E or XXJ license.....	\$ 40
Additional Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RRM): Must be accompanied by a Class E or XXJ license	\$ 35
Archery Deer Hunting Stamp (Class UU): Must be accompanied by a Class E license.....	\$ 30
Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Stamp (Class VV): Must be accompanied by a Class E license	\$ 30
Turkey Hunting Stamp (Class WW): Must be accompanied by a Class E license.....	\$ 30
Commercial Small Game Shooting Preserve License (Class J): available only at www.wvhunt.com	\$ 10
One-day Statewide Fishing License (Class LL):	\$ 3

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Public Shooting Ranges in West Virginia

District 1

1. Lewis Wetzel WMA

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with six covered shooting benches.

Location: Wetzel County - four miles south of Jacksonburg on county Route 82.

2. Hillcrest WMA

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with seven covered shooting benches.

Location: Hancock County - on county Route 14, approximately one mile north at intersection with county Road 18 (Gas Valley Road).

3. Moundsville

Indoor range: eight 50-foot shooting stations. Only .22 caliber rifles and handguns can be used. Handgun shooters must use only straight-walled cases and all-lead bullets.

Archery Range: 35-foot

Location: Marshall County - Moundsville on 12th Street, one mile east of state Route 2 in Valley Fork Park. The range is located in the large stone building in the park and is operated by the Moundsville Rifle and Pistol Club. Open to public during limited hours.

4. Pleasants Creek WMA

Outdoor range: 200-yard maximum backstop distance with eight covered shooting benches.

Location: Barbour County - six miles north of Phillipi on U.S. Route 119/250 and .75 miles east on county Route 10.

5. White Horse Center

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with 10 covered shooting benches

Location: Barbour County - approximately 10 miles north of Buckhannon on state Route 20. The range is on Crouse Road (state Route 20/3) south of Peeltree and is under lease to the West Virginia Rifle and Pistol Association for development and operation.

District 2

6. Sleepy Creek WMA

Outdoor range: 200-yard maximum backstop distance with eight covered shooting benches.

Location: Berkeley County - on Third Hill Mountain Road off county Route 826, 1.5 miles north of county Route 7/13.

7. Brandywine

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with eight covered shooting benches.

Location: Shenandoah Wildlife Management Area in the George Washington National Forest. Can be reached by traveling 1.25 miles off U.S. Route 33 to U.S. Forest Service Route 151.

District 3

8. Elk River WMA

Spruce Fork: outdoor range - 100-yard backstop with eight covered shooting benches

Location: Braxton County - five miles south of Sutton on old U.S. Route 19 and three miles east on county Route 17.

9. Airport range:

175-yard maximum backstop distance with nine covered shooting benches.

Location: Braxton County - on state Route 15 across from the Braxton County Airport.

10. Stonewall Jackson Lake WMA

Sand Fork: 300-yard maximum backstop distance with ten covered shooting benches.

Location: Lewis County - just off U.S. Route 19, three miles east of Interstate 79 from exit 91.

11. Summersville Lake WMA

Archery range: 25-yard practice range

Location: Nicholas County - three miles south of Summersville on U.S. Route 19, on Long Point Road just past the Summersville Airport.

District 4

12. Bluestone WMA

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with six covered shooting benches.

Location: Summers County - county Route 33/2 at Indian Mills.

13. Panther State Forest

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with five covered shooting benches.

Location: McDowell County - from the town of Panther take state Routes 3/1 and 3/2. The range is situated approximately 1.5 miles past park headquarters.

14. Plum Orchard Lake WMA

Outdoor range: 175-yard maximum backstop distance with six covered shooting benches.

Location: Fayette County - exit the West Virginia Turnpike (I-77) at the Pax or Mossy interchange and follow state Routes 23 and 23/1. To access from U.S. Route 19, take state Route 15 from Oak Hill to Mossy, then state Routes 23 and 23/1.

15. R.D. Bailey WMA

Outdoor range: 200-yard maximum backstop distance with six covered shooting benches.

Location: Wyoming County - on Moccasin Creek off state Route 97 about six miles east of U.S. Route 52 and two miles west of Baileysville.

16. Montgomery

Outdoor range: 100-yards with covered shelter with 8 benches and one bunker for rifles and pistols.

Location: Fayette County - Montgomery on Morris Drive

Wildlife Management Areas - Public Lands

District	WMA	Acres	Class Q Access	Big Game	Small Game	Fishing Lake	Stream	Boating	Camping Tent	Trailer	Ownership	
1	WVDNR (304) 825-6787 1110 Railroad Street Farmington, WV 26571-0099	1. Bear Rocks Lake	242	•	•	•	•	•			WVDNR	
		2. Briery Mountain	1,162		•	•					WV Armory	
		3. Burches Run Lake	55	•	•	•	•	•			WVDNR	
		4. Castleman's Run Lake	486		•	•	•				WVDNR	
		5. Cecil H. Underwood	2,097		•	•		•			WVDNR	
		6. Center Branch	974		•	•					WVDNR	
		7. Cross Creek	2,080		•	•					WVDNR	
		8. Dunkard Fork	470	•	•	•	•		•		WCWC	
		9. Hillcrest	2,212	•	•	•					WVDNR	
		10. Lantz Farm and Preserve	548		•	•		•			WJU	
		11. Lewis Wetzel	13,590	•	•	•				•	•	WVDNR
		12. Pleasant Creek	2,976		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	WVDNR/COE
		13. Pruntytown State Farm	1,764			•	•					WVDOA
		14. Snake Hill	3,092			•	•					WVDNR
		15. Teter Creek Lake	137	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	WVDNR
		16. Upper Deckers Creek	56			•						WVDNR
2	WVDNR (304) 822-3551 1 Depot Street Romney, WV 26757	17. Allegheny	5,884		•	•		•			WVDNR	
		18. Edwards Run	397		•	•	•	•			WVDNR	
		19. Fort Mill Ridge	217		•	•		•			WVDNR	
		20. Nathaniel Mountain	10,675		•	•				•	•	WVDNR
		21. Shannondale Springs	1,566		•	•		•	•			WVDNR
		22. Short Mountain	8,005		•	•		•		•	•	WVDNR
		23. Sleepy Creek	22,928	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	WVDNR
		24. South Branch	1,097		•	•		•	•			WVDNR
		25. Thorn Creek	528		•	•		•				WVDNR
		26. Wildmeyer	422		•	•						WVDNR
3	WVDNR (304) 924-6211 Box 38 French Creek, WV 26218	27. Becky Creek	1,930		•	•				•	WVDOA	
		28. Big Ditch	388	•			•		•		WVDNR	
		29. Burnsville Lake	12,579	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	COE
		30. Elk River	18,225	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	WVDNR/COE
		31. Handley	784	•	•	•	•	•		•		WVDNR
		32. Huttonsville State Farm	2,720		•	•		•				WVDOA
		33. Morris Creek	9,874		•	•		•	•			TRUST
		34. Smoke Camp	252		•	•						WVDNR
		35. Stonecoal Lake	3,000	•	•	•	•		•			AEC
		36. Stonewall Jackson Lake	18,289	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	COE
		37. Summersville Lake	5,974	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	COE
		38. Valley Bend	31			•						WVDNR
		39. Wallback	11,757	•	•	•		•				WVDNR
4	WVDNR (304) 256-6947 2006 Robert C. Byrd Dr. Beckley, WV 25801-8320	40. Anawalt	2,097		•	•	•				WVDNR	
		41. Andrew Rowan Farm	650		•	•					WVDOA	
		42. Berwind Lake	90				•			•	WVDNR	
		43. Beury Mountain	3,061		•	•					WVDNR	
		44. Bluestone Lake	18,019	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	COE
		45. Meadow River	2,504		•	•						WVDNR/DOH
		46. Moncove Lake	898		•	•	•		•	•	•	WVDNR
		47. Plum Orchard Lake	3,201		•	•	•		•	•	•	WVDNR
		48. R.D. Bailey Lake	17,280		•	•	•	•	•			COE
		49. Tate Lohr	576		•	•						WVDNR
		50. Tug Fork	2,165			•		•				WVDNR
5	WVDNR (304) 675-0871 Route 1, Box 484 Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550	51. Amherst/Plymouth	7,061		•	•		•			Amherst Ind.	
		52. Beech Fork Lake	7,531		•	•	•		•	•	•	WVDNR/COE
		53. Big Ugly	5,300		•	•						WVDNR
		54. Chief Cornstalk	11,772		•	•	•			•		WVDNR
		55. East Lynn Lake	22,928		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	WVDNR
		56. Fork Creek	7,000		•	•				•		CCC
		57. Green Bottom	1,096		•	•		•				WVDNR/COE
		58. Hilbert	289		•	•						WVDNR
		59. Laurel Lake	12,854		•	•	•					WVDNR/FLG
		60. McClintic	3,655	•	•	•	•			•		WVDNR
		61. Mill Creek	1,470		•	•						WVDNR
		62. Upper Mud River	1,725		•	•	•		•			LCC
6	WVDNR (304) 420-4550 2311 Ohio Ave. Parkersburg, WV 26101	63. Conway Run	630		•	•	•		•		WVDNR	
		64. Frozen Camp	2,735		•	•	•		•		WVDNR	
		65. Hughes River	10,000	•	•	•	•					Heartwood
		66. Ritchie Mines	2,300		•	•						WVDNR
		67. Sand Hill	967		•	•						CNGTC
		68. Stumptown	1,674		•	•		•				WVDNR
		69. The Jug	2,065		•	•	•	•		•		WVDNR
		70. Woodrum	1,700		•	•	•	•	•			WVDNR

Public Lands - Forest Lands

	Forests	Acres	Class Q Access	Big Game	Small Game	Fishing Lake	Stream	Boating	Camping Tent	Trailer	Ownership
State	A. Cabwaylingo	8,123			•		•		•	•	WVDNR
	B. Calvin Price	10,182		•	•		•		•	•	WVDNR
	C. Camp Creek	5,897		•	•		•		•	•	WVDNR
	D. Coopers Rock	12,698		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	WVDNR
	E. Greenbrier	5,130		•	•				•	•	WVDNR
	F. Kanawha	9,250		•	•				•	•	WVDNR
	G. Kumbrabow	9,165		•	•				•		WVDNR
	H. Panther	11,087		•					•	•	WVDNR
	I. Seneca	11,681		•	•	•	•	•	•		WVDNR
National	J. Beaver Dam	37,674	•	•	•		•		•		USFS
	K. Blackwater	58,978	•	•	•		•		•	•	USFS
	L. Cheat	80,771		•	•		•		•		USFS
	M. Cranberry	158,147	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	USFS
	N. Little River	124,483		•	•	•	•		•	•	USFS
	O. Neola	104,741	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	USFS
	P. Otter Creek	68,782	•	•	•		•		•	•	USFS
	Q. Potomac	139,786	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	USFS
	R. Rimel	67,613	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	USFS
	S. Tea Creek	67,919	•	•	•		•		•	•	USFS
	T. Shenandoah	49,106		•	•	•		•	•	•	USFS
U. Wardensville	55,327		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	USFS	
V. Potts Creek	18,526		•	•		•		•	•	USFS	

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Wildlife Management Areas

www.wvdnr.gov/Hunting/WMAMap.shtm

State Forests

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