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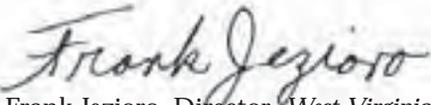
In addition to our land management activities on our WMAs, we are actively involved in a few major research efforts.

Our wildlife biologists are in the second year of a gobbler project in cooperation with the Virginia Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries to study gobbler survival rates, gobbling intensity, as well as other factors affecting wild turkey populations. We have placed radio transmitters on 79 toms in two study areas. This study will allow biologists to learn causes of mortality and compare our spring hunting season with that of Virginia.

In 2004 we expanded our black bear monitoring and research study area from four southern counties to include a few central mountain counties. As part of the study, biologists try to keep approximately 65 bears fitted with radio transmitters each year. For the past seven years our biologists have been gaining information on reproductive rates and survival which will help us to wisely manage the state animal. Additional research will also determine the best technique to monitor black bear populations in the future.

To provide deer hunters more opportunities to hunt trophy deer, this fall we have added four wildlife management areas to the existing one older-aged deer management area. Bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches before they are legal game.

In closing, I want to thank you, our state's hunters for financially supporting our efforts to offer a variety of hunting opportunities.



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Summary of Changes 2006-2007

1. Effective January 1, 2006 a Class Q permit only grants the holder permission to hunt from a motor driven vehicle. The holder must possess valid licenses, as required by law, for all hunting and fishing activities in which they wish to participate.
2. Effective January 1, 2006 qualifying physically challenged hunters may obtain a Class Y permit which allows the use of crossbows for hunting in established archery seasons (see page 5).
3. A bird dog training permit may be obtained which allows hunters to train bird dogs on pen-raised quail and pigeons on private lands with permission during closed seasons, if they wish to harvest the birds (see page 5).
4. Effective for the 2006-2007 trapping season, it is legal for trappers to disturb beaver dams and lodges in conjunction with beaver trapping activities.
5. Class RG and Class RRG additional buck stamps can only be used to take an additional antlered deer in Buck Season (see page 18).
6. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps permit the taking of an additional muzzleloader deer in Muzzleloader Season (see page 21).
7. Class N or Class NN antlerless stamps are no longer county specific. However, to hunt limited antlerless counties or WMAs, hunters must also apply for and receive an eligibility card (see pages 16).
8. There is a two-day limited resident and nonresident Antlerless Deer Season in Hampshire County on October 27-28, 2006 (see page 17). Also, see page 17 about Hampshire County CWD Containment Area.
9. Beech Fork Lake, Burnsville Lake, Bluestone Lake, and McClintic WMAs and Coopers Rock State Forest have been designated older age deer management areas and have a minimum outside antler spread restriction of 14 inches for all antlered deer taken and an annual antlered deer bag limit of one for all seasons combined (see pages 14, 19 and 21).
10. Wilson Cove Study Area and Hillcrest WMA have an annual antlered deer bag limit of one for all seasons combined.
11. The resident Class P Boar license, Class I national forest stamp, Class U archery stamp, Class V muzzleloader stamp, Class MW migratory waterfowl stamp and Class W turkey stamps have been eliminated. These privileges are now included in Classes X, XJ, A-L, and AB-L licenses. Class A license holders must purchase a Class BG stamp to hunt deer in the archery or muzzleloader seasons, or to hunt turkey, boar or bear. All resident and non resident bear hunters must also have a Class DS stamp (see page 27).

2006–2007 Seasons Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
*Wild Boar (Gun)	October 23	October 28	1		
*Wild Boar (Archery)	October 14	December 31			
*Deer (Buck)	November 20	December 2	See pages 10 -12.		
*Deer (Archery)	October 14	December 31			
*Deer (Antlerless)	November 20**	December 9			
Split Season	<i>December 27</i>	<i>December 30</i>			
Hampshire County	<i>October 27</i>	<i>October 28</i>			
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 11	December 16			
*Deer (Youth/Class O Hunt)	October 28	October 28	1		
Split Season	<i>December 25</i>	<i>December 26</i>	1	2	2
*Bear (Archery)	October 14	November 18	1		
*Bear (Gun - Selected Counties) Pages 27 - 29	October 30	November 4			
	November 20	November 25			
	December 4	December 30			
*Turkey, Fall (Selected Counties) (Selected Counties - page 25)	October 21	November 18	1		
	October 21	October 28			
	Preston County	<i>October 21</i>			
*Turkey (Spring 2007 - Bearded Only)	April 23	May 19	1	2	2
*Turkey (2007 Youth Hunt - page 25)	April 21	April 21	1 - counts towards hunters spring turkey season bag limit total of two		
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	October 7	January 31	6	24	None
Squirrel (Youth Hunt - page 22)	September 30	September 30	6		
Ruffed Grouse	October 14	February 28	4	16	None
Bobwhite Quail	November 4	January 6	3	9	None
Cottontail Rabbit	November 4	February 28	5	20	None
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 4	February 28	2	8	None
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only)	November 4	January 6	2	2	None
Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	<i>November 11</i>	<i>December 2</i>	1	1	None
Raccoon (Hunting) <i>The bag limit during an 11-hour period beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 5 a.m. is four raccoons for each person or groups of persons hunting as a party.</i>	October 14	February 28	4	See definition of possession limit on page 7.	None
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 4	February 28	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 4	February 28	None		
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 4	February 28	3		
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 4	February 28	None		
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 4	January 31	1		
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 4	March 31	None		
Crow	October 2	November 18	None		
Split Season	<i>January 1</i>	<i>March 3</i>			
<i>Nuisance Crows - crows committing depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, home gardens, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated so as to constitute a health hazard and or other nuisance may be killed at any time.</i>					
Coyote (day)	Continuous Open Season		None		
Coyote (night)***	January 1	July 31			
Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck, Weasel, English Sparrow, European Starling and Pigeon	Continuous Open Season		None		
Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, and Weasel (Trapping)	November 4	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 **December 3 Closed ***can only use amber-colored or red-colored light					

Prohibitions

It is illegal to:

- hunt in state parks (except as otherwise designated), 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 or with an electronic call.
- 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, at least 18 years of age, who remains near enough to render advice and assistance (see exception for youth hunts pages 22 and 25).
- 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 at or to shoot any wild bird 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 except that Class Y permit holders may hunt with a crossbow in established archery seasons.
- 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 buck deer season in the four counties closed to the buck 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 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.
- 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 19, 2007

Fairmont • Lewisburg • Martinsburg • Milton
Harrisville • Summersville

March 20, 2007

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, but not a crossbow, may be substituted for a firearm during any season for which firearms are legal except during muzzleloader firearms deer seasons.

A Class Y permit allows a qualified, physically challenged person to hunt with a crossbow during designated archery 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 except for the holder of a Class Y permit during designated archery seasons. A crossbow must have:
 - a draw weight of at least 125 pounds.
 - a working safety.
 - bolts at least 18 inches long.
 - broadheads with at least two edges at least $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wide.
- hunt turkey, bear, deer or boar with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than $\frac{3}{4}$ 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 (this 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 (except as otherwise designated) 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 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 taking wildlife in their possession during closed seasons on wild animals and birds. Persons participating in dog training must have a hunting license.

A person 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, providing no game is taken, livestock or domestic animals killed or damage done to that property. Dogs may not be retrieved without the landowner's permission.

Residents may train dogs and hold field trials on wild animals and birds on public lands or on private land with the landowner's written permission at any time. Dogs may not be trained on deer or wild turkey.

Nonresidents may train dogs from October 7 through February 28, or if their state offers WV hunters reciprocal dog training privileges, they may train dogs on raccoons from August 15 through February 28. See additional information on bear dog training on page 30.

Bird Dog Training

A permit may be obtained to train dogs on pigeons or commercially (pen) raised quail on private land if training during a closed season and if birds are being killed.

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. Some additional stamps may be required (see pages 8 and 37).
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 37). Residents who have not reached their 15th birthday may hunt without a license but they must be accompanied by a licensed adult at least 18 years of age (exceptions, see pages 22 and 25). Some additional stamps may be required (see pages 8 and 37).
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. Some additional stamps may be required (see pages 8 and 37).
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 migratory waterfowl stamp.

Mandatory Hunter Education and Identification 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: a certificate of satisfactory completion of a Hunter Education Course approved by the Hunter Education Association or the Director, or the previous years resident or nonresident WV hunting license bearing certification, or 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.

A person may not legally hunt unless he or she has on his or her person a) the proper licenses, stamps or permits, b) a photo ID, and c) proof of hunter safety certification (if required).

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 28.

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.

General Regulations

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. Beech Fork Lake, Bluestone Lake, Burnsville Lake, Green Bottom, Hillcrest and McClintic WMAs and Coopers Rock State Forest - Hunting only in accordance with special rules established for the area (see pages 2, 9, 14, 19 and 21).
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 rimfire rifles or handguns of .22 caliber or smaller. 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 daily, 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: an individual who is permanently and totally disabled due to paralysis or disease in the lower half of the body, which makes it impossible to ambulate successfully more than two hundred feet without assistance.

Possession limit: game taken in WV which is in any way under the hunter's control. Example; the total of all game in a car, truck, home freezer, commercial food locker, or any other storage 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 when hunting or trapping on their own land. 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 Classes X and XJ, Lifetime Classes 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 buck season and one deer during the muzzleloader season.

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: 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
- to hunt an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RM

Annual Class A (must also have a Class CS):

entitles the hunter to hunt one antlered deer during the buck season.

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: Class RG
- to archery hunt deer: Class BG
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RB
- to muzzleloader hunt deer in muzzleloader season: Class BG
- to hunt an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RM
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class N
- 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 17 who have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course may purchase a Class XXJ license and a Class CS/LE stamp:

entitles the holder to take one deer during the archery season, one antlered deer during the buck season, and one deer during the muzzleloader season.

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: Class RRG
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RRB
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class NN
- to hunt an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RRM

All other nonresidents, regardless of landowner status, must purchase an annual Class E license and a Class CS/ LE stamp:

entitles the holder to hunt one antlered deer during the buck season.

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: 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 an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RRM
- 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

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 calendar year in all seasons combined.

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.
- both a gun and a bow, or with a gun and any arrows, except that persons having a concealed weapons permit may carry a concealed handgun for self-defense only.
- a crossbow, except for the holder of a Class Y permit during designated archery seasons.
- a crossbow having:
 - a draw weight less than 125 pounds.
 - no working safety.
 - bolts less than 18 inches long.
 - broadheads with less than two edges less than $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wide.
- a bow with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in width.
- a bow locking device, except with a modified bow permit issued by the Director.
- an arrow with an explosive, drug-laced or poisoned head or shaft.
- anything other than a bow or single-shot muzzleloading firearm on Green Bottom WMA.
- an electronic call.

Baiting and Feeding Regulations

It is illegal to bait or feed cervids or other wildlife in a "Containment Area" as determined by the Director and established for the management, control or eradication of chronic wasting disease, bovine tuberculosis, avian influenza or other wildlife diseases. Provided, that song and insectivorous birds may be fed within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling. Provided further, that captive cervids may be fed inside cervid facilities permitted by the Division of Natural Resources.

See pages 14, 17, 19 and 21.

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. If no field tag has been supplied, then the hunter must make a field tag. 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.

No person may transport 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.

Hampshire County Containment Area

See Special Regulations regarding transportation of cervids from CWD Containment Area (pages 14, 17, 19 and 21).

The maximum annual bag limit (excluding special urban archery hunts) may include no more than 3 antlered bucks.

County See Page 12 for Public Land Regulations	Archery October 14 – December 31	Buck Firearms November 20 – December 2	Antlerless November 20 – December 2 and December 27-30 Private Land Only December 4-9 Public and Private Land	Muzzleloader December 11-16
Berkeley Monongalia Brooke Morgan Hampshire* Ohio Hancock Pleasants Hardy Taylor Harrison Tyler Jackson Wetzel Jefferson Wirt Marion Wood Marshall Mason Mineral	Maximum season bag limit: 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 stamps (one deer per stamp) or by a resident landowner using those privileges. 	Maximum season bag limit: 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege. <p>Note concurrent Antlerless Season.</p>	Maximum season bag limit: 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first antlerless deer must be taken on a Class N or NN stamp or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. Two additional antlerless deer may be taken on Class N or NN stamps (one deer per stamp) or by a resident landowner. Requires a valid base license or license combination, or free license plus a Class N or NN stamp for each deer, except for resident landowners hunting on their own land. <p>Two antlerless deer may be taken on the same day on private land only Dec. 4-9, provided the first antlerless deer taken must be checked before pursuing or taking a second antlerless deer.</p>	Maximum season bag limit: 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.
County See Page 12 for Public Land Regulations	Archery October 14 – December 31	Buck Firearms November 20 – December 2	Antlerless November 20 – December 2 Private Land Only December 4-9 Public and Private Land	Muzzleloader December 11-16
Barbour Calhoun Doddridge Grant <i>(East of top of New Creek and North Fork Mountains)</i> Lewis Preston Putnam Ritchie	Maximum season bag limit: 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 stamps (one deer per stamp) or by a resident landowner using those privileges. 	Maximum season bag limit: 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege. <p>Note concurrent Antlerless Season.</p>	Maximum season bag limit: 1 <p>One Class N or NN deer may be taken in each county, not to exceed an annual total of 3 Class N or NN deer in this group of counties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One antlerless deer may be taken on a Class N or NN stamp 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 stamp, except for resident landowners hunting on their own land. Prior application for permit not required. 	Maximum season bag limit: 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.

**Hampshire County will have a special limited resident and nonresident Class N or NN antlerless deer season October 27-28, 2006. Prior application is required. See page 17.*

The maximum annual bag limit (excluding special urban archery hunts) may include no more than 3 antlered bucks.

County (See Page 12 for Public Land Regulations)		Archery October 14 – December 31	Buck Firearms November 20 – December 2	Antlerless November 20 – December 2 Private Land Only December 4-9 Public/Private Land	Muzzleloader December 11-16
Cabell Gilmer Grant <i>(West of top of New Creek and North Fork Mountains)</i> Kanawha <i>(North of Elk River and West of Corridor G)</i>	Monroe Pendleton <i>(East of North Fork River)</i> Roane Upshur Wayne <i>(North of Route 37)</i>	<p>Maximum season bag limit: 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 stamps (one deer per stamp) or by a resident landowner using those privileges. 	<p>Maximum season bag limit: 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege. <p>Note concurrent Antlerless Season.</p>	<p>Maximum season bag limit: 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited to West Virginia residents only and prior application for permit is required. One antlerless deer may be taken on a Class N stamp or by a resident landowner. Requires a valid base license or license combination, or free license and a Class N stamp except, for resident landowners hunting on their own land. 	<p>Maximum season bag limit: 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.
Boone Braxton Clay Fayette Greenbrier Lincoln Kanawha <i>(South of Elk River and East of Corridor G)</i> Mercer Nicholas	Pendleton <i>(West of North Fork River)</i> Pocahontas Randolph Raleigh Summers Tucker Wayne <i>(South of Route 37)</i> Webster	<p>Maximum season bag limit: 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege. 	<p>Maximum season bag limit: 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege. 	Season Closed	<p>Maximum season bag limit: 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.
Logan McDowell Mingo Wyoming		<p>Maximum season bag limit: 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 stamp 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 stamps or by a resident landowner using those privileges. 	Season Closed	Season Closed	Season Closed

The maximum annual bag limit (excluding special urban archery hunts) may include no more than 3 antlered bucks.

Wildlife Management Areas and other Public Lands	Special Regulations
Hughes River WMA Sleepy Creek WMA Lewis Wetzel WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in the respective counties where the WMAs are located except: the Antlerless Season is only six days December 4-9 and the season bag limit is one deer. The Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.
McClintic WMA	All regulations are the same as Mason County private land except: all antlered deer taken must have a minimum 14" outside antler spread. The annual bag limit for antlered deer in Buck Gun, Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons combined is one deer. The Antlerless Season is only six days December 4-9 and the season bag limit is one deer. The Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.
Beech Fork Lake Bluestone Lake WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in the counties where the WMAs are located except: all antlered deer taken must have a minimum 14" outside antler spread. The annual bag limit for antlered deer in Buck Gun, Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons combined is one deer. The Antlerless Season is limited to West Virginia residents and is only six days, December 4- 9. Prior application is required and the season bag limit is one deer.
Burnsville Lake WMA	All regulations are the same as Braxton County private land except: all antlered deer taken must have a minimum 14" outside antler spread. The annual bag limit for antlered deer in Buck Gun, Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons combined is one deer.
Coopers Rock State Forest	All regulations are the same as private land in the counties where the State Forest is located except: all antlered deer taken must have a minimum 14" outside antler spread. The annual bag limit for antlered deer in Buck Gun, Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons combined is one deer. The Antlerless Season is only six days December 4-9 and the season bag limit is one deer. The Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.
Amherst/Plymouth WMA Stonecoal Lake WMA Cross Creek WMA Stonewall Jackson Chief Cornstalk WMA Lake 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, December 4-9. Prior application is required and the season bag limit is one deer. The Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.
Hillcrest WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in Hancock County except: Buck Gun Season is closed. This area has a Special Muzzleloader Buck Season from Nov. 20-Dec.2. All Muzzleloader Season stamp requirements apply. The annual antlered deer bag limit for Archery and Muzzleloader seasons combined is one deer. The Antlerless Season is limited to West Virginia residents and is only six days, December 4-9. Prior application is required and the season bag limit is one deer. The Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.
Wilson Cove Deer Study Area	All regulations are the same as private land in Hardy County except: Buck Gun Season is closed. This area has a Special Muzzleloader Buck Season from Nov. 20-Dec. 2. All Muzzleloader Season stamp requirements apply. The annual antlered deer bag limit for Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons combined is one deer. The Antlerless Season is only six days, December 4-9.
Potts Creek WMA (Jefferson National Forest)	All regulations are the same as private land in Monroe County except: the Archery Season bag limit is two deer. The Antlerless Season is closed.
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, December 4-9.
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: in counties having an antlerless season, the Antlerless Season is only six days, December 4-9.

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+BG); 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 stamps (one per stamp) or by resident landowners hunting on their own property. One of the deer taken on a Class RB or RRB stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege must be an antlerless deer taken in a county open to Class N antlerless hunting.

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

Deer of either sex may be hunted statewide with a bow during the archery season. A bow, but not a crossbow, 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 weapon permit may carry a concealed handgun for self-defense only.
- to hunt with a crossbow and/or have a crossbow afield except for the holder of a Class Y permit during designated archery seasons.
- to hunt with a crossbow having:
 - a draw weight less than 125 pounds.
 - no working safety.
 - bolts less than 18 inches long.
 - broadheads with less than two cutting edges less than $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wide.
- to hunt deer with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than $\frac{3}{4}$ 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.

Additional Deer Archery Stamps

Class RB and Class RRB

During a calendar year a resident may purchase only two Class RB stamps and a nonresident may purchase only two Class RRB stamps. The Class RB or Class RRB archery stamps must be purchased before October 14, 2006, prior to the opening of archery season.

Only one deer may be taken with each Class RB or RRB stamp. Hunting on the Class RB or Class RRB stamps can begin on the day after legally checking the first deer.

Class RB or RRB stamps cannot be used for taking deer with a firearm.

Two additional deer may be taken with Class RB or Class RRB stamps or by a resident landowner hunting on their own land during the archery season. One Class RB or Class RRB stamp or landowner Class RB stamp privilege must be used to take an antlerless deer in a county open to Class N antlerless hunting.

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 stamp 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 stamps in these counties. The taking of antlerless deer during the buck season is legal in these counties.

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

Concurrent hunting during Deer Archery Season

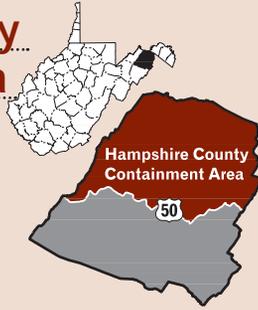
A bow hunter may take small game at any time the small game season is open, except the first three days of buck season in counties having a buck season.

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 - Archery Season

Hampshire County Containment Area

Includes all portions of Hampshire County north of US Route 50.



Carcass Transport Regulations

Hunters are prohibited from transporting dead cervids or their parts beyond the boundary of the containment area except for the following portions of the carcass:

1. meat that has been boned out,
2. quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached,
3. cleaned hide with no head attached,
4. clean skull plate (no meat or tissue attached) with antlers attached,
5. antlers with no meat or tissue attached, and
6. finished taxidermy mounts.

Hunters may transport cervid carcasses that were not killed inside the containment area through the containment area.

Baiting and Feeding Regulations

It is illegal to bait or feed cervids or other wildlife in the containment area except that it is legal to feed birds within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling (see page 9).

Special Seasons and Restrictions

Urban Deer Archery Season

A special archery deer hunting season is available between September 30 – December 31, 2006 to incorporated cities, towns, villages and incorporated 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 hunters 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.

Older-Aged Deer Management Areas

All antlered deer taken during archery season on Beech Fork Lake, Bluestone Lake, Burnsville Lake, and McClintic WMAs and Coopers Rock State Forest must have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches (ear tip to ear tip). The annual bag limit for antlered deer on these areas is one for all seasons combined.

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An antlerless deer is any deer having no antlers or having no antler greater than three inches long above the hairline.
The maximum annual bag limit in a county or group of counties is three Class N or NN antlerless deer.

<p>Counties or parts thereof open to Unlimited Resident Class N, Nonresident Class NN and Two Additional Class N or NN</p> <p>Season Bag Limit: 3</p> <p>November 20 – December 2 and December 27-30 (Private Land Only)</p> <p>December 4 - 9 (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</p> <p>One Class N or NN deer may be taken in each county, not to exceed an annual total of 3 Class N or NN deer in this group of counties</p> <p>November 20 – December 2 (Private Land Only)</p> <p>December 4 - 9 (Private and Public Land*)</p>	<p>Counties or parts thereof open to Limited Class N for Resident Only (Must Apply)</p> <p>Season Bag Limit: 1</p> <p>November 20 – December 2 (Private Land Only)</p> <p>December 4 - 9 (Private and Public Land*)</p>	<p>Wildlife Management Areas open to Limited Class N for Resident Only (Must Apply)</p> <p>Season Bag Limit: 1</p> <p>December 4 - 9</p>
<p>Berkeley</p> <p>Brooke</p> <p>Hampshire**</p> <p>Hancock</p> <p>Hardy</p> <p>Harrison</p> <p>Jefferson</p> <p>Jackson</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>Taylor</p> <p>Tyler</p> <p>Wetzel</p> <p>Wirt</p> <p>Wood</p>	<p>Barbour</p> <p>Calhoun</p> <p>Doddridge</p> <p>Grant <i>(East of top of New Creek and North Fork Mountains)</i></p> <p>Lewis</p> <p>Preston</p> <p>Putnam</p> <p>Ritchie</p> <p>Counties not listed in the table are closed to firearms antlerless hunting.</p> <p>*See page 12 for exceptions and special regulations regarding antlerless season on WMAs and other public lands.</p> <p>**Hampshire County will have a special limited resident and nonresident Class N or NN antlerless season October 27-28, 2006. Prior application is required. The bag limit is one (see page 17).</p> <p>A maximum of three antlerless deer may be taken on Class N or NN licenses (one per day, except that two may be taken on the same day, December 4-9, 2006 on private land only, provided the first deer is legally checked prior to hunting a second deer).</p>	<p>Cabell 242</p> <p>Gilmer 455</p> <p>Grant 109 <i>(West of top of New Creek and North Fork Mountains)</i></p> <p>Kanawha 499 <i>(North of Elk River and West of Corridor G)</i></p> <p>Monroe 664</p> <p>Pendleton 336 <i>(East of North Fork River)</i></p> <p>Roane 1024</p> <p>Upshur 781</p> <p>Wayne 193 <i>(North of Route 37)</i></p>	<p>Amherst/Plymouth Putnam County 100</p> <p>Beech Fork Wayne County 100</p> <p>Bluestone Summers/Monroe counties 600</p> <p>Chief Cornstalk Mason County 200</p> <p>Cross Creek Brooke County 50</p> <p>Hillcrest Hancock County 50</p> <p>Stonecoal Lewis/Upshur counties 100</p> <p>Stonewall Jackson Lake Lewis County 500</p>

Deer - Antlerless Season

All antlerless deer taken during the antlerless deer season or the portion of the antlerless deer season concurrent with buck season must be taken on a Class N or NN stamp or as a landowner. See exception for concurrent archery hunting on page 17.

All West Virginia residents must purchase a Class N stamp 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 stamp to hunt antlerless deer during the antlerless season.

Class N or NN stamps may be purchased at any license agent, county clerk's office, the DNR Offices in Charleston and Elkins, or on the DNR website. (See page 38)

Class N or NN stamps are nontransferable. Class N or NN stamps are not county specific, but in limited resident counties or WMAs, the Class N stamp must be accompanied by a valid eligibility card.

During the antlerless season a Class N or NN stamp holder may substitute a bow for a firearm to take antlerless deer.

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

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

Antlerless Deer Hunting

Limited Resident

Nine counties or parts thereof and eight wildlife management areas (WMAs) have a limited number of Class N stamps for resident antlerless deer hunting. To be eligible to hunt in one of these counties or WMAs an application must be submitted by August 18, 2006. Successful applicants will receive notification from the DNR by mail. Resident landowners may hunt on their own land in these counties or parts thereof without a permit. See page 15.

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

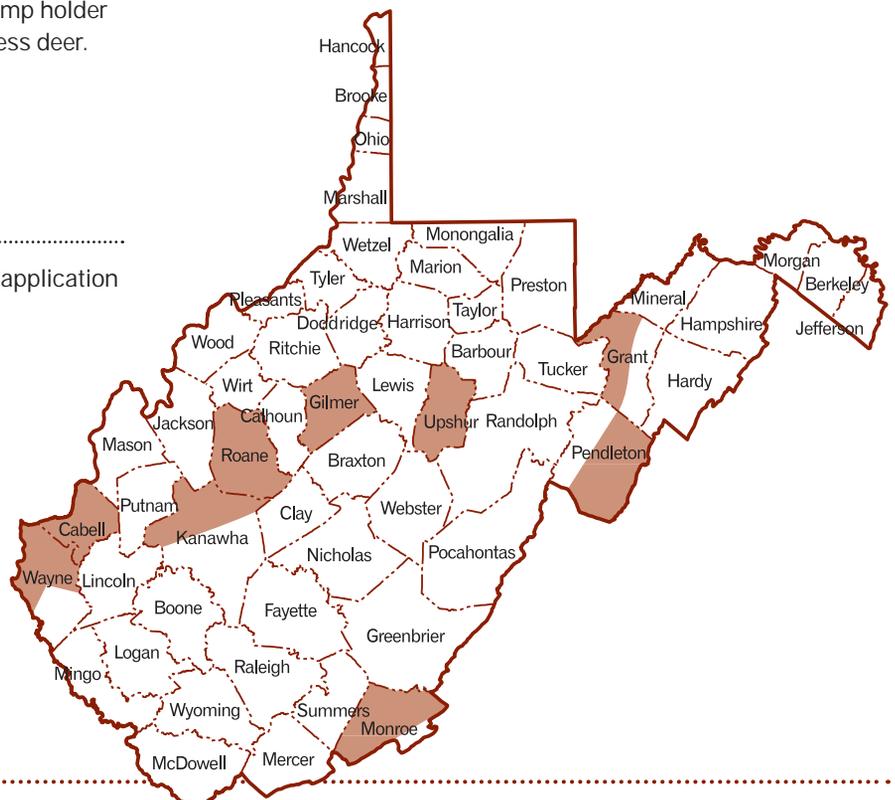
Unlimited Resident and Nonresident

Twenty-nine counties or parts thereof have an unlimited number of Class N or NN stamps 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.)

Limited Resident Class N Antlerless Counties

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

 **Open:** limited stamps for resident Class N Antlerless Hunting
(See page 12 for public land regulations. See page 17 for Special Limited Hampshire County Antlerless Season)



Antlerless Season - Deer

Hampshire County Antlerless Deer Season

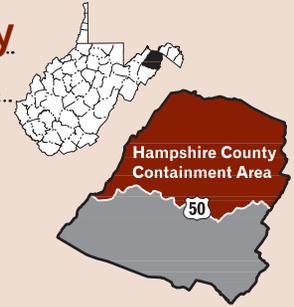
**Special two day season (by permit only)
October 27-28, 2006**

There will be a special two (2) day Class N or NN (by permit only) antlerless deer season in Hampshire County on October 27-28, 2006 for resident and nonresident hunters. Hunters must apply for one of the 4,500 permits to participate in this special Class N or NN antlerless deer season. Resident landowners, their resident children and resident tenants who permanently live on the property are not required to apply for a permit if hunting on their own property. Applications for limited permits will be available in July 2006.

The purpose of this special antlerless deer season in Hampshire County is to continue surveillance for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD – see page 36) and to determine its prevalence and distribution within the county. Selected deer checking stations in the county will be manned by DNR-Wildlife personnel and biological data along with tissue samples will be collected and sent to a certified laboratory for CWD testing. Similar to the process used during the 2005 buck season in Hampshire County, hunters will be able to check the DNR website – www.wvdnr.gov, for test results of those deer from which samples were collected.

Hampshire County Containment Area

Includes all portions of Hampshire County north of US Route 50.



Carcass Transport Regulations

Hunters are prohibited from transporting dead cervids or their parts beyond the boundary of the containment area except for the following portions of the carcass:

1. meat that has been boned out,
2. quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached,
3. cleaned hide with no head attached,
4. clean skull plate (no meat or tissue attached) with antlers attached,
5. antlers with no meat or tissue attached, and
6. finished taxidermy mounts.

Hunters may transport cervid carcasses that were not killed inside the containment area through the containment area.

Baiting and Feeding Regulations

It is illegal to bait or feed cervids or other wildlife in the containment area except that it is legal to feed birds within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling (see page 9).

Counties with a bag limit of three Class N or NN deer in Antlerless Season

There are 21 counties or parts thereof where a hunter may take additional antlerless deer during the antlerless season by purchasing additional Class N or NN stamps (see page 15).

Only one antlerless deer may be taken per day, except that two antlerless deer may be taken on the same day during December 4-9, 2006, 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 Antlerless Deer Season

During antlerless season 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 not in this brochure) is legal.

Deer - Buck Firearms Season

Daily Bag Limit: 1

Opening Date: November 20

Closing Date: December 2

Only deer having one or both antlers more than 3 inches in length above the hairline are legal during the buck season (see concurrent hunting for antlerless deer during buck season on page 17).

Two deer may be taken with a gun or bow during the buck 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, or Classes A+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 stamp, or by resident landowners hunting on their own property.

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

Legal firearms for hunting deer during the buck season shall include:

- a rifle using centerfire 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.

Additional Buck Season Gun Stamps

Class RG and Class RRG

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

Only one deer may be taken with a Class RG or Class RRG stamp. The Class RG and Class RRG stamps must be purchased before November 20, 2006, prior to the opening of buck season. The Class RG and Class RRG stamps are valid for buck hunting in all counties open to buck season.

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

Hunting on the Class RG or Class RRG gun stamps can begin on the day after legally checking the first antlered deer.

Buck Firearms Counties

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

 **Open:** Buck Firearms Season November 20 - December 2, 2006
(See page 12 for special public land regulations.)

 **Closed:** to all firearms deer hunting



Buck Firearms Season - Deer

Concurrent hunting during Buck Deer Season

Antlerless deer hunting is legal on private land in 37 counties or portions thereof during the buck season (November 20 thru December 2). To hunt antlerless deer during the buck season, a valid Class N or NN stamp is required for all hunters 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 buck season in all counties having a buck 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 small game seasons beginning November 23, 2006. While hunting small game during the buck 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 buck 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 buck season.

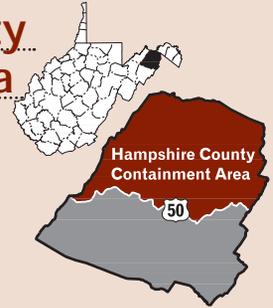
Archery hunting for deer is legal during buck season. A bow may be substituted for a firearm to take antlered deer, or if hunting on a Class N or NN stamp, antlerless deer may be taken during the buck season on private land in specified counties (see pages 10-12 and 15).

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.



Hampshire County Containment Area

Includes all portions of Hampshire County north of US Route 50.



Carcass Transport Regulations

Hunters are prohibited from transporting dead cervids or their parts beyond the boundary of the containment area except for the following portions of the carcass:

1. meat that has been boned out,
2. quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached,
3. cleaned hide with no head attached,
4. clean skull plate (no meat or tissue attached) with antlers attached,
5. antlers with no meat or tissue attached, and
6. finished taxidermy mounts.

Hunters may transport cervid carcasses that were not killed inside the containment area through the containment area.

Baiting and Feeding Regulations

It is illegal to bait or feed cervids or other wildlife in the containment area except that it is legal to feed birds within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling (see page 9).

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 Hillcrest WMA, located in Hancock County will have a buck muzzleloader season November 20 – December 2, 2006. Only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines", of .38 caliber or larger are legal. These two areas will not be open to the traditional rifle buck firearms season. All muzzleloader license requirements apply. (See pages 8, 12 and 20). The annual antlered deer bag limit is one deer for archery and muzzleloader seasons combined.

Older-aged Deer Wildlife Management Areas

All antlered deer taken on Beech Fork Lake, Bluestone Lake, Brunsville Lake and McClintic WMAs and Coopers Rock State Forest must have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches (ear tip to ear tip). The annual antlered deer bag limit is one deer for all archery and firearms seasons combined.

Deer - Muzzleloader Season

Daily Bag Limit: 1

Opening Date: December 11

Closing Date: December 16

Two deer may be taken with a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season - the first deer must be taken on one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, XJ, AB-L, A-L, Classes A+CS+BG); or a free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW or Senior Citizen); or nonresident (Classes E+CS/LE+VV, or Classes XXJ+CS/LE). Underage residents and resident landowners (see page 7) may take a first muzzleloader deer without a license. A second deer may only be taken with a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.

Muzzleloader deer hunting for antlered deer is legal in all counties open to buck season. A deer of either sex may be taken with muzzleloaders in all counties or parts thereof open to the Class N season. One additional deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp in all counties having a muzzleloader season (see pages 10-11 and 21).

In the muzzleloader season, only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines" of .38 caliber or larger are legal. A firearm that has been converted into a muzzleloader by use of a plug, or a double-barreled or swivel-barreled muzzleloader is illegal for deer hunting during the muzzleloader season.

When being transported in or on a vehicle, muzzleloaders will be considered unloaded when uncapped or when the priming charge is removed from the pan.

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

Concurrent hunting during the Muzzleloader Deer Season

A bow or crossbow 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.

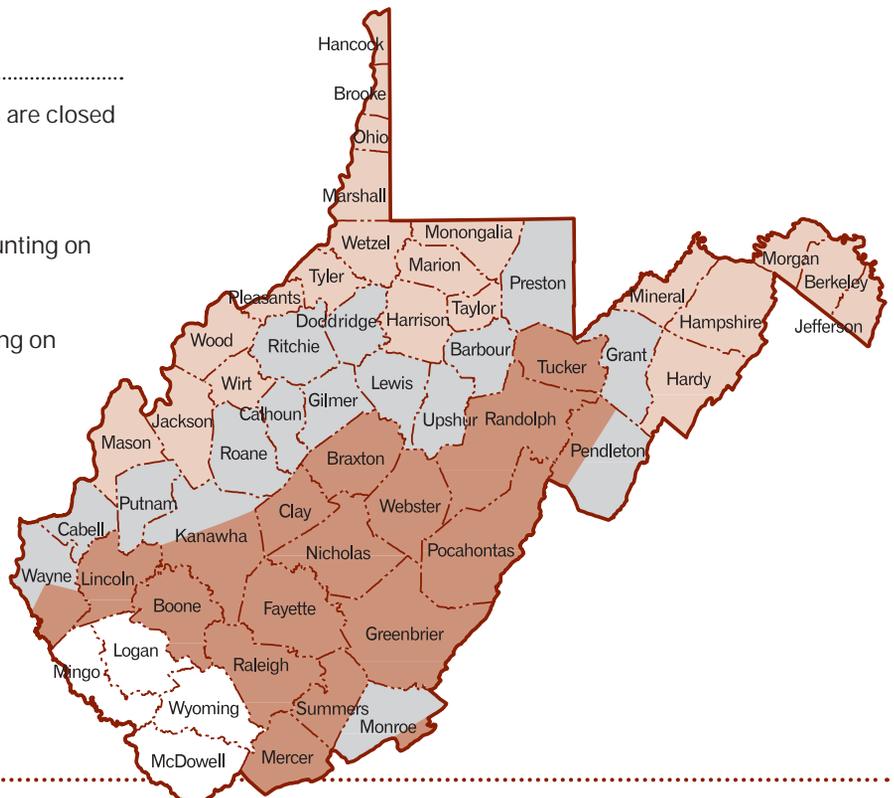
Concurrent waterfowl hunting (See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations – not in this brochure) is legal.

Muzzleloader Counties

Logan, McDowell, Mingo, and Wyoming counties are closed to all firearms deer hunting.

-  **Open:** to antlered only muzzleloader hunting on base license and Class RM or RRM*
-  **Open:** to either-sex muzzleloader hunting on base license, and antlered deer only on Class RM or RRM*
-  **Open:** to either-sex muzzleloader hunting on base license and Class RM or RRM*
-  **Closed:** to all firearms deer hunting

*See page 12 for muzzleloader regulations on public lands in these counties.



Muzzleloader Season - Deer

Use of Class RM and Class RRM Stamps in Muzzleloader Season

During a calendar year a resident may purchase only one Class RM stamp and a nonresident may purchase only one Class RRM stamp.

Only one deer may be taken with a Class RM or RRM stamp. The Class RM and RRM stamps must be purchased before December 11, 2006, prior to the opening of muzzleloader season.

To take an additional muzzleloader deer, all residents, except resident landowners (see page 7) hunting on their own land are required to purchase a Class RM stamp. All nonresidents are required to purchase a ClassRRM stamp if they choose to take an additional muzzleloader deer.

Class RM and Class RRM stamps may be used to take one additional deer in the muzzleloader season in all counties having a muzzleloader season (see page 20). See page 12 for muzzleloader regulations on Wildlife Management Areas and other public lands.

Deer hunting in the muzzleloader season on the Class RM or RRM stamp 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 base license or as a landowner (see page 7) and legally checked before the Class RM or RRM stamp is legal.

Class RM or RRM stamps may be used to take one antlered deer in all counties having a muzzleloader season OR:

Class RM or RRM stamps may be used to take one either-sex deer in counties having a Class N or NN antlerless season bag limit of two or more antlerless (Class N) deer (see muzzleloader map page 20).

Hampshire County Containment Area



Includes all portions of Hampshire County north of US Route 50.

Carcass Transport Regulations

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November 5, 2006

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.

The HHH program enables hunters' donated deer to be 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

For more information contact
Billie Shearer - (304) 558-2771

If your church is unable to participate on
November 5, a more convenient time may be chosen.



Deer - Special Split Youth and Class Q

October 28 and December 25-26, 2006: Antlerless Deer Only

Only one antlerless deer may be taken per day.

See special regulations for Hampshire County Containment Area carcass transport and baiting on page 21.

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 the 21 specified Wildlife Management Areas listed to the right.

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 a Class E license + CS/LE stamp.**

and, if a nonresident youth,

- possess Class XXJ license + CS/LE stamp.

Class Q hunters must possess:

if a resident,

- Class Q permit plus one of the following:
 - Class A license + CS stamp
 - Class X, XJ, A-L or AB-L licenses

if a nonresident,

- Class Q permit + Class E license + CS/LE stamp.

The bag limit of one antlerless deer per day will not count towards the hunter's annual deer season bag limit. A Class N or NN stamp 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 during 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. Chief Cornstalk (Mason County)
6. Cross Creek (Brooke County)
7. Frozen Camp (Jackson County)
8. Hughes River (Ritchie and Wirt counties)
9. Jug (Tyler County)
10. Lewis Wetzel (Wetzel County)
11. McClintic (Mason County)
12. Mill Creek (Cabell County)
13. Nathaniel Mountain (Hampshire County)
14. Pruntytown (Taylor County)
15. Shannondale (Jefferson County)
16. Short Mountain (Hampshire County)
17. Sleepy Creek (Berkeley and Morgan counties)
18. Snake Hill (Monongalia and Preston counties)
19. Stonewall Jackson (Lewis County)
20. Stumptown (Gilmer County)
21. Underwood (Marshall and Wetzel counties)

Youth Squirrel Hunt

September 30, 2006

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.

2005 Harvest by Season - Deer

County	Antlerless	Bow	Buck	Muzzleloader	Total
Barbour	1,025	394	1,138	201	2,758
Brooke	764	315	477	93	1,649
Hancock	675	409	452	166	1,702
Harrison	1,858	507	1,494	286	4,145
Marion	1,367	430	1,119	197	3,113
Marshall	1,794	454	1,593	362	4,203
Monongalia	2,063	686	1,683	324	4,756
Ohio	724	257	473	123	1,577
Preston	1,820	1,012	2,254	354	5,440
Taylor	763	233	683	136	1,815
Tucker	0	355	733	23	1,111
Wetzel	1,734	318	1,672	248	3,972
District I Subtotal	14,587	5,370	13,771	2,513	36,241
Berkeley	815	406	869	162	2,252
Grant	846	388	1,472	209	2,915
Hampshire	1,651	312	2,019	266	4,248
Hardy	1,610	394	1,961	262	4,227
Jefferson	619	380	651	97	1,747
Mineral	1,277	290	1,255	190	3,012
Morgan	738	149	802	95	1,784
Pendleton	198	315	1,484	163	2,160
District II Subtotal	7,754	2,634	10,513	1,444	22,345
Braxton	421	396	1,244	463	2,524
Clay	0	212	370	12	594
Lewis	2,371	470	1,485	412	4,738
Nicholas	0	660	1,009	37	1,706
Pocahontas	0	284	1,167	34	1,485
Randolph	0	660	1,447	34	2,141
Upshur	1,197	476	1,164	221	3,058
Webster	0	399	753	13	1,165
District III Subtotal	3,989	3,557	8,639	1,226	17,411
Fayette	0	464	728	20	1,212
Greenbrier	489	614	1,763	335	3,201
McDowell	0	480	0	0	480
Mercer	0	353	451	21	825
Monroe	1,071	451	1,308	211	3,041
Raleigh	0	467	502	19	988
Summers	276	411	730	196	1,613
Wyoming	0	377	0	0	377
District IV Subtotal	1,836	3,617	5,482	802	11,737
Boone	0	215	454	15	684
Cabell	502	277	577	104	1,460
Kanawha	210	566	877	133	1,786
Lincoln	141	246	596	98	1,081
Logan	0	396	0	0	396
Mason	2,719	780	2,146	477	6,122
Mingo	0	177	0	0	177
Putnam	1,146	449	993	192	2,780
Wayne	132	267	627	72	1,098
District V. Subtotal	4,850	3,373	6,270	1,091	15,584
Calhoun	780	208	859	109	1,956
Doddridge	1,237	218	1,033	163	2,651
Gilmer	895	212	981	167	2,255
Jackson	2,534	630	2,074	344	5,582
Pleasants	547	91	452	69	1,159
Ritchie	2,086	430	1,495	243	4,254
Roane	1,885	433	1,616	211	4,145
Tyler	1,372	310	1,139	203	3,024
Wirt	941	273	928	186	2,328
Wood	2,154	593	1,649	293	4,689
District VI Subtotal	14,431	3,398	12,226	1,988	32,043
State Total	47,447	21,949	56,901	9,064	135,361

Turkey - General Regulations

Resident and Nonresident Turkey Hunting License Privileges

Three wild turkey may be taken by hunters who possess one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, XJ, AB-L, A-L, 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 hunting on their own land (see page 7) may take three turkeys without a license. Two bearded turkeys may be taken in the spring and one of either sex in the fall. However, **no more than one** turkey may be taken in the fall.

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 hunting on their own land.)

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.

Firearms and bows legal for hunting wild turkey:

Wild turkey may be hunted with rifles, handguns, muzzleloaders, shotguns, or bows (see exception for Youth Turkey Hunt on page 25).



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. If none is supplied the hunter must make one. 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.

No person may transport 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.

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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Bear and Turkey - 2005 Harvests

County	Black Bear - Archery	Black Bear - Gun	Turkey - Spring	Turkey - Fall
Barbour	17	4	200	Closed
Brooke	0	0	119	10
Hancock	0	0	131	7
Harrison	0	0	270	Closed
Marion	0	0	166	Closed
Marshall	0	0	264	Closed
Monongalia	4	0	235	Closed
Ohio	0	0	109	15
Preston	37	38	375	107
Taylor	1	0	102	Closed
Tucker	27	57	88	30
Wetzel	0	0	244	Closed
District I Subtotal	86	99	2,303	169
Berkeley	1	2	83	13
Grant	8	50	108	59
Hampshire	5	1	192	74
Hardy	15	54	127	68
Jefferson	1	0	43	Closed
Mineral	4	19	108	34
Morgan	2	0	85	24
Pendleton	7	119	108	52
District II Subtotal	43	245	854	324
Braxton	14	2	234	Closed
Clay	6	5	74	Closed
Lewis	0	1	268	Closed
Nicholas	47	41	175	82
Pocahontas	22	116	97	75
Randolph	87	94	132	73
Upshur	6	4	206	Closed
Webster	66	49	68	43
District III Subtotal	248	312	1,254	273
Fayette	27	66	264	Closed
Greenbrier	48	105	276	108
McDowell	22	1	182	Closed
Mercer	6	1	389	Closed
Monroe	5	10	217	86
Raleigh	14	39	328	Closed
Summers	3	0	387	51
Wyoming	20	6	172	Closed
District IV Subtotal	145	228	2,215	245
Boone	18	70	141	Closed
Cabell	0	0	152	Closed
Kanawha	25	106	297	Closed
Lincoln	0	0	227	Closed
Logan	19	6	155	Closed
Mason	0	0	451	74
Mingo	2	1	92	Closed
Putnam	0	0	233	Closed
Wayne	0	0	244	Closed
District V. Subtotal	64	163	1,992	74
Calhoun	1	0	164	Closed
Doddridge	0	0	214	Closed
Gilmer	0	0	183	Closed
Jackson	0	0	333	Closed
Pleasants	0	0	90	Closed
Ritchie	0	0	341	Closed
Roane	0	0	297	Closed
Tyler	0	0	199	Closed
Wirt	0	0	234	45
Wood	0	0	284	Closed
District VI Subtotal	1	0	2,339	45
State Total	587	1,047	10,957	1,130

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 AL+DS, or Classes A+CS+DS+BG); 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 Class EE)
- To hunt with a handgun: Class A-1 (must be 21 or older, required for all hunters except resident landowners)

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. If no tag is supplied the hunter must make one. 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.

No person may transport 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.

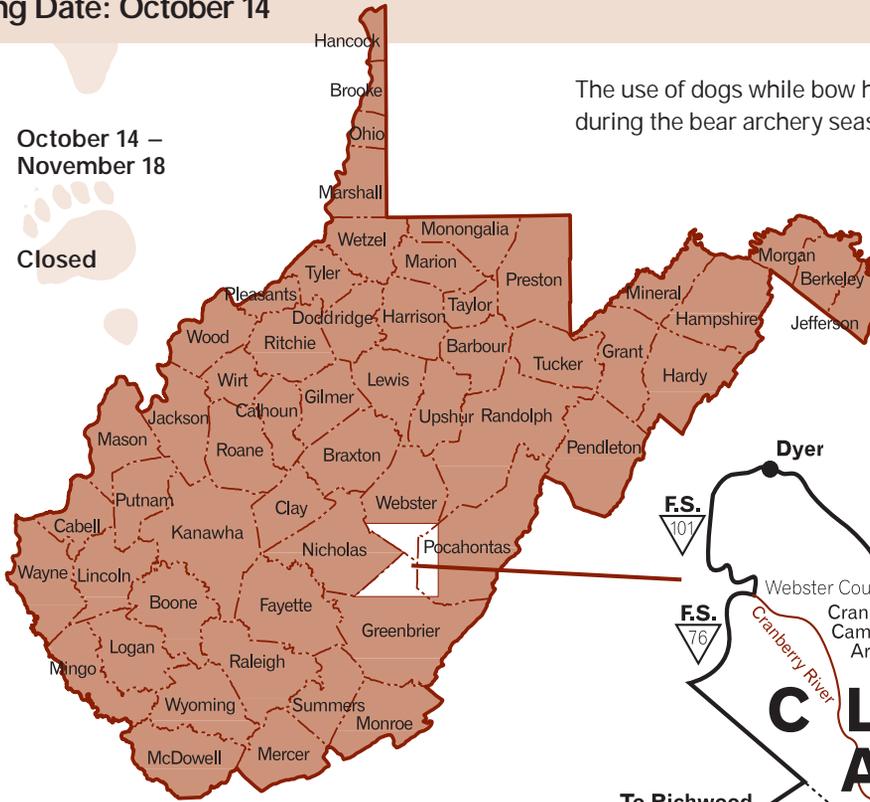
It is illegal to:

- 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 bottlenecked case of less than .24 caliber or
 4. a muzzleloading pistol of less than .38 caliber.
 5. a crossbow, except for the holder of a Class Y permit during designated archery season. Crossbows must have:
 - a draw weight of at least 125 pounds.
 - a working safety.
 - bolts at least 18 inches long.
 - broadheads with at least two cutting edges at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in width.
 6. to hunt bear with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than $\frac{3}{4}$ 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.
- hunt bear between $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunset and $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 (see page 29).
- use an electronic call.

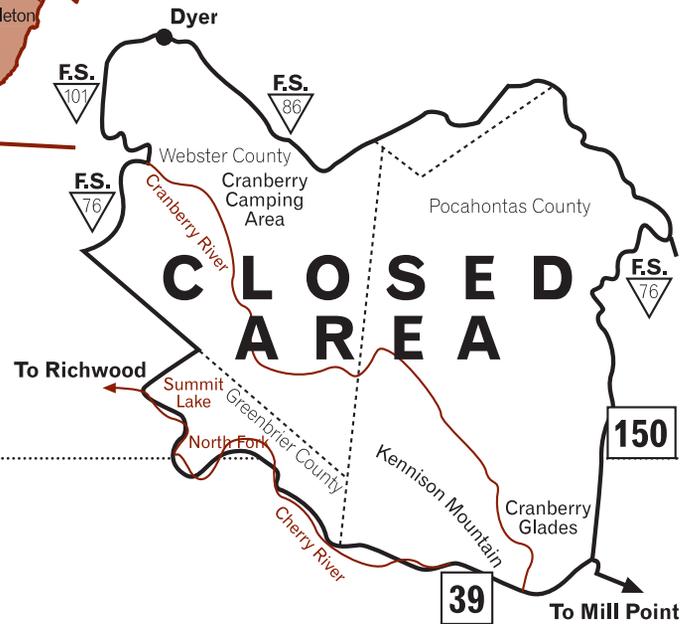
Bear - Archery Season

Opening Date: October 14

Closing Date: November 18



The use of dogs while bow hunting for black bear is illegal during the bear archery season.



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.

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.



Firearms Season - Bear

Season Limit: 1

Counties not listed are closed to firearms bear hunting.

A bow, but not a crossbow, may be substituted for a firearm during bear firearms season.

Can Hunt Bear With Or Without Dogs

Oct. 30 – Nov. 4 and
December 4 - 31

December 4 - 31

Boone
Fayette
Kanawha
Raleigh

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



Cranberry Closed Area

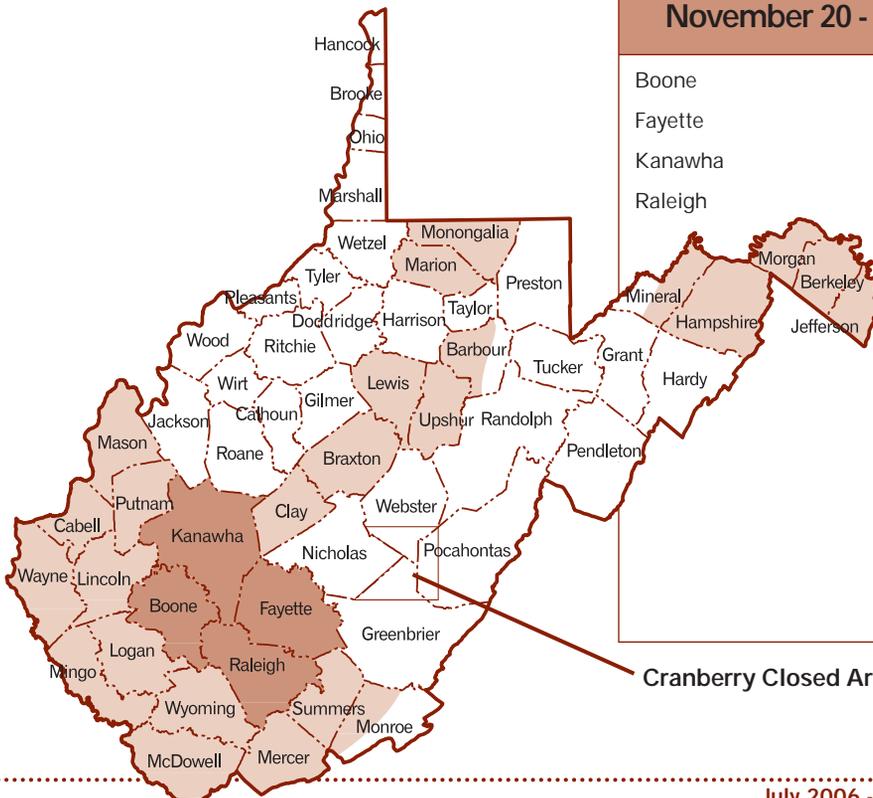
Cannot Hunt Bear With Dogs

November 20 - 25

December 4 - 31

Boone
Fayette
Kanawha
Raleigh

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



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 7, 2006 and continue through February 28, 2007.

- 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.
- Residents may train dogs on bear 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 small tooth 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. Please contact the appropriate District DNR office to make arrangements for a tooth to be collected prior to processing the bear or disposing of the skull.

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) 825-6787

District 2: (304) 822-3551

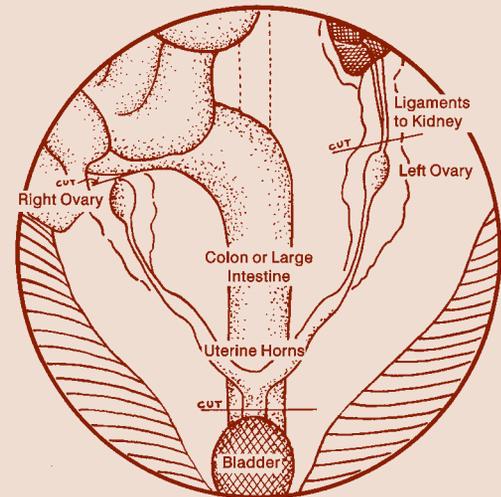
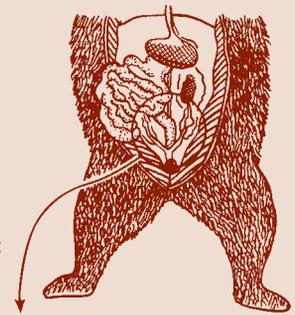
District 3: (304) 924-6211

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.

2006 Archery and Firearms Seasons - **Boar**

Season Limit: 1 Archery Season: October 14 – December 31 Firearms Season: October 23-28

Boar Hunting License Privileges

Residents Only – No Application Required

To hunt wild boar, hunters must possess one of the following base licenses or license combinations: Class X, XJ, ABL, AL or Classes A+BG+CS or a free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW or Senior Citizen). Underage residents and resident landowners hunting on their own land may hunt wild boar without a license.



Field Tagging and Checking

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.

Concurrent Hunting

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.

Regulations

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Wild boar may be taken during wild boar seasons with a bow (or a crossbow for the holder of a Class Y permit during archery season) or with firearms legal in West Virginia for taking deer (see page 9).

Use of dogs and/or bait is prohibited.

Use of electronic calls is prohibited.

Only one wild boar may be taken per year.

Wild Boar Seasons Counties

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

 **Archery:** October 14 - December 31
Firearms: October 23 - 28

 **Closed**



Public Shooting Ranges

District 1

- Hillcrest WMA** 

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

Location: Hancock County – on county Route 14 (Middle Run Road), approximately one mile north at intersection with county Road 18 (Gas Valley Road).
- Lewis Wetzel WMA** 

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

Location: Wetzel County – on county Route 82 (Buffalo Run Road) four miles south of Jacksonburg.
- 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.
- Pleasants Creek WMA** 

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

Location: Barbour County – six miles north of Phillippi off U.S. Routes 119/250 on county Route 10 (Pleasant Creek Road) approximately ½ mile.
- White Horse Center**

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with 10 covered shooting benches. Open 9 am to 6 pm. Under lease to the West Virginia Rifle and Pistol Association.

Location: Barbour County – approximately 10 miles north of Buckhannon on state Route 20/3 (Crouse Road) south of Peeltree.

District 2

- 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 1¼ miles off U.S. Route 33 to U.S. Forest Service Route 151.
- 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, 1½ miles north of county Route 7/13.

District 3

- 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.
- Airport range:** 175-yard maximum backstop distance with eight covered shooting benches.

Location: Braxton County – on state Route 15 across from the Braxton County Airport.
- Stonewall Jackson Lake WMA** 

Sand Fork: 300-yard maximum backstop distance with 10 covered shooting benches.

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

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

Location: Clay County – I-79 exit 34, turn right on state Route 36 for approximately ¼ mile, turn left onto county Route 34 (Summers Fork Road), go approximately ¼ mile and turn left at county Route 36/21 and follow signs to range.



A physically challenged shooting bench is available.

Users may need assistance in placing and retrieving targets.



Public Shooting Ranges

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. Montgomery** 

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with eight covered shooting benches.
Location: Fayette County – south of Montgomery off state Route 61 on county Route 6/10 (Morris Drive) about one mile.
- 14. Panther State Forest**

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with five covered shooting benches.
Location: McDowell County – from the town of Panther take county Routes 3/1 and 3/2. The range is situated approximately 1½ miles past park headquarters.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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 US Route 52 and two miles west of Baileysville.

District 6

- 23. Conaway Run Lake WMA** 

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with three covered shooting benches.
Location: Tyler County – southeast of Middlebourne on county Route 18.
- 24. Elizabeth**

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with five covered shooting benches.
Location: Wirt County – approximately ½ mile south of Elizabeth on county Route 1 (Tuckers Creek Road).
- 25. Frozen Camp WMA** 

Outdoor range: 200-yard maximum backstop distance with eight covered shooting benches.
Location: Jackson County – about seven miles east of Ripley on state Route 33. Then approximately 2½ miles off Route 33 on county Route 28.

District 5

- 17. Beech Fork WMA** 

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with six covered shooting benches.
Location: Wayne County – on county Route 17 behind the WMA maintenance building on Miller's Fork.
- 18. Big Ugly WMA**

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance.
Location: Lincoln County – Delta Route 11 above the office.
- 19. Chief Cornstalk WMA** 

Outdoor range: 200-yard maximum backstop distance with eight covered shooting benches.
Location: Mason County – on county Route 40 (Cornstalk Road) off U.S. Route 35 near Beech Hill (follow the WMA signs).
- 20. Fork Creek WMA** 

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with six covered shooting benches.
Location: Boone County – approximately three miles northwest of Nellis on county Route 802.
- 21. Kanawha State Forest** 

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with 11 covered shooting benches.
Location: Kanawha County – seven miles south of Charleston on Davis Creek just off county Route 23.
- 22. McClintic WMA** 

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with eight covered shooting benches.
Location: Mason County – north of Point Pleasant on state Route 62. Turn onto Potter's Creek Road (county Road 11) and drive approximately 1¾ miles to parking lot.

- 26. Glenville**

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with seven covered shooting benches.
Pistol/rimfire range: 50-yard with eight covered shooting benches.
Location: Gilmer County – one mile north of state Route 5 at Glenville on state Route 35/15 (Sycamore Run Road) near the Gilmer County Recreation Center.
- 27. Mountwood County Park** 

Outdoor range: 100-yard maximum backstop distance with four covered shooting benches.
Location: Wood County – about 12 miles east of Parkersburg. Accessible from U.S. Route 50 via county Route 5.

Public Lands - Wildlife Management Areas

District	WMA	Acres	Class Q Access	Big Game	Small Game	Fishing		Boating	Camping		Ownership
						Lake	Stream		Tent	Trailer	
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	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. Pedlar	768	•	•	•	•		•		WVDNR
		13. Pleasant Creek	2,976		•	•	•	•	•	•	WVDNR/COE
		14. Pruntytown State Farm	1,764		•	•					WVDOA
		15. Snake Hill	3,092		•	•					WVDNR
		16. Teter Creek Lake	137	•	•	•	•		•	•	WVDNR
		17. Upper Deckers Creek	56		•	•					WVDNR
2	WVDNR (304) 822-3551 1 Depot Street Romney, WV 26757	18. Allegheny	5,884		•	•		•			WVDNR
		19. Edwards Run	397		•	•	•	•			WVDNR
		20. Fort Mill Ridge	217		•	•		•			WVDNR
		21. Nathaniel Mountain	10,675		•	•			•	•	WVDNR
		22. Shannondale Springs	1,566		•	•		•	•		WVDNR
		23. Short Mountain	8,005		•	•		•			WVDNR
		24. Sleepy Creek	22,928	•	•	•	•		•	•	WVDNR
		25. South Branch	1,097		•	•		•	•		WVDNR
		26. Thorn Creek	528		•	•		•			WVDNR
		28. Wildmeyer	422		•	•					WVDNR
		3	WVDNR (304) 924-6211 Box 38 French Creek, WV 26218	29. Becky Creek	1,930		•	•			•
30. Big Ditch	388			•	•	•		•			WVDNR
31. Burnsville Lake	12,579			•	•	•	•		•	•	COE
32. Elk River	18,225			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	WVDNR/COE
33. Handley	784			•	•	•	•		•		WVDNR
34. Huttonsville State Farm	2,720				•	•		•			WVDOA
35. Morris Creek	9,874				•	•		•			TRUST
37. Smoke Camp	252				•	•					WVDNR
38. Stonecoal Lake	3,000			•	•	•	•				AEC
39. Stonewall Jackson Lake	18,289			•	•	•	•		•	•	COE
40. Summersville Lake	5,974			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	COE
41. Valley Bend	31				•	•					WVDNR
42. Wallback	11,757	•	•	•	•	•	•		WVDNR		
4	WVDNR (304) 256-6947 2006 Robert C. Byrd Drive Beckley, WV 25801-8320	43. Anawalt	2,097		•	•	•				WVDNR
		44. Andrew Rowan Farm	650		•	•					WVDOA
		45. Berwind Lake	90		•	•	•		•		WVDNR
		46. Beury Mountain	3,061		•	•					WVDNR
		47. Bluestone Lake	18,019	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	COE
		49. Meadow River	2,504		•	•					WVDNR/DOH
		50. Moncove Lake	898		•	•	•		•	•	WVDNR
		51. Plum Orchard Lake	3,201		•	•	•		•	•	WVDNR
		52. R.D. Bailey Lake	17,280		•	•	•	•	•		COE
		53. Tate Lohr	576		•	•					WVDNR
		54. Tug Fork	2,165		•	•		•			WVDNR
5	WVDNR (304) 675-0871 Route 1, Box 484 Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550	55. Amherst/Plymouth	7,061		•	•		•			Amherst Ind.
		56. Beech Fork Lake	7,531		•	•	•		•	•	WVDNR/COE
		57. Big Ugly	5,300		•	•					WVDNR
		58. Chief Cornstalk	11,772		•	•	•		•		WVDNR
		59. East Lynn Lake	22,928		•	•	•	•	•	•	WVDNR
		60. Fork Creek	7,000		•	•			•		CCC
		61. Green Bottom	1,096		•	•		•			WVDNR/COE
		62. Hilbert	289		•	•					WVDNR
		63. Laurel Lake	12,854		•	•	•				WVDNR/FLG
		64. McClintic	3,655	•	•	•	•		•		WVDNR
65. Mill Creek	1,470		•	•					WVDNR		
66. Upper Mud River	1,725		•	•	•		•		LCC		
6	WVDNR (304) 420-4550 2311 Ohio Avenue Parkersburg, WV 26101	69. Conway Run	630		•	•	•		•		WVDNR
		70. Frozen Camp	2,735		•	•	•		•		WVDNR
		71. Hughes River	10,000	•	•	•	•				Heartwood
		73. Ritchie Mines	2,300		•	•					WVDNR
		75. Sand Hill	967		•	•					CNGTC
		76. Stumptown	1,674		•	•		•			WVDNR
		77. The Jug	2,065		•	•		•		•	WVDNR
79. Woodrum	1,700		•	•	•		•		WVDNR		

State and National Forests - Public Lands

	Forests	Acres	Class Q Access	Big Game	Small Game	Fishing		Boating	Camping		Ownership
						Lake	Stream		Tent	Trailer	
State	A. Cabwaylingo	8,125			•		•		•	•	WVDNR
	B. Calvin Price	10,182		•	•		•		•	•	WVDNR
	C. Camp Creek	5,987		•	•		•		•	•	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. Cove Creek	428		•	•				•		USFS
	N. Cranberry	158,147	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	USFS
	O. Little River	124,483	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	USFS
	P. Neola	104,741	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	USFS
	Q. Otter Creek	68,782	•	•	•		•		•	•	USFS
	R. Potomac	139,786	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	USFS
	S. Potts Creek	18,526		•	•		•				USFS
	T. Rimel	67,613	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	USFS
	U. Tea Creek	67,919	•	•	•		•		•	•	USFS
	V. Shenandoah	49,106	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	USFS
	W. Wardensville	55,327		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	USFS

Go online for more complete information about

Wildlife Management Areas

www.wvdnr.gov/Hunting/WAMAP.shtm

State Parks and Forests

www.wvstateparks.com

The charts on pages 34-35 are provided as a guide to the use of public lands in West Virginia. The dots on these charts serve only as a means of designating the types of facilities, services or activities generally available. They are not intended to convey open or closed seasons or to supercede the rules, regulations or laws in effect on any public area. Please refer to posted rules and regulations on any area you visit.



Valid Base and Combination Licenses - Licenses

Hunter Type	Deer Archery	Deer Buck Gun	Deer Antlerless	Deer Muzzleloader	Black Bear	Wild Turkey	Wild Boar
Resident**	A-L	A-L	A-L + N	A-L	A-L + DS	A-L	A-L
	AB-L	AB-L	AB-L + N	AB-L	AB-L + DS	AB-L	AB-L
	X	X	X+N	X	X+DS	X	X
	XJ	XJ	XJ+N	XJ	XJ+DS	XJ	XJ
	A+CS+BG	A+CS	A+CS+N	A+CS+BG	A+CS+DS+BG	A+CS+BG	A+CS+BG
	Free License*	Free License*	Free License* + N	Free License*	Free License*	Free License*	Free License*
	One of the above + up to two RBs for additional deer in specified counties	One of the above + an RG for one additional buck	May purchase up to three Class N stamps to be used in specified counties	One of the above + an RM for one additional deer			
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 buck	May purchase up to three Class NN stamps to be used in specified counties	One of the above + an RRM for one additional muzzleloader deer			

*Free Licenses include: Military, Senior Citizen, former POW and Disabled Veteran.

**Handgun hunting also requires Class A-1 License

Don't hesitate...get your WV Hunting Licenses online today!







Stay a Step Ahead of the Game!

Residents

Under the age of 15

may hunt or trap without a license when accompanied by a licensed adult age 18 or older except for youth hunts when licensed adult must be age 21 or older.

Licenses required:

- to hunt antlerless deer: Class N
- to hunt additional deer: Class RG (buck), RM (muzzleloader) and/or RB (archery)

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 (buck), RM (muzzleloader) and/or RB (archery)
- to hunt with a pistol: Class A-1
- Federal Migratory Waterfowl Stamp
- to hunt waterfowl or migratory birds: free HIP card

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.

Resident Licenses

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

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):	\$760
Combination Hunting, Trapping and Fishing - Infant (Class AB-L-I)*:	\$380
Hunting and Trapping (Class A-L):	\$760
Hunting and Trapping - Infant (Class A-L-I)*:	\$380
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.

**Must be purchased prior to infant's second birthday.*

Resident and Nonresident Licenses

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

Nonresident Licenses

Conservation/Law Enforcement Stamp (Class CS/LE):	\$12
Required for all licensed hunters and anglers	
National Forest Hunting/Trapping/ Fishing Stamp (Class I):	\$2
Required on National Forests in addition to a Class E, F, EE, LL or H license	
Statewide Hunting /Trapping License (Class E):	\$110
Statewide Fishing License (Class F):	\$35
Junior Sportsman Hunting/Trapping/ Fishing License (Class XXJ)*:	\$15
Ages 8-17 (not required for fishing under age 15)	
Bear Hunting License (Class EE):	\$150
Small Game Hunting License (Class H):	\$25
Six days	
Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp (Class NN):	\$25
Must be accompanied by a Class E or XXJ license	
Additional Archery Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RRB):	\$35
Two may be purchased. Must be accompanied by a Class E +UUor XXJ license	
Additional Firearms Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RRG):	\$40
Must be accompanied by a Class E or XXJ license	
Additional Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RRM):	\$35
Must be accompanied by a Class E+VV or XXJ license	
Archery Deer Hunting Stamp (Class UU):	\$30
Must be accompanied by a Class E license	
Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Stamp (Class VV):	\$30
Must be accompanied by a Class E license	
Turkey Hunting Stamp (Class WW):	\$30
Must be accompanied by a Class E license	
Commercial Small Game Shooting Preserve License (Class J):	\$10
Available only at www.wvhunt.com	

Purchasing a License in 2006-07

Licenses may be obtained as follows:

1. 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)
2. www.wvhunt.com
(Official WVDNR website - \$2 fee per transaction.)
3. Directly from the Hunting and Fishing License Unit by phoning (304) 558-2758. (\$2 fee per transaction.)

For additional information please contact:

Hunting and Fishing License Unit
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
State Capitol Complex, Building 3, Room 624
Charleston, West Virginia 25305
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