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Regulations Summary



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From the Director

Division of Natural Resources personnel are continually monitoring hunter activity and interest as a part of our ongoing wildlife management plan. It is obvious that as a certain species suffers a decline, whether cyclic or weather related, the number of hunters for that particular species dwindle until the next population upswing. This is very evident in species like grouse and turkey. When the numbers are low, hunting pressure drops off and only the truly dedicated hunters, those who don't measure success by the weight of their game bags, continue to hunt.

Another change in hunter behavior that we are noticing is that many hunters seem less willing to walk in the woods looking for game. They seem to depend more on blinds and stands. They also make greater use of ATVs to get into and out of their hunting areas. Hunters in other states have been doing these things for years but it appears to be catching on more in our state. All of these changes, whether natural or man-made, impact hunting and harvest numbers from year to year. As we continue to study all the factors that impact wildlife management, we will adjust our regulations to give our hunters the greatest chance for success while keeping uppermost in our plans what is best for the resource. Our challenge is to make sure that those generations that follow in our footsteps have the same great outdoor opportunities that our fathers and grandfathers had. Be safe and have a great hunting season.



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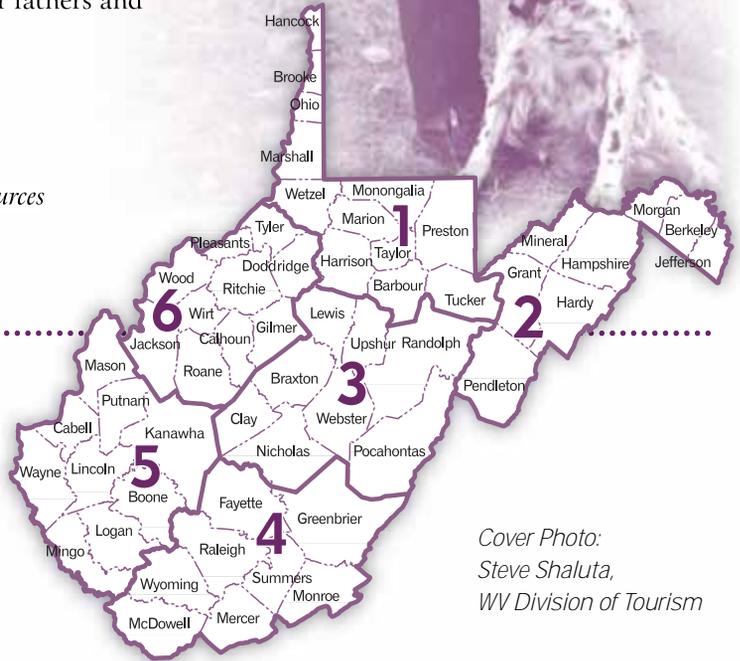
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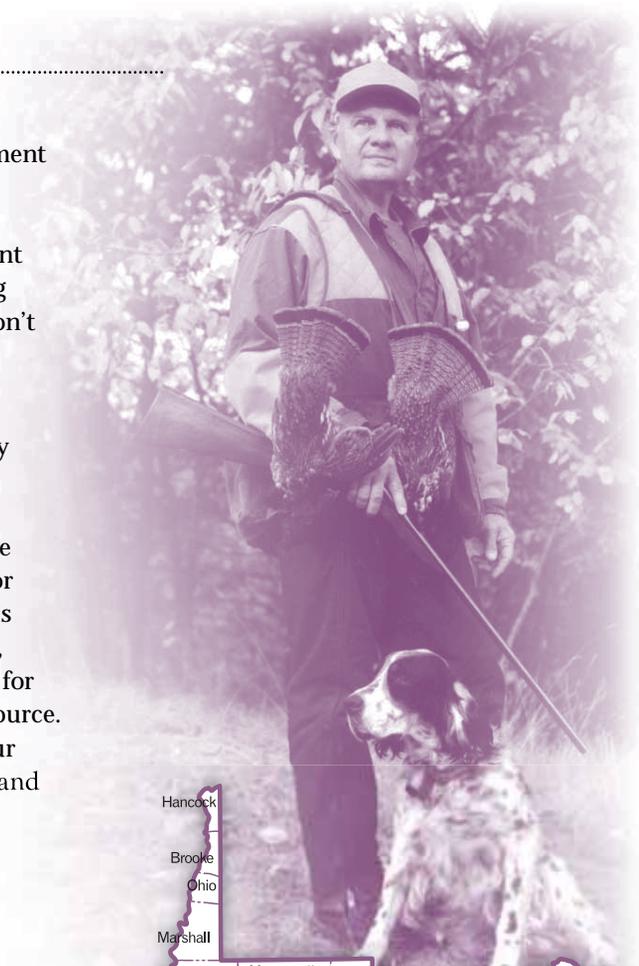


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Summary of Changes 2007-2008

1. All counties having a firearms antlerless deer season (Class N or NN) will have a 22 day season. Private land only will be open November 19 - December 1 and December 26-29, 2007. Public and private land will be open December 3-8, 2007. Bag limits vary between counties but will be either: one, two or four antlerless deer. See page 17.
2. The youth and Class Q deer season will be open on private land and specified public lands in all counties having a firearms deer season. This special split season will be open on October 27 and on December 24-25, 2007. The bag limit is one antlerless deer each day (see page 26-27).
3. The law regarding field tagging big game animals has been modified effective June 9, 2007. Hunters must still complete a field tag before moving the animal from where it was killed, but now have the option of attaching the tag to the deer, bear, turkey or boar or staying with the animal and keeping the completed field tag on their person. Immediately upon arriving at their residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle or vessel the field tag must be attached to the carcass and remain there until the animal is retagged with an official game checking tag (see pages 11, 28, 32 and 35).
4. No person other than the owner of a registered dog may remove a tag, collar or other identifying apparel, nor remove or turn off a radio transmitting collar without the permission of the owner unless it is necessary to prevent or treat an injury to the dog, or is done by a law-enforcement officer for law enforcement purposes (see pages 6 and 32).
5. Effective June 9, 2007, it is illegal to have a crossbow with a nocked bolt in or on any vehicle or its attachments. Further, it is illegal to have an uncased crossbow in a vehicle during specified times of the day (see page 5).
6. There is a two-day resident and nonresident Antlerless Deer Season in Hampshire County on October 26-27, 2007, with a bag limit of one antlerless deer (see page 19). Also, see page 11 about deer carcass disposal and feeding or baiting of wildlife in the Hampshire County CWD Containment Area.
7. A law change effective June 9, 2007, requires bobcat hunters and trappers to field tag each bobcat before moving the animal from the location where it was killed. The field tag must remain on the carcass until it is retagged with an official game checking tag (see page 4).
8. It is illegal to feed or bait wildlife, including deer, on Beech Fork Lake, Burnsville Lake, Bluestone Lake and McClintic WMAs and Coopers Rock State Forest (see page 11).
9. The Cranberry Closed Area located in portions of Greenbrier, Pocahontas and Webster counties will be open for bear hunting during the appropriate open bear seasons in those counties (see pages 33-34).

2007-2008 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
*Wild Boar (Gun)	October 22	October 27	1		
*Wild Boar (Archery)	October 13	December 31			
*Deer (Buck)	November 19	December 1	See pages 12-15 and antlerless table on page 17.		
*Deer (Archery)	October 13	December 31			
*Deer (Antlerless)	November 19**	December 8			
Split Season	December 26	December 29			
Hampshire County	October 26	October 27			
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 10	December 15	1		
*Deer (Youth/Class Q)	October 27	October 27	1	2	2
Split Season	December 24	December 25	1	2	2
*Bear (Archery)	October 13	November 17	1		
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties - page 34)	October 29	November 3			
	November 19	November 24			
	December 3	December 31			
*Turkey, Fall (Selected Counties - page 29)	October 20	November 17	1		
	October 20	October 27			
	Preston County	October 20			
*Turkey (Spring 2008 - Bearded Only)	April 28	May 24	1	2	2
*Turkey (2008 Youth Season - page 29)	April 26	April 26	1 - counts towards spring season bag limit of two		
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	October 6	January 31	6	24	None
Squirrel (Youth Season - page 27)	September 29	September 29	6		
Ruffed Grouse	October 13	February 29	4	16	None
Bobwhite Quail	November 3	January 5	3	9	None
Cottontail Rabbit	November 3	February 29	5	20	None
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 3	February 29	2	8	None
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only)	November 3	January 5	2	2	None
Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	November 10	December 1	1	1	None
Raccoon (Hunting) The bag limit during an 11-hour period beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 5 a.m. is four raccoons for each person or groups of persons hunting as a party.	October 13	February 29	4	See definition of possession limit on page 8.	None
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 3	February 29	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 3	February 29	None		
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 3	February 29	3		
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 3	February 29	None		
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 3	January 31	1		
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 3	March 31	None		
Crow	October 1	November 17	None		
Split Season	January 1	March 8			
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.					
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 3	February 29			
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 2 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 possession written permission from the landowner.
- have a crossbow with a nocked bolt, 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 (including ATVs) 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 or crossbow 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 seasons pages 26-27 and 29).
- 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 or 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 8). No person shall be guilty merely because he uses an artificial light to look for, at, or attract a wild bird or animal, unless in possession of 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.
- dispose of animal carcasses by dumping along any public road or highway.

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 a valid Class E or XXJ license and a CS/LE stamp to trap.

Traps used for taking wildlife shall be marked with a durable plate or tag attached to the trap or trap chain 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.

Each person killing a bobcat must attach a completed field tag to the bobcat or remain with the bobcat and have upon their person a completed field tag before moving the carcass from where it was killed. A person who does not have a field tag 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. Immediately upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle or vessel the field tag must be attached to the bobcat and remain on the carcass until it is tagged with an official game checking tag, which must be completed within 30 days of the close of bobcat season.

Trappers shall present beaver and fisher pelts to a game checking station or DNR representative within 30 days after the close of the respective trapping season. The official game checking 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.

Body-gripping snares set on land 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 dealers 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 (killer) type traps for terrestrial trapping, but they may be used in underwater 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 underwater killer type traps 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.

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 weapon permit may carry a concealed handgun for self defense only.
- have a crossbow with a nocked bolt in or on any vehicle or conveyance or its attachments.
- carry an uncased crossbow in or on a vehicle between 5p.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.
- 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 ¾ -inch wide.
- hunt turkey, bear, deer or boar with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than ¾ 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 stamp.

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/her 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 hunting 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.

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 8).
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 9 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 26-27 and 29). Some additional stamps may be required (see pages 9 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 hunting stamps may be required (see pages 9 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.

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 hunting without permission 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.

No person, other than the owner of a registered dog, may remove a tag, collar or other identifying apparel, nor remove or turn off a radio transmitting collar without the permission of the owner unless it is necessary to prevent or treat an injury to the dog, or is done by a law enforcement officer for law enforcement purposes.

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. Prohibitions on Sunday hunting also apply to dog training. Dogs may not be trained on deer or wild turkey.

Nonresidents may train dogs from October 6 through February 29, or if their state offers WV hunters reciprocal dog training privileges, they may train dogs on raccoons from August 15 through February 29. See additional information on bear dog training on page 32.

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.

Regulations Meeting Schedule

March 17, 2008

Fairmont • Lewisburg • Martinsburg • Milton
Spencer • Summersville

March 18, 2008

Buckhannon • Glen Dale • Logan • Moorefield
Parkersburg • Pipestem State Park

General Regulations

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. Upon satisfactory completion of a certified hunters education course, hunters age 8 and 9, will receive a temporary certification which expires at age 10. They must retake and successfully complete a hunter education course at age 10 to receive permanent certification.

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

Hunters who have lost their hunter education card may obtain a duplicate from their local district law enforcement office. Applications for duplicate cards are available at license agents or www.huntersed.com and the fee is \$10.00.

Hunter Education Classes Information:

Contact the WVDNR District Office closest to you or visit www.wvhuntered.com/classes.asp or www.wvdnr.gov and follow the Hunter Education prompts.

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 31.

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 person accumulates 10 and/or more hunting or fishing violation 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).

For a current list of counties open to Sunday hunting, visit www.wvdnr.gov/Hunting/SundayHunt.shtm or check with your county DNR officer or county clerk.

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 laserlight 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.

National Forests

National Forests are managed under cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service.

1. Each wildlife management area on the national forests contains interspersed private land with in its boundaries. Permission is required on all private land before hunting, fishing or trapping.
2. Contact each National Forest for current rules and regulations applicable to the WMA areas.

George Washington and Jefferson national forests

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(540) 265-5100 • Toll Free: 1-888-265-0019

Monongahela National Forest

200 Sycamore Street • Elkins, WV 26241
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General Regulations

National Wildlife Refuges

Rules and regulations governing hunting and fishing can be obtained from:

Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge

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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 10, 15, 21, 23, and 25).
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 access is available on some WMAs. Contact the District Wildlife Biologist for more information.
10. Only portable tree stands may be used on public lands.

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.

General Regulations – Deer

Resident Deer Hunting License Privileges with

Annual Classes X and XJ, Lifetime Classes A-L and AB-L, Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, Senior Citizen and Underage:

entitles 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 8.

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 an antlered deer on his own land during buck season, the landowner cannot use the Class X or A license to kill another buck during the buck season. 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 to kill an antlered deer during the buck season has been used.

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 archery and firearms seasons combined.

Deer – General Regulations

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. 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 edges at least ¾ -inch in width.
- a bow with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than ¾ 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 muzzleloader on Green Bottom WMA, except that the holder of Class Y permit may hunt with a crossbow during designated archery seasons.
- an electronic call.

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.

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General Regulations – Deer

Field Tagging, Checking and Transporting

Each person killing a deer must attach a completed field tag to the deer or remain with the deer and have upon their person a completed field tag before moving the carcass from where it was killed. A person who does not have a field tag 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. Immediately upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle or vessel the field tag shall be attached to the deer and must remain on the carcass until it is tagged with an official game checking tag.

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.

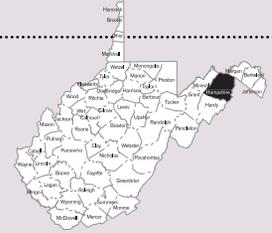
Blennerhassett Island State Park Deer Season

November 1-3, 2007

Applications and information available July 1 at the WV DNR web site, District offices, and State Parks.

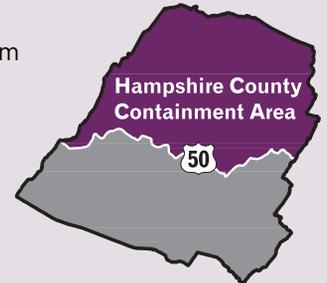
Hampshire County Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Containment Area

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:



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 – see regulations listed below.

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. Song and insectivorous birds may be fed, provided that such feeding shall not cause, or be done in a manner that would be reasonably anticipated to cause, a congregation of cervids or other wildlife. Provided further, that captive cervids may be fed inside cervid facilities permitted by the Division of Natural Resources.

It is also illegal to bait or feed wildlife on Beech Fork Lake, Bluestone Lake, Burnsville Lake and McClintic WMAs and Coopers Rock State Forest (see pages 21, 23, 25).

Deer – 2007 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons

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

County	Archery	Buck Firearms	Antlerless	Muzzleloader
See Page 15 for Public Land Regulations	October 13 – December 31	November 19 – December 1	November 19 – December 1 and December 26-29 Private Land Only December 3-8 Public and Private Land	December 10-15
Berkeley	Maximum season bag limit: 3	Maximum season bag limit: 2	Maximum season bag limit: 4	Maximum season bag limit: 2
Brooke	<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. 	<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. Note concurrent Antlerless Season. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to four antlerless deer may be taken on Class N or NN stamps or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land in each county or combination of counties not to exceed an annual statewide total of four Class N or NN deer. 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. 	<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.
Hampshire*				
Hancock				
Hardy				
Harrison				
Jackson				
Jefferson				
Marion				
Marshall				
Mason				
Mineral				
Monongalia				
Morgan				
Barbour	Maximum season bag limit: 3	Maximum season bag limit: 2	Maximum season bag limit: 2	Maximum season bag limit: 2
Grant (East of top of New Creek and North Fork Mountains)	<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. 	<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. Note concurrent Antlerless Season. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to two antlerless deer may be taken on Class N or NN stamps or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land in each county or combination of counties not to exceed an annual statewide total of four Class N or NN deer. Requires a valid base license or license combination, or free license and a Class N or NN stamp for each deer, except for resident landowners hunting on their own land. 	<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 either sex deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.
Greenbrier (Southern portion, see page 19)				
Mercer (East of I 77)				
Monroe				
Pendleton (East of North Fork River)				
Pleasants				
Preston (East of Cheat River)				
Ritchie				
Wirt				

* Hampshire County will have a special resident and nonresident Class N or NN antlerless deer season October 26-27, 2007. See page 19.

2007 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons – Deer

The maximum annual bag limit (excluding special urban archery hunts) may include no more than 3 antlered bucks.					
County	Archery October 13 – December 31	Buck Firearms November 19 – December 1	Antlerless November 19 – December 1 and December 26-29 Private Land Only December 3-8 Public and Private Land		
See Page 15 for Public Land Regulations	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. Note concurrent Antlerless Season. 	Maximum season bag limit: 1 <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 not to exceed an annual statewide total of four Class N or NN deer. 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. 	
				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. 	
				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: 1 <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.
				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. Note concurrent Antlerless Season.
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				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. Note concurrent Antlerless Season.

Deer – 2007 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons

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

County (See Page 15 for Public Land Regulations)	Archery October 13 – December 31	Buck Firearms November 19 – December 1	Antlerless Season Closed	Muzzleloader December 10-15
<p>Boone</p> <p>Clay</p> <p>Fayette (South and West of New River and West of Gauley River)</p> <p>Greenbrier (Northern portion, see page 19)</p> <p>Kanawha (South of Elk River and East of Corridor C)</p>	<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. 	<p>Season Closed</p>	<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.
<p>Logan</p> <p>McDowell</p> <p>Mingo</p> <p>Wyoming</p>	<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. 	<p>Season Closed</p>	<p>Season Closed</p>	<p>Season Closed</p>

2007 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons – Deer

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 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 3-8, and the season bag limit is one deer. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.
McClintic WMA Bluestone Lake WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in the respective 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 only six days, December 3-8, and the season bag limit is one deer. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.
Beech Fork Lake WMA Burnsville Lake WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in the respective 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 3-8. Prior application is required and the season bag limit is one deer.
Stonecoal Lake WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in the respective counties where the WMA is located except: the Antlerless Season is limited to West Virginia residents and is only six days, December 3-8. Prior application is required and the season bag limit is one deer. The Special Split Youth/Class O deer season is not open. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered 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 Special Split Youth/Class O deer season is not open. The Antlerless Season is only six days, December 3-8, and the season bag limit is one deer. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.
Amherst/Plymouth WMA Stonewall Jackson Lake WMA Gross Creek 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 3-8. Prior application is required and the season bag limit is one deer. 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. 19-Dec.1. 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 3-8. Prior application is required and the season bag limit is one deer. The Special Split Youth/Class O deer season is not open. 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. 19-Dec. 1. 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 3-8.
Potts Creek WMA (Jefferson National Forest) Elk River WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in the respective counties where the WMAs are located except: the Archery Season bag limit is two deer. The Antlerless Season and the Special Split Youth/Class O deer seasons are not open. Muzzleloader hunting is restricted to antlered deer only. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.
Greenbottom WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in Cabell County except: Deer may only be hunted with bows or muzzleloaders and the Antlerless Season is only six days, December 3-8.
Edwards Run WMA Fort Mill Ridge WMA Short Mountain WMA	All regulations are the same as private land in Hampshire County except: the Antlerless Season is split with two days on October 26-27 and six days on December 3-8 for a total of eight days. The bag limit is 4 antlerless deer, only one of which may be taken in the October 26-27 portion of the season.
All other WMAs and other Public Lands	All regulations are the same as private land in the respective counties where the WMAs and other public lands are located except: in counties having an Antlerless Season, the Antlerless Season on WMAs and public lands is only six days, December 3-8. The Special Split Youth/Class O deer season is only open on those areas specified on page 27.

Deer – 2006 Harvest by Season

County	Antlerless	Archery	Buck	Muzzleloader	Total
Barbour	1,130	516	1,522	221	3,389
Brooke	619	322	480	63	1,484
Hancock	544	368	448	92	1,452
Harrison	2,056	503	1,810	216	4,585
Marion	1,464	494	1,443	143	3,544
Marshall	1,542	433	1,648	179	3,802
Monongalia	1,828	714	1,953	251	4,746
Ohio	605	258	507	74	1,444
Preston	1,957	1,228	2,611	330	6,126
Taylor	933	275	903	107	2,218
Tucker	0	475	1,021	25	1,521
Wetzel	1,680	358	1,926	204	4,168
District I Subtotal	14,358	5,944	16,083	1,905	38,290
Berkeley	651	382	924	107	2,064
Grant	565	422	1,544	219	2,750
Hampshire	1,369	254	1,949	129	3,701
Hardy	1,514	418	2,178	228	4,338
Jefferson	568	358	713	91	1,730
Mineral	1,214	332	1,388	121	3,055
Morgan	598	180	845	83	1,706
Pendleton	303	438	1,850	192	2,783
District II Subtotal	6,782	2,784	11,391	1,170	22,127
Braxton	0	420	1,309	39	1,768
Clay	0	228	400	4	632
Lewis	1,661	457	1,778	390	4,286
Nicholas	0	809	991	34	1,834
Pocahontas	0	393	1,410	44	1,847
Randolph	0	1,001	1,855	39	2,895
Upshur	638	536	1,432	257	2,863
Webster	0	493	797	15	1,305
District III Subtotal	2,299	4,337	9,972	822	17,430
Fayette	0	655	874	25	1,554
Greenbrier	0	800	2,143	76	3,019
McDowell	0	642	0	0	642
Mercer	0	483	662	25	1,170
Monroe	521	558	1,886	289	3,254
Raleigh	1	638	653	22	1,314
Summers	109	492	945	36	1,582
Wyoming	0	611	0	0	611
District IV Subtotal	631	4,879	7,163	473	13,146
Boone	0	275	496	9	780
Cabell	198	308	683	82	1,271
Kanawha	216	576	1,025	90	1,907
Lincoln	0	299	832	21	1,152
Logan	0	491	0	0	491
Mason	2,262	774	2,067	288	5,391
Mingo	0	273	0	0	273
Putnam	740	483	1,051	112	2,386
Wayne	155	298	837	66	1,356
District V. Subtotal	3,571	3,777	6,991	668	15,007
Calhoun	735	248	1,039	144	2,166
Doddridge	912	235	1,328	158	2,633
Gilmer	360	225	1,182	211	1,978
Jackson	2,260	559	2,122	279	5,220
Pleasants	585	113	589	64	1,351
Ritchie	1,466	477	2,147	268	4,358
Roane	656	440	1,691	186	2,973
Tyler	1,460	309	1,429	158	3,356
Wirt	1,265	291	919	154	2,629
Wood	2,020	601	1,877	230	4,728
District VI Subtotal	11,719	3,498	14,323	1,852	31,392
State Total	39,360	25,219	66,112	6,890	137,581

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 19.

All West Virginia residents must purchase a Class N stamp to hunt during the antlerless season with the following exceptions:

- Resident landowners (see page 8) 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 not exempted above 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 Web site (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.

Only one antlerless deer may be taken per day, except that two antlerless deer may be taken on the same day during December 3-8, 2007, on private land only, provided the first deer is legally checked prior to hunting a second deer.

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.

Limited Resident N and Unlimited Resident and Nonresident Class N or NN Antlerless Counties with a bag limit of one

Counties with limited resident hunting for Class N deer in antlerless season

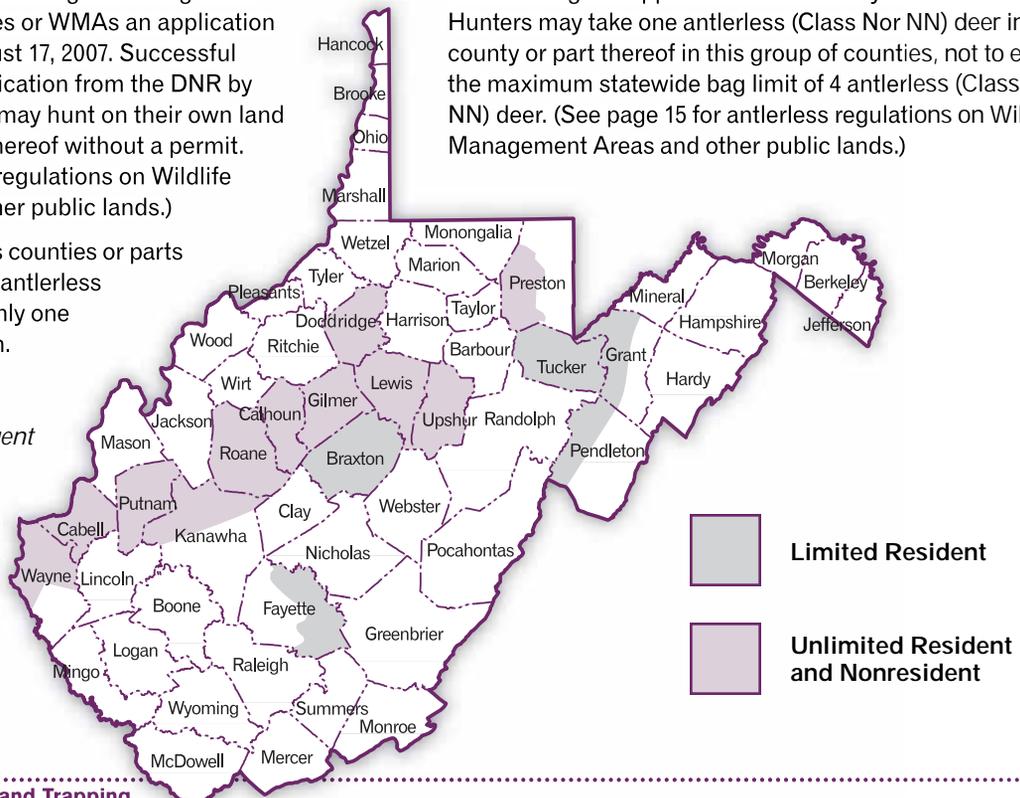
Five counties or parts thereof and eight wildlife management areas (WMAs) have a limited number of Class N stamps for resident antlerless deer hunting. To be eligible to hunt in one of these counties or WMAs an application must be submitted by August 17, 2007. Successful applicants will receive notification 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 for antlerless regulations on Wildlife Management Areas and other public lands.)

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

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

Counties with a bag limit of one Class N or NN deer in antlerless season

Eleven 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. Hunters may take one antlerless (Class N or NN) deer in each county or part thereof in this group of counties, not to exceed the maximum statewide bag limit of 4 antlerless (Class N or NN) deer. (See page 15 for antlerless regulations on Wildlife Management Areas and other public lands.)



Antlerless Season – Deer

Hampshire County Antlerless Deer Season

Special two-day season October 26-27, 2007

There will be a special two-day Class N or NN antlerless deer season in Hampshire County on October 26-27, 2007, for resident and nonresident hunters. Hunters must purchase a Class N or NN antlerless stamp to participate in this special antlerless season. Resident landowners, their resident children, and resident tenants who permanently live on the property, are not required to purchase a Class N stamp if hunting on their own property. The bag limit for this special season is one antlerless deer.

The purpose of this special antlerless deer season 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 staffed by DNR Wildlife Resources personnel and biological data along with tissue samples will be collected and sent to a certified laboratory for CWD testing. Hunters will be able to check the DNR Web site – www.wvdnr.gov, for test results of those deer from which samples were collected.

Hampshire County CWD Containment Area

See page 11 for special regulations regarding deer carcass transport and baiting and feeding of wildlife within this designated portion of Hampshire County.

Concurrent hunting during the Antlerless Deer Season

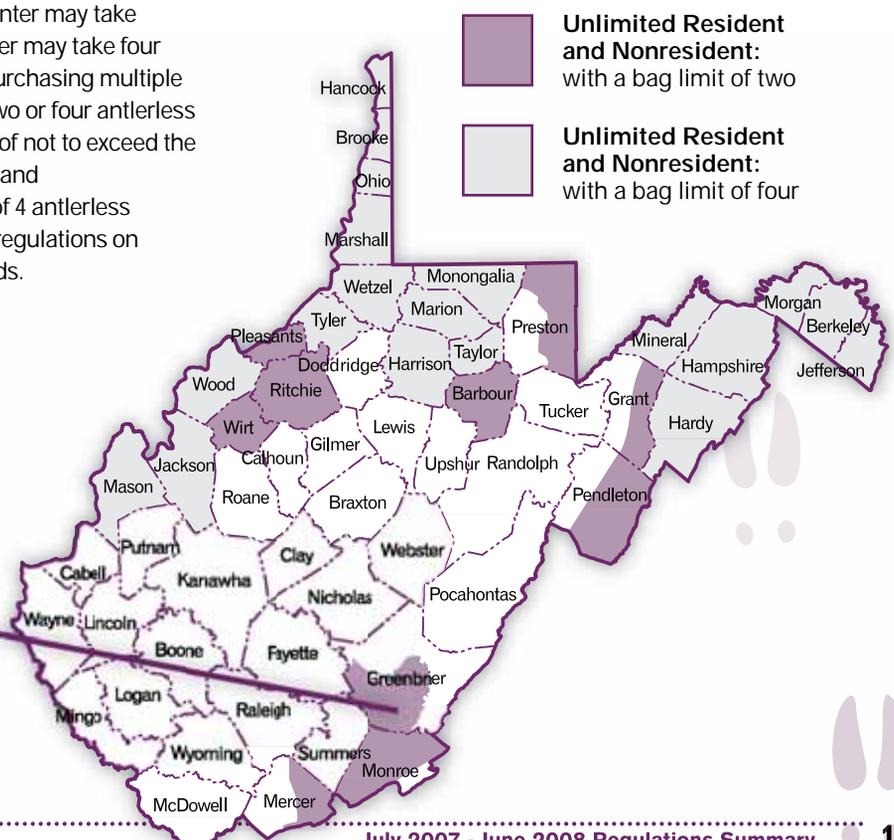
During antlerless season, concurrent hunting for small game and bear (where the season is open) is legal; however, no hunter except those legally hunting antlerless deer or bear shall be afield with a firearm with solid ball ammunition or shot shells containing larger than No. 4 shot, except for waterfowl 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 is legal. (See separate Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations publication.)

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

There are 10 counties or parts thereof where a hunter may take two antlerless deer and 19 counties where a hunter may take four antlerless deer during the antlerless season by purchasing multiple Class N or NN stamps. Hunters may take up to two or four antlerless (Class N or NN) deer in each county or part thereof not to exceed the bag limit specified in each county or part thereof and not to exceed the maximum statewide bag limit of 4 antlerless (Class N or NN) deer. See page 15 for antlerless regulations on Wildlife Management Areas and other public lands.



Deer – Archery Season

Daily Bag Limit: 1

Opening Date: October 13

Closing Date: December 31

Three deer may be taken with a bow during the archery season - the first deer must be taken on one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, Class XJ, Class AB-L, Class A-L, Classes A+CS+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 hunting on their own land (see page 8) may take a first archery deer without a license. Up to two additional deer may be taken with Class RB or Class RRB stamps (one per stamp) or by resident landowners hunting on their own property. If two deer are taken on Class RB or RRB stamps or by a resident landowner using those privileges one of the two 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 archery and firearms 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. 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in width.
- 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 13, 2007, 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. If two deer are taken on Class RB or Class RRB stamps or by a landowner using Class RB stamp privileges, one of the two must be an antlerless deer taken in a county open to Class N antlerless hunting.

The annual limit for the four-county area of Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties is two archery deer, one of which must be antlerless. 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 archery antlerless deer during the buck season is legal in these counties.

To take additional archery deer, all residents except resident landowners (see page 8) 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 9).

Archery Season – Deer

Hampshire County CWD Containment Area

See page 11 for special regulations regarding deer carcass transport and baiting and feeding of wildlife within this designated portion of Hampshire County.

November 4, 2007

Share Your Harvest Sunday

Designated annually by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section, in conjunction with the West Virginia Council of Churches, Share Your Harvest Sunday helps support and keep the Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) program alive and growing.

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

Hunters are asked to encourage their churches to participate by asking each member of the congregation to donate \$1.00, during a special Sunday collection for the HHH program. The donations are then sent to Mountaineer Food Bank of Gassaway, WV, and used to pay for meat processing and distribution costs associated with the HHH program.

Churches and congregations unable to participate on November 5, may choose a more convenient time.

Since its inception in 1992, HHH has provided venison for over 800,000 meals to needy West Virginians.

Donations should be mailed to:

Hunters Helping the Hungry
West Virginia Division of
Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources Section
State Capitol Complex
Building 3, Room 812
Charleston, WV 25305

For more information

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Special Seasons and Restrictions

Urban Deer Archery Season

A special archery deer hunting season is available between September 29 – December 31, 2007 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. It is illegal to bait or feed wildlife on these areas.

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 – Buck Season

Daily Bag Limit: 1

Opening Date: November 19

Closing Date: December 1

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 23).

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 hunting on their own land (see page 8) may take a first antlered deer without a license. A second deer may only be taken with a Class RG stamp, 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 (see page 5). A Class A-1 handgun stamp 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 19, 2007, 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 8) 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 9).

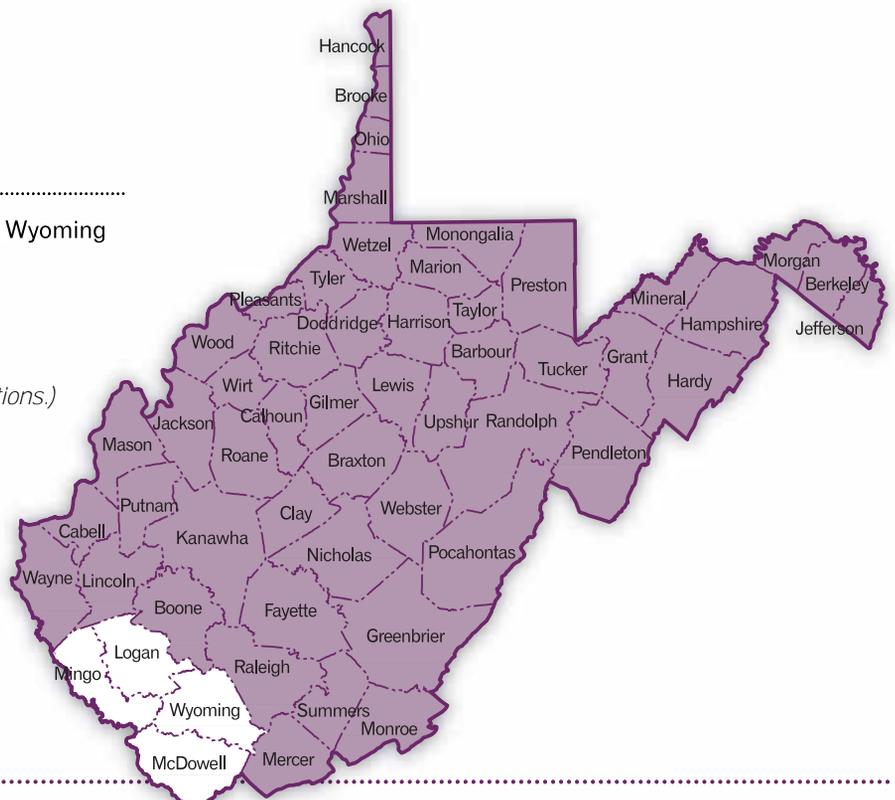
Hunting on the Class RG or Class RRG gun stamps can begin on the day after legally checking the first antlered deer.

Buck Counties

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

 **Open:** Buck Firearms Season
November 19 - December 1, 2007
(See page 15 for special public land regulations.)

 **Closed:** to all firearms deer hunting



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 19 - December 1, 2007. Only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines" of .38 caliber or larger are legal. These two areas will not be open to the traditional buck firearms season. All muzzleloader license requirements apply. (See pages 9, 15 and 24). 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, 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 antlered deer bag limit is one deer for all archery and firearms seasons combined. It is illegal to bait or feed wildlife on these areas.

Thanks to your purchase of hunting equipment, the DNR receives approximately \$4 million each year which must be spent on wildlife management and research, and hunter education. This amount represents about 33 percent of our operating budget for wildlife management.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, passed in 1937, placed a tax on hunting equipment. The tax is collected by the federal government and divided among the states based on the number of licensed hunters and the size of the state. The program is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Your hunting equipment tax dollars have been used to:

- Manage wildlife habitat on 1.5 million acres of public land in West Virginia
- Reduce the hunting accident rate to one of the lowest in the country
- Research and restoration efforts with turkey, bear and deer

Thank you for your help.



Hampshire County CWD Containment Area

See page 11 for special regulations regarding deer carcass transport and baiting and feeding of wildlife within this designated portion of Hampshire County.

Concurrent hunting during Buck Deer Season

Antlerless deer hunting is legal on private land in 42 counties or portions thereof during the buck season (November 19 thru December 1). 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 18) 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 22, 2007. 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 (unless legally hunting bear) or shot shells containing larger than No. 4 shot. Waterfowl hunters may use nontoxic shot larger than No. 4.

It is illegal to hunt small game during the buck season with any centerfire, with any rimfire 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 12-15 and 17).

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.

Deer – Muzzleloader Season

Daily Bag Limit: 1

Opening Date: December 10

Closing Date: December 15

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 hunting on their own land (see page 8) may take a first muzzleloader deer without a license. A second muzzleloader deer may only be taken with a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.

Muzzleloader 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 12-15 and 25).

In the muzzleloader season, only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines" of .38 caliber or larger are legal. Telescopic sights 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 archery and firearms seasons combined.



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 Dec. 10, 2007, prior to the opening of muzzleloader season.

To take an additional muzzleloader deer, all residents, except resident landowners (see page 8) hunting on their own land are required to purchase a Class RM stamp. All nonresidents are required to purchase a Class RRM 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 25). See page 15 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 (see page 37), the first muzzleloader season deer must be taken on an appropriate base license, license/stamp combination, free license, resident underage or as a landowner (see page 8) hunting on their own land 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 the 29 counties or parts thereof having a Class N or NN antlerless season bag limit of two or more antlerless (Class N) deer (see muzzleloader map page 25). See page 15 for muzzleloader regulations on WMAs and other public lands.

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

Muzzleloader Season – Deer

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 an antlered deer only muzzleloader season November 19 - December 1, 2007. Only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines" of .38 caliber or larger are legal. These two areas will not be open to the traditional buck firearms season. All muzzleloader license requirements apply. The annual antlered deer bag limit is one for Archery and Muzzleloader seasons combined (see pages 9, 15 and 24).

Older-Aged Deer Management Areas

All antlered deer taken 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 antlered deer bag limit is one for archery and firearms seasons combined. It is illegal to bait or feed wildlife on these areas (see pages 11, 15 and 24).

Hampshire County CWD Containment Area

See page 11 for special regulations regarding deer carcass transport and baiting and feeding of wildlife within this designated portion of Hampshire County.

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.

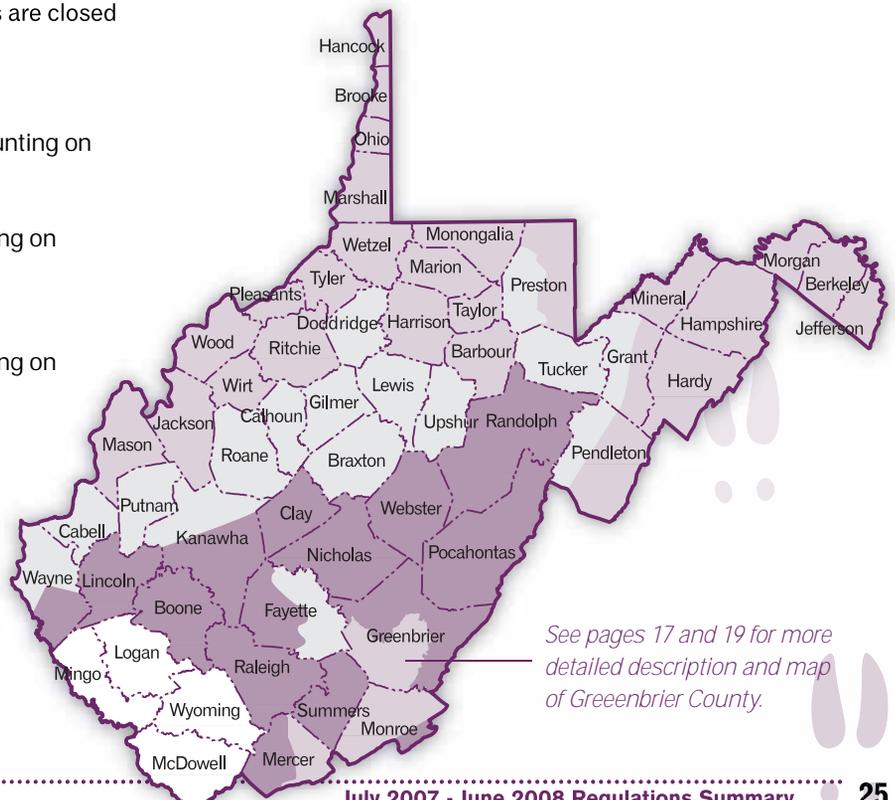
Concurrent hunting is permitted during the muzzleloader season. It is illegal to be afield with solid ball ammunition or shot larger than No. 4 during the muzzleloader season, except for those persons legally hunting bear, and for waterfowl hunters using nontoxic shot.

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

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 15 for muzzleloader regulations on public lands in these counties.

See pages 17 and 19 for more detailed description and map of Greenbrier County.

Deer – Special Split Youth and Class Q Season

October 27 and December 24-25, 2007: 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 11 and for baiting and feeding wildlife on Older Aged Deer Management Areas on page 10.

The special split deer season for youth and Class Q hunters will be held on private land in all counties having a firearms deer hunting season and on the 46 specified Wildlife Management Areas and two State Forests listed on page 27.

Youth hunters must:

- be at least 8 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,

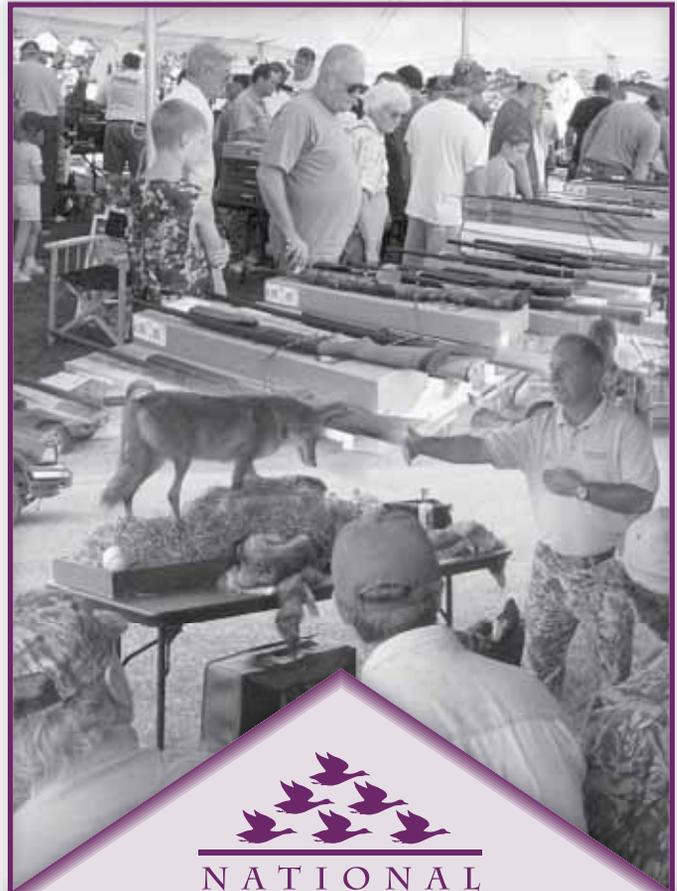
- Class Q permit plus one of the following:
 - » Class A license + CS stamp or
 - » Class X, XJ, A-L or AB-L license or
 - » Free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW or Senior Citizen) or
 - » Be underage (must be accompanied by a licensed adult)

if a nonresident,

- Class Q permit + Class E license + CS/LE stamp.
- Class Q permit + Class XXJ + 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 11) 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 or state forests during the special youth and Class Q deer season, 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.



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Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm

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Over 100 vendors and exhibitors showing outdoor equipment
Hunting, fishing and wildlife seminars Outdoor Youth Challenge
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For more information: **Scott Warner** at (304) 558-2771

Special Split Youth and Class Q Season – Deer

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

District 1

- 5. Cecil H. Underwood – *Marshall and Wetzel counties*
- 7. Cross Creek – *Brooke County*
- 11. Lewis Wetzel – *Wetzel County*
- 15. Pruntytown – *Taylor County*
- 16. Snake Hill – *Monongalia and Preston counties*

District 2

- 19. Allegheny – *Mineral County*
- 20. Edwards Run – *Hampshire County*
- 21. Fort Mill Ridge – *Hampshire County*
- 22. Nathaniel Mountain – *Hampshire County*
- 23. Shannondale – *Jefferson County*
- 24. Short Mountain – *Hampshire County*
- 25. Sleepy Creek – *Berkeley and Morgan counties*
- 26. South Branch – *Hardy and Hampshire counties*
- 27. Thorn Creek – *Pendleton County*
- 29. Widmeyer – *Morgan County*

District 3

- 30. Becky Creek – *Randolph County*
- 32. Burnsville Lake – *Braxton County*
- 39. Stonewall Jackson Lake – *Lewis County*

District 4

- 44. Andrew Rowan Farm – *Monroe County*
- 46. Beury Mountain – *Fayette County*
- 47. Bluestone – *Summers, Mercer and Monroe counties*
- 49. Meadow River – *Greenbrier County*
- 50. Moncove Lake – *Monroe County*
- 51. Plum Orchard – *Fayette County*
- 53. Tate Lohr – *Mercer County*
- C. Camp Creek State Forest – *Mercer County*
- E. Greenbrier State Forest – *Greenbrier County*

District 5

- 55. Amherst/Plymouth – *Putnam County*
- 56. Beech Fork – *Cabell and Wayne counties*
- 57. Big Ugly – *Lincoln County*
- 58. Chief Cornstalk – *Mason County*
- 59. East Lynn Lake – *Wayne County*
- 60. Fork Creek – *Boone County*
- 61. Greenbottom* – *Cabell and Mason counties*
*Limited to muzzleloaders and bows
- 62. Hilbert – *Lincoln County*
- 64. McClintic – *Mason County*
- 65. Mill Creek – *Cabell County*
- 66. Morris Creek – *Kanawha County*
- 67. Upper Mud River – *Lincoln County*

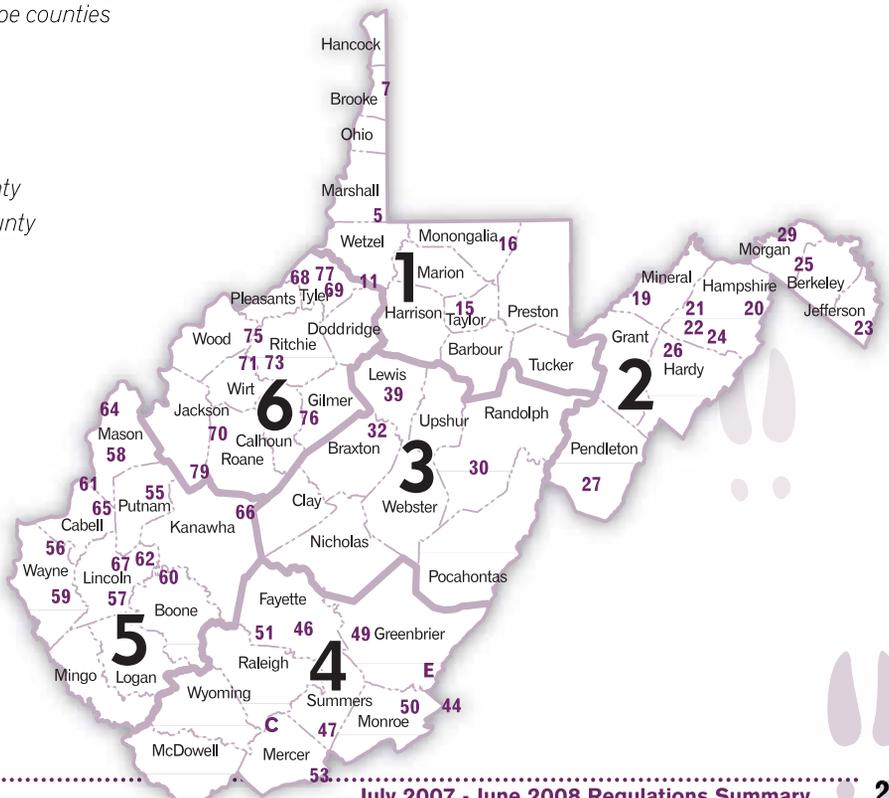
District 6

- 68. Buffalo Run – *Pleasants and Tyler counties*
- 69. Conaway Run – *Tyler County*
- 70. Frozen Camp – *Jackson County*
- 71. Hughes River – *Ritchie and Wirt counties*
- 73. Ritchie Mines – *Ritchie County*
- 75. Sand Hill – *Wood and Ritchie counties*
- 76. Stumptown – *Gilmer County*
- 77. The Jug – *Tyler County*
- 79. Woodrum Lake – *Jackson County*

Youth Squirrel Season

September 29, 2007

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.



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 8) may take three turkeys without a license. Two bearded turkeys may be taken in the spring and one either sex turkey in the fall. However, no more than one turkey may be taken in the fall.



Field Tagging, Checking and Transporting

Each person killing a turkey must either attach a completed field tag to the turkey or remain with the turkey and have upon their person a completed field tag before removing the carcass from where it was killed. A person who does not possess a field tag 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. Immediately upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle or vessel the field tag shall be attached to the turkey and must remain on the carcass until it is tagged with an official game checking tag.

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.

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 8) 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 Spring Gobbler Season on page 29).

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 – 2006 Harvests

County	Black Bear - Archery	Black Bear - Gun	Turkey - Spring	Turkey - Fall
Barbour	24	1	176	Closed
Brooke	0	0	121	5
Hancock	0	0	137	7
Harrison	2	0	254	Closed
Marion	0	0	190	Closed
Marshall	0	0	306	20
Monongalia	3	0	310	Closed
Ohio	0	0	137	10
Preston	66	34	400	137
Taylor	1	0	101	Closed
Tucker	27	43	98	27
Wetzel	0	0	200	Closed
District I Subtotal	123	78	2,430	206
Berkeley	1	0	107	24
Grant	14	36	130	59
Hampshire	4	4	220	68
Hardy	33	46	226	63
Jefferson	2	0	51	Closed
Mineral	9	14	135	59
Morgan	2	1	116	31
Pendleton	20	101	136	55
District II Subtotal	85	202	1,121	359
Braxton	4	12	282	Closed
Clay	6	4	82	Closed
Lewis	0	2	258	Closed
Nicholas	32	78	226	67
Pocahontas	19	132	128	69
Randolph	60	122	176	98
Upshur	5	2	258	Closed
Webster	37	91	108	48
District III Subtotal	163	443	1,518	282
Fayette	24	68	261	Closed
Greenbrier	31	148	298	139
McDowell	14	6	270	Closed
Mercer	5	2	311	Closed
Monroe	10	16	200	102
Raleigh	9	59	264	Closed
Summers	1	1	287	Closed
Wyoming	10	4	243	Closed
District IV Subtotal	104	304	2,134	241
Boone	10	68	159	Closed
Cabell	0	0	146	Closed
Kanawha	17	89	263	Closed
Lincoln	2	1	223	Closed
Logan	7	3	169	Closed
Mason	0	0	493	Closed
Mingo	4	0	100	Closed
Putnam	0	0	246	Closed
Wayne	0	0	207	Closed
District V Subtotal	40	161	2,006	0
Calhoun	0	0	193	Closed
Doddridge	0	0	199	Closed
Gilmer	0	0	195	Closed
Jackson	0	0	353	Closed
Pleasants	0	0	97	Closed
Ritchie	1	0	317	Closed
Roane	0	0	293	Closed
Tyler	0	0	198	Closed
Wirt	0	0	272	37
Wood	0	0	409	60
District VI Subtotal	1	0	2,526	97
Unknown	0	0	0	1
State Total	516	1,188	11,735	1,186

General Regulations – Bear

Season Limit: 1 for Archery and Firearms Seasons combined

Resident and Nonresident Bear Hunting License Privileges

To hunt black bear, hunters must possess one of the following valid license combinations: resident (Classes X+DS, Classes XJ+DS, Classes AB-L+DS, Classes A-L+DS, 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 8) hunting on their own land 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)



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.
 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ -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 34).
- use an electronic call.

Penalties For Chapter 20 Bear Law Violations

These penalties are not subject to suspension by the court.

1st Offense

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

2nd Offense

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

3rd Offense

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

Bear – General Regulations

Field Tagging, Checking and Transporting

Each person killing a bear must attach a completed field tag to the bear or remain with the bear and have upon their person a completed field tag before moving the carcass from where it was killed. A person who does have a tag 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. Immediately upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle or vessel the field tag shall be attached to the bear and must remain on the carcass until it is tagged with an official game checking tag.

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.

Dog Training

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

Training for nonresidents may begin October 6, 2007 and continue through February 29, 2008.

- 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. Prohibitions on Sunday hunting apply to dog training.
- 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.
- A person may not be guilty of hunting without permission 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.
- No person other than the owner of a registered dog may remove a tag, collar or other identifying apparel, nor remove or turn off a radio transmitting collar without the permission of the owner, unless it is necessary to prevent or treat an injury to the dog, or is done by a law-enforcement officer for law enforcement purposes.

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.

Attention Bear Hunters - Bear Tooth Collection

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 either pulling or allowing a small tooth or two to be pulled and submitted to the bear project. Hunters pulling a bear tooth should refer to the accompanying diagram.



Use a screwdriver to pry out the teeth located just in back of the large canines as shown. This is difficult to do without breaking the roots, so work slowly.

Each bear's tooth (or teeth) pulled should be taped to an index card, placed in a small envelope and labeled with the hunters name, county of kill, bear weight, and check tag number and dropped off at an official game checking station or mailed to the DNR at : Elkins Operation Center, PO Box 67, Elkins, WV 26241. After processing the tooth, the DNR will provide you with the age of the animal. If you do not collect a tooth 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.

Season Limit: 1

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 the 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

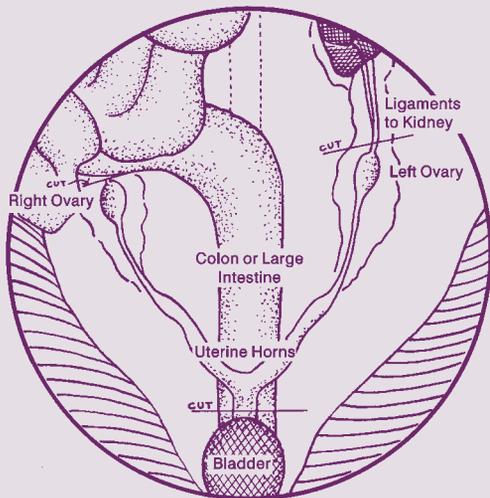
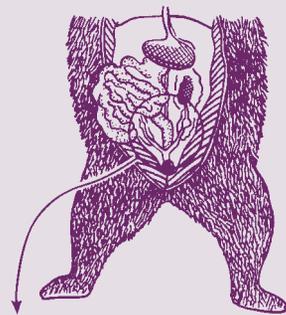
District 3: (304) 924-6211

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 outlined in the above diagram. 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.

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



Bear – Firearms Season

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.

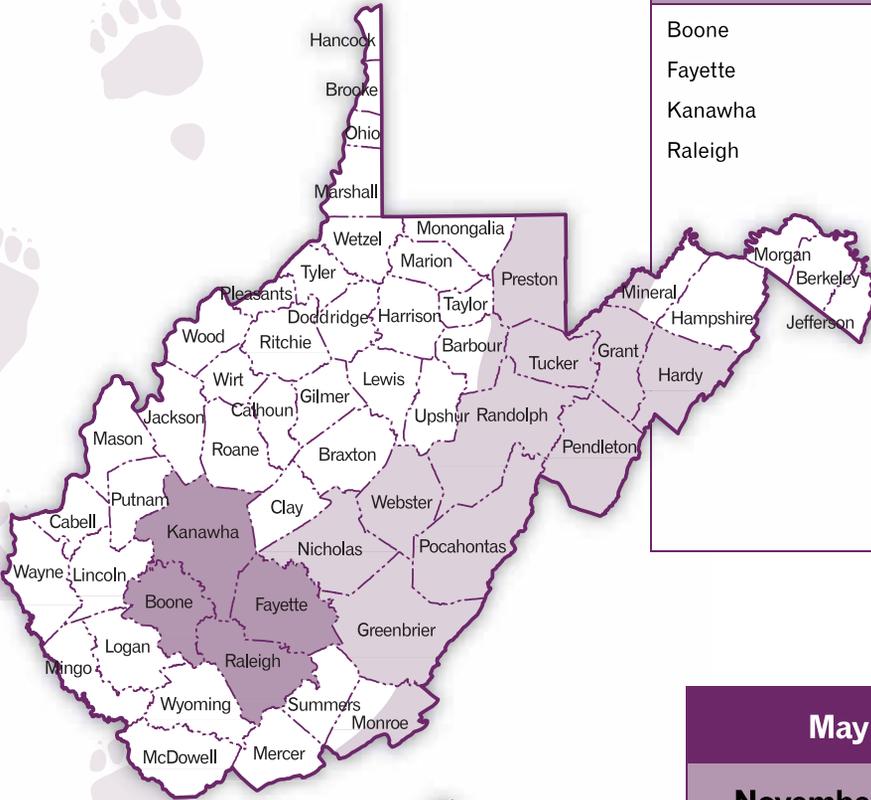
May Hunt Bear With Or Without Dogs

Oct. 29 – Nov. 3
and December 3 - 31

December 3 - 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



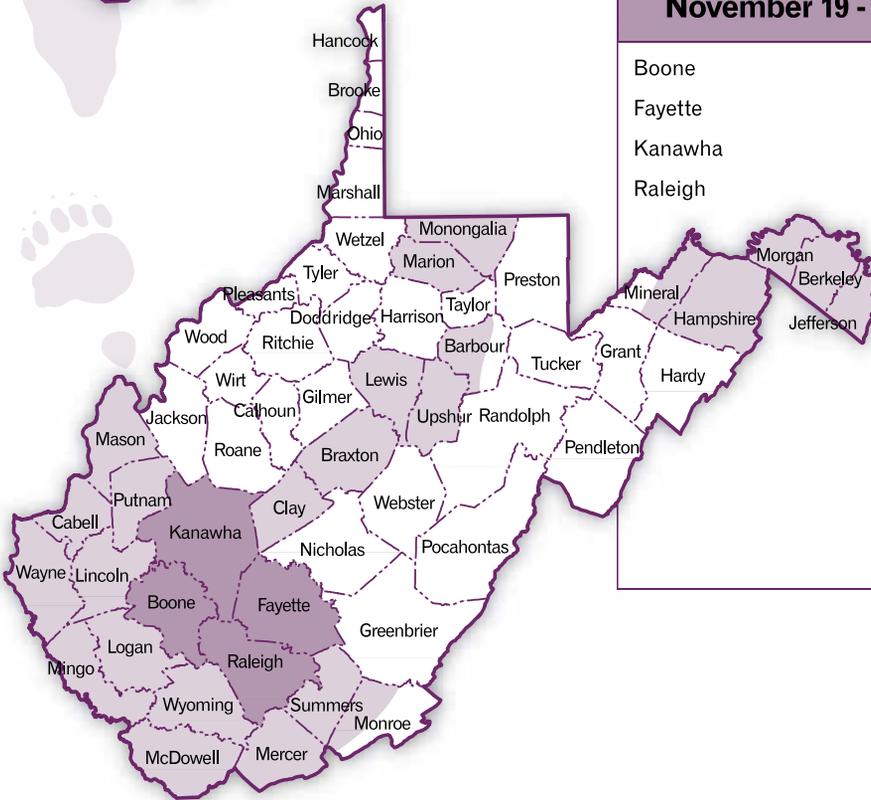
May not Hunt Bear With Dogs

November 19 - 24

December 3 - 31

Boone
Fayette
Kanawha
Raleigh

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



2007 Archery and Firearms Seasons – Boar

Season Limit: 1 Archery Season: October 13 – December 31 Firearms Season: October 22-27

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, AB-L, A-L 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.

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 10).

Use of dogs and/or bait is prohibited.

Use of electronic calls is prohibited.

Only one wild boar may be taken per year.

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.

Field Tagging and Checking

Each person killing a boar must attach a completed field tag to the boar or remain with the boar and have upon their person a completed field tag before moving the carcass from where it was killed. A person who does not have a tag 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. Immediately upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle or vessel the field tag shall be attached to the boar and must remain on the carcass until it is tagged with an official game checking tag.

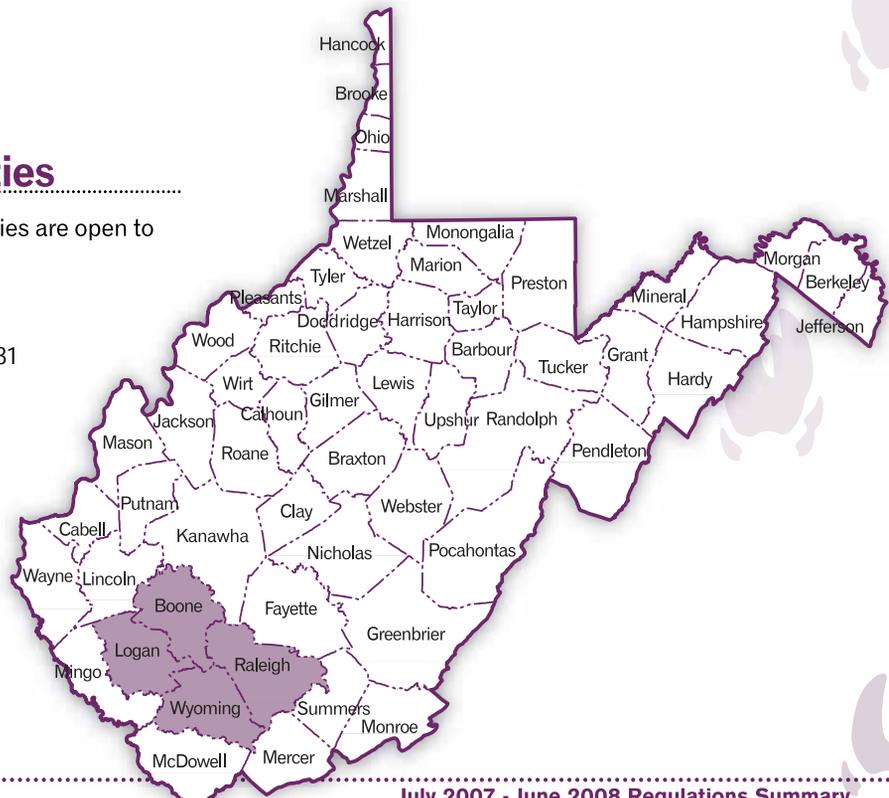
All boar killed must be taken to an official game checking station or a conservation officer in the county of kill within 24 hours for retagging.



Wild Boar Seasons Counties

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

-  **Archery:** October 13 - December 31
Firearms: October 22 - 27
-  **Closed**



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 four 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 four 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
See page 38 for complete license information.

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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 seasons 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.

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 – 2008 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 +UU or 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 2007-08

Licenses may be obtained as follows:

- At over 350 retail agent locations throughout the state and all county clerks offices. (\$3 issuing fee for first purchase and \$1 for subsequent purchases)
- www.wvhunt.com
(Official WVDNR Web site - \$2 fee per transaction.)
- Directly from the Hunting and Fishing License Unit by phoning (304) 558-2758. (\$2 fee per transaction.)

For additional information please contact:

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