

2018-2019 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
*Wild Boar (Gun) Split Season	October 27 February 1	November 3 February 3		1	
*Wild Boar (Archery and Crossbow) Split Season	September 29 February 1	December 31 February 3			
*Deer (Buck Firearms)	November 19	December 1			
*Deer (Archery and Crossbow)	September 29	December 31			
*Deer (Antlerless) Split Season (Selected Counties)	October 25	October 28			
	November 19	December 1			See pages 14-19.
	December 6	December 9			
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 10	December 16			
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ/Class XS) Split Season (see page 31)	October 20 December 26	October 20 December 27	1	3	3
*Deer and Bear (Winter 2019 – Mountaineer Heritage - see page 33)	January 10	January 13		1 deer	1 bear
*Bear (Archery and Crossbow)	September 29	December 31			
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties)	September 1	September 16			
	September 22	September 28			See pages 34-39.
	October 6	October 12	1	2	2
	October 25	October 28			
	November 19	December 1			
*Turkey, Fall Split Season (Selected Counties - see page 41)	October 13	October 20			
	October 29	November 3		1	
*Turkey (Spring 2019 - Bearded Only)	April 15	May 11	1	2	2
*Turkey (2019 Youth Season - see page 42)	April 13	April 13	1 - counts towards spring season bag limit of two		
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	September 8	February 28	6	24	None
Squirrel (Youth Season - see page 31)	September 1	September 1		6	
Ruffed Grouse	October 13	February 28	4	16	None
Bobwhite Quail (Bobwhite quail hunting closed on Tomblin WMA)	November 3	January 5	3	9	None
Cottontail Rabbit	November 3	February 28	5	20	None
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 3	February 28	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 of 4 is for the 24-hour period of 6 a.m. to 6 a.m.	October 13	February 28	4	None	None
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 3	February 28		None	
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 3	February 28			
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology, see page 3)	January 1	February 28		None	
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 3	February 28		3	
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 3	February 28		None	
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 3	January 31		1	
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 3	March 31		None	
*Otter (Trapping)	November 3	February 28		1	
Crow - Split Season Nuisance Crows: crows committing depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, home gardens, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated so as to constitute a health hazard and or other nuisance may be killed at any time.	October 1	November 17			
	January 1	March 2		None	
Coyote (Hunting)**	Year-round				
Coyote (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology)**	January 1	July 31			None
Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck, Weasel, English Sparrow, European Starling and Pigeon (Hunting)	Year-round				None
Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, and Weasel (Trapping)	November 3	February 28			
Elk, Song and Insectivorous Birds, Owls, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles			No Open Season		
Geese, Ducks, Mourning Doves, Gallinules, Rails, Woodcock and Common Snipe			Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration required. See WVDNR Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations available in August.		

*Must be electronically registered (checked). See page 44 for instructions on the electronic registration process.

**See page 7 for additional regulations.