

2019-2020 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit	
*Wild Boar (Gun) Split Season	October 26 February 7	November 2 February 9		1		
*Wild Boar (Archery and Crossbow) Split Season	September 28 February 7	December 31 February 9				
*Deer (Buck Firearms) *Deer (Archery and Crossbow)	November 25 September 28	December 7 December 31		See pages 14-19.		
*Deer (Antlerless) Split Season (Selected Counties)	October 24	October 27				
	November 25	December 7				
	December 12	December 15				
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 16	December 22				
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ/Class XS) Split Season (see page 32)	October 19 December 26	October 20 December 27	1		3	3
*Deer and Bear (Winter 2020 – Mountaineer Heritage - see page 34)	January 9	January 12		1 deer	1 bear	
*Bear (Archery and Crossbow)	September 28	December 31		See pages 35-40.		
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties)	August 31	September 15				
	September 21	September 27				
	October 5	October 11	1		2	2
	October 24	October 27				
	November 25	December 7				
*Turkey, Fall Split Season (Selected Counties - see page 42)	October 12 October 28 October 28	October 19 November 2 November 16		1		
*Turkey (Spring 2020 - Bearded Only)	April 20	May 16	1	2	2	
*Turkey (2020 Youth Season - see page 43)	April 18	April 19	1 - counts towards spring season bag limit of two			
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	September 14	February 29	6	24	None	
Squirrel (Youth Season - see page 32)	September 7	September 7		6		
Ruffed Grouse	October 12	February 29	4	16	None	
Bobwhite Quail (Bobwhite quail hunting closed on Tomblin WMA)	November 2	January 4	3	9	None	
Cottontail Rabbit	November 2	February 29	5	20	None	
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 2	February 29	2	8	None	
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only)	November 2	January 4	2	2	None	
Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	November 9	December 7	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 12	February 29	4	None	None	
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 2	February 29		None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 2	February 29		None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology, see page 3)	January 1	February 29				
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 2	February 29		3		
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 2	February 29		None		
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 2	January 31		1		
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 2	March 31		None		
*Otter (Trapping)	November 2	February 29		1		
Crow - Split Season Nuisance Crows: crows committing depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, home gardens, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated so as to constitute a health hazard and or other nuisance may be killed at any time.	October 1 January 1	November 16 March 7		None		
Coyote (Hunting)**	Year-round			None		
Coyote (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology)**	January 1	July 31				
Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck, Weasel, English Sparrow, European Starling and Pigeon (Hunting)	Year-round			None		
Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, and Weasel (Trapping)	November 2	February 29				
Elk, Song and Insectivorous Birds, Owls, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles				No Open Season		
Geese, Ducks, Mourning Doves, Gallinules, Rails, Woodcock and Common Snipe			Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration required. See WVDNR Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations available in August.			

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

**See page 7 for additional regulations.