

REGULATIONS PUBLIC MEETINGS



March 15, 2021

Fairmont, Fayetteville, Martinsburg, Milton, Spencer, Summersville

March 16, 2021

Buckhannon, Glendale, Logan, Moorefield, Mullins, Parkersburg

Resident Deer Hunting License Privileges

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

entitles a hunter to take one deer during the archery or crossbow seasons, one antlered deer during the buck firearms season and one deer during the muzzleloader season.

**Class XS License holders refer to page 32.*

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in the buck firearms season: Class RG
- to hunt an additional deer during the archery or crossbow seasons: Class RB
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class N
- to hunt an additional deer in muzzleloader season: Class RM
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1

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

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

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in the buck firearms season: Class RG
- to hunt deer during the archery or crossbow seasons: Class BG
- to hunt an additional deer during the archery or crossbow seasons: Class RB
- to hunt deer in muzzleloader season: Class BG
- to hunt an additional deer 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 9.

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.

Resident and Nonresident License Privileges with a Class DT Special Hunting and Fishing License for Persons with a Life-Threatening Condition

A resident or nonresident under age 21 who qualifies for and obtains a Class DT license, may hunt for and take the legal number of deer allowed in each season in compliance with county and statewide regulations without purchasing or otherwise obtaining any additional licenses or stamps, providing the Class DT license holder and assistant abides by all other pertinent laws and regulations. Class DT license holders must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or with written consent of the parent or guardian, or any other competent licensed adult 21 years of age or older.

STATE PARK DEER SEASONS

Information available July 1 at the WV DNR website, District offices and State Parks. Application process will be on-line at www.wvhunt.com.

Beech Fork State Park

November 2-4 and 9-11, 2020

Cacapon Resort State Park

November 2-4 and 9-11, 2020

Canaan Valley Resort State Park

October 26-28 and November 2-4, 2020

North Bend State Park

October 26-28 and November 9-11, 2020

Pipestem Resort State Park

November 2-4 and 9-11, 2020

Twin Falls Resort State Park

November 2-4, 2020

Nonresident License Privileges

Nonresidents (ages 8 through 17) who have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course may purchase a Class XXJ license or AAHJ license (without the training) and a Class CS/LE stamp are entitled to take one deer during the archery or crossbow seasons, one antlered deer during the buck firearms season, and one deer during the muzzleloader season.

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in the buck firearms season: Class RRG
- to hunt an additional deer during the archery or crossbow seasons: Class RRB
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class NN
- to hunt an additional deer in muzzleloader season: Class RRM

All other nonresidents, except those who hold License Classes XXJ, AAHJ or DT, regardless of landowner status, must purchase an annual Class E or AAH license and a Class CS/LE stamp. This entitles the holder to hunt one antlered deer during the buck firearms season.

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in the buck firearms season: Class RRG
- to hunt deer during the archery or crossbow seasons: Class UU
- to hunt an additional deer during the archery or crossbow seasons: Class RRB
- to hunt deer in muzzleloader season: Class VV
- to hunt an additional deer 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

Baiting and Feeding Regulations

It is illegal to bait or feed any wildlife on public land at any time (see pages 9, 29 and 31).

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 the special youth/Class Q/QQ/XS antlerless deer season. This applies to the Mountaineer Heritage Season. This does not apply to waterfowl hunters and persons engaged in farming activities on their own land.

Hunting Hours and Restrictions

You may hunt deer from 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset (see chart on page 20).

After a person has killed his/her legal daily limit of deer, they may not participate further in hunting deer with either a bow, crossbow 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 rimfire.

A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer during the regular deer seasons and the following Mountaineer Heritage Season combined.

Replacement Costs for Illegally Injuring or Killing Antlered Deer

In addition to the \$500 replacement value of deer, the following cost shall also be forfeited to the state by any person who is convicted of violating any criminal law of this state and the violation causes the injury or death of antlered deer:

1. For any deer in which the inside spread of the main beams on the antlers measured at the widest point equals 14" or greater but less than 16" – \$2,500;
2. For any deer in which the inside spread of the main beams on the antlers measured at the widest point equals 16" or greater but less than 18" – \$5,000;
3. For any deer in which the inside spread of the main beams on the antlers measured at the widest point equals 18" or greater but less than 20" – \$7,500;
4. For any deer in which the inside spread of the main beams on the antlers measured at the widest point equals 20" or greater – \$10,000;
5. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of any criminal law of this state which violation causes the injury or death of antlered deer is subject to double the authorized range of replacement cost to be forfeited.
6. Any person convicted pursuant to the replacement costs above shall also be subject to a revocation of hunting and fishing privileges for a period of five years.

DESIGNATED CWD SAMPLING STATIONS

All adult deer harvested by hunters on November 23-24, 2020, within the CWD Containment Area county of Hardy are required to be brought to a designated CWD sampling station for carcass examination and sampling between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Hunters are reminded that they are still required to check their deer via telephone, internet or at a license agent. This action is necessary to increase WVDNR's ability to monitor CWD and increase cost effectiveness of placing WVDNR personnel at sampling locations to examine deer carcasses in Hardy County. Hunters in Hardy County were last asked to allow their deer to be examined by WVDNR in November of 2016. CWD sampling in November of 2020 will provide WVDNR and deer hunters new information on the prevalence and distribution of CWD infections among Hardy County deer in order to make informed management decisions..

Hardy County

- The Home Place -
13842 State Route 259, Mathias, WV 26812
- Baker Volunteer Fire Department -
8254 US-12, Baker, WV 26801
- A & A Spirits Shop parking lot -
414 South Main St., Moorefield, WV 26836
- Old Fields Country Store -
5196 US Highway 220N, Old Fields, WV 26845
- Capon Valley Volunteer Fire Department -
190 West Main St., Wardensville, WV 26851

Please check the WVDNR's website and look for press releases before hunting season for final details regarding sampling locations and times.

Firearms/Bows/Crossbows 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 an arrow, except that a person who is not prohibited from possessing firearms by law may carry a firearm for self-defense.
- a crossbow that does not have:
 - » a draw weight of at least 125 pounds.
 - » a working safety.
 - » bolts and arrows at least 16 inches long, including the insert and the nock.
 - » broadheads with at least two sharp-cutting edges at least 3/4 inch in width.
- a bow with arrows with broadheads having less than two sharp-cutting edges, measuring less than 3/4 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, crossbow or single-shot muzzleloader on Green Bottom and Fox Forest WMAs.
- an electronic call.
- a bow or crossbow on Bright McCausland Homestead WMA.

CWD TESTING AVAILABLE

Adult deer harvested by hunters in the CWD Containment Area (see page 13) during any deer season may be tested at the DNR District 2 Office at 1 Depot St., Romney, WV, or at Sleepy Creek WMA manager's headquarters (304-754-4449).

Hunters should call ahead to make sure staff will be available to collect samples before coming to Romney for testing. Staff will be available during the first two days of buck season, and no call is necessary during that time.

WVDNR

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 a DNR-issued game tag number.

Each deer shall be electronically registered and a DNR-issued 13-digit game check number, hunter's name and address shall be attached to the deer:

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.

The game tag number, hunter's name and address shall remain on the deer until it is dressed for consumption.

A hunter may harvest two deer on the same day, but only one antlered buck may be harvested on the same day. The first deer does not have to be electronically registered prior to harvesting the second deer in the same day. However, all deer legally harvested must be electronically registered and legally tagged prior to hunting during a subsequent day.

No person may transport or possess wildlife killed by another hunter, unless the wildlife or parts thereof is accompanied by a paper tag filled out legibly bearing the signature, address, date of kill, hunting license number (if required) and the DNR-issued 13-digit game check number (if required) of the hunter who killed the wildlife. The tag shall also specify the species and quantity of wildlife.

WVGAMECHECK

All hunters must check big game electronically in one of three ways:

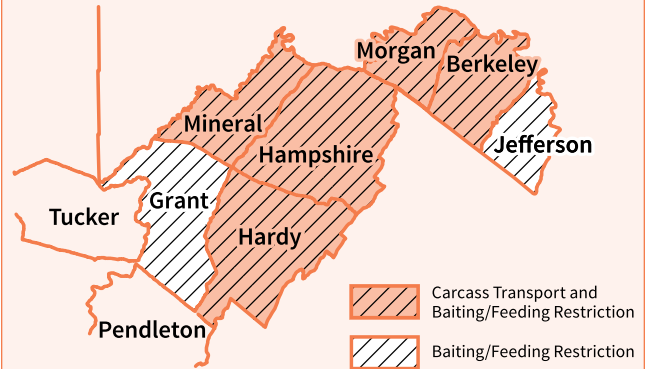
- online at wvhunt.com
- at a license agent
- by calling 844-WVcheck (844-982-4325)

You must have your DNR ID number (*which is valid for your lifetime*) to successfully check big game, beaver, otter, fisher and bobcat.

WVDNR

WEST VIRGINIA CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) CONTAINMENT AREA

Includes all of Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy*, Jefferson, Mineral and Morgan counties.



Carcass Transport Regulations

Hunters are prohibited from transporting dead cervids (deer, elk, etc.) or their parts beyond the boundaries of Berkeley, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral and Morgan counties (shaded area) except for the following:

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

Hunters may transport whole cervid carcasses that were not killed inside Berkeley, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral and Morgan counties through the containment area.

Baiting/Feeding Restriction 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 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 state Department of Agriculture.

*See the Designated CWD Sampling Stations for Hardy County on page 12.