

2017-2018 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
*Wild Boar (Gun)	October 28	November 4	1		
*Wild Boar (Archery and Crossbow)	September 30	December 31			
*Deer (Buck Firearms)	November 20	December 2	See pages 14-19.		
*Deer (Archery and Crossbow)	September 30	December 31			
*Deer (Antlerless) Split Season (Selected Counties)	October 26	October 28			
	November 20	December 2			
	December 14	December 16			
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 4	December 9	1		
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ/Class XS) Split Season (see page 32)	October 21	October 21			
*Bear (Archery and Crossbow) Split Season (see page 40 for exception)	September 30	November 18	1	3	3
	December 4	December 31			
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties)	September 2	September 10	See pages 40-42.		
	September 23	September 29			
	October 7	October 13			
	November 20	December 2			
	December 4	December 31			
*Turkey, Fall	October 14	October 21	1		
Split Season (Selected Counties - see page 35)	October 30	November 4			
	October 30	November 18			
*Turkey (Spring 2018 - Bearded Only)	April 16	May 12	1	2	2
*Turkey (2018 Youth Season - see page 36)	April 14	April 14	1 - counts towards spring season bag limit of two		
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	September 9	February 28	6	24	None
Squirrel (Youth Season - see page 32)	September 2	September 2	6		
Ruffed Grouse	October 14	February 28	4	16	None
Bobwhite Quail	November 4	January 6	3	9	None
Cottontail Rabbit	November 4	February 28	5	20	None
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 4	February 28	2	8	None
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only)	November 4	January 6	2	2	None
Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	November 11	December 2	1	1	None
Raccoon (Hunting) <i>The bag limit during an 11-hour period beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 5 a.m. is four raccoons for each person or groups of persons hunting as a party.</i>	October 14	February 28	4	None	None
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 4	February 28	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 4	February 28	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology, see page 3)	January 1	February 28			
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 4	February 28	3		
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 4	February 28	None		
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 4	January 31	1		
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 4	March 31	None		
*Otter (Trapping)	November 4	February 28	1		
Crow - Split Season <i>Nuisance Crows: crows committing depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, home gardens, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated so as to constitute a health hazard and or other nuisance may be killed at any time.</i>	October 1	November 18	None		
	January 1	March 3			
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 4	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.