

# Waterfowl & Migratory Game Birds

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, POSSESSION LIMIT IS 3x DAILY LIMIT

		Daily Limit
<b>Doves</b>	Sept. 2 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 21 - Jan. 4	15
<b>Woodcock</b>	Oct. 19 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 16 - Dec. 24	3

**Seasons for Ducks, Mergansers, Coots, Canada Geese, Light Geese, Brant and webless birds** can be found on the Game Commission's website and in the Hunting & Trapping Digest.

**Migratory Game Bird Hunting Hours Table** can be found on the Game Commission's website and in the Hunting & Trapping Digest.

**Goose Blind Applications** for the Middle Creek and Pymatuning wildlife management area controlled hunts will be available on the Game Commission's website.

Review the complete Digest online: <http://bit.ly/PGCDigest>

# Furtaking

with appropriate license

Daily/Season Limit

## Hunting

**Coyote, Opossum, Striped Skunk, and Weasel** unlimited  
No closed season - exceptions apply, see Digest  
*During any big game season, coyotes may be taken while lawfully hunting big game or with a furtaker license.*

**Raccoon and Fox** Oct. 26 - Feb. 22, 2020 unlimited

**Bobcat** Jan. 11 - Feb. 5, 2020 1/1  
WMUs 2A, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E

**Porcupine** Oct. 12 - Feb. 1, 2020 3/10

## Trapping

**Mink & Muskrat** Nov. 23 - Jan. 12, 2020 unlimited

**Beaver** Dec. 26 - Mar. 31, 2020  
WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, and 3C (Combined) 20/40  
WMUs 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 3A, 3B, 3D, 5C and 5D (Combined) 20/20  
WMUs 2G, 2H, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A and 5B (Combined) 5/5

**Coyote, Fox, Opossum, Raccoon, Striped Skunk, and Weasel** Oct. 27 - Feb. 23, 2020 unlimited

**Coyote & Fox** (Cable Restraints) Dec. 26 - Feb. 23, 2020 unlimited

**Bobcat** with required permit Dec. 21 - Jan. 12, 2020 1/1  
WMUs 2A, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E

**Fisher** with required permit Dec. 21 - Jan. 5, 2020 1/1  
WMUs 1B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E

**River Otter** with required permit Feb. 15 - Feb. 22, 2020 1/1  
WMUs 3C and 3D

# Report A Violation

Call: 1-888-PGC-8001  
Calls to Operation Game Thief are always answered by a secure recording device.

Report online: <http://bit.ly/PGCOGT>



# Turkey

with general license###

Fall Season - bearded or unbearded birds may be taken - 1 bird limit

WMU 2B and the Allegheny Co. portion of 2A limited to shotguns and bows and arrows.

WMU 1B	Nov. 2 - Nov. 9
WMUs 1A, 2A, 4A, and 4B	Nov. 2 - Nov. 9 and Nov. 28 - Nov. 29

WMUs 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4D and 4E	Nov. 2 - Nov. 16 and Nov. 28 - Nov. 29
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WMU 2B and 2C	Nov. 2 - Nov. 22 and Nov. 28 - Nov. 29
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WMU 5A	Nov. 7 - Nov. 9
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WMU 5B	Nov. 5 - Nov. 7
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WMUs 5C and 5D Closed to fall turkey hunting

###Two bird Spring Season limit (1 daily) with second spring gobbler license

Spring Season - bearded birds only, hunting hours vary

Jr. Hunters	Apr. 25, 2020
Statewide	May 2 - May 30, 2020

Review the complete Digest online: <http://bit.ly/PGCDigest>

# Small Game

with general license

Daily Limit

<b>Squirrel - Jr. Hunters</b> (Combined species)	Oct. 5 - Oct. 19	6
<b>Squirrel</b> (Combined species)	Oct. 19 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 16 - Dec. 24 and Dec. 26 - Feb. 29, 2020	6

<b>Ruffed Grouse</b>	Oct. 19 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 16 - Dec. 24	2
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<b>Rabbit - Jr. Hunters</b> (Cottontail)	Oct. 5 - Oct. 19	4
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<b>Rabbit</b> (Cottontail)	Oct. 19 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 16 - Dec. 24 and Dec. 26 - Feb. 29, 2020	4
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<b>Pheasant - Jr. Hunters</b>	Oct. 12 - Oct. 19	2
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<b>Pheasant*</b>	Oct. 26 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 16 - Dec. 24 and Dec. 26 - Feb. 29, 2020	2
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\*with required permit

WMUs 4E and 5A - Only male pheasants may be harvested

All other WMUs - Male or female pheasants may be harvested

There is no open season for taking pheasants in any Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas.

<b>Bobwhite Quail</b>	Oct. 19 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 16 - Dec. 24 and Dec. 26 - Feb. 29, 2020	8
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<b>Snowshoe or Varying Hare</b>	Dec. 26 - Jan. 1, 2020	1
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**Woodchuck** - No closed season, except during regular firearms deer seasons. Hunting on Sundays prohibited.

**Crow** - Fri., Sat., Sun. only July 5 - April 12, 2020 No limit

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# Deer

with required licenses/permits

Limit of 1 antlered deer per year, and 1 antlerless deer with each valid antlerless license or permit

**Archery** (Antlered and Antlerless) with required archery license  
WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D  
Sept. 21 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 26 - Jan. 25, 2020

**Statewide**  
Oct. 5 - Nov. 16 and Dec. 26 - Jan. 20, 2020

**Muzzleloader** (Antlerless only) Oct. 19 - Oct. 26  
**Statewide** with required muzzleloading license

**Special Firearms** (Antlerless only) Oct. 24 - Oct. 26  
**Statewide:** participation is restricted, check Digest for eligibility

**Regular Firearms**

WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D (Antlered & Antlerless) Nov. 30 - Dec. 14

All other WMUs (Antlered only) Nov. 30 - Dec. 6

All other WMUs (Antlered & Antlerless) Dec. 7 - Dec. 14

**Flintlock** (Antlered and Antlerless) with required muzzleloading license

WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D Dec. 26 - Jan. 25, 2020

All other WMUs Dec. 26 - Jan. 20, 2020

**Extended Firearms** (Antlerless only) Dec. 26 - Jan. 25, 2020

Allegheny, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties

**Chronic Wasting Disease:** Visit <http://bit.ly/PGC-CWD> for restrictions on transporting high-risk deer parts, testing, and Disease Management Area boundaries.

# Bear

with required bear license

One bear per season limit - must be checked within 24 hours

**Archery**

WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D Sept. 21 - Nov. 29

WMU 5B Oct. 5 - Nov. 16

**Statewide** Oct. 28 - Nov. 9

**Muzzleloader - statewide** Oct. 19 - Oct. 26

**Special Firearms - statewide** Oct. 24 - Oct. 26  
participation is restricted, check Digest

**Regular Firearms - Statewide** Nov. 23 - Nov. 27

**Extended Firearms**

WMUs 2B, 5B, 5C and 5D Nov. 30 - Dec. 14

WMUs 1B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 5A Nov. 30 - Dec. 7

# Elk

with required elk license

One elk per season limit - visit a check station within 24 hours

**Archery** (Antlered and Antlerless) Sept. 14 - Sept. 28

**Regular** (Antlered and Antlerless) Nov. 4 - Nov. 9

**Extended** - outside the Elk Management Area (Antlered and Antlerless) Nov. 11 - Nov. 16

**Late** (Antlerless only) Jan. 4 - Jan. 11, 2020

# PA HUNTING & TRAPPING

July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

POCKET GUIDE

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[www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov)

Review the complete Digest: <http://bit.ly/PGCDigest>  
This guide is not the Game & Wildlife Code or its attendant regulations and should not be considered final on legal interpretation.

# Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been detected in Pennsylvania in captive and free-ranging deer.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal brain disease that affects cervids, including deer and elk. CWD belongs to a family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). Other diseases in this family include mad cow disease and scrapie. CWD was first detected in Colorado in 1967 and, at the time of printing, had spread to 26 states and three Canadian provinces.

CWD can be spread directly through deer-to-deer contact or indirectly through contact with a prion-contaminated environment. Prions are shed onto the environment through saliva, urine, and feces. Once in the environment, studies show prions can remain infectious for several years.

## DISEASE MANAGEMENT AREAS (DMAs)

Because deer and elk are tested for CWD throughout the year, DMA boundaries can change throughout the year.

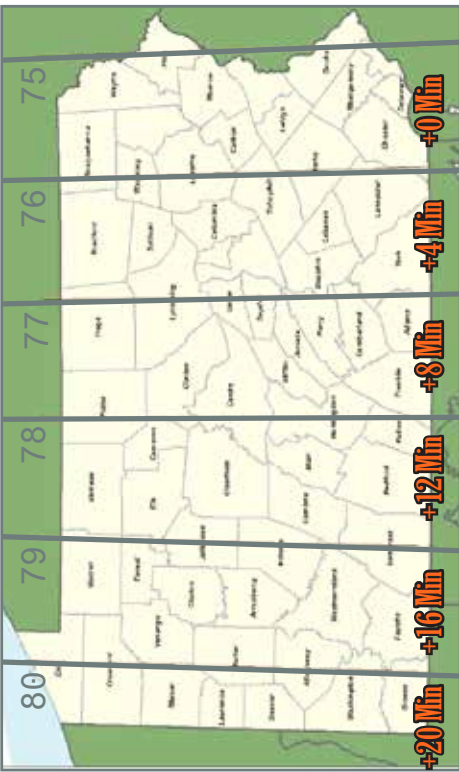
When a new CWD-positive animal is detected in Pennsylvania, a 10-mile buffer is established around it. In areas where CWD has not been detected previously, a new Disease Management Area (DMA) is established. New CWD detections near the boundaries of existing DMAs typically result in the boundary expanding to encompass the new buffer.

Specific regulations exist within DMAs to help prevent the spread of CWD. Enhanced CWD monitoring also occurs within DMAs to better understand the disease's impact.

Visit <http://bit.ly/PGC-CWD> for more information.



Antler restrictions: Three Up in WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B & 2D.



Migratory Game Bird Hunting Hours Table can be found at <http://bit.ly/PGCDigest>

Disease Management Area (DMA) boundaries changes as Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) spreads. Consult <http://bit.ly/PGC-CWD> for the most current maps and regulations.

# HUNTING HOURS

One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset

**Migratory Game Bird Hunting Hours can be found online.** Hunting hours begin and end four minutes later for each meridian west of the 75th. Please consult the complete Hunting & Trapping Digest for exceptions to the hours listed below. <http://bit.ly/PGCDigest>

	BEGIN A.M.	END P.M.
June 30 - 6	5:08	9:02
July 7 - 13	5:13	8:59
July 14 - 20	5:18	8:55
July 21 - 27	5:24	8:49
July 28 - Aug. 3	5:31	8:42
Aug. 4 - 10	5:37	8:34
Aug. 11 - 17	5:44	8:25
Aug. 18 - 24	5:51	8:15
Aug. 25 - 31	5:57	8:04
Sept. 1 - 7	6:04	7:53
Sept. 8 - 14	6:10	7:41
Sept. 15 - 21	6:17	7:30
Sept. 22 - 28	6:24	7:18
Sept. 29 - Oct. 5	6:31	7:07
Oct. 6 - 12	6:38	6:56
Oct. 13 - 19	6:45	6:46
Oct. 20 - 26	6:53	6:36
Oct. 27 - Nov. 2	7:00	6:27
<b>Nov. 3 - 9**</b>	6:08	5:20
Nov. 10 - 16	6:16	5:14
Nov. 17 - 23	6:24	5:09
Nov. 24 - 30	6:32	5:06
Dec. 1 - 7	6:39	5:05
Dec. 8 - 14	6:44	5:05
Dec. 15 - 21	6:49	5:06
Dec. 22 - 28	6:51	5:09
Dec. 29 - Jan. 4	6:53	5:19
Jan. 5 - 11	6:53	5:25
Jan. 12 - 18	6:52	5:26
Jan. 19 - 25	6:49	5:34
Jan. 26 - Feb. 1	6:44	5:42
Feb. 2 - 8	6:38	5:51
Feb. 9 - 15	6:31	5:59
Feb. 16 - 22	6:23	6:07
Feb. 23 - 29	6:13	6:15
Mar. 1 - 7	6:03	6:23
<b>Mar. 8 - 14*</b>	6:52	7:31
Mar. 15 - 21	6:41	7:38
Mar. 22 - 28	6:30	7:45
Mar. 29 - Apr. 4	6:19	7:52
Apr. 5 - 11	6:07	7:59
Apr. 12 - 18	5:57	8:07
Apr. 19 - 25	5:46	8:14
Apr. 26 - May 2	5:37	8:21
May 3 - 9	5:28	8:28
May 10 - 16	5:20	8:35
May 17 - 23	5:13	8:41
May 24 - 30	5:08	8:47
May 31 - June 6	5:04	8:53
June 7 - 13	5:02	8:57
June 14 - 20	5:02	9:01
June 21 - 27	5:04	9:03
June 28 - July 4	5:08	9:03

# General Hunting Regulations

**License Information:** It is unlawful to hunt or trap wildlife without first obtaining the required hunting or furtaker license.

**Baiting:** It is unlawful to hunt in or around any area where artificial or natural bait has been used within the past 30 days. Baiting deer is allowed in the Southeast Special Regulations Area outside of any Disease Management Area (DMA).

**Field Possession Limit:** It is unlawful on the opening day of a hunting season to 1) possess more than the daily limit; 2) after the second day possess more game than may be legally taken in three days.

**Mistake Kill:** Any person who kills any wildlife while hunting or trapping by accident or mistake shall immediately field-dress any edible game and deliver the carcass to a state game warden in the county where it was killed.

**Road Hunting:** It is unlawful to 1) hunt from a vehicle; 2) aid or assist another while hunting from a vehicle; 3) shoot at wildlife on a public road or right-of-way open to public travel; 4) shoot across a road unless the line of fire is high enough to preclude any danger to road users; and 5) alight from a vehicle and shoot at any wildlife until the shooter is at least 25 yards from the traveled portion of the roadway.

**Safety Zones:** It is unlawful to hunt, shoot at, trap, take, chase or disturb wildlife within 150 yards of any occupied residence, camp, industrial or commercial building, farmhouse or farm building, or school or playground without the permission of the occupants. The safety zone for archery hunters statewide, including those using crossbows, is 50 yards.

**Spotlighting Wildlife:** It is unlawful to spotlight wildlife after 11 p.m., during regular firearms or late extended Special Regulations Area firearms deer seasons, or while in possession of a device capable of killing wildlife.

**Tagging Big Game:** Hunters who harvest a deer, bear, elk, or turkey must follow instructions printed on tags supplied with each license. Big game must be tagged immediately after harvest and before the carcass is moved. Tags must be detached from the license before being attached to the ear of a deer or bear, or the body of an elk, and remain attached until the animal is processed for consumption or prepared for mounting. Turkey tags must be attached to the bird's leg.

**Sunday Hunting:** It is unlawful to hunt wildlife, except foxes, crows, and coyotes, on Sundays.

# Reporting Your Harvest

**Report Deer, Turkey, Fisher, Bobcat, and Snow Goose harvests**

Please have your Customer Identification Number (hunting license number), date of birth, and field harvest tag/permit handy.

1. Report ONLINE: use the Report a Harvest button at [www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov). Note: fisher, bobcat, and snow goose harvests must be reported online.
2. Report by PHONE: Call toll-free to 1-855-724-8681 or 1-855-PAHUNT1 and follow the prompts. (not available for Spring Turkey)
3. Report by MAIL: Use the tear-off harvest report card in your Digest, fill it out with the correct information and drop it off at your local post office. No postage necessary if mailed in the U.S.

Every time a hunter or trapper reports his or her harvest to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, wildlife management in the commonwealth gets better. Thank you for reporting your harvest.

# Fluorescent Orange Requirements

**Woodchuck Hunting**

A hat made of solid fluorescent orange, visible 360 degrees. Worn at all times.

**All Small Game Seasons**

A minimum 250 square inches, on head, chest and back combined, visible 360 degrees. Worn at all times.

**Deer, Bear or Elk Firearms Seasons**

A minimum 250 square inches, on head, chest and back combined, visible 360 degrees. Worn at all times.

**October Muzzleloader Antlerless Deer Seasons**

A minimum 250 square inches, on head, chest and back combined, visible 360 degrees. Worn at all times.

**Blinds**

A minimum of 100 square inches of fluorescent orange material (orange alert band) must be displayed within 15 feet of a blind and visible 360 degrees during the firearms deer, bear and elk seasons. This is in addition to wearing orange while in the blind. See turkey section of Digest for specifics on blind use while turkey hunting.

**No Orange Required**

No fluorescent orange is required in archery deer, bear or elk seasons, or when hunting waterfowl, doves, turkeys, crows or furbearers\*

Hunters participating in the after-Christmas flintlock muzzleloader season also are not required to wear fluorescent orange (See Special Regulations Areas section of Digest for additional information.)

**Even when orange isn't required, the Game Commission highly recommends the use of orange.** For example, a fluorescent orange hat is recommended for turkey hunters while moving.

When fluorescent orange is required, the full amount of orange required for that season must be worn while moving from one hour prior to the start of legal hunting hours and for one hour past the closing of legal hunting hours.

\* Fluorescent orange is required when hunting coyotes during any big game season, if orange is required during that season, including from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

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**CAMOUFLAGE FLUORESCENT ORANGE**

Camouflage fluorescent orange may satisfy orange regulations when 250 square inches of safety material is required if the orange content is at least 250 square inches. When a hat containing 100 square inches of orange is specified, the cap must be solid fluorescent orange.

# Antlerless Deer Application Schedule

<b>July 8</b>	Residents
<b>July 15</b>	Nonresidents
<b>Aug. 5</b>	Unsold, 1st round
<b>Aug. 19</b>	Unsold, 2nd round
<b>Aug. 26</b>	Over-the-counter sales WMUs 2B, 5C, & 5D
<b>Oct. 7</b>	Over-the-counter sales all other WMUs

Application instructions can be found in the Digest online.