

Waterfowl & Migratory Game Birds

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, POSSESSION LIMIT IS 3x DAILY LIMIT

		Daily Limit
Crow - Fri., Sat., Sun. only	July 3 - April 11, 2021	No limit
Starling & English Sparrows	Closed during regular firearms deer season	No limit
Doves	Sept. 1 - Nov. 27 and Dec. 18 - Jan. 2, 2021	15
Woodcock	Oct. 17 - Nov. 27 and Dec. 14 - Dec. 23	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.

Furtaking with appropriate license

	Daily/Season Limit
Hunting	
Coyote, Opossum, Striped Skunk, and Weasel	unlimited
No closed season - exceptions apply, see Digest	
<i>During any big game season, coyotes may be taken while lawfully hunting big game or with a furtaker license.</i>	

Raccoon and Fox	Oct. 24 - Feb. 20, 2021	unlimited
Bobcat	Jan. 9 - Feb. 3, 2021	1/1
	WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, and 4E	
Porcupine	Oct. 10 - Jan. 30, 2021	3/10

	Daily/Season Limit	
Trapping		
Mink & Muskrat	Nov. 21 - Jan. 10, 2021	unlimited
Beaver	Dec. 19 - Mar. 31, 2021	
	WMUs 1A and 1B (Combined)	20/60
	WMUs 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. 25 - Feb. 21, 2021	unlimited
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Coyote & Fox (Cable Restraints)	Dec. 26 - Feb. 21, 2021	unlimited
Bobcat with required permit	Dec. 19 - Jan. 10, 2021	1/1
	WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, and 4E	

Fisher with required permit	Dec. 19 - Jan. 3, 2021	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. 13 - Feb. 20, 2021	1/1
	WMUs 1A, 1B, 2F, 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	Oct. 31 - Nov. 7
WMUs 1A, 2A, 4A, 4B, 4D, and 4E (see note above)	Oct. 31 - Nov. 14
WMUs 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, and 4C	Oct. 31 - Nov. 14 and Nov. 25 - Nov. 27
WMU 2B and 2C (see note above)	Oct. 31 - Nov. 20 and Nov. 25 - Nov. 27
WMU 5A	Nov. 5 - Nov. 7
WMU 5B	Nov. 3 - Nov. 5
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. 24, 2021
Statewide	May 1 - May 31, 2021

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

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Small Game with general license

	Daily Limit	
Squirrel - Jr Hunters	Sept. 12 - Sept. 26	6
Squirrel	Sept. 12 - Nov. 27 and Dec. 14 - Dec. 24 and Dec. 26 - Feb. 27, 2021	6
(Combined species)		
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 17 - Nov. 27 and Dec. 14 - Dec. 24	2
Rabbit - Jr. Hunters (Cottontail)	Oct. 3 - Oct. 17	4
Rabbit (Cottontail)	Oct. 17 - Nov. 27 and Dec. 14 - Dec. 24 and Dec. 26 - Feb. 27, 2021	4

Pheasant - Male or Female[#]	Oct. 10 - Oct. 17	2
<i>Eligible Jr. Hunters w or w/out license & mentored youth under 17</i>		
Pheasant - Male or Female[#]	Oct. 24 - Nov. 27 and Dec. 14 - Dec. 24 and Dec. 26 - Feb. 27, 2021	2
<i>*with required permit</i>		

There is no open season for taking pheasants in any Wild Pheasant Recovery Area without an executive order.

Bobwhite Quail	Oct. 17 - Nov. 27 and Dec. 14 - Dec. 24 and Dec. 26 - Feb. 27, 2021	8
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	Dec. 26 - Jan. 1, 2021	1

Woodchuck - No closed season, except during regular firearms deer seasons. Hunting on Sundays prohibited.

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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. 19 - Sun. Nov. 15 and Nov. 16 - Nov. 27
	Dec. 26 - Jan. 23, 2021
Statewide	Oct. 3 - Sun. Nov. 15 and Nov. 16 - Nov. 20
	Dec. 26 - Jan. 18, 2021

Muzzleloader (Antlerless only)	Oct. 17 - Oct. 24
Statewide with required muzzleloading license	

Special Firearms (Antlerless only)	Oct. 22 - Oct. 24
Statewide: participation is restricted, check Digest for eligibility	

Regular Firearms	
WMUs 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 4A, 4B, 4D, 5A, 5C and 5D (Antlered & Antlerless)	Nov. 28 - Sun. Nov. 29 and Nov. 30 - Dec. 12

WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4E, 5B (Antlered only)	Nov. 28 - Sun. Nov. 29 and Nov. 30 - Dec. 4
(Antlered & Antlerless)	Dec. 5 - Dec. 12

Flintlock (Antlered and Antlerless) with required muzzleloading license	
Statewide	Dec. 26 - Jan. 18, 2021
WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D	Dec. 26 - Jan. 23, 2021

Extended Firearms (Antlerless only)	Dec. 26 - Jan. 23, 2021
Allegheny, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties	

Chronic Wasting Disease: Visit <http://bit.ly/PGC-CWD> for restrictions and boundaries.

Bear with required bear license

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

Archery	
WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D	Sept. 19 - Nov. 27
WMU 5B	Oct. 3 - Nov. 14
Statewide	Oct. 17 - Nov. 7
Muzzleloader - statewide	Oct. 17 - Oct. 24
Special Firearms - statewide	Oct. 22 - Oct. 24
participation is restricted, check Digest	

Regular Firearms - Statewide	Nov. 21 - Sun. Nov. 22 and Nov. 23 - Nov. 24
Extended Firearms	
WMUs 2B, 5B, 5C and 5D	Nov. 30 - Dec. 12
WMUs 1B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 5A	Nov. 30 - Dec. 5

Elk with required elk license

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

Archery (Antlered and Antlerless)	Sept. 12 - Sept. 26
Regular (Antlered and Antlerless)	Nov. 2 - Nov. 7
Late (Antlerless only)	Jan. 2 - Jan. 9, 2021

PA HUNTING & TRAPPING



July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

POCKET GUIDE

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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.

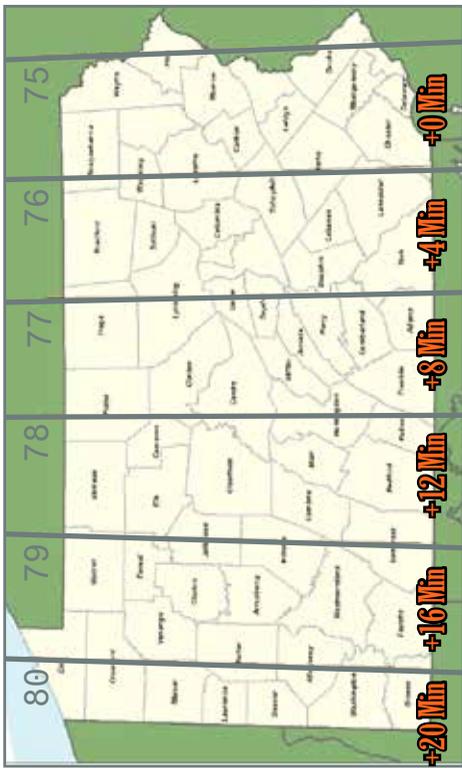
Visit <http://bit.ly/PGC-CWD> for more information.

PENNSYLVANIA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT MAP



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

PENNSYLVANIA MERIDIAN MAP



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>

Daylight Saving Time Begins* Ends**

	BEGIN A.M.	END P.M.
June 28 - July 4	5:08	9:03
July 5 - 11	5:12	9:00
July 12 - 18	5:17	8:56
July 19 - 25	5:23	8:50
July 26 - Aug. 1	5:30	8:44
Aug. 2 - 8	5:38	8:36
Aug. 9 - 15	5:43	8:26
Aug. 16 - 22	5:49	8:16
Aug. 23 - 29	5:56	8:06
Aug. 30 - Sept. 5	6:03	7:55
Sept. 6 - 12	6:09	7:43
Sept. 13 - 19	6:16	7:32
Sept. 20 - 26	6:23	7:20
Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	6:29	7:09
Oct. 4 - 10	6:36	6:58
Oct. 11 - 17	6:44	6:47
Oct. 18 - 24	6:51	6:38
Oct. 25 - 31	7:59	6:29
Nov. 1 - 7**	6:07	5:21
Nov. 8 - 14	6:15	5:15
Nov. 15 - 21	6:23	5:10
Nov. 22 - 28	6:31	5:07
Nov. 29 - Dec. 5	6:37	5:05
Dec. 6 - 12	6:43	5:06
Dec. 13 - 19	6:48	5:08
Dec. 20 - 26	6:51	5:09
Dec. 27 - Jan. 2	6:52	5:17
Jan. 3 - 9	6:53	5:24
Jan. 10 - 16	6:52	5:25
Jan. 17 - 23	6:49	5:33
Jan. 24 - 30	6:45	5:41
Jan. 31 - Feb. 6	6:40	5:49
Feb. 7 - 13	6:33	5:57
Feb. 14 - 20	6:24	6:06
Feb. 21 - 27	6:15	6:14
Feb. 28 - Mar. 6	6:06	6:22
Mar. 7 - 13	6:54	7:29
Mar. 14 - 20*	6:43	7:37
Mar. 21 - 27	6:32	7:44
Mar. 28 - Apr. 3	6:21	7:51
Apr. 4 - 10	6:09	7:58
Apr. 11 - 17	5:58	8:05
Apr. 18 - 24	5:48	8:12
Apr. 25 - May 1	5:38	8:19
May 2 - 8	5:29	8:27
May 9 - 15	5:21	8:33
May 16 - 22	5:14	8:40
May 23 - 29	5:09	8:46
May 30 - June 5	5:05	8:52
June 6 - 12	5:02	8:57
June 13 - 19	5:02	9:00
June 20 - 26	5:04	9:03
June 27 - July 3	5:07	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).

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 licenses. Big game must be tagged immediately after harvest and before carcass is moved. The tag must be 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. *The requirement that hunters lawfully tag each successive deer they have harvested before lawfully harvesting a subsequent deer within their season limits has been eliminated statewide.*

Dual Carry: Carrying firearms generally is prohibited while bowhunting. However, archery deer hunters are permitted to carry muzzleloaders to hunt deer during times when the archery and muzzleloader deer seasons overlap. Archery deer hunters now can carry muzzleloaders when an archery deer season overlaps with a muzzleloader bear season. The rule also applies to the archery bear season in overlaps with a muzzleloader deer or bear season.

Sunday Hunting: It is unlawful to hunt wildlife, except foxes, crows and coyotes, on Sundays. A new law permits additional hunting on three Sundays per calendar year. In 2020, those Sundays are: Nov. 15 for archery deer hunting; Nov. 22 for bear hunting and Nov. 29 for deer hunting. Hunters on private land on the three selected Sundays must carry written permission from the landowner.

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.
2. Report by PHONE: Available for turkey and deer only. Call toll-free to 1-855-724-8681 or 1-855-PAHUNT1.
3. Report by MAIL: Available for turkey and deer only. Use tear-off report card in your Digest. No postage necessary if mailed in the U.S.
4. Report bear, elk and otter per directions on the license or permit.

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 & Enclosed Tree stands

A minimum of 100 square inches of fluorescent orange material (orange alert band) must be displayed within 15 feet of a blind or enclosed tree stand 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 for specifics on blind use while turkey hunting.

No Orange Required

No fluorescent orange is required while archery hunting for deer, bear or elk, 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

July 13	Residents
July 20	Nonresidents
Aug. 3	Unsold, 1st round
Aug. 17	Unsold, 2nd round
Aug. 24	Over-the-counter sales WMUs 2B, 5C, & 5D
Oct. 5	Over-the-counter sales all other WMUs

Application instructions can be found in the Digest.