



P E N N S Y L V A N I A GAME COMMISSION

**YOUR STATE
WILDLIFE AGENCY**

Managing and protecting wildlife and their habitats while promoting hunting and trapping for current and future generations.

THREE SUNDAY HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES IN NOVEMBER

In an effort to expand hunting opportunities for Pennsylvania hunters, it is legal to hunt on three select Sundays in November. Sunday hunting has long been permitted for **foxes, coyotes and crows** during open seasons.

The expanded **Sunday hunting opportunities are only open on the following dates for the following species:**

1. **Sunday, Nov. 14** – Deer (archery), Bear (archery in WMUs 2B, 5B, 5C and 5D only), Squirrel, Pheasant, Rabbit, Grouse, Bobwhite Quail, Woodchuck, Crow, Raccoon, Fox, Coyote, Oposum, Striped Skunk, Weasel and Porcupine.
2. **Sunday, Nov. 21** – Bear, Deer (archery in WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D only), Squirrel, Pheasant, Rabbit, Grouse, Bobwhite Quail, Woodchuck, Crow, Raccoon, Fox, Coyote, Oposum, Striped Skunk, Weasel and Porcupine. Coyote hunters, during any big-game season, must follow big-game orange requirements
3. **Sunday, Nov. 28** – Deer, Bear, Raccoon, Fox and Coyote. Raccoons and foxes must be hunted only after legal hunting hours for deer. Coyote hunters, during any big-game season, must follow big-game orange requirements. Crows may not be hunted during the Regular Deer Firearms season.

*Turkeys and migratory game birds may not be hunted on any of these three Sundays. Other game that's in season may be hunted on these three Sundays.

On these three Sundays, **hunters on private land are required to carry written permission** from the landowner. The permission slip should be signed by the landowner, and should include the hunter's name, address and CID license number, and the landowner's name, address and phone number. Providing contact information for the landowner is the quickest and easiest way for a game warden to verify a landowner has granted permission to a hunter. A sample permission slip is available on [page 5 of the Pennsylvania Hunting and Trapping Digest](#) or online at www.pgc.pa.gov.



NOVEMBER 2021

PENNSYLVANIA'S STATEWIDE REGULAR FIREARMS DEER SEASON BEGINS SATURDAY, NOV. 27

Pennsylvania's 2021 statewide regular firearms deer season begins Saturday, Nov. 27 and runs through Saturday, Dec. 11. The statewide, 14-day **concurrent antlered and antlerless** firearms season is intended to simplify regulations and provide increased opportunity, especially for younger hunters.

Don't forget, hunters who harvest a deer, (and/or bear, elk or turkey), must properly fill out and tag their harvest before the carcass is moved.

Additionally, this year, hunters will have to notch the date of the harvest on the new, green tags. Details about how to properly tag big game can be found on [page 22 of the 2021-22 Hunting and Trapping Digest](#) or online at www.pgc.pa.gov.

GOOD LUCK. HAVE FUN. HUNT SAFELY. Photo by Jacob Dingel.

SUNDAY HUNTING LANDOWNER PERMISSION SLIP					
<small>Hunters needing Sunday hunting permission can clip this slip, complete it alongside the landowner and carry it afield.</small>					
Hunter Name			Landowner Name		
Street Address			Street Address		
City	State	ZIP code	City	State	ZIP code
CID number	2021-22		Landowner phone number	Signature	



HUNTERS SHARING THE HARVEST

Since 1991, Hunters Sharing the Harvest venison donation program has coordinated the processing and distribution of donated deer meat and wild game from hunters and municipal herd reduction sources to hungry people throughout Pennsylvania. An average-sized deer will provide enough high protein, low fat meat for 200 meals.

This hunter-inspired community service outreach effectively channels hunter donated venison through a network of approved deer processors, food banks and some local charitable provider organizations throughout Pennsylvania's urban and rural communities. Visit www.sharedeer.org or call 866-474-2142 for more information.



BECOME A PENNSYLVANIA HUNTER

Since 1959, hunting-related shooting incidents have declined drastically. Hunting is safe and getting safer, thanks to hunter education. By law, all first-time hunters and trappers, regardless of age, must successfully complete Hunter-Trapper Education (HTE) training before they can buy a Pennsylvania hunting or trapping license.

Anyone 11 years and older can register for an in-person, six hour HTE course for free. Students 11 years and older, who prefer to learn through an online format can register for the online Pennsylvania Hunter-Trapper Education course for \$34.95 OR the NRA Free Online Hunter Education Course. More information about HTE is available online at www.pgc.pa.gov.

COME HOME SAFELY. WEAR ORANGE.

Fall is here and that means it's hunting season in Pennsylvania! Whether you are hunting or hiking, it is important to keep yourself, as well as your family and pets, visible to hunters.

Be sure to wear at least 250 square inches of fluorescent orange clothing on your head, chest and back combined, that is visible from 360 degrees.

All fluorescent orange requirements can be found on page 8 of the [Hunting and Trapping Digest](#) or online at www.pgc.pa.gov.



STATEWIDE BEAR SEASON OPENS NOV. 20

Regular firearms bear season runs for just four days, from Saturday, Nov. 20 to Tuesday, Nov. 23. Only one bear may be taken during the license year and bear licenses can be purchased online or in person. Modifications for the 2021 seasons include moving up the start of the extended bear season to begin on the firearms deer opener and include Sunday, Nov. 28 in the WMUs where the season is open. More information about bear hunting in Pennsylvania is available on page 36 of the [2021-22 Hunting and Trapping Digest](#) or online at www.pgc.pa.gov. **GOOD LUCK. HAVE FUN. HUNT SAFELY.**

'WILDLIFE ON WIFI' EARNS GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE



The Pennsylvania Game Commission's Wildlife on WiFi (WoW) program was recently named the recipient of the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence for virtually connecting Pennsylvania residents to their state's wildlife agency from anywhere. Visit www.pgc.pa.gov and search for "Wildlife on WiFi" for program content and information.

The Game Commission launched the WoW online conservation learning program in April 2020, shortly after COVID-19 orders went into effect. The initial goal was to ensure continuity of the Game Commission's educational and public awareness service during the pandemic. It is now a permanent, nationally recognized program.

WoW provides educators, students, parents and high-risk health communities, as well as general audiences, with home-based conservation and wildlife science education that includes lessons and activities, live virtual lessons, field researcher webinars and social media games.

The award is presented to distinguished collaborative groups who represent state employees' efforts to bring awareness and educate Commonwealth citizens on the environment and natural resources.

CELEBRATING PENNSYLVANIA'S HUNTING HERITAGE

The Pennsylvania Game Commission was at the state Capitol on Oct. 25 to celebrate our state's rich and storied hunting heritage that predates its founding.

Established in 1895, the Game Commission was formed and supported by sportsmen to conserve wild birds, mammals and their habitats. Today, the agency manages and protects 480 species, including 26 game mammals and 51 game birds.

Since the first hunting license was created in 1913, hunters and trappers have funded wildlife conservation in our state. In fact, today, the Game Commission is almost entirely funded by Pennsylvania's approximately 1 million hunters and trappers, with license sales making up half of the Game Commission's annual revenues.



Thank you, Pennsylvania hunters and trappers, for buying your licenses and supporting wildlife conservation in the Keystone state. **GOOD LUCK. HAVE FUN. HUNT SAFELY.**

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

HEAD BIN AND HIGH-RISK PARTS DUMPSTER
LOCATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Pennsylvania Game Commission would like to ask hunters who harvest deer in a Disease Management Area to submit their deer heads for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing. The information helps the Game Commission better monitor and manager CWD in the state. A map with locations of Deer Management Assistance Program units, head collection bins and high-risk parts dumpsters can be found online at www.pgc.pa.gov.

Hunters can help reduce the risk of spreading CWD by properly disposing of high-risk deer parts. If you harvest a deer in a DMA, please dispose of them in household trash destined for a lined landfill. Or use a dumpster for disposal of high-risk parts available in the Established Area.

While leaving high-risk parts at the harvest site is legal, it is preferable to remove them from the landscape to limit contamination and exposure to deer and other wildlife. Taking proper actions now may help protect deer and deer hunting in the future.

It's important to note that since last hunting season, the 2021-22

DMA 2 range has expanded into parts of Dauphin and Northumberland counties and DMA 5 was established in parts of Warren County, DMA 3 has expanded and DMA 6 was established in parts of Clearfield, Elk and Jefferson counties.

Visit www.pgc.pa.gov for more information about CWD in Pennsylvania.



HELP PROTECT PENNSYLVANIA WILDLIFE

Wildlife crimes affect everyone. The Pennsylvania Game Commission's Operation Game Thief program serves to protect wild birds and wild mammals and encourages those who have information related to wildlife crimes to report details as soon as possible.

To report information, call the Operation Game Thief's toll-free hotline – 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year – at 1-888-PGC-8001 or fill out an online form at <http://bit.ly/PGCOGT>.

Calls to the Operation Game Thief hotline are always answered by a secure recording device. Although it is beneficial to provide contact information in case game wardens have follow-up questions, callers may remain confidential. Learn more about the program here: <http://bit.ly/PGCOGT>.



TUNE IN TO CALL OF THE OUTDOORS

Call of the Outdoors is the Pennsylvania Game Commission's podcast, hosted by Marketing Bureau Director Matt Morrett. New episodes featuring guests from within the agency, as well as hunters, public figures and more, are published each month.

The episodes feature unique and relevant issues, explaining Pennsylvania hunting and wildlife-related subjects and provides listeners with better ways to explore, promote and understand our natural resources. Call of the Outdoors episodes are available on www.callofthe-outdoorspgc.com, Apple Podcasts, Google Play Store, iHeartRadio, Spotify and Stitcher.



REMOTE LEARNING RESOURCES AVAILABLE: WILDLIFE ON WIFI

Wildlife on WiFi (WoW) is the Pennsylvania Game Commission's award-winning virtual wildlife education program and is available [by clicking here](#) or visiting www.pgc.pa.gov. The program's vision is to connect Pennsylvania residents to their state's wildlife agency from anywhere.

WoW provides wildlife enthusiasts – especially educators, students, parents and high-risk health communities – with home-based conservation and wildlife science education activities and lessons, virtual field trips and events, and social media games.



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