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BOTH NUMBERS CONNECT CALLERS
IN PENNSYLVANIA WITH THE
CENTRALIZED DISPATCH CENTER.

HUNTERS REPORTING BIG-GAME
HARVESTS BY PHONE SHOULD CALL
1-800-838-4431.

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Callers anywhere in the state can now dial 1-833-PGC-HUNT or 1-833-PGC-WILD to contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Centralized Dispatch Center and be directed appropriately. We look forward to hearing from you!



HUNT ELK IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania is home to the largest wild elk herd in the northeastern United States. As many as 1,400 elk freely roam across 3,000 square miles in the northcentral region of the state, mostly within Elk, Cameron, Clinton and Clearfield counties.

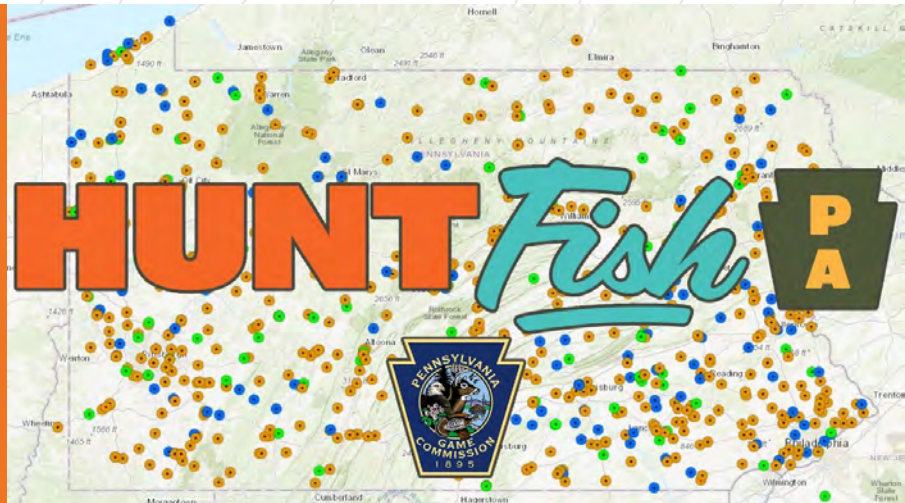
Pennsylvania has three elk hunting seasons: Archery, Sept. 10 – 24, Firearms, Oct. 31 – Nov. 5; and Late Season, Dec. 31 – Jan. 7. The application fee is \$11.97 per season or apply for all three for \$35.91. With 187 elk licenses, (56 bull, 131 cow), the opportunities to hunt elk in the Keystone State have never been better.

Hunters can apply for an elk license application when they purchase their 2022-23 hunting license. Apply online at www.HuntFish.pa.gov or at a license vendor through July 31, 2022. The licenses will be drawn at the Keystone Elk Country Alliance's Elk Expo on Saturday August 20, 2022. Visit www.pgc.pa.gov for more information about elk hunting in Pennsylvania.

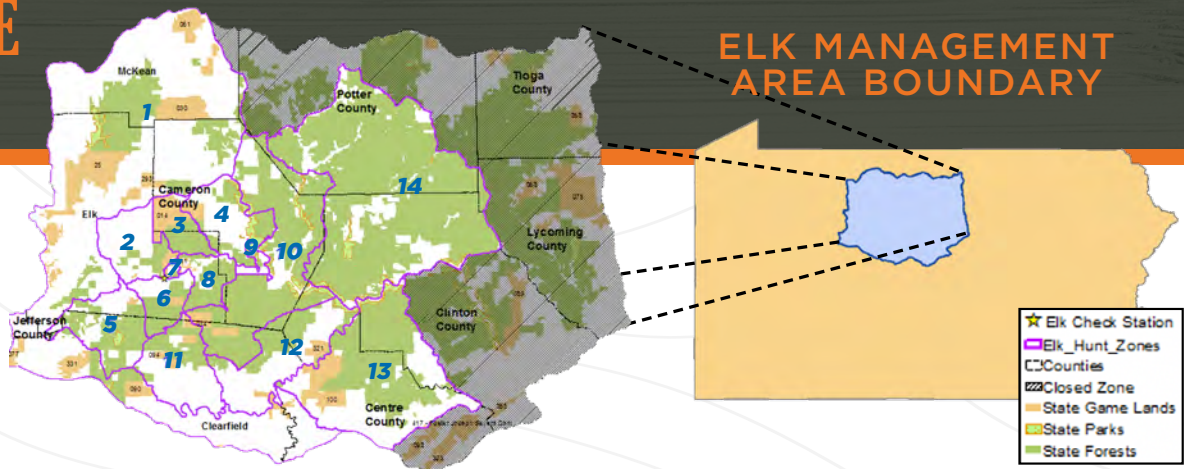
PURCHASE YOUR 2022-23 HUNTING LICENSE TODAY

Pennsylvania's 2022-23 hunting licenses are on sale now at various vendor locations across the state, including the Game Commission's region offices and headquarters, or online at www.HuntFish.pa.gov.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PENNSYLVANIA HUNTER!
Your license purchase directly benefits wildlife conservation efforts in our state.



ELK ZONE MAP



Those applying for elk licenses can select which zones they would like to hunt. Big bulls, as well as a huntable population of elk, can be found in each of the 14 zones. Hunters have successfully harvested elk in every hunt zone. A brief synopsis of the zones is available at www.pgc.pa.gov and on page 59 of the 2022-23 Pennsylvania Hunting and Trapping Digest.

Elk hunters are encouraged to spend some time in Pennsylvania’s elk country to become familiar with the area in advance of the hunting seasons. Carefully examine each zone to consider road access and the amount of available public and private land.

2022-23 ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSE APPLICATION SCHEDULE

PENNSYLVANIA'S 2022 ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSE APPLICATION SCHEDULE

JULY 11, RESIDENTS
JULY 18, NONRESIDENTS
AUG. 1, UNSOLD, 1ST ROUND
AUG. 15, UNSOLD, 2ND ROUND
SEPT. 12, OVER-THE-COUNTER SALES FOR WMUS WHERE LICENSES REMAIN

VISIT WWW.PGC.PA.GOV FOR MORE DETAILS.

For the 2022-23 deer hunting seasons, properly licensed hunters can hold up to six unfilled antlerless deer tags at a time.

A few important reminders for antlerless license applications:

- Hunters must purchase a 2022-23 general hunting license BEFORE applying for an antlerless deer license.
- If ordered online, it may take up to ten business days for your hunting license to arrive. Call 1-800-838-4431 for assistance.
- They must be mailed in the official pink envelopes to a county treasurer on the corresponding dates (above).

TIRED OF THE PINK ENVELOPES?

In an effort to simplify and modernize how Pennsylvania hunters apply for their antlerless deer licenses, the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee passed Senate Bill 431, which would allow for the sale of the licenses at any issuing agent in the state, as well as online.

This bill would eliminate the current process, which includes mailing a pink antlerless deer application envelope to a county treasurer. The Pennsylvania Game Commission updated the

Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System in early 2021 which provides hunters with more convenient and efficient ways to apply for and receive hunting licenses.

Hunters who support modernizing the antlerless deer license application process in Pennsylvania should contact their state Senator and/or state Representative and ask them to support Senate Bill 431. Visit www.legis.state.pa.us for contact and bill information.

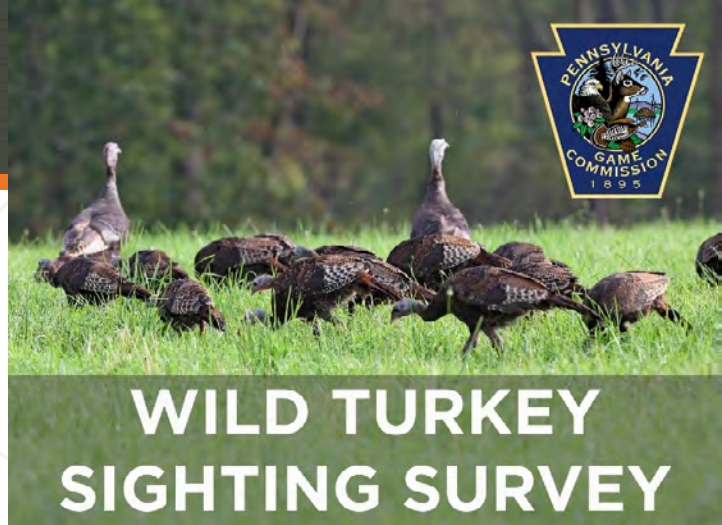
HUNTERS: CONTACT YOU STATE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE TO ELIMINATE THE PINK ENVELOPES

PLEASE REPORT WILD TURKEY SIGHTINGS



See a turkey? Submit a report! The Pennsylvania Wild Turkey Sighting Survey is set to open July 1, 2022 and will run through the end of August.

By reporting turkey sightings, you assist wildlife biologists in tracking and analyzing spring turkey production. Learn more or submit a report at www.pgc.pa.gov.



LEAVE YOUNG WILDLIFE ALONE

This time of year, Penn's Woods is filled with the next generation of wild species. From robin nests, to elk calves, to fawns, to bear cubs, to fox pups and more, the rule remains the same: If you encounter wildlife, please leave them alone.

We know, baby wildlife can be SO cute, but they are also WILD. And though some young animals might appear to be abandoned, usually they are not. It's likely their mothers are watching over them somewhere nearby.

Adult animals often leave their young while they forage for food, but they don't go far and they do return.

Wildlife also often relies on a natural defensive tactic called the "hider strategy," where young animals will remain motionless and "hide" in surrounding cover while adults draw the attention of potential predators or other intruders away from their young.

Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3xNQ9Df>. Thanks for helping Pennsylvania wildlife!



NEW OGT TRAILER UNVEILED

Check out the NEW OPERATION GAME THIEF trailer! The Pennsylvania Game Commission has TWO new OGT trailers that are used across the state. Keep an eye out for one at a community event or fair near you! Report wildlife crimes to the Operation Game Thief Hotline at 1-888-PGC-8001 or online at <http://bit.ly/PGCOGT>.

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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