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**YOUR STATE
WILDLIFE AGENCY**

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

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The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners is back to a full complement, with every seat on the board filled, including a newly established District 9 seat.

Commissioners function as a board of directors, establishing policy for the agency, including setting hunting seasons, bag limits and hunting hours and more.

Although they are selected by district to ensure uniform representation of citizens, once appointed, they represent all Pennsylvanians and the state's 480 species of wild birds and mammals.

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PENNSYLVANIA'S 2022-23 HUNTING SEASONS ARE UNDERWAY

GOOD LUCK. HAVE FUN. HUNT SAFELY.

Get in the game this fall! From Sunday hunting opportunities, to concurrent deer seasons, to pheasant stockings, managed dove fields and more, the 2022-23 license year is full of opportunity!

The 2022-23 license year largely mirrors the previous one, again featuring an archery deer season that runs into the prime of the rut; three different elk hunts; multiple opportunities spread across months to take bears with bows, muzzleloaders, shotguns and rifles; and a 14-day firearms deer season that includes three Saturdays and a Sunday.

New hunting licenses are on sale at various vendor locations across the state, including the Game Commission's region offices and headquarters. Licenses can also be purchased online at www.huntfish.pa.gov, the state's licensing platform for hunters and trappers.

THANK YOU for being a Pennsylvania hunter, trapper and conservationist! Good luck. Have fun. Hunt safely.

Tune in to the Board of Game Commissioners meeting on Friday, Sept. 23, and Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, at the Game Commission Headquarters, located at 2001 Elmerton Ave., in Harrisburg, by tuning in LIVE on YouTube. Visit www.pgc.pa.gov for all details.

PENNSYLVANIA
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**MEETING
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THREE SUNDAY HUNTING DATES SET FOR 2022

SUNDAY, NOV. 13, 20 AND 27

PENNSYLVANIA'S 2022 SUNDAY HUNTING DATES

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Thanks for being a Pennsylvania Hunter

Mark your calendars! Pennsylvania has THREE expanded Sunday Hunting opportunities this November on Sunday, Nov. 13, 20 and 27.

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 Sundays. In 2022, Sunday hunting is open on the following dates for the following species.

- 1. SUNDAY, NOV. 13:** Deer (archery), Bear (archery in WMUs 2B, 5B, 5C and 5D only), Squirrel, Pheasant, Rabbit, Grouse, Bobwhite Quail, Woodchuck, Crow, Raccoon, Fox, Coyote, Opossum, Striped Skunk, Weasel and Porcupine.
- 2. SUNDAY, NOV. 20:** Bear, Deer (archery in WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D only), Squirrel, Pheasant, Rabbit, Grouse, Bobwhite Quail, Woodchuck, Crow, Raccoon, Fox, Coyote, Opossum, Striped Skunk, Weasel and Porcupine.
- 3. SUNDAY, NOV. 27:** Deer, Bear (only in WMUs with Extended Season), Raccoon, Fox and Coyote.

Coyote hunters during any big-game season must follow big-game orange requirements.

Aside from these exceptions, Sunday hunting is unlawful in Pennsylvania. 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. **GOOD LUCK. HAVE FUN. HUNT SAFELY.**

COME HOME SAFELY. WEAR ORANGE THIS FALL.

Whether you are hunting or hiking, it is important to keep yourself, as well as your family and pets, visible to hunters during hunting season.

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 in the 2022-23 Hunting & Trapping Digest or online at www.pgc.pa.gov.



NOTCH YOUR HUNTING LICENSE FOR BIG GAME HARVESTS

Hunters who successfully harvest a deer, bear, elk or turkey must properly fill out and tag their harvest before the carcass is moved.

The green harvest tags have boxes denoting the month and day on the back of the tag and hunters are asked to cut out or notch the correct date.

More information on how to properly tag big game can be found in the 2022-23 Hunting & Trapping Digest.





Visiting Pennsylvania's Elk Country has become an annual tradition and a regular trip for thousands of people from near and far, especially during the rut, which typically begins in September and carries through October.

ELK SMART provides four simple and effective ways that all elk viewers can ensure the wild essence of the elk remains for generations to come.

- 1. Give elk space. At least 100 yards.**
- 2. Never feed elk. It's dangerous and illegal.**
- 3. Don't name elk. Let wild be wild.**
- 4. Do your part. If you see something, say something.**

Learn more about Pennsylvania's elk herd and how to be ELK SMART at www.pgc.pa.gov.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DMAP) AREAS

Pennsylvania hunters can help to slow the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) by harvesting deer in one of the state's 15 CWD Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) areas.

Each of these DMAP units is around a high-priority CWD detection. The hope is to increase sample numbers in these areas so the agency can have a better understanding of the extent of the disease.

Hunters can purchase up to two antlerless permits per unit. They're good for taking an antlerless deer in any open deer season, anywhere within the CWD DMAP unit, though hunters must still acquire permission to hunt private property.

Hunters can find the units by county and check for available permits at <https://www.pgcapps.pa.gov/Harvest/DMAP>.

Permits can then be purchased at any license issuing agent or online at hunt-fish.pa.gov. For more information about CWD, or to ask questions, contact the Game Commission's CWD Hotline at 1-833-INFOCWD, email INFOCWD@pa.gov or visit www.pgc.pa.gov.



THANK YOU, HUNTER-TRAPPER INSTRUCTORS

Keeping Pennsylvania's hunting heritage alive depends on safe, responsible, and ethical hunters who pass on their traditions to new hunters. The future of hunting depends on these dedicated volunteers, and we sincerely thank them all for their service to the next generation.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2021 Hunter-Trapper Education Instructors of the Year!

- Ben Porkolab, Northcentral Region, nominated by Cameron County Game Warden Wayne Hunt. (Top, left).
- Marti Shafer-Callahan, Northeast Region, nominated by Wyoming County Game Warden Aaron Morrow. (Top, center).
- Roger Mason, Southwest Region, nominated by Somerset County Game Warden Brian Witherite. (Top, right).
- Ronald Tomasetti, Southeast Region, nominated by Lancaster County Game Warden John Veylupek. (Bottom, left).
- George Wilkosz, Northwest Region, nominated by Erie County Game Warden Michael Stutts Jr. (Bottom, center).
- David Behe, Southcentral Region, nominated by Blair County Game Warden Salvadore Zaffuto. (Bottom, right).

You can become an instructor and pass on the tradition. To learn more visit www.pgc.pa.gov.



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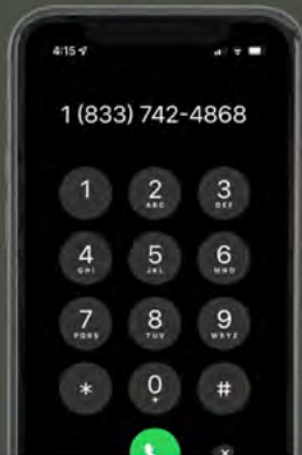
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IN PENNSYLVANIA WITH THE
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HUNTERS REPORTING BIG-GAME
HARVESTS BY PHONE SHOULD CALL
1-800-838-4431.

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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.

Report information to 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>. Callers may remain confidential. Learn more about the program online at <http://bit.ly/PG-COGT>.



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