

2021 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

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DEER*

Archery & Crossbow	Sept. 18–Jan. 9, 2022
Youth Deer Hunt	Oct. 9 & 10
Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities [▲]	Oct. 2–10
Gun	Nov. 20–28
Muzzleloader	Nov. 29–Dec. 8
Statewide Antlerless Hunt	Dec. 9–12
Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt	Dec. 24–Jan. 1, 2022**

* Please check the dnr.wi.gov, search “deer” for a complete set of dates and unit designations.
[▲] This is not a statewide season. More information is available at dnr.wi.gov, search “disabled deer hunt.”
**Open only in select Farmland (Zone 2) counties; see regulations for open counties.

ELK*

Clam Lake Elk Management Zone archery, crossbow, firearm	Oct. 16–Nov. 14; Dec. 9–17
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*Licenses awarded through a drawing. Only bull elk may be harvested. See dnr.wi.gov, keyword “elk” for details.

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant

Statewide	Oct. 16 (9 AM)–Jan. 9, 2022
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Bobwhite Quail

Statewide	Oct. 16 (9 AM)–Dec. 8
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Hungarian Partridge

Statewide*	Oct. 16 (9 AM)–Jan. 9, 2022
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* Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

Ruffed Grouse

Zone A	Sept. 18–Jan. 9, 2022
Zone B	Oct. 16–Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Season is under review. Visit dnr.wi.gov for updates.

Crow

Statewide	Sept. 18–Nov. 18 & Jan 28–March 20, 2022
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SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone	Sept. 18–Feb. 28, 2022
Southern Zone	Oct. 16 (9 AM)–Feb. 28, 2022

Squirrels (Gray and Fox)

Statewide	Sept. 18–Jan. 31, 2022
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PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species—such as badger, jackrabbit, moose and flying squirrel—is prohibited. See Ch. NR 10.02 for more details.

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt	Apr. 17 & 18
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Open Zones

Spring	Period A	Apr. 21–27
	Period B	Apr. 28–May 4
	Period C	May 5–11
	Period D	May 12–18
	Period E	May 19–25
	Period F	May 26–June 1
Fall	Zones 1-5	Sept. 18–Jan. 9, 2022
	Zones 6 & 7	Sept. 18–Nov. 19

BEAR

Zones C, E and F where dogs are not permitted:

- Sept. 8–Oct. 12
 - with aid of bait
 - with all other legal methods not using dogs

All other zones where dogs are permitted:

- Sept. 8–14
 - with aid of dogs only
- Sept. 15–Oct. 5
 - with aid of dogs
 - with aid of bait
 - with all other legal methods
- Oct. 6–12
 - with aid of bait
 - with all other legal methods **not** using dogs

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Early Canada Goose

Statewide	Sept. 1-15
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Early Teal Season

Statewide	Sept. 1-9
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Duck Season

Youth	Sept. 18-19
Northern Zone	Sept. 25-Nov. 23
Southern Zone	Oct. 2-10; Oct. 16-Dec. 5
Open Water Zone	Oct. 16-Dec. 14

Regular Goose Season

Northern Zone	Sept. 16-Dec. 16
Southern Zone	Sept. 16-Oct. 10; Oct. 16-Dec. 5; Dec. 20-Jan. 4, 20200
Mississippi Zone	Oct. 2-10; Oct. 16-Jan. 4, 2022

Woodcock

Statewide	Sept. 25-Nov. 8
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Mourning Dove

Statewide	Sept. 1-Nov. 29
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FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting Continuous open season.
Trapping Oct. 16–Feb. 15, 2022

Beaver

Trapping Only
Zone A (Northwest) Nov. 6–Apr. 30, 2022
Zone B (Northeast) Nov. 6–Apr. 30, 2022
Zone C (South) Nov. 6–Mar. 31, 2022
Zone D (Miss. River) Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2022

Mink and Muskrat

Trapping Only
Statewide Oct. 23–Mar. 6, 2022
Mississippi River Zone Nov. 8**–Mar. 6, 2022
**Zone opens either the day after the duck season closes or Nov. 11, whichever occurs first.

Fox (Red and Gray)

Hunting and Trapping Oct. 16–Feb. 15, 2022

Bobcat

Hunting and Trapping - Permits required
Period 1 Oct. 16–Dec. 25
Period 2 Dec. 26–Jan. 31, 2022

Fisher

Trapping Only - Permits required
Various zones Oct. 16–Jan. 9, 2022

Otter

Trapping Only - Permits required
North Zone Nov. 6–Apr. 30, 2022
South Zone Nov. 6–Mar. 31, 2022

Raccoon

Hunting and Trapping
Resident Oct. 16–Feb. 15, 2022
Non-resident Oct. 30–Feb. 15, 2022

Wolf

Hunting and Trapping Nov. 6–Feb. 28, 2022

Woodchuck, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel and Snowshoe Hare

No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

GET IN THE GAME!

Mentored Hunting Licenses

Adults and youth who have not completed hunter education are eligible to hunt through the Mentored Hunting Program. Visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword “mentored hunting” for more information.

Mentored Trapping Licenses

Youth age 16 – 17 and adults who have not completed trapper education are eligible to trap through the Mentored Trapping program. Youth under the age of 16 may trap without a license when under the supervision of a licensed trapper, even if the youth has not completed trapper education. Visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword “mentored trapping” for more information.

Reduced License Fees

Youth ages 11 and younger, first-time hunters and those who have not hunted in the preceding 10 years are eligible to purchase hunting licenses at a reduced fee. Resident hunters who recruit three first-time hunters, trappers or anglers are also eligible for reduced fees.

Permit Application Deadlines

Elk	May 31
Bobcat	August 1
Fisher	August 1
Wolf	August 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse*	August 31
Spring Turkey	December 10
Bear	December 10

Timing of Drawings

Elk	Early June
Bobcat	Mid-September
Fisher	Mid-September
Spring Turkey	Early January
Bear	Early February

*If season is open and permits are offered.

To check your drawing status, go to:
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For more information...

Visit dnr.wi.gov and search “hunt” and “trap”

for season dates, regulations, license and permit requirements as well as finding a place to hunt or trap and more.

For additional questions, call the DNR Call Center toll-free

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