

2019-2020 White-tailed Deer Seasons and Bag Limits

Antlered Deer – Statewide

Definition: An antlered white-tailed deer is a deer with two or more points to one antler, or a deer with at least one antler three or more inches long, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life.

Antler Point Restriction: Deer hunters may harvest one antlered deer during a license year within the established statewide bag limit (including bonus antlered deer) that does not meet the requirement of having at least 3 points on one antler. Any remaining antlered deer taken within the established bag limit must have at least 3 points on one antler. Antlered deer can be taken in any order. Junior hunters (16 years old or younger) and apprentice license holders are exempt from the three antler point requirement.

Season	Dates	Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Sep 6 – Oct 16	2 total for all seasons combined	<p>Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Black Bear Season is open.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting: Archery season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See Sunday chart.</p>
	Oct 20 (Sunday, see Notes)		
	Oct 21 – Nov 29		
	Dec 16 – Dec 20		
	Jan 5 (Sunday, see Notes)		
	Jan 6 – Jan 9		
	Jan 10 – Jan 12 (Region A only)		
Muzzle-loader	Jan 13 – Jan 31	No more than 1 in any weapon season ¹	<p>The Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp may not be used during the Oct. 17 – 19, 2019 muzzleloader season.</p> <p>Region A muzzleloader bag limit: Only 1 deer total (antlered or antlerless) may be taken in Region A during the October 17 – 19, 2019 muzzleloader season.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting: Muzzleloader season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See Sunday chart.</p>
	Oct 17 – Oct 19 Dec 21 – Jan 4		
Firearm	Nov 30 – Dec 14 Jan 10 – Jan 11 (Region B only, see Notes) Jan 12 (Region B only; Sunday, see Notes)		<p>Deer Firearm Season is open January 10 – 12 in Region B only. Deer Archery season is open January 10 - 12 in Region A only. Deer hunters may use archery equipment on these days in Region B but any deer harvested must count towards the Deer Firearm Season bag limit.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting: Firearm season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See Sunday chart.</p>

¹The statewide antlered deer bag limit is two deer total. A third (bonus) antlered deer may be taken in Region B only with the purchase of a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp. The bonus antlered deer may be taken in any weapon season. The Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp cannot be used the same day that a hunter harvests an antlered deer under the regular statewide bag limit (daily antlered bag limit of one).

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Antlerless Deer – Region A

Allegany, Garrett & Washington (Zone 2) counties

Definition: An antlerless white-tailed deer is a female deer or male deer with no antlers or spike antlers less than three inches in length, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life.

Season	Dates	Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Sep 6 – Oct 16 Oct 20 – Nov 29 Dec 16 – Dec 20 Jan 5 – Jan 31	2 total for all seasons combined No more than 1 in any weapon season ¹	Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Black Bear Season is open. Sunday deer hunting: Archery season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See Sunday chart.
Muzzleloader DNR Public Lands ²	Oct 17 – Oct 19 Jan 4		Region A muzzleloader bag limit: Only 1 deer total (antlered or antlerless) may be taken in Region A during the October 17 – 19, 2019 muzzleloader season.
Muzzleloader All Other Lands	Oct 17 – Oct 19 Jan 2 – Jan 4		
Firearm DNR Public Lands ²	Dec 14		
Firearm All Other Lands	Dec 13 – Dec 14		

¹No more than two antlerless deer total can be taken in Region A per license year.

²Region A DNR public lands include: Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Cunningham Swamp WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Deep Creek Lake State Park (Designated Areas Only), Garrett State Forest, Green Ridge State Forest, Indian Springs WMA, McCoole Fishery Management Area, Mount Nebo WMA, Potomac State Forest, Prather's Neck WMA, Rocky Gap State Park (Designated Areas Only), Savage River State Forest, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA, Wolf Den Run SP, Woodmont NRMA, Youghiogheny Reservoir CWMA and Youghiogheny Scenic Wild River.

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Antlerless Deer – Region B

Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington (Zone 1), Wicomico & Worcester counties

Definition: An antlerless white-tailed deer is a female deer or male deer with no antlers or spike antlers less than three inches in length, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life.

Season	Dates	Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Sep 6 – Oct 16	15 Antlerless	<p>Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Frederick, and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Black Bear Season is open.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting: Archery season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See Sunday chart.</p>
	Oct 20 (Sunday, see Notes)		
	Oct 21 – Nov 29		
	Dec 16 – Dec 20		
	Jan 5 (Sunday, see Notes)		
	Jan 6 – Jan 9		
Muzzleloader	Jan 13 – Jan 31	10 Antlerless	<p>Sunday deer hunting: Muzzleloader season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See Sunday chart.</p>
	Oct 17 – Oct 26 Dec 21 – Jan 4		
Firearm	Nov 30 – Dec 14	10 Antlerless	<p>Sunday Deer Hunting: Firearm season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See Sunday chart.</p>
	Jan 10 – Jan 11		
	Jan 12 (Sunday, see Notes)		

2019-2020 Junior Deer Hunt Antlered & Antlerless Deer

The Junior Deer Hunt is for hunters age 16 or younger only. Junior hunters must be accompanied by a licensed (or exempt from license requirement) unarmed adult age 21 or older. Junior hunters are not required to comply with the antler point restrictions.

Region	Description	Bag Limit	Dates	Notes
Region A	White-tailed Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	1 deer	Nov 16 Nov 17 (Sunday, see Notes)	<p>Separate Bag Limit: Deer taken by Junior hunters during the Junior Hunt Season do not count towards the regular archery, muzzleloader, or firearm season bag limits.</p> <p>Sunday Deer Hunting: The Junior Deer Hunt is open on Sunday November 17 in all counties except Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George's. See Sunday chart.</p>
Region B	White-tailed Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	3 deer, no more than 1 may be antlered		
Where present	Sika Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	1 deer		

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Antlered & Antlerless Deer – Statewide

Definition: An antlered sika deer is a deer with at least one antler visible above the hairline.

Season	Description	Dates	Total Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Antlered or Antlerless	Sep 6 – Oct 16	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	<p>Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting: Archery season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See Sunday chart.</p>
		Oct 20 (Sunday, see Notes)		
		Oct 21 – Nov 29		
		Dec 16 – Dec 20		
		Jan 5 (Sunday, see Notes)		
		Jan 6 – Jan 9		
Muzzleloader	Antlered or Antlerless	Jan 10 – Jan 12 (Region A only)	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	<p>October 21 – 26: Deer muzzleloader season is open during these dates in Region B only.</p>
		Jan 13 – Jan 31		
		Oct 17 – Oct 19		
	Antlerless Only	Oct 21 – 26 (Region B only)		
		Dec 21 – Jan 4		
		Antlered or Antlerless		
Firearm	Antlered or Antlerless	Nov 30 – Dec 14	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	<p>January 10 – 12: Deer Firearm Season is open in Region B only. Deer hunters may use archery equipment on these days in Region B but any deer harvested must count towards the Deer Firearm Season bag limit.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting: Firearm season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See Sunday chart.</p>
		Jan 10 – Jan 11 (Region B only, see Notes)		
		Jan 12 (Region B only; Sunday, see Notes)		

2019-2020 Sunday Deer Hunting Dates

County	Archery																Firearms				Muzzleloader		Lands Open
	Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 27	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24	Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26	Nov 17 (Jr Hunt)	Dec 1	Dec 8	Jan 12	Dec 22	Dec 29	
Allegany	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Private & Designated Public ¹
Anne Arundel									Open								Open	Open					Private Only
Baltimore																							None
Calvert						Open	Open	Open	Open	Open							Open	Open	Open	Open			Private Only
Caroline						Open	Open	Open	Open	Open							Open	Open	Open	Open			Private Only
Carroll					Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open				Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Private Only
Cecil	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Private & Designated Public ¹
Charles						Open	Open	Open	Open	Open							Open	Open	Open	Open			Private Only
Dorchester					Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open				Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Private Only
Frederick					Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open				Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Private Only
Garrett	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Private & Designated Public ¹
Harford						Open	Open	Open	Open	Open							Open	Open	Open	Open			Private Only
Howard																							None
Kent	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open	Open	Private Only
Montgomery	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open ₂		Open ₂	Open ₂	Open	Open	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open ₂	Open ₂	Private Only
Prince George's																							None
Queen Anne's						Open	Open	Open	Open	Open							Open	Open	Open	Open			Private Only
St. Mary's	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Private & Designated Public ¹
Somerset						Open	Open	Open	Open	Open							Open	Open	Open	Open			Private Only
Talbot						Open	Open	Open	Open	Open							Open	Open					Private Only
Washington Region A	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Private & Designated Public ¹
Washington Region B	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Private Only
Wicomico						Open	Open	Open	Open	Open							Open	Open	Open ₂				Private Only
Worcester						Open	Open	Open	Open	Open							Open	Open	Open	Open			Private Only

¹Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in Allegany, Cecil, Garrett, St. Mary's and Washington counties are: Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Cunningham Swamp WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Earlville WMA, Garrett State Forest (SF), Green Ridge SF, Grove Farm WMA, Indian Springs WMA, McCoolle Fishery Management Area, Mount Nebo WMA, Old Bohemia WMA, Potomac SF, Prather's Neck WMA, Saint Inigoes SF, Salem SF, Savage River SF, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA.

²Legal shooting hours for deer are one half hour before sunrise to 10:30am on this Sunday (applies only to Kent, Montgomery, and Wicomico counties where footnoted).