

# Maryland Hunting Seasons Calendar for Big Game, 2024-2025

Species, Season, & Region	August	September	2024 October	November	December	January	February	March	2025 April	May	June	July
Black Bear <sup>1</sup>			10/21-10/26									
White-tailed Deer, Antlered, Archery <sup>2</sup>		9/6-----10/16	10/20---11/29	12/16-12/20	1/5-1/9 1/13-1/31	Archery also open Jan. 10-12 in Region A only.						
White-tailed Deer, Antlered, Firearms <sup>2</sup>				11/30-12/14	1/10-1/12	Firearms open Jan. 10-12 in Region B only.						
White-tailed Deer, Antlered, Muzzleloader <sup>2</sup>			10/17-10/19		12/21-1/4							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Archery, Region A <sup>2,3</sup>		9/6-----10/16	10/20---11/29	12/16-12/20	1/5-1/31							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Firearms, Region A <sup>2,3</sup>				12/7-12/14								
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Muzzleloader, Region A <sup>2,3</sup>			10/17-10/19		12/28-1/4							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Archery, Region B <sup>2,4</sup>		9/6-----10/16	10/20---11/29	12/16-12/20	1/5-1/9 1/13-1/31							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Firearms, Region B <sup>2,4</sup>				11/30-12/14	1/10-1/12							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Muzzleloader, Region B <sup>2,4</sup>			10/17-10/19 10/21-10/26		12/21-1/4							
Sika Deer, Archery <sup>2,5</sup>		9/6-----10/16	10/20---11/29	12/16-12/20	1/5-1/9 1/13-1/31							
Sika Deer, Firearms <sup>2,5</sup>				11/30-12/14	1/10-1/12							
Sika Deer, Muzzleloader <sup>2,5</sup>			10/17-10/19		12/21-1/4							
Sika Deer, Antlerless Only, Muzzleloader, Region B			10/21-10/26									
Junior Deer Hunt Days <sup>2</sup>				11/16-11/17								
Primitive Deer Hunt Days <sup>6</sup>							2/1-2/4					
Wild Turkey, Winter Season <sup>7</sup>						1/23-1/25						
Wild Turkey, Fall Season <sup>7</sup>				11/2-11/10								
Wild Turkey, Spring Season <sup>7</sup>									4/18-----5/23			
Wild Turkey, Spring Season, Junior Hunt Days <sup>7</sup>									4/12-4/13			

## Footnotes for Big Game Hunting Season Calendar, 2024-2025

Unless otherwise noted, hunting seasons are for all Maryland counties. Not all species are found in all counties.

**1 Bear Hunt Zone-** This zone includes Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington counties. Permit required.

**2 Sunday Deer Hunting (white-tailed and sika)-**

White-tailed and sika deer hunting seasons include Sundays - see the Sunday deer hunting chart for areas, dates, counties and times.

**3 Deer Management Region A-** This region includes Allegany County, Garrett County, and the western portion of Washington County (Zone 2, Private Land Code Areas 250 & 251) that lies west of a line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 494 and the Pennsylvania line, south on Rt. 494 to Rt. 57, south on Rt. 57 to Rt. 40 at St. Paul’s Church, west on Rt. 40 to the junction of Big Spring Rd. and Rt. 40 in Clear Spring, south on Big Spring Rd. to the junction of Rt. 56 at Big Spring, following Rt. 56 west to the junction of Charles Mill Rd., then south on Charles Mill Rd. to the Potomac River.

**4 Deer Management Region B-** This region includes 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, Private Land Code Area 252: the eastern portion of Washington County that lies east of a line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 494 and the Pennsylvania line, south on Rt. 494 to Rt. 57, south on Rt. 57 to Rt. 40 at St. Paul’s Church, west on Rt. 40 to the junction of Big Spring Rd. and Rt. 40 in Clear Spring, south on Big Spring Rd. to the junction of Rt. 56 at Big Spring, following Rt. 56 west to the junction of Charles Mill Rd., then south on Charles Mill Rd. to the Potomac River), Wicomico and Worcester Counties.

**5 Sika Deer-** Sika deer may be hunted statewide where they are found.

**6 Primitive Deer Hunt Days-** Hunters may only use long bows, recurve bows or flintlock and sidelock percussion muzzleloading rifles or handguns during these days.

**7 Wild Turkey-**

**The Spring Season** is open statewide. Daily shooting hours for April 18 through May 9 are one-half hour before sunrise to noon. Daily shooting hours for May 10 through May 23 are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Sunday hunting is open in certain counties (see below).

**The Fall Season** hunting area includes Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties only. Sunday hunting is open in certain counties (see below).

**The Winter Season** is open statewide.

**The Junior Turkey Hunt Season** is open statewide on Saturday, April 12, 2025 in all counties and Sunday, April 13, 2025 in certain counties (see below).

SUNDAY TURKEY HUNTING 2024-2025		
Sunday hunting is permitted on April 13 (Junior Hunt Day) and all Sundays during any open turkey season with these restrictions, in these counties and locations.		
COUNTY	LOCATION	SHOOTING HOURS
Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Kent, Queen Anne’s	Private lands only	Shooting hours are the same as Monday through Saturday
Dorchester	Private and public lands	Shooting hours are the same as Monday through Saturday
Allegany, Cecil, Garrett, St. Mary’s, and Washington	Private and <b>designated public lands*</b>	Shooting hours are the same as Monday through Saturday
Talbot	Private lands only	Legal shooting hours on Sundays are from ½ hour before sunrise until 10:30am
Somerset	Private lands and public land leased to a hunt club only	Legal shooting hours on Sundays are from ½ hour before sunrise until 10:30am
Wicomico and Worcester	Private and <b>designated public lands*</b>	Legal shooting hours on Sundays are from ½ hour before sunrise until 10:30am
<small>* <b>Designated public lands</b> open to Sunday hunting in <b>Allegany</b> (Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Dan’s Mountain WMA, Green Ridge SF, McCoolle FMA, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA), <b>Cecil</b> (C&amp;D Canal Lands, Earlville WMA, Grove Farm WMA, Old Bohemia WMA), <b>Garrett</b> (Cunningham Swamp WMA, Garrett SF, Mt. Nebo WMA, Potomac SF, Savage River SF), <b>St. Mary’s</b> (Salem SF, Saint Inigoes SF), <b>Washington</b> (Indian Springs WMA, Prather’s Neck WMA, Sideling Hill WMA), <b>Wicomico</b> (Ellis Bay WMA, Chesapeake Forest Lands, Johnson WMA, Nanticoke WMA, Wetipquin WMA), and <b>Worcester</b> (Chesapeake Forest Lands, E. A. Vaughn WMA, Hickory Pt. Wildlands, Isle of Wight WMA, Pocomoke SF, Pocomoke River WMA)         </small>		