

Maryland Hunting Seasons Calendar for 2024-2025

Species, Season, & Region	August	September	2024 October	November	December	January	February	March	2025 April	May	June	July	
Black Bear ¹			10/21-10/26										
White-tailed Deer, Antlered, Archery ²		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 ²					11/30-12/14	1/10-1/12	Firearms open Jan. 10-12 in Region B only.						
White-tailed Deer, Antlered, Muzzleloader ²			10/17-10/19		12/21-1/4								
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Archery, Region A ^{2,3}		9/6-----10/16	10/20---11/29		12/16-12/20	1/5-1/31							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Firearms, Region A ^{2,3}					12/7-12/14								
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Muzzleloader, Region A ^{2,3}			10/17-10/19		12/28-1/4								
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Archery, Region B ^{2,4}		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 ^{2,4}					11/30-12/14	1/10-1/12							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Muzzleloader, Region B ^{2,4}			10/17-10/19 10/21-10/26		12/21-1/4								
Sika Deer, Archery ^{2,5}		9/6-----10/16	10/20---11/29		12/16-12/20	1/5-1/9 1/13-1/31							
Sika Deer, Firearms ^{2,5}					11/30-12/14	1/10-1/12							
Sika Deer, Muzzleloader ^{2,5}			10/17-10/19		12/21-1/4								
Sika Deer, Antlerless Only, Muzzleloader, Region B			10/21-10/26										
Junior Deer Hunt Days ²				11/16-11/17									
Primitive Deer Hunt Days ⁶							2/1-2/4						
Wild Turkey, Winter Season ⁷						1/23-1/25							
Wild Turkey, Fall Season ⁷				11/2-11/10									
Wild Turkey, Spring Season ⁷								4/18-----5/23					
Wild Turkey, Spring Season, Junior Hunt Days ⁷								4/12-4/13					
Canada Goose, Early Resident Season, Eastern Hunt Zone ⁸		9/2-9/14											
Canada Goose, Early Resident Season, Western Hunt Zone ⁹		9/2-9/25											
Canada Goose, Migratory Atlantic Population ¹⁰					12/20-1/4	1/15-2/1							
Canada Goose, Late Resident Season ¹¹				11/23-11/29	12/16-----3/10								
Light Goose			10/1-----11/29		12/16-----1/31		2/8						
Light Goose Conservation Order Season ¹²					12/2-12/14		2/1-2/7	2/10-----4/15					
Brant						12/28--1/31							
Teal, September Season ¹³		9/16-9/30											
Ducks, Eastern Zone ¹⁴			10/12-10/19	11/16-11/29	12/16-----1/31								
Ducks, Western Zone ¹⁴			10/5-10/19	11/23-11/29	12/16-----1/31								
Waterfowl- Youth, Veteran & Military Hunt Days				11/2			2/8						
Mourning Doves		9/2-----10/19		10/26-11/29		12/21-1/10							
Rails		9/2-----11/21											
Woodcock			10/26-11/29			1/13-1/29							
Common Snipe		9/28-----1/30											
Squirrel ^{15,17}		9/2-----2/28											
Rabbit ¹⁷			11/2-----2/28										
Quail ^{16,17}			11/2-----1/15										
Quail, western counties & eastern DNR lands ¹⁶	----- Closed Season -----												
Pheasant ¹⁷			11/2-----2/28										
Ruffed Grouse ¹⁷		10/5-----12/31											
Crow	8/15----- Wednesday through Saturday only -----3/15												

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Beaver, Trapping ¹⁸					12/15-----3/15							
Beaver, Trapping ¹⁹					12/1-----3/15							
Coyote, Hunting ³⁰	Year-round											
Coyote, Trapping, Eastern Region ²⁰				11/15-----2/28								
Coyote, Trapping, Western Region ²¹				11/1-----2/15								
Long-tailed Weasel Trapping, Eastern Region ²⁰				11/15-----2/15								
Long-tailed Weasel Trapping, Western Region ²¹				11/1-----2/1								
Fisher ³⁰				11/1-----2/1								
Fox, Hunting ³⁰ & Trapping Charles & Dorchester Co.	Year-round											
Fox, Hunting ³⁰ & Trapping County Group 1 ²²				11/15-----2/28								
Fox, Hunting ³⁰ & Trapping County Group 2 ²³				11/1-----2/15								
Muskrat & Mink, Trapping County Group A ²⁴				11/15-----2/15								
Muskrat & Mink, Trapping County Group B ²⁵					1/1-----3/15							
Muskrat & Mink, Trapping County Group C ²⁶					12/15-----3/15							
Groundhog ³⁰	Year-round											
River Otter, Trapping County Group 1 ²⁷					12/15-----3/15							
River Otter, Trapping County Group 2 ²⁸					12/15-----3/15							
River Otter, Trapping County Group 3 ²⁹					12/1-----3/15							
Raccoon & Opossum, Chasing Only ³⁰	8/1-----10/14							3/16-----7/31				
Raccoon & Opossum Hunting ³⁰			10/15-----3/15									
Raccoon, Skunk & Opossum Trapping, Eastern Region ²⁰				11/15-----3/15								
Raccoon, Skunk & Opossum Trapping, Western Region ²¹				11/1-----3/15								
Skunk, Hunting ³⁰				11/1-----3/15								



Footnotes for 2024-2025 Hunting Season Calendar

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 designated public lands*	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 designated public lands*	Legal shooting hours on Sundays are from ½ hour before sunrise until 10:30am

* Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in **Allegany** (Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Dan’s Mountain WMA, Green Ridge SF, McCoolle FMA, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA), **Cecil** (C&D Canal Lands, Earlville WMA, Grove Farm WMA, Old Bohemia WMA), **Garrett** (Cunningham Swamp WMA, Garrett SF, Mt. Nebo WMA, Potomac SF, Savage River SF), **St. Mary’s** (Salem SF, Saint Inigoes SF), **Washington** (Indian Springs WMA, Prather’s Neck WMA, Sideling Hill WMA), **Wicomico** (Ellis Bay WMA, Chesapeake Forest Lands, Johnson WMA, Nanticoke WMA, Wetipquin WMA), and **Worcester** (Chesapeake Forest Lands, E. A. Vaughn WMA, Hickory Pt. Wildlands, Isle of Wight WMA, Pocomoke SF, Pocomoke River WMA)

8 Canada Goose, Early Resident Season, Eastern Hunt Zone- This zone includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties; and that part of Anne Arundel County east of Interstate 895, Interstate 97 and Route 3; that part of Prince George’s County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that part of Charles County east of 301.

9 Canada Goose, Early Resident Season, Western Hunt Zone- This zone includes Allegany, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery and Washington Counties; and that part of Anne Arundel County west of Interstate 895, Interstate 97 and Route 3; that part of Prince George’s County west of Route 3 and Route 301; and that part of Charles County west of 301.

10 Canada Goose, Migratory Atlantic Population Hunt Zone- This zone includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, St. Mary’s, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties; that portion of Carroll County east of Route 31 to the intersection of Route 97, and east of Route 97 to the Pennsylvania line; that portion of Prince George’s County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that portion of Charles County east of Route 301.

11 Canada Goose, Late Resident Goose Hunt Zone- This zone includes Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery and Washington Counties; that portion of Carroll County west of Route 31 to the intersection of Route 97, and west of Route 97 to the Pennsylvania line; that portion of Prince George’s County west of Route 3 and Route 30; and that portion of Charles County west of Route 301.

12 Light Goose Conservation Season Zone- This zone includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, St. Mary’s, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties; that portion of Carroll County east of Route 31 to the intersection of Route 97, and east of Route 97 to the Pennsylvania line; that portion of Prince George’s County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that portion of Charles County east of Route 301.

13 September Teal Hunt Zone: This zone includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties and that part of Anne Arundel County east of Interstate 895, Interstate 97, and Route 3; that part of Prince Georges County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that part of Charles County east of Route 301.

14 Eastern Duck Season Zone: This zone includes Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Saint Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester counties; and: those portions of Baltimore, Howard, Prince George’s, and Montgomery counties east of a line beginning at I83 at the Pennsylvania state line, following I83 south to the intersection of I83 and I695 (Outer Loop), south following I695 (Outer Loop) to its intersection with I95, south following I95 to its intersection with I495 (Outer Loop), and following I495 (Outer Loop) to the Virginia shore of the Potomac River. The **Western Duck Season Zone** is that portion of the state not included in the Eastern Zone.

15 Closed Season for Delmarva Fox Squirrel

16 Quail- Allegany and Garrett counties are closed to quail hunting. Lands owned or managed by the Department of Natural Resources east of the Susquehanna River are closed to quail hunting. All other private lands are open to quail hunting.

17 Small Game- Sunday hunting is open in certain counties (see below).

SUNDAY SMALL GAME HUNTING 2024-2025		
The following small game species may be hunted on all Sundays during their open seasons with these restrictions, in these counties and locations. Eastern cottontail rabbits, gray squirrels, eastern fox squirrels, red squirrels, quail (closed in Garrett and Allegany counties), ruffed grouse and pheasants.		
COUNTY	LOCATION	TIME RESTRICTION
Allegany, Cecil, Garrett, St. Mary’s and Washington	Private and designated public lands*	Shooting hours are the same as Monday through Saturday
Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester and Queen Anne’s	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 designated public lands*	Legal shooting hours on Sundays are from ½ hour before sunrise until 10:30am
* Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in Allegany (Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Dan’s Mountain WMA, Green Ridge SF, McCoole FMA, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA), Cecil (C&D Canal Lands, Earlville WMA, C&D Canal Lands, Grove Farm WMA, Old Bohemia WMA), Garrett (Cunningham Swamp WMA, Garrett SF, Mt. Nebo WMA, Potomac SF, Savage River SF), St. Mary’s (Salem SF, Saint Inigoes SF), Washington (Indian Springs WMA, Prather’s Neck WMA, Sideling Hill WMA), Wicomico (Ellis Bay WMA, Chesapeake Forest Lands, Johnson WMA, Nanticoke WMA, Wetipquin WMA), and Worcester (Chesapeake Forest Lands, E. A. Vaughn WMA, Hickory Pt. Wildlands, Isle of Wight WMA, Pocomoke SF, Pocomoke River WMA)		

18- All counties except Garrett and Allegany.

19- Garrett and Allegany counties.

20 That portion of Maryland east of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River.

21 That portion of Maryland west of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River.

22 **Fox, County Group 1-** This group includes Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

23 **Fox, County Group 2-** This group includes Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George’s, St. Mary’s and Washington counties.

24 **Muskrat and Mink, County Group A-** This group includes Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard and Washington counties.

25 **Muskrat and Mink, County Group B-** This group includes Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Montgomery, Prince George’s, St. Mary’s, Talbot and Wicomico counties.

26 **Muskrat and Mink, County Group C-** This group includes Baltimore, Cecil, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset and Worcester counties.

27 **River Otter, County Group 1-** All counties except Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery and Washington.

28 **River Otter, County Group 2-** Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery and Washington counties.

29 **River Otter, County Group 3-** Allegany and Garrett counties.

30 **Furbearers-** Sunday hunting is open in certain counties (see below).

SUNDAY FURBEARER HUNTING 2024-2025		
The following furbearer species may be hunted on all Sundays during their open seasons with these restrictions, in these counties and locations. Coyotes, fishers, foxes, opossums, raccoons and skunks.		
COUNTY	LOCATION	TIME RESTRICTION
Allegany, Cecil, Garrett, St. Mary’s and Washington	Private and designated public lands*	Shooting hours are the same as Monday through Saturday
Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester and Queen Anne’s	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 Only trapping permit holders or their appointees may hunt furbearers on WMAs from Nov. 15 - March 15	Private and designated public lands*	Legal shooting hours on Sundays are from ½ hour before sunrise until 10:30am
*Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in Allegany (Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Dan’s Mountain WMA, Green Ridge SF, McCoolle FMA, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA), Cecil (C&D Canal Lands, Earlville WMA, C&D Canal Lands, Grove Farm WMA, Old Bohemia WMA), Garrett (Cunningham Swamp WMA, Garrett SF, Mt. Nebo WMA, Potomac SF, Savage River SF), St. Mary’s (Salem SF, Saint Ingoes SF), Washington (Indian Springs WMA, Prather’s Neck WMA, Sideling Hill WMA), Wicomico (Ellis Bay WMA, Chesapeake Forest Lands, Johnson WMA, Nanticoke WMA, Wetipquin WMA), and Worcester (Chesapeake Forest Lands, E. A. Vaughn WMA, Hickory Pt. Wildlands, Isle of Wight WMA, Pocomoke SF, Pocomoke River WMA)		