

Public Hunting Spring Turkey Regulation Packet 2021-2022
Maryland Department of Natural Resources – Wildlife and Heritage Service

PUBLIC HUNTING PERMIT AVAILABILITY

Option A - Online	Option B – In Person	Option C - Mail
Apply online through COMPASS . Click on “Purchase New License” then “Hunting” and choose the Free Public Hunting Permit. When you complete the checkout process your seasonal permit will print on your hunting license.	After purchasing your hunting license you may obtain the Free Public Hunting Permit from either the Gwynnbrook or Myrtle Grove Office. Have your DNR ID available.	Mail a copy of your hunting license to the Gwynnbrook or Myrtle Grove Office. Please note which areas you are interested in. Include a letter-sized envelope with return address and postage.
If you are Hunting License exempt please call the Gwynnbrook or Myrtle Grove Wildlife Office for instructions on how to get your permit.		

SPRING TURKEY SEASON 2022

Hunt Dates:	Office Dates for Reservations:						
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<u>Junior Turkey Hunt</u>	<u>Regular Season</u>						
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REGULATIONS

For all Areas:

- No building or using of permanent tree stands. All portable tree stands must be removed at the end of the day.
- Maryland public lands are trash-free. **All trash must leave with you.** Please pick up your empty shotgun shells.
- Placing or hunting over bait for any wildlife species is prohibited on all public lands.
- Target shooting, camping, building fires, and hunting in safety zones or restricted areas is prohibited.
- Parking is allowed in designated parking areas only. Do not block gates.
- The cutting of trees, branches, shrubs, or other vegetation is prohibited. This includes cutting shooting lanes.
- Off-road vehicle use is prohibited (allowed on select properties with a Universal Disability Pass), call for info.
- Non-hunters may accompany a permitted hunter if they are unarmed and stay with the hunter at all times.
- Trapping is allowed on certain properties with written permission. Call for more information.
- Do not walk through or damage fields until crops have been harvested.
- If entering through a closed and/or locked gate, close and lock the gate behind you when entering and leaving.

Spring Turkey Specific Regulations:

- Hunting hours are a half hour before sunrise to sunset for Junior Hunt Days, a half hour before sunrise to noon from April 19-May 10, and a half hour before sunrise to sunset May 11-May 24.
- Only bearded turkeys may be harvested. No more than one bearded turkey may be taken per day. A maximum of two bearded turkeys may be taken per season.
- Turkeys must be tagged and checked in. See your Hunting Guide for property codes and check-in requirements.

All State, Federal, County, and Property hunting regulations apply.

Failure to comply with any of these rules or regulations will result in a fine and/or suspension from the program.

**Emergency Info: For wildlife emergencies or to report hunting violations please call
 Natural Resources Police IMMEDIATELY at 410-260-8888.**

If you have concerns about individual properties please notify the Gwynnbrook Office.

Properties OPEN for Spring Turkey Season

Properties in WHITE: Reservations handled by the Gwynnbrook Office 410-356-9272			Properties in GRAY: Reservations handled by the Myrtle Grove Office 301-743-5161		
County	Property	Permit	Hunter Limit	Sign-In/Reservation	Additional Restrictions
Baltimore	Gwynnbrook WMA	Public Hunting	2	Sign-in	Archery Only
	Prettyboy Reservoir	Reservoir	None	None	Archery Only, Permit available in Hunting Guide
Baltimore/Carroll	Liberty Reservoir				
Calvert	Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm CWMA	Public Hunting	3	Reservation and Sign-in	Open Youth day, then Mondays-Fridays
	Calvert Cliffs State Park	None	None	Sign-in	
	Hall Creek NRMA	None	None	Sign-in	
	Huntingtown Area	None	None	Sign-in	
Carroll	Avondale WMA	Public Hunting	3	Sign-In	
	Hanover CWMA		6	Sign-In	3 max at each parking area
Charles	Cedar Point WMA	None	None	None	
	Cedarville State Forest		None	None	Daily use charges apply
	Chapel Point State Park		None	Sign-in	
	Chicamuxen WMA		None	None	
	Doncaster Demonstration Forest		None	None	
	Indian Creek NRMA		None	Sign-in	
	Myrtle Grove WMA		None	None	
	Nanjemoy WMA		None	None	
	Nanjemoy Creek WMA		None	None	
	Popes Creek WMA		None	None	
	Riverside WMA		None	None	
	Tayloes Neck State Forest		None	Sign-in	
Cecil	Welch Point MHA	Public Hunting	None	None	
	Courthouse Point MHA		None	None	
	Elk Forest MHA		None	None	
	Bethel MHA		None	None	Open Sat-Sun Only
	Grove Farm WMA		3	Reservation	Reservations required for Opening Day through the 2nd Saturday and all remaining Saturdays.
	Old Bohemia WMA		3	Reservation	
	Earleville WMA		3	Reservation	
	Elk Neck State Forest		None	None	None
Harford	Stoney Demonstration Forest	Public Hunting	5	Sign-In	Saturdays Only
Howard	Hugg-Thomas WMA	Public Hunting	5	Sign-In	
	Patuxent River State Park	None	None	None	

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Kent	Millington WMA	Public Hunting	24	Reservation	Reservations required for Opening Day through the 2nd Saturday and all remaining Saturdays.
Montgomery	McKee-Beshers WMA	None	None	None	
	Seneca Creek State Park River Road Area				
	Islands of the Potomac WMA (Maddox, Mason, Oxley)				
	Strider WMA 1	Public Hunting	3	Sign-in	Archery Only
	Strider WMA 2	Hunting	2		
Prince Georges	Milltown Landing NRMA	None	None	Sign-in	
	Nottingham NRMA	None	None	Sign-in	
	Spice Creek NRMA	None	None	Sign-in	
Queen Annes	Browns Branch WMA	Public Hunting	3	Reservation	Reservations required for Opening Day through the 2nd Saturday and all remaining Saturdays.
St. Mary's	Elms CWMA	Public Hunting	None	Sign-in	Saturdays only
	Greenwell State Park	None	None	Sign-in	Day use charges apply
	Newtowne Neck State Park	Public Hunting	4	Reservation	
	St. Inigoes State Forest	Public Hunting	3	Reservation	
	St. Mary's River State Park	None	None	Sign-in	
	Salem State Forest	None	None	None	

SUNDAY HUNTING

Sunday hunting will ONLY be allowed on the following **Cecil County and St. Mary's County** Public Hunting Areas in the Central and Southern Regions (other opportunities may exist in other regions, see the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping for details):

**Grove Farm WMA, Old Bohemia WMA, Earleville WMA
Bethel MHA, Courthouse Point MHA, Elk Forest MHA, Welch Point MHA
St. Inigoes State Forest and Salem State Forest**

Sunday hunting is restricted to persons hunting deer, turkey, small game, and furbearers according to state seasons. Migratory birds, including waterfowl, mourning doves, crows, and rails, shall not be hunted on Sundays. See the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping for more information on Sunday hunting.

For more information on hunting properties and programs, please see the full [Free Public Hunting Program Regulation Packet](#).