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Maryland Statewide Mourning Dove Hunting Season 2025-2026

Sept. 1 - Oct. 18; Oct. 25 - Nov. 28; Dec. 20 - Jan. 9

Statewide shooting hours: 12 Noon to Sunset during Sept. 1 - Oct. 18; WMA specific shooting times may differ: see below. One half hour before Sunrise to Sunset during the late season segments.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS: The following areas are managed by the Wildlife and Heritage Service to provide food and cover for doves and other wildlife. These areas are open to the public for dove hunting, however WMA specific restrictions apply. Fields are open only on the days and times indicated during the period Sept. 1 to Sept. 30. Areas marked with an asterisk (*) require a permit and the number of hunters may be restricted. Areas not marked with an asterisk (*) are open on a first-come basis. Acreage numbers are cumulative; some areas have multiple fields with maps posted locally.

During the periods Oct. 1 to Oct. 18, Oct. 25 to Nov. 28 and Dec. 20 to Jan. 9, most areas are open for dove hunting on a first come basis. All federal and state laws apply.

***PERMIT REQUIRED**

| County | Area | Location and Size (in acres) | Area Hunting Regulations | For Information Call: |
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| Allegany | Belle Grove WMA | Orleans Road exit off I68, proceed south, turn left on Turkey Farm Road 1.5 acres | Opening Day, Mon-Sat Noon to Sunset | 301-478-2525 |
| Allegany | Warrior Mountain WMA | Oliver Beltz Road 1.5 acres | Opening Day, Mon-Sat Noon to Sunset | 301-478-2525 |
| Caroline | Idylwild WMA | Northeast of Federalsburg on Route 306. 29 acres. | Opening day, Wed. & Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. | 410-376-3236 |
| Cecil* *Free annual hunting permit and daily reservation required. | Grove Farm WMA | Grove Neck Road. 20 acres in 3 fields. | Opening day, Mon., Wed., and Sat., Noon – 5PM. Non-toxic shot only. | 410-356-9272 |
| Cecil* *Free annual hunting permit and daily reservation required. | Old Bohemia WMA | 1 mile north of Warwick on Church Road. 12 acres in 4 fields. | Opening day, Mon., Wed., and Sat., Noon – 5PM. Non-toxic shot only. | 410-356-9272 |
| Charles | Myrtle Grove | From Rt. 225, 1 mile down | Opening day, Tues., Thur. | 301-743-5161 |

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| | WMA | Myrtle Grove Rd. 2 acres. | and Sat., Noon - 5:00 p.m. | |
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| Charles | Cedar Point WMA | 3.5 miles south of Welcome on Windmill Point Rd., 16 acres. | Mon.-Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. | 301-743-5161 |
| Charles | Chicamuxen WMA | On Rt. 224, 8 miles south of Mason Springs. 6 acres. | Opening day, Mon., Wed., and Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. | 301-743-5161 |
| Dorchester | LeCompte WMA | 5 miles southwest of Vienna on Steele Neck Road. 10 acres. | Mon.-Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. | 410-376-3236 |
| Kent | Millington WMA | 1.5 miles east of Massey on Maryland Line Road. 20 acres in 3 fields. | Opening day, Mon., Wed., and Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. | 410-928-3650 |
| Montgomery | McKee-Beshers WMA | Two sites: South of Poolesville off River Road. 30 acres. | Opening Day, Mon - Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. | 410-356-9272 |
| Prince George's* | Cheltenham WMA | Located on the east side of Route 301, directly across from Frank Tippett Road. 3 acres. | Opening Day, Mon.-Sat., Noon - 5:00 p.m., permit and reservation required | 301-743-5161 |
| Queen Anne's* <i>*Free annual hunting permit and daily reservation required.</i> | Browns Branch WMA | Northeast of Church Hill on Rt. 300 and Hall Rd 15 acres | Opening day, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, Noon-5pm | 410-356-9272 |
| Somerset | Deal Island WMA | Two sites: Dames Quarter (12 mi.) and Deal Island (16 mi.) west of Princess Anne on Rt. 363. 9 acres. | Opening day, Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. | 410-651-2065 |
| Somerset | Maryland Marine Properties WMA | Marumsco, Back Shelltown Rd., about 10 miles east of Crisfield. 8 acres. | Opening day, Mon., Wed. & Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. | 410-651-2065 |
| Somerset | Wellington WMA | Dublin Road, 6 miles south of Princess Anne. 10 acres. | Opening Day, Tues, Thurs, Sat. Noon – Sunset. | 410-651-2065 |
| Wicomico | Indian Springs WMA | Three miles north of Clear Spring in Blairs Valley. 8 acres | Opening day, Mon -Sat. Noon to Sunset | 301-842-2702 |
| | Nanticoke | Nutters Neck Road, 5 miles | Opening day, Mon., Wed. & | |

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| Worcester | River WMA | west of Quantico. 17 acres. | Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. | 410-376-3236 |
| Worcester | Pocomoke River WMA | 7 miles south of Snow Hill on Rt.113. 6 acres. | Mon.-Sat. Noon - sunset. | 410-651-2065 |
| | E. A. Vaughn WMA | Two sites: 1 mile north of Stockton on Route 12 and 9 miles south of Snow Hill on Taylor Landing Road. 13 acres. | Opening day, Mon., Wed. & Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. | 410-651-2065 |

Dove Management Areas are funded with Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Funds and your hunting license dollars.

For more information visit our website at www.dnr.maryland.gov