

2016-2017 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
*Wild Boar (Gun)	October 22	October 29	1		
*Wild Boar (Archery and Crossbow)	September 24	December 31			
*Deer (Buck Firearms)	November 21	December 3	See pages 13-18.		
*Deer (Archery and Crossbow)	September 24	December 31			
*Deer (Antlerless) Split Season (Selected Counties)	October 20	October 22			
	November 21	December 3			
	December 15	December 17			
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 5	December 10	1		
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ/Class XS) Split Season (see page 30)	October 15	October 15			
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ/Class XS) Split Season (see page 30)	December 26	December 27	1	3	3
	September 24	November 19	See pages 38-39.		
*Bear (Archery and Crossbow) Split Season (see page 38 for exception)	December 5	December 31			
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties)	September 3	September 10			
	September 17	September 23			
	October 1	October 7			
	November 21	December 3			
*Turkey, Fall Split Season (Selected Counties - see page 33)	December 5	December 31	1		
	October 8	October 15			
	October 24	October 29			
*Turkey (Spring 2017 - Bearded Only)	October 24	November 12	1		
	April 17	May 13			
*Turkey (2017 Youth Season - see page 34)	April 15	April 15	1	2	2
*Turkey (2017 Youth Season - see page 34)	April 15	April 15	1 - counts towards spring season bag limit of two		
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	September 10	February 28	6	24	None
Squirrel (Youth Season - see page 30)	September 3	September 3	6		
Ruffed Grouse	October 15	February 28	4	16	None
Bobwhite Quail	November 5	January 7	3	9	None
Cottontail Rabbit	November 5	February 28	5	20	None
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 5	February 28	2	8	None
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only)	November 5	January 2	2	2	None
Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	November 12	December 3	1	1	None
Raccoon (Hunting) The bag limit during an 11-hour period beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 5 a.m. is four raccoons for each person or groups of persons hunting as a party.	October 15	February 28	4	None	None
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 5	February 28	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 5	February 28	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology, see page 3)	January 1	February 28			
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 5	February 28	3		
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 5	February 28	None		
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 5	January 31	1		
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 5	March 31	None		
*Otter (Trapping)	November 5	February 28	1		
Crow - Split Season Nuisance Crows: crows committing depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, home gardens, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated so as to constitute a health hazard and or other nuisance may be killed at any time.	October 1	November 19	None		
	January 1	March 4			
Coyote (Hunting)**	Continuous Open Season		None		
Coyote (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology)**	January 1	July 31			
Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck, Weasel, English Sparrow, European Starling and Pigeon (Hunting)	Continuous Open Season		None		
Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, and Weasel (Trapping)	November 5	February 28			
Elk, Song and Insectivorous Birds, Owls, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles			No Open Season		
Geese, Ducks, Mourning Doves, Gallinules, Rails, Woodcock and Common Snipe			Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration required. See WVDNR Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations available in August.		

*Must be electronically registered (checked). See page 44 for instructions on the electronic registration process.

**See page 7 for additional regulations.