

West Virginia Hunting and Trapping 2021-2022 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
*Wild Boar (Gun) Split Season	October 23 February 4	October 30 February 6		1	
*Wild Boar (Archery and Crossbow) Split Season	September 25 February 4	December 31 February 6			
*Deer (Buck Firearms)	November 22	December 5	See pages 15-20 of the 2021-2022 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Summary.		
*Deer (Archery and Crossbow)	September 25	December 31			
*Deer (Antlerless) Split Season (Selected Counties)	October 21	October 24			
	November 22	December 5			
	December 9	December 12			
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 28	December 31			
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/qq/Class XS) Split Season (see page 32 of the 2021-2022 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Summary)	October 16 December 26	October 17 December 27	1	4	4
*Deer, Bear and Turkey (Winter 2022 - Mountaineer Heritage - see page 34 of the 2021-2022 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Summary)	January 13	January 16	1 deer 1 bear 1 turkey		
*Bear (Archery and Crossbow)	September 25	December 31	See pages 35-40 of the 2021-2022 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Summary.		
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties)	August 28	September 6			
	September 11	September 17			
	September 18	September 24			
	October 2	October 8			
	October 18	October 20			
	October 21	October 24			
	October 30	November 5			
	November 22	December 5			
*Bear (Youth/Class Q/qq/Class XS - see page 36 of the 2021-2022 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Summary)	October 16	October 17	1	2	2
*Turkey, Fall Split Season (Selected Counties - see page 42 of the 2021-2022 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Summary)	October 9 October 25 October 25	October 17 October 31 November 14		1	
*Turkey (Spring 2022 - Bearded Only)	April 18	May 22			
*Turkey (2022 Youth Season - see page 42 of the 2021-2022 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Summary)	April 16	April 17	1	2	2
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	September 11	February 28	6	24	None
Squirrel (Youth Season - see page 32 of the 2021-2022 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Summary)	September 4	September 5	6		
Ruffed Grouse	October 16	February 28	4	16	None
Bobwhite Quail (Bobwhite quail hunting closed on Tomblin WMA)	November 6	January 1	3	9	None
Cottontail Rabbit	November 6	February 28	5	20	None
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 6	February 28	2	8	None
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only) Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	November 6 November 13	January 1 December 4	2 1	2 1	None None
Raccoon (Hunting) The bag limit of 4 is for the 24-hour period of 6 a.m. to 6 a.m.	October 16	February 28	4	None	None
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 6	February 28	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 6	February 28	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology, see page 3 of the 2021-2022 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Summary)	January 1	February 28			
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 6	February 28	3		
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 6	February 28	None		
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 6	January 31	1		
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 6	March 31	None		
*Otter (Trapping)	November 6	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 January 1	November 20 March 5	None		
Coyote (Hunting)**	Year-round		None		
Coyote (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology)**	January 1	August 31**			
Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck, Weasel, English Sparrow, European Starling and Pigeon (Hunting)	Year-round		None		
Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, and Weasel (Trapping)	November 6	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 4 of the 2021-2022 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Summary for instructions on the electronic registration process.

** See page 8 of the 2021-2022 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Summary for additional regulations.