

2023-2024 SEASONS, DATES AND LIMITS

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit				
*Wild Boar (Gun) Split Season	October 28 February 2	November 4 February 4	1						
*Wild Boar (Archery and Crossbow) Split Season	September 30 February 2	December 31 February 4							
*Deer (Buck Firearms) *Deer (Archery and Crossbow)	November 20 September 30	December 3 December 31	See pages 15-20.						
*Deer (Antlerless) Split Season (Selected Counties)	October 26 November 20 December 7 December 28	October 29 December 3 December 10 December 31							
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 11	December 17							
*Deer (Youth/Class Q/Class XS) Split Season (see page 32)	October 21 December 26	October 22 December 27				1	4	4	
*Deer, Bear and Turkey (Winter 2024 - Mountaineer Heritage - see page 34)	January 11	January 14	1 deer 1 bear 1 turkey						
*Bear (Archery and Crossbow)	September 30	December 31	See pages 35-40.						
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties)	September 2 October 7 October 26 November 20 December 4	September 10 October 13 October 29 December 3 December 31				1	2	2	
	*Bear (Youth/Class Q/Class XS - see page 36) Split Season	September 16 October 21				September 17 October 22			
	*Turkey, Fall Split Season (Selected Counties - see page 42)	October 14 October 30 October 30				October 22 November 5 November 19	1		
	*Turkey (Spring 2024 - Bearded Only) *Turkey (2024 Youth Season - see page 42)	April 15 April 13				May 19 April 14	1	2	2
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox) Squirrel (Youth Season - see page 32)	September 9 September 2	February 29 September 3				6	24	None	
Ruffed Grouse	October 14	February 29	4	16	None				
Bobwhite Quail (Bobwhite quail hunting closed on Tomblin WMA)	November 4	January 6	3	9	None				
Cottontail Rabbit	November 4	February 29	5	20	None				
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 4	February 29	2	8	None				
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only) Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	November 4 November 11	January 6 December 2	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. Raccoon (Trapping)	October 14 November 4	February 29 February 29	4	None	None				
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 4	February 29	None						
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting - night with artificial light/night vision technology, see page 3)	January 1	February 29							
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 4	February 29	3						
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 4	February 29	None						
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 4	January 31	1						
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 4	March 31	None						
*Otter (Trapping)	November 4	February 29	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 18	None						
	January 1	March 2							
Coyote (Hunting)**	Year-round		None						
Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck, Weasel, English Sparrow, European Starling and Pigeon (Hunting)	Year-round		None						
Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, and Weasel (Trapping)	November 4	February 29							
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 for instructions on the electronic registration process. **See page 8 for additional regulations.