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2024-25 NOTEWORTHY CHANGES

- **County limits for deer hunting are changing in Butler, Clinton, Fayette, Greene, Madison, and Pickaway counties. See page 6.**
- **The disease surveillance area was expanded and now includes all of Hardin, Marion, and Wyandot counties and Auglaize and Jackson townships in Allen County. See page 10.**
- **Spring 2025 wild turkey hunting dates will be announced in the fall. More information and season dates will be posted at wildohio.gov.**
- **Deer management permits are valid until the last day of the bonus deer gun hunting weekend (Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024). See page 7.**

The primary source of funding for the Ohio Division of Wildlife comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, federal excise taxes on hunting, fishing, and shooting equipment, capital bond dollars, and donations from the public. We care about all wildlife and maintaining stable, healthy wildlife populations. Our challenge is to balance the needs of wildlife, habitat, and people.

On the cover: **WHITE-TAILED DEER**
photo by **Alex Goetz**

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SEASONS & DATES

| | SEASON | OPENING DATE | CLOSING DATE | PAGE |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------|
| White-tailed Deer HUNTING | Archery | Sept. 28, 2024 | Feb. 2, 2025 | 6 |
| | Youth Gun | Nov. 16, 2024 | Nov. 17, 2024 | 6 |
| | Gun | Dec. 2, 2024 | Dec. 8, 2024 | 6 |
| | | Dec. 21, 2024 | Dec. 22, 2024 | |
| | Muzzleloader | Jan. 4, 2025 | Jan. 7, 2025 | 6 |
| DSA Deer HUNTING | DSA Archery | Sept. 14, 2024 | Feb. 2, 2025 | 11 |
| | DSA Early Gun | Oct. 12, 2024 | Oct. 14, 2024 | 11 |

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----|
| Wild Turkey HUNTING | Fall Turkey (select counties) | Oct. 1, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 | 14 |
| | Youth Spring Turkey | April 12, 2025 | April 13, 2025 | 14 |
| | Spring Turkey: South Zone | April 19, 2025 | May 18, 2025 | 14 |
| | Spring Turkey: Northeast Zone | May 3, 2025 | June 1, 2025 | 14 |

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|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|
| Small Game & Furbearer HUNTING | American Crow (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only) | June 7, 2024 June 6, 2025 | March 2, 2025 March 1, 2026 | 20 |
| | Squirrel (red, gray, and fox) | Sept. 1, 2024 | Jan. 31, 2025 | 20 |
| | Ruffed Grouse (select counties) | Nov. 1, 2024 | Dec. 1, 2024 | 20 |
| | Cottontail Rabbit | Nov. 1, 2024 | Feb. 28, 2025 | 20 |
| | Ring-necked Pheasant | Nov. 1, 2024 | Jan. 12, 2025 | 20 |
| | Chukar | Nov. 1, 2024 | Jan. 12, 2025 | 20 |
| | Bobwhite Quail (select counties and wildlife areas) | Nov. 1, 2024 | Dec. 1, 2024 | 20 |
| | Fox (red and gray), Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, and Weasel | Nov. 10, 2024 | Jan. 31, 2025 | 20 |
| | Coyote | No closed season | | 20 |
| | Feral Swine (wild boar) | No closed season | | 20 |
| | Groundhog | No closed season | | 20 |
| | Youth Small Game | Oct. 19, 2024 Oct. 26, 2024 | Oct. 20, 2024 Oct. 27, 2024 | 20 |

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|--------------------|--|---------------|----------------|----|
| Furbearer TRAPPING | Fox (red and gray), Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, and Weasel | Nov. 10, 2024 | Jan. 31, 2025 | 28 |
| | Mink, Muskrat | Nov. 10, 2024 | Feb. 28, 2025 | 28 |
| | Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel (select counties) | Nov. 10, 2024 | March 15, 2025 | 28 |
| | Beaver | Dec. 26, 2024 | Feb. 28, 2025 | 28 |
| | River Otter | Dec. 26, 2024 | Feb. 28, 2025 | 28 |

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SEASONS & DATES

| SEASON | | OPENING DATE | CLOSING DATE | PAGE |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| Early Waterfowl HUNTING | Canada Geese | Sept. 7, 2024 | Sept. 15, 2024 | 22 |
| | Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged, and Cinnamon) | Sept. 7, 2024 | Sept. 22, 2024 | 22 |
| Youth Waterfowl HUNTING | Hunters 17 years old or younger | Sept. 28, 2024 | Sept. 29, 2024 | 23 |
| Military Waterfowl HUNTING | Active duty military and veterans | Sept. 28, 2024 | Sept. 29, 2024 | 23 |
| Lake Erie Marsh Zone Waterfowl HUNTING | Geese (Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross's), Brant | Oct. 12, 2024 Nov. 16, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 Feb. 3, 2025 | 23 |
| | Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers | Oct. 12, 2024 Nov. 9, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 Dec. 22, 2024 | 23 |
| North Zone Waterfowl HUNTING | Geese (Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross's), Brant | Oct. 19, 2024 Nov. 9, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 Feb. 3, 2025 | 23 |
| | Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers | Oct. 19, 2024 Nov. 16, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 Jan. 5, 2025 | 23 |
| South Zone Waterfowl HUNTING | Geese (Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross's), Brant | Oct. 19, 2024 Nov. 16, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 Feb. 10, 2025 | 23 |
| | Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers | Oct. 19, 2024 Dec. 7, 2024 | Oct. 27 2024 Jan. 26, 2025 | 23 |
| Migratory Bird HUNTING | Dove (Mourning and Eurasian collared) | Sept. 1, 2024 Dec. 7, 2024 | Nov. 3, 2024 Jan. 1, 2025 | 22 |
| | Rail (Virginia, Sora) | Sept. 1, 2024 | Nov. 9, 2024 | 22 |
| | Gallinules | Sept. 1, 2024 | Nov. 9, 2024 | 22 |
| | Wilson's Snipe | Sept. 1, 2024 Dec. 7, 2024 | Nov. 20, 2024 Jan. 1, 2025 | 22 |
| | American Woodcock | Oct. 12, 2024 | Nov. 25, 2024 | 22 |

HUNTER ORANGE REQUIRED



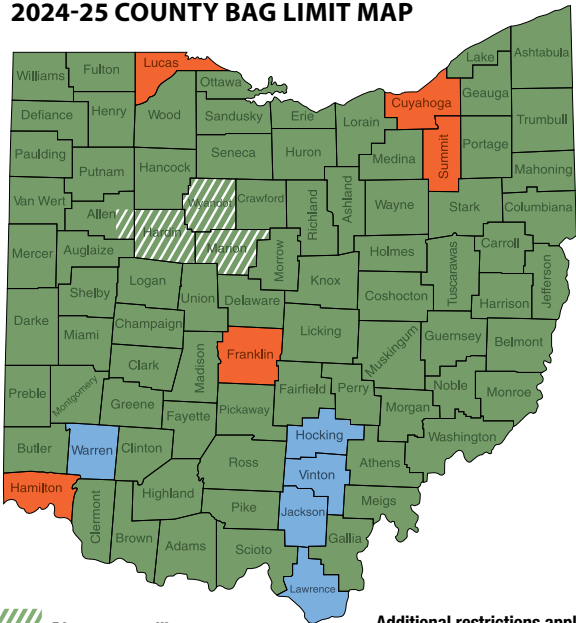
Hunting any wild animal (except waterfowl) from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset during the **youth deer gun season, deer gun seasons, and the deer muzzleloader** season is unlawful unless the hunter is visibly wearing a vest, coat, jacket, or coveralls that are either solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange.

This requirement applies statewide on both public and private land.

2024-25 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS
WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTING

| SEASON | OPENING DATE | CLOSING DATE | STATEWIDE LIMIT |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Archery | Sept. 28, 2024 | Feb. 2, 2025 | Only one may be antlered. |
| Youth Gun | Nov. 16, 2024 | Nov. 17, 2024 | Statewide limit is six deer. |
| Gun | Dec. 2, 2024 Dec. 21, 2024 | Dec. 8, 2024 Dec. 22, 2024 | Hunters may combine individual county harvests to reach the statewide limit. |
| Muzzleloader | Jan. 4, 2025 | Jan. 7, 2025 | |
| DSA Archery | Sept. 14, 2024 | Feb. 2, 2025 | DSA: All of Hardin, Marion, and Wyandot counties; Augalize and Jackson townships in Allen County |
| DSA Early Gun | Oct. 12, 2024 | Oct. 14, 2024 | |

2024-25 COUNTY BAG LIMIT MAP



Disease surveillance area

Additional restrictions apply when hunting deer on public land. See below for more information.

TWO DEER COUNTY

A hunter may use two either-sex permits, two deer management permits, or one of each, to harvest no more than two deer in these counties.

THREE DEER COUNTY

A hunter may use three either-sex permits, three deer management permits, or any combination, to harvest no more than three deer in these counties.

FOUR DEER COUNTY

A hunter may use four either-sex permits, four deer management permits, or any combination, to harvest no more than four deer in these counties.

HUNTING HOURS

Hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

TAG AND CHECK

A hunter is required to complete the game check process following the harvest of a white-tailed deer. See page 16 for more information.

PUBLIC LAND HUNTING

No more than one antlerless deer may be taken from all public hunting areas per license year. A list of public hunting areas is available at wildohio.gov. Authorized Division of Wildlife controlled hunts; Andreoff, Big Island, Wyandot, Lake La Su An, Killdeer Plains, and Lawrence Woods wildlife areas are exempt.

Hunters may not hunt deer over bait on any public hunting area.



EITHER-SEX DEER PERMIT

The either-sex deer permit may be used to hunt an antlered or antlerless deer. This permit may be used during any of the deer hunting seasons and controlled hunts. This permit may be purchased individually throughout the entire deer season.

Only one antlered deer may be taken during the 2024-25 season. An antlered deer has at least one antler 3 inches or longer in length.

YOUTH DEER GUN SEASON

- Deer taken by youth hunters during the youth deer gun season count toward the county and statewide bag limits.
- All youths and nonhunting adults must visibly wear the required hunter orange clothing.

HUNTING OTHER GAME DURING DEER FIREARM SEASONS

WATERFOWL

Waterfowl hunters are not required to wear hunter orange clothing and may use any shot size.

COYOTE AND FERAL SWINE

Coyote and feral swine (wild boar) hunters are required to wear hunter orange clothing and may only hunt during legal deer season hours, using hunting implements legal for that deer firearm season, with a hunting license and valid deer permit.

FURBEARERS (EXCEPT COYOTE)

During legal deer season hours, furbearer hunters may only hunt with a shotgun using No. 4 shot size or smaller and are required to visibly wear hunter orange clothing. Hunter orange clothing is not required from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.

ALL OTHER GAME

Hunters may hunt with a shotgun using No. 4 shot size or smaller and are required to wear hunter orange clothing.

DEER PERMITS

In addition to a valid Ohio hunting license, hunters are required to purchase an either-sex deer permit or a deer management permit to hunt deer in Ohio, unless exempt.

- The either-sex deer permit is valid statewide from Sept. 28, 2024 to Feb. 2, 2025.

In the disease surveillance area, the either-sex deer permit is valid from Sept. 14, 2024 to Feb. 2, 2025.

- The deer management permit is valid from Sept. 28 to Dec. 22, 2024.

In the disease surveillance area, the deer management permit is valid from Sept. 14, 2024 to Dec. 22, 2024.

DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT

Deer management permits may only be used to take antlerless deer. The permits are valid on **private land** from Sept. 28 to Dec. 22, 2024. In the disease surveillance area, deer management permits are valid from Sept. 14 to Dec. 22, 2024. Deer management permits are not valid on public hunting areas, except Andreoff, Big Island, Killdeer Plains, Lake La Su An, Lawrence Woods and Wyandot wildlife areas, and authorized controlled hunts.

A DEER HUNTER MAY DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. A successful deer hunter may aid or assist another hunter who is hunting deer if the deer permit has been filled in, he or she does not carry any hunting implement commonly used to kill wild animals, and has a valid hunting license. Those persons exempted from having a hunting license and deer permits for deer hunting on their property are required to have a hunting license and deer permit to aid another hunter off of their property or hunt deer off of their property.
2. Take more than one deer per day as long as the harvested animal's information has been recorded on the permit or submitted to game check.
3. Hunt deer over bait, except on public land and in the Disease Surveillance Area. Restrictions apply, see pages 10, 11, 38, and 40.
4. Leave a deer or deer parts with a taxidermist, fur buyer, cold storage, locker plant, or meat processing plant as long as the confirmation code is attached to the animal and all of its separate parts. Persons receiving a deer from another person must keep the confirmation code with the animal and all of its separate parts.
5. Carry a printed or electronic copy of the deer permit.
6. Possess a communication device.
7. Use a leashed dog to recover a wounded deer.
8. Archery hunt during the youth deer gun season, if the archery hunter is not accompanying a hunter participating in the youth deer gun season and is visibly wearing hunter orange.

A DEER HUNTER MAY NOT DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Pursue wounded deer or recover dead deer, including shed antlers, from private property without the written permission of the landowner.
2. Hunt with a shotgun or straight-walled cartridge rifle loaded with more than three shells in the chamber and magazine combined. This does not apply to handguns.
3. Possess a loaded firearm during any of the deer firearms seasons at any time other than 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Muzzleloading firearms are considered unloaded when the cap is removed or priming powder is removed from the pan, or when the battery is removed on electronic systems.
4. Use a muzzleloading handgun to hunt deer.
5. Have more than one hunting firearm while hunting deer.
6. Have attached to a longbow or crossbow any mechanical, electrical, or electronic device capable of projecting a visible beam of light. This does not include a device such as a range finder that utilizes nonvisible light.
7. Possess shotshells containing shot during any deer gun season.
8. Use dogs to hunt deer.
9. Check a deer using a permit that was purchased after the animal was harvested.
10. Construct, place, or use a permanent-type tree stand, or place spikes, nails, wires, or other metal objects into a tree to act as steps or to hold a tree stand on public hunting lands. It is also unlawful to make any of these changes to trees on private property without first getting the permission of the landowner or the landowner's authorized agent.
11. Check a deer as a landowner if the hunter is a tenant of the property, unless the tenant is an individual who resides on land for which he or she pays rent and whose annual income is primarily derived from agricultural production conducted on that land.
12. Submit a game check under the account of anyone other than the hunter who harvested the animal.
13. Carry a firearm while deer hunting with a longbow or crossbow (except when legally carrying a concealed handgun, See CONCEALED HANDGUN on page 41).
14. Use a drone or aircraft to hunt or aid in the hunting of deer. Drones may be used to recover a harvested deer.

LEGAL DEER HUNTING EQUIPMENT

ARCHERY SEASON

Longbow or Bow: The minimum draw weight is 40 pounds. This includes compound bows and recurve bows. The arrow tip needs a minimum of two cutting edges, which may be exposed or unexposed and a minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal.

Crossbow: The minimum draw weight is 75 pounds. The arrow tip needs a minimum of two cutting edges, which may be exposed or unexposed and a minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal.

GUN SEASON

Shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller shotgun using one ball or one rifled slug per barrel (rifled shotgun barrels are permitted when using shotgun slug ammunition).

Straight-walled cartridge rifles: All straight-walled cartridge calibers from a minimum of .357 to a maximum of .50 (includes .350 Legend).

Straight-Walled Cartridge



Shotguns and straight-walled cartridge rifles can be loaded with no more than three shells in the chamber and magazine combined.

Cartridge with Shoulder



Archery equipment: See Archery Season, above.

Muzzleloading rifle: .38 caliber or larger.

Muzzleloading shotgun: 10-gauge or smaller using one ball per barrel.

Handgun: With a 5-inch minimum length barrel, using straight-walled cartridges .357 caliber or larger. The barrel is measured from the front of the cylinder or from the chamber to the end of the barrel.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON

Muzzleloading rifle: .38 caliber or larger.

Muzzleloading shotgun: 10-gauge or smaller using one ball per barrel.

Archery equipment: See Archery Season, above.

You can carry only one HUNTING implement while hunting deer. (See Concealed Handguns on page 41)



CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

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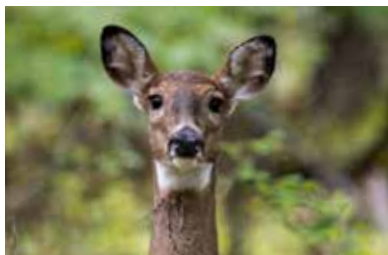
Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease of white-tailed deer. There is no strong evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans. In December 2020, Ohio confirmed its first CWD-positive wild deer in Wyandot County. Additional cases have been confirmed in every year since 2020.

To monitor the prevalence and implement regulations to slow the spread of the disease, a Disease Surveillance Area (DSA) has been established and includes all of Hardin, Marion, and Wyandot counties, and all of Auglaize and Jackson townships in Allen County. Special rules apply to deer hunting in these counties.



DSA RULES INCLUDE:

- The placement of or use of bait (salt, minerals, or any food) to attract or feed deer within the Disease Surveillance Area (DSA) boundaries is prohibited, as is the hunting of deer by the aid of bait.
- Normal agricultural activities, including feeding domestic animals, as well as hunting deer over food plots, naturally occurring or cultivated plants, and agricultural crops are not prohibited in the DSA.



PROTECT OHIO'S DEER HERD

- Properly dispose of a deer carcass. Be sure to double-bag all high-risk parts (brain, spinal cord, eyes, and lymphoid tissues) and dispose of them with your household trash.
- It is illegal to bring high-risk carcass parts into Ohio from anywhere outside the state, or to remove high-risk carcass parts from a disease surveillance area, unless the animal is delivered to a Division of Wildlife certified processor or taxidermist within 24 hours (see Deer Carcass Regulations on page 12).
- Contact a Division of Wildlife district office or state wildlife officer if you see a deer that appears sick, is acting abnormally, or has a visible ear tag.
- The Division of Wildlife has a Disease Surveillance Area (DSA) which includes all of Hardin, Marion, and Wyandot counties, and all of Auglaize and Jackson townships in Allen County.

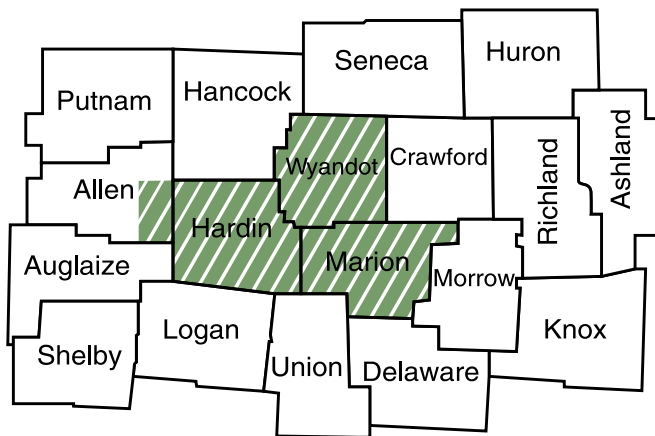
PRECAUTIONS FOR HUNTERS

A deer infected with CWD typically does not immediately show signs of the disease. As the disease progresses, the animal begins to lose body condition and stagger, carry its head and ears lowered, drool excessively, and show little fear of humans. They will eventually appear weak and emaciated.

- Wear rubber gloves when field-dressing and thoroughly wash your hands and instruments after field-dressing and butchering.
- Bone out the meat from your animal and minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.
- Do not eat the brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils, and lymph nodes.
- Do not consume meat from any animal that tests positive for CWD.
- Hunters that have successfully harvested a deer may have it tested for CWD at the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. Call (614) 728-6220 for more information.

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AREA (DSA)

DSA: All of Hardin, Marion and Wyandot counties;
Auglaize and Jackson townships in Allen County



| SEASON | OPENING DATE | CLOSING DATE |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| DSA Archery | Sept. 14, 2024 | Feb. 2, 2025 |
| DSA Early Gun | Oct. 12, 2024 | Oct. 14, 2024 |



Scan the QR code with your mobile device
for current information or visit wildohio.gov.

MANDATORY SAMPLING FOR DEER HARVESTED WITHIN THE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AREA (DSA)

- Mandatory sampling is required for ALL deer harvested **Oct. 12-13 and Dec. 2-3**. Staffed sampling locations will be available during the mandatory sampling days at the addresses below.

Hunters can utilize self-serve kiosks to drop their deer off for testing throughout the deer season. Participation is voluntary outside of the four mandatory days noted above. Kiosk locations and dates of operation are available at wildohio.gov and instructions for sample submission will be provided at the kiosk.

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Wildlife Area Headquarters
5389 Larue-Prospect Rd West,
New Bloomington, OH 43341

KILLDEER PLAINS
Wildlife Area Headquarters
19100 CH 115
Harpster, OH 43323

WYANDOT COUNTY
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10171 OH 53
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

RURAL KING
233 American Blvd
Marion, OH 43302

HARDIN COUNTY
Fairgrounds
14134 County Road 140
Kenton, OH 43326

MCGUFFEY
Conservation Club
6950 Township Road 55
Ada, OH 45810

DEER CARCASS REGULATIONS

To minimize risk of spreading CWD, possessing high-risk carcass parts from Cervids (deer, moose, elk, and caribou) harvested anywhere outside of Ohio or removed from a disease surveillance area is prohibited.

Only the following parts may be possessed from any Cervid imported from anywhere outside of Ohio or removed from a disease surveillance area: de-boned meat; meat that is cut and securely wrapped either commercially or privately with no part of the spinal column or head attached; quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached; antlers; antlers attached to a skull cap from which all soft tissue has been removed; upper canine teeth from which all soft tissue has been removed; hides and capes without any part of the head or lymph nodes attached; finished taxidermy mounts; and soft body tissue wrapped and packaged for use by a diagnostic research laboratory.

Out of state hunters traveling through Ohio may possess any Cervid carcass (or part of a carcass), provided the carcass or parts are not off-loaded from the vehicle.

Hunters returning to Ohio with a complete Cervid carcass or parts NOT on the list above, as well as hunters who wish to move a complete carcass or parts NOT on the list above, out of Disease Surveillance Areas, may do so provided that they present the complete carcass or parts not listed above to a certified taxidermist or processor within 24 hours of entering the state or leaving a Disease Surveillance Area.

EPIZOOTIC HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE (EHD) IN DEER

The Division of Wildlife is seeking reports of sick or dead deer to help track potential disease outbreaks. If you observe a deer that is behaving abnormally, call your county wildlife officer or 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543).

Common symptoms of EHD include disorientation; fever; pronounced swelling of the head, neck, tongue, and eyelids; and respiratory disease. EHD-positive deer are often found dead near a water source. EHD updates can be found by scanning the QR code.



SUNRISE AND SUNSET RESOURCES

Sunrise and sunset times are available from a variety of sources, including:

- The Ohio Division of Wildlife's **HuntFish OH** app
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) solar calculator: **gml.noaa.gov**
- Sunrise-sunset and weather apps
- Local newspaper, television, or radio outlets
- U.S. Navy Astronomical Applications Department: **<https://aa.usno.navy.mil>**

While these are some examples, any reliable source is acceptable for determining the sunrise and sunset times at your hunting location. Be safe and make sure to check the sunrise and sunset times before your outing.



Ohio Landowner-Hunter ACCESS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



OLHAP

The Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership Program is a way for Ohio hunters to get access to private properties. Public access will be granted through an online check-in system from Sept. 1 to June 1 each year between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. All hunting opportunities, except deer gun hunting and trapping, are permitted.



For more information, visit wildohio.gov or scan the QR code.

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TIP

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(1-800-762-2437)

OR WILDOHIO.GOV

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OHIO HUNTER EDUCATION

The Division of Wildlife offers three types of hunter certification courses:

- Instructor-led training.
- Online testing for residents 12 and older.

While hunter education is a vital part of becoming an Ohio hunter, new hunters also have the option of hunting with an apprentice license before taking a hunter education course.

Call **1-800-WILDLIFE** (1-800-945-3543)

or visit **wildohio.gov**

for information on courses in your area.

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WILD TURKEY HUNTING

| SEASON | OPENING DATE | CLOSING DATE | BAG LIMIT |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Fall Wild Turkey: Select Counties | Oct. 1, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 | 1 (either sex) |
| Youth Spring Wild Turkey | April 12, 2025 | April 13, 2025 | 1 bearded turkey |
| Spring Wild Turkey: South Zone (except for Lake La Su An Wildlife Area) | April 19, 2025 | May 18, 2025 | |
| Spring Wild Turkey: Northeast Zone | May 3, 2025 | June 1, 2025 | |

WILD TURKEY HUNTING

It is unlawful to hunt or take wild turkeys with the aid or use of bait. An area is considered baited for 10 days after the complete removal of any bait.

It is unlawful to use a live decoy while hunting wild turkeys.

It is unlawful to possess or use an electronic calling device while hunting wild turkeys.

It is unlawful to take or attempt to take a wild turkey while it is in a tree.

It is unlawful to possess more than one hunting implement while turkey hunting. See Concealed Handgun License on page 41.

A successful wild turkey hunter may aid or assist another hunter who is hunting wild turkeys if the turkey permit has been filled in, he or she does not carry any hunting implement commonly used to kill wild animals, and has a valid hunting license. Those persons exempted from having a hunting license and wild turkey permits for turkey hunting on their property are required to have a hunting license and turkey permit to aid another hunter off of their property or hunt turkey off of their property.

BAG LIMITS

- It shall be unlawful for any person to take or possess a wild turkey during the spring wild turkey season that does not have a visible beard.
- A harvested wild turkey must be checked by 11:30 p.m. on the day of kill.

TAG AND CHECK

A hunter is required to complete the game check process following the harvest of a wild turkey. See page 16 for information.

FALL WILD TURKEY SEASON

- A valid Ohio hunting license and fall turkey permit are required, unless exempt.
- A wild turkey of either sex may be hunted during the fall season. The bag limit is **one turkey**.
- Fall wild turkey hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.
- It is legal to use dogs to assist in taking wild turkeys during the fall season only.

YOUTH WILD TURKEY SEASON

- A valid hunting license and wild turkey permit are required, unless exempt.
- Hunting hours for youth turkey season are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

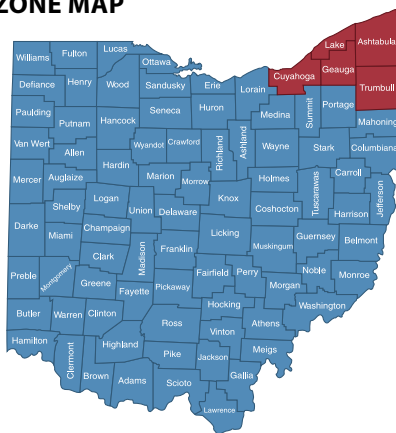


2024 FALL WILD TURKEY OPEN COUNTIES MAP



Counties open for fall hunting

2025 SPRING WILD TURKEY ZONE MAP



South Zone

Northeast Zone

SPRING WILD TURKEY SEASON

- The bag limit for the 2025 spring season is one bearded wild turkey.
- A valid Ohio hunting license and spring turkey permit are required, unless exempt.
- It is legal to use a leashed dog to recover wounded wild turkeys in the spring turkey season.
- The Northeast Zone is Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Trumbull counties. The South Zone is the remainder of the state.

- South Zone wild turkey hunting hours from April 19-27, 2025 are 30 minutes before sunrise to noon.
- South Zone wild turkey hunting hours from April 28 - May 18, 2025 are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.
- Northeast Zone wild turkey hunting hours from May 3-11, 2025 are 30 minutes before sunrise to noon.
- Northeast Zone wild turkey hunting hours from May 12 - June 1, 2025 are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.
- Lake La Su An Wildlife Area is open only to wild turkey controlled permit holders during the spring season.

LEGAL WILD TURKEY HUNTING EQUIPMENT

SEASON

EQUIPMENT

FALL AND SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

Shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller shotgun using shot, includes muzzleloading shotguns.

Longbow or Bow: The minimum draw weight is 40 pounds. This includes compound bows and recurve bows. The arrow tip needs to have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed, and a minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal.

Crossbow: The minimum draw weight is 75 pounds. The arrow tip needs to have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed, and a minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal.

2024-25 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS

GAME CHECK

All hunters who harvest a white-tailed deer or wild turkey are required to complete the game check process.

For deer, the hunter must complete the game check process and receive a confirmation code by noon the day after the kill. If the deer is killed on the last day of a season, it must be checked in by 11:30 p.m. on the day of the kill. For wild turkey, the hunter must complete the game check process and receive a confirmation code by 11:30 p.m. on the same day it was killed.

FILL IN THE PERMIT OR TAG

- Fill in the deer or wild turkey permit immediately upon harvest and prior to moving the carcass with the date, time and county of kill. Submitting through the Division of Wildlife's mobile application fulfills this requirement. A temporary tag or mobile photo of a permit does not fulfill this requirement. The game must be tagged once the hunter leaves the animal unattended or arrives at a residence or temporary lodging.
- Exempt landowners are required to make a tag and include their name, date, time, and county of kill. Submitting through the Division of Wildlife's mobile application fulfills this requirement. The tag may remain unattached until the hunter leaves the animal unattended or arrives at a residence or temporary lodging.
- Once the hunter leaves the game unattended, the completed permit or tag, or confirmation code, must be attached. The permit or confirmation code is required to remain with the game at all times.

Regardless of game check method, the hunter must provide the 10-digit permit number, which is printed in large numbers on every permit. Exempt landowners do not need to provide a permit number.

The hunter must answer a series of questions. The hunter will be issued a confirmation code at the end of the process.

The confirmation code may be written on the corresponding permit or tag and attached to the game. When a hunter checks a deer or wild turkey by internet, agent, or mobile application, they will receive a game check receipt with their confirmation code printed on it. Hunters using the telephone game check method will receive the confirmation code over the phone. Hunters using the Division of Wildlife's mobile application will receive their confirmation code once their phone has service.

The confirmation code must remain attached to the game and its parts. The code may be written on the back or bottom of a mount.

A game check receipt may be printed by accessing Ohio's Wildlife Licensing System at ohiogamecheck.com after the game check process is complete.

The game check process must be completed prior to skinning or removing the head from a deer, and prior to removing the feet, beard, meat, or feathers from a wild turkey. This does not include field dressing.



COMPLETING THE GAME CHECK PROCESS

WHITE-TAILED DEER & WILD TURKEY

Congratulations on your Ohio deer or turkey harvest!
Before you move your game, follow the steps below.

Are you hunting public or private land?

PRIVATE LAND

PUBLIC LAND

**Are you the landowner or
exempt from needing a permit?**

YES

NO

**Fill in your deer or turkey
permit with the date,
time, and county
of harvest or
submit through the
HuntFishOH app.**

**Create a tag that includes your name,
date, time, and county of harvest or
submit through the HuntFishOH app.**

**YOU MAY NOW
MOVE THE GAME.**

**Complete the game check
process through one of the
following approved methods**

MOBILE APP: HuntFish OH

ONLINE: ohiogamecheck.com

CALL: 1-877-TAG-IT-OH
(1-877-824-4864) automated

IN-PERSON: Visit any authorized
license sales agent

LANDOWNERS ONLY: 1-866-703-1928
(operator assisted, fees apply)

**You will be issued a confirmation
code when finished. The
code may be written on the
corresponding permit or tag and
attached to the game. Keep this
code attached to the game and
its parts, including mounts.**

**Proceed with processing or
butchering the carcass.**

**ENJOY THE REWARDS OF A
SUCCESSFUL HARVEST!**

This year, we are celebrating a milestone in natural resources management and outdoor recreation — the 75th anniversary of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Established on August 11, 1949, ODNR began with seven charter divisions: Geological Survey, Wildlife, Forestry, Parks, Water, Beach Erosion, and Lands and Soil. At that time, the department was charged with formulating and implementing long-term comprehensive plans for the development and wise use of the state's natural resources.

Conservation work in Ohio was well on its way by 1949. However, ODNR's first director, Alonzo W. Marion, had his work cut out for him as he tried to balance the growing human population and the protection of Ohio's wildlife, plants, and natural habitats.

Though the agency has seen many changes since those early years, its values and mission have remained the same — the responsible management of Ohio's resources for the present and the future.

This mission involves sustaining the productivity of Ohio's renewable natural resources such as timber and wildlife, promoting the wise use of non-renewable resources like oil and gas, and protecting threatened and endangered plants and animals.

A department of incredible diversity, ODNR owns and manages more than 800,000 acres of land, including 76 state parks, 24 state forests, 147 state nature preserves, and 189 wildlife areas. The department also has jurisdiction over more than 120,000 acres of inland waters, 7,000 miles of streams, 481 miles of the Ohio River, and 2.25 million acres of Lake Erie.

In addition, ODNR licenses all hunting, fishing, and watercraft in the state, and is responsible for overseeing and permitting all mineral extraction, monitoring dam safety, managing water resources, mapping major geologic structures and mineral resources, and providing outdoor grants to local communities. ODNR also serves as the state's outdoor recreation agency. Whether it's hiking, camping, boating, hunting, fishing, birding, or just exploring, the possibilities for outdoor adventure in Ohio are plentiful.



Great Council State Park opened in 2024.



Hocking Hills State Park Lodge opened in 2022.





The Buckeye Trail, indicated by its blue blazes, was established in 1957.



Magee Marsh Visitor Center, built in 1970 as the Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center, was renovated in 2023.



Put-In-Bay State Fish Hatchery, built in 1915, will be reopened as a visitor center in 2025.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The conservation and management of Ohio's natural resources is an ongoing and ever-changing effort. While incredible strides have been made over the last 75 years, there is always more work to be done and ODNR has exciting projects on the horizon.

Governor DeWine's H2Ohio initiative will continue to restore and enhance wetlands and riparian areas to ensure healthy water for Ohio's people and wildlife alike, and efforts to reclaim abandoned mine lands will provide much-needed habitat for plants and animals. ODNR will strengthen its partnerships and commitment to restoring Ohio's threatened and endangered species, such as the eastern hellbender, lake sturgeon, and freshwater mussels.

Ohio has an abundance of outdoor recreation locations, and more are on the way. The 147th state nature preserve, Little Beaver Creek State Nature Preserve in Columbiana County, opened earlier this year, and Ohio's 76th state park, Great Council State Park in Greene County, will open in June. In addition, new visitor centers will be opening at Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area and on Put-in-Bay. ODNR will continue to improve aging infrastructure on its properties and increase recreational opportunities across the state.

An agency is only as strong and successful as its people. ODNR is actively recruiting dedicated and talented staff who will bring new ideas and ensure conservation work continues well into the future. The rich history of ODNR has laid the groundwork for a bright future. With reverence for the resource and dedication to conservation, this agency will continue to ensure a balance between the wise use and protection of Ohio's natural resources.

A full history of ODNR can be found in two publications: A Legacy of Stewardship: 1949-1989 and The Legacy of Stewardship Continues: A 75-Year History of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, which will be available soon. Visit ohiodnr.gov for more information.



SMALL GAME & FURBEARER HUNTING

| SEASON | OPENING DATE | CLOSING DATE | DAILY LIMIT |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Crow: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday only | June 7, 2024 June 6, 2025 | March 2, 2025 March 1, 2026 | No Limit |
| Squirrel (red, gray, black, fox) | Sept. 1, 2024 | Jan. 31, 2025 | 6 |
| Ruffed Grouse: Select counties | Nov. 1, 2024 | Dec. 1, 2024 | 1 |
| Cottontail Rabbit | Nov. 1, 2024 | Feb. 28, 2025 | 4 |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | Nov. 1, 2024 | Jan. 12, 2025 | 2 (males only) |
| Chukar | Nov. 1, 2024 | Jan. 12, 2025 | 2 |
| Bobwhite Quail: Select counties and wildlife areas | Nov. 1, 2024 | Dec. 1, 2024 | 2 |
| Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Weasel | Nov. 10, 2024 | Jan. 31, 2025 | No Limit |
| Coyote | No closed season | | No Limit |
| Feral Swine (wild boar) | No closed season | | No Limit |
| Groundhog | No closed season | | No Limit |
| Youth Small Game | Oct. 19, 2024 Oct. 26, 2024 | Oct. 20, 2024 Oct. 27, 2024 | Same as the regular season |

PHEASANT HUNTING

Hours are sunrise to sunset. Only male pheasants may be killed.

The Division of Wildlife will release pheasants for the youth small game weekends, Oct. 19 and Oct. 26. Additional releases will occur for Nov. 1, Nov. 9, and Nov. 28.

Releases will take place at Charlemont Metro Park (Lorain County), and the following wildlife areas during pheasant hunting season: Appalachian Hills, Berlin, Caesar Creek, Camp Belden, Darke, Delaware, Fallsville, Grand River, Highlandtown, Indian Creek, Oxbow Lake, Resthaven, Rush Run, Spencer, Spring Valley, Tiffin River, Tri-Valley, West Branch, Wyandot, and Zepernick. Ringneck Ridge Wildlife Area is by permit only and **Killdeer Plains, Pleasant Valley, and Salt Fork wildlife areas have portions of permit-only access.**

FOX, RACCOON, SKUNK, OPOSSUM, AND WEASEL

No restrictions on hours. Hunters must purchase a hunting license and a fur taker permit to hunt these species.

SQUIRREL HUNTING

Red, gray, black, and fox squirrels are legal game. Hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

RABBIT HUNTING

Hours are sunrise to sunset.

COYOTE HUNTING AND TRAPPING

If hunted during the deer gun season, hours and legal hunting devices are the same as for deer gun season.

Rifles and night vision scopes are legal for coyote hunting, except for hunting coyotes during any deer gun or deer muzzle-loader season, then the hours and legal hunting devices are the same as for the deer season.

FERAL SWINE (WILD BOAR)

Feral swine are a non-native, invasive species. Feral swine are also known as wild boar, feral hogs, and feral pigs. Hunters are encouraged to report all sightings to the Division of Wildlife at wildohio.gov/reportwildlife.

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WATERFOWL & MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING

| SEASONS | OPENING DATE | CLOSING DATE | DAILY LIMIT |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Dove (Mourning and Eurasian collared) | Sept. 1, 2024 Dec. 7, 2024 | Nov. 3, 2024 Jan. 1, 2025 | 15 |
| EARLY: Canada Goose | Sept. 7, 2024 | Sept. 15, 2024 | 5 |
| EARLY: Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged, & Cinnamon) | Sept. 7, 2024 | Sept. 22, 2024 | 6 |
| Rail (Virginia, Sora) | Sept. 1, 2024 | Nov. 9, 2024 | 25 |
| Gallinules | Sept. 1, 2024 | Nov. 9, 2024 | 15 |
| Wilson's Snipe | Sept. 1, 2024 Dec. 7, 2024 | Nov. 20, 2024 Jan. 1, 2025 | 8 |
| American Woodcock | Oct. 12, 2024 | Nov. 25, 2024 | 3 |

Hunting hours are sunrise to sunset, unless posted.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sets the frameworks for waterfowl and other migratory game birds. Migratory bird hunting is governed by both state and federal regulations. Waterfowl hunting is permitted when seasons are open during the youth deer gun season, the deer gun season, and the deer muzzleloader season. **The possession limit for waterfowl and migratory birds after the second day is three times the daily bag limit.**

OPENING DAY OF A SEASON

No person on the opening day of the season shall possess any freshly killed migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit, or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING

To hunt migratory birds in Ohio, you must have the following:

- A valid Ohio hunting license.
- Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification.

In addition to the requirements above, to hunt waterfowl in Ohio, you must also have the following:

- An Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp endorsement is required of all persons 18 or older.
- A signed federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (Duck Stamp), or federal Electronic Duck Stamp (E-stamp) is required of all persons age 16 and older.

OHIO WETLANDS HABITAT STAMP

The Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp will not be issued at the time of purchase. A license will be issued stating Ohio Wetlands Stamp. The stamp will be mailed later in the year. The stamp does not need to be carried while hunting.



MILITARY WATERFOWL HUNTING

Active duty military and veterans may hunt waterfowl on Sept. 28 and Sept. 29, 2024. Bag limits are the same as the regular season. Active duty military and veterans and youth may hunt waterfowl together during this special season.

The hunter must be a veteran or a member of the armed forces on active duty.

| WATERFOWL SEASONS | OPENING DATE | CLOSING DATE | DAILY LIMIT |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Youth Waterfowl Season | Sept. 28, 2024 | Sept. 29, 2024 | Same as the regular season |
| Military Waterfowl Season | Sept. 28, 2024 | Sept. 29, 2024 | Same as the regular season |
| LAKE ERIE MARSH ZONE: Geese | Oct. 12, 2024 Nov. 16, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 Feb. 3, 2025 | GEESE 5 combined: Canada goose, white-fronted goose, and no more than 1 brant. 10 combined: snow goose, blue goose, Ross's goose. |
| LAKE ERIE MARSH ZONE: Ducks, Coots, & Mergansers | Oct. 12, 2024 Nov. 9, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 Dec. 22, 2024 | |
| NORTH ZONE: Geese | Oct. 19, 2024 Nov. 9, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 Feb. 3, 2025 | DUCKS The daily bag limit is 6 ducks, which may include no more than 4 mallards (only 2 hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 1 pintail, 2 black ducks, or 1 mottled duck. One scaup during the first 15 days of the season; two scaup during the next 45 days. |
| NORTH ZONE: Ducks, Coots, & Mergansers | Oct. 19, 2024 Nov. 16, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 Jan. 5, 2025 | |
| SOUTH ZONE: Geese | Oct. 19, 2024 Nov. 16, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 Feb. 10, 2025 | MERGANSERS & COOTS 5 mergansers (only 2 hooded), and 15 coots. |
| SOUTH ZONE: Ducks, Coots, & Mergansers | Oct. 19, 2024 Dec. 7, 2024 | Oct. 27, 2024 Jan. 26, 2025 | |

Hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset during the regular waterfowl season, unless posted.

FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND
FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD
HUNTING STAMP (DUCK STAMP)

Federal regulations relating to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

For additional information on federal regulations, go to [fws.gov](https://www.fws.gov) or [ecfr.gov](https://www.ecfr.gov)

Hunters should know:

- Federal Duck Stamps are valid from July 1 through the following June 30.
- You must sign the front of your Duck Stamp in order for it to be valid. Remember: only you may use your Federal Duck Stamp.
- The e-stamp available through duckstamp.com is valid immediately and for the entire length of the season with the receipt of the e-stamp purchase. If you bought an e-stamp, you must carry your receipt with you at all times while hunting. Your purchase/credit card receipt is not valid as a duck stamp. Physical duck stamps are mailed to e-stamp purchasers after the season.

- Hunters 16 years of age and older are required to purchase this stamp to hunt waterfowl. These stamps are available at many U.S. post office branches, usps.com, or duckstamp.com.

HIP SURVEY

All hunters, including landowners, who plan to hunt migratory game birds, including mourning doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, rails, coots, and snipe must have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification number on their hunting license. To complete the HIP certification requirement, call 1-877-HIP-OHIO (1-877-447-6446) or go to wildohio.gov and answer the survey questions. After the survey you will be given a certification number. Write the certification number on your annual hunting license in the space provided.

Multiyear license and lifetime license holders are required to complete the HIP certification requirement annually. The certification number is required to be carried while hunting.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING

Hunters 17 years old or younger may hunt waterfowl statewide (on public and private lands) on Sept. 28 and Sept. 29, 2024. Ducks, geese, and coots may be taken under bag limits established for the regular season. Hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

NONTOXIC SHOT

No person may take ducks, geese (including brant), rail, snipe, gallinules, or coots while possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than approved nontoxic shot. For a list of approved nontoxic shot, see fws.gov.

DOVE HUNTING

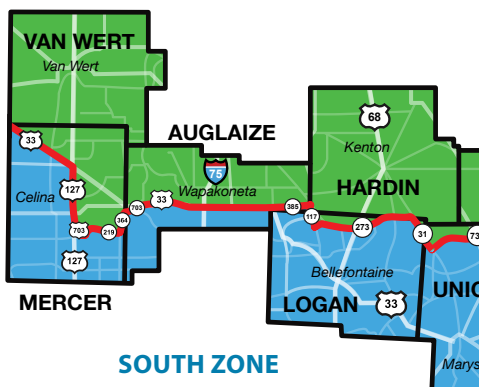
Hours for dove are sunrise to sunset. Doves may be hunted with lead shot. Dove field maps are available at wildohio.gov.

Doves may be hunted on areas that have been manipulated (for example, mowed or bush-hogged) for wildlife management purposes, in addition to areas that have been planted or harvested in a normal agricultural manner. Neither waterfowl nor doves may be hunted on areas where grain or other feed has been distributed once it has been removed from or stored on the field where grown. Contact a Division of Wildlife district office or a state wildlife officer for clarification on baiting regulations before you hunt.

Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is required to dove hunt. To complete the HIP certification requirement, call 1-877-HIP-OHIO (1-877-447-6446) or go to wildohio.gov and answer the survey questions. After the survey you will be given a certification number. Write the certification number on your annual hunting license in the space provided.

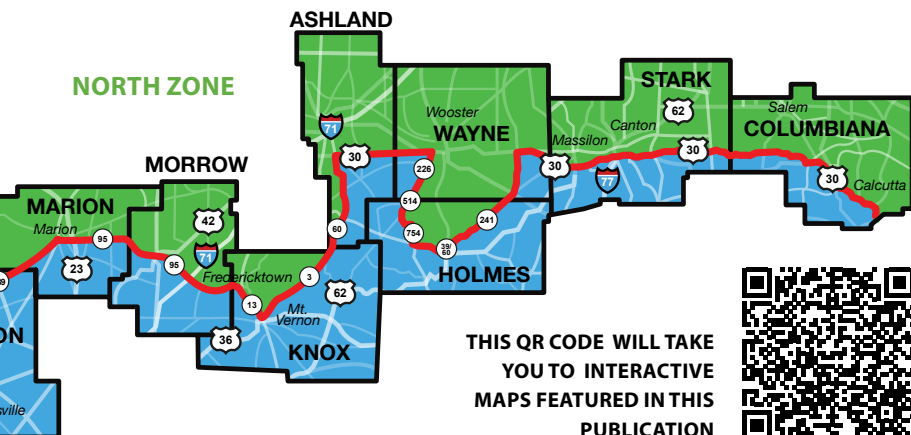
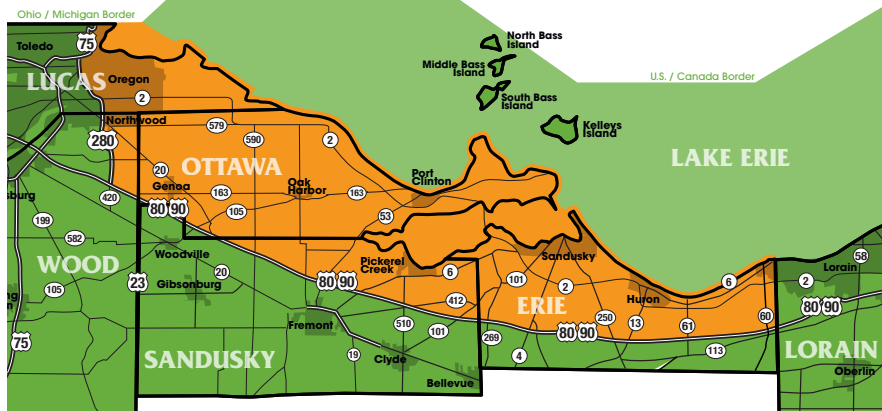
Multiyear license and lifetime license holders are required to complete the HIP certification requirement annually. The certification number is required to be carried while hunting.

2024-25 WATERFOWL HUNTING ZONES MAP



TAGGING REQUIREMENT

No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating their address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

LAKE ERIE
MARSH ZONE

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YOU TO INTERACTIVE
MAPS FEATURED IN THIS
PUBLICATION



ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

It is legal to take migratory game birds including waterfowl and coots on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas:

- Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics);
- Standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation, or normal soil stabilization practice;
- From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;
- From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of grain or other feed; or
- Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

ILLEGAL HUNTING METHODS

NO PERSONS SHALL TAKE MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:

1. With a crossbow, trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine-gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance;
2. From or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low-floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;
3. From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind;
4. From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased;
5. By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl;
6. By the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area;
7. With any device that emits recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds. It is illegal to possess such devices while hunting waterfowl in Ohio;
8. By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird.

LEGAL WATERFOWL & MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING EQUIPMENT

Shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller shotgun using nontoxic shot, includes muzzle-loading shotguns. In order to hunt migratory game birds, your shotgun cannot be capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

Only nontoxic shot may be used to take waterfowl, rail, snipe, and common gallinule. Dove and woodcock may be taken with lead shot.

Longbow: This includes compound bows and recurve bows.



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OF OHIO'S PUBLIC
HUNTING AND
WILDLIFE AREAS



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AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Saturday, December 14, 2024 through Sunday, January 5, 2025



Audubon Society volunteers across Ohio will be conducting their annual Christmas Bird Count.

For more information, visit audubon.org

Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp



CREATING OHIO WETLAND AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR OVER 40 YEARS.

ALONG WITH A COLLECTIBLE STAMP, LICENSE SALES FUND WETLAND HABITAT RESTORATION AND PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

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H2Ohio

The filtering process of wetlands improves water quality.

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The H2Ohio Fund will help ensure safe and clean water across Ohio by providing the resources necessary to plan, develop, and implement targeted long-term water solutions.

2024-25 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS FURBEARER TRAPPING

| SEASON | OPENING DATE | CLOSING DATE | BAG LIMIT |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| Fox, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel | Nov. 10, 2024 | Jan. 31, 2025 | No limit |
| Mink, Muskrat | Nov. 10, 2024 | Feb. 28, 2025 | No limit |
| Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel: Lucas County east of the Maumee river, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Erie Counties | Nov. 10, 2024 | March 15, 2025 | No limit |
| Beaver | Dec. 26, 2024 | Feb. 28, 2025 | No limit |
| River Otter | Dec. 26, 2024 | Feb. 28, 2025 | See page 29 |

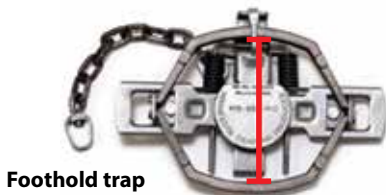
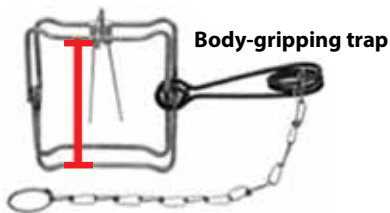
A fur taker permit is required to hunt or trap furbearing animals (except coyote) in Ohio.

TRAPPING REGULATIONS

- Except for river otters, there are no restrictions on bag limits.
- All traps and snares must be checked and all animals removed once every calendar day.
- All foothold or foot-encapsulating traps set on land must have at least two swiveling points.
- Foothold traps set on land must be covered.
- Foothold traps that are submerged may not have an inside jaw spread greater than 8¼ inches.
- Deadfalls are illegal.
- Foothold traps set on land may not have an inside jaw spread greater than 5⅜ inches, except foothold traps greater than 5⅜ inches but 6 inches or less may be utilized provided they have a minimum of three swiveling points and the gripping surface is 5/16-inch or greater.
- Except for cage traps, no traps or snares may be set within 150 feet of another person's occupied residence without advising the resident.
- Body-gripping traps set on land, or in a tile, den, or burrow on land may not have an inside diameter jaw spread greater than 5 inches in diameter.
- Body-gripping traps with an inside diameter jaw spread greater than 5 inches, but less than or equal to 7 inches must be set in a natural body of water.

- Body-gripping traps with an inside jaw spread greater than 7 inches must be completely submerged in water and may only be utilized during the beaver or river otter season.
- All furbearers are required to be killed immediately and reduced to the person's possession, or released immediately at the capture site.
- No person may disturb a legally set trap or snare or remove a furbearing animal from a trap or snare of another person without permission.
- All flesh baits must be totally covered.
- Traps with teeth in the gripping surface are prohibited.

HOW TO MEASURE JAW SPREAD



RIVER OTTER CHECKING AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

The pelt of each harvested river otter is required to be checked in and tagged within five business days of take. The pelt may be checked and tagged by a wildlife officer (by appointment), at a designated otter check station (by appointment, go to wildohio.gov for locations), or at a district office (by appointment, call 1-800-WILDLIFE (800-945-3543) to schedule). All state offices are closed on holidays.

Each trapper must personally present their own river otter, and may not present a river otter taken by another person. Trappers must also provide a copy of their fur taker permit at the time of checking, and provide information about the date and location in which the river otter was trapped.

AVOIDANCE TECHNIQUES

Trappers who have reached the river otter bag limit are encouraged to implement river otter avoidance techniques while beaver trapping.

If you catch an otter in excess of your season bag limit and it is still alive, carefully release it without causing injury to yourself or the animal. If the otter is dead, leave it in the trap and contact the wildlife officer assigned to that county.

BEAVER AND OTTER TRAPPING ON PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

Beaver and river otter trapping is prohibited on state managed areas, including state wildlife areas, state parks, and state forests without a special beaver and/or river otter trapping permit from the Division of Wildlife.

RIVER OTTER AND GRAY FOX CARCASS COLLECTION

The Division of Wildlife is partnering with The Ohio State University to research and monitor population trends in river otters and gray foxes in Ohio. Harvested or roadkill carcasses are requested to be turned in to aid in this research. Carcasses also provide valuable information on age and reproductive patterns, disease prevalence, diet, and other factors. Contact 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) for more information.

GEAUGA COUNTY



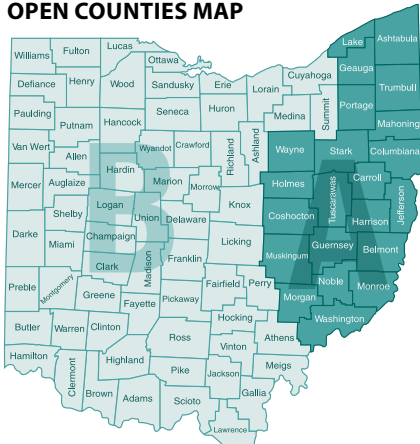
FIRST-TIME TRAPPERS

All first-time trappers, except apprentice license buyers, must successfully complete a hunter and a trapper education course offered through the Division of Wildlife before purchasing a hunting license and fur taker permit to trap furbearers.

RIVER OTTER BAG LIMITS

The bag limit for rivers otters is three per season, of which no more than one river otter may be taken in river otter Zone B.

2024-25 RIVER OTTER TRAPPING OPEN COUNTIES MAP



OTTER TRAPPING TOTAL SEASON BAG LIMIT – 3

ZONE B – 1

ZONE A – 3

TRAPPERS MAY DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Set, use, and maintain snares for the purpose of taking furbearing animals. All snares must have a relaxing lock and a stop to prevent the opening of the snare from closing to less than 2½ inches in diameter, or a relaxing lock system with a breaking point of not greater than 350 pounds.
2. Attach a drag to a foothold trap.
3. Trap coyotes without a fur taker permit. However, anyone hunting, trapping, or snaring coyotes must have a valid hunting license.

TRAPPERS MAY NOT DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Pursue, hunt, trap, or snare furbearing animals between sunset and sunrise without use of a continuous white light visible for at least 1/4-mile. However, persons hunting fox, coyote, or raccoon with a call from a stationary position may use a continuous single beam of light of any color. When two or more people are hunting or trapping together for these animals only one light is required and may be carried by any member of the party.
2. Use or possess climbers or any other device, except climbing tree stands, that may be used for climbing trees while hunting, trapping, or pursuing furbearing animals.
3. Erect, post, or place any stake, flagging, or any other type of marker for the purpose of identifying a potential trap set location on any area designated as a public hunting area, unless authorized by the chief of the Division of Wildlife.
4. Set, use, or maintain a trap or snare in or upon any path or road ordinarily used by domestic animals or humans.
5. Set, use, or maintain a trap or snare to take a wild animal, unless that trap or snare has attached to it a durable, waterproof tag bearing the name and mailing address or the unique Division of Wildlife Customer ID Number of the user in English that is legible at all times, or which has the name and mailing address or the unique Division of Wildlife Customer ID Number of the user stamped into the trap in English that is legible at all times.
6. Attach a snare to a drag. Snares must be staked or otherwise attached to an immovable object.
7. Set traps on state public hunting areas, including state parks and state forests, for beaver or river otter without a permit (See Beaver and Otter Trapping on Public Hunting Areas).
8. Set, use, or maintain a snare on public hunting areas, except for beaver and river otter (See Beaver and Otter Trapping on Public Hunting Areas).
9. Use any snare constructed of any material other than multi-strand steel cable.
10. Set a snare with a loop diameter of more than 15 inches.
11. Have attached to a snare any spring-loaded or mechanical device to assist the snare in closing.
12. Set, use, or maintain any snare that does not comply with the requirements listed above.
13. Set, use, or maintain a foot-encapsulating trap that has an opening greater than 2 inches in diameter or 2 inches along one side.
14. Game birds and game quadrupeds (except feral swine) may not be taken by trapping.



2024-25 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS LICENSES AND PERMITS

CATEGORIES

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Youth | For anyone 17 years old and younger. |
| Resident Adult | For Ohio residents age 18-65. |
| Nonresident Adult | For all nonresidents 18 years old and older. |
| Apprentice | For residents and nonresidents accompanied by a licensed hunter. |
| Resident Senior | For Ohio residents age 66 and older born on or after January 1, 1938. |
| Resident Free Senior | For Ohio residents born on or before December 31, 1937. |

OHIO RESIDENCY STATUS

An Ohio resident is a person who has resided in the state of Ohio for the past six consecutive months. All others are considered nonresidents and must purchase a nonresident license. Nonresident students who are actively enrolled full-time in an Ohio college or university qualify for a resident license if they live in Ohio at the time of purchase.

HUNTING LICENSES

Ohio's annual hunting licenses are valid from March 1 to the last day in February. Multiyear licenses are valid from the date of purchase to the same date in three, five, or ten years, whichever applies. All costs include a writing fee. A transaction fee may apply for online and in-app purchases. All sales are final. No refunds.

All hunters, regardless of age, must carry a valid hunting license to hunt or trap game in Ohio. Hunting deer, turkey, waterfowl, or hunting or trapping of furbearers requires the hunter to possess an additional game-specific permit.

Licenses and permits purchased at retail outlets or at home will be printed on plain white paper. The paper may be trimmed and folded down. It is highly recommended to protect your licenses and permits from the elements. Customers must be present to purchase a license or permit.

DUPLICATE LICENSES & PERMITS

Lost, stolen, or destroyed licenses and permits may be re-issued at any license sales location or at wildohio.gov. Reprints are free at wildohio.gov and cost \$4 at a license agent.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

A permanent customer identification number will be assigned to all applicants of hunting or fishing licenses.

Every customer who applies for a license or permit is required to provide their Social Security Number (SSN). Federal Statute 42 requires the SSN of any individual to whom the state issues a recreational hunting or fishing license. Applicants who do not have an active SSN must affirm their status at the time of application. Applicants must also declare their residency and provide their full name, date of birth, gender, mailing address, height, weight, hair color, and eye color. Once provided and recorded in the licensing system, applicants will only be required to update their information on file if it changes.

PURCHASE A HUNTING LICENSE

Visit an authorized agent, the HuntFish OH mobile app, or wildohio.gov to purchase a license or permit. Authorized agents are located in every county in Ohio. Visit wildohio.gov or call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) to find an agent.

ELECTRONIC LICENSES

Licenses and permits may also be purchased on a mobile device or through the Division of Wildlife's mobile application, HuntFish OH. Hunters must carry their licenses and permits at all times while hunting, and must present their license upon request. Licenses and permits may be displayed on a mobile device.

| LICENSES | | COST |
|---|---|----------|
| Youth LICENSES | Resident & Nonresident Youth 1-Year Hunting License | \$10.00 |
| | Resident & Nonresident Youth 1-Year Apprentice License | \$10.00 |
| | Resident Youth 3-Year Hunting License | \$27.04 |
| | Resident Youth 5-Year Hunting License | \$45.07 |
| | Resident Youth 10-Year Hunting License | \$90.14 |
| | Resident Youth Lifetime Hunting License | \$430.56 |
| Adult LICENSES | Resident 1-Year Hunting License | \$19.00 |
| | Resident 1-Year Apprentice License | \$19.00 |
| | Resident 3-Year Hunting License | \$54.08 |
| | Resident 5-Year Hunting License | \$90.14 |
| | Resident 10-Year Hunting License | \$180.27 |
| | Resident Lifetime Hunting License | \$449.28 |
| | Nonresident 1-Year Hunting License | \$180.96 |
| | Nonresident (Tourist) 3-Day Hunting License <small>Nonresident 3-day license not valid for deer, turkey, or furbearers</small> | \$40.56 |
| | Nonresident 1-Year Apprentice Hunting License | \$180.96 |
| Senior LICENSES <small>RESIDENTS ONLY</small> | Resident Senior 1-Year Hunting License | \$10.00 |
| | Resident Senior 1-Year Apprentice License | \$10.00 |
| | Resident Senior 3-Year Hunting License | \$27.04 |
| | Resident Senior 5-Year Hunting License | \$45.07 |
| | Resident Senior Lifetime Hunting License | \$84.24 |
| | Resident Free Senior Hunting License | Free |

WILD OHIO MAGAZINE

Go to wildohio.gov to sign up online, or visit any store that sells hunting licenses and sign up to have the magazine mailed to you.

ORDER ONLINE TO GET SIX ISSUES FOR ONLY \$5

| PERMITS & STAMPS | | COST |
|---|---|---------|
| Either-Sex DEER PERMITS | Adult Permit: Resident | \$31.20 |
| | Adult Permit: Nonresident | \$76.96 |
| | Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident | \$16.00 |
| | Senior Permit: Resident Only | \$12.00 |
| | Free Senior Permit: Resident Only | FREE |
| Deer Management PERMITS | Adult and Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident | \$15.00 |
| | Senior Permit: Resident Only | \$15.00 |
| | Free Senior Permit: Resident Only | FREE |
| Fall Turkey PERMITS | Adult Permit: Resident | \$31.20 |
| | Adult Permit: Nonresident | \$38.48 |
| | Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident | \$16.00 |
| | Senior Permit: Resident Only | \$12.00 |
| | Free Senior Permit: Resident Only | FREE |
| Spring Turkey PERMITS | Adult Permit: Resident | \$31.20 |
| | Adult Permit: Nonresident | \$38.48 |
| | Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident | \$16.00 |
| | Senior Permit: Resident Only | \$12.00 |
| | Free Senior Permit: Resident Only | FREE |
| Migratory Bird & Waterfowl STAMPS | Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp | \$25.00 |
| | Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp: Resident & Nonresident | \$15.00 |
| | Free Senior Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp: Resident Only | FREE |
| Fur Taker PERMITS | Adult Permit: Resident & Nonresident | \$15.00 |
| | Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident | \$8.00 |
| | Senior Permit: Resident Only | \$8.00 |
| | Free Senior Permit: Resident Only | FREE |
| | Apprentice Adult Permit: Resident & Nonresident | \$15.00 |
| | Apprentice Senior Permit: Resident & Nonresident | \$8.00 |
| | Apprentice Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident | \$8.00 |
| Shooting Range PERMITS | One-Year Permit: Resident & Nonresident | \$24.00 |
| | One-Day Permit: Resident & Nonresident | \$5.00 |
| | Annual Permit & Hunting License Combo: Resident Valid until Feb. 28, 2025 | \$29.12 |
| | Annual Permit & Apprentice Hunting License Combo: Resident Valid until Feb. 28, 2025 | \$29.12 |
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A transaction fee may apply for online and in-app license and permit sales.

THE OHIO CONSERVATION CARD

The Ohio Conservation Card is available with the purchase of a lifetime or multiyear license. Lifetime licenses are only sold at Division of Wildlife offices, online at wildohio.gov, and through a mailed application. Multiyear licenses are available for purchase at license agents.

INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

Ohio is a member of the agreement between states that if a person loses their hunting, trapping, or fishing privileges in one of those states, they may lose those privileges in all of the member states. If you lose your right to hunt, trap, or fish in Ohio, it is your responsibility to check with any other state before you hunt, trap, or fish there to ensure you have not lost your privileges in that state as well.

HUNTER AND TRAPPER EDUCATION

All first-time hunting license buyers, except apprentice license buyers, must successfully complete a hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license. The hunting course is designed to instill a code of ethics and responsibility, as well as provide instruction on guns and how they work, types of ammunition, gun handling, field care of game, wildlife identification, wildlife management, hunting regulations, and other topics. Statistics show that hunter education has helped reduce the number of hunting related injuries and incidents.

Anyone applying for a hunting license is required to successfully complete a hunter education course. Applicants must do one of the following:

- Present a previously held hunting license.
- Present evidence of having successfully completed a hunter education course (from any state).
- Attest they are 21 years of age or older and previously held a legal hunting license (from any state).
- Obtain an apprentice license.

The trapper education course, taken after successful completion of a hunter education course, covers trap set making,

trapping equipment, pelt preparation, furbearer life history, identification, and management. These courses provide an opportunity for adults to introduce another person to hunting and trapping and to share the excitement that goes with it. To obtain a fur taker permit for trapping, applicants must do one of the following:

- Present a previously held trapping license (from any state).
- Present evidence of having successfully completed a trapper education course.
- Attest they are 21 years of age or older and previously held a legal trapping license (from any state).
- Obtain an apprentice permit.

APPRENTICE LICENSE PROGRAM

Ohio residents and nonresidents may purchase an apprentice hunting license or apprentice fur taker permit without having taken a hunter or trapper education course.

Apprentice hunting licenses and apprentice fur taker permits allow new hunters and trappers, both adults and youth, to sample the experience of hunting and trapping under the mentorship of a licensed adult prior to completing a hunter or trapper education course.

To hunt or trap, apprentice license and permit holders must be accompanied by a licensed hunter or trapper 21 years old or older. The licensed hunter may not accompany more than two apprentice license holders at the same time.

Accompany means to go along with another person while staying within a distance from the person that enables uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communications.

Having previously held an apprentice license does not qualify the holder to purchase a regular hunting license or fur taker permit. To obtain a regular hunting license, a hunter education course must be successfully completed. To obtain a regular fur taker permit, a hunter education course and trapper education course must be successfully completed. Apprentice licenses and fur taker permits are available to both Ohio residents and nonresidents, youth and adults.

LICENSE EXEMPTIONS

Certain categories of persons are exempted from buying licenses, permits, and stamps.

1. Ohio resident landowners, spouses, and their children are not required to have a hunting license, fur taker permit, either-sex deer permit, deer management permit, spring or fall turkey permit, or Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp when hunting or trapping on land they own.
2. A nonresident landowner and the spouse and children living with them may hunt on the property they own in Ohio without a hunting license, fur taker permit, either-sex deer permit, deer management permit, spring or fall turkey permit, or Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp, provided their home state allows Ohio residents the same exemptions on property Ohio residents own in that state.
3. A member of a limited liability company or partnership is a landowner provided the member is an Ohio resident and the limited liability company or limited liability partnership consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, or the beneficiary or trustee of a trust that has three or fewer trustees and beneficiaries.
4. Tenants and their children on land on which they reside, pay rent, and from which they derive the majority (more than 50 percent) of their income from agricultural production on that land are not required to have a hunting license, fur taker permit, either-sex deer permit, deer management permit, spring or fall turkey permit, or Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp when they are hunting or trapping on land where they reside.
5. Ohio resident landowners' grandchildren who are under 18 years of age are not required to have a hunting license or an Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp while hunting on their grandparents' land. All other licenses and permits are required.
6. Members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty while on leave or furlough are not required to purchase a hunting license, Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp, or fur taker permit. All other licenses and permits are required.

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty stationed in Ohio, but NOT on leave or furlough are required to purchase a resident Ohio hunting license and other applicable permits before hunting deer, turkey, or hunting and trapping furbearers, and an Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp for hunting waterfowl.

FREE HUNTING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY

Free licenses may be obtained from a license agent and must be carried while hunting. License applications are available at wildohio.gov or by calling 1-800-WILD-LIFE (1-800-945-3543).

1. Ohio residents born on or before Dec. 31, 1937 will receive a free fishing license, hunting license, either-sex deer permit, deer management permit, spring and fall turkey permits, Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp, and fur taker permit. Ohio residents age 66 and older who were born on or after Jan. 1, 1938 are eligible for reduced-cost licenses and permits.
2. Ohio residents who are holders of a veteran's license plate displaying the international wheelchair symbol must apply in writing for a free hunting license, fur taker permit, either-sex deer permit, spring or fall turkey permit, and an Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp endorsement. Applications must be certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. Permanently and totally disabled veterans who receive pension or compensation due to their service-related injuries and who are Ohio residents must apply in writing for a free hunting license, fur taker permit, either-sex deer permit, turkey permit, and Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp. Applications must be certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
4. Ohio residents who are former prisoners of war must apply in writing for a free hunting license, fur taker permit, and Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp. All other licenses and permits are required to be purchased. Applications must be certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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CONTROLLED HUNTING & TRAPPING OPPORTUNITIES

| TYPE | SPECIES | APPLICATION METHOD | APPLICATION PERIOD |
|----------|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Hunting | Turkey | online/phone | March 1 - March 31 |
| | Deer, Small Game, Dove, Waterfowl, and Waterfowl Blind | online/phone | July 1 - July 31 |
| Trapping | Beaver, Otter, and Furbearer | in-person | October 5, 2024 (1 day) |

Controlled access lotteries offer a unique opportunities for you to pursue several different species across the state on areas not normally open to hunting and trapping. Successful applicants will receive a permit, rules, and a hunting area map. Permits are offered for dove, quail, waterfowl, white-tailed deer, ring-necked pheasant, small game, and turkey hunting and furbearer trapping. **Controlled access permits may not be bought, sold, bartered, traded or exchanged.**

CONTROLLED HUNTING

Controlled hunting permits are selected through a **computer-generated** random lottery system. Hunters may apply at wildohio.gov, on the HuntFish OH app, or by calling 1-866-703-1928 with a convenience fee. A non-refundable \$3 application fee applies to each hunt. Customers may apply for more than one hunt but can only apply for each hunt once per year.

All applicants, youth and adult, are required to possess a valid Ohio hunting license and meet age requirements. Youth hunters must be under 18 at the time of the hunt to participate. Adults must be 18 or older at the time of the application.

CONTROLLED DEER HUNTS

Those wishing to apply for controlled deer hunts are required to have a valid deer permit, along with a valid hunting license, at the time of applying. Participants may use a deer management permit during controlled deer hunts. Deer management permits may also be used in controlled hunts not administered by the Division of Wildlife if the entity holding the hunt has received authorization from the chief of the Division of Wildlife. It is the hunter's responsibility to check with the agency administering the hunt to see if deer management per-

mits may be used. A deer harvested during a controlled hunt does not count toward a county and statewide bag limit. Up to six total additional deer may be taken during controlled hunts. Only one antlered deer maybe be taken per season across all regular season dates and controlled hunts.

DEER ARCHERY HUNTS

Deer archery hunts will be open to all applicants, except the Deer Creek SP and Steinen WA youth archery hunts which will be open for youth applicants only, and the Buck Creek SP veterans archery hunt which will be open to veterans only. Permittee and one hunting partner will be allowed to hunt. The hunting partner must remain the same for the duration of the permit. Permits will be issued for 2-week periods throughout the season generally starting on a Sunday and ending on a Saturday. This may vary at the beginning and end of the season. If permitted, refer to the dates listed on the permit.

DEER FIREARM HUNTS

Hunts will be offered for adults, youth, mobility impaired, and mentor/mentees. Permittee and one hunting partner will be allowed to hunt. Permits will be issued for one day, on a Saturday or Sunday. If permitted, refer to the date listed on the permit.

TURKEY

Turkey hunts are open to all applicants. Permittee and one hunting partner will be allowed except for youth hunts. For youth turkey hunts only the permitted youth may hunt and must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Youth permits will be issued for one day during the youth weekend. Throughout the regular season, permits will be issued for three-day periods: Thursday-Friday-Saturday for mentor hunts and Sunday-Monday-Tuesday for regular hunts.

WATERFOWL HUNTS

Waterfowl hunts will be open to all applicants. Youth hunts will be offered for the youth waterfowl weekend. Permittee and two hunting partners will be allowed to hunt. Youth hunts allow the permittee, one youth hunting partner, and one non-hunting adult. Permits will be issued for Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the season. Permits will be offered online on Wednesdays starting at 10 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis for Thursday hunts at select locations.

WATERFOWL BLIND LOTTERIES

Waterfowl blind lotteries will be open to all applicants. Permits will be issued for August 17, 2024. Permittees are responsible for arriving at the address listed on the permit at 8 a.m. on August 17, 2024 to make their blind selection.

SMALL GAME

Pheasant, squirrel, and quail hunts will be available at select locations. Refer to the Controlled Hunting Access Lotteries webpage at wildohio.gov for more information.

MOURNING DOVE HUNTS

Dove hunts will be open to all applicants. Youth and mentor hunts will be offered at select locations. Permittee and one hunting partner will be allowed to hunt. One-day permits will be issued for either September 1 or September 2.

CONTROLLED TRAPPING

Controlled trapping permits are issued via **in-person** lotteries held annually on the first Saturday in October at each Division of Wildlife district office. Trappers will be randomly drawn from submitted applications and successful applicants will be announced at that time.

Each permittee may select one partner to accompany them for the duration of the season. Beaver and river otter trapping lotteries are grouped by region; trappers may apply in only one district (central, north-east, northwest, southeast, southwest). Beaver and river otter trapping permits are valid from Dec. 26, 2024, to Feb. 28, 2025.

HOW TO APPLY

You must be fully licensed and permitted to hunt the species for which you are applying. Hunters may apply for each hunt once annually. Apply online in March for turkey hunts, October for trapping, and July for all other species. Each application is \$3 and is non-refundable. Applications can also be taken over the phone at 1-866-703-1928 for a service fee of \$5.50.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I'M DRAWN?

Lotteries will be drawn the week after the application period ends. Applicants will receive an email with their results once the lotteries are drawn. Hunters are required to have a printed or digital copy of their permit on the day of the hunt.

WHAT DO I DO AFTER BEING SUCCESSFULLY DRAWN?

Each permit includes the name of the hunt, the date, and the unit for which you are permitted. Hunt rules and maps are provided along with the permit. It is your responsibility to know and follow the rules of the hunt and to study the map and know to which unit you are assigned. Failure to follow controlled hunt rules and conditions could result in dismissal from the hunt, permits being revoked, and enforcement action being taken without further notice.



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LEGAL DEFINITIONS

As used in Chapters 1531 and 1533 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code.

ACCOMPANY means to go along with another person while staying within a distance from the person that enables uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communications.

ACTIVE DUTY means full-time duty in the Armed Forces (U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, including the reserve components thereof), other than active duty for training; Service as a cadet at the U.S. Military, Air Force, or Coast Guard Academy, or as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy.

BAG LIMIT means the number, measurement, or weight of any kind of crayfish, aquatic insects, fish, frogs, turtles, wild birds, and wild quadrupeds permitted to be taken.



BAITED AREA means any area where shelled or unshelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting, or enticing game animals or birds is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered. Such area is considered a baited area for 10 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

BAITING means the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of shelled or unshelled corn, wheat, or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute for wild turkeys, mourning doves, migratory birds, or other game animals a lure, attraction, or enticement to, on, or over any area where hunters are attempting to take them.

CROSSBOW means a device for propelling an arrow by means of limbs and a string, with a shoulder-mounted stock, and having a working safety.

HUNTING means pursuing, shooting, killing, following after or on the trail of, lying in wait for, shooting at, or wounding wild birds or wild quadrupeds while employing any device commonly used to kill or wound wild birds or wild quadrupeds, whether such acts result in such killing or wounding or not. It includes every attempt to kill or wound and every act of assistance to any other person in killing or wounding or attempting to kill or wound wild birds or wild quadrupeds.

LONGBOW or BOW means a device for propelling an arrow by means of limbs, and a string which is hand held, hand drawn, and held in a drawn position by hand or a hand-held mechanical release or by a mechanical device with a working safety. This would include compound bows and recurve bows.

MUZZLELOADING RIFLE AND MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN means a primitive weapon that shoots a projectile or projectiles loaded exclusively from the muzzle and that is incapable of firing modern-day ammunition.

TENANT means an individual who resides on land for which he or she pays rent and whose annual income is primarily derived from agricultural production conducted on that land, as agricultural production is defined in Section 929.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

TRAPPING means securing or attempting to secure possession of a wild bird or wild quadruped by means of setting, placing,

drawing, or using any device that is designed to close upon, hold fast, confine, or otherwise capture a wild bird or wild quadruped whether such means result in such capturing or not. It includes every act of assistance to any other person in capturing wild birds or wild quadrupeds by means of such device whether such means result in such capturing or not.

VETERAN means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

2923.15 ORC No person, while under the influence of alcohol or any drug of abuse, shall carry or use any firearm or dangerous ordnance.

2923.16 and 1547.69 ORC No person shall knowingly transport or have a firearm in a motor vehicle unless it is unloaded, and is carried in one of the following ways:

1. In a closed package, box, or case.
2. In a compartment which can be reached only by leaving the vehicle.

3. In plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made for the purpose.

4. If the firearm is at least 24 inches in overall length as measured from the muzzle to the part of the stock farthest from the muzzle, and if the barrel is at least 18 inches in length in plain sight with the action open or the firearm stripped, or, if the firearm is of a type which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be stripped, in plain sight.

A person may carry a concealed handgun in compliance with motor vehicle transportation guidelines of the Ohio Revised Code.

As used in this section, unloaded means with respect to a firearm employing a percussion cap, flintlock, or other obsolete ignition system, that the firearm is uncapped, or that the priming charge is removed from the pan.

The above sections also apply to watercraft, except while lawfully engaged in hunting.

PERMISSION FOR HUNTING OR TRAPPING ON PRIVATE LAND

Permission is hereby granted to the undersigned sportsman for hunting/trapping on land owned by the undersigned landowner or their agent for the date(s) listed.

In accepting this permit, I agree to assume and release the landowner from any or all liability for personal injuries, property damage, or for the loss of life or property resulting from, or in any way connected with the issuance of this permit.

HUNTING/TRAPPING PERMISSION

DATE(S): ____ / ____ / ____ TO ____ / ____ / ____

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ DAILY
☐ SEASONAL

Sportsman's Signature

Today's Date

SPORTSMAN'S ADDRESS: _____

SPORTSMAN'S TELEPHONE No: (_____) _____

VEHICLE LICENSE No: _____ RESTRICTIONS: _____

MAKE & MODEL: _____

Landowner or Agent's Signature

2024-25 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS GENERAL INFORMATION

- Electronic callers may be used while hunting, except while hunting migratory game birds (waterfowl, rails, and shore-birds) and wild turkeys. It is lawful to use electronic callers for crow hunting.
- Spotlighting of wild animals from vehicles, including illuminating with headlights, is prohibited. Spotlighting is illegal whether hunting implements are carried in the vehicle or not.
- Persons hunting, trapping, or pursuing furbearing animals at night must carry a continuous white light visible for at least 1/4 mile. When two or more persons are hunting or trapping together for furbearing animals, only one light is required and may be carried by any member of the party. Persons hunting foxes, coyotes, or raccoons with a call from a stationary position may use a single beam of light of any color.
- All hunting from motor vehicles, except boats and machinery being used in farm operations, is prohibited. Hunting small game and furbearers except mink, muskrat, otter, and beaver is lawful from a boat or powercraft if the motor has been completely shut off and the powercraft has come to rest.
- Aircraft or drones are prohibited in hunting or the aid of hunting for all game. Drones may be used to aid in the recovery of a deer after the taking has occurred as long as no one involved in the recovery is employing a hunting implement. In cases where a deer is found to be still alive, the use of the drone must be discontinued before hunting can resume.
- Poisoned or explosive arrows are unlawful. While hunting, it is unlawful to have attached to a longbow or crossbow any mechanical, electrical, or electronic device capable of projecting a visible beam of light. This does not include a device such as a range finder that utilizes nonvisible light.
- It is unlawful to possess a hunting device while training or working a dog pursuing coyotes from sunset to sunrise.
- All hunters younger than 16 years old need to be accompanied by an adult. It is unlawful for the responsible adult to allow a person under 16 years of age to hunt alone.
- The holder of an all-purpose vehicle permit may hunt wild quadrupeds or game birds from a vehicle while on private property. Go to wildohio.gov for more information.
- It is unlawful to shoot from, on, across, or along a public road or highway, including the berm, shoulder and road right of way.
- It is unlawful to receive or possess a deer or parts of a deer unless such deer or deer part is tagged as required, or unless the deer or part of a deer has a statement showing when and where legally taken, the date received, and from whom received; or a Division of Wildlife tag, seal, or certificate or other proof of ownership which shows the deer was killed by a motor vehicle in Ohio; or an official tag or seal and valid nonresident license issued by another state if taken from outside Ohio; or certificate of ownership or receipt issued by a law enforcement officer. Shed antlers do not require a certificate of ownership or receipt by a wildlife officer.

ON PUBLIC HUNTING LANDS

It is unlawful for any person to use a rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, or other firearm at any time on any land or water area controlled or administered by the Division of Wildlife except while lawfully trapping or hunting wild animals, or target practicing on a designated Division of Wildlife target range. Fully automatic firearms, trigger assisting devices that alter a firearm to shoot like a fully automatic firearm, and tracer ammunition are not permitted.

It is unlawful for any person to distribute, place, or scatter salt, grain, or other feed capable of luring, enticing, or attracting wild birds or deer on lands owned, controlled, or maintained by the Division of Wildlife,

including lands managed by the division by virtue of a lease or an agreement.

A tree stand on Division of Wildlife public hunting areas is legal as long as it is portable and uses no nails, steps, or any other device placed or inserted into a tree. The tree stand may be installed from Sept. 1 to the last day in February, annually.

ON ALL WILDLIFE AREAS

It is unlawful to operate or park any vehicle on properties administered by the Division of Wildlife, except on designated roads and parking areas.

Portions of Deer Creek, Killdeer Plains, Reshaven, Lake La Su An, Berlin Lake, Big Island, Delaware, Grand River, Brush Creek, Waterloo, Cooper Hollow, East Fork, Woodbury, Spring Valley, and Fallsville wildlife areas will be open for persons with severe mobility impairments to drive their cars, trucks, or all-purpose vehicles to designated interior areas for hunting. Disabled persons are required to have an all-purpose vehicle permit. Find more information or download a permit application at wildohio.gov.

Camping is prohibited on state wildlife areas, except within posted designated camping areas at Appalachian Hills and Woodbury wildlife areas. All campers at Woodbury Wildlife Area must possess a valid hunting license, fishing license, or fur taker permit. Call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) for more information.

All wildlife areas are closed to all activity other than hunting, trapping, and fishing from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sept. 1 through May 1, and from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. May 2 through Aug. 31 of each year.

State parks have special hunting and trapping regulations. Some are not open to hunting or trapping. A permit is required to build a duck blind on state park lakes.

HUNTING WITH PERMISSION

The landowner's written permission is required for hunting and trapping on private land, regardless of whether the land is posted. Permission slips are available at all Division of Wildlife district offices, at wildohio.gov, by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543), and on page 39 of this publication.

THE PENALTY FOR HUNTING WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION

The maximum penalty for hunting without written permission of the landowner for a first offense is 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine. The maximum penalty for a second offense is 90 days in jail and a \$750 fine.

A person must carry written permission (see page 39) at all times while engaging in hunting or trapping on private land and exhibit it upon request to a state wildlife officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, other law enforcement officer, owner of the land, or the landowner's authorized agent.

CONCEALED HANDGUN

A person legally allowed to possess a concealed handgun may carry it while hunting. They may also hunt with their concealed handgun as long as it meets all of the requirements for the game that is being hunted.

FIREARM SUPPRESSOR

A person authorized through state and federal law to own a firearm noise suppressor is permitted to use it to hunt legal game animals. A valid hunting license is required to hunt with a suppressor. A suppressor is also called a silencer.

DOG TRAINING

The Division of Wildlife has established designated dog training areas on some of its wildlife areas. Dogs may not be trained or exercised on state public hunting areas from May 1 through Aug. 31 of each year, except on these designated dog training areas. A nonresident may not train, work, or exercise a dog in Ohio at any time if Ohio residents are not permitted to train, work, or exercise dogs in the nonresident's state. Training dogs while pursuing furbearing animals is permitted only from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Firearms may not be carried by persons training or working dogs during the closed season for furbearing animals.

Designated dog training areas are located on portions of Appalachian Hills, Berlin, Caesar Creek, Delaware, Fallsville, Indian Creek, Killdeer Plains, Lake La Su An, Magee Marsh, Oxbow Lake, Resthaven, Rush Run, Salt Fork, Spencer, and Tri-Valley wildlife areas.

GINSENG

It shall be unlawful to dig, harvest, cut, root up, gather, or otherwise collect wild ginseng from its natural habitat except during the season of Sept. 1 through Dec. 31 of each year without written authorization from the chief of the Division of Wildlife. Full details are available in section 1501:31-40.

POSSESSION

Live furbearing animals, amphibians, reptiles, game quadrupeds, or game birds may not be held in captivity or sold except by propagation permit.

Hides of furbearing animals taken legally during the open season may be sold during that open season or may be held for sale until June 15 following the close of the season.

Furbearers may not be taken alive during open hunting and trapping seasons.

Those who buy green or dried fur must have a fur dealer's permit.

It is unlawful to buy, sell, or possess non-game birds or their parts, dead or alive.

A hunter may not receive or possess a deer or parts of a deer unless such deer or deer part is tagged as required, or un-

less the deer or part of a deer has a statement showing when and where legally taken, the date received, and from whom received; or a Division of Wildlife tag, seal, or certificate or other proof of ownership which shows the deer was killed by a motor vehicle in Ohio; or an official tag or seal and valid nonresident license issued by another state if taken from outside Ohio; or certificate of ownership or receipt issued by a law enforcement officer. Shed antlers do not require a certificate of ownership or receipt by a wildlife officer.

YOUTH HUNTING

All youth hunting opportunities are available to anyone who is 17 years old or younger during the season dates. All hunters are required to have the appropriate licenses and permits. All youth hunters participating in youth hunts, regardless of age, must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. A nonhunting adult is any person age 18 or older who accompanies the youth hunter to and from the field and is present with the youth hunter while the youth hunter is engaged in hunting. The nonhunting adult may not possess any hunting implements and a hunting license is not required.

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/your_wild_ohio



[twitter.com](https://twitter.com/OhioDivWildlife)
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[linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ohio-division-of-wildlife)
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Let us provide you with the resources and information you need to safely and responsibly harvest your own local food.



VISIT US AT
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FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR
SCAN THE QR CODE

2024-25 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS PUBLIC SHOOTING RANGES

The Ohio Division of Wildlife provides public shooting ranges at state parks, fish hatcheries, wildlife areas, and other locations across Ohio to get you ready for upcoming hunting seasons.

Division of Wildlife shooting ranges are categorized by class, which will help you decide which range best fits your needs; Class A are supervised rifle and pistol target ranges; Class B are unsupervised rifle and pistol target ranges; Class C are unsupervised clay target shotgun ranges; Class D are unsupervised archery target ranges; and Class O are other public ranges not classified by the Division of Wildlife.

All Class A ranges have fully accessible parking, shooting benches, and restroom facilities and are staffed by knowledgeable range attendants. Not all Class B, C, or D ranges have a range attendant or restroom facilities. Anyone age 18 and older who is shooting on Class A, B, and C ranges is required to purchase a shooting range permit. You do not need a permit to visit any of the Division of Wildlife's public archery ranges. Range rules will be posted at the front of the range or shared with you during check-in at Class A, B, and C ranges.

Safety is a priority regardless of which implement you are using. Basic safety rules should be followed at all times when handling firearms or archery equipment. Basic firearm safety rules include:

- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger outside of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

BASIC ARCHERY SAFETY RULES INCLUDE

- Only point the bow and arrow in a safe direction.
- Don't nock an arrow until it is safe to shoot.
- Avoid dry firing a bow (releasing it without a nocked arrow), which can cause damage to the bow and injure the user.



DELAWARE CLASS A RANGE

Those new to gun ranges should consider visiting a Class A range first as there are staff available to assist you. At Class A ranges, you will need to check in and show your range permit. This is also a great time to ask any questions! Choose a bench in the appropriate area of the range. A range attendant or range safety officer can help you determine when to load and unload your implement.

Understanding some basic range terminology will help keep you and others safe. This includes:

- **HOT** - People are actively firing, do not go down range.
- **COLD** - Everyone is to put their implement's safety on, unload their gun, leave the action visibly open, keep the muzzle pointed down range, and safely put their implement down.
- **CEASE FIRE** - Everyone is to immediately stop what they are doing, make their implement safe, and place it on the shooting bench pointed down range.

Each year, the Ohio Division of Wildlife offers a free range day which allows anyone to try out Class A, B, and C ranges without purchasing a range permit. On-site instruction by trained firearms staff is also available at select locations.

Scan the QR code
to learn more about
public shooting
ranges and permits
or visit wildohio.gov.



2024-25 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS

PUBLIC SHOOTING RANGES

RANGE CLASS DEFINITIONS

- A = Supervised Rifle & Pistol Target Range
- B = Unsupervised Rifle & Pistol Target Range
- C = Unsupervised Clay Target Shotgun Range
- D = Unsupervised Archery Target Range
- O = Other Public Ranges; not classified by the Division of Wildlife

| DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RANGES 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------|
| PUBLIC AREA | COUNTY | CLASS |
| Deer Creek Wildlife Area | Fayette | A C D |
| Delaware Wildlife Area | Delaware | A C D |
| Spring Valley Wildlife Area* | Greene | A C D |
| Woodbury Wildlife Area* | Coshocton | A C D |
| Grand River Wildlife Area | Closed for renovations until 2025 | |
| Indian Creek Wildlife Area | Brown | B C D |
| Wolf Creek Wildlife Area | Morgan | B C D |
| Monroe Lake Wildlife Area | Monroe | B |
| Tranquility Wildlife Area | Adams | B |
| Oxbow Lake Wildlife Area | Defiance | C |
| Resthaven Wildlife Area | Erie | C |
| Rush Run Wildlife Area | Preble | C |
| Salt Fork Wildlife Area | Guernsey | C |
| Wyandot Wildlife Area | Wyandot | C |
| Berlin Lake Wildlife Area | Portage | D |
| Cooper Hollow Wildlife Area | Jackson | D |
| District Two Office | Hancock | D |
| District Five Office | Greene | D |
| Fallsville Wildlife Area | Highland | D |
| Hebron State Fish Hatchery | Licking | D |
| Spencer Lake Wildlife Area | Medina | D |
| St. Marys State Fish Hatchery | Auglaize | D |
| Tri-Valley Wildlife Area | Muskingum | D |

(*) Supervised Trap & Skeet Range; Unsupervised Hand Trap Range (call for details)

CLASS A, B, AND C RANGES

All persons age 18 and older are required to purchase a shooting range permit. Those age 17 and younger are not required to purchase a permit, but must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 and older) holding a valid range permit.

These permits can be purchased at wildohio.gov, on the HuntFish OH app, at all license agents, and at Division of Wildlife district offices.

One-year and one-day range permits may be printed or displayed on a mobile device.

Select ranges have handicap accessible parking, shooting benches, and restrooms. If interested, please contact the individual location for details.

CLASS D SHOOTING RANGES

No permit is required to shoot at Class D ranges.



SUPERVISED HOURS OF OPERATION

Hours of operation vary and can be found at wildohio.gov. All Class A ranges are open Wednesday through Sunday. All Class A ranges are closed on the following dates: New Year's Day, Easter, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

OTHER STATE AGENCY RANGES

| PUBLIC AREA | COUNTY | CLASS | CONTACT |
|---|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| Fernwood State Forest | Jefferson | C O | (330) 339-2205 |
| Barkcamp State Park | Belmont | D | (740) 484-4064 |
| Beaver Creek State Park | Columbiana | D | (330) 385-3091 |
| Caesar Creek State Park | Warren | D | (513) 897-3055 |
| East Harbor State Park | Ottawa | D | (419) 734-4424 |
| Geneva State Park | Ashtabula | D | (440) 466-8400 |
| Hocking Hills State Park | Hocking | D | (740) 385-6842 |
| Hueston Woods State Park | Butler, Preble | D | (513) 523-6347 |
| Lake Hope State Park | Vinton | D | (740) 596-4938 |
| Lake Vesuvius/ Wayne National Forest | Lawrence | D | (740) 534-6500 |
| Paint Creek State Park | Highland, Ross | D | (937) 393-4284 |
| Punderson State Park | Geauga | D | (440) 564-2279 |
| Salt Fork State Park | Guernsey | D | (740) 439-3521 |
| Shawnee State Park | Scioto | D | (740) 858-6652 |
| Veto Lake | Washington | D | (740) 589-9930 |
| Wingfoot Lake | Portage | D | (330) 962-2048 |
| Dillon Lake | Licking, Muskingum | O | (740) 452-3529 |
| Harrison State Forest | Harrison | O | (419) 994-5125 |
| Mohican State Park | Ashland | O | (937) 393-4284 |
| Zaleski State Forest | Vinton | O | (740) 596-5781 |

SHARE THE BOUNTY

The Ohio Division of Wildlife encourages sportsmen and women to share the bounty of their successful deer hunts by donating deer to charitable organizations that help feed the hungry of our state.

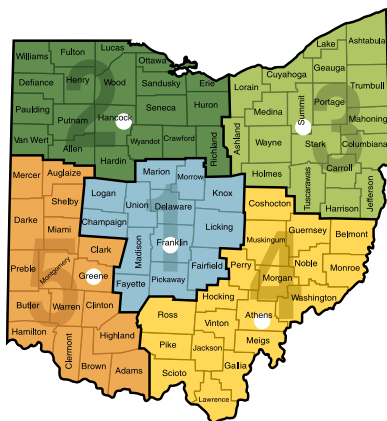


FARMERS AND HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Visit fhfh.org to find a participating processor in your area. Donating venison is of no cost to the hunter. Contact FHHF to make a donation.



DIVISION OF WILDLIFE DISTRICT OFFICES



WILDLIFE DISTRICT ONE
1500 Dublin Road
Columbus, OH 43215

WILDLIFE DISTRICT TWO
952 Lima Avenue
Findlay, OH 45840

WILDLIFE DISTRICT THREE
912 Portage Lakes Drive
Akron, OH 44319

WILDLIFE DISTRICT FOUR
360 E. State Street
Athens, OH 45701

WILDLIFE DISTRICT FIVE
1076 Old Springfield Pike
Xenia, OH 45385





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- Purchase hunting and fishing licenses, permits, and stamps, then display them without connection.
- Submit game check even without a connection and obtain confirmation code once service is reestablished.
- Purchase Wild Ohio magazine, apply for controlled hunts, and report wildlife sightings.
- Interact with maps of Ohio's public lands, boat ramps, lakes, shooting ranges, and license agents.
- Access hunting and fishing digests, calendar of events, and other popular resources for outdoor enthusiasts.
- Check current weather conditions and sunrise/sunset times before heading out on the water or in the field.



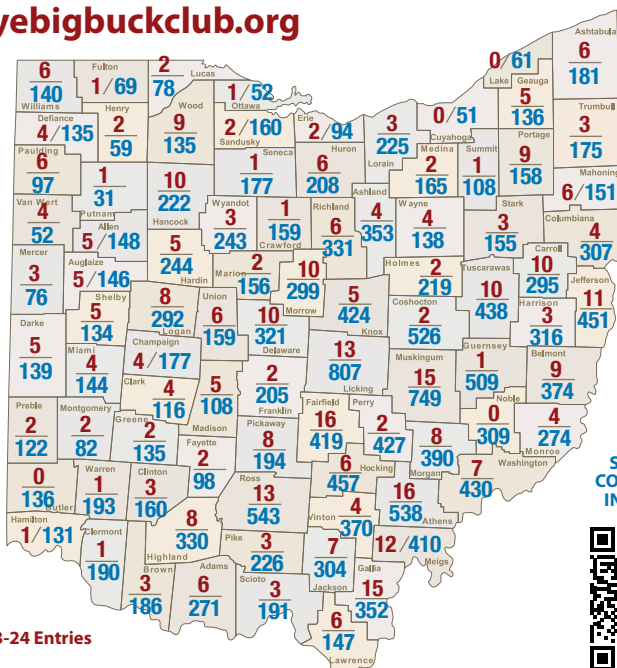
Official licensing app of the Ohio Division of Wildlife

Ohio's Buckeye Big Buck Club

The Buckeye Big Buck Club establishes and maintains a record of Ohio's trophy white-tailed deer. Since 1957, the not-for-profit organization has annually honored hunters who harvest mature bucks that meet a minimum scoring threshold.

Hunters who wish to submit a record of their trophy harvest can visit buckeyebigbuckclub.org to find information on scoring and entry. The club recognizes deer taken within Ohio by all legal methods of hunting.

buckeyebigbuckclub.org



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2023-24 Entries
Entries to Date

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION: 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543)

To report a wildlife violation: 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437)

OHIO WILDLIFE OFFICERS

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| ADAMS | Gus Kiebel | (937) 776-0688 |
| ALLEN | Craig Barr | (419) 348-7243 |
| ASHLAND | Evan Huegel | (330) 245-3044 |
| ASHTABULA | Joshua Quail | (330) 802-9171 |
| ATHENS | Ryan Donnelly | (740) 541-8266 |
| AUGLAIZE | Mark Schemmel | (937) 728-4192 |
| BELMONT | Breyer Ehrnfeld | (614) 563-1680 |
| BROWN | Micah Collier | (513) 646-4014 |
| BUTLER | Andrew Dowdell | (513) 403-6591 |
| CARROLL | Scott Cartwright | (330) 802-9163 |
| CHAMPAIGN | Nick Oliver | (937) 206-9320 |
| CLARK | Mathew Bourne | (937) 206-9321 |
| CLERMONT | Lucas Wildman | (513) 673-1566 |
| CLINTON | Isaiah Gifford | (937) 776-1850 |
| COLUMBIANA | Jesse Janosik | (330) 245-3039 |
| COSHOCTON | Jerrod Allison | (740) 502-4586 |
| CRAWFORD | Nathan Cass | (419) 429-8380 |
| CUYAHOGA | Michael Greer | (330) 245-3033 |
| DARKE | Jeff Wenning | (937) 621-5779 |
| DEFIANCE | Austin Dickinson | (419) 429-8381 |
| DELAWARE | Maurice Irish | (614) 400-0631 |
| ERIE | Michele Butler | (419) 356-8213 |
| FAIRFIELD | Jade Heizer | (614) 307-5519 |
| FAYETTE | John Coffman | (614) 565-2538 |
| FRANKLIN | Mark T. Williams, Jr. | (614) 956-8479 |
| FULTON | Adam Stachler | (419) 356-4706 |
| GALLIA | Levi Boggs | (614) 563-1843 |
| GEAUGA | Matthew Madgar | (330) 245-3035 |
| GREENE | Alex Almeter | (937) 545-6327 |
| GUERNSEY | Taylor Combs | (614) 563-2355 |
| HAMILTON | Jacob Losekamp | (513) 446-7028 |
| HANCOCK | Ryan Burke | (419) 202-0090 |
| HARDIN | Ryan Kennedy | (419) 429-8385 |
| HARRISON | Nick Turner | (330) 245-3049 |
| HENRY | Matthew R. Smith | (419) 889-8312 |
| HIGHLAND | Matt Roberts | (937) 205-3020 |
| HOCKING | Chris Dodge | (614) 257-7792 |
| HOLMES | Cory Burroughs | (330) 390-0180 |
| HURON | Matthew D. Smith | (419) 346-9038 |
| JACKSON | Ted Witham | (614) 563-4138 |
| JEFFERSON | Craig Porter | (330) 245-3050 |
| KNOX | Austin Levering | (614) 400-0731 |
| LAKE | Ryan Pawlus | (330) 245-3034 |
| LAWRENCE | Darin Abbott | (614) 563-3946 |
| LICKING | Antoinette Freet | (614) 400-0744 |
| LOGAN | Adam Smith | (937) 441-5224 |
| LORAIN | Randy White | (330) 802-9172 |
| LUCAS | Mike Ohlrich | (419) 345-8821 |

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| MADISON | Matt Teders | (614) 309-3465 |
| MAHONING | Tom Frank | (330) 245-3038 |
| MARION | Chad Grote | (614) 745-7210 |
| MEDINA | Eric Moore | (330) 245-3043 |
| MEIGS | Chris Gilkey | (614) 563-4492 |
| MERCER | Brad Buening | (419) 236-8787 |
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| PICKAWAY | Josh Elster | (614) 203-3406 |
| PIKE | Matt Van Cleve | (614) 565-0140 |
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| PUTNAM | Jason Porinchok | (419) 957-2524 |
| RICHLAND | Nathan Kaufmann | (419) 565-1311 |
| ROSS | Bob Nelson | (614) 565-9754 |
| SANDUSKY | Charles McMullen | (419) 345-7173 |
| SCIOTO | Tyler Fields | (614) 565-9064 |
| SENECA | Brock Williamson | (419) 619-9832 |
| SHELBY | Logan Ambrister | (937) 545-5849 |
| STARK | Scott Traver | (330) 245-3041 |
| SUMMIT | Zach Hillman | (330) 245-3042 |
| TRUMBULL | Marty Cisine | (330) 245-3037 |
| TUSCARAWAS | Michael Budd | (614) 230-6347 |
| UNION | Brian Motsinger | (614) 315-4999 |
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| VINTON | Cole Tilton | (614) 565-0805 |
| WARREN | Jason Keller | (513) 520-9896 |
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| WAYNE | Aaron Brown | (330) 323-2554 |
| WILLIAMS | Ethan Bingham | (419) 619-6880 |
| WOOD | Eric VonAlmen | (419) 356-3193 |
| WYANDOT | Payton Phenicie | (419) 429-8398 |

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| EAST | Jason Warren | (740) 963-6036 |
| WEST | Brian Baker | (419) 706-0702 |

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| CENTRAL | Brady Stevens | (614) 698-9503 |
| NORTHEAST | Kiri Williams | (740) 602-8108 |