Ohio's 2026-27 Hunting and Trapping Season Dates

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Limit
White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons			
Deer archery • Statewide • Disease surveillance area	Sept. 26, 2026 Sept. 12, 2026	Feb. 7, 2027 Feb. 7, 2027	See bag limit map
Youth deer gun, statewide	Nov. 21, 2026	Nov. 22, 2026	See bag limit map
Deer gun, statewide	Nov. 30, 2026 Dec. 19, 2026	Dec. 6, 2026 Dec. 20, 2026	See bag limit map
Deer muzzleloader, statewide	Jan. 2, 2027	Jan. 5, 2027	See bag limit map
Early deer gun, disease surveillance area	Oct. 10, 2026	Oct. 12, 2026	See bag limit map
Wild Turkey Hunting Seasons			
Wild turkey, fall (70 counties)	Oct. 1, 2026	Oct. 25, 2026	1 (season)
Wild turkey, spring	To be announced		
Small Game and Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Seasons			
Squirrel	Sept. 1, 2026	Jan. 31, 2027	6 daily
Ruffed grouse	Limited to controlled hunts on four designated areas		
Youth small game: cottontail rabbit, ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail	Oct. 24, 2026 Oct. 31, 2026	Oct. 25, 2026 Nov. 1, 2026	Same as species in season
Cottontail rabbit	Nov. 6, 2026	Feb. 28, 2027	4 daily
Ring-necked pheasant (roosters only)	Nov. 6, 2026	Jan. 10, 2027	2 daily
Chukar	Nov. 6, 2026	Jan. 10, 2027	4 daily
Bobwhite quail (16 counties and specific wildlife areas only)	Nov. 6, 2026	Nov. 29, 2026	2 daily
Crow (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only)	June 5, 2026 June 4, 2027	March 7, 2027 March 5, 2028	None
Fox, raccoon, skunk, opossum, weasel hunting and trapping	Nov. 10, 2026	Jan. 31, 2027	None
Coyote	No closed season		None
Woodchuck	No closed season		None
Mink, muskrat trapping	Nov. 10, 2026	Feb. 28, 2027	None
Lake Erie marsh trapping: Mink, muskrat, skunk, opossum, weasel	Nov. 10, 2026	March 15, 2027	None
Beaver trapping	Dec. 26, 2026	Feb. 28, 2027	None
River otter trapping	Dec. 26, 2026	Feb. 28, 2027	3 in Zone A (season) 1 in Zone B (season) [season limit of 3]

Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons

Mourning dove	Sept. 1, 2026 Dec. 12, 2026	Nov. 8, 2026 Jan. 1, 2027	15 daily
Rail	Sept. 1, 2026	Nov. 9, 2026	25 daily
Gallinule (moorhen)	Sept. 1, 2026	Nov. 9, 2026	15 daily
Wilson's snipe	Sept. 1, 2026 Dec. 12, 2026	Nov. 25, 2026 Jan. 1, 2027	8 daily
American woodcock	Oct. 16, 2026	Nov. 29, 2026	3 daily
Early goose, statewide	Sept. 5, 2026	Sept. 13, 2026	5 daily, Canada and cackling geese only
Early teal	Sept. 5, 2026	Sept. 13, 2026	6 daily
Waterfowl (youth, active military, and veterans)	Oct. 3, 2026	Oct. 4, 2026	Same as species in the regular season
Goose Zone A	Oct. 17, 2026 Nov. 14, 2026	Nov. 1, 2026 Feb. 1, 2027	5 daily: Canada, cackling, and white-fronted geese, and may include no more than 1 brant 10 daily: light geese
Goose Zone B	Oct. 17, 2026 Nov. 21, 2026	Oct. 25, 2026 Feb. 15, 2027	5 daily: Canada, cackling, and white-fronted geese, and may include no more than 1 brant 10 daily: light geese
Goose Zone C	Oct. 17, 2026 Nov. 21, 2026	Oct. 25, 2026 Feb. 15, 2027	5 daily: Canada, cackling, and white-fronted geese, and may include no more than 1 brant 10 daily: light geese
Duck Zone A	Oct. 17, 2026 Nov. 14, 2026	Nov. 1, 2026 Dec. 27, 2026	6 daily *
Duck Zone B	Oct. 17, 2026 Nov. 21, 2026	Oct. 25, 2026 Jan. 10, 2027	6 daily *
Duck Zone C	Oct. 17, 2026 Dec. 12, 2026	Oct. 25, 2026 Jan. 31, 2027	6 daily *

* The daily bag limit is 6 ducks, not to include more than 4 mallards (only 2 of which may be hens), 3 wood ducks, 3 pintails, 2 black ducks, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, or 1 mottled duck. Scaup are also included in the daily bag limit of 6 ducks. Scaup have a 1 bird daily bag limit for the first 15 days of the duck season, regardless of zone. The scaup bag limit is 2 birds for the final 45 days of duck season, regardless of zone.