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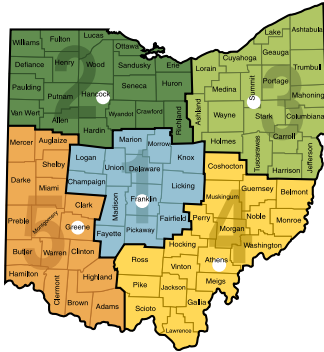
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2022-23 CHANGES

Changes from the previous regulations booklet are listed in red text.

- Deer bag limits were updated in 18 counties. See page 6 for the deer county bag limit map.
- The definition of a crossbow was updated to include bows with differing limb and stock configurations. See page 44.
- New DSA special season. See page 13.
- The Disease Surveillance Area (DSA) was expanded to cover all of Wyandot, Hardin, and Marion counties. See page 12.
- The fall wild turkey season length was reduced. Season dates are Oct. 8 to Nov. 13 in select counties. See page 14.
- A person may hunt with a legally concealed firearm. See page 39.

2022-23 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS
SEASONS & DATES

	SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	PAGE
White-tailed Deer HUNTING	Deer Archery	Sept. 24, 2022	Feb. 5, 2023	6
	Youth Deer Gun	Nov. 19, 2022	Nov. 20, 2022	6
	Deer Gun	Nov. 28, 2022	Dec. 4, 2022	6
		Dec. 17, 2022	Dec. 18, 2022	6
	Deer Muzzleloader	Jan. 7, 2023	Jan. 10, 2023	6

SEE PAGE 13 FOR DSA COUNTIES AND SEASONS

Wild Turkey HUNTING	Fall Turkey: (Select Counties)	Oct. 8, 2022	Nov. 13, 2022	14
	Youth Spring Turkey	April 15, 2023	April 16, 2023	14
	Spring Turkey: South Zone (except for Lake La Su An)	April 22, 2023	May 21, 2023	14
	Spring Turkey: Northeast Zone	April 29, 2023	May 28, 2023	14

Small Game & Furbearer HUNTING	American Crow (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only)	June 3, 2022 June 2, 2023	March 5, 2023 March 3, 2024	24
	Squirrel (red, gray, and fox)	Sept. 1, 2022	Jan. 31, 2023	24
	Ruffed Grouse (public land)	Oct. 8, 2022	Nov. 27, 2022	24
	Ruffed Grouse (private land)	Oct. 8, 2022	Jan. 1, 2023	24
	Cottontail Rabbit	Nov. 4, 2022	Feb. 28, 2023	24
	Ring-necked Pheasant	Nov. 4, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	24
	Bobwhite Quail (Select Counties and Wildlife Areas)	Nov. 4, 2022	Nov. 27, 2022	24
	Fox (red and gray), Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, and Weasel	Nov. 10, 2022	Jan. 31, 2023	24
	Coyote	No closed season		24
	Feral Swine (wild boar)	No closed season		24
	Groundhog	No closed season		24
	Youth Small Game	Oct. 22, 2022 Oct. 29, 2022	Oct. 23, 2022 Oct. 30, 2022	24

Furbearer TRAPPING	Fox (red and gray), Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, and Weasel	Nov. 10, 2022	Jan. 31, 2023	29
	Mink, Muskrat	Nov. 10, 2022	Feb. 28, 2023	29
	Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel: (Select Counties)	Nov. 10, 2022	March 15, 2023	29
	Beaver	Dec. 26, 2022	Feb. 28, 2023	29
	River Otter	Dec. 26, 2022	Feb. 28, 2023	29

The Division of Wildlife is funded primarily by the sale of hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and federal aid from an excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment. Money generated allows the Division of Wildlife to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all.

SEASONS & DATES

SEASON		OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	PAGE
Early Waterfowl HUNTING	Canada Geese	Sept. 3, 2022	Sept. 11, 2022	18
	Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged, and Cinnamon)	Sept. 3, 2022	Sept. 18, 2022	18
Youth Waterfowl HUNTING	Hunters 17 years old or younger	Oct. 1, 2022	Oct. 2, 2022	19
Military Waterfowl HUNTING	Active duty military and veterans	Oct. 1, 2022	Oct. 2, 2022	19
Lake Erie Marsh Zone Waterfowl HUNTING	Geese (Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross's), Brant	Oct. 15, 2022 Nov. 5, 2022 Jan. 1, 2023	Oct. 30, 2022 Dec. 18, 2022 Feb. 5, 2023	19
	Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers	Oct. 15, 2022 Nov. 5, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022 Dec. 18, 2022	19
North Zone Waterfowl HUNTING	Geese (Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross's), Brant	Oct. 22, 2022 Nov. 12, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022 Feb. 6, 2023	19
	Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers	Oct. 22, 2022 Nov. 12, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022 Jan. 1, 2023	19
South Zone Waterfowl HUNTING	Geese (Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross's), Brant	Oct. 22, 2022 Nov. 19, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022 Feb. 13, 2023	19
	Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers	Oct. 22, 2022 Dec. 10, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022 Jan. 29, 2023	19
Migratory Bird HUNTING	Dove (Mourning and Eurasian-collared)	Sept. 1, 2022 Dec. 10, 2022	Nov. 6, 2022 Jan. 1, 2023	18
	Rail (Virginia, Sora)	Sept. 1, 2022	Nov. 9, 2022	18
	Common Gallinule	Sept. 1, 2022	Nov. 9, 2022	18
	Wilson's Snipe	Sept. 1, 2022 Dec. 10, 2022	Nov. 23, 2022 Jan. 1, 2023	18
	American Woodcock	Oct. 8, 2022	Nov. 21, 2022	18

HUNTER ORANGE REQUIRED



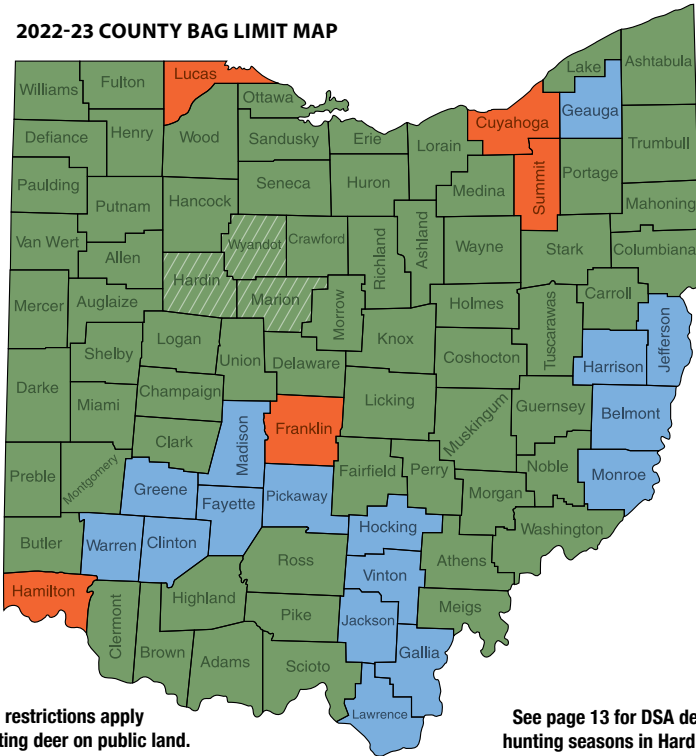
Hunting any wild animal (except waterfowl) from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset during the **youth deer gun season, deer gun seasons, and the deer muzzleloader season** is unlawful unless the hunter is visibly wearing a vest, coat, jacket, or coveralls that are either solid hunter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

This requirement applies statewide on both public and private land.

2022-23 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTING

SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	BAG LIMIT
Archery	Sept. 24, 2022	Feb. 5, 2023	Only one may be antlered.
Youth Gun	Nov. 19, 2022	Nov. 20, 2022	
Gun	Nov. 28, 2022	Dec. 4, 2022	You may not exceed an individual county bag limit.
	Dec. 17, 2022	Dec. 18, 2022	
Muzzleloader	Jan. 7, 2023	Jan. 10, 2023	The statewide bag limit is six deer.

2022-23 COUNTY BAG LIMIT MAP



Additional restrictions apply when hunting deer on public land. See page 7 for more information.

See page 13 for DSA deer hunting seasons in Hardin, Marion and Wyandot counties.



TWO DEER COUNTY	A hunter may harvest no more than two deer in a two-deer county during the 2022-23 season. A hunter may use two either-sex permits, two deer management permits, or one of each.
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THREE DEER COUNTY	A hunter may harvest no more than three deer in a three-deer county during the 2022-23 season. A hunter may use three either-sex permits, three deer management permits, or any combination.
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FOUR DEER COUNTY	A hunter may harvest no more than four deer in a four-deer county during the 2022-23 season. A hunter may use four either-sex permits, four deer management permits, or any combination.
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DEER HUNTING HOURS

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

DEER 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.

DEER BAG LIMITS

A hunter may kill no more than one antlered deer during the 2022-23 season regardless of where or how it is taken. An antlered deer has at least one antler 3 inches or longer in length.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS

In addition to your valid Ohio hunting license, you must purchase an either-sex deer permit or a deer management permit to hunt deer in Ohio, unless exempted.

- The either-sex deer permit is valid from Sept. 10, 2022 to Feb. 5, 2023.
- The deer management permit is valid from Sept. 10 to Nov. 27, 2022.

EITHER-SEX DEER PERMIT

The either-sex deer permit is good for an antlered or antlerless deer and is valid statewide. 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. No more than one deer may be antlered during the 2022-23 season.

DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT

Deer management permits may be used to take antlerless deer. The permits are valid on **private land statewide** from Sept. 10 to Nov. 27, 2022. Deer management permits are not valid on public lands, except Andreoff, Big Island, Killdeer Plains, Lake La Su An, and Wyandot wildlife areas, and authorized controlled hunts.

Hunters are not required to buy an either-sex deer permit before purchasing a deer management permit.

DEER HUNTING ON PUBLIC LAND

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, Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area in Wyandot County, and Lake La Su An Wildlife Area in Williams County, are exempt.

CONTROLLED DEER HUNTS

The Division of Wildlife conducts controlled hunts on areas not normally open to hunting. For information about controlled hunts, visit wildohio.gov, go to the HuntFish OH app, or call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543). A deer harvested during a controlled hunt does not count toward a county and statewide bag limit.

Permits are selected by computer generated random drawings. The application period is July 1 through July 31 annually. Hunters may apply at wildohio.gov, on the HuntFish OH app, or by calling 1-866-703-1928 with a convenience fee.

Deer management permits may 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 deer management permits may be used.



HUNTING OTHER GAME DURING DEER SEASONS

YOUTH DEER GUN SEASONS

NOVEMBER 19-20, 2022

AND DEER GUN SEASONS

DSA ONLY: OCTOBER 8-10, 2022
NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4, 2022
DECEMBER 17-18, 2022

All persons (except waterfowl hunters) hunting during the youth deer gun season and gun seasons are required to wear hunter orange. This includes archery hunters.

A HUNTER MAY:

1. Hunt legal game and furbearers, including coyote and feral swine (wild boar).
2. Hunt other legal game with a shotgun using shot No. 4 or smaller.
3. Hunt waterfowl with any size shot.
4. Hunt furbearers, except coyote and feral swine (wild boar), from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.
5. Hunt with archery equipment.

A HUNTER MAY NOT:

1. Possess or use slugs and rifle ammunition, unless the hunter is pursuing deer.
2. Hunt deer, coyote, or feral swine (wild boar) between 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.

DEER MUZZLELOADER SEASON

JANUARY 7-10, 2023

All persons (except waterfowl hunters) hunting during the deer muzzleloader season are required to wear hunter orange. This includes archery hunters.

A HUNTER MAY:

1. Hunt with a legal muzzleloader or archery equipment. Hunters must possess a valid hunting license and a valid deer permit.
2. Hunt other legal game with a shotgun using shot No. 4 or smaller.
3. Hunt waterfowl with any size shot.
4. Hunt furbearers, except coyote and feral swine, from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise if the season is open.

A HUNTER MAY NOT:

1. Hunt with anything other than a .38 caliber muzzleloading rifle or larger, or archery equipment.
2. Possess shotgun slugs or rifle cartridges while hunting.
3. Hunt deer, coyote, or feral swine (wild boar) from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.

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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.



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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: deboned 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 Cervidae 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 cervidae 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.

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



Cartridge with Shoulder



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

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 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 39)

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. 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.
4. Hunt deer over bait, except on public land and in the Disease Surveillance Area. Restrictions apply, see pages 12 13, 40, and 44.
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. Hunt coyote and feral swine (wild boar) during the deer gun season, the youth deer gun season, and the deer muzzleloader season with a hunting license and a valid deer permit, using firearms legal for deer hunting while visibly wearing a vest, coat, jacket, or coveralls colored solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange. See page 8.
9. Deer 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 wearing hunter orange (See Youth Deer Gun Season, page 26).
10. A person legally allowed to possess a concealed handgun may carry a concealed handgun 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 (barrel length, caliber, season, etc.). If a person chooses to hunt with a concealed handgun that meets all requirements, they may not carry an additional hunting implement.
11. Deer archery hunt during all deer gun seasons. Archery hunters must comply with the hunter orange requirement and follow all regulations specific to the deer gun season.



A DEER HUNTER MAY NOT DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Hunt or pursue deer with a shotgun or specific straight-walled cartridge rifle loaded with more than three shells in the chamber and magazine combined.
2. Hunt with any rifle or possess rifle ammunition during the deer muzzleloader season, other than a muzzleloading rifle .38 caliber or larger.
3. Hunt or take a deer with a gun or possess a loaded firearm while going to and from deer hunting during the deer gun seasons, the youth deer gun season, and the deer muzzleloader season 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. Carry a firearm while deer hunting with a longbow or crossbow. Except as noted in No. 10 under A Deer Hunter May Do the Following.
7. 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.
8. Use dogs to hunt deer. Leashed dogs may be used to track wounded deer.
9. Possess shotshells containing shot during any deer gun season. Deer hunters may not possess shotshells.
10. Hunt coyote or feral swine (wild boar) between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise during the deer gun seasons, the youth deer gun season, and the deer muzzleloader season.
11. Pursue wounded deer or other wild animals or recover dead deer or other wild animals from private property without the written permission of the landowner.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. It is illegal to submit a game check under the account of anyone other than the hunter who harvested the animal.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

KNOW THE FACTS

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease of white-tailed deer. There is no strong evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans. The first confirmed case of CWD in Ohio was at a hunting preserve in Holmes County in 2014. Since then, 25 deer, from four captive facilities in Holmes and Wayne counties have tested positive for CWD.

In December of 2020, Ohio confirmed its first CWD-positive wild deer in Wyandot County, a mature buck that was taken to a local taxidermist as part of routine CWD surveillance. In January of 2021, a positive yearling doe was harvested during a controlled hunt on the Killdeer Plains Refuge. Eight hunter-harvested deer tested positive during the 2021-22 deer season in southern Wyandot and northern Marion counties and one additional positive deer was removed through targeted shooting in March 2022. To monitor prevalence and implement regulations to slow the spread of the disease, a Disease Surveillance Area (DSA) was established in June 2021 and has been expanded in 2022 to include all of Wyandot, Hardin, and Marion counties.

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 9).
- 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), 2021-01, which includes all of Hardin, Marion, and Wyandot counties.

DSA RULES INCLUDE:

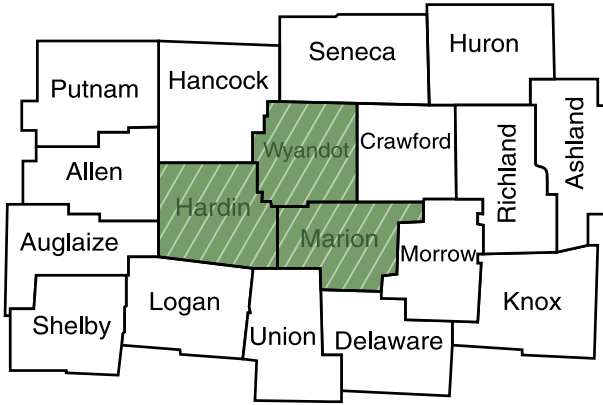
- The placement of or use of bait (salt, minerals, or any food) to attract or feed deer within the Disease Surveillance Area (DSA) boundaries is prohibited, as is the hunting of deer by the aid of bait.
- Normal agricultural activities, including feeding domestic animals, as well as hunting deer over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

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 lose body condition and 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 may have a harvested deer tested at the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. Call (614) 728-6220 for more information.



DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AREA (DSA) COUNTIES: HARDIN, WYANDOT, AND MARION



SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	SCAN THE QR CODE TO STAY UP TO DATE
DSA Archery	Sept. 10, 2022	Feb. 5, 2023	
DSA Early Gun	Oct. 8, 2022	Oct. 10, 2022	
DSA Youth Gun	Nov. 19, 2022	Nov. 20, 2022	
DSA Gun	Nov. 28, 2022	Dec. 4, 2022	
DSA Bonus Gun	Dec. 17, 2022	Dec. 18, 2022	
DSA Muzzleloader	Jan. 7, 2023	Jan. 10, 2023	

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 Nov. 5-6, and 12-13 as well as the entire seven-day gun season. Staffed sampling locations will be available during mandatory sampling dates at the addresses below.

Hunters can utilize self-serve kiosks to drop their deer off for testing throughout the entire deer season (Sept. 10 - Feb. 5). Participation is voluntary outside of the 14 mandatory days noted above. Kiosk locations 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
Fairgrounds
10191 OH 53
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

RURAL KING
233 American Blvd
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HARDIN COUNTY
Fairgrounds
14134 County Road 140
Kenton, OH 43326

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6950 Township Road 55
Ada, OH 45810

2022-23 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS

WILD TURKEY HUNTING

SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	BAG LIMIT
Fall Wild Turkey: Select Counties	Oct. 8, 2022	Nov. 13, 2022	1 (either sex)
Youth Spring Wild Turkey	April 15, 2023	April 16, 2023	1 bearded turkey
Spring Wild Turkey: South Zone (except for Lake La Su An Wildlife Area)	April 22, 2023	May 21, 2023	
Spring Wild Turkey: Northeast Zone	April 29, 2023	May 28, 2023	

The spring 2023 wild turkey hunting season opens on a Saturday in both zones

WILD TURKEY 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.
- The bag limit for the 2022 fall season is one wild turkey of either sex.

FALL AND SPRING 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 39.

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.

TURKEY TAGGING AND CHECKING

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



YOUTH WILD TURKEY SEASON

- A valid hunting license and wild turkey permit are required, unless exempted.
- Special youth wild turkey hunts are held on selected areas. See Youth Hunting on pages 26-27 for details.
- Hunting hours for youth turkey season are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

FALL WILD TURKEY SEASON

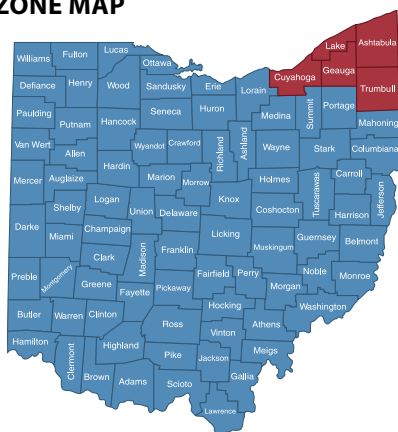
- A valid Ohio hunting license and fall turkey permit are required, unless exempted.
- A wild turkey of either sex may be hunted during the fall season. The bag limit is **one turkey**.
- Fall wild turkey hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.
- A harvested wild turkey must be checked by 11:30 p.m. on the day of kill.
- It is legal to use dogs to assist in taking wild turkeys during the fall season only.

2022 FALL WILD TURKEY OPEN COUNTIES MAP



Counties open for fall hunting

2023 SPRING WILD TURKEY ZONE MAP



South Zone

Northeast Zone

SPRING WILD TURKEY SEASON

- The bag limit for the 2023 spring season is one bearded wild turkey.
- A valid Ohio hunting license and spring turkey permit are required, unless exempted.
- 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 22 - 30, 2023 are 30 minutes before sunrise to noon.
- **South Zone** wild turkey hunting hours from May 1 - May 21, 2023 are 30 min-

utes before sunrise to sunset.

- **Northeast Zone** wild turkey hunting hours from April 29 - May 7, 2023 are 30 minutes before sunrise to noon.
- **Northeast Zone** wild turkey hunting hours from May 8 - May 28, 2023 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.
- A harvested wild turkey must be checked by 11:30 p.m. on the day of kill.
- It is legal to use a leashed dog to recover wounded wild turkeys in the spring turkey 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.

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 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.

COMPLETE GAME CHECK

Hunters may check game and receive a confirmation code in one of these ways:

- Call 1-877-TAG-IT-OH (1-877-824-4864).
- Visit ohiogamecheck.com, then select COMPLETE GAME CHECK.

■ Exempt landowners call 1-866-703-1928 for operator-assisted landowner game check. Fees apply.

■ Complete game check through the Division of Wildlife's mobile application, HuntFish OH.

■ Visit any authorized license sales agent. A list of sales agents may be found at wildohio.gov. Hunters do not need to take their deer or turkey to the agent for the game check. Be sure to bring the permit number to the license agent. Authorized license sales agents will be available for game check during normal business hours.

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 butchering or processing the carcass. This does not include field dressing.

Roosevelt Game Preserve

OHIO'S FIRST WILDLIFE AREA

Roosevelt Game Preserve, now part of Shawnee State Forest, was dedicated in December 1922 by Governor Harry L. Davis. The area's 20,000 acres were owned and managed by the Division of Fish and Game, the predecessor to the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Most of the land was purchased using funds generated from hunting license sales, with 5,000 acres purchased by the state agricultural extension division.

This land was very different from today's wildlife areas. Current management focuses on creating and maintaining healthy wildlife habitat and supporting sustainable wildlife populations. At the original preserve, the area was fenced in to serve as a propagation unit for wildlife. Visitors could explore the area and view the animals that were held there. Many people came to picnic, swim, and even ride horses on trails cut through the

forest. Some areas of the preserve more closely resembled a zoo than a modern-day wildlife area.

As a propagation area, Roosevelt Game Preserve served as a space to raise wildlife species, which were suffering from low or nonexistent population numbers in the state, and research their behaviors. When the preserve was dedicated, it held about 2,000 ring-necked pheasants and several hundred wild turkeys. Nearly extirpated from Ohio, wild raccoons and black bears were bred at the preserve to be released into the wild. At one time, the Secretary of State for President Theodore Roosevelt came to visit twin bear cubs that were born at the preserve.

Another species harbored at Roosevelt Game Preserve was the white-tailed deer. By 1904, wild deer had disappeared from the Buckeye state because of habitat loss and unregulated hunting. In the 1920s, efforts began to restore deer to Ohio through a restocking program. Deer were brought to the preserve and placed in an 800-acre corral where they were kept for several years to reproduce before being released in 1930. This restocking effort, accompanied with immigrating deer from neighboring states, proved successful. By 1943, the population was sustainable enough to hold Ohio's first deer season in Adams, Pike, and Scioto counties. That year, 168 bucks were taken. Today's deer population is robust and strong, and 196,988 deer were harvested during the 2021-22 hunting season.

In 1951, Roosevelt Game Preserve became part of Shawnee State Park & Forest, and continues to boast the successful conservation of our natural resources. Although the management and mission of the area has changed, it remains an important piece of public land.



2022-23 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS
**WATERFOWL & MIGRATORY
 BIRD HUNTING**

SEASONS	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	DAILY LIMIT
Dove (Mourning and Eurasian-collared)	Sept. 1, 2022	Nov. 6, 2022	15
	Dec. 10, 2022	Jan. 1, 2023	
EARLY: Canada Goose	Sept. 3, 2022	Sept. 11, 2022	5
EARLY: Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged, & Cinnamon)	Sept. 3, 2022	Sept. 18, 2022	6
Rail (Virginia, Sora)	Sept. 1, 2022	Nov. 9, 2022	25
Gallinules	Sept. 1, 2022	Nov. 9, 2022	15
Wilson's Snipe	Sept. 1, 2022	Nov. 23, 2022	8
	Dec. 10, 2022	Jan. 1, 2023	
American Woodcock	Oct. 8, 2022	Nov. 21, 2022	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) is required of all persons age 16 and older.

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.

WATERFOWL SEASONS	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	DAILY LIMIT
Youth Waterfowl Season	Oct. 1, 2022	Oct. 2, 2022	Same as the regular season
Military Waterfowl Season	Oct. 1, 2022	Oct. 2, 2022	Same as the regular season
LAKE ERIE MARSH ZONE: Geese	Oct. 15, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022	GEESE 5 combined: Canada goose, white-fronted goose, and no more than 1 brant. 10 combined: snow goose, blue goose, Ross's goose.
	Nov. 5, 2022	Dec. 18, 2022	
	Jan. 1, 2023	Feb. 5, 2023	
LAKE ERIE MARSH ZONE: Ducks, Coots, & Mergansers	Oct. 15, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022	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.
	Nov. 5, 2022	Dec. 18, 2022	
NORTH ZONE: Geese	Oct. 22, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022	
	Nov. 12, 2022	Feb. 6, 2023	
NORTH ZONE: Ducks, Coots, & Mergansers	Oct. 22, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022	
	Nov. 12, 2022	Jan. 1, 2023	
SOUTH ZONE: Geese	Oct. 22, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022	
	Nov. 19, 2022	Feb. 13, 2023	
SOUTH ZONE: Ducks, Coots, & Mergansers	Oct. 22, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022	MERGANSERS & COOTS 5 mergansers (only 2 hooded), and 15 coots.
	Dec. 10, 2022	Jan. 29, 2023	

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

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.

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 or 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.
- If you bought an E-Stamp, you must carry your 45-day receipt with you at all

times while hunting. Once the receipt has expired, you must carry your current, signed Federal Duck Stamp. If you purchased your E-Stamp at a retail store, you must carry the E-Stamp/45-day receipt. Your purchase/credit card receipt from the store is not valid as a Duck Stamp.

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.

The E-Stamp available through duckstamp.com is valid immediately for up to 45 days with the receipt of the e-stamp purchase.

MILITARY WATERFOWL HUNTING

Active duty military and veterans may hunt waterfowl on Oct. 1 and 2, 2022. 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. See page 44 for definitions.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING

Hunters 17 years old or younger may hunt waterfowl during the youth waterfowl weekend. See Youth Hunting on pages 26-27 for details.

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.

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.

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.

CONTROLLED DOVE HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

The Division of Wildlife conducts controlled dove hunts in Wildlife Districts one and five. Visit wildohio.gov or call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) for more information.

The application period is July 1 through July 31, annually, for some hunts. Hunters may apply online at wildohio.gov or by calling 1-866-703-1928 with a convenience fee.

CONTROLLED WATERFOWL HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

The Division of Wildlife conducts controlled waterfowl hunts on many areas not normally open to hunting. Find a complete list of controlled hunts at wildohio.gov.

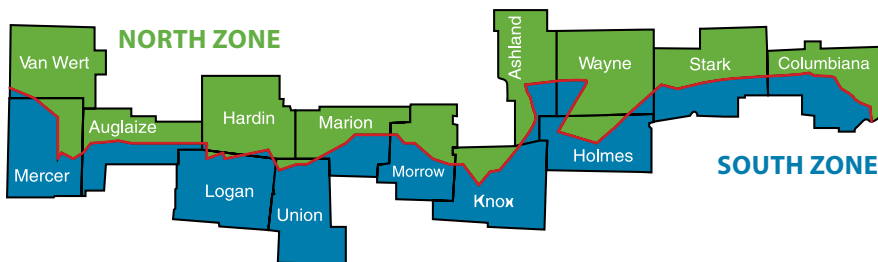
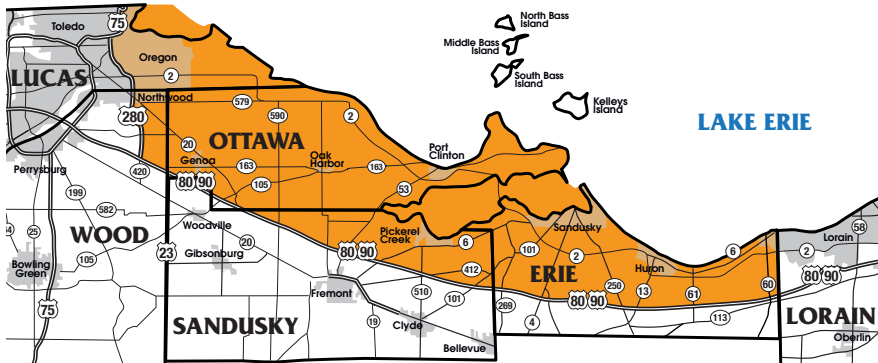
Permits are selected by computer generated random drawings. The application period is July 1 through July 31, annually. Hunters may apply at wildohio.gov, through the HuntFish OH app, or by calling 1-866-703-1928 with a convenience fee.

2022-23 WATERFOWL HUNTING ZONES MAP



Lake Erie Marsh Zone
 North Zone South Zone

LAKE ERIE MARSH ZONE



LAKE ERIE MARSH ZONE

The Lake Erie Marsh Zone begins at the intersection of Interstate 75 at the Ohio-Michigan state line and continues south to Interstate 280, then south on I-280 to the Ohio Turnpike (I-80/I-90), then east on the Ohio Turnpike to the Erie-Lorain county line, then north to Lake Erie. The zone boundary follows the Lake Erie shoreline at a distance of 200 yards offshore. The zone boundary follows the shoreline west toward and around the northern tip of Cedar Point Amusement Park, then continues from the westernmost point of Cedar Point toward the southernmost tip of the sand bar at the mouth of Sandusky Bay and out into Lake Erie at a distance of 200 yards offshore, continuing parallel to the Lake Erie shoreline north and west toward the northernmost tip of Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge, then follows a direct line toward the southernmost tip of Wood Tick Peninsula in Michigan to a point that intersects the Ohio-Michigan state line, then follows the state line back to the point of the beginning. Muddy Creek Bay is a no-hunting area (signs are posted).

NORTH ZONE

From the Lake Erie Marsh Zone down to the line extending east from the Indiana state line along U.S. Highway 33 to State Route 127, south along SR 127 to SR 703, south along SR 703, including all lands within the Mercer Wildlife Area, to SR 219, east along SR 219 to SR 364, north along SR 364, including all lands within the St. Marys Fish Hatchery, to SR 703, east along SR 703 to SR 66, north along SR 66 to U.S. 33, east along U.S. 33 to SR 385, east along SR 385 to SR 117, south along SR 117 to SR 273, east along SR 273 to SR 31, south along SR 31 to SR 739, east along SR 739 to SR 4, north along SR 4 to SR 95, east along SR 95 to SR 13, southeast along SR 13 to SR 3, north-east along SR 3 to SR 60, north along SR 60 to U.S. 30, east along U.S. 30 to SR 3, south along SR 3 to SR 226, south along SR 226 to SR 514, southwest along SR 514 to SR 754, south along SR 754 to SR 39/60, east along SR 39/60 U.S. to SR 241, north along SR 241 to U.S. 30, east along U.S. 30 to SR 39, east along SR 39 to the Pennsylvania state line.

SOUTH ZONE

Remainder of the state.

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. 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;
7. 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;
8. By the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area.



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LEGAL WATERFOWL & MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING EQUIPMENT

SEASON	EQUIPMENT
<p>WATERFOWL AND MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING</p>	<p>Shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller shotgun using nontoxic shot, includes muzzleloading 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.</p> <p>Only nontoxic shot may be used to take waterfowl, rail, snipe, and common gallinule. Dove and woodcock may be taken with lead shot.</p> <p>Longbow: This includes compound bows and recurve bows.</p>

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.

It is legal to take migratory game birds, except waterfowl and coots, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

BAITING - means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

BAITED AREA - means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are

attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for 10 days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT - means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination (aggregate) of species permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season in any one specified geographic area for which a daily bag limit is prescribed.

AGGREGATE DAILY BAG LIMIT - means the maximum number of migratory game birds permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season when such person hunts in more than one specified geographic area and/or for more than one species for which a combined daily bag limit is prescribed. The aggregate daily bag limit is equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest daily bag limit prescribed for any one species or for any one specified geographic area in which taking occurs.

POSSESSION LIMIT - means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or a combination of species permitted to be possessed by any one person when lawfully taken in the United States in any one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed.

AGGREGATE POSSESSION LIMIT - means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination of species taken in the United States permitted to be possessed by any one person when taking and possession occurs in more than one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed. The aggregate possession limit is equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the species or specified geographic areas in which taking and possession occurs.

SMALL GAME & FURBEARER HUNTING

SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	DAILY LIMIT
Squirrel (red, gray, fox)	Sept. 1, 2022	Jan. 31, 2023	6
Ruffed Grouse (public hunting lands)	Oct. 8, 2022	Nov. 27, 2022	1
Ruffed Grouse (private land)	Oct. 8, 2022	Jan. 1, 2023	1
Cottontail Rabbit	Nov. 4, 2022	Feb. 28, 2023	4
Ring-necked Pheasant	Nov. 4, 2022	Jan. 8, 2023	2 (males only)
Bobwhite Quail: Select Counties and Wildlife Areas	Nov. 4, 2022	Nov. 27, 2022	2
Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Weasel	Nov. 10, 2022	Jan. 31, 2023	No Limit
Crow: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday Only	June 3, 2022 June 2, 2023	March 5, 2023 March 3, 2024	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. 22, 2022 Oct. 29, 2022	Oct. 23, 2022 Oct. 30, 2022	Same as the regular season

SQUIRREL HUNTING

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



photo by Larry Imhoff

GROUSE HUNTING

Hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. Hunting dates vary for private land and public hunting land. The daily bag limit is 1 statewide.

RABBIT HUNTING

Hours are sunrise to sunset. Snowshoe hares are a protected species and not legal game.

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. 22 and Oct. 29. Youth release sites are listed on page 26. Additional releases will occur for Nov. 4, Nov. 11, and Nov. 24.

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

QUAIL HUNTING

Hours are sunrise to sunset on private land in open counties, Tri-Valley Wildlife Area, and Crown City Wildlife Area (Crown City offers controlled hunts only). Quail hunting is closed on all other public hunting areas.

2022 BOBWHITE QUAIL OPEN COUNTIES MAP



Counties open for quail hunting on private land only



BOBWHITE QUAIL

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.

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.

You must possess a valid hunting license to hunt feral swine. 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 feral swine hunting; however, rifles and night hunting between 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise are prohibited during any deer gun and deer muzzleloader seasons.

It is illegal to transport a trapped feral swine in Ohio. It is legal to live trap feral swine at any time, provided the feral swine are immediately euthanized at the trap location. It is illegal to use a foothold trap or snare for feral swine.

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; however, rifles and night hunting between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise are prohibited during any deer gun and deer muzzleloader seasons.

LEGAL SMALL GAME & FURBEARER HUNTING EQUIPMENT

SEASON	EQUIPMENT
SQUIRREL, GROUSE, RABBIT, PHEASANT, CHUKAR, QUAIL, FOX, RACCOON, SKUNK, OPOSSUM, WEASEL, CROW, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, GROUNDHOG	Longbow or Bow: This includes compound bows and recurve bows.
	Crossbow
	Handgun: Any caliber.
	Rifle: Any caliber.
	Shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller.
	Airgun

YOUTH HUNTING

SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
Youth Small Game Season	October 22, 2022	October 23, 2022
	October 29, 2022	October 30, 2022
Youth Deer Gun Season	November 19, 2022	November 20, 2022
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Season	April 15, 2023	April 16, 2023
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunts: Specific Areas Only	April 22, 2023	May 21, 2023
	April 29, 2023	May 28, 2023
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season	October 1, 2022	October 2, 2022
Youth Waterfowl Opening Day Hunts	Selected areas only on waterfowl opening day	
Youth Controlled Deer Hunts: Application Only	The application period for these hunts is July 1 through July 31, annually	
Youth Controlled Waterfowl Hunts: Application Only		

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 nonhunting 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.

Accompany means to go along with another person while staying within a distance from the person that enables uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communications. Youth hunters must be accompanied at all times by a nonhunting adult. No more than two youths per adult.

YOUTH SMALL GAME SEASON

Youth hunting is open on the weekends of Oct. 22-23 and Oct. 29-30, 2022, for rabbit, pheasant, and all other legal game which is in season.

- Quail may be taken only in those counties and wildlife areas which are open to quail hunting, (see map, page 25).
- Pheasant releases will occur for youth hunts on the following wildlife areas: Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area, Berlin, Caesar Creek, Camp Belden, Darke, Delaware, Fallsville, Grand River, Killdeer Plains, Oxbow Lake, Resthaven, Ringneck Ridge Wildlife Area (by permit only, find additional information at sandusky-countyparks.com), Rush Run, Spencer, Spring Valley, Tiffin River, Tri-Valley, and Charlemont Metro Park (Lorain County). Daily bag limits are the same as during the regular hunting season.

YOUTH DEER GUN SEASON

The youth deer gun season is Nov. 19-20, 2022.

- 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 wear the required hunter orange clothing.

YOUTH CONTROLLED DEER HUNTS

The Division of Wildlife conducts controlled deer hunts for youth hunters. The application period for these hunts is July 1 through July 31, annually. Hunters may apply online at wildohio.gov, through the HuntFish OH app, or by calling 1-866-703-1928 with a convenience fee.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING

Hunters 17 years old or younger may hunt waterfowl statewide (on public and private lands) on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1-2, 2022. Ducks, geese, and coots may be taken under bag limits established for the regular season. Hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

Youth hunters (17 years old or younger) may apply for controlled youth waterfowl hunts. Go to wildohio.gov, the HuntFish OH app, or call your nearest district office for youth waterfowl hunting opportunities.

- This application period is July 1 through July 31, annually. Hunters may apply at wildohio.gov, or by calling 1-800-703-1928 with a convenience fee.

YOUTH SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING

The Division of Wildlife conducts controlled turkey hunts on many areas not normally open to hunting. Find a complete list of controlled hunts at wildohio.gov. Permits are selected by computer gener-

ated random drawings. The application period is March 1 through March 31, annually. Hunter may apply at wildohio.gov, through the HuntFish OH app, or by calling 1-866-703-1928 with a convenience fee.

Special youth wild turkey hunts will be held at Lake La Su An, Killbuck Marsh, and Mosquito Creek wildlife areas during the regular spring wild turkey season. Any person interested in participating in these hunts should contact the contact the Division of Wildlife at: 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) during March 2023. Please note that you must possess a controlled hunting permit acquired during the March drawing to hunt at any of these special youth wild turkey hunts.

When participating in the special youth or regular spring wild turkey season the following requirements must be met:

- All rules and regulations for spring wild turkey season apply during the youth season.
- Hunting hours for youth turkey season are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.



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2022-23 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS

FURBEARER TRAPPING

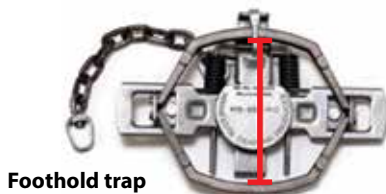
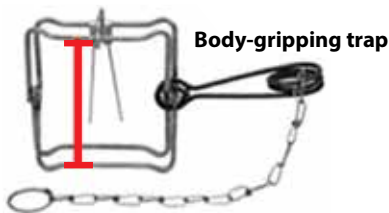
SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	BAG LIMIT
Fox, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel	Nov. 10, 2022	Jan. 31, 2023	No limit
Mink, Muskrat	Nov. 10, 2022	Feb. 28, 2023	No limit
Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel: Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky, & Lucas counties east of Maumee River	Nov. 10, 2022	March 15, 2023	No limit
Beaver	Dec. 26, 2022	Feb. 28, 2023	No limit
River Otter	Dec. 26, 2022	Feb. 28, 2023	See page 30

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 8-1/4 inches.
- Deadfalls are illegal.
- Foothold traps set on land may not have an inside jaw spread greater than 5-3/8 inches, except foothold traps greater than 5-3/8 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



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 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, consult the river otter trapping regulations pamphlet for locations), or at a district office during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). 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.



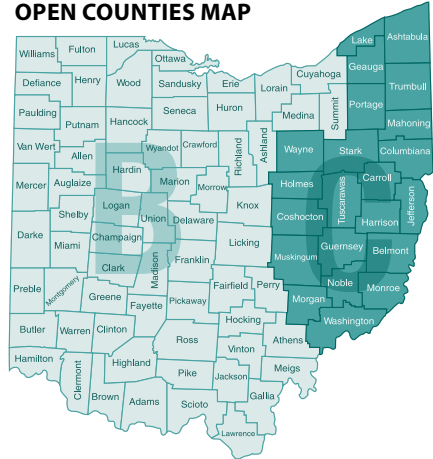
AMERICAN BEAVER

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.

The Division of Wildlife offers controlled trapping permits for beaver and river otter on some managed areas. **Beaver and river otter trapping permits on managed areas will be issued via an in-person lottery on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022.** Visit wildohio.gov or call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) for more information about the lottery. Snares may be utilized for beaver or river otter on managed areas, but must have a minimum loop diameter of 10 inches and the bottom of the snare must be covered by at least 1 inch of water at all times.

2022-23 RIVER OTTER TRAPPING OPEN COUNTIES MAP



OTTER TRAPPING TOTAL SEASON BAG LIMIT – 3

ZONE B – 1

ZONE C – 3

RIVER OTTER BAG LIMITS

No more than one river otter may be taken by any trapper in Zone B. No more than three river otters may be taken by any trapper in Zone C. The total season bag limit is three.

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.

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.



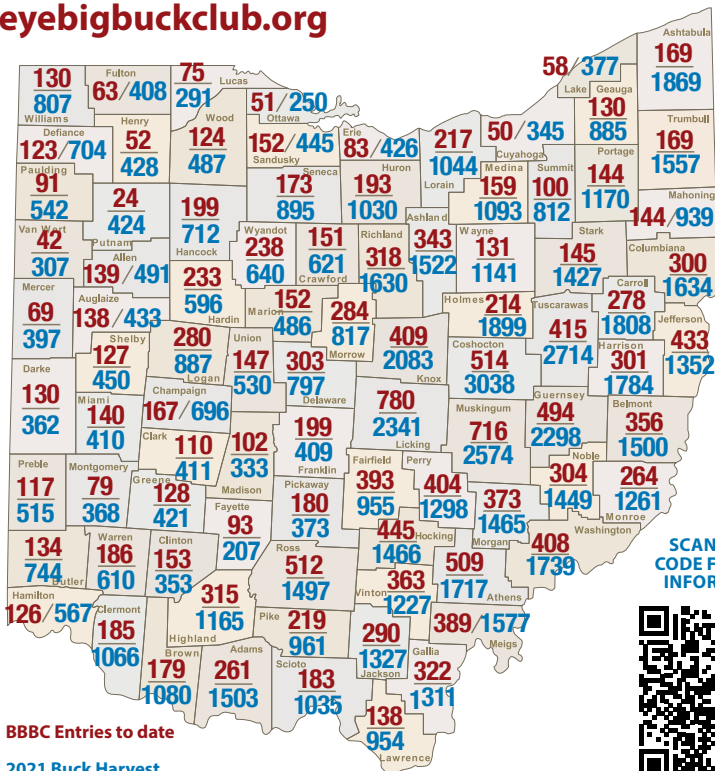
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Ohio's Buckeye Big Buck Club

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.

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2022-23 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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

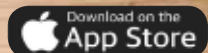
THE OHIO CONSERVATION CARD

The Ohio Conservation Card is provided with the purchase of a lifetime license 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.

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



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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	Annual Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$24.00
	One-Day Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$5.00
	Annual Permit & Hunting License Combo: Resident <small>Valid until Feb. 28, 2023</small>	\$29.12
	Annual Permit & Apprentice Hunting License Combo: Resident <small>Valid until Feb. 28, 2023</small>	\$29.12

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 he or she is 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 he or she is 21 years of age or older and has held a previous 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.

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.

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 the landowner, may hunt on that property without a license, either-sex deer permit, deer management permit, spring or fall turkey permit, Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp, or fur taker permit if the nonresident's home state allows residents of Ohio owning property in the nonresident's home state, and the spouse and children living with the Ohio property owner, to hunt without a license, deer permit, spring or fall turkey permit, wetlands habitat stamp, or fur taker permit.
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 or 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.

Ohio Landowner/Hunter ACCESS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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The Ohio Landowner/Hunter Access Partnership Program is a new way for Ohio hunters to get access to private properties. Public access will be granted through an online check-in system from September 1st to June 1st each year between the hours of 5:30am and 10:00pm. All hunting opportunities, except deer gun hunting and trapping, are permitted.



For more information visit
<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/hunting-resources/ohio-landowner-hunter-access> or scan the QR code.



PERMISSION FOR HUNTING OR TRAPPING ON PRIVATE LAND

Permission is hereby granted to the undersigned sportsperson 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.

You may make photocopies of this form and carry it with you.

HUNTING/TRAPPING PERMISSION

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

CHECK ONE:

DAILY

SEASONAL

Sportsperson's Signature

Today's Date

SPORTSPERSON'S ADDRESS: _____

SPORTSPERSON'S TELEPHONE No: (_____) _____

VEHICLE LICENSE No: _____ RESTRICTIONS: _____

MAKE & MODEL: _____

Landowner or Agent's Signature

2022-23 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS
GENERAL INFORMATION

- Game birds and game quadrupeds (except feral swine) may not be taken by trapping.
- Electronic callers may be used while hunting, except while hunting migratory game birds (waterfowl, rails, and shorebirds) and wild turkeys. It is lawful to use electronic callers for crow hunting.
- Spot lighting of wild animals from vehicles, including illuminating with headlights, is prohibited. Spot lighting 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.
- It is unlawful to possess a hunting device while training or working a dog pursuing coyotes from sunset to sunrise.
- 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. Aircraft or drones are prohibited in hunting or the aid of hunting for all game.
- 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 shoot from, on, across, or along a public road, highway, road berm, shoulder, or right-of-way.
- Hunting any wild animal (except waterfowl) from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset during the

youth deer gun season, deer gun season, 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.

- Longbows and crossbows may be used to take legal game. Longbow hunters may use a hand-held mechanical release or a mechanical device with a working safety. Crossbows may be cocked with a device, but it must have a working safety.
- 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.

CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE

A person legally allowed to possess a concealed handgun may carry a concealed handgun 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 (barrel length, caliber, season, etc.).

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.



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.

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 the Wayne National Forest and other 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

Portions of Deer Creek, Killdeer Plains, Resthaven, 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 an all-purpose vehicle 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.

It is unlawful to hunt with or possess any shot except nontoxic shot at Metzger Marsh, Mallard Club, Pipe Creek, Magee Marsh, Toussaint, and Little Portage wildlife areas.

All hunting and trapping on Andreoff Wildlife Area (West of CR 215), Eagle Creek Wildlife Area, Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, and Urbana Wildlife Area is by permit only.

It is illegal to sit, stand, or otherwise be in contact with oil or gas production or transmission wells, pumps, tanks, pipes, and other equipment.

Camping is prohibited on state wildlife areas, except within posted designated camping areas at Appalachian Hills, Tri-Valley, and Woodbury wildlife areas. primitive campgrounds located on Crown City and Woodbury wildlife areas. All campers must possess a valid hunting license, fishing license, or fur taker permit. Call 1-800-WILD-LIFE (1-800-945-3543) for more information.

It is unlawful to use a rifle, pistol, revolver, or a shotgun using slugs at any time on Greenfield Dam, Auburn Marsh and Grant Lake wildlife areas. Deer and wild turkey hunting at Greenfield Dam, Auburn Marsh, and Grant Lake wildlife areas is lawful using archery equipment only.

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.

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

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, and on page 38 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 38) 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.

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.

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.



EASTERN COTTONTAIL



BOYKIN SPANIEL

photo by MATTHEW HICKS

GINSENG

No person may dig, harvest, or otherwise collect wild ginseng from its natural habitat except during the season of Sept. 1 through Dec. 31 of each year. Ginseng plants with unripened berries or which have less than three-leaf stems (prongs) may not be harvested. Seeds from wild ginseng plants need to be immediately replanted at the place where the plants were collected. Any person collecting ginseng is required to keep accurate records showing the number of pounds and ounces of ginseng, both green and/or dry weight, collected in each Ohio county by date of collection for two years. Dealers and buyers need to acquire a state dealer's registration permit each year prior to purchasing or otherwise acquiring Ohio ginseng. No person may harvest wild or cultivated ginseng from private or public property without first obtaining written permission from the landowner or their agent. Collection is prohibited on Ohio Department of Natural Resources property. For more information on ginseng harvest, contact the Division of Wildlife. Written permission is required to be carried when harvesting ginseng.

SHOOTING RANGES

Learn more about shooting ranges maintained by the Division of Wildlife at wildohio.gov.

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

CLASS A, B, AND C SHOOTING RANGES

All persons age 18 and older shooting on supervised Class A ranges, as well as unsupervised Class B and Class C ranges, must purchase a shooting range permit, available at all hunting and fishing license agents, the HuntFish OH app, and at wildohio.gov.

Note: Woodbury Wildlife Area Shooting Range will be closed to the public from September 12-23, 2022.

PUBLIC AREA	COUNTY	CLASS	CONTACT
ARCHERY RANGES			
Geneva State Park	Ashtabula	D	(440) 466-8400
St. Marys Fish Hatchery	Auglaize	D	(419) 394-5170
Barkcamp State Park	Belmont	D	(740) 484-4064
Hueston Woods State Park	Butler, Preble	D	(513) 523-6347
Beaver Creek State Park	Columbiana	D	(330) 385-3091
Punderson State Park	Geauga	D	(440) 564-2279
District Five Office	Greene	D	(937) 452-3529
Salt Fork State Park	Guernsey	D	(740) 439-3521
District Two Office	Hancock	D	(419) 424-5000
Fallsville Wildlife Area	Highland	D	(937) 987-2508
Paint Creek State Park	Highland, Ross	D	(937) 393-4284
Hocking Hills State Park	Hocking	D	(740) 385-6842
Cooper Hollow Wildlife Area	Jackson	D	(740) 682-7524
Lake Vesuvius/ Wayne National Forest	Lawrence	D	(740) 534-6500
Hebron Fish Hatchery	Licking	D	(740) 928-8092
Spencer Lake Wildlife Area	Medina	D	(330) 644-2293
Tri-Valley Wildlife Area	Muskingum	D	(740) 824-3211
East Harbor State Park	Ottawa	D	(419) 734-4424
Berlin Lake Wildlife Area	Portage	D	(330) 644-2293
Wingfoot Lake	Portage	D	(330) 962-2048
Shawnee State Park	Scioto	D	(740) 858-6652
Lake Hope State Park	Vinton	D	(740) 596-4938
Caesar Creek State Park	Warren	D	(513) 897-3055
Veto Lake	Washington	D	(740) 589-9930

Shooters age 17 and younger are not required to purchase a permit, but must be accompanied by and directly monitored by an adult (age 18 years or older) holding a valid shooting range permit. See page 35 for permit information.

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

All Class A ranges have handicap accessible parking, shooting benches, and restroom facilities. No range attendant or restroom facilities are provided at Class B and Class C shooting ranges.

CLASS D SHOOTING RANGES

Class D shooting ranges are offered free of charge. No range attendant or restroom facilities are provided at these ranges.

SUPERVISED HOURS OF OPERATION

Hours of operation vary. All Class A ranges are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. All Class A ranges are closed on the following dates: New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Contact the wildlife areas for detailed information.

PUBLIC AREA	COUNTY	CLASS	CONTACT
SHOTGUN and ARCHERY RANGES			
Indian Creek Wildlife Area	Brown	C, D	(937) 372-9261

SHOTGUN RANGES			
Oxbow Lake Wildlife Area	Defiance	C	(419) 424-5000
Resthaven Wildlife Area	Erie	C	(419) 547-6007
Salt Fork Wildlife Area	Guernsey	C	(740) 489-5021
Rush Run Wildlife Area	Preble	C	(937) 372-9261
Wyandot Wildlife Area	Wyandot	C	(419) 424-5000

PISTOL / SHOTGUN RANGES			
Zaleski State Forest	Vinton	O	(740) 596-5781

RIFLE / PISTOL and SHOTGUN RANGES			
Fernwood State Forest	Jefferson	C, O	(330) 339-2205
Grand River Wildlife Area	Trumbull	A, C	(330) 644-2293

RIFLE / PISTOL, SHOTGUN, and ARCHERY RANGES			
Woodbury Wildlife Area	Coshocton	A, C, D*	(740) 327-2109
Delaware Wildlife Area	Delaware	A, C, D	(740) 287-4950
Deer Creek Wildlife Area	Fayette	A, C, D	(740) 412-3420
Spring Valley Wildlife Area	Greene	A, C, D*	(937) 862-5162
Dillon Lake	Licking, Muskingum	O	(740) 452-3529
Wolf Creek Wildlife Area	Morgan	B, C, D	(740) 962-2048

RIFLE / PISTOL RANGES			
Harrison State Forest	Harrison	O	(614) 262-5671
Monroe Lake Wildlife Area	Monroe	B	(740) 489-5021
Tranquility Wildlife Area	Adams	B	(937) 372-9261

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

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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, other than active duty for training; Service as a cadet at the United States Military, Air Force, or Coast Guard Academy, or as a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy.

ARMED FORCES means the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, including the reserve components thereof.

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.

CLOSED SEASON means that period of time during which the taking of wild animals protected by Chapters 1531 and 1533 of the Ohio Revised Code is prohibited.

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.

FURBEARING ANIMALS include minks, weasels, raccoons, skunks, opossums, muskrats, foxes, beavers, badgers, otters, coyotes, bobcats, and fishers.

GAME BIRDS include ring-necked pheasants, bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, pinnated grouse, wild turkeys, Hungarian partridges, chukar partridges, woodcocks, crows, black-bellied plovers, golden plovers, Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe, greater and lesser yellowlegs, rails, coots, gallinules, ducks, geese, mourning doves, Eurasian collared-doves, mergansers, and brant.

GAME QUADRUPEDS include cottontail rabbits, chipmunks, elk, flying squirrels, gray squirrels, black squirrels, fox squirrels, red squirrels, groundhogs, white-tailed deer, feral swine (wild boar), black bears, and porcupines.

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.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS are waterfowl, rails, mourning doves, and shorebirds.

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.

NONGAME BIRDS include all other wild birds not included and defined as game birds.

PLUGGED SHOTGUN means a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells that is plugged with a one-piece filler which limits the capacity of the gun to three shells. The filler must be such that it cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.

PROTECTED SPECIES include yellowlegs, plovers, snowshoe hares, bears, badgers, bobcats, fishers, porcupines, flying squirrels, and nongame birds. Protected species may not be hunted or taken at any time. Hungarian partridge may not be taken except from a shooting preserve, dog training area, or field trial.

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.

WILD ANIMALS include mollusks, crustaceans, aquatic insects, fish, reptiles, amphibians, wild birds, wild quadrupeds, and all other wild mammals.

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 possessing a valid Ohio-issued concealed handgun license 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.

SHARE THE FIELD



Audubon

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

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

Wednesday, December 14, 2022,
through
Thursday, January 5, 2023.

For more information, visit audubon.org

SUNRISE SUNSET: WESTERN OHIO

DAY	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY		APRIL		MAY	
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WESTERN OHIO COUNTIES: Adams, Allen, Auglaize, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Crawford, Darke, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Highland, Huron, Logan, Lucas, Madison, Marion, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Morrow, Ottawa, Paulding, Preble, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Union, Van Wert, Warren, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot

SUNRISE SUNSET: EASTERN OHIO

DAY	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY		APRIL		MAY	
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
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2	6:55	7:57	7:23	7:08	7:56	6:23	7:30	5:01	7:48	5:12	7:34	5:46	7:10	7:54	6:27	8:24
3	6:56	7:55	7:24	7:06	7:57	6:22	7:31	5:01	7:48	5:13	7:33	5:48	7:08	7:55	6:25	8:25
4	6:57	7:54	7:25	7:04	7:59	6:21	7:32	5:01	7:49	5:14	7:32	5:49	7:07	7:56	6:24	8:26
5	6:58	7:52	7:26	7:03	8:00	6:20	7:33	5:01	7:49	5:15	7:31	5:50	7:05	7:57	6:23	8:27
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