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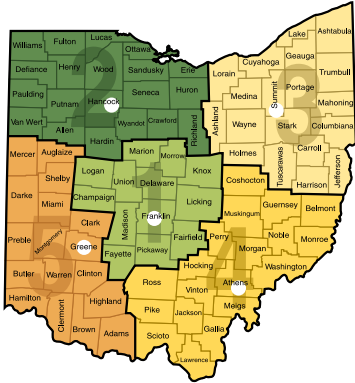
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# 2017-2018 CHANGES

- Deer bag limits have changed in some counties. See page 7 for a bag limit map.
- Legal calibers for straight-walled cartridge rifles have expanded. See page 13 for legal calibers.
- Fall wild turkey hunting has expanded to 11 additional counties. See page 14 for an updated map.
- Pintails and canvasbacks have new bag limits. See page 16 for waterfowl bag limits.
- Youth waterfowl season is now open to hunters 17 and younger. See page 31 for more information.
- Free license reprints are available at wildohio.gov. See page 36 for more information about licenses and permits.

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# 2017-2018 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS

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## OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

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**SEASONS & DATES**

	SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	PAGE
<b>White-tailed Deer HUNTING</b>	Deer Archery	Sept. 30, 2017	Feb. 4, 2018	7
	Deer Youth Gun	Nov. 18, 2017	Nov. 19, 2017	7
	Deer Gun	Nov. 27, 2017	Dec. 3, 2017	7
		Dec. 16, 2017	Dec. 17, 2017	7
	Deer Muzzleloader	Jan. 6, 2018	Jan. 9, 2018	7
<b>Wild Turkey HUNTING</b>	Fall Turkey: Select counties	Oct. 14, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017	14
	Youth Spring Turkey	April 21, 2018	April 22, 2018	14
	Spring Turkey: South Zone (except for Lake La Su An)	April 23, 2018	May 20, 2018	14
	Spring Turkey: Northeast Zone	April 30, 2018	May 27, 2018	14
<b>Small Game &amp; Furbearer HUNTING</b>	American Crow (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only)	June 2, 2017	March 3, 2018	24
		June 1, 2018	March 2, 2019	
	Squirrel (red, gray, black, and fox)	Sept. 1, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	24
	Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 14, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	24
	Cottontail Rabbit	Nov. 3, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	24
	Ring-necked Pheasant	Nov. 3, 2017	Jan. 14, 2018	24
	Chukar	Nov. 3, 2017	Jan. 14, 2018	24
	Bobwhite Quail: Select counties	Nov. 3, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017	24
	Fox (red and gray), Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, and Weasel	Nov. 10, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	24
	Coyote	No closed season		24
	Feral Swine (wild boar)	No closed season		24
	Groundhog	Closed during deer gun season only		24
	Youth Small Game	Oct. 21, 2017	Oct. 22, 2017	24
Oct. 28, 2017		Oct. 29, 2017		
<b>Furbearer TRAPPING</b>	Fox (red and gray), Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, and Weasel	Nov. 10, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	26
	Mink, Muskrat	Nov. 10, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	26
	Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel: Select counties	Nov. 10, 2017	March 15, 2018	26
	Beaver	Dec. 26, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	26
	River Otter: Select counties	Dec. 26, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	26



**HUNTER  
ORANGE  
REQUIRED**



**SEASONS & DATES****WATERFOWL AND MIGRATORY BIRD  
HUNTING REGULATIONS**

A recent change in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's process allows the proposal of waterfowl regulations to the Ohio Wildlife Council in January. The Ohio Wildlife Council approved the 2017-2018 hunting seasons in April 2017.

SEASON		OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	PAGE
<b>Early Waterfowl HUNTING</b>	Canada Geese	Sept. 2, 2017	Sept. 10, 2017	17
	Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged, and Cinnamon)	Sept. 2, 2017	Sept. 17, 2017	17
<b>Youth Waterfowl HUNTING</b>	Youth season	Oct. 7, 2017	Oct. 8, 2017	16
<b>Lake Erie Marsh Zone Waterfowl HUNTING</b>	Geese (Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross's), Brant	Oct. 14, 2017 Nov. 11, 2017 Jan. 6, 2018	Oct. 29, 2017 Dec. 24, 2017 Feb. 10, 2018	16
	Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers	Oct. 14, 2017 Nov. 11, 2017	Oct. 29, 2017 Dec. 24, 2017	16
<b>North Zone Waterfowl HUNTING</b>	Geese (Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross's), Brant	Oct. 21, 2017 Nov. 18, 2017 Jan. 6, 2018	Nov. 5, 2017 Dec. 31, 2017 Feb. 10, 2018 *	16
	Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers	Oct. 21, 2017 Nov. 18, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017 Dec. 31, 2017	16
<b>South Zone Waterfowl HUNTING</b>	Geese (Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross's), Brant	Oct. 21, 2017 Nov. 23, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017 Feb. 10, 2018	16
	Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers	Oct. 21, 2017 Dec. 16, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017 Jan. 28, 2018	16
<b>Migratory Bird HUNTING</b>	Dove (Mourning and Eurasian-collared)	Sept. 1, 2017 Dec. 16, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017 Jan. 8, 2018	17
	Rail (Virginia, Sora)	Sept. 1, 2017	Nov. 9, 2017	17
	Common Moorhen (Gallinule)	Sept. 1, 2017	Nov. 9, 2017	17
	Common Snipe	Sept. 1, 2017 Dec. 16, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017 Jan. 4, 2018	17
	American Woodcock	Oct. 13, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017	17

\* Goose hunting closes Jan. 28, 2018 at Pymatuning Lake.

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.

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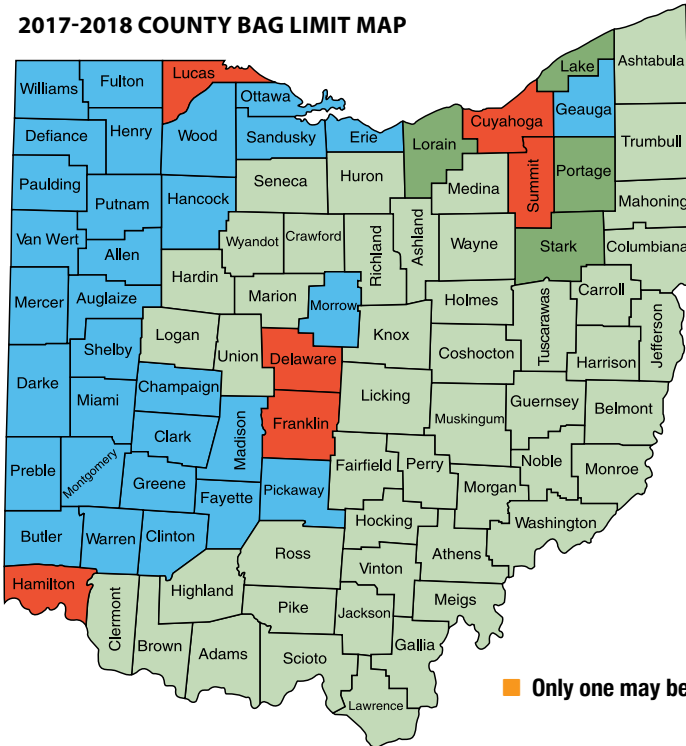
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**WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTING**

SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	BAG LIMIT
Archery	Sept. 30, 2017	Feb. 4, 2018	The statewide bag limit is six deer. Only one may be antlered. You cannot exceed an individual county bag limit.
Youth Gun	Nov. 18, 2017	Nov. 19, 2017	
Gun	Nov. 27, 2017	Dec. 3, 2017	
	Dec. 16, 2017	Dec. 17, 2017	
Muzzleloader	Jan. 6, 2018	Jan. 9, 2018	

2017-2018 COUNTY BAG LIMIT MAP



**TWO DEER COUNTY**

A hunter may kill no more than **two** deer in a two deer county during the 2017-2018 season.

Up to **two** either-sex permits.

Antlerless permits are **NOT** valid.

**THREE DEER COUNTY**

A hunter may kill no more than **three** deer in a three deer county during the 2017-2018 season.

Up to **three** either-sex permits.

Antlerless permits are **NOT** valid.

**THREE DEER COUNTY**

A hunter may kill no more than **three** deer in a three deer county during the 2017-2018 season.

Up to **two** either-sex permits and **one** antlerless permit.

- OR -

Up to **three** either-sex permits.

**FOUR DEER COUNTY**

A hunter may kill no more than **four** deer in a four deer county during the 2017-2018 season.

Up to **three** either-sex permits and **one** antlerless permit.

- OR -

Up to **four** either-sex permits.

## DEER HUNTING HOURS

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

## DEER BAG LIMITS

**New this year, the deer bag limit has changed in some counties. Check the bag limit map on page 7.**

A hunter may kill no more than one antlered deer during the 2017-2018 season regardless of where or how it is taken.

### TWO DEER COUNTIES

No more than two deer may be taken from a two deer county during the 2017-2018 deer hunting season.

Both deer need to be tagged with an either-sex permit. The antlerless permit is not valid in a two deer county.

### THREE DEER COUNTIES

No more than three deer may be taken from a three deer county during the 2017-2018 deer hunting season.

The antlerless permit is not valid in most three deer counties. Check the antlerless permit map on page 9 to determine if the antlerless permit is valid in the county where you hunt.

One deer may be tagged with an antlerless permit in specific three deer counties, and two deer may be tagged with either-sex permits. The antlerless permit is not valid in specific counties after Nov. 26, 2017.

Three deer may be tagged with either-sex permits if the antlerless permit is not valid or not used.

### FOUR DEER COUNTIES

No more than four deer may be taken from a four deer county during the 2017-2018 deer hunting season.

One deer may be tagged with an antlerless permit and three deer may be tagged with an either-sex permit. The antlerless permit is not valid in specific counties after Nov. 26, 2017.

Four deer may be tagged with either-sex permits if the antlerless permit is not used.



## DEER TAG AND CHECK

Hunters who kill a deer must immediately:

- Complete a game tag with the hunter's name, date, time, and county of kill.
- Attach the completed game tag to the deer at the place where it fell.
- Fill in the deer permit with date, time, and county of kill.
- A person cannot leave Ohio with a deer taken by hunting that has not been game checked with the confirmation number permanently attached.
- The hunter must complete the game check and tagging process by 12 p.m. (noon) the day after the kill. If the deer is killed on the last day of a season, then it must be checked in by 11:30 p.m. on the day of the kill.

See Game Tag and Check, page 34.

## DEER HUNTING PERMITS

In addition to your Ohio annual hunting license, you must purchase an either-sex deer permit or an antlerless deer permit to hunt deer in Ohio, unless exempted. Deer permits go on sale June 1, 2017.

Antlerless deer permits are valid Sept. 30 through Nov. 26, 2017.

The either-sex deer permit is valid Sept. 30, 2017 through Feb. 4, 2018.

### 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 2017-2018 season.

Either-sex deer permit means: either-sex deer permit, senior either-sex deer permit, youth either-sex deer permit, free disabled veteran either-sex deer permit, or a free senior either-sex deer permit.



**ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT**

The antlerless deer permit is valid in select counties (see map, below) from Sept. 30 - Nov. 26, 2017. The antlerless deer permit may be used to take antlerless deer only.

This permit is valid during the youth deer season and at ODNR Division of Wildlife authorized controlled hunts (see page 11). The antlerless deer permit will not be sold after Nov. 26, 2017.

Antlerless deer permit means: antlerless deer permit, youth antlerless deer permit, senior antlerless deer permit, free disabled veteran antlerless deer permit, or a free senior antlerless deer permit.

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

**OPEN COUNTIES FOR ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT**

An antlerless deer permit is valid from Sept. 30 - Nov. 26, 2017 in these counties: Cuyahoga, Delaware, Franklin, Hamilton, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Portage, Stark, and Summit.

**2017 ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT OPEN COUNTIES MAP**



**Counties open for antlerless permit**

**WHAT IS AN ANTLERLESS DEER?**

Antlerless deer include deer without antlers, and deer with antlers less than 3 inches in length.

Antlered deer are deer with at least one antler 3 inches or longer in length.

**CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE**

Chronic wasting Disease (CWD) was detected at two captive deer facilities in Holmes County in 2014 and 2015. In 2015 the ODNR Division of Wildlife established a Disease Surveillance Area (DSA) in portions of Holmes and Wayne counties. The area is mapped and posted at wildohio.gov and available at district offices.

**A DSA designation will remain in effect for a minimum of three years and the following regulations apply:** requires hunters to bring deer harvested within the DSA boundaries to an ODNR Division of Wildlife inspection station for sampling during the deer-gun and deer muzzleloader seasons (check wildohio.gov or any district office for locations and specific details); prohibits the placement of or use of bait (salt, minerals, or any food) to attract or feed deer within the DSA boundaries; prohibits hunting of deer by the aid of bait within the DSA boundaries; and prohibits the removal of a deer killed by a motor vehicle within the DSA boundaries unless the carcass complies with deer carcass regulations.

Normal agricultural activities, including feeding of domestic animals; as well as hunting deer over food plots, naturally occurring or cultivated plants, and agriculture crops are not prohibited.

**DEER CARCASS REGULATIONS**

To minimize risk of spreading CWD, possessing or removing high-risk carcass parts from Cervids (deer, moose, elk, and caribou) harvested in areas listed at wildohio.gov is prohibited.

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

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

**A DEER HUNTER  
CAN DO THE FOLLOWING**

1. A successful deer hunter can 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 each deer has been tagged with a game tag and a deer permit has been filled in before hunting for the next deer.
3. Possess a communication device as long as you do not use the device to aid a person in pursuing or taking of deer.
4. Use certain handguns during the youth deer gun season and deer gun season. These handguns must: a) have a barrel length of not less than 5 inches; b) use straight-walled cartridges (no shoulder/neck; straight-tapered wall is acceptable); and c) be .357 caliber or larger.

**CARTRIDGE WITH SHOULDER  
ILLEGAL**



**STRAIGHT-WALLED CARTRIDGE  
LEGAL**



5. Leave a deer or deer parts with a taxidermist, fur buyer, cold storage, locker plant, or meat processing plant as long as the confirmation number is attached to the animal and all of its separate parts. Persons receiving a deer from another person must keep the confirmation number with the animal and all of its separate parts.
6. Hunt deer over bait, except on public land and in the Disease Surveillance Area (restrictions apply, see pages 9, 41, and 44).

7. Hunt coyote and feral swine (wild boar) during the deer gun season, the youth deer gun season, and the deer muzzle-loader 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.
8. 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, pages 30).
9. Use a leashed dog to recover a wounded deer.
10. A person possessing a valid concealed handgun license may carry a concealed handgun while hunting, but it may not be used to shoot, shoot at, or kill any wild animal. For more information go to [ohioattorneygeneral.gov](http://ohioattorneygeneral.gov).
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  
CANNOT 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 season, 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. Carry a handgun while hunting deer during the deer muzzleloader season and the archery season; have more than one firearm while hunting deer; carry a handgun being used during hunting in a concealed manner. Except as noted in No. 10 under A Deer Hunter Can Do the Following.
6. Carry a firearm while deer hunting with a longbow or crossbow. Except as noted in No. 10 under A Deer Hunter Can Do the Following.
7. Have attached to a longbow or crossbow any mechanical, electrical, or electronic device capable of projecting a beam of light.
8. Use dogs to hunt deer. Leashed dogs may be used to track wounded deer.
9. Possess shotshells containing shot during the deer gun season, Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 2017, unless waterfowl hunting when the season is open.
10. Carry the deer permit of another person.
11. Hunt coyote or feral swine (wild boar) between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise during the deer gun season, the youth deer gun season, and the deer muzzleloader season.
12. Use any device capable of transmitting or receiving a person's voice to aid in the hunting or taking of deer.
13. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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 an ODNR 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.

## CONTROLLED DEER HUNTS

The ODNR Division of Wildlife conducts annual controlled hunts on a number of managed areas that are not normally open to hunting. The dates and locations of these hunts vary from year to year. For more specific information about controlled hunts, visit [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) or call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543).

Participation is determined by computer-generated random drawings. The application period is June 1 through July 31, 2017. Hunters may apply at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov), or by calling 1-866-703-1928 with a convenience fee.

**Other controlled deer hunts** are held at various locations around Ohio, including specific state parks and metro parks. The ODNR Division of Wildlife is not involved in the management or administration of these hunts. Antlerless deer permits MAY be used in these controlled hunts throughout the season if they meet requirements set by the ODNR Division of Wildlife and the entity holding the hunt has received authorization from the chief of the ODNR Division of Wildlife. It is the hunter's responsibility to check with the agency holding the hunt to see if it qualifies.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife conducts several controlled deer hunts for young hunters. See pages 30-31 for more details and other youth hunting opportunities.

## HUNTING OTHER GAME DURING DEER SEASONS

### YOUTH DEER GUN SEASON

NOVEMBER 18-19, 2017

### AND DEER GUN SEASON

DECEMBER 16-17, 2017

All persons (except waterfowl hunters) hunting during the youth deer gun season and gun season on Dec. 16 and Dec. 17 are required to wear hunter orange. This includes archery hunters.

#### A HUNTER CAN:

1. Hunt legal game and furbearers, including coyote and feral swine (wild boar).
2. Hunt other legal game (excluding deer, feral swine, and coyote) with shotguns 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 CANNOT:

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

### DEER GUN SEASON

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3, 2017

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

#### A HUNTER CAN:

1. Hunt coyote and feral swine (wild boar). Hunters must possess a valid hunting license and a valid deer permit.
2. Hunt waterfowl with any size shot.
3. Hunt furbearers, except coyote and feral swine (wild boar), from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.
4. Hunt with archery equipment.

#### A HUNTER CANNOT:

1. Hunt coyote or feral swine from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.



2. Possess shells with shot (except waterfowl hunters) or rifle ammunition. However, hunters using a .38 caliber muzzleloading rifle or larger, or hunters using legal straight-walled cartridge rifle calibers may possess ammunition for that rifle.

### DEER MUZZLELOADER SEASON

JANUARY 6-9, 2018

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

#### A HUNTER CAN:

1. Hunt deer, feral swine (wild boar), or coyote with a legal muzzleloader or archery equipment. Hunters must possess a valid hunting license and a valid deer permit.
2. Hunt other legal game (excluding deer, feral swine, and coyote) with shotguns 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 CANNOT:

1. Hunt deer, feral swine (wild boar), or coyote 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.



# LEGAL DEER HUNTING EQUIPMENT

SEASON	EQUIPMENT
ARCHERY SEASON	<b>Longbow or Bow:</b> 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.
	<b>Crossbow:</b> The minimum draw weight is 75 pounds. The arrow tip needs a minimum of two cutting edges, which may be exposed or unexposed and a minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal.
GUN SEASON AND YOUTH GUN SEASON	<b>Shotgun:</b> 10 gauge or smaller shotgun using one ball or one rifled slug per barrel (rifled shotgun barrels are permitted when using shotgun slug ammunition).
	<b>Muzzleloading rifle:</b> .38 caliber or larger.
	<b>Muzzleloading shotgun:</b> 10 gauge or smaller using one ball per barrel.
	<b>Handgun:</b> With a 5-inch minimum length barrel, using straight-walled cartridges .357 caliber or larger.
	<b>Straight-walled cartridge rifles:</b> <b>New this year! All straight-walled cartridge calibers from a minimum of .357 to a maximum of .50.</b>
	Shotguns and straight-walled cartridge rifles can be loaded with no more than three shells in the chamber and magazine combined.
	<b>Archery equipment:</b> See Archery Season, above.
MUZZLELOADER SEASON	<b>Muzzleloading rifle:</b> .38 caliber or larger.
	<b>Muzzleloading shotgun:</b> 10 gauge or smaller using one ball per barrel.
	<b>Archery equipment:</b> See Archery Season, above.

You can carry only one HUNTING implement while hunting deer.  
(See Concealed Handgun License on page 40)

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# WILD TURKEY HUNTING

SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	BAG LIMIT
Fall Wild Turkey: Select counties	Oct. 14, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017	1 (either sex)
Youth Spring Wild Turkey	April 21, 2018	April 22, 2018	2 birds total
Spring Wild Turkey: South Zone (except for Lake La Su An Wildlife Area)	April 23, 2018	May 20, 2018	Bearded only
Spring Wild Turkey: Northeast Zone	April 30, 2018	May 27, 2018	1 per day

## 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 40.

A successful wild turkey hunter can 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

Hunters who kill a turkey must immediately:

- Make a game tag with the hunter's name, date, time, and county of kill.
- Attach the completed game tag to the wild turkey at the place where it fell.
- Fill in the wild turkey permit with the date, time, and county of kill.
- The hunter must complete the game check and tagging process by 11:30 p.m. on the day of the kill. See Game Tag and Check on page 34.

## 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 of either sex**.
- 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.
- **New this year, 11 additional counties are open to fall hunting. Check the fall map for open counties.**
- It is legal to use dogs to assist in taking wild turkeys during the fall season only.

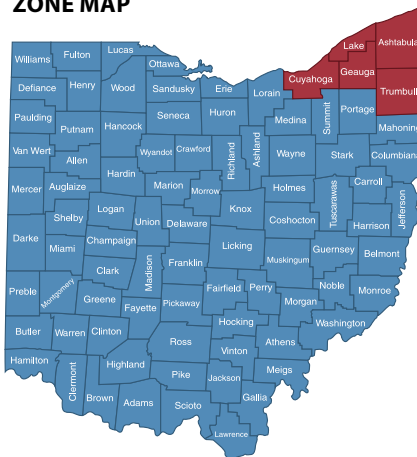
## 2017 FALL WILD TURKEY OPEN COUNTIES MAP



### SPRING WILD TURKEY SEASON

- A valid Ohio hunting license and spring turkey permit are required, unless exempted.
- The bag limit is **two bearded turkeys**.
- Only one bearded wild turkey may be taken per day. Persons wishing to take a second wild turkey during the spring season must purchase a second spring turkey permit.
- The **Northeast Zone** is Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Trumbull counties. The **South Zone** is the remainder of the state.

### 2018 SPRING WILD TURKEY ZONE MAP



South Zone  
 Northeast Zone

- **Northeast Zone** wild turkey hunting hours from April 30 - May 13, 2018 are 30 minutes before sunrise to noon.
- **Northeast Zone** wild turkey hunting hours from May 14 - 27, 2018 are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.
- **South Zone** wild turkey hunting hours from April 23 - May 6, 2018 are 30 minutes before sunrise to noon.
- **South Zone** wild turkey hunting hours from May 7 - 20, 2018 are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.
- **Lake La Su An Wildlife Area** is open only to youth 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.

### YOUTH WILD TURKEY SEASON

- A valid hunting license and wild turkey permit are required, unless exempted.
- Youth hunters can harvest up to two wild turkeys during the youth season (one per day). Checking two wild turkeys fills the youth hunter's bag limit for the remaining 2018 spring wild turkey season.
- Special youth wild turkey hunts are held on selected areas. See Youth Hunting on pages 30-31 for details.
- Hunting hours for youth turkey season are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

## LEGAL WILD TURKEY HUNTING EQUIPMENT

SEASON	EQUIPMENT
<b>FALL AND SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS</b>	<p><b>Shotgun:</b> 10 gauge or smaller shotgun using shot, includes muzzleloading shotguns.</p> <p><b>Longbow or Bow:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Crossbow:</b> 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.</p>

2017-2018 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS  
**WATERFOWL & MIGRATORY  
 BIRD HUNTING**

WATERFOWL SEASONS	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	DAILY LIMIT
Hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset during the regular waterfowl season, unless posted.			
Youth Waterfowl Season	Oct. 7, 2017	Oct. 8, 2017	Same as the regular season
Lake Erie Marsh Zone: Geese	Oct. 14, 2017	Oct. 29, 2017	<b>GEESE</b> 3 combined: Canada goose, white-fronted goose, brant. 10 combined: Snow goose, blue goose, Ross's goose.
	Nov. 11, 2017	Dec. 24, 2017	
	Jan. 6, 2018	Feb. 10, 2018	
Lake Erie Marsh Zone: Ducks, Coots, & Mergansers	Oct. 14, 2017	Oct. 29, 2017	<b>DUCKS</b> The daily bag limit is six ducks, which may include no more than four mallards (only one hen), three wood ducks, three scaup, two redheads, <b>two canvasbacks</b> , <b>one pintail</b> , one black duck, or one mottled duck.
	Nov. 11, 2017	Dec. 24, 2017	
North Zone: Geese	Oct. 21, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017	<b>MERGANSERS &amp; COOTS</b> Five mergansers (only two hooded), and 15 coots.
	Nov. 18, 2017	Dec. 31, 2017	
	Jan. 6, 2018	Feb. 10, 2018 *	
North Zone: Ducks, Coots, & Mergansers	Oct. 21, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017	
	Nov. 18, 2017	Dec. 31, 2017	
South Zone: Geese	Oct. 21, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017	
	Nov. 23, 2017	Feb. 10, 2018	
South Zone: Ducks, Coots, & Mergansers	Oct. 21, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017	
	Dec. 16, 2017	Jan. 28, 2018	

\* North Zone goose hunting closes Jan. 28, 2018 at Pymatuning Lake

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sets the frameworks for hunting ducks, geese, and other migratory game birds. Waterfowl 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.**

**YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING**

**New! Federal regulations allow hunters 17 years old or younger to hunt waterfowl during the youth waterfowl weekend.**

Young hunters (17 or younger) are given priority on opening day controlled hunts. See Youth Hunting on pages 31 for details.

**MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING**

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

- A resident hunting license, resident youth hunting license, nonresident hunting license, three-day nonresident tourist hunting license, or an apprentice hunting license.
- Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification.

To hunt waterfowl in Ohio, you must also have the following:

- A printed 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. Federal Duck Stamps are available at most post offices, online at [usps.com](http://usps.com), or [duckstamp.com](http://duckstamp.com).



SEASONS	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	DAILY LIMIT
<b>Hunting hours are sunrise to sunset, unless posted.</b>			
<b>Dove (Mourning and Eurasian-collared)</b>	Sept. 1, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017	15
	Dec. 16, 2017	Jan. 8, 2018	
<b>Early: Canada Goose</b>	Sept. 2, 2017	Sept. 10, 2017	5
<b>Early: Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged, &amp; Cinnamon)</b>	Sept. 2, 2017	Sept. 17, 2017	6
<b>Rail (Virginia, Sora)</b>	Sept. 1, 2017	Nov. 9, 2017	25
<b>Common Moorhen (Gallinule)</b>	Sept. 1, 2017	Nov. 9, 2017	15
<b>Common Snipe</b>	Sept. 1, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017	8
	Dec. 16, 2017	Jan. 4, 2018	
<b>American Woodcock</b>	Oct. 13, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017	3

### HIP SURVEY

Hunters 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](http://wildohio.gov) and answer the survey questions. After the survey you will be given a certification number. Write the certification number on your hunting license in the space provided.

### 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. Hunters under the age of 18 are not required to obtain the Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp.

### FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMP (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](http://usps.com), or [duckstamp.com](http://duckstamp.com).

The E-Stamp available through [duckstamp.com](http://duckstamp.com) is valid immediately for up to 45 days with the receipt of the e-stamp purchase.

### FEDERAL REGULATIONS

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

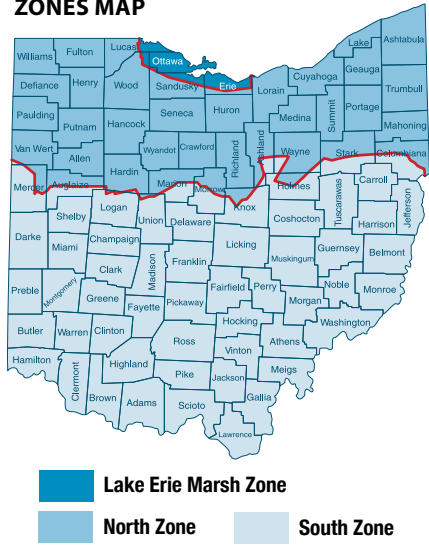
For additional information on federal regulations, contact Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 45, Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111.

#### Hunters should know:

- If you hunt migratory waterfowl and you are 16 years of age or older, you need to purchase and carry a current Federal Duck Stamp or E-Stamp.
- 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 can 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.



## 2017-2018 WATERFOWL HUNTING ZONES MAP



### 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.

### 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.

## LEGAL WATERFOWL & MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING EQUIPMENT

SEASON	EQUIPMENT
<p><b>WATERFOWL AND MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING</b></p>	<p><b>Shotgun:</b> 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 moorhen (gallinule). Dove and woodcock may be taken with lead shot.</p> <p><b>Longbow:</b> This includes compound bows and recurve bows.</p>



### 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.

### NON TOXIC SHOT

No person may take ducks, geese (including brant), 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/migratorybirds/current-birdissues/nontoxic.htm](http://fws.gov/migratorybirds/current-birdissues/nontoxic.htm).

### DOVE HUNTING

Hours for dove are sunrise to sunset, except for those wildlife areas which have been posted with special regulations. Doves may be hunted with lead shot. Dove field maps are available at [wildohio.gov](http://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 an ODNR 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](http://wildohio.gov) and answer the survey questions. After the survey you will be given a certification number. Write the certification number on your hunting license in the space provided.

### CONTROLLED DOVE HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

The ODNR Division of Wildlife will hold controlled dove hunts at Fallsville, Rush Run, Indian Creek, and Bott wildlife areas. These controlled hunts will occur during the first two days of the season, Friday, Sept. 1, and Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017. Controlled hunts will also be held at the St. Marys State Fish Hatchery on Friday, Sept. 1, Saturday, Sept. 2, Sunday, Sept. 3, and Saturday, Sept. 9.

Hunting hours will be noon to sunset for all controlled dove hunts. Drawings for opening day dove hunts at these five public hunting areas will be held at noon on Saturday, Aug. 26 at the respective wildlife area headquarters. All other drawings will be held at noon the day of the hunt. Contact the Wildlife District Five (Xenia) office at (937) 372-9261 for dove hunting information. Dove field maps are available at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov).

### CONTROLLED WATERFOWL HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

The ODNR Division of Wildlife conducts controlled waterfowl hunts on many areas not normally open to hunting. These controlled waterfowl hunts are designed to provide access and opportunity on a limited basis. Find a complete list of controlled hunts at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov).

Participation is determined by computer-generated random drawings. The application period is June 1 through July 31, 2017. Hunters may apply at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov), or by calling 1-866-703-1928 with a convenience fee.

### 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 his 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.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT**

No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

**TERMINATION OF POSSESSION**

Subject to all other requirements of this part, the possession of birds taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a migratory bird preservation facility and consigned for transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

**CUSTODY OF BIRDS OF ANOTHER**

No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

**TRANSPORTING OF BIRDS OF ANOTHER**

No person shall transport migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

**WANTON WASTE OF  
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

**GIFT OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

No person may receive, possess, or give to another any freshly killed migratory game birds as a gift, except at the personal abodes of the donor or donee, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter who took the birds, stating such hunter's address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were taken.

**IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons, unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.

**MARKING PACKAGE OR CONTAINER**

No person shall transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier migratory game birds unless the package or container in which such birds are transported has the name and address of the shipper and the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers of each species of birds therein contained clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

**ILLEGAL HUNTING METHODS****NO PERSONS SHALL TAKE  
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:**

1. With a 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 there from 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, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited.

## 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.

**MIGRATORY BIRDS** - are birds protected by federal law as a result of treaties signed with other countries. Protected migratory birds are listed in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 10.13.

All subset of migratory birds are classified as migratory game birds and may be hunted in accordance with state and federal regulations. The list of migratory game birds includes species of ducks, geese (including brant), swans, doves and pigeons, cranes, rails, coots, gallinules and moorhens, woodcock and snipe, if there is an open season.

## MIGRATORY BIRD

**PRESERVATION FACILITY** - means:

- (1) Any person who, at their residence or place of business and for hire or other consideration; or
- (2) Any taxidermist, cold-storage facility or locker plant which, for hire or other consideration; or
- (3) Any hunting club which, in the normal course of operations receives, possesses, or has in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person for purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage, or shipment.

**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.

**NATURAL VEGETATION** - means any non-agricultural, native, or naturalized plant species that grows at a site in response to planting or from existing seeds or other propagules. The term natural vegetation does not include planted millet. However, planted millet that grows on its own in subsequent years after the year of planting is considered natural vegetation.

**NORMAL AGRICULTURAL OPERATION** - means a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation, or agricultural practice that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of state extension specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**NORMAL AGRICULTURAL PLANTING, HARVESTING, OR POST-HARVEST MANIPULATION** - means a planting or harvesting undertaken for the purpose of producing and gathering a crop, or manipulation after

such harvest and removal of grain, that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of state extension specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**NORMAL SOIL STABILIZATION PRACTICE** - means a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation conducted in accordance with official recommendations of state extension specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for agricultural soil erosion control.

**MANIPULATION** - means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments. The term manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.

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# SMALL GAME & FURBEARER HUNTING

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	DAILY LIMIT
Squirrel (red, gray, fox, black)	Sept. 1, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	6
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 14, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	2
Cottontail Rabbit	Nov. 3, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	4
Ring-necked Pheasant	Nov. 3, 2017	Jan. 14, 2018	2 (males only)
Chukar	Nov. 3, 2017	Jan. 14, 2018	2
Bobwhite Quail: Select counties	Nov. 3, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017	4
Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Weasel	Nov. 10, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	No Limit
Crow: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday Only	June 2, 2017	March 3, 2018	No Limit
	June 1, 2018	March 2, 2019	
Coyote	No closed season		No Limit
Feral Swine (wild boar)	No closed season		No Limit
Groundhog	Closed for deer gun season only		No Limit
Youth Small Game	Oct. 21, 2017	Oct. 22, 2017	Same as the regular season
	Oct. 28, 2017	Oct. 29, 2017	

## HUNTING OTHER GAME DURING THE DEER SEASONS

It is unlawful to hunt any wild animal except deer, coyote, waterfowl, or feral swine (wild boar) during the seven-day deer gun season, Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 2017, between 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. However, you cannot hunt coyote or feral swine (wild boar) between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise during any of the deer gun and deer muzzleloader seasons.

Refer to page 12 under Hunting Other Game during Deer Seasons.

## 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.

## GROUNDHOG HUNTING

No restriction on hours. Closed only during the seven-day deer gun season, Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 2017.

## SQUIRREL HUNTING

Red, gray, fox, and black squirrels are legal game. Hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. Closed during the seven-day deer gun season, Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 2017.

## QUAIL HUNTING

Hours are sunrise to sunset in open counties.

## 2017 BOBWHITE QUAIL OPEN COUNTIES MAP



Counties open for quail hunting



## PHEASANT HUNTING

Hours are sunrise to sunset. Only male pheasants may be killed. Closed during the seven-day deer gun season, Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 2017.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife will release pheasants for the youth small game weekends, Oct. 21 and Oct. 28. Additional releases will occur for Nov. 3, Nov. 10, and Nov. 23. The number of pheasants released will depend upon numbers available.

Releases will take place at the Ringneck Ridge Wildlife Area (by permit only, find additional information at [sanduskycountyparks.com](http://sanduskycountyparks.com)), 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.

## FOX, RACCOON, SKUNK, OPOSSUM, AND WEASEL

No restrictions on hours except during the seven-day deer gun season, Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 2017. These species may not be hunted between 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset during the seven-day deer gun season. Hunters must purchase a hunting license and a fur taker permit to hunt these species.

## RABBIT HUNTING

Hours are sunrise to sunset. Closed during the seven-day deer gun season, Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 2017. Snowshoe hares are a protected species and not legal game.



## GROUSE HUNTING

Hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. Closed during the seven-day deer gun season, Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 2017.

## 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 ODNR Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543), or [wildinfo@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:wildinfo@dnr.state.oh.us).

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.

## LEGAL SMALL GAME & FURBEARER HUNTING EQUIPMENT

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

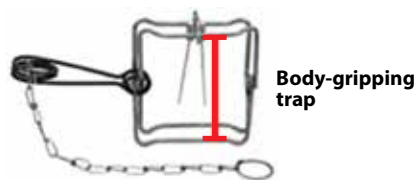
**FURBEARER TRAPPING**

SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	BAG LIMIT
Fox, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel	Nov. 10, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	No limit
Mink, Muskrat	Nov. 10, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	No limit
Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel: Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky, & Lucas counties east of Maumee River	Nov. 10, 2017	March 15, 2018	No limit
Beaver	Dec. 26, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	No limit
River Otter: Select counties	Dec. 26, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	See page 27

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

**FIRST-TIME TRAPPERS**

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

**HOW TO MEASURE JAW SPREAD****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 shall 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 shall 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 and may only be utilized during the beaver or river otter season.
- All furbearers shall be killed immediately and reduced to the person's possession, or released immediately at the capture site.
- No person shall 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.

## 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 ODNR Division of Wildlife.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife allows controlled trapping of 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 at noon on Oct. 14, 2017 (the second Saturday in October) at each wildlife district office. Visit [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) or call your nearest wildlife district office in early October to see which areas will be available for trapping.

Permits will allow for both river otter and beaver trapping in most areas; however, some permits may be limited to beaver trapping only. 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.

## BEAVER AND OTTER TRAPPING ON AEP LANDS

Beaver trapping is permitted within American Electric Power's recreation area, known as ReCreation Land, and Conesville Coal Lands with a special beaver trapping permit and the regular user's permit. This special beaver trapping permit is issued from the AEP Land Management Office in McConnelsville.

## RIVER OTTER CHECKING AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

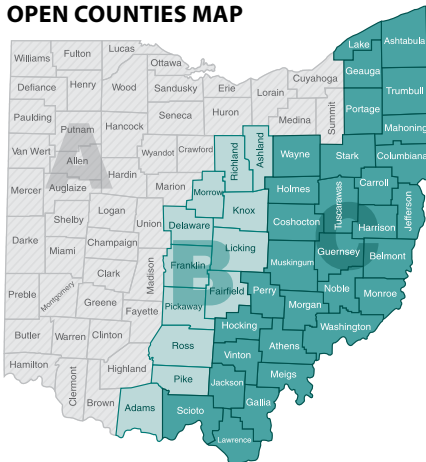
The pelt of each river otter must be checked in with a wildlife officer or taken to a wildlife area headquarters (8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, or by appointment) or district office during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) within five business days of capture in order to receive a CITES tag. 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.

## RIVER OTTER BAG LIMITS

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

## 2017-2018 RIVER OTTER TRAPPING OPEN COUNTIES MAP



## OTTER TRAPPING TOTAL SEASON BAG LIMIT – 3



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Trappers who have reached the river otter season 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 or in a closed zone and it is still alive, carefully release it without causing injury to yourself or the river otter. If the river otter is dead, leave it in the trap and contact the wildlife officer assigned to that county.



### TRAPPERS CAN 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 2-1/2 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 CANNOT 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 can be carried by any member of the party.
2. Use or possess climbers or any other device, except climbing tree stands, that can 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 ODNR Division of Wildlife.
4. 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 ODNR 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 ODNR Division of Wildlife Customer ID Number of the user stamped into the trap in English that is legible at all times.

5. Set, use, or maintain a trap or snare in or upon any path or road ordinarily used by domestic animals or humans.
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 Trapping and River Otter Trapping).
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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# YOUTH HUNTING

SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
Youth Small Game Season	October 21, 2017 October 28, 2017	October 22, 2017 October 29, 2017
Youth Deer Gun Season	November 18, 2017	November 19, 2017
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Season	April 21, 2018	April 22, 2018
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunts: Specific Areas Only	April 23, 2018 April 30, 2018	May 20, 2018 May 27, 2018
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season	October 7, 2017	October 8, 2017
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 June 1 through July 31, 2017	
Youth Controlled Waterfowl Hunts: Application Only		

All youth hunting opportunities (except the youth waterfowl hunting season) are available to any hunter who possesses a valid youth hunting license. All young hunters participating in youth hunts, regardless of age, must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult. A nonhunting adult is any person (a hunting license is not required) age 18 or older who accompanies the young hunter to and from the field and is present with the young hunter while the young hunter is engaged in hunting. The nonhunting adult may not possess any hunting implements.

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

## YOUTH DEER GUN SEASON

Young hunters 17 years old and younger at the time they purchase their youth hunting license and a deer permit, and who are accompanied by a nonhunting adult may hunt.

- Deer taken by young hunters during the youth deer gun season count toward the county and statewide bag limits.
- All youths and nonhunting adults must wear hunter orange.
- Camp Belden Wildlife Area is a controlled youth deer gun hunt and requires a special permit. Contact the District Three (Akron) office at (330) 644-2293 for details.

## YOUTH SMALL GAME SEASON

Any hunters possessing a valid youth hunting license may hunt the following weekends: Oct. 21-22 and Oct. 28-29 for rabbit, pheasant, and all other legal game which is in season.

- Quail may be taken only in those counties which are open to quail hunting (see map, page 24).
- Pheasant releases will occur for youth hunts on the following wildlife areas: Berlin, Caesar Creek, Camp Belden, Darke, Delaware, Grand River, Killdeer Plains, Oxbow Lake, Resthaven, Ring-neck 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 CONTROLLED DEER HUNTS**

The ODNR Division of Wildlife conducts several controlled deer hunts for young hunters. The dates and locations of the hunts vary from year to year. The application period for these hunts is June 1 through July 31, 2017. Hunters may apply online at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) or by calling 1-866-703-1928 with a convenience fee.



**YOUTH SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING**

Two opportunities exist for young hunters to participate in the spring wild turkey hunting season. A youth wild turkey season will be offered Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, 2018 immediately prior to the regular wild turkey season. The season is open statewide EXCEPT for Lake La Su An which conducts a controlled youth hunt; contact the District Two (Findlay) office at (419) 424-5000 for details.

Special youth wild turkey hunts will be held at Lake La Su An, Killbuck Marsh, and Mosquito Creek wildlife areas, and Paint Creek State Park during the regular spring wild turkey season. Any person interested in participating in these hunts should contact the District Two (Findlay) office at (419) 424-5000 for the La Su An hunts; the District Five (Xenia) at (937) 372-9261 for the Paint Creek hunt; and the District Three (Akron) at (330) 644-2293 for the Killbuck and Mosquito Creek hunts during March 2018. 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:

- Youth hunters may take two bearded turkeys during the youth season (one per day). Checking two wild turkeys fills the youth hunter's bag limit for the remaining 2018 spring wild turkey season.
- 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.

**YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING**

New this year, federal regulations allow hunters 17 years old or younger to hunt waterfowl statewide (on public and private lands) on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-8, 2017. All hunters 17 years old and younger must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult 18 years or older (no more than two youths per adult). Ducks, geese, and coots can be taken under bag limits established for the regular season.

Young hunters (17 years old or younger) may apply for controlled youth waterfowl hunts. Go to [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) or call your nearest district office for youth waterfowl hunting opportunities.

- This application period is June 1 through July 31, 2017. Hunters may apply at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov), or by calling 1-800-703-1928 with a convenience fee.
- Attend an in-person waterfowl drawing in August, which includes permits for the youth season.
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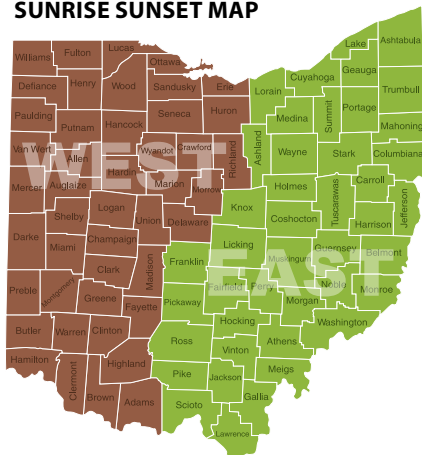


# 2017-2018 OHIO HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS

## SUNRISE SUNSET TABLE: WESTERN 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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3	7:05	8:04	7:33	7:15	8:06	6:31	7:39	5:10	7:57	5:22	7:42	5:57	7:15	8:02	6:32	8:32
4	7:06	8:02	7:34	7:13	8:07	6:30	7:40	5:10	7:57	5:23	7:41	5:58	7:14	8:03	6:31	8:33
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### SUNRISE SUNSET MAP



## OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to any of these locations on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** anytime between **noon and 3 p.m.** to discuss fishing and hunting proposals. Staff members will be available to listen to your concerns and answer your questions.

**DISTRICT ONE HEADQUARTERS**  
1500 Dublin Road • Columbus

**DISTRICT TWO HEADQUARTERS**  
952 Lima Avenue • Findlay

**DISTRICT THREE HEADQUARTERS**  
912 Portage Lakes Drive • Akron

**DISTRICT FOUR HEADQUARTERS**  
360 E. State Street • Athens

**GREENE COUNTY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE**  
1538 Union Road • Xenia

You can also review and comment on proposed changes to Ohio's hunting and trapping regulations at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov).

# SUNRISE SUNSET TABLE: EASTERN OHIO

Day	September		October		November		December		January		February		April		May	
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# GAME TAG AND CHECK

## TAGGING PROCESS

All hunters who harvest a deer or turkey are required to create their own game tag. See page 47 for a sample game tag.

**We strongly recommend that hunters protect their deer and/or turkey permits and game tags from the elements by placing them in a plastic bag or protective pouch before and after they are attached to the animal.**

**STEP 1:** Every person who kills a deer or wild turkey must immediately:

- Make a game tag with the hunter's name, date, time, and county of kill.
- Attach the completed game tag to the deer or wild turkey at the place where it fell.
- Fill in the deer or wild turkey permit with the date, time, and county of kill. (Exempt landowners do not need to complete this step.)

Once finished with Step 1, the hunter legally possesses the deer or wild turkey and is free to transport it.

**STEP 2:** For deer, the hunter must complete the game check and tagging process 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 kill. For wild turkey, the hunter must complete the game check and tagging process by 11:30 p.m. on the same day the turkey was killed.

**STEP 3:** The confirmation number must remain with the animal and its parts. The number may be written on the back or bottom of a mount.

## LANDOWNERS

Exempt landowners hunting on their own lands:

- Are not required to obtain a hunting license or permit.
- Are required to create a game tag and attach it to the harvested game.
- Can use the operator-assisted game check (fees apply).
- Are required to place the 18-digit confirmation number on the game.

## GAME CHECK PROCESS

Hunters are encouraged to complete the game check in a sheltered area.

Hunters must have their permit in hand to complete the game check process.

Hunters can complete the game check process in one of three ways:

- Call 1-877-TAG-IT-OH (1-877-824-4864).
- Exempt landowners call 1-866-703-1928 for operator-assisted landowner game check. Fees apply.
- Visit [ohiogamecheck.com](http://ohiogamecheck.com) using a smartphone or computer, then select Game Check.
- Visit any authorized license sales agent. A list of sales agents can be found at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov). Hunters do not need to take their deer or turkey to the agent for the game check. 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 complete this step.

The hunter must answer a series of questions. The hunter will be issued an 18-digit confirmation number at the end of the process.

The 18-digit confirmation number must be written on the corresponding deer or wild turkey permit. The confirmation number must also be attached to the animal. When a hunter has checked their deer or wild turkey by web or agent, they will receive a game check receipt with their 18-digit confirmation number printed on it. Hunters using the telephone game check method will receive the 18 digits of the confirmation number over the phone.

The confirmation number may be written on the game tag. The completed tag must then be attached to the deer or wild turkey.

A game check receipt may be printed by accessing Ohio's Wildlife Licensing System at [ohiogamecheck.com](http://ohiogamecheck.com) after the game check process is complete.





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# LICENSES AND PERMITS

CATEGORIES	
Resident Adult	For Ohio residents age 18-65 at the time of purchase.
Youth	For residents and nonresidents 17 years old and younger at the time of purchase.
Nonresident	For nonresidents age 18 and older at the time of purchase.
Apprentice	For residents and nonresidents who are accompanied by a licensed hunter.
Reduced-Cost Senior	For Ohio residents age 66 and older born on or after January 1, 1938.
Free Senior	For Ohio residents born on or before December 31, 1937.

LICENSES		COST
<b>Hunting LICENSES</b>	Resident Annual License	\$19
	Youth Annual License: Resident and Nonresident	\$10
	Nonresident Annual License	\$125
	Resident Reduced-Cost Senior License	\$10
	Resident Free Senior License: Ohio residents born on or before Dec. 31, 1937	Free
	Nonresident (Tourist) 3-day License: Not valid for deer, turkey, or furbearers	\$40
<b>Apprentice LICENSES</b>	Resident Annual License	\$19
	Youth Annual License: Resident and Nonresident	\$10
	Nonresident Annual License	\$125
<b>Waterfowl STAMPS</b>	Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp: Resident and Nonresident	\$15
	Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp: Resident Reduced-Cost Senior License	\$15
	Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp: Resident Free Senior	Free
	Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (Duck Stamp): Age 16 and older	\$25

PERMITS					
<b>SPRING TURKEY PERMIT</b>		<b>COST</b>	<b>FALL TURKEY PERMIT</b>		<b>COST</b>
Adult Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$24		Adult Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$24	
Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$12		Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$12	
Reduced-Cost Senior Permit: Resident Only	\$12		Reduced-Cost Senior Permit: Resident Only	\$12	
Free Senior Permit: Resident Only	FREE		Free Senior Permit: Resident Only	FREE	
<b>ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT</b>		<b>COST</b>	<b>EITHER-SEX DEER PERMIT</b>		<b>COST</b>
Adult Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$15		Adult Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$24	
Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$15		Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$12	
Reduced-Cost Senior Permit: Resident Only	\$15		Reduced-Cost Senior Permit: Resident Only	\$12	
Free Senior Permit: Resident Only	FREE		Free Senior Permit: Resident Only	FREE	
<b>FUR TAKER PERMIT</b>		<b>COST</b>	<b>APPRENTICE FUR TAKER PERMIT</b>		<b>COST</b>
Adult Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$15		Adult Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$15	
Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$8		Youth Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$8	
Reduced-Cost Senior Permit: Resident Only	\$8				
Free Senior Permit: Resident Only	FREE		<b>SHOOTING RANGE PERMIT</b>		<b>COST</b>
			Annual Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$24	
			One-Day Permit: Resident & Nonresident	\$5	

## 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.

## 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.

## DUPLICATE LICENSES & PERMITS

Lost, stolen, or destroyed licenses and permits may be re-issued at any license sales location or at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov). **Reprints are free at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) and cost \$4 at a license agent.**

## ELECTRONIC LICENSES

Licenses and permits can also be purchased on a mobile device. Hunters must carry their licenses and permits at all times while hunting, and must present their license upon request. Licenses can be displayed on a mobile device. However, deer and turkey permits are only valid when printed and carried by the hunter.



## PURCHASE A HUNTING LICENSE

Visit an authorized agent or [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) to purchase a license or permit. Authorized agents are located in every county in Ohio. Visit [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) or call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) to find an agent.

## HUNTING LICENSES

Ohio's license year begins March 1 and ends the last day of February. All costs include a \$1.00 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 can 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.

## INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

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







### HUNTER AND TRAPPER EDUCATION

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

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

- Present a previously held hunting license.
- Present evidence of having successfully completed a hunter education course (from any state).
- Attest 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 a young 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).
- Attest he or she is 21 years of age or older and has held a previous trapping license (from any state).
- Present evidence of having successfully completed a trapper education course.
- 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 fur taker 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.

No one may purchase more than three apprentice hunting licenses (adult or youth) or apprentice fur taker permits in his or her lifetime.

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.



**FREE HUNTING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY**

Free licenses can be obtained from a license agent and must be carried while hunting. License applications are available at [wildohio.gov](http://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, antlerless deer 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.

**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, antlerless deer 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, antlerless deer permit, spring or fall turkey permit, Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp, or fur taker permit if the non-resident'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 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, antlerless deer 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.



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Unless otherwise indicated, game may be taken with longbow, crossbow, or any caliber handgun, rifle, shotgun (10 gauge or smaller), or airgun. Be safe and choose the appropriate method for the species. See Public Hunting Lands, page 41.

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.

Spotlighting of wild animals from vehicles, including illuminating with headlights, is prohibited. Spotlighting is illegal whether hunting implements are carried in the vehicle or not.

Persons hunting, trapping, or pursuing furbearing animals at night must carry a continuous white light visible for at least 1/4 mile. When two or more persons are hunting or trapping together for furbearing animals, only one light is required and may be carried by any member of the party. Persons hunting foxes, coyotes, or raccoons with a call from a stationary position may use a single beam of light of any color.

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 beam of light.

It is unlawful to shoot from, on, across, or along a public road or highway.

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, jack-

et, 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. However, crossbows may not be used to hunt migratory game birds. 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 and a stock more than 25 inches long.

**CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE**

A person possessing a valid concealed handgun license may carry their concealed handgun while hunting and trapping, but it may not be used to shoot, shoot at, or kill any wild animal. For more information go to [ohioattorneygeneral.gov](http://ohioattorneygeneral.gov).

**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.

**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 ODNR Division of Wildlife district offices, at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov), and on page 47 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 47) 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.

### ON ALL WILDLIFE AREAS

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 a primitive campground located on Woodbury Wildlife Area. Wildlife areas are subject to posted rules. Open dates for camping at Woodbury Wildlife Area are Oct. 13 - Dec. 4, 2017. All campers must possess a valid hunting license, fishing license, or fur taker permit. Call (740) 589-9930 for more information.

It is unlawful to use a rifle, pistol, revolver, or a shotgun using slugs at any time on Auburn Marsh and Grant Lake wildlife areas. Deer hunting at 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.

Beaver and river otter trapping is prohibited on all state public hunting areas, including state parks and forests, without a special permit from the ODNR Division of Wildlife. Contact the nearest district office or go to [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) for information on how these permits can be obtained.

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. Consult Ohio State Parks, 2045 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693, phone (614) 265-6561, or the park manager.

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

### 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 ODNR Division of Wildlife except while lawfully trapping or hunting wild animals, or target practicing on a designated ODNR 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 ODNR Division of Wildlife, including the Wayne National Forest and other lands managed by the division by virtue of a lease or an agreement.

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 Electric Powered All-Purpose Vehicle to designated interior areas for hunting. Disabled persons are required to have an Electric Powered All-Purpose Vehicle Permit. Find more information or download a permit application at [wildohio.gov](http://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 Magee Marsh Wildlife Area is by permit only.



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## GINSENG

No person can 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) cannot 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. Dealers and buyers need to acquire a state dealer's registration permit each year prior to purchasing or otherwise acquiring Ohio ginseng. No person can 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 ODNR property. For more information on ginseng harvest, contact the ODNR Division of Wildlife.



## DOG TRAINING

The ODNR 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 Berlin, Caesar Creek, Delaware, Fallsville, Indian Creek, Killdeer Plains, Lake La Su An, Oxbow Lake, Resthaven, Rush Run, 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.

## SHOOTING RANGES

Learn more about shooting ranges maintained by the ODNR Division of Wildlife at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov).

### CLASS A SHOOTING RANGES

The ODNR Division of Wildlife operates five supervised Class A ranges. All persons age 18 and older shooting on supervised Class A ranges must purchase a shooting range permit, available at all hunting and fishing license agents and at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov).

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 36 for permit information.

Annual permits are valid on a mobile device. One-day permits must be printed to be valid.

All Class A ranges have handicap accessible parking, shooting benches, and restroom facilities.

### CLASS B, C, & D SHOOTING RANGES

These ranges are open free-of-charge. No permit is required, and no range attendant or restroom facilities are provided.

### SUPERVISED HOURS OF OPERATION

Hours of operation vary. All Class A ranges, except Spring Valley, are closed on Monday and Tuesday. 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. Woodbury shooting range will be closed Sept. 18-28, 2017. Contact the wildlife areas for detailed information.

# PUBLIC SHOOTING RANGES

## 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 ODNR Division of Wildlife

PUBLIC AREA	COUNTY	CLASS	CONTACT
<b>ARCHERY RANGES</b>			
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
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

## SHOTGUN & ARCHERY RANGES

Indian Creek Wildlife Area	Brown	C, D	(937) 372-9261
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## 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
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## RIFLE/PISTOL & SHOTGUN RANGES

Fernwood State Forest	Jefferson	C, O	(330) 339-2205
Grand River Wildlife Area	Trumbull	A, C	(330) 644-2293

## RIFLE/PISTOL, SHOTGUN, & ARCHERY RANGES

Woodbury Wildlife Area	Coshocton	A, C, D*	(740) 327-2109
Delaware Wildlife Area	<b>CLOSED for 2017</b>		(614) 644-3925
Deer Creek Wildlife Area	Fayette	A, C, D	(614) 644-3925
Spring Valley Wildlife Area	Greene	A, C, D*	(937) 372-9261
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

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

**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.

**APV USE** - In accordance with 4519.40 of the Ohio Revised Code, all-purpose vehicles and snowmobiles may NOT be used:

- On any land or waters controlled by the state, except at those locations where a sign has been posted permitting such operation.
- While transporting any firearm, bow, or other implement for hunting, that is not unloaded and securely encased.
- For the purpose of chasing, pursuing, capturing, or killing any wild animal or wild fowl.

**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 transverse limbs and a string, mounted on a stock at least 25 inches in length, 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-breasted 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, 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 is loaded exclusively from the muzzle and has a permanent breech plug. When the plug is removed the gun is rendered inoperable, or 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.

**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.



Huron County

# STATE WILDLIFE OFFICERS BY COUNTY

Go to [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) for current state wildlife officer assignments in your county.

ADAMS Scott Cartwright (937) 372-5639, ext. 5205	GUERNSEY Roby Williams (740) 589-9984	MORROW Tyler Eldred (614) 902-4218
ALLEN Craig Barr (419) 429-8379	HAMILTON Ryan Schock (937) 372-5639, ext. 5217	MUSKINGUM Jeffrey Berry (740) 589-9991
ASHLAND Brennan Earick (330) 245-3044	HANCOCK Vacant (419) 429-8384	NOBLE Brad St. Clair (740) 589-9992
ASHTABULA Jason Warren (330) 245-3036	HARDIN Ryan Kennedy (419) 429-8385	OTTAWA Reid Van Cleve (419) 429-8389
ATHENS Allen Patton (740) 589-9980	HARRISON Nick Turner (330) 245-3049	PAULDING Vacant (419) 429-8390
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		WYANDOT Nathan West (419) 429-8398

# 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.

## HUNTING/TRAPPING PERMISSION

CHECK ONE:  DAILY  SEASONAL

DATE(S): \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ TO \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sportsperson's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Today's Date

SPORTSPERSON'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SPORTSPERSON'S TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE & MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner or Agent's Signature



## GAME TAG

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE



Hunter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Kill: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Kill: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Kill: \_\_\_\_\_

Every hunter who kills a deer or turkey must immediately:

- ▶ Make a game tag with the hunter's name, date, time, and county of kill.
- ▶ Attach the completed game tag to the deer or turkey at the place where it fell.

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