

Maryland Hunting Seasons Calendar for 2017-2018

Species, Season, & Region	August	September	2017 October	November	December	January	February	March	2018 April	May	June	July
White-tailed Deer, Antlered, Archery ¹		9/8-10/18	10/22-11/24	12/11-12/15	1/1-1/4 1/8-1/31	Archery Open in Region A only Jan. 5-6						
White-tailed Deer, Antlered, Firearms ¹				11/25-12/9	1/5-1/7	Firearms Open in Region B only Jan. 5-7						
White-tailed Deer, Antlered, Muzzleloader ¹			10/19-10/21		12/16-12/30							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Archery, Region A ^{1,2}		9/8-10/18	10/22-11/24	12/11-12/15	1/1-1/31							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Firearms, Region A ²					12/8-12/9	Only Dec. 9 on DNR Public Lands						
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Muzzleloader, Region A ²			10/19-10/21	Private Lands Only	12/28-12/30	Only Dec. 30 on DNR Public Lands						
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Archery, Region B ^{1,3}		9/8-10/18	10/22-11/24	12/11-12/15	1/1-1/4 1/8-1/31							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Firearms, Region B ^{1,3}				11/25-12/9	1/5-1/7							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Muzzleloader, Region B ^{1,3}			10/19-10/28		12/16-12/30							
Sika Deer, Archery ^{1,4}		9/8-10/18	10/22-11/24	12/11-12/15	1/1-1/4 1/8-1/31							
Sika Deer, Firearms ^{1,4}				11/25-12/9	1/5-1/7							
Sika Deer, Muzzleloader ⁴			10/19-10/21		12/16-12/30							
Sika Deer, Antlerless Only Muzzleloader ⁴			10/23-10/28									
Deer, Junior Hunt Days ¹				11/11-12								
Wild Turkey, Winter Season ⁵						1/18-1/20						
Wild Turkey, Fall Season ⁵			10/28-11/4									
Wild Turkey, Spring Season ⁵								4/18-----5/23				
Wild Turkey, Spring Season, Junior Hunt Days ⁵								4/14-15				
Canada Goose, Early Resident Season, Eastern Hunt Zone ⁶		9/1-9/15										
Canada Goose, Early Resident Season, Western Hunt Zone ⁷		9/1-9/25										
Canada Goose, Migratory Atlantic Population ⁸				11/18-11/24	12/15-----2/3							
Canada Goose, Late Resident Season ⁹				11/18-11/24	12/15-----3/10							
Light Geese			10/2-----11/24		12/11-2/3, 2/10							
Light Goose Conservation Order Season ¹⁰					11/27-12/9		2/5-2/9	2/12-----4/14				
Brant				11/8-11/24	12/11-----1/31							
Teal, September Season ¹¹		9/16-9/30										
Ducks			10/14-10/21	11/11-11/24	12/12-----1/27							
Sea Ducks, Special Sea Duck Zone				11/4-----1/12								
Waterfowl-Youth Hunt Days				11/4			2/10					
Mourning Doves		9/1-----10/14	10/26-11/18		12/16-1/6							
Rails		9/1-----11/9										
Woodcock				10/27-11/24		1/12-1/27						
Common Snipe			9/26-----11/24		12/12-----1/27							
Black Bear ¹²			10/23-10/26									
Squirrel ¹³		9/2-----2/28										
Rabbit				11/4-----2/28								
Quail, Eastern Region ¹⁴				11/4-----2/15								
Quail, Western Region ¹⁵				11/4-----1/15								
Quail, DNR Lands ¹⁶				11/4---12/15								
Pheasant				11/4-----12/31								
Ruffed Grouse			10/7-----1/31									
Crow		8/15-----	Wednesday through Saturday only -----						3/15			

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Beaver, Trapping ¹⁷					12/15-----3/15							
Beaver, Trapping ¹⁸					12/1-----3/15							
Coyote, Daylight Hours	Year-round											
Coyote, Day and Night			10/14-----3/15									
Coyote & Long-tailed Weasel Trapping, Eastern Region ¹⁹				11/15-----2/15								
Coyote & Long-tailed Weasel Trapping, Western Region ²⁰				11/1-----2/1								
Fisher				11/1-----2/1								
Fox, Hunting & Trapping, Charles & Dorchester Co.	Year-round											
Fox, Hunting & Trapping County Group 1 ²¹				11/15-----2/15								
Fox, Hunting & Trapping County Group 2 ²²				11/1-----2/1								
Muskrat & Mink, County Group A ²³				11/15-----2/15								
Muskrat & Mink, County Group B ²⁴					1/1-----3/15							
Muskrat & Mink, County Group C ²⁵					12/15-----3/15							
Nutria & Groundhog	Year-round											
River Otter, Trapping ¹⁷					12/15-----3/15							
River Otter, Trapping ¹⁸					12/1-----3/15							
Raccoon & Opossum, Chasing Only	8/1-----10/13							3/16-----7/31				
Raccoon & Opossum Hunting			10/14-----3/15									
Raccoon, Skunk & Opossum Trapping, Eastern Region ¹⁹				11/15-----3/15								
Raccoon, Skunk & Opossum Trapping, Western Region ²⁰				11/1-----3/15								
Skunk, Hunting				11/1-----3/15								



Sunday Deer Hunting 2017-2018 (for White-tailed and Sika Deer)

Sunday hunting is allowed only on these dates during these seasons.

	Archery Season								Firearm Season				Muzzleloader Season		
Sundays	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Jr Hunt Nov 12	Nov 26	Dec 3	Jan 7	Dec 17	Dec 24	These dates apply to these lands
Allegany Co.	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	No Season	Open	Open	Private Lands & Designated Public Lands*
Anne Arundel Co.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
Baltimore Co.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	No Lands
Calvert Co.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
Caroline Co.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
Carroll Co.	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Private Lands Only
Cecil Co.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
Charles Co.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
Dorchester Co.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
Frederick Co.	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Private Lands Only
Garrett Co.	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	No Season	Open	Open	Private Lands & Designated Public Lands*
Harford Co.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
Howard Co.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	No Lands
Kent Co.	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open**	Open**	Open	Open	Private Lands Only
Montgomery Co.	Open**	Open**	Open**	Open**	Open**	Open	Open**	Open**	Open	Open	Open**	Open**	Open**	Open**	Private Lands Only
Prince George's Co.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	No Lands
Queen Anne's Co.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
St. Mary's Co.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
Somerset Co.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
Talbot Co.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
Washington Co. (Region A)	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	No Season	Open	Open	Private Lands & Designated Public Lands*
Washington Co. (Region B)	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Private Lands Only
Wicomico Co.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only
Worcester Co.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Private Lands Only

*Designated Public Lands open to Sunday hunting are Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Cunningham Swamp WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Garrett SF, Green Ridge SF, Indian Springs WMA, Mount Nebo WMA, Potomac SF, Prather's Neck WMA, Savage River SF, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA.

**Deer shooting hours are open from one half hour before sunrise to 10:30am on these Sundays in these counties.

Footnotes for 2017-2018 Hunting Season Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, hunting seasons are for all Maryland counties. Not all species are found in all counties.

1 Sunday Deer Hunting (white-tailed and sika)-

See the Sunday Hunting portion of the chart.

2 Deer Management Region A- This region includes Allegany County, Garrett County, and the western portion of Washington County (Zone 2, Private Land Code Areas 250 & 251) that lies west of a line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 494 and the Pennsylvania line, south on Rt. 494 to Rt. 57, south on Rt. 57 to Rt. 40 at St. Paul's Church, west on Rt. 40 to the junction of Big Spring Rd. and Rt. 40 in Clear Spring, south on Big Spring Rd. to the junction of Rt. 56 at Big Spring, following Rt. 56 west to the junction of Charles Mill Rd., then south on Charles Mill Rd. to the Potomac River.

3 Deer Management Region B- This region includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington (Zone 1, Private Land Code Area 252: the eastern portion of Washington County that lies east of a line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 494 and the Pennsylvania line, south on Rt. 494 to Rt. 57, south on Rt. 57 to Rt. 40 at St. Paul's Church, west on Rt. 40 to the junction of Big Spring Rd. and Rt. 40 in Clear Spring, south on Big Spring Rd. to the junction of Rt. 56 at Big Spring, following Rt. 56 west to the junction of Charles Mill Rd., then south on Charles Mill Rd. to the Potomac River), Wicomico and Worcester Counties.

4 Sika Deer- Sika deer may be hunted statewide where they are found.

5 Wild Turkey-

The Spring Season is open statewide.

The Fall Season hunting area includes Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties only.

Winter Season is open statewide.

Sunday turkey hunting is permitted on all Sundays during the Spring Season in:

- Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Kent, and St. Mary's counties on private lands only.
- Dorchester County on public and private lands.
- Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties on private and designated public lands only.

Junior Turkey Hunt Season is open on Saturday, April 14, 2018 in all counties and Sunday, April 15, 2018 in:

- Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Kent, and St. Mary's counties on private lands only.
- Dorchester County on public and private lands.
- Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties on private and designated public lands only.

6 Canada Goose, Early Resident Season, Eastern Hunt Zone- This zone includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties; and that part of Anne Arundel County east of Interstate 895, Interstate 97, and Route 3; that part of Prince George's County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that part of Charles County east of 301 to the Virginia line.

7 Canada Goose, Early Resident Season, Western Hunt Zone- This zone includes Allegany, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, and Washington Counties; and that part of Anne Arundel County west of Interstate 895, Interstate 97, and Route 3; that part of Prince George's County west of Route 3 and Route 301; and that part of Charles County west of 301 to the Virginia line.

8 Canada Goose, Migratory Atlantic Population- This zone includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties; that portion of Carroll County east of Route 31 to the intersection of Route 97, and east of Route 97 to the Pennsylvania line; that portion of Prince George's County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that portion of Charles County east of Route 301 to the Virginia line.

9 Canada Goose, Late Resident Goose Hunt Zone- This zone includes Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, and Washington Counties; that portion of Carroll County west of Route 31 to the intersection of Route 97, and west of Route 97 to the Pennsylvania line; that portion of Prince George's County west of Route 3 and Route 301; and that portion of Charles County west of Route 301 to the Virginia line.

10 Light Goose Conservation Season Zone- This zone includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties; that portion of Carroll County east of Route 31 to the intersection of Route 97, and east of Route 97 to the Pennsylvania line; that portion of Prince George's County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that portion of Charles County east of Route 301 to the Virginia line.

11 September Teal Hunt Zone: This zone includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties and that part of Anne Arundel County east of Interstate 895, Interstate 97, and Route 3; that part of Prince Georges County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that part of Charles County east of Route 301 to the Virginia State Line.

12 Bear Hunt Zone- This zone includes Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties. Permit required.

13 Closed Season for Delmarva Fox Squirrel

14 Quail, Eastern Region- This region includes Private lands east of I-83 from Pennsylvania south to I-695 to I-95 south to Virginia.

15 Quail, Western Region- This region includes Private lands west of I-83 from Pennsylvania south to I-695 to I-95 south to Virginia, excluding Allegany and Garrett counties.

16 Quail- Lands owned or managed by DNR excluding Allegany and Garrett counties.

17- All counties except Garrett and Allegany

18- Garrett and Allegany counties

19 That portion of Maryland east of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River.

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21 Fox, County Group 1- This group includes Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

22 Fox, County Group 2- This group includes Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Washington counties.

23 Muskrat and Mink, County Group A- This group includes Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, and Washington counties.

24 Muskrat and Mink, County Group B- This group includes Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Talbot, and Wicomico counties.

25 Muskrat and Mink, County Group C- This group includes Baltimore, Cecil, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, and Worcester counties.