

# HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY		OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	ANNUAL LIMIT
<b>DEER</b>					
Deer (Big Game)	Youth Deer Hunt Day	Oct. 1, 2022	See full regulations for more information.	1 antlered deer OR 1 antlerless deer in Zone specified in permit during season	
	Paraplegic Hunt	Nov. 3 – 5, 2022			
	Shotgun	Nov. 28 – Dec. 10, 2022	See full regulations for more information.	2 antlered deer + antlerless deer by permit	
	Archery	Zones 10–14: Oct. 3 – Nov. 26, 2022			
	Primitive Firearms	Zones 1–9: Oct. 17 – Nov. 26, 2022 Dec. 12 – Dec. 31, 2022			
<b>BLACK BEAR</b>					
Black Bear (Big Game)	Zones 1–14	Sept. 6 – Sept. 24, 2022 Nov. 7 – Nov. 26, 2022 Nov. 28 – Dec. 10, 2022	See full regulations for more information.		1
<b>UPLAND GAME BIRDS*</b>					
Crow	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – April 9, 2022 July 1, 2022 – April 10, 2023 (M, F, Sat only)	–	–	–
Pheasant	Youth Hunt Zones 1–14	Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, and Oct. 1, 8, 2022 Oct. 15 – Nov. 26, 2022	2	4	No limit
Quail	Zones 11–14	Oct. 15 – Nov. 26, 2022	4	8	No limit
Ruffed Grouse	Zones 1–14	Oct. 15 – Nov. 26, 2022	3	6	15
Wild Turkey (Big Game)	Youth Hunt: Zones 1–13 Fall: Zones 1–9 Fall: Zones 10–13 Spring: Zones 1–13	Apr. 23, 2022 (special restrictions apply**) Oct. 17 – Nov. 26, 2022 Oct. 3 – Nov. 26, 2022 Apr. 25 – May 21, 2022	See full regulations for more information.		
* Upland game bird hunting is closed during shotgun deer season. Migratory game birds (includes waterfowl, woodcock, snipe, rails): Seasons and bag limits set annually. For Migratory Game Bird Regulations visit <a href="http://mass.gov/migratory-game-bird">mass.gov/migratory-game-bird</a> .					
** Must have completed the Youth Turkey Hunt program.					
<b>RABBIT, HARE &amp; SQUIRREL</b>					
Cottontail Rabbit	Zones 1–12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2022 and Oct. 15, 2022 – Feb. 28, 2023	5	10	–
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2022 and Nov. 15, 2022 – Feb. 28, 2023	5	10	–
Snowshoe Hare	Zones 1–4	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2022 and Oct. 15, 2022 – Feb. 28, 2023	2	4	–
	Zones 5–12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 5, 2022 and Oct. 15, 2022 – Feb. 4, 2023	2	4	–
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 5, 2022 and Nov. 15, 2022 – Feb. 4, 2023	2	4	–
Gray Squirrel	Zones 1–9	Sept. 12, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023	5	10	–
	Zones 10–14	Oct. 15, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023	5	10	–
Rabbit, hare, and squirrel hunting are closed during shotgun deer season.					
<b>FURBEARERS</b>					
Bobcat	Zones 1–8	Jan. 1 – March 8, 2022 and Dec. 20, 2022 – March 8, 2023	–	–	–
Coyote	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – March 8, 2022 and Oct. 15, 2022 – Mar. 8, 2023	–	–	–
Fox (red or gray)	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2022 and Nov. 1, 2022 – Feb. 28, 2023	–	–	–
Opossum	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, 2022 and Oct. 1, 2022 – Jan. 31, 2023	–	–	–
Raccoon	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, 2022 and Oct. 1, 2022 – Jan. 31, 2023	3	See full regulations for more information.	–
All furbearer hunting seasons are closed during shotgun deer season except for coyotes. Special restrictions apply. The following species may be taken year-round (except during shotgun deer season) by licensed hunters with no daily or seasonal bag limit: English sparrow, flying squirrel, red squirrel, chipmunk, porcupine, skunk, starling, weasel, woodchuck.					

## TRAPPING

	OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)
Beaver <sup>1</sup>	Jan. 1 – April 15, 2022 and Nov. 1, 2022 – April 15, 2023
Bobcat <sup>1,2</sup> , Coyote <sup>1</sup> , Fox <sup>1</sup> , Weasel	Nov. 1 – Nov. 30, 2022
Fisher <sup>1</sup>	Nov. 1 – Nov. 22, 2022
Mink <sup>1</sup> , River Otter <sup>1</sup>	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15, 2022
Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2022 and Nov. 1, 2022 – Feb. 28, 2023

1 – Pelt checking/reporting required; see below.

2 – Bobcats may only be trapped or salvaged in Wildlife Management Zones 1–8.



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