

2016-17 Big Game, Turkey, and Furbearer Seasons Summary

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REGULAR & BOWHUNTING DEER SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

2016

NORTHERN ZONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Bowhunting--All WMUs Crossbow Regular Late Bowhunting--Only WMUs 5A, 5C, 5J, 5A, 6C, 6G, and 6H 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept. 27 - Oct. 21 Oct. 12 - Oct. 21 Oct. 22 - Dec. 4 Dec. 5 - Dec. 11
SOUTHERN ZONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Bowhunting Crossbow--Not in WMUs 4J or 8C Regular (opens Saturday) Late Bowhunting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct. 1 - Nov. 18 Nov. 5 - Nov. 18 Nov. 19 - Dec. 11 Dec. 12 - Dec. 20
WESTCHESTER COUNTY (3S)	Regular--Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
SUFFOLK COUNTY (1C)	Regular--Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1, 2016 - Jan. 31, 2017
	Special Firearms--(Permit Req.)	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31, 2017

Youth Firearms Season
Season Dates: Oct. 8 - 10, 2016

Area Open
Northern and Southern Zone, except bowhunting only WMUs

Eligible Hunters
Youth 14-15 years of age

Bag Limit
One deer of either sex in all open areas, with eligible tags

Crossbows
May be used to hunt deer during the Northern and Southern Zone Regular Seasons.

May not be used to hunt deer:
- during the Youth Firearms Season; or
- anytime in WMUs 1C (Suffolk County), 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

Antler Point Restrictions
During all seasons, antlered bucks must have at least one antler with 3 or more points that are at least 1 inch long. Young hunters (ages 12-16) are exempt.

No Deer Hunting

MUZZLELOADING DEER SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

2016

Northern Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deer of Either Sex Deer of Either Sex Antlered Only Deer of Either Sex Deer of Either Sex Antlered Only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct. 15 - Oct. 21 Dec. 5 - Dec. 11 Oct. 15 - Oct. 21 Dec. 5 - Dec. 11 Oct. 15 - Oct. 21 Oct. 15 - Oct. 21
Southern Zone	Deer of Either Sex	Dec. 12 - Dec. 20

Crossbows
May be used to hunt deer during the Northern and Southern Zone Muzzleloader Seasons.

May not be used to hunt deer anytime in WMUs 1C (Suffolk County), 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

Antler Point Restrictions
During all seasons, antlered bucks must have at least one antler with 3 or more points that are at least 1 inch long. Young hunters (ages 12-16) are exempt.

No Muzzleloading Season

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BLACK BEAR SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

2016

Northern Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Bear Bowhunting Crossbow Muzzleloading Regular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept. 17 - Oct. 14 Sept. 17 - Oct. 21 Oct. 12 - Oct. 21 Oct. 15 - Oct. 21 Oct. 22 - Dec. 4
Southern Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Bear Early Bowhunting Crossbow--Not in WMUs 4J or 8C Regular Late Bowhunting Late Muzzleloading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept. 10 - Sept. 25 Oct. 1 - Nov. 18 Nov. 5 - Nov. 18 Nov. 19 - Dec. 11 Dec. 12 - Dec. 20 Dec. 12 - Dec. 20

9S open except Allegany State Park

Bowhunting Only WMUs

No Bear Hunting

Crossbows
May be used to hunt bear during the early bear seasons, muzzleloader seasons, and the regular firearms seasons.

May not be used to hunt bear anytime in WMUs 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

FALL TURKEY SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2016	Season Bag Limits
Oct. 1 - Oct. 14	1, either sex
Oct. 15 - Oct. 28	1, either sex
Nov. 19 - Dec. 2	1, either sex

BOBCAT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: After sunrise on opening day; and at any hour, day or night, for the rest of the open hunting season.

There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2016/17

Oct. 25 - Feb. 15
Oct. 25 - Nov. 18*
Closed

* You must obtain a free bobcat harvest expansion area permit from a Regional Bureau of Wildlife Office.

If you take a bobcat you must:

1. Complete a Furbearer Possession Tag AND
2. Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

There are no bag limits.

SPRING TURKEY SEASON (no map)

Hunting Hours: One half - hour before sunrise to noon

Area Open: All of upstate New York north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary

Season Dates: May 1 - May 31

Season Bag Limits: Two bearded turkeys (one bird per day)

SPRING YOUTH HUNT

Season Dates: April 22 - 23, 2017

Area Open: Same as regular spring season Plus Suffolk County (WMU 1C)

Eligible hunters: Youth 12 - 15 years of age

WEASEL, OPOSSUM, RACCOON, SKUNK, AND FOX HUNTING

Long Island: Nov. 1 - Feb. 25

All other areas of New York: Oct. 25 - Feb. 15.

There are no bag limits for these species. They may be hunted during the day or night.

COYOTE HUNTING

Statewide except Long Island and New York City: Oct. 1 - Mar. 26

There are no bag limits for coyotes. They may be hunted during the day or night.

2016-17 Small Game Seasons Summary

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COTTONTAIL RABBIT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2016/17	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 – Mar. 19	6
Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	6
Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	6

VARYING HARE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2016/17	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 – Mar. 19	6
Jan. 1 – Jan. 31	2
Dec. 12 – Feb. 28	2
Closed	

GRAY, BLACK & FOX SQUIRREL HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2016/17	Daily Bag Limits
Sept. 1 – Feb. 28	6
Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	6

Red squirrels are unprotected, and may be hunted at any time without limit.

PHEASANT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

- Gray: Cocks only
- Yellow: Cocks & hens
- Light blue: Cocks only east of Shinnecock Canal & Inlet

2016/2017 Regular Season Dates	2017 Youth Hunt Dates	Bag Limits Daily	Bag Limits Season
Oct. 15 – Dec. 31	Oct. 8 – Oct. 9	2	-
Oct. 15 – Feb. 28	Oct. 8 – Oct. 9	2	-
Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	Sept. 24 – Sept. 25	2	-
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	Oct. 29 – Oct. 30	2 ^{1/4} **	30
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	Oct. 29 – Oct. 30	2 ^{1/4} **	30

*Youth Hunt/**Regular Hunt
Junior hunters (ages 12-15) must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. Only the junior hunter may carry a firearm.

RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2016/17	Daily Bag Limits
Sept. 20 – Feb. 28	4
Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	4
Closed	

BOBWHITE QUAIL HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Counties: Orange, Putnam, Nassau, Suffolk

Season Dates 2016/17	Bag Limits Daily	Bag Limits Season
Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	4	10
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	6	40
Closed		

Species	Season Dates 2016/17	Bag Limits
WOODCOCK	Oct. 1 – Nov. 14	4
CROW	Sept. 1 – Mar. 31 (Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays only)	4
	Closed	

Species	Season Dates 2016/17	Bag Limits
SNIPE, RAILS AND GALLINULES	Sept. 1 – Nov. 9	4
	Closed	

A migratory duck stamp is not required to hunt these three groups of birds.

HIP registration is required for each of these species except crow. To register: www.NY-HIP.com or 1-888-427-5447.

For seasons and bag limits on ducks and geese refer to the DEC website.