2017-18 Big Game, Turkey, and Furbearer Seasons Summary

(most maps depict Wildlife Management Unit boundaries, refer to the 2017-18 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Guide)

**REGULAR & BOWHUNTING DEER SEASONS**

**Hunting Hours:** Sunrise to Sunset

**NORTHERN ZONE**
- Early Bowhunting: A5, A6 WMUs
- Late Bowhunting: Oct. 21 – Dec. 20

**SOUTHERN ZONE**
- Early Bowhunting: Oct. 1 – Nov. 3
- Regular: Oct. 4 – Dec. 19

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY (36)**
- Early Bowhunting: Oct. 1 – Dec. 31
- Regular: Nov. 1 – Dec. 31

**BUFFALO (5)**
- Early Bowhunting: Oct. 1 – Dec. 31
- Regular: Nov. 1 – Dec. 31

**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 2017/18**
- Oct. 25 – Dec. 15
- Open

**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. 25
There are no bag limits for coyotes. They may be hunted during the day or night.
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COTTONTAIL
RABBIT HUNTING
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Cottontail hunting is closed from March 19 to October 1.

Season Dates
2017/18 Daily Bag Limits
- Oct. 1 – Mar. 18 6
- Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 6
- Nov. 1 – Feb. 28 6

VARYING HARE
HUNTING
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Varying hare hunting is closed from March 19 to October 1.

Season Dates
2017/18 Daily Bag Limits
- Oct. 1 – Mar. 18 6
- Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 2
- Dec. 11 – Feb. 28 2
- Closed

GRAY, BLACK &
FOX SQUIRREL
HUNTING
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Gray, black, and fox squirrels are unprotected and may be hunted at any time without limit.

Season Dates
2017/18 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.

BOBWHITE QUAIL HUNTING
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Bobwhite quail hunting is closed from March 19 to October 1.

Season Dates
2017/18 Daily Season
- Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 4 10
- Nov. 1 – Dec. 31 6 40
- 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 for ducks and geese refer to the DEC website.

Counts
Orange
Putnam
Nassau
Suffolk

PHEASANT HUNTING
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Pheasant hunting is closed from March 19 to October 1.

Youth Hunt
- Oct. 14 – Oct. 15 2
- Oct. 28 – Oct. 29 2*/4** 30

Regular Hunt
- Oct. 21 – Dec. 31 4 10
- Nov. 1 – Dec. 31 6 40
- Closed

*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.

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Cocks only
- Oct. 1 – Mar. 18 6
- Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 2
- Dec. 11 – Feb. 28 2
- Closed

Cocks & hens
- Oct. 14 – Oct. 15 2
- Oct. 23 – Dec. 31 2
- Oct. 28 – Oct. 29 2*/4** 30

Cocks only east of Shinnecock Canal & Inlet
- Oct. 1 – Mar. 18 6
- Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 2
- Dec. 11 – Feb. 28 2
- Closed

RUFFED GROUSE
HUNTING
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Ruffed grouse hunting is closed from March 19 to October 1.

Season Dates
2017/18 Daily Bag Limits
- Sept. 20 – Feb. 28 4
- Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 4
- Closed

WOODCOCK
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Woodcock hunting is closed from March 19 to October 1.

Season Dates
2017/18 Daily Bag Limits
- Oct. 1 – Nov. 14 4
- Closed

CROW
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Crow hunting is closed from March 19 to October 1.

Season Dates
2017/18 Daily Bag Limits
- Sept. 1 – Mar. 31 (Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays only) 4
- Closed

SNIPES, RAILS
AND GALLINULES
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Snipe, rails, and gallinules hunting is closed from March 19 to October 1.

Season Dates
2017/18 Daily Bag Limits
- Sept. 1 – Nov. 9 4
- Closed

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