2022-23 Hunting & Trapping Seasons Summary

For complete rules and regulations see Official New York Hunting & Trapping Guide to Laws & Regulations

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HuntFishNY Mobile App * 1-866-426-3778 * www.dec.ny.gov
Most regulations are in effect September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023

REGULAR & BOWHUNTING DEER SEASONS 2022
Hunting Hours:
30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

NORTHERN ZONE
- Early Bowhunting
- Early Crossbow
- Crossbow (not in WMUs 4J or 8C)
- Early Muzzleloading
- Regular Bowhunting
- Regular Crossbow
- Late Crossbow
- Late Bowhunting
- Late Muzzleloading

SOUTHERN ZONE
- Early Bowhunting
- Early Crossbow
- Crossbow (not in WMUs 4J or 8C)
- Early Muzzleloading
- Regular Bowhunting
- Regular Crossbow
- Late Crossbow
- Late Bowhunting
- Late Muzzleloading

WESTCHESTER COUNTY (15)
- Regular Bowhunting
- Early Crossbow
- Crossbow (not in WMUs 4J or 8C)
- Early Muzzleloading
- Regular Crossbow
- Late Crossbow
- Late Bowhunting
- Late Muzzleloading

SUFFOLK COUNTY (1C)
- Regular Bowhunting
- Early Crossbow
- Crossbow (not in WMUs 4J or 8C)
- Early Muzzleloading
- Regular Crossbow
- Late Crossbow
- Late Bowhunting
- Late Muzzleloading

No Deer Hunting

Northern-Southern Zone Line

Youth Firearms Season
Season Dates: Oct. 8 – 10, 2022
Area Open: Northern and Southern Zoon, except bowhunting-only WMUs
Eligible Hunters: Youth 12-15 years (all open areas)
Youth aged 12-13 years (select counties, see www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/46245.html)
Tags: Regular (either-sex), DMP, and DMAP (antlerless only); Bow/Muzz tags are not valid

2022 MUZZLELOADING DEER SEASONS
Hunting Hours:
30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

Northern Zone
- Deer of Either Sex
- Deer of Antlered Sex
- Deer of Antlerless Sex
- No Muzzleloading

Southern Zone
- Deer of Either Sex
- Deer of Antlered Sex
- Deer of Antlerless Sex
- 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

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.

2022 FALL TURKEY SEASONS
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset
Season Bag Limit: 1 bird of either sex
- Oct. 1 – Oct. 14
- Oct. 15 – Oct. 28
- Nov. 19 – Dec. 2
- Closed

2023 SPRING TURKEY SEASON
Hunting Hours:
One half hour before sunrise to noon
Season Bag Limits:
Two bearded birds (one bird per day)
Season Dates:
- May 1 – May 31 in all upstate counties
- Proposed regulation pending*
- Closed

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.

ATTENTION:
At the time of printing, legislation was pending that would allow counties to pass a local law or resolution to prohibit hunting from Dec. 26 – Jan. 1, during the late portion of the bow and muzzleloader season. Please refer to your county legislative office to learn your county’s status.

2022 BLACK BEAR SEASONS
Hunting Hours:
30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

NORTHERN ZONE
- Regular
- Bowhunting
- Crossbow
- Muzzleloading
- Regular Bowhunting
- Late Bowhunting
- Muzzleloading

SOUTHERN ZONE
- Early Bear
- Early Bowhunting
- Crossbow (not in WMUs 4J or 8C)
- Regular
- Late Bowhunting
- Late Muzzleloading

WESTCHESTER COUNTY (3S)
- Early Bear
- Early Bowhunting
- Crossbow (not in WMUs 4J or 8C)
- Regular
- Late Bowhunting
- Late Muzzleloading

No Bear Hunting

Bear hunting in Allegany State Park requires a park permit

Northern-Southern Zone Line

Youth Firearms Season
Season Dates: Oct. 8 – 10, 2022
Area Open: Northern and Southern Zoon, except bowhunting-only WMUs
Eligible Hunters: Youth 14-15 years (all open areas)
Youth aged 12-13 years (select counties, see www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/46245.html)
Tags: Regular (either-sex), DMP, and DMAP (antlerless only); Bow/Muzz tags are not valid

Proposed regulation pending*
At press time, a regulation was pending that would establish a spring season in Suffolk County (Unit 1C). The proposed season would be May 1-31 and the season bag limit would be 1 bearded bird, which becomes part of the 2 bearded bird statewide bag limit. Check the DEC website before going afield.

SOUTHERN ZONE
- Early Bear
- Early Bowhunting
- Crossbow (not in WMUs 4J or 8C)
- Regular
- Late Bowhunting
- Late Muzzleloading

WESTCHESTER COUNTY (3S)
- Early Bear
- Early Bowhunting
- Crossbow (not in WMUs 4J or 8C)
- Regular
- Late Bowhunting
- Late Muzzleloading

No Bear Hunting

Crossbows
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2022 SPRING YOUTH HUNT
Season Dates: April 22-23, 2023
Area Open & Hunting Hours: Same as regular spring season
Eligible Hunters: Youth 12-15 years of age
Statewide Bag Limit: 1 bearded bird

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**RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING**

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2022/23  Daily Bag Limits
- Sept. 20 – Feb. 28  4
- Oct. 1 – Feb. 28  4
- Closed

**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.

**COTTONTAIL RABBIT HUNTING**

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2022/23  Daily Bag Limits
- Oct. 1 – Mar. 19  6
- Oct. 1 – Feb. 28  6
- Nov. 1 – Feb. 28  6

**PHEASANT HUNTING**

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

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

**BOBWHITE QUAIL HUNTING**

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

2022/23 Regular Season Dates  Bag Limits Daily Season
- Oct. 15 – Dec. 31  2
- Oct. 15 – Feb. 28  2
- Nov. 1 – Dec. 31  2

**VARYING HARE HUNTING**

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2022/23  Daily Bag Limits
- Oct. 1 – Mar. 19  6
- Jan. 1 – Jan. 31  2
- Dec. 12 – Feb. 28  2
- Closed

**GRAY, BLACK & FOX SQUIRREL HUNTING**

Long Island: Nov. 1 – Feb. 28
All other areas of New York: Sept. 1 – Feb. 28

Daily bag limit of 6 total, regardless of species.

**BOBCAT HUNTING**

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

If you take a bobcat you must:
- Complete a furbearer possession tag, AND
- Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

**RACCOON, FOX, SKUNK, OPOSSUM & WEASEL 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, except weasel, which may only be hunted from sunrise to sunset.

**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.
BOBCAT TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2022/23
- Oct. 25 – Feb. 15
- Oct. 25 – Nov. 18
- Closed

RIVER OTTER TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2022/23
- Nov. 1 – Apr. 7
- Nov. 10 – Feb. 28
- Closed

ATTRIBUTION: If you take a bobcat, otter, fisher, or marten, you must:
- Complete a furbearer possession tag, AND
- Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

FISHER & MARTEN TRAPPING
To trap marten, you must obtain a special free trapping permit from a Regional Wildlife Office.

Season Dates 2022/23
- Nov. 1 – Nov. 30  Fisher & Marten
- Oct. 25 – Oct. 30  Fisher only
- Oct. 25 – Dec. 10  Fisher only
- Closed

Fisher & Marten Season limit of 6 martens.

RACCOON, RED FOX, GREY FOX, SKUNK, COYOTE, OPPOSUM & WEASEL TRAPPING
There are no bag limits for these species.

*In the Northern Zone, body-gripping traps set on land may not be set with bait or lure if the fisher and marten season is closed.

BEAVER TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2022/23
- Nov. 1 – Apr. 7
- Nov. 10 – Apr. 7
- Closed

MINK & MUSKRAT TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2022/23
- Nov. 1 – Apr. 15
- Nov. 10 – Feb. 15
- Nov. 10 – Apr. 7
- Dec. 15 – Feb. 25

Submit question or feedback to: info@ontario.ca
2022-2023 CANADA GOOSE SEASONS

2022-2023 WATERFOWL SEASONS

Woodcock

Crow

Snipe, Rails, and Gallinules

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

Bag Limits

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* Youth hunters, 12 to 15 years of age, possessing a junior hunting license and HIP registration, may hunt ducks, mergansers, Canada geese, brant, gallinules, and coot on two (2) special days in each zone. Daily bag limits are the same as those allowed during the regular hunting season for all species. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a licensed (including current HIP registration and duck stamp) adult hunter, and the mentor may not carry a firearm. This prohibition does not apply to other hunters in the party that are not mentoring the youth.

** Crippled sea ducks may be taken under power in the Special Sea Duck area, only. The Special Sea Duck Area is defined as the coastal waters of New York State and all waters of streams and rivers seaward from the first upstream bridge.

*** Snow goose seasons include both the regular hunting season and the Conservation Order that runs from January 16 – April 15 in all zones (except Long Island).

The daily bag limit is the maximum number of birds of each species that any person may take or possess in the field during any one day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit for all migratory game birds except snow goose.

a. The daily limit of 6 ducks includes all mergansers and sea ducks (scoters, eiders and long-tailed ducks) and may include no harlequin ducks and no more than 2 mallards (1 of which may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 2 black ducks, 1 pintail, 1 scaup (2 scaup are allowed during the 20 days specified above for each zone), 2 redheads, 2 canvasback, or 4 sea ducks (including no more than 3 scoters, 3 long-tailed ducks, or 3 eiders and no more than 1 female eider). For all other duck species, the daily limit is no more than 6.

b. Cackling geese and white-fronted geese may be taken as part of the Canada goose daily and possession limits. Snow goose and Ross’ geese may be taken as part of the snow goose limits.