



HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY		OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	ANNUAL LIMIT
DEER					
	Youth Deer Hunt Day	Sept. 28, 2024	See full regulations for more information.	1 deer (antlered or antlerless), additional antlerless deer may be taken with valid antlerless deer permits for the specified permitted zones.	
Deer (Big Game)	Archery	Zones 1–14: Oct. 7 – Nov. 30, 2024	See full regulations for more information.	2 antlered deer + antlerless deer by permit	
	Paralegic	Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2024			
	Shotgun	Dec. 2 – Dec. 14, 2024			
	Primitive Firearms	Dec. 16 – Dec. 31, 2024			

BLACK BEAR					
Black Bear (Big Game)	Zones 1–14	First season: Sept. 3 – Sept. 21, 2024 Second season: Nov. 4 – Nov. 23, 2024 Shotgun season: Dec. 2 – Dec. 14, 2024	See full regulations for more information.		1

UPLAND GAME BIRDS*					
Crow	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – April 10, 2024 and July 1, 2024 – April 10, 2025 (M, F, Sat only)	—	—	—
Pheasant	Youth Hunt	Sept. 7, 14, 21, and Oct. 5, 12, 2024	2	4	No limit
	Zones 1–14	Oct. 19 – Dec. 31, 2024			
Quail	Zones 11–14	Oct. 19 – Dec. 31, 2024	4	8	No limit
Ruffed Grouse	Zones 1–14	Oct. 19 – Nov. 30, 2024	3	6	15
Wild Turkey (Big Game)	Youth Hunt: Zones 1–13	Apr. 27, 2024 (special restrictions apply**)	See full regulations for more information.		
	Spring: Zones 1–13	Apr. 29 – May 25, 2024			
	Fall: Zones 1–13***	Oct. 7 – Nov. 30, 2024			

* Crow, pheasant, and quail hunting are 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 mass.gov/migratory-game-bird.

** Must have completed the Youth Turkey Hunt program.

*** Shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, and archery from Oct. 21 – Nov. 2, 2024.

RABBIT, HARE & SQUIRREL					
Cottontail Rabbit	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1, 2024 – Feb. 29, 2024	5	10	—
		Oct. 19, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025			
Snowshoe Hare	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1, 2024 – Feb. 29, 2024	2	4	—
		Oct. 19, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025			
Gray Squirrel	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1, 2024 – Feb. 29, 2024	5	10	—
		Sept. 3, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025			

Rabbit, hare, and squirrel hunting are closed during shotgun deer season.

FURBEARERS					
Bobcat	Zones 1–8	Jan. 1 – Mar. 8, 2024 and Dec. 20, 2024 – Mar. 8, 2025	—	—	—
Coyote	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Mar. 8, 2024 and Oct. 19, 2024 – Mar. 8, 2025	—	—	—
Fox (red or gray)	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29, 2024 and Nov. 1, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025	—	—	—
Opossum	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, 2024 and Oct. 1, 2024 – Jan. 31, 2025	—	—	—
Raccoon	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, 2024 and Oct. 1, 2024 – Jan. 31, 2025	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.

Falconers may hunt pheasant, bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, and gray squirrel from the respective opening day through March 15th, and crow during the regular crow season.

FURBEARER TRAPPING

	OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)
Beaver ¹	Jan. 1 – April 15, 2024 and Nov. 1, 2024 – April 15, 2025
Bobcat ^{1,2} , Coyote ¹ , Fox ¹ , Weasel	Nov. 1 – Nov. 30, 2024
Fisher ¹	Nov. 1 – Nov. 22, 2024
Mink ¹ , River Otter ¹	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15, 2024
Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29, 2024 and Nov. 1, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025

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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