



Chickahominy

Wildlife Management Area

2025-2026 Hunting Seasons

BIG GAME HUNTING SEASONS

Bear	Archery: October 4 – November 14 Muzzleloader: November 8 – November 14 Chase: November 15 – November 29	Youth/Apprentice: October 11 – October 12 Firearms: December 1 – January 3
Deer	Early Archery: October 4 – November 14 Early Muzzleloader: November 1 – November 14 Firearms: November 15 – January 3; only antlered deer may be taken, unless an antlerless tag has been awarded by quota draw	Youth/Apprentice: September 27 – 28; blaze orange required for all hunters on youth/apprentice deer hunting days.
Turkey	Fall: Archery: October 4 – November 14 Youth/Apprentice: October 11-12 Firearms: October 18 – October 31, November 26 – November 27, December 1 – December 13, and January 10 – January 24	Spring: Bearded turkeys only Youth/Apprentice: April 4 – April 5 Archery: April 11 – May 16; ½ before sunrise til noon Firearms: April 11 – May 16; ½ hour before sunrise til sunset

SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

Crow	September 1 – March 9: on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays ONLY
Groundhog	September 1 – March 10, during spring turkey season, during spring squirrel season
Quail	November 8 – January 31
Rabbit	November 1 – February 28
Squirrel	Fall: September 6 – February 28 Spring: June 6 – June 20
Grouse	Closed

WEBLESS MIGRATORY GAMEBIRD HUNTING SEASONS

Dove	Refer to the “WMA Dove Season” sign.
Woodcock	November 11 – November 30 December 26 – January 19
Snipe	September 29 – November 30 December 19 – January 31
Rail/Gallinule/Moorhen	September 6 – October 25 November 11 – November 30

WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS

September Goose and Teal	Goose: September 1 – 25 Teal: September 20 – 28	
Duck/Mergansers/Coots	October 10 – October 13 (Black duck closed) November 19 – November 30 December 19 – January 31	Youth and Veteran Waterfowl Hunt Days: October 25 February 7
Goose	December 24– December 31 January 10 – January 31	
Light Goose	Regular Season: October 18 – January 31	Conservation Order Season: February 1 – April 5
Tundra Swan	November 15 – January 31 by quota permit only	

FURBEARER HUNTING SEASONS

Bobcat	Archery: October 4 – October 31 Firearms: November 1 – February 28
Coyote/Skunk	September 1 – March 10, during spring turkey season, during spring squirrel season
Opossum	October 15 – March 10
Fox	Red Fox: November 1 – February 28 Gray Fox: January 1 – February 28 Chase: Continuous open season (No foxes may be taken except during the firearms season)
Raccoon	Firearms: October 15 – March 10 Chase: Continuous open season (No raccoon may be taken except during firearms season)

TRAPPING SEASONS

Beaver/Mink/Muskrat/Otter/Weasel	December 1 – February 28
Bobcat/Fox/Opossum/Racoon	November 15 – February 28
Coyote/Nutria/Striped skunk	Continuous open season
Rabbit	October 15 – January 31 (Box traps only)

If you have any questions, please contact the Wildlife Area Manager, Ashlei Selden, via phone at (804) 398-9710 or email at ashlei.selden@dwr.virginia.gov



2025-2026 WMA Dove Hunting



Dove Seasons

First Segment	September 1 – October 19 Hours: September 1 (Labor Day): 12:00 noon until sunset September 2 – October 20: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset on Wednesdays, Saturdays
Second Segment	November 22 – November 30 Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset daily
Third Segment	December 19 – January 19 Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset daily

Bag Limit: 15 per day, 45 in possession. Composed of mourning doves and white-winged doves, singly or in combination.