



Guinea Marsh Wildlife Management Area

2026-2027 Hunting Seasons



All Federal, State, & Local County Rules, Regulations, & Ordinances Apply

BIG GAME HUNTING SEASONS

Bear	Archery: October 3 – November 13 Muzzleloader: November 10 – November 13 Chase: November 14 – November 28	Youth/Apprentice: October 10 – October 11 Firearms: November 30 – January 2
Deer Daily bag limit: 1	Archery: October 3 – November 13 Muzzleloader: October 31 – November 13; antlered only except for either-sex day on November 7 Firearms: November 14 – January 2	Youth/Apprentice: September 26 – 27; blaze orange required for all hunters on youth/apprentice deer hunting days.
Turkey	Fall: Archery: October 3 – November 13 Youth/Apprentice: October 10 – 11 Firearms: October 17 – October 30, November 25 – November 26, November 30 – December 12	Spring: Bearded turkeys only Youth/Apprentice: April 3 – April 4 Firearms: April 10 – May 15

SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

Crow	September 2 – March 10: on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays ONLY
Groundhog	September 1 – March 10, during spring turkey season, during spring squirrel season
Quail	November 7 – January 31
Rabbit	October 31 – February 28
Squirrel	Fall: September 5 – February 28 Spring: June 5 – June 19
Grouse	Closed

WEBLESS MIGRATORY GAMEBIRD HUNTING SEASONS

Dove	September 5 – October 24, November 21 – 29, December 19 – January 18
Woodcock	November 11 – December 1, December 26 – January 18
Snipe	September 28 – November 29, December 19 – January 31
Rail/Gallinule/Moorhen	September 5 – October 24, November 10 – November 29

WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS

September Goose and Teal	Goose: September 1 – 25 Teal: September 19– 27	
Duck/Mergansers/Coots	October 9 – October 12 (Black duck closed) November 18 – November 29 December 19 – January 31	Youth and Veteran Waterfowl Hunt Days: October 24 February 6
Goose	November 24 – 29, December 24 – January 31	
Light Goose	Regular Season: November 25 – March 10	
Tundra Swan	November 15 – January 31 by quota permit only	

FURBEARER HUNTING SEASONS

Bobcat	Archery: October 3 – 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