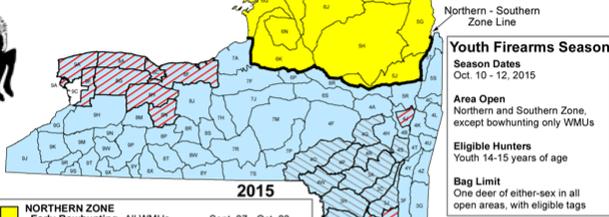


2015-16 Big Game, Turkey, and Furbearer Seasons Summary

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REGULAR & BOWHUNTING DEER SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

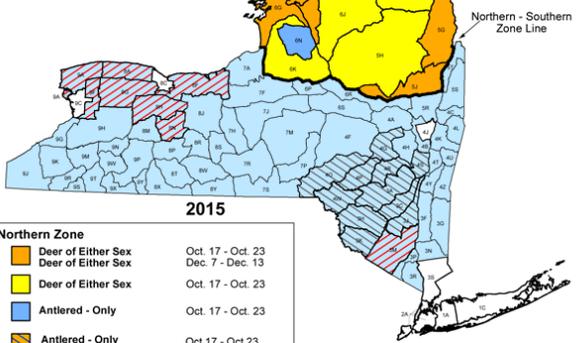


2015	
NORTHERN ZONE	
Early Bowhunting--All WMUs	Sept. 27 - Oct. 23
Crossbow	Oct. 14 - Oct. 23
Regular	Oct. 24 - Dec. 6
Late Bowhunting--Only WMUs 5A, 5G, 5J, 6A, 6C, 6G, and 6H	Dec. 7 - Dec. 13
SOUTHERN ZONE	
Early Bowhunting	Oct. 1 - Nov. 20
Crossbow--Not in WMUs 4J or 8C	Nov. 7 - Nov. 20
Regular (opens Saturday)	Nov. 21 - Dec. 13
Late Bowhunting	Dec. 14 - Dec. 22
WESTCHESTER COUNTY (3S)	
Regular--Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
Antlerless - Only (bow)	Oct. 1 - Oct. 15
SUFFOLK COUNTY (1C)	
Regular--Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1, 2015 - Jan. 31, 2016
Antlerless - Only (bow)	Oct. 1 - Oct. 15
Special Firearms-(Permit Req.)	Jan. 3 - Jan. 31, 2016
SPECIAL RULES	
Antlerless-Only portions of bow and muzzleloader seasons.	Oct. 1 - Oct. 15
Remaining seasons are unchanged.	Dec. 14 - Dec. 22
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 Season. 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.

MUZZLELOADING DEER SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



2015	
Northern Zone	
Deer of Either Sex	Oct. 17 - Oct. 23
Deer of Either Sex	Dec. 7 - Dec. 13
Antlered - Only	Oct. 17 - Oct. 23
Antlered - Only	Oct. 17 - Oct. 23
Deer of Either Sex	Dec. 7 - Dec. 13
Southern Zone	
Deer of Either Sex	Dec. 14 - Dec. 22
Antlerless - Only	Dec. 14 - Dec. 22
Antler Point Restrictions	
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No Muzzleloading Season	

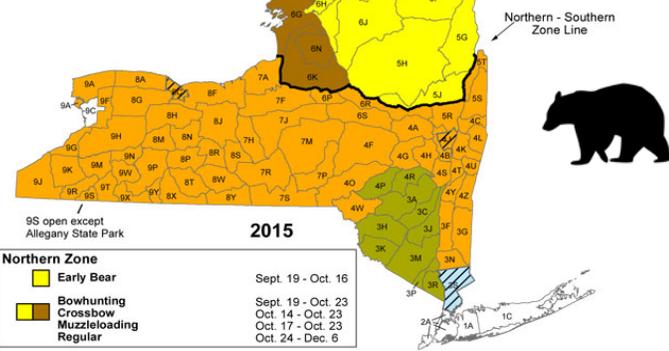
Crossbows
May be used to hunt deer during the Northern and Southern Zone Muzzleloader Seasons. May not be used to hunt deer anytime in WMUs 1C (Suffolk County), 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

Remember to Report Your Harvest!

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BLACK BEAR SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



2015	
Northern Zone	
Early Bear	Sept. 19 - Oct. 16
Bowhunting	Sept. 19 - Oct. 23
Crossbow	Oct. 14 - Oct. 23
Muzzleloading	Oct. 17 - Oct. 23
Regular	Oct. 24 - Dec. 6
Southern Zone	
Early Bear	Sept. 12 - Sept. 27
Early Bowhunting	Oct. 1 - Nov. 20
Crossbow--Not in WMUs 4J or 8C	Nov. 7 - Nov. 20
Regular	Nov. 21 - Dec. 13
Late Bowhunting	Dec. 14 - Dec. 22
Late Muzzleloading	Dec. 14 - Dec. 22
Westchester County (3S)	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
Regular--Bowhunting Only	

Bowhunting Only WMUs
No Bear Hunting

Crossbows
- May be used to hunt bear during the early bear seasons, muzzleloader seasons, and the regular firearms seasons.
- May not be used to hunt bear anytime in WMUs 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

FALL TURKEY SEASON

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



Season Dates 2015	Season Bag Limits
Oct. 1 - Oct. 14	1, either sex
Oct. 17 - Oct. 30	1, either sex
Nov. 21 - Dec. 4	1, either sex

SPRING TURKEY SEASON (no map)

Hunting Hours: One half - hour before sunrise to noon

Area Open: All of upstate New York north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary

Season Dates: May 1 - May 31

Season Bag Limits: Two bearded turkeys (one bird per day)

SPRING YOUTH HUNT

Season Dates: April 23 - 24, 2016

Area Open: Same as regular spring season Plus Suffolk County (WMU 1C)

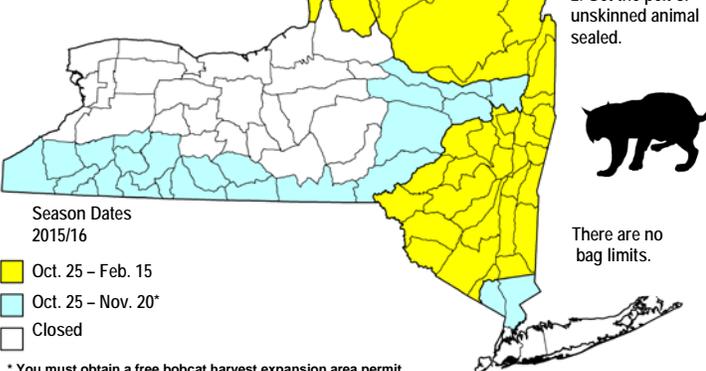
Eligible hunters: Youth 12 - 15 years of age

Bag Limit: One bearded turkey

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 2015/16

Oct. 25 - Feb. 15
Oct. 25 - Nov. 20*
Closed

* You must obtain a free bobcat harvest expansion area permit from a Regional Bureau of Wildlife Office.

If you take a bobcat you must:

1. Complete a Furbearer Possession Tag AND
2. Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

There are no bag limits.

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. 27

There are no bag limits for coyotes. They may be hunted during the day or night.

2015-16 Small Game Seasons Summary

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COTTONTAIL RABBIT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2015/16	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 – Mar. 20	6
Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	6
Nov. 1 – Feb. 29	6

VARYING HARE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2015/16	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 – Mar. 20	6
Jan. 1 – Jan. 31	2
Dec. 14 – Feb. 29	2
Closed	

GRAY, BLACK & FOX SQUIRREL HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Red squirrels are unprotected, and may be hunted at any time without limit.

Season Dates 2015/16	Daily Bag Limits
Sept. 1 – Feb. 29	6
Nov. 1 – Feb. 29	6

PHEASANT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

- Gray: Cocks only
- Yellow: Cocks & hens
- Light Blue: Cocks only east of Shinnecock Canal & Inlet

2015/16 Regular Season Dates	2015 Youth Hunt Dates	Bag Limits Daily	Bag Limits Season
Oct. 17 – Dec. 31	Oct. 10 – Oct. 11	2	-
Oct. 17 – Feb. 29	Oct. 10 – Oct. 11	2	-
Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	Sept. 26 – Sept. 27	2	-
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	Oct. 24 – Oct. 25	2 ^{1/4} **	30
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	Oct. 24 – Oct. 25	2 ^{1/4} **	30

*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.

RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2015/16	Daily Bag Limits
Sept. 20 – Feb. 29	4
Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	4
Closed	

BOBWHITE QUAIL HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Dates 2015/16	Bag Limits Daily	Bag Limits Season
Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	4	10
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	6	40
Closed		

Counties
Orange
Putnam
Nassau
Suffolk

Species	Season Dates 2015/16	Bag Limits
WOODCOCK	Oct. 1 – Nov. 14	4
CROW	Sept. 1 – Mar. 31 (Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays only)	4
	Closed	

Species	Season Dates 2015/16	Bag Limits
SNIPE, RAILS AND GALLINULES	Sept. 1 – Nov. 9	4
	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 on ducks and geese refer to the DEC website.