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HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS 2013 - 2014

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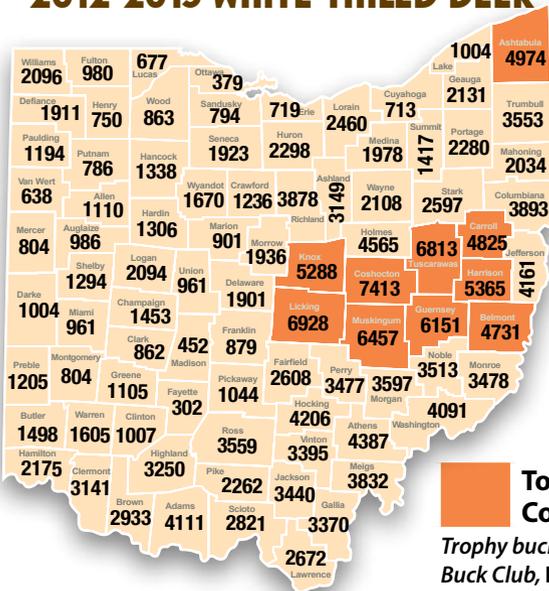


OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
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WILD GAME HARVEST IN OHIO

2012-2013 WHITE-TAILED DEER

The entire state of Ohio offers great potential for successful deer and turkey hunts. The harvest maps provided here show where hunters were most successful. Maps of state lands open to public hunting can be found at wildohio.com.



Top 10 DEER HARVEST Counties

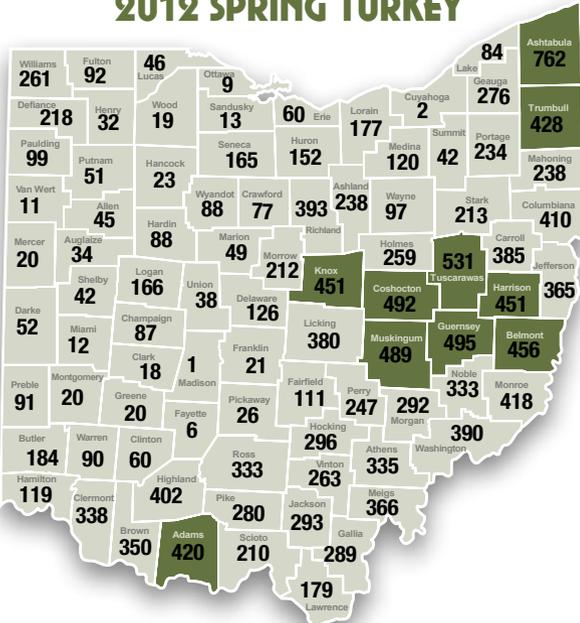
Trophy bucks registered in Ohio's Buckeye Big Buck Club, Page 25 .

The ODNR Division of Wildlife's mission is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife is funded by annual hunting, trapping, and fishing license sales. It is the authority on Ohio's fish and wildlife resources, and uses no state or federal taxpayer dollars to fulfill its mission. Additional funds come in the form of federal aid reimbursement from an excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment.

Money generated allows the Ohio Division of Wildlife to promote conservation efforts of game and non-game animals. Examples of these efforts include endangered and threatened species restoration, fish hatcheries, hunter and angler education, and law enforcement.

2012 SPRING TURKEY



Top 10 SPRING TURKEY HARVEST Counties

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AUTOMATED GAME CHECK PROCESS

All deer and turkey hunters must report their kill using the automated game check system. Hunters have three options to complete their game check:

- ◆ On the Internet at **wildohio.com**
- ◆ By telephone at **1-877-TAG-ITOH** (1-877-824- 4864) - This option is only available to those who are required to have a deer or turkey permit to hunt deer or turkeys.
- ◆ At all license agents

Game check transactions are available online and by telephone seven days a week and during holidays. See **GAME CHECK AND TAGGING, Page 16-17.**

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THIS SUMMARY is intended for the convenience of hunters and trappers and **IS NOT INTENDED** to cover all laws and regulations. **THIS SUMMARY** is **NOT INTENDED FOR USE AS EVIDENCE** or as a **DEFENSE IN A CRIMINAL OR CIVIL CASE**. Due to possible changes, this summary may not be an accurate reflection of the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code, which contains the details of these regulations. Copies of the actual laws are available for review at each Ohio Division of Wildlife District Office and online at **wildohio.com**.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Ohio Division of Wildlife offers equal opportunity regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex (in education programs). If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility, you should contact:

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Office for Diversity and Civil Rights Programs-External Programs,
 4040 N. Fairfax Dr., Suite 130, Arlington, VA 22203

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, EEO Office
 2045 Morse Road, Bldg. D, Columbus, OH 43229-6695.

PERMISSION FOR HUNTING OR TRAPPING ON PRIVATE LAND

Permission is hereby granted to the undersigned sportsman for hunting/trapping on land owned by the undersigned landowner or their agent for the date(s) listed.

In accepting this permit, I agree to assume and release the landowner from any or all liability for personal injuries, property damage, or for the loss of life or property resulting from, or in any way connected with the issuance of this permit.

• **Hunting/Trapping Permission Period:**

(check one) Daily Seasonal

Date(s): ____ / ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ / ____

Sportsman's Signature Today's Date

Sportsman's Address: _____

Sportsman's Telephone: (_____) _____

Vehicle License No., Make, and Model: _____

Restrictions: _____

Landowner or Agent's Signature

You may make photocopies of these forms and carry them with you.



GAME TAG

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Wildlife



Hunter's Name: _____

Date of Kill: _____

Time of Kill: _____

County of Kill: _____

Every person who kills a DEER OR TURKEY must immediately:

- ◆ Make a game tag with the hunter's name, date, time, and county of kill.
- ◆ Attach the completed game tag to the **DEER OR TURKEY** at the place where it fell.

SEASON DATES AND BAG LIMITS

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag	Page
Squirrel (<i>red, gray, black, fox</i>)	Sept 1, 2013	Jan 31, 2014	6	19
Mourning Dove	Sept 1 - See Small Game Hunting			18
Ruffed Grouse	Oct 12, 2013	Jan 31, 2014	2	19
Cottontail Rabbit	Nov 1, 2013	Feb 28, 2014	4	19
Ring-necked Pheasant, Chukar	Nov 1, 2013	Jan 5, 2014	2 (cocks only)	19
Bobwhite Quail	Nov 1, 2013	Dec 1, 2013	4	20
Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Weasel	Nov 10, 2013	Jan 31, 2014	No Limit	20
Crow: Fri, Sat, and Sun Only	June 7, 2013	Mar 8, 2014	No Limit	20
	June 6, 2014	Mar 7, 2015		
Coyote	No closed season		No Limit	20
Feral Swine (wild boar) (See Page 21)	No closed season		No Limit	21
Groundhog	Closed for deer gun season only		No Limit	20
Waterfowl	See Waterfowl Hunting for details.			22
Wild Turkey: Fall	Oct 14, 2013	Dec 1, 2013	Refer to Turkey Hunting for bag limits. (Pages 14-15)	
Wild Turkey: Spring	April 21, 2014	May 18, 2014		
White-tailed Deer: Archery	Sept 28, 2013	Feb 2, 2014	Refer to Deer Hunting for details on counties and bag limits. (Pages 6-12)	
White-tailed Deer: Antlerless Deer Muzzleloader	Oct 12, 2013	Oct 13, 2013		
White-tailed Deer: Youth Gun	Nov 23, 2013	Nov 24, 2013		
White-tailed Deer: Gun	Dec 2, 2013	Dec 8, 2013		
White-tailed Deer: Muzzleloader	Jan 4, 2014	Jan 7, 2014		

HUNT SMART, HUNT SAFE!

ALL YOUTH HUNTERS

Please refer to **Youth Hunting** on **Pages 26-28** for details on dates, areas, regulations, and procedures.

Youth Hunting Seasons	Opening Date	Closing Date
Youth Hunters Small Game Season	Oct 19, 2013	Oct 20, 2013
	Oct 26, 2013	Oct 27, 2013
Youth Deer Gun Season	Nov 23, 2013	Nov 24, 2013
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Season	April 19, 2014	April 20, 2014
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunts: Specific Areas Only	April 21, 2014	May 18, 2014
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	Sat and Sun in early Oct see Publication 5295	
Youth Waterfowl Opening Day Hunts	Selected areas only on waterfowl opening day	
Youth Controlled Deer Hunts: Application Only	The application period for these hunts is June 1 through July 31.	
Youth Controlled Waterfowl Hunts: Application Only		

DEER SEASONS AND BAG LIMIT MAP

THE TOTAL BAG LIMIT IS NINE (9) WITH NO MORE THAN ONE (1) ANTLERED DEER. YOU CANNOT EXCEED AN INDIVIDUAL COUNTY BAG LIMIT.

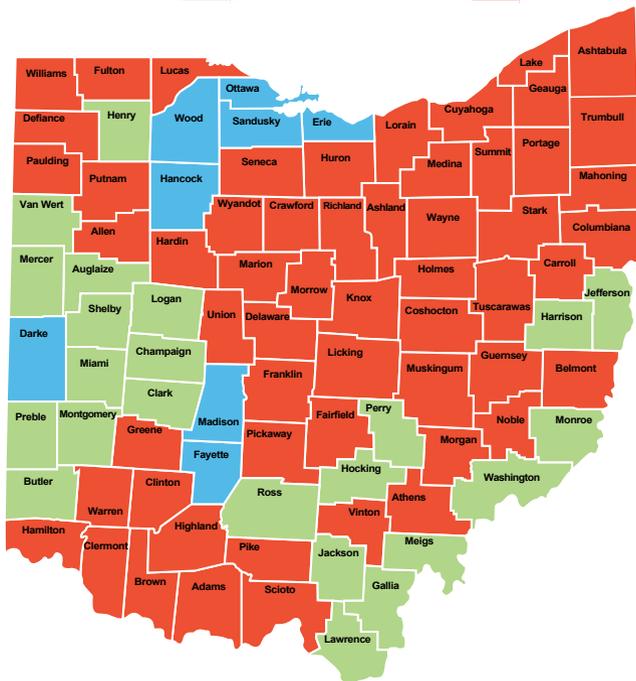
Season	Opening Date	Closing Date
Archery Season	Sept 28, 2013	Feb 2, 2014
Antlerless Deer Muzzleloader Season	Oct 12, 2013	Oct 13, 2013
Youth Gun Season	Nov 23, 2013	Nov 24, 2013
Gun Season	Dec 2, 2013	Dec 8, 2013
Muzzleloader Season	Jan 4, 2014	Jan 7, 2014

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One (1) either-sex permit and one (1) antlerless permit
- 3

Two (2) either-sex permits and one (1) antlerless permit
- 4

Three (3) either-sex permits and one (1) antlerless permit



2-DEER COUNTIES	3-DEER COUNTIES	4-DEER COUNTIES
<p>A hunter may kill no more than two (2) deer in a 2-deer county during the 2013-2014 season.</p> <p>No more than one (1) with an either-sex permit and no more than one (1) with an antlerless permit</p>	<p>A hunter may kill no more than three (3) deer in a 3-deer county during the 2013-2014 season.</p> <p>No more than two (2) with an either-sex permit and no more than one (1) with an antlerless permit</p>	<p>A hunter may kill no more than four (4) deer in a 4-deer county during the 2013-2014 season.</p> <p>No more than three (3) with an either-sex permit and no more than one (1) with an antlerless permit</p>

ANTLERLESS DEER PERMITS WILL NOT BE VALID AFTER DEC. 1, 2013.

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Either-sex Deer Permit and Antlerless Deer Permit Use by County 2013-2014

Permit	Either-sex Deer Permit			Antlerless Deer Permit			Total Bag Limit 9
Dates	Opening Date	Closing Date	Limit	Opening Date	Closing Date	Limit	
2-Deer Counties	Sept 28, 2013	Feb 2, 2014	1 per County	Sept 28, 2013	Dec 1, 2013	1 per County	2
3-Deer Counties	Sept 28, 2013	Feb 2, 2014	2 per County	Sept 28, 2013	Dec 1, 2013	1 per County	3
4-Deer Counties	Sept 28, 2013	Feb 2, 2014	3 per County	Sept 28, 2013	Dec 1, 2013	1 per County	4

DEER HUNTING HOURS

Hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS

In addition to your Ohio annual hunting license, you must purchase an either-sex deer permit or an antlerless deer permit to hunt deer in Ohio.

- ◆ The either-sex deer permit is valid Sept. 28, 2013 through Feb. 2, 2014.
- ◆ Antlerless deer permits are valid Sept. 28, 2013 through Dec. 1, 2013.

◆ EITHER-SEX DEER PERMIT

The either-sex deer permit is good for an antlered or antlerless deer and is valid statewide. No more than one (1) antlered deer may be taken per license year. These permits may be used during any of the deer hunting seasons and for controlled hunts. These permits may be purchased individually throughout the entire deer season.

◆ ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT

Antlerless deer permits may be used to take antlerless deer **ONLY**.

Antlerless deer permits are valid statewide from Sept. 28, 2013 through Dec. 1, 2013. These permits are also valid at Ohio Division of Wildlife authorized controlled hunts, during the antlerless deer muzzle-loader season, and during youth deer gun season.

◆ WHAT IS AN ANTLERLESS DEER?

Antlerless deer include deer without antlers and deer with antlers less than 3 inches in length.

Antlered deer are deer with at least one antler 3 inches or longer in length.

HUNTER ORANGE REQUIRED

Hunting any wild animal (except waterfowl) from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset during the youth deer gun season, deer gun season, the antlerless deer muzzleloader season, and the muzzleloader deer season is unlawful unless the hunter is visibly wearing a vest, coat, jacket, or coveralls that are either solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange. This requirement applies statewide on both public and private land.



A vest, coat, jacket, or coveralls that are either solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange is required.

DEER PERMIT USE

- ◆ Deer permits go on sale June 1.
- ◆ A hunter may kill no more than one (1) antlered deer during the 2013-2014 season regardless of where or how it is taken.
- ◆ All deer hunters must possess a valid Ohio hunting license.
- ◆ An either-sex deer permit or an antlerless deer permit must be purchased and carried by all licensed hunters in order to legally hunt deer.
- ◆ **Either-sex deer permit means:** either-sex deer permit, senior either-sex deer permit, youth either-sex deer permit, free disabled veteran either-sex permit, or a free senior either-sex deer permit. These are valid for an antlered or antlerless deer.
- ◆ **Antlerless deer permit means:** antlerless deer permit, youth antlerless deer permit, senior antlerless deer permit, free disabled veteran antlerless deer permit, or a free senior antlerless deer permit. These are valid for an antlerless deer ONLY.
- ◆ Hunters are not required to buy an either-sex deer permit before purchasing any antlerless deer permits.

DEER BAG LIMITS

Review the deer bag limit map to determine the number of either-sex deer permits that you can use for each county. No more than one (1) antlerless permit can be used in any county.

2-Deer Counties

- ◆ Only one (1) deer may be tagged with an antlerless deer permit in a 2-deer county, Sept. 28, 2013 through Dec. 1, 2013.
- ◆ The antlerless deer permit is not valid after Dec. 1, 2013.
- ◆ Only one (1) deer may be tagged with an either-sex deer permit in a 2-deer county, Sept. 28, 2013 through Feb. 2, 2014.
- ◆ No more than two (2) deer total may be taken from a 2-deer county during the 2013-2014 deer season.

3-Deer Counties

- ◆ Only one (1) deer may be tagged with an antlerless deer permit in a 3-deer county, Sept. 28, 2013 through Dec. 1, 2013.
- ◆ The antlerless permit is not valid after Dec. 1, 2013.
- ◆ Up to two (2) deer may be tagged with either-sex permits in a 3-deer county, Sept. 28, 2013 through Feb. 2, 2014.
- ◆ No more than three (3) deer total may be taken from a 3-deer county during the 2013-2014 deer season.

4-Deer Counties

- ◆ Only one (1) deer may be tagged with an antlerless deer permit in a 4-deer county, Sept. 28, 2013 through Dec. 1, 2013.
- ◆ The antlerless permit is not valid after Dec. 1, 2013.
- ◆ Up to three (3) deer may be tagged with either-sex permits in a 4-deer county, Sept. 28, 2013 through Feb. 2, 2014.
- ◆ No more than four (4) deer total may be taken from a 4-deer county during the 2013-2014 deer season.

DEER TAGGING AND CHECKING

Hunters who kill a deer must immediately:

- ◆ Make a game tag with the hunter's name, date, time, and county of kill.
- ◆ Attach the completed game tag to the deer at the place where it fell.
- ◆ Fill in the deer permit with date, time, and county of kill.

The hunter must complete the automated game check and tagging process by 12:00 p.m. (noon) the day after the kill. If the deer is killed on the last day of a season, then it must be checked in by 11:30 p.m. on the day of kill.

Game Tagging and Checking Pages 16-17.

**Division of Wildlife Open
house event information on
page 46.**

ALLOWABLE DEER HUNTING EQUIPMENT

Hunters cannot carry more than one HUNTING IMPLEMENT while hunting deer.
(See *Concealed Carry* on Page 42-43)

Archery Season	<p>Longbow or Bow: minimum draw weight 40 lbs. This would include compound bows and recurve bows. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed and minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.</p> <p>Crossbow: draw weight not less than 75 lbs. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed and minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.</p>
Antlerless Deer Muzzleloader Season	<p>Muzzleloading rifle: .38 caliber or larger</p> <p>Muzzleloading shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller using one ball per barrel</p> <p>Longbow or Bow: minimum draw weight 40 lbs. This would include compound bows and recurve bows. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed and minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.</p> <p>Crossbow: draw weight not less than 75 lbs. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed and minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.</p>
Gun Season and Youth Gun Season	<p>Shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller shotgun using one ball or one rifled slug per barrel (rifled shotgun barrels are permitted when using shotgun slug ammunition) Shotguns cannot be capable of holding more than three shells.</p> <p>Muzzleloading rifle: .38 caliber or larger</p> <p>Muzzleloading shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller using one ball per barrel</p> <p>Handgun: with 5-inch minimum length barrel, using straight-walled cartridges .357 caliber or larger</p> <p>Longbow or Bow: minimum draw weight 40 lbs. This would include compound bows and recurve bows. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed and minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.</p> <p>Crossbow: draw weight not less than 75 lbs. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed and minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.</p>
Muzzleloader Season	<p>Muzzleloading rifle: .38 caliber or larger</p> <p>Muzzleloading shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller using one ball per barrel</p> <p>Longbow or Bow: minimum draw weight 40 lbs. This would include compound bows and recurve bows. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed and minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.</p> <p>Crossbow: draw weight not less than 75 lbs. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed and minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.</p>

A DEER HUNTER CAN DO THE FOLLOWING

1. A successful deer hunter can aid or assist another hunter who is hunting deer if the deer permit has been filled out, he or she does not carry any hunting implement commonly used to kill wild animals, and has a valid hunting license. Those persons exempted from having a hunting license and deer permits for deer hunting on their property are required to have a hunting license and deer permit to aid another hunter off of their property or hunt deer off of their property.
2. Use certain handguns during the youth deer gun season and deer gun season. These handguns must: (a) have a barrel length of not less than 5 inches; (b) use straight-walled cartridges (no shoulder/neck; straight-tapered wall is acceptable); (c) be .357 caliber or larger; and (d) not be shoulder mounted.



**Cartridge with
Shoulder - Illegal**



**Straight Wall
Cartridge - Legal**

3. Leave a deer or deer parts with a taxidermist, fur buyer, cold storage, locker plant, or meat processing plant as long as the confirmation number is attached to the animal and all of its separate parts. Persons receiving deer from another person must keep the confirmation number with the animal and all of its separate parts.
4. Take more than one deer per day as long as each deer has been tagged with a game tag and a deer permit has been completed before hunting for the next deer.
5. Hunt deer over bait except on public land (restrictions apply, see **Pages 40-41**).
6. Possess a communication device as long as you do not use the device to aid a person in pursuing or taking of deer.
7. Hunt coyote and feral swine (wild boar) during the deer gun season, the youth deer gun season, the antlerless deer

muzzleloader season, and the deer muzzleloader season with a hunting license and a valid deer permit, using firearms legal for deer hunting while visibly wearing a vest, coat, jacket, or overall colored solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange. A valid deer permit is one that has not been filled out and used to check a deer.

8. Deer archery hunt during the antlerless deer muzzleloader season. Archery hunters must comply with the hunter orange requirement and can only take antlerless deer during the season.
9. Use a leashed dog to recover wounded deer.
10. Deer archery hunt during the youth deer gun season, if the archery hunter is not accompanying a hunter participating in the youth deer gun season and is wearing hunter orange (See **Youth Deer Gun Season, Pages 26-28**).
11. **Concealed carry:** A person possessing a valid concealed carry license may carry their concealed weapon while hunting, but it may not be used to shoot, shoot at, or kill any wild animal. For more information go to ag.state.oh.us.

A DEER HUNTER CANNOT DO THE FOLLOWING

1. Hunt or take a deer with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. This means you may not hunt with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which limits the capacity of the gun to three shells. The filler must be such that it cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
2. Hunt with any rifle or possess rifle ammunition during the deer gun season, the youth deer gun season, the antlerless deer muzzleloader season, and the deer muzzleloader season other than a muzzleloading rifle .38 caliber or larger.
3. Hunt or take a deer with a gun or possess a loaded firearm while going to and from deer hunting during the deer gun season, the youth deer gun season, the antlerless deer muzzleloader

- season, and the deer muzzleloader season, at any time other than 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Muzzleloading firearms are considered unloaded when the cap is removed or priming powder is removed from the pan, or when the battery is removed on electronic systems.
4. Carry a handgun while hunting deer during the antlerless deer muzzleloader season, the deer muzzleloader season, and the archery season; have more than one firearm while hunting deer; carry a handgun being used during hunting in a concealed manner. Except as noted in No. 11 under "A Deer Hunter Can Do the Following."
 5. Use a muzzleloading handgun for deer hunting.
 6. Hunt deer with a longbow having a draw weight of less than 40 pounds, or with a crossbow having a draw weight of less than 75 pounds. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.
 7. Carry a firearm while deer hunting with a longbow or crossbow. Except as noted in No. 11 under "A Deer Hunter Can Do the Following."
 8. Have attached to a longbow or crossbow any mechanical, electrical, or electronic device capable of projecting a beam of light.
 9. Use dogs to hunt deer. Leashed dogs may be used to track wounded deer.
 10. Possess shotshells containing shot during the deer gun season, unless waterfowl hunting when the season is open.
 11. Hunt coyote or feral swine (wild boar) between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise during the deer gun season, the youth deer gun season, the antlerless deer muzzleloader season, and the deer muzzleloader season.
 12. Use any device capable of transmitting or receiving a person's voice to aid in the hunting or taking of deer.
 13. Pursue wounded deer or other wild animals or recover dead deer or other wild animals from private property

without the written permission of the landowner.

14. Carry the deer permit of another person.
15. Receive or possess a deer or parts of a deer unless such deer or deer part is tagged as required, or unless the deer or part of a deer has a statement showing when and where legally taken, the date received, and from whom received; or an Ohio Division of Wildlife tag, seal, or certificate or other proof of ownership which shows the deer was killed by a motor vehicle in Ohio; or an official tag or seal and valid nonresident license issued by another state if taken from outside Ohio; or certificate of ownership or receipt issued by a law enforcement officer. Shed antlers, if found, do not require a certificate of ownership or receipt by a wildlife officer.
16. Construct, place, or use a permanent-type tree stand, or place spikes, nails, wires, or other metal objects into a tree to act as steps or to hold a tree stand on public hunting lands. It is also unlawful to make any of these changes to trees on private property without first getting the permission of the landowner or the landowner's authorized agent.

HUNTING OTHER GAME DURING THE DEER HUNTING SEASONS

◆ YOUTH DEER GUN SEASON

It is lawful to hunt legal game and furbearers including coyote and feral swine (wild boar). It is unlawful to use or possess slugs except youth hunters hunting deer. Waterfowl hunting and the night hunting of furbearers is permitted when the season is open; however, you cannot hunt coyote or feral swine (wild boar) between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise during any of the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons. All persons (except waterfowl hunters) hunting or accompanying a youth hunter during the youth deer gun season are required to wear hunter orange. Archery deer hunters may hunt during the youth deer gun season and are required to wear hunter orange.

◆ DEER GUN SEASON

During the seven-day deer gun season (Dec. 2, 2013 - Dec. 8, 2013) it is unlawful to hunt any wild animal except deer, coyote, feral swine (wild boar), or waterfowl statewide from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Hunters (except waterfowl hunters) must possess a valid deer permit. Hunters may not possess rifle ammunition or shot shells (except waterfowl hunters), however, hunters using a muzzleloading rifle .38 caliber or larger may possess ammunition for that rifle. Furbearers, except coyote and feral swine (wild boar), can be hunted from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise when the deer gun season is open. All persons (except waterfowl hunters) hunting during the deer gun season are required to wear hunter orange.

◆ ANTLERLESS DEER MUZZLELOADER SEASON AND THE DEER MUZZLELOADER SEASON

It is lawful to hunt legal game and furbearers, including coyote and feral swine (wild boar), with shot shells containing shot no larger than No. 4 (except waterfowl hunters may use larger nontoxic shot). If you are hunting coyote or feral swine (wild boar) during the antlerless deer muzzleloader season and the deer muzzleloader season with a device that is lawful for deer hunting, you must also have a valid deer permit. Waterfowl hunting and the night hunting of furbearers is permitted when the season is open; however, you cannot hunt coyote or feral swine (wild boar) between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise during any of the deer gun/muzzleloader seasons. All persons (except waterfowl hunters) hunting during the antlerless deer muzzleloader season and the deer muzzleloader season are required to wear hunter orange.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONTROLLED DEER HUNTS

A controlled hunt means any controlled opportunity, as authorized by the chief of the Division of Wildlife, to take wild animals,

open to any person who meets the stated criteria, and only through a random drawing or selection process and the issue of a permit to the person or persons selected, allowing them to participate in that opportunity at a specified location and time.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife conducts annual controlled hunts on a number of managed areas that are not normally open to hunting. The dates and locations of these hunts vary from year to year. In an effort to encourage participation by non-traditional user groups, some of the controlled hunts are dedicated to persons with mobility impairment, youths, or women. However, most of the hunts do not carry any particular designation. For more specific information on controlled hunts, visit wildohio.com or call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543).

Participation is determined by computer-generated random drawings. The application period is June 1 through July 31. Hunters may apply at wildohio.com using a credit card. If you prefer to submit an application via U.S. mail, hard copies of the application are available by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543).

OTHER CONTROLLED DEER HUNTS are held at various locations around Ohio, including certain state parks and metro parks. The Ohio Division of Wildlife is not involved in the management or administration of these hunts. Antlerless deer permits MAY be used in these controlled hunts throughout the season if they meet the following definition and the entity holding the hunt has received authorization from the chief of the Division of Wildlife. It is the hunter's responsibility to check with the agency holding the hunt to see if it qualifies.

YOUTH DEER HUNTING

The youth deer gun season will be open statewide, Nov. 23 and 24, 2013 on public and private land. The ODNR Division of Wildlife conducts several controlled deer hunts for young hunters throughout the season. See **Youth Hunting** on **Pages 26-28** for details and other youth hunting opportunities.

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BUY YOUR LICENSES AND PERMITS OR MANAGE YOUR ACCOUNT



VISIT YOUR WILD OHIO CUSTOMER ACCOUNT

All hunters, anglers, and magazine members now have a Wild Ohio customer account with the Ohio Division of Wildlife. These accounts are another piece of the new *Automated License Sales and Game Check System*. You can access your account at wildohio.com by clicking on the *Wild Ohio Customer Center* button and then selecting “*Manage Your Customer Account*.”

To log in to your account, use your new Customer ID Number, which is printed on your hunting license, or your last name, date of birth, and last four digits of your Social Security Number, driver license number, or alternate ID number.

If you already have an account in the system, you will see a Customer Information page. If the system cannot identify your account or if you are a new Wild Ohio customer, you will be instructed to create a new account. Simply fill in the required information.

◆ WILD OHIO CUSTOMERS HAVE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

My Customer Account Page - This page shows all of the information that the system has about you. You may update your address, phone number, and email address using this page. Any hunter or trapper education certifications that you have will also be displayed. The division uses the best available encryption and security to protect your account information.

My Licenses and Permits – See a list of your current licenses, the dates you purchased them, and their expiration dates.

My Game Check History – In the event that you forgot to print a game check receipt or would like to see which tags you have already filled, you can view your game check history for deer and turkey and print your game check receipt(s).

My Lottery Applications and Results – If you applied for a controlled hunt lottery, this page lists all of your applications and will show whether or not you have been drawn when the information is available. If you are drawn, you can print your controlled hunting permit directly from this page.

My Wild Ohio Magazine – Are you a *Wild Ohio Magazine* member? You can check the status of your magazine membership on this page.

Legacy Stamps, Donations, and Gift Certificates – View your donation history and see any Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamps or gift certificates you have purchased.

Print My Wild Ohio Customer Card – You can print your personalized Customer Card with your name and Customer ID Number to keep with you and use for any future transactions with the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Using your Customer ID Number is a fast and easy way to access the license sales and game check system.

Visit your customer account or create one so that you can track your license purchases, game check, lotteries, and donations all in one secure location. To get started go to wildohio.com.

TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

Season	Opening Date	Closing Date
Fall Wild Turkey: <i>Open in specific counties, map on Page 15</i>	Oct 14, 2013	Dec 1, 2013
Youth Spring Wild Turkey: <i>Open statewide</i>	April 19, 2014	April 20, 2014
Spring Wild Turkey: <i>Open statewide except Lake La Su An Wildlife Area</i>	April 21, 2014	May 18, 2014

FALL AND SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING

- ◆ It is unlawful to take more than one turkey per day.
- ◆ It is unlawful to hunt or take turkeys with the aid or use of bait. An area is considered baited for 10 days after complete removal of any bait.
- ◆ It is unlawful to use a live decoy while hunting turkeys.
- ◆ It is unlawful to possess or use an electronic calling device while hunting turkeys.
- ◆ It is unlawful to take or attempt to take a wild turkey while it is in a tree.
- ◆ A successful turkey hunter can aid or assist another hunter who is hunting turkey if the turkey permit has been filled out, he or she does not carry any hunting implement commonly used to kill wild animals, and has a valid hunting license. Those persons exempted from having a hunting license and turkey permits for turkey hunting on their property

are required to have a hunting license and turkey permit to aid another hunter off of their property or hunt turkey off of their property.

FALL TURKEY SEASON

Turkey hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Turkey must be checked by 11:30 p.m. on the day of kill.

Bag limit is one (1) turkey of either sex.

A wild turkey of either sex may be hunted during the fall season.

It is legal to use dogs to assist in taking turkeys during the fall turkey season only.

◆ LICENSE AND PERMIT NEEDED

A valid Ohio hunting license and fall turkey permit are required.

◆ OPEN COUNTIES

Fall wild turkey hunting season is open in these counties: Adams, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Columbiana, Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Delaware,

HOW TO TELL A GOBBLER FROM A HEN

Blue cheeks and back of neck



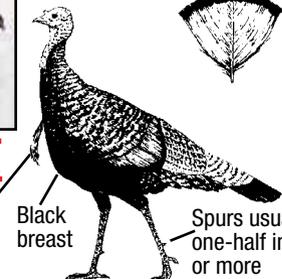
GOBBLER

White forehead

Black-tipped breast feathers



Long-tasseled beard



Black breast

Spurs usually one-half inch or more

Blue head

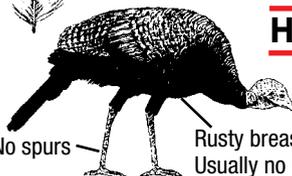


HEN

Buff-tipped breast feathers



No spurs



Rusty breast
Usually no beard

Large size, a long beard, and a reddish-white and/or bluish-white head are marks of the **GOBBLER**.

Fairfield, Franklin, Gallia, Geauga, Guernsey, Hamilton, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Portage, Richland, Ross, Scioto, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Williams counties.

The hunter must complete the automated game check and tagging process by 11:30 p.m. on the day of the kill. See **Game Check and Tagging** on **Pages 16-17**.

SPRING TURKEY SEASON

◆ LICENSE AND PERMIT NEEDED

A valid Ohio hunting license and spring turkey permit are required.

Turkey hunting hours from April 21 - May 4, 2014 are 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon.

Turkey hunting hours from May 5 - May 18, 2014 are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Spring wild turkey season is open statewide except Lake La Su An Wildlife Area.

The bag limit is two (2) bearded turkeys.

Only one bearded turkey may be taken per day. Persons wishing to take a second wild turkey during the spring season must purchase a second spring turkey permit.

Turkey must be checked by 11:30 p.m. on the day of kill.

It is legal to use a leashed dog to recover wounded turkeys in the spring turkey season.

◆ YOUTH SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING

The statewide youth wild turkey season will be Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20, immediately prior to the regular spring wild turkey season in 2014.

Special youth wild turkey hunts will be held on selected areas. See **Youth Hunting** on **Pages 26-28** for details.



TURKEY TAGGING AND CHECKING

Hunters who kill a turkey must immediately:

- ◆ Make a game tag with the hunter's name, date, time, and county of kill.
- ◆ Attach the completed game tag to the turkey at the place where it fell.
- ◆ Fill in the turkey permit with the date, time, and county of kill.

ALLOWABLE TURKEY HUNTING EQUIPMENT

Fall and Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

Shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller shotgun using shot, includes muzzleloading shotguns

Longbow or Bow: minimum draw weight 40 lbs. This would include compound bows and recurve bows. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed and minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.

Crossbow: draw weight not less than 75 lbs. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed and minimum 3/4-inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.

GAME CHECK AND TAGGING

◆ TAGGING PROCESS FOR HUNTERS WITH DEER, SPRING TURKEY, AND FALL TURKEY PERMITS

ATTENTION OHIO RESIDENT LANDOWNER HUNTERS!

If you are reporting a deer or turkey kill under the Ohio resident landowner licensing exemption, refer to Ohio Resident Landowners on Page 17.

DEER AND TURKEY permits do not include a temporary tag or a permanent tag. See the *Deer or Turkey Game Tag* sample on **Page 4** to make your own game tag.

We strongly recommend that hunters protect their DEER AND/OR TURKEY permits and game tags from the elements by placing them in a plastic bag or protective pouch before and after they are attached to the animal.

STEP 1 - Every person who kills a **DEER OR TURKEY** must immediately:

- ◆ Make a game tag with the hunter's name, date, time, and county of kill.
- ◆ Attach the completed game tag to the **DEER OR TURKEY** at the place where it fell.
- ◆ Fill in the deer or turkey permit with the date, time, and county of kill.

Once finished with **STEP 1**, the hunter legally possesses the **DEER OR TURKEY** and is free to transport it.

STEP 2 - For deer, the hunter must complete the automated game check and tagging process by 12:00 p.m. (noon) the day after the kill. If the deer is killed on the last day of a season, then it must be checked in by 11:30 p.m. on the day of kill. For turkey, the hunter must complete the automated game check and tagging process by 11:30 p.m. on the same day the turkey was killed.

◆ AUTOMATED GAME CHECK AND TAGGING WITH DEER, SPRING TURKEY, AND FALL TURKEY PERMITS

Hunters are encouraged to complete the automated game check in a sheltered area. Hunters must have their permit in hand to complete the game check and tagging process.

Hunters can complete the automated game check process in one of three ways:

- ◆ Call **1-877-TAGITOH** (1-877-824-4864).
- ◆ Visit **wildohio.com** using a smartphone or computer. Click on "*Wild Ohio Customer Center*" and then click on "*Game Check: Report a Deer or Turkey Harvest.*"
- ◆ Visit any authorized license sales agent. A list of sales agents can be found at **wildohio.com**. Hunters do not need to take their **DEER OR TURKEY** to the agent for the game check. Authorized license sales agents will be available for game check during normal business hours. Call for exact hours of operation.

Regardless of game check method, the hunter must provide the 10-digit permit number, which is printed in large numbers on every permit.

The hunter must answer a series of questions. The hunter will be issued an 18-digit confirmation number, at the end of the process.

The 18-digit confirmation number must be written on the corresponding deer or turkey permit. The confirmation number must also be attached to the animal. When a hunter has checked their **DEER OR TURKEY** by Web or agent, they will receive a game check receipt with their 18-digit confirmation number printed on it. Hunters using the telephone game check method will receive the 18 digits of the confirmation number over the phone.

The confirmation number may be written on the game tag. The completed tag must then be attached to the **DEER OR TURKEY**.

A game check receipt may be printed by accessing the “*Wild Ohio Customer Center*” at **wildohio.com** after the game check process is complete.

OHIO RESIDENT LANDOWNERS

◆ TAGGING PROCESS FOR LANDOWNERS AND HUNTERS EXEMPT FROM PURCHASING LICENSES AND PERMITS

See **Page 34** for a list of exemptions

STEP 1 - Every person who kills a deer or turkey must immediately:

- ◆ Make a game tag with the hunter’s name, date, time, and county of kill.
- ◆ Attach the completed game tag to the deer or turkey at the place where it fell.

Once finished with **STEP 1**, the hunter legally possesses the **DEER OR TURKEY** and is free to transport it.

STEP 2 - For deer, the hunter must complete the automated game check and tagging process by 12:00 p.m. (noon) the day after the kill. If the deer is killed on the last day of a season, it must be checked in by 11:30 p.m. on the day of kill. For turkey, the hunter must complete the automated game check and tagging process by 11:30 p.m. on the same day the turkey was killed.

◆ AUTOMATED GAME CHECK FOR LANDOWNERS AND HUNTERS EXEMPT FROM PURCHASING LICENSES AND PERMITS

Exempt Landowners and hunters CANNOT use the telephone game check option.

Game check options for the exempt landowner and hunters are:

- ◆ Visit **wildohio.com** using a smart-phone or computer. Click on “*Wild Ohio Customer Center*” and then click on “*Game Check: Report a Deer or Turkey Harvest.*”
- ◆ Visit any authorized license sales agent. A list of sales agents can be found at **wildohio.com**. Hunters do not need take their **DEER OR TURKEY**

to the agent for the game check. Authorized license sales agents will be available for game check during normal business hours. Call for exact hours of operation.

At the time of the game check, the automated game check system will attempt to determine if the hunter has an existing Customer ID Number using the hunter’s last name, date of birth, and the last four digits of their Social Security Number. If the system cannot find the hunter’s account, a new one will be created.

The exempt landowner hunter must answer a series of questions. When an exempt landowner hunter has checked their **DEER OR TURKEY** by Web or agent, they will receive a game check receipt with their 18-digit confirmation number printed on it.

The confirmation number must then be attached to the **DEER OR TURKEY**.

The confirmation number may be written on the game tag.

A game check receipt may be printed by accessing the “*Wild Ohio Customer Center*” at **wildohio.com** after the game check process is complete.

◆ DEER AND TURKEY BUTCHERING, MEAT PROCESSING, AND TAXIDERMY

If a hunter gives all or part of a deer or turkey to a butcher, the 18-digit confirmation number must be given to and kept by the butcher while he or she has the animal and meat.

The hunter must keep the 18-digit confirmation number for the animal until all of the meat is consumed.

If a hunter gives all or part of a deer or turkey to a taxidermist, the 18-digit confirmation number must remain attached to the parts of the animal.

The 18-digit confirmation number must be written, inscribed, or otherwise attached to the animal and all separate parts of the animal. The confirmation number must remain attached as long as any part of the animal is possessed.

SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag
Squirrel (<i>red, gray, black, fox</i>)	Sept 1, 2013	Jan 31, 2014	6
Mourning Dove	Sept 1 - See below (Page 18) for details		
Ruffed Grouse	Oct 12, 2013	Jan 31, 2014	2
Cottontail Rabbit	Nov 1, 2013	Feb 28, 2014	4
Ring-necked Pheasant, Chukar	Nov 1, 2013	Jan 5, 2014	2 (cocks only)
Bobwhite Quail (See map Page 20)	Nov 1, 2013	Dec 1, 2013	4
Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Weasel	Nov 10, 2013	Jan 31, 2014	No Limit
Crow: Fri, Sat, and Sun Only	June 7, 2013	Mar 8, 2014	No Limit
	June 6, 2014	Mar 7, 2015	
Coyote	No closed season		No Limit
Feral Swine (<i>wild boar</i>) (See Page 21)	No closed season		No Limit
Groundhog	Closed for deer gun season only		No Limit

HUNTING GAME DURING THE DEER SEASONS

It is unlawful to hunt any wild animal except deer, coyote, waterfowl, or feral swine (wild boar) during the seven-day deer gun season from Dec. 2 through Dec. 8, 2013 between 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. However, you cannot hunt coyote or feral swine (wild boar) between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise during any of the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.

Please refer to **Pages 11-12** under **HUNTING OTHER GAME DURING THE DEER HUNTING SEASONS**.

DOVE HUNTING

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sets the framework for hunting doves. Refer to Publication 5298, *Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons*, for details. This publication will be available at wildlife district offices, license agents, and online at **wildohio.com** prior to the season. Maps of dove fields can also be found at **wildohio.com**.

Hours for dove are sunrise to sunset, except for those wildlife areas which have been posted with special regulations.

Doves may be hunted on areas that have been manipulated (i.e., "bush hogged") for wildlife management purposes, in addition to areas that have been planted or harvested in a normal agricultural manner. Neither waterfowl nor doves may be hunted on areas where grain or other feed has been distributed once it has been removed from or stored on the field where grown. Contact an Ohio Division of Wildlife district office or a state wildlife officer for clarification on baiting regulations before you hunt.

◆ SPECIAL DOVE HUNTING REGULATIONS

The Ohio Division of Wildlife is planning to operate controlled dove hunts at Fallsville, Rush Run, Spring Valley, Indian Creek, and Bott wildlife areas, and St. Marys Fish Hatchery. These controlled hunts will occur during the first two days of the season (Sunday, Sept. 1 - Monday, Sept. 2); hunting hours will be noon to sunset. Please contact the District Five Office (937-372-9261) for dove hunting information. Drawings for opening day dove hunts at these six public hunting areas will be held at noon on Saturday, Aug. 24 at the respective wildlife area headquarters. See **Page 7** for hunter orange requirements.

SQUIRREL HUNTING

The **daily bag limit is six (6)**. Red, gray, black, and fox squirrels can be taken. Hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

GROUSE HUNTING

The **daily bag limit is two (2)**. Hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

RABBIT HUNTING

The **daily bag limit is four (4)**. Hours are sunrise to sunset statewide. Closed during the seven-day deer gun season (Dec. 2 - Dec. 8, 2013).

Snowshoe hares are protected by Ohio law and may **NOT** be hunted. Snowshoe hares are slightly larger than the more familiar cottontail rabbit, and unlike the cottontails, hares turn white during the winter. However, both hares and rabbits will be brown in color at the beginning of Ohio's rabbit hunting season in November. Rabbit hunters in northeast Ohio must make sure they do not mistake a snowshoe hare for a cottontail rabbit.

PHEASANT HUNTING

The **daily bag limit is two (2)**. Hours are sunrise to sunset statewide. Only cock pheasants may be killed. Pheasant hunting is open on public and private land.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife typically releases pheasants prior to the youth small game season weekends, the opening day of pheasant season, the second Saturday of the season, and Thanksgiving Day. The number of pheasants released will depend upon numbers available.

Releases will take place at the Ringneck Ridge Wildlife Area (by permit only, contact the Sandusky County Park District at 419-334-4495), Charlemont Metro Park, and the following wildlife areas during pheasant hunting season: Beach City, Berlin, Caesar Creek, Camp Belden (youth only), Darke, Delaware, Dillon, Fallsville, Grand River, Highlandtown, Indian Creek, Killdeer Plains, Oxbow Lake, Pleasant Valley, Resthaven, Rush Run, Salt Fork, Shreve Lake, Spencer, Spring Valley, Tiffin River, Wellington, West Branch, Willard Marsh, Wyandot, and Zepernick.

ALLOWABLE SMALL GAME HUNTING EQUIPMENT

Squirrel, Ruffed Grouse, Cottontail Rabbit, Ring-necked Pheasant, Chukar, Bobwhite Quail, Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Weasel, Crow, Coyote, Feral Swine (wild boar), Groundhog

Longbow or Bow: This would include compound bows and recurve bows.

Crossbow

Poisoned or explosive arrows are unlawful. While hunting, it is unlawful to have attached to a longbow or crossbow any mechanical, electrical, or electronic device capable of projecting a beam of light.

Handgun: any caliber

Rifle: any caliber

It is unlawful for any person to use or hunt with any rifle during the deer gun, the youth deer gun, the antlerless deer muzzleloader, and the statewide muzzleloader seasons other than a muzzleloading rifle .38 caliber or larger.

Shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller shotgun

Airgun

Mourning Dove

Shotgun: 10 gauge or smaller shotgun not capable of holding more than three (3) shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which limits the capacity of the gun to three shells. The filler must be such that it cannot be removed without disassembling the gun. Doves may be taken with lead shot.

Longbow or Bow: This would include compound bows and recurve bows.

Poisoned or explosive arrows are unlawful. While hunting, it is unlawful to have attached to a longbow or crossbow any mechanical, electrical, or electronic device capable of projecting a beam of light.

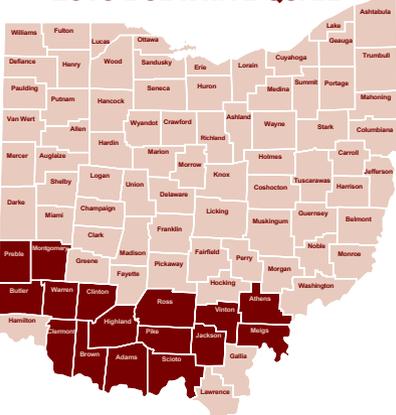
QUAIL HUNTING

The daily bag limit is four (4). Hours are sunrise to sunset. Quail hunting will be open only in the following 16 counties: Adams, Athens, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Highland, Jackson, Meigs, Montgomery, Pike, Preble, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, and Warren counties.

FOX, RACCOON, SKUNK, OPOSSUM, AND WEASEL

No daily bag limit. No restrictions on hours except during the seven-day deer gun season (Dec. 2 - Dec. 8, 2013). These species may not be hunted between 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset during the deer gun season. Hunters must purchase a hunting license and a fur taker permit to hunt these species.

COUNTIES OPEN FOR HUNTING 2013 BOBWHITE QUAIL



Counties open for quail hunting

TICKS

American dog ticks, blacklegged ticks, and lone star ticks can all pose a threat to outdoorsmen and women during the hunting seasons. Adult blacklegged ticks are actively looking for hosts, such as people, pets, or deer, not only in the fall, but on warm winter days as well. This is very different behavior from the lone star ticks or the more common American dog ticks, which are not active from Sept. through Mar.

Hunters should keep in mind that hunting and field dressing deer may bring them into close contact with ticks.

Unlike pets and humans, wild animals such as deer are not affected by the blacklegged tick and suffer no ill effects from Lyme disease. Additionally, Lyme disease cannot be transmitted by the consumption of venison. Hunters should keep in mind, however, that hunting and dressing deer may bring them into close contact with infected ticks.

American Dog Tick



Male

Female

Blacklegged Tick



Male

Female

Lone Star Tick



Male

Female

Ticks not to scale.

The blacklegged tick is much smaller than the other two ticks shown.

CROW HUNTING

No daily bag limit. Hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only. State and federal stamps are not required to hunt crow.

COYOTE HUNTING AND TRAPPING

No daily bag limit and no closed season. If hunted during the deer gun season, hours and legal hunting devices are the same as for deer gun season.

Rifles and night vision scopes are legal for coyote hunting; however, rifles and night hunting between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise are prohibited during any firearm deer gun and muzzle-loader seasons.

GROUNDHOG HUNTING

No daily bag limit. No restriction on hours; closed only during the seven-day deer gun season (Dec. 2 - Dec. 8, 2013).

YOUTH SMALL GAME SEASON

In an effort to encourage youth hunting participation the Ohio Division of Wildlife has established a young hunters' season. See *Youth Hunting* on **Pages 26-28** for details.

FERAL SWINE (WILD BOAR) HUNTING

FERAL SWINE

Feral swine are a non-native, invasive species that pose great risks to Ohio's agricultural and natural resources. Feral swine are also known as wild boar, feral hogs, and feral pigs. Feral swine can do extensive damage to the forest habitat in a short amount of time, and compete with native wildlife species like wild turkey and deer. Responsible hunters will serve a key role in eradicating this nuisance from the state. Ohio hunters are encouraged to kill feral swine in areas where they have permission to hunt.

Intentionally releasing feral swine is illegal and contradictory to the actions of true sportsmen and women. Similarly, selectively killing males, or leaving others to breed, are the actions of an irresponsible hunter and are not condoned. State and federal wildlife managers are working diligently to eradicate this highly destructive pest from the state. Hunters are encouraged to report all sightings to the Ohio Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE, or wildinfo@dnr.state.oh.us.

Feral swine are highly mobile disease reservoirs. They can carry up to 30 significant diseases and a minimum of 37 parasites that can affect people, pets, livestock, and wildlife. For this reason, those in contact with feral swine are encouraged to wear rubber gloves when handling the animals, properly clean and disinfect all butchering utensils, and cook the meat to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

No daily bag limit. If hunted during the deer gun season, hours and legal hunting devices are the same as for deer gun season. However, hunting feral swine between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise is prohibited during any of the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.

It is unlawful to possess slugs while hunting feral swine during the youth deer gun season, except properly licensed youth hunters with a valid deer permit may hunt deer, feral swine, or coyote using any gun or ammunition legal for deer.

Persons hunting coyote or feral swine during the antlerless muzzleloader season, the youth deer gun season, the deer gun season, and deer muzzleloader season must possess a valid hunting license and deer permit with the tag attached and must be using a gun and ammunition legal for deer hunting during that season.

Hunter orange must be worn while hunting feral swine during the antlerless muzzleloader season, the youth deer gun season, deer gun season, and muzzleloader deer season.

Feral swine may be hunted over bait. However, it shall be unlawful for any person to distribute, place, or scatter salt, grain or other feed capable of luring, enticing, or attracting birds on lands owned, controlled, or maintained by the Ohio Division of Wildlife, including those lands managed by the division by virtue of a lease or an agreement. You may use dogs to hunt feral swine.

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WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON

WATERFOWL HUNTING

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sets the framework for hunting ducks, geese, and other migratory game birds. Waterfowl hunting is governed by BOTH state and federal regulations. Dates, bag limits, and waterfowl hunting zones were not available prior to the printing of this publication. Refer to Publication 5295, *Waterfowl Hunting Seasons*, available in late September and Publication 5298, *Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons*, available in late August, for details of dates, bag limits, and zones. These publications will be available at all wildlife district offices, license agents, and online at wildohio.com prior to the season.

Waterfowl hunting, when the season is open, is also permitted during the antlerless deer muzzleloader season, the youth deer gun season, the deer gun season, and the deer muzzleloader season.

◆ TO HUNT MIGRATORY

WATERFOWL IN OHIO, YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

- ◆ A resident hunting license, resident youth hunting license, nonresident hunting license, three-day nonresident tourist hunting license, or an apprentice hunting license.
- ◆ A printed Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp endorsement is required of all persons 18 or older.
- ◆ Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is required. To complete the HIP certification requirement, call 1-877-HIPOHIO (447-6446) and answer the survey questions. After the survey you will be given a certification number. Write the certification number on your hunting license in the space provided.
- ◆ A signed federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, required of all persons age 16 and older. Federal “duck stamps” are available at most post offices online at store.usps.com, or duckstamp.com.

◆ STATE REGULATIONS

The Ohio Administrative Code containing full details is available at each Division of Wildlife office and wildohio.com.

◆ FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Federal regulations relating to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

For additional information on federal regulations, contact Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 45, Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111.

◆ YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Federal regulations allow hunters 15 years old or younger to hunt waterfowl statewide (public and private lands) on a Saturday and Sunday in early October.

Young hunters (17 or younger) are given priority on opening day controlled hunts. See *Youth Hunting* on **Pages 26-28** for details.

◆ REPORT ALL BIRD BANDS!

Bird banding programs provide wildlife biologists with valuable information. These bands provide important information about survival, migration, harvest rates, and distribution of waterfowl. To report any bird band—not just bands from waterfowl or other game birds—call 1-800-327-BAND (2263) or go to reportband.gov.

What do you need to know?

The Ohio Division of Wildlife has hundreds of publications available for free. Everything from “*A Field Checklist for Birds of Ohio*” to the “*Zepernick Wildlife Area Map*” can be found at wildohio.com, or call **1-800-WILDLIFE**.

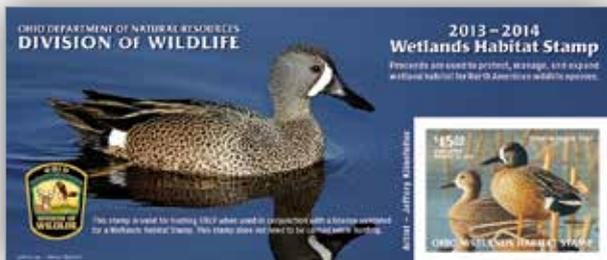


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SUNRISE SUNSET TABLES

Day	September		October		November		December		January		February		April		May	
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.														
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2	7:04	8:05	7:32	7:16	8:05	6:32	7:38	5:11	7:57	5:22	7:43	5:55	7:17	8:01	6:34	8:31
3	7:05	8:04	7:33	7:15	8:06	6:31	7:39	5:10	7:57	5:22	7:42	5:57	7:15	8:02	6:32	8:32
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SUNRISE SUNSET TABLE FOR WESTERN OHIO

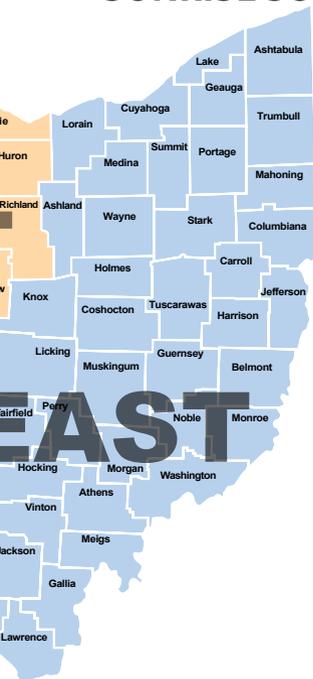


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SUNRISE SUNSET TABLE FOR EASTERN OHIO



Trophy Bucks Registered in Ohio's Buckeye Big Buck Club from 2002-2012



YOUTH HUNTING SEASONS

Season	Opening Date	Closing Date
Youth Small Game Season	Oct 19, 2013	Oct 20, 2013
	Oct 26, 2013	Oct 27, 2013
Youth Deer Gun Season	Nov 23, 2013	Nov 24, 2013
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Season	April 19, 2014	April 20, 2014
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunts: Specific Areas Only	April 21, 2014	May 18, 2014
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	Sat. and Sun. in early Oct. See Publication 5295	
Youth Waterfowl Opening Day Hunts	Selected areas only on waterfowl opening day	
Youth Controlled Deer Hunts: Application Only	The application period for these hunts is June 1 through July 31.	
Youth Controlled Waterfowl Hunts: Application Only		

YOUTH HUNTS

All youth hunting opportunities (except the youth waterfowl hunting season) are available to any hunters that possess a valid youth hunting license. All young hunters participating in youth hunts, regardless of age, must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult. A nonhunting adult is any person (a hunting license is not required) age 18 or older who accompanies the young hunter to and from the field and is present with the young hunter while the young hunter is engaged in hunting. The nonhunting adult may not possess any hunting implements.

Accompany means to go along with another person while staying within a distance from the person that enables uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communications.

◆ YOUTH SMALL GAME SEASON

Any hunters possessing a valid youth hunting license may hunt the following Saturdays and Sundays: Oct. 19 and 20 and Oct. 26 and 27 statewide (public and private lands) for rabbit, pheasant, and all other legal game which is in season.

- ◆ Quail may be taken only in those counties which are open to quail hunting (see map **Page 20**).
- ◆ Pheasant releases will occur for youth hunts on the following wildlife areas: Berlin, Caesar Creek, Camp Belden, Darke, Delaware, Dillon, Fallsville,

Grand River, Killdeer Plains, Oxbow Lake, Resthaven, Ringneck Ridge, Rush Run, Spencer, Tiffin River, Wellington, and Charlemont Metro Park (Lorain County). Daily bag limits are the same as during the regular hunting season.

- ◆ Young hunters, regardless of age, must be accompanied at all times by a nonhunting adult, 18 years or older, when hunting during this season. No more than two youths per adult.

◆ YOUTH DEER GUN SEASON

A youth deer gun season will be open statewide Nov. 23 and 24, 2013 on public and private land. Young hunters 17 years old and younger at the time they purchase their youth hunting license and a deer permit, and who are accompanied by a nonhunting adult may hunt.

Accompany means to go along with another person while staying within a distance from the person that enables uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communications.

- ◆ Youth hunters may take deer of either sex during this season.
- ◆ Deer taken by young hunters during the youth deer gun season count towards their county bag limits.
- ◆ Each deer taken must have a game tag attached and a permit completed before hunting or pursuing another deer.
- ◆ Young hunters who kill a deer during this season must follow all the tagging

requirements for the deer hunting season. If the deer is killed on Saturday the deer must be checked by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Sunday. If the deer is killed on Sunday the deer must be checked by 11:30 p.m. on that day.

- ◆ All deer hunting implements that are legal during the regular deer gun season are permitted.
- ◆ All youths and nonhunting adults must wear hunter orange.
- ◆ Youths must possess a valid Ohio youth hunting license and a deer permit.
- ◆ Youths 17 years old and younger hunting on land their grandparents own are not required to have a hunting license, but must have a deer permit.
- ◆ Youths 17 years old and younger hunting on land their parents own are not required to have a hunting license or deer permit.
- ◆ Youth hunters, regardless of age, must be accompanied at all times by a nonhunting adult, 18 years or older, when hunting during this season. No more than two youths per adult.
- ◆ No more than two youth hunters can be accompanied by one nonhunting adult. It is unlawful for the adult to hunt or possess a device commonly used to take wild animals.

◆ YOUTH CONTROLLED DEER HUNTS

The Ohio Division of Wildlife conducts several controlled deer hunts for young hunters. The dates and locations of the hunts vary from year to year. **A valid hunting license is required for all lottery applications.** The application period for these hunts is June 1 through July 31. Hunters may apply online at **wildohio.com** using a credit card. Application forms may be mailed and can be obtained by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543).

◆ YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

Federal regulations allow hunters 15 years old or younger to hunt waterfowl statewide (public and private lands) on a Saturday and Sunday in early October. All hunters 15 years old and younger, must be **accompanied** by a nonhunting adult, 18 years or older (no more than two youths per adult). Ducks, geese, and coots can be taken under the bag limits established for the regular season. Special youth hunts will be held on Killdeer Plains and Pickerel Creek wildlife areas beginning at 5:15 a.m. on these days. Contact the Wildlife District Two (Findlay) Office at (419) 424-5000 for details.

◆ YOUTH WATERFOWL OPENING DAY HUNTS

Young hunters (17 or younger) that possess a valid youth hunting license and who are **accompanied** by a nonhunting adult are given priority on opening day afternoon hunts at Mosquito Creek wildlife area. Youth hunts will also be held on the first Saturday of the regular waterfowl hunting season at the following areas: Magee Marsh, Mercer, Mosquito Creek, Pickerel Creek, and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Applications for these hunts are available from Ohio Division of Wildlife offices in June, or online at **wildohio.com**. All applications must be postmarked by July 31 to be entered into the random drawing.

◆ YOUTH CONTROLLED WATERFOWL HUNTS

The Ohio Division of Wildlife conducts several controlled waterfowl hunts for young hunters. The dates and locations of these hunts vary from year to year. **A valid hunting license is required for all lottery applications.** The application period is June 1 through July 31. Hunters may apply online at **wildohio.com** using a credit card. A hard copy of the application may be obtained by calling **1-800-WILDLIFE** (1-800-945-3543).



◆ YOUTH SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING

Two opportunities exist for young hunters to participate in the spring wild turkey hunting season.

A statewide youth wild turkey season will be offered Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20, 2014 immediately prior to the regular wild turkey season. The season is open statewide EXCEPT for Lake La Su An which conducts a controlled youth hunt; contact the District Two (Findlay) Office at (419) 424-5000 for details.

Special youth wild turkey hunts will be held at Lake La Su An, Killbuck Marsh, and Mosquito Creek wildlife areas and Hueston Woods and Paint Creek state parks during the regular spring wild turkey season. Any person interested in participating in these hunts should contact the Ohio Division of Wildlife district office in Findlay for the La Su An hunts; in Xenia for the Hueston Woods and Paint Creek hunts; and in Akron for the Killbuck and Mosquito Creek hunts during March 2014. Please note that to hunt at Lake La Su An during the four-week spring wild turkey season and the special youth only season, youths must

possess a controlled hunting permit acquired during the March drawing.

When participating in the special youth or regular spring wild turkey season the following requirements must be met:

- ◆ Youth hunters may take only one bearded turkey during the youth season.
- ◆ Youth turkey hunters may only kill a total of two turkeys during the youth-only and spring turkey seasons combined.
- ◆ All youth hunters must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult and must have their valid youth hunting license and spring wild turkey permit to participate.
- ◆ Hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.
- ◆ Only shotguns using shot, crossbows, and longbows are permitted.
- ◆ Young hunters who kill a turkey during this season must follow all the tagging requirements for the spring turkey hunting season and the turkey must be checked by 11:30 p.m. on the day of kill.

Hunter & Trapper Education

What kind of hunter education is available?



The Division of Wildlife offers three types of certification courses: Instructor-led training, home-study courses, and proficiency testing for those 18 and older.

While hunter education is a vital part of becoming an Ohio hunter, new hunters also have the option of hunting with an apprentice license before taking a hunter education course.

Hunter education in Ohio is free!

Call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) or visit wildohio.com for information on courses in your area.

TRAPPING SEASON

Season	Opening Day	Closing Day
Fox, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel	Nov 10, 2013	Jan 31, 2014
Mink, Muskrat	Nov 10, 2013	Feb 28, 2014
Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel: <i>Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Lucas County east of the Maumee River</i>	Nov 10, 2013	Mar 15, 2014
Beaver	Dec 26, 2013	Feb 28, 2014
River Otter: <i>Open in specific counties</i>	Dec 26, 2013	Feb 28, 2014

A fur taker permit is required to hunt or trap furbearing animals (except coyote) in Ohio.

FIRST-TIME TRAPPERS

All first-time trappers, except apprentice license buyers, must successfully complete a hunter and a trapper education course offered through the Ohio Division of Wildlife before purchasing a hunting license and fur taker permit to trap furbearers.

TRAPPING REGULATIONS

- ◆ Except for river otters, there are no restrictions on bag limits.
- ◆ All traps and snares must be checked and all animals removed every 24 hours.
- ◆ All furbearers shall be killed immediately and reduced to the person's possession.
- ◆ All flesh baits must be totally covered.
- ◆ Foothold traps set on land must be covered.
- ◆ Foothold traps set on land shall not have an inside diameter jaw spread greater than 5-5/8 inches.
- ◆ Body-gripping traps set on land, or in a tile, den, or burrow on land shall not have an inside diameter jaw spread greater than 5 inches in diameter.
- ◆ Body-gripping traps with an inside diameter jaw spread greater than 5 inches, but less than 7 inches must be set in water; those with a jaw spread greater than 7 inches must be completely submerged in water.
- ◆ Except for cage traps, no traps or snares may be set within 150 feet of another person's occupied residence without advising the resident.

◆ No person shall disturb a trap or snare or remove a furbearing animal from a trap or snare of another person without permission.

◆ Traps with teeth in the jaws are prohibited.

◆ Deadfalls are illegal.

◆ YOU CANNOT DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Pursue, hunt, trap, or snare furbearing animals between sunset and sunrise without use of a continuous white light visible for at least 1/4-mile. However, persons hunting fox, coyote, or raccoon with a call from a stationary position may use a continuous single beam of light of any color. When two or more people are hunting or trapping together for these animals only one light is required and can be carried by any member of the party.
2. Use or possess climbers or any other device, except climbing tree stands, that can be used for climbing trees while hunting, trapping, or pursuing furbearing animals.
3. Set, use, or maintain a trap or snare to take a wild animal, unless that trap or snare has attached to it a durable, waterproof tag bearing the name and mailing address or the unique Division of Wildlife Customer ID Number of the user in English letters that are legible at all times, or which has the name and mailing address or the unique Division of Wildlife Customer ID Number of the user stamped into the trap in English letters that are legible at all times.

4. Set, maintain, or use a trap or snare in or upon any cart or wagon road, or in or upon any path ordinarily used by people or domestic animals.
5. Attach a snare to a drag. Snares must be staked or otherwise attached to an immovable object.
6. Set, use, or maintain a snare on public hunting areas, except for beaver and river otter (see *Beaver Trapping and River Otter Trapping*).
7. Use any snare constructed of any material other than multi-strand or single-strand steel cable.
8. Set a snare with a loop diameter of more than 15 inches.
9. Have attached to a snare any spring-loaded or mechanical device to assist the snare in closing.
10. Set, use, or maintain any snare that does not comply with the requirements listed above.
11. Set traps on state public hunting areas, including state parks and state forests, for beaver or river otter without a permit. (See *Beaver and Otter Trapping on Public Hunting Areas*).

◆ **YOU CAN DO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Set, use, and maintain snares for the purpose of taking furbearing animals. All snares must have a relaxing lock and a stop to prevent the opening of the snare from closing to less than 2

1/2 inches in diameter, or a relaxing lock system with a breaking point of not greater than 350 pounds.

2. Attach a drag to a foothold trap.
3. Trap coyotes without a fur taker permit. However, anyone hunting, trapping, or snaring coyotes must have a valid hunting license.

BEAVER TRAPPING

Beaver trapping is permitted within American Electric Power's recreation area, known as ReCreation Land, Avondale Wildlife Area, and Conesville Coal Lands with a special beaver trapping permit which is in addition to the normal user's permit. This special beaver trapping permit is issued from the AEP Land Management Office in McConnelsville. Beaver trapping on state public hunting areas, including state parks and state forests, without a special beaver trapping permit from the Ohio Division of Wildlife is prohibited.

◆ WILDLIFE REFUGE BEAVER AND OTTER TRAPPING OPPORTUNITIES

Sealed bids will be accepted in Sept. for furbearer trapping opportunities within the wildlife refuge portions of Killbuck Marsh and Mosquito Creek wildlife areas. For official bid proposal forms and other information, contact the Ohio Division of Wildlife District 3 Office in September at (330) 644-2293.

Advanced Trappers Workshops

The Ohio Division of Wildlife, in cooperation with the Ohio State Trappers Association (OSTA), sponsors Advanced Trappers Workshops prior to the season. These workshops provide the opportunity to learn about the sport of trapping. Traps are set for furbearers on Saturday and then checked on Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon, skinning and preparing fur for market is covered. Many of these workshops offer the Trapper Education Course as well. Visit the OSTA website for dates, times, locations, and registration information at ohiostatetrapper.org.



◆ BEAVER AND OTTER TRAPPING ON PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

Beaver and river otter trapping on state publicly managed areas, including state parks and state forests, without a special beaver and/or river otter trapping permit from the Ohio Division of Wildlife is prohibited. The Ohio Division of Wildlife will allow controlled trapping of beaver and river otter on some publicly managed areas. The dates and locations for use of these permits for trapping may change from year to year. Check wildohio.com or call your nearest district office in early Sept. In most areas, permits will allow for both river otter and beaver trapping; however, some permits may be limited to beaver only. To see which areas will be available this year and more specific information, visit wildohio.com (follow links for Hunting and Trapping, Trapping Regulations, and Controlled Trapping Opportunities) or call your nearest wildlife district office in September. Snares may be set using these permits. Snares set for beaver or river otter on public hunting areas must have a minimum loop diameter of 10 inches and the bottom of the snare must be covered by at least 1 inch of water at all times.

RIVER OTTER TRAPPING

Publication 5088, *River Otter Trapping Regulations* details all trapping and tagging requirements for Ohio's river otter trapping season and is available at all wildlife district offices and at wildohio.com, or call 1-800-WILDLIFE to obtain a copy.

Otter trapping on state public hunting areas without a special beaver and/or otter trapping permit from the Ohio Division of Wildlife is prohibited.

◆ RIVER OTTER BAG LIMITS

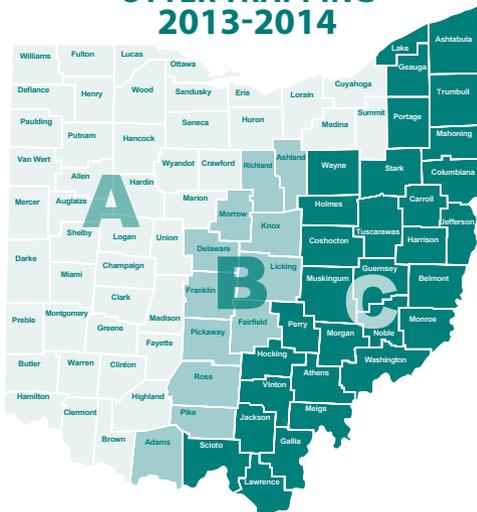
No more than three (3) river otters may be taken by any trapper and no more than one (1) river otter may be taken from **Zone B**.

◆ OPEN COUNTIES

River otter trapping is open in the following counties: Adams, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Gallia, Geauga, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Richland, Ross, Scioto, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton, Washington, and Wayne (see map).

The pelt of each river otter must be checked in with a wildlife officer or taken to a wildlife area headquarters (8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday or by appointment) or district office during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) within 72 hours of capture. All legally checked otters will receive a CITES tag that allows the pelt to be sold outside Ohio.

OPEN COUNTIES FOR RIVER OTTER TRAPPING 2013-2014



RIVER OTTER BAG LIMITS

ZONE A - CLOSED (0)

ZONE B - ONE (1)

ZONE C - THREE (3)

LICENSE CATEGORIES

Resident Adult Licenses	For Ohio residents age 18-65 at the time of purchase.
Youth Licenses	For Ohio residents and nonresidents 17 years old and younger at the time of purchase.
Nonresident Licenses	For nonresidents age 18 and older at the time of purchase.
Resident Reduced-Cost Senior Licenses	For Ohio residents age 66 and older, and who were born on or after Jan. 1, 1938.
Resident Free Senior Licenses	For Ohio residents born on or before Dec 31, 1937.
Duplicate Licenses and Permits	Lost, stolen, or destroyed licenses and/or permits may be re-issued at any license sales location or online at wildohio.com . The cost is \$4 for each duplicate license and/or permit.

LICENSES	COST
Hunting Resident Annual License	\$19
Hunting Youth Annual License: Resident and Nonresident	\$10
Hunting Nonresident Annual License	\$125
Hunting Resident Reduced-Cost Senior License	\$10
Hunting Resident Free Senior License (<i>Ohio residents born on or before Dec 31, 1937</i>)	\$0
Hunting Nonresident (Tourist) 3-day License: Not valid for deer, turkey or furbearers	\$40
Apprentice Resident Annual License	\$19
Apprentice Youth Annual License: Resident and Nonresident	\$10
Apprentice Nonresident Annual License	\$125
Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp Resident and Nonresident Waterfowl License	\$15
Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp Resident Reduced-Cost Senior Waterfowl License	\$15
Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp Resident Free Senior Waterfowl License	\$0

PERMITS

Either-sex Deer Permit	Cost	Spring Turkey Permit	Cost
Resident and Nonresident Permit	\$24	Resident and Nonresident Permit	\$24
Youth Permit: Resident and Nonresident	\$12	Youth Permit: Resident and Nonresident	\$12
Resident Reduced-Cost Senior Permit	\$12	Resident Reduced-Cost Senior Permit	\$12
Resident Free Senior Permit	\$0	Resident Free Senior Permit	\$0
Antlerless Deer Permit	Cost	Fall Turkey Permit	Cost
Resident and Nonresident Permit	\$15	Resident and Nonresident Permit	\$24
Youth Permit: Resident and Nonresident	\$15	Youth Permit: Resident and Nonresident	\$12
Resident Reduced-Cost Senior Permit	\$15	Resident Reduced-Cost Senior Permit	\$12
Resident Free Senior Permit	\$0	Resident Free Senior Permit	\$0
Fur Taker Permit	Cost	Apprentice Fur Taker Permit	Cost
Resident and Nonresident Permit	\$15	Resident and Nonresident Permit	\$15
Youth Permit: Resident and Nonresident	\$8	Youth Permit	\$8
Resident Reduced-Cost Senior Permit	\$8	Shooting Range Permit	Cost
Resident Free Senior Permit	\$0	Annual Permit	\$24
		1-Day Permit	\$5

LICENSES AND PERMITS

FOR LICENSE EXEMPTIONS SEE PAGE 34

LICENSE SALES SYSTEM

Hunting licenses and permits are available at all authorized license sales agents and online at **wildohio.com**.

Ohio's license year begins March 1 and ends the last day of February each year.

Regardless of your age, you must have a hunting license to hunt or trap all legal game in Ohio. Additional permits may be required to hunt or trap specific game animals. The license(s) that you are required to purchase is determined by age and residency status.

◆ TO PURCHASE A HUNTING LICENSE YOU MUST DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

(apprentice licenses excluded)

- ◆ present a previously held hunting license, **or**
- ◆ present evidence of having successfully completed a hunter education course (from any state), **or**
- ◆ swear that you are 21 years old or older and have previously held a legal hunting license (from any state).

OHIO RESIDENCY STATUS - An Ohio resident is a person who has resided in the state of Ohio for the past six (6) consecutive months. All others are considered nonresidents and must purchase nonresident licenses.

All hunting and fishing licenses and permits can be purchased at **wildohio.com**. In addition, there are license agents in every Ohio county. To find an agent near you, call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) or go to **wildohio.com**.

Annual licenses are valid from March 1 through the last day of February. All costs include a \$1.00 writing fee. All sales are final – no refunds.

- ◆ It is unlawful to carry the license or permit of another person.

- ◆ All first-time hunting license buyers, except apprentice license buyers, must successfully complete a hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license. Call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) for information on hunter education requirements.

- ◆ Hunters age 15 and under and those of any age hunting with an apprentice license must be accompanied by an adult. Special restrictions apply to certain youth hunts. See **Youth Hunting** on **Pages 26-28** for details.

- ◆ Hunters and trappers must carry a valid hunting license with the appropriate permit or stamp when hunting or trapping.

◆ LICENSE AND PERMIT PURCHASE PROCESS

- ◆ A complete list of authorized license sales agents is available at **wildohio.com**.

- ◆ Licenses and permits may be purchased online at **wildohio.com**.

- ◆ Every individual, youth and adult, who plans to purchase any license or permit is required to provide their Social Security Number (SSN). The federal government requires the Ohio Division of Wildlife to collect your SSN. Federal Statute 42 requires the SSN of any individual to whom the state issues a recreational hunting or fishing license. When you buy a hunting and/or fishing license, you must also give your full name, date of birth, gender, declaration of residency, mailing address, height, weight, hair color, and eye color. Sportsmen and women who have previously purchased a licenses recently can now use their Customer ID Number and will not have to supply their SSN since it has been recorded.

- ◆ If you DO NOT have an active SSN, then you must submit written verification, on form **DNR 9151**, that you do not have an active SSN. Upon receipt of this form, the Ohio Division of Wildlife will issue you an official Customer ID Number.
- ◆ This Customer ID Number will be used anytime a SSN would otherwise be required to obtain a recreational hunting or fishing license. Forms are available online at **wildohio.com** under Wildlife Publications, or by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543). Non-U.S. citizens who are also nonresidents of Ohio will be asked for an alternative form of identification.
- ◆ A customer identification number will be assigned to everyone using the system. This unique number will be your Customer ID Number for as long as you obtain licenses, permits, stamps, or apply for a controlled hunt, fishing lottery, or magazine membership. Your Customer ID Number will be printed on all licenses and permits issued to you.
- ◆ Every person who is issued a license, permit, stamp, applies for a magazine membership, or enters a controlled hunt or fishing lottery must have a customer account.
- ◆ Licenses purchased online or at a retail outlet will be printed on an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper that can be folded to credit card size. Licenses and permits will appear on the left column of the document and the remaining space will be printed with information relevant to the license or permit purchased.
- ◆ Licenses are printed on plain white paper and are not waterproof, so you will need to protect it.

LICENSE EXEMPTIONS

Certain categories of persons are exempted from buying various licenses, permits, and/or stamps.

1. **Ohio resident landowners, spouses, and their children** - Are not required to have a hunting license,

fur taker permit, either-sex deer permit, antlerless deer permit, spring or fall turkey permit, or Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp when they are hunting or trapping on land they own.

2. **Nonresident landowners** - A non-resident landowner, and the spouse and children living with the landowner, may hunt on that property without a license, either-sex deer permit, antlerless deer permit, spring or fall turkey permit, Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp or fur taker permit, **IF** the nonresidents home state allows residents of Ohio owning property in the nonresidents home state, and the spouse and children living with the Ohio property owner, to hunt without a license, either-sex deer permit, antlerless deer permit, spring or fall turkey permit, Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp, or fur taker permit.
3. **A member of a limited liability company or partnership is a landowner** - Provided the member is an Ohio resident and the limited liability company or limited liability partnership consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, or beneficiary or trustee of a trust that has three or fewer trustees or beneficiaries.
4. **Tenants and their children on land on which they reside and from which they derive the majority (more than 50 percent of their income from agricultural production on that land)** - Are not required to have a hunting license, fur taker permit, either-sex deer permit, antlerless deer permit, spring or fall turkey permit, or Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp when they are hunting or trapping on land where they reside.
5. **Ohio resident landowners' grandchildren who are under 18 years old** - Are not required to have a hunting license or an Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp while hunting on their grandparent's land. All other licenses and permits are required.

6. **Ohio residents who are holders of veteran's license plates displaying the international wheelchair symbol** - Must apply in writing for a free hunting license, fur taker permit, either-sex deer permit, spring or fall turkey permit, and an Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamp. Applications are available at **wildohio.com**.

7. **Certain permanently disabled veterans who are Ohio residents** - Must apply in writing for a free hunting license, fur taker permit, either-sex deer permit, turkey permit, and Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp. Applications are available at **wildohio.com**.

8. **Ohio residents who are former prisoners of war** - Must apply in writing for a free hunting license, fur taker permit, and Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamp. All other licenses and permits are required. Applications are available at **wildohio.com**.

9. **Members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty, while on leave or furlough** - Are not required to purchase a hunting license, Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp, or fur taker permit. All other licenses and permits are required.

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty stationed in Ohio, but NOT on leave or furlough are required to purchase a resident Ohio hunting license and other applicable permits before hunting deer, turkey, or hunting/trapping furbearers, and an Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp for waterfowl before hunting any migratory waterfowl.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS

In addition to your hunting license you will need one or more of the following deer permits.

◆ EITHER-SEX DEER PERMIT

Either-sex permits are valid for tagging antlered or antlerless deer and is valid statewide for the entire deer hunting season. No more than one (1) antlered deer may be taken per license year.

◆ ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT

Antlerless deer permits are valid for tagging antlerless deer only at any Ohio Division of Wildlife authorized controlled hunt, during the archery season Sept. 28 through Dec. 1, 2013, the antlerless deer muzzleloader season Oct. 12 and 13, 2013, and the youth deer gun season Nov. 23 and 24, 2013. See *Deer Hunting Permits (Page 7)* to know when and where these permits may be used.

TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS

In addition to your hunting license you need to have the applicable turkey permit to hunt turkey in Ohio.

◆ SPRING TURKEY PERMIT

One bearded turkey per permit during the spring turkey season. No more than two permits may be used during the spring season. Valid statewide.

◆ FALL TURKEY PERMIT

You can take one turkey of either sex during the fall turkey season. No more than one permit may be used during the entire fall season. Valid only in open counties.

FUR TAKER PERMITS

A fur taker permit is required (except for coyotes) in addition to a hunting license to hunt or trap fur bearing animals.

◆ TO PURCHASE A FUR TAKER PERMIT YOU MUST DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

(apprentice licenses excluded)

- ◆ present a previously held hunting license, fur taker, or trapping permit, **or**
- ◆ present evidence of having successfully completed a trapper education course (from any state), **or**
- ◆ swear that you are 21 years old or older and have previously held a legal hunting license, fur taker, or trapping permit (from any state).

All first-time trappers must successfully complete a trapper education course before purchasing a fur taker permit for trapping. The trapper education course, taken after successful completion of a hunter education course, covers detailed information necessary for successful trapping experiences.

WATERFOWL HUNTING

You are required to have a hunting license, Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp, Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, and HIP certification to hunt ducks, geese, or brant.

◆ OHIO WETLANDS HABITAT STAMP

An Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp will not be issued at the time of purchase. A license will be issued stating, "Wetlands Habitat Stamp." The actual stamp will be mailed later in the year. The actual stamp does not need to be carried while hunting. This stamp is not required for youths younger than 18 years old.

◆ FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMP

Everyone age 16 and older, regardless of where they hunt, is required to purchase this stamp to hunt ducks, geese, and brant. These stamps are available at most U.S. Post Office branches, online at **duckstamp.com**, and at select sporting goods stores.

Ohio Resident and Nonresident \$15

◆ HIP SURVEY

Hunters who plan to hunt migratory game birds, including ducks, geese, woodcock, rails, mourning doves, coots, and snipe must have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification number on their hunting license. These hunters must call 1-877-HIP-OHIO (1-877-447-6446) and take a short survey. Once the phone survey has been completed, a unique number will be provided to the hunter to write in a designated spot on their hunting license.

It is the responsibility of the license buyer to make sure that the HIP certification has been completed and this certification number is written on their hunting license.

APPRENTICE LICENSE PROGRAM

Ohio residents and nonresidents may purchase an apprentice hunting license or apprentice fur taker permit without having taken a hunter or fur taker education course.

Apprentice hunting licenses and apprentice fur taker permits allow new hunters and trappers, both adults and youth, to sample the experience of hunting and trapping under the mentorship of a licensed adult prior to completing a hunter or trapper education course.

To hunt or trap, apprentice license and permit holders must be accompanied by a licensed hunter or trapper 21 years old or older. The licensed hunter may not accompany more than two (2) apprentice license holders at the same time.

Accompany means to go along with another person while staying within a distance from the person that enables uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communications.

No one may purchase more than three apprentice hunting licenses (adult or youth) or apprentice fur taker permits in his or her lifetime.

Having previously held an apprentice license does not qualify the holder to purchase a regular hunting license or fur taker permit. To obtain a regular hunting license, a hunter education course must be successfully completed. To obtain a regular fur taker permit, a hunter education course and trapper education course must be successfully completed. Apprentice licenses and fur taker permits are available to both Ohio residents and nonresidents, youth and adults.

SHOOTING RANGE PERMITS

Permits are required of shooters age 18 or older for admission to Class A ranges operated by the Ohio Division of Wildlife (see **Page 43** for shooting range information). Shooters age 17 and under are not required to purchase a permit, but must be accompanied by and directly monitored by an adult (age 18 years or older) holding a valid shooting range permit.



HUNTER AND TRAPPER EDUCATION

All first-time hunting license buyers, except apprentice license buyers, must successfully complete a hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license. The hunting course is designed to instill a code of ethics and responsibility, as well as provide instruction on guns and how they work, types of ammunition, gun handling, field care of game, wildlife identification, wildlife management, hunting regulations, and other topics. Statistics show that hunter education has helped reduce the number of hunting related injuries and incidents.

The trapper education course, taken after successful completion of a hunter education course, covers trap set making, trapping equipment, pelt preparation, furbearer life history, identification, and management. These courses provide an opportunity for adults to introduce a young person to hunting and trapping and to share the excitement that goes with it.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife offers both traditional instructor-led hunter and trapper education courses along with a home-study option. The home-study hunter education course requires a four-hour hands-on training component. Persons interested in taking a hunter, trapper, or advanced hunting course can call the Ohio Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) or visit wildohio.com for information on courses in your area. People who are hearing impaired may call the Ohio Relay Service.

INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

Ohio is a member of the agreement between states that if a person loses their hunting, trapping, or fishing privileges in one of those states, they may lose those privileges in all of the member states. If you lose your right to hunt, trap, or fish in Ohio, it is YOUR responsibility to check with any other state before you hunt, trap, or fish there to ensure you have not lost your privileges in that state as well.

BE SAFE IN YOUR TREE STAND

Hunting from a tree stand is exciting and effective, but hunters must be sure to keep themselves safe.

In Ohio, we have hunters seriously injured and killed each year from tree stand falls. About one in every three hunters will experience a fall from a tree stand in their hunting career.

Protect Yourself and Your Family

You and your family depend on you getting home from the hunt safely. The best way to do that is by carefully preparing for your hunt and using a full-body safety harness.

For more tree stand safety information and a link to an on-line tree stand safety course go to bit.ly/treestand_safety or scan this QR code.



More Tree Stand Safety Tips

- ◆ Always tell someone where you are hunting and when you plan to return.
- ◆ Only use a tree stand that has the approval of the Treestand Manufacturer's Association.
- ◆ Never use homemade tree stands or tree stands made from wood.
- ◆ Hunters must always use a fall restraint system (a full-body restraint system or safety harness that wraps around your chest, waist, and legs) when using an elevated tree stand or platform. A single safety belt is not a fall restraint system!
- ◆ Anytime your feet leave the ground, a fall restraint system should be used.
- ◆ Always use a haul line, or a rope attached to the tree stand left hanging to the ground, to raise your unloaded firearm or archery equipment into the tree stand.
- ◆ Use common sense when choosing a height for your tree stand. Thirty feet is too high; a tree stand height of 12 to 15 feet will give you all of the advantage you need.

LEGAL DEFINITIONS

As used in **Chapters 1531 and 1533** of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code:

ACCOMPANY means to go along with another person while staying within a distance from the person that enables uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communications.

APV USE - In accordance with 4519.40 of the Ohio Revised Code, all-purpose vehicles and snowmobiles may NOT be used:

- ◆ on any land or waters controlled by the state, except at those locations where a sign has been posted permitting such operation;
- ◆ while transporting any firearm, bow, or other implement for hunting, that is not unloaded and securely encased;
- ◆ for the purpose of chasing, pursuing, capturing, or killing any wild animal or wild fowl.

BAG LIMIT means the number, measurement, or weight of any kind of crayfish, aquatic insects, fish, frogs, turtles, wild birds, and wild quadrupeds permitted to be taken.

BAITED AREA means any area where shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting, or enticing game animals or birds is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered. Such area shall remain a baited area for 10 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

BAITING means the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshelled corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed so as to constitute for wild turkeys, mourning doves, migratory birds, or other game animals a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any area where hunters are attempting to take them.

CLOSED SEASON means that period of time during which the taking of wild animals protected by Chapters 1531 and 1533 of the Ohio Revised Code is prohibited.

CROSSBOW means a device for propelling an arrow by means of transverse limbs and a string, mounted on a stock at least 25 inches in length, and having a working safety.

FURBEARING ANIMALS include minks, weasels, raccoons, skunks, opossums, muskrats, foxes, beavers, badgers, otters, coyotes, bobcats, and fishers.

GAME BIRDS include ring-necked pheasants, bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, pinnated grouse, wild turkeys, Hungarian partridges, chukar partridges, woodcocks, crows, black-breasted plovers, golden plovers, Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe, greater and lesser yellowlegs, rails, coots, gallinules, ducks, geese, mourning doves, and brant.

GAME QUADRUPEDS include cottontail rabbits, chipmunks, flying squirrels, gray squirrels, black squirrels, fox squirrels, red squirrels, groundhogs, white-tailed deer, wild boar, black bears, and porcupines.

LOOKING FOR A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Are you up to the challenge of a career in law enforcement, wildlife conservation and public service? If so, think about becoming a State Wildlife Officer with the Division of Wildlife. The Division of Wildlife is always looking for exceptional men and women for our next cadet academy.

If you are interested or to learn more, including minimum qualifications, contact the Law Enforcement or Human Resources Section at 614-265-6300. You can view information about wildlife law enforcement and other Division of Wildlife career opportunities at wildohiocareers.com.



HUNTING means pursuing, shooting, killing, following after or on the trail of, lying in wait for, shooting at, or wounding wild birds or wild quadrupeds while employing any device commonly used to kill or wound wild birds or wild quadrupeds, whether such acts result in such killing or wounding or not. It includes every attempt to kill or wound and every act of assistance to any other person in killing or wounding or attempting to kill or wound wild birds or wild quadrupeds.

LONGBOW or **BOW** means a device for propelling an arrow by means of limbs, and a string which is hand held, hand drawn, and held in a drawn position by hand or a hand-held mechanical release or by a mechanical device with a working safety. This would include compound bows and recurve bows.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS are waterfowl, rails, mourning doves, and shorebirds.

NONGAME BIRDS include all other wild birds not included and defined as game birds.

PLUGGED SHOTGUN means a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells that is plugged with a one-piece filler which limits the capacity of the gun to three shells. The filler must be such that it cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.

PROTECTED SPECIES include yellowlegs, plovers, snowshoe hares, bears, badgers, bobcats, fishers, porcupines, and flying squirrels, and nongame birds, may not be hunted or taken at any time. Hungarian partridge may not be taken except from a shooting preserve, dog training area, or field trial.

TENANT means an individual who resides on land for which he or she pays rent and whose annual income is primarily derived from agricultural production conducted on that land, as "agricultural production" is defined in Section 929.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

TRAPPING means securing or attempting to secure possession of a wild bird or wild quadruped by means of setting, placing,

drawing, or using any device that is designed to close upon, hold fast, confine, or otherwise capture a wild bird or wild quadruped whether such means result in such capturing or not. It includes every act of assistance to any other person in capturing wild birds or wild quadrupeds by means of such device whether such means result in such capturing or not.

WILD ANIMALS include mollusks, crustaceans, aquatic insects, fish, reptiles, amphibians, wild birds, wild quadrupeds, and all other wild mammals.

2923.15 ORC No person, while under the influence of alcohol or any drug of abuse, shall carry or use any firearm or dangerous ordnance.

2923.16 and **1547.69 ORC** No person shall knowingly transport or have a firearm in a motor vehicle unless it is unloaded, and is carried in one of the following ways:

- (1) in a closed package, box, or case;
- (2) in a compartment which can be reached only by leaving the vehicle;
- (3) in plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made for the purpose;
- (4) if the firearm is at least 24 inches in overall length as measured from the muzzle to the part of the stock furthest from the muzzle, and if the barrel is at least 18 inches in length in plain sight with the action open or the firearm stripped, or, if the firearm is of a type which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be stripped, in plain sight.

A person possessing a valid Ohio issued concealed carry license may carry their concealed weapon in compliance with motor vehicle transportation guidelines of the Ohio Revised Code.

As used in this section, "unloaded" means with respect to a firearm employing a percussion cap, flintlock, or other obsolete ignition system, that the firearm is uncapped, or that the priming charge is removed from the pan.

The above sections also apply to watercraft, except while lawfully engaged in hunting.

HUNTING IN OHIO

HUNTING METHODS

Unless otherwise indicated, game may be taken with longbow, crossbow, or any caliber handgun, rifle, shotgun (10 gauge or smaller), or airgun. Be safe and choose the appropriate method for the species. See *Public Hunting Lands, Pages 40-41*.

Game birds and game quadrupeds (except wild boar) may not be taken by trapping.

Electronic callers may be used while hunting, except while hunting migratory game birds (waterfowl, rails, and shorebirds) and wild turkeys. It is lawful to use electronic callers for crow hunting.

It shall be unlawful to use any device capable of transmitting or receiving a person's voice to aid in the hunting or taking of deer.

Spotlighting of wild animals from vehicles, including illuminating with headlights, is prohibited. Spotlighting is illegal whether hunting implements are carried in the vehicle or not.

Persons hunting, trapping, or pursuing furbearing animals at night must carry a continuous white light visible for at least 1/4 mile. When two or more persons are hunting or trapping together for furbearing animals, only one light is required and may be carried by any member of the party. Persons hunting foxes, coyotes, or raccoons with a call from a stationary position may use a single beam of light of any color.

It is unlawful to possess a hunting device while training or working a dog pursuing coyotes from sunset to sunrise.

All hunting from motor vehicles, except boats and machinery being used in farm operations, is prohibited. Hunting small game and furbearers except mink, muskrat, otter, and beaver is lawful from a boat or powercraft. All hunting from aircraft is prohibited.

It is unlawful to shoot from, on, across, or along a public road or highway.

During the antlerless deer muzzleloader season, deer muzzleloader season and youth deer gun season it is unlawful to hunt legal game with shot shells containing shot larger than No. 4. Waterfowl hunters must use nontoxic shot of any size.

Hunting any wild animal (except waterfowl) from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset during the youth deer gun season, deer gun season, the antlerless deer muzzleloader season, and the muzzleloader deer season is unlawful unless the hunter is visibly wearing a vest, coat, jacket, or coveralls that are either solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange. This requirement applies statewide on both public and private land.

Longbows and crossbows may be used to take legal game. However, crossbows may not be used to hunt migratory game birds. Longbow hunters may use a hand-held mechanical release or a mechanical device with a working safety. Crossbows may be cocked with a device, but must have a working safety and a stock more than 25 inches long.

Arrows for longbow and crossbow must be tipped with a broadhead not less than 3/4-inch wide while hunting deer or turkey. The arrow tip must have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed.

It is unlawful to hunt deer or turkey with a longbow having a draw weight of less than 40 pounds, or with a crossbow having a draw weight of less than 75 pounds.

Poisoned or explosive arrows are unlawful. While hunting, it is unlawful to have attached to a longbow or crossbow any mechanical, electrical, or electronic device capable of projecting a beam of light.

◆ ON PUBLIC HUNTING LANDS

It is unlawful for any person to use a rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, or other firearm at any time on any land or water area controlled or administered by the Ohio Division of Wildlife except while lawfully trapping or hunting wild animals, or target

practicing on a designated Ohio Division of Wildlife target range.

It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute, place, or scatter salt, grain, or other feed capable of luring, enticing, or attracting birds on lands owned, controlled, or maintained by the Ohio Division of Wildlife, including those lands managed by the division by virtue of a lease or an agreement.

Portions of Deer Creek, Killdeer Plains, Resthaven, Lake La Su An, Berlin Lake, Big Island, Delaware, Grand River, Brush Creek, Waterloo, Cooper Hollow, East Fork, Woodbury, Spring Valley, and Fallsville wildlife areas will be open for persons with severe mobility impairments to drive their cars, trucks, or an Electric Powered All-Purpose Vehicle to designated interior areas for hunting. Disabled persons are required to have an Electric Powered All-Purpose Vehicle Permit. Find more information or download a permit application at **wildohio.com**.

It is unlawful to hunt with or possess any shot except nontoxic shot at Metzger Marsh, Mallard Club, Pipe Creek, Magee Marsh, Toussaint, and Little Portage wildlife areas.

All hunting and trapping on Magee Marsh Wildlife Area is by permit only.

◆ ON ALL WILDLIFE AREAS

It is illegal to sit, stand, or otherwise be in contact with oil or gas production or transmission wells, pumps, tanks, pipes, and other equipment.

Roadside camping is prohibited on all state wildlife areas. Primitive campgrounds are located on Woodbury, Tycoon, Wolf Creek, and Monroe wildlife areas.

It is unlawful to use a rifle, pistol, revolver, or a shotgun using slugs at any time on Auburn Marsh and Grant Lake wildlife areas. Deer hunting at Auburn Marsh and Grant Lake wildlife areas is lawful using archery equipment only.

All wildlife areas are closed to all activity other than hunting, trapping, and fishing from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sept. 1 through May 1 and from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. May 2 through Aug. 31.

Beaver and river otter trapping is prohibited on all state public hunting areas, including state parks and forests, without a special permit from the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Consult our district offices or website for information on how these permits can be obtained.

State parks have special hunting and trapping regulations. Some are not open to hunting or trapping. A permit is required to build a duck blind on state park lakes. Consult the Ohio Division of Parks and Recreation, 2045 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693, phone (614) 265-6561, or the park manager.

It is unlawful to operate or park any vehicle on properties administered by the Ohio Division of Wildlife except on designated roads and parking areas.

IF YOU OBSERVE A WILDLIFE VIOLATION

**1-800-POACHER
or ohiotip.com**



Turn In a Poacher
**POACHERS ARE STEALING
FROM YOU!**

Ohio's **TIP**, "Turn In a Poacher," program helps to curtail poaching throughout the state. **TIP** is designed to involve the public in reporting wildlife violations. Citizens who observe wildlife violations should record the information then call the TIP toll-free hot line,

1-800-POACHER (762-2437)
or on the web at **ohiotip.com**
*You do not have to give your name.
Just give the facts. Active 24/7.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONCEALED CARRY

A person possessing a valid concealed carry license may carry their concealed weapon while hunting, but it may not be used to shoot, shoot at, or kill any wild animal. For more information go to ag.state.oh.us.

- ◆ Persons desiring to buy green or dried fur must have a fur dealer's permit.
- ◆ It is unlawful to buy, sell, or possess nongame birds or their parts, dead or alive.

HUNTING WITH PERMISSION

The landowner's written permission is required for hunting and trapping on private land, regardless of whether the land is posted. Permission slips are available at all Ohio Division of Wildlife district offices, at wildohio.com, and on **Page 4** of this publication.

◆ THE PENALTY FOR HUNTING WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION

The maximum penalty for hunting without written permission of the landowner for a first offense is 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine. The maximum penalty for a second offense is 90 days in jail and a \$750 fine.

A person must carry written permission (see **Page 4**) at all times while engaging in hunting or trapping on private land and exhibit it upon request to a state wildlife officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, other law enforcement officer, owner of the land, or the landowner's authorized agent.

POSSESSION

- ◆ Live fur-bearing animals, amphibians, reptiles, game quadrupeds, or game birds may not be held in captivity or sold except by propagation permit.
- ◆ Hides of fur-bearing animals taken legally during the open season may be sold during that open season or may be held for sale until June 15 following the close of the season.
- ◆ Furbearers may not be taken alive during open hunting and trapping seasons.

DOG TRAINING

The Ohio Division of Wildlife has established designated dog training areas on some of its wildlife areas. Dogs may not be trained or exercised on state public hunting areas from May 1 through Aug. 31, except on these designated dog training areas. A nonresident may not train, work, or exercise a dog in Ohio at any time if Ohio residents are not permitted to train, work, or exercise dogs in the nonresident's state. Training dogs while pursuing furbearing animals is permitted only from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Firearms may not be carried by persons training or working dogs during the closed season for furbearing animals.

Designated dog training areas are located on portions of Berlin, Caesar Creek, Delaware, Fallsville, Indian Creek, Killdeer Plains, Lake La Su An, Oxbow Lake, Resthaven, Rush Run, Spencer, and Tri-Valley wildlife areas.

GINSENG

No person shall dig, harvest, or otherwise collect wild ginseng from its natural habitat except during the season of Sept. 1 through Dec. 31 of each year. Ginseng plants with unripened berries or which have less than three-leaf stems (prongs) cannot be harvested. Seeds from wild ginseng plants shall be immediately replanted at the place where the plants were collected. Any person collecting ginseng is required to keep accurate records showing the number of pounds and ounces of ginseng, both green and/or dry weight, collected in each Ohio county by date of collection. Dealers and buyers shall acquire a state dealer's registration permit each year prior to purchasing or otherwise acquiring Ohio ginseng. No person shall harvest wild or cultivated ginseng from

private or public property without first obtaining written permission from the landowner or their agent. Collection is prohibited on ODNR property. For more information on ginseng harvest, contact the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

SHOOTING RANGES

The Ohio Division of Wildlife operates five supervised Class A ranges. All persons age 18 and older shooting on supervised Class A ranges must purchase a shooting range permit which is available at all hunting and fishing license agents and on the Internet at **wildohio.com**. Permits are not sold at the shooting ranges; however, a self-serve computer kiosk will be available at the Spring Valley Shooting Range for purchase of a permit on site with a credit card only.

Shooters age 17 and younger are not required to purchase a permit, but must be accompanied by and directly monitored by an adult (age 18 years or older) holding a valid shooting range permit.

◆ SUPERVISED HOURS OF OPERATION

CLASS A RANGES - Hours of operation vary. All ranges are closed on Monday and Tuesday as well as the following dates: New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Woodbury shooting range will be closed Sept. 9-20, 2013. Contact the wildlife areas for detailed information:

DELAWARE WILDLIFE AREA*

8589 Horseshoe Road, Ashley
(614) 644-3925**

DEER CREEK WILDLIFE AREA*

12552 Post Road, Route 1, Mt. Sterling
(614) 644-3925**

SPRING VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA

3450 Houston Road, Waynesville
(937) 862-5162

GRAND RIVER WILDLIFE AREA*

6686 State Route 534, Farmington
(330) 889-3280

WOODBURY WILDLIFE AREA*

23371 State Route 60 S., Warsaw
(740) 824-3211

* Closed during Jan. and Feb.

**Call to confirm range is open due to frequent flooding issues.

OUT-OF-STATE HUNTERS CARCASS REGULATIONS

For a list of areas in the United States and Canada where Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been detected, visit **wildohio.com**.

Ohio hunters who travel out-of-state to hunt cervids (deer, elk, moose, and caribou) in areas where CWD has been detected may only possess the following parts of the carcass in Ohio:

- ◆ de-boned meat;
- ◆ meat that is cut and securely and completely wrapped either commercially or privately with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
- ◆ quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
- ◆ antlers;
- ◆ antlers attached to a skull cap from which all soft tissue has been removed;
- ◆ upper canine teeth from which all soft tissue has been removed;
- ◆ hides or capes without any part of the head or lymph nodes attached;
- ◆ finished taxidermy mounts;
- ◆ any soft body tissue wrapped and packaged for use by a diagnostic research laboratory.

Out-of-state hunters traveling through Ohio may possess any cervidae carcass (or part of a carcass), provided the carcass or parts are not off-loaded from the vehicle.

SHARE THE BOUNTY

The Ohio Division of Wildlife encourages sportsmen and women to share the bounty of their successful deer hunts by donating deer to charitable organizations that help feed the hungry of our state.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife continues to partner in a program coordinated by Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. Funding is provided to encourage a 1:1 local dollar match to pay local deer processors so that donated deer will be processed for donation to local food pantries at no cost to the hunter. Additionally, hunters are encouraged to use the \$15 antlerless deer permit to take an extra deer for the program, thus helping others at little cost to themselves.

FARMERS AND HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY

To make a donation, contact FHFH. Go to the national website (fhfh.org), then to Ohio to find an active chapter and check out what processors are available for that chapter. Each chapter has a contact person and the processor's name and address.



WHITETAILS UNLIMITED

Local WTU chapters use local funds for programs such as venison donation to the needy. To make a donation, go to the national website (whitetailsunlimited.com) to find a local chapter. Call 1-800-274-5471 for more information.



SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER



Deer hunters wishing to help fight hunger may donate venison to Ohio food pantries by contacting Safari Club International on their website (safariclubfoundation.org) under Sportsmen Against Hunger. Venison will be accepted during any of the Ohio deer seasons.

Wild Ohio

MAGAZINE

Your *Wild Ohio Magazine* membership includes six issues of cover-to-cover fish and wildlife information.

Click on the *Wild Ohio Customer Center* at wildohiomagazine.org to purchase a membership for **\$10.**

For **online customers** who purchase a hunting or fishing license, Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamp, or an Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp **online**, your cost is only **\$5.**



DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICES

DOW HEADQUARTERS

2045 Morse Road, Bldg. G
Columbus 43229-6693
(614) 265-6300 (Voice)
1-800-750-0750 (Ohio Relay-TDD)
1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543)

WILDLIFE DISTRICT ONE

1500 Dublin Road
Columbus 43215
(614) 644-3925

WILDLIFE DISTRICT TWO

952 Lima Avenue
Findlay 45840
(419) 424-5000

WILDLIFE DISTRICT THREE

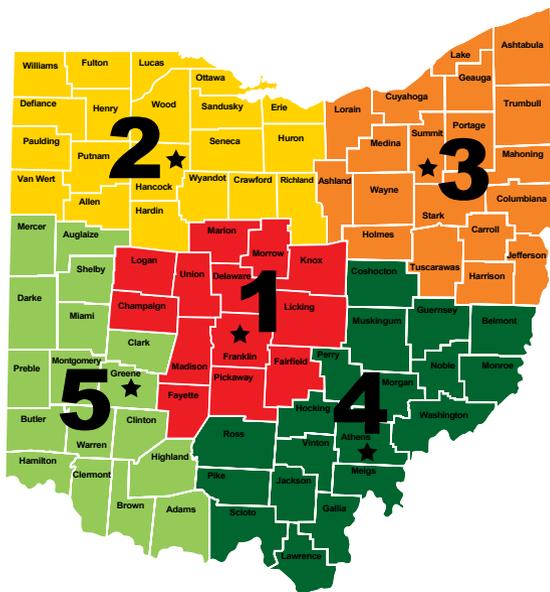
912 Portage Lakes Drive
Akron 44319
(330) 644-2293

WILDLIFE DISTRICT FOUR

360 E. State Street
Athens 45701
(740) 589-9930

WILDLIFE DISTRICT FIVE

1076 Old Springfield Pike
Xenia 45385
(937) 372-9261



SANDUSKY FISHERIES AND ENFORCEMENT UNITS

305 E. Shoreline Drive
Sandusky 44870
(419) 625-8062

ODNR DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OPEN HOUSES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013 AND SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014

You are invited to any of the locations below on Saturday, August 10, 2013 and Saturday, March 1, 2014 anytime between noon and 3 p.m. to discuss new fishing and hunting season proposals. Division staff will be available to listen to your concerns and answer your questions.

If you are unable to attend the open house, to review and comment on proposed changes to Ohio Administrative Code, please visit wildohio.com.

DISTRICT ONE HEADQUARTERS

1500 Dublin Road, Columbus

DISTRICT TWO HEADQUARTERS

952 Lima Avenue, Findlay

DISTRICT THREE HEADQUARTERS

912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron

DISTRICT FOUR HEADQUARTERS

360 E. State Street, Athens

GREENE COUNTY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE

1538 Union Road, Xenia

Locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons having special needs should contact the local wildlife district office or call 1-800-WILDLIFE at least one week in advance of the open house.

STATE WILDLIFE OFFICERS BY COUNTY

Go to wildohio.com for current state wildlife officer assignments in your county.

Adams Mark Schemmel
(937) 372-5639 X5205

Allen Craig Barr
(419) 429-8379

Ashland Brennan Earick
(330) 245-3044

Ashtabula Jason Hadsell
(330) 245-3036

Athens Dan Perko
(740) 589-9980

Auglaize Matthew Hoehn
(937) 372-5639 X5218

Belmont Brian Baker
(740) 589-9981

Brown Eric Lamb
(937) 372-5639 X5220

Butler Aaron Ireland
(937) 372-5639 X5207

Carroll Dan Shroyer
(330) 245-3048

Champaign Jeffrey Tipton
(614) 644-3929 X1201

Clark Byron Rice
(937) 372-5639 X5212

Clermont Gus Kiebel
(937) 372-5639 X5209

Clinton VACANT
(937) 372-5639 X5206

Columbiana Scott Angelo
(330) 245-3039

Coshocton Jerrod Allison
(740) 589-9982

Crawford Jason Parr
(419) 429-8380

Cuyahoga Jesse Janosik
(330) 245-3033

Darke Jeff Wenning
(937) 372-5639 X5208

Defiance Matthew Smith
(419) 429-8381

Delaware Justus Nethero
(614) 644-3929 X1225

Erie Kevin Good
(419) 429-8382

Fairfield Tony Zerkle
(614) 644-3929 X1203

Fayette John Coffman
(614) 644-3929 X1204

Franklin Brad Kiger
(614) 644-3929 X1205

Fulton Robert Wolfrum
(419) 429-8383

Gallia Roy Rucker
(740) 589-9989

Geauga Scott Denamen
(330) 245-3035

Greene Matthew Hunt
(937) 372-5639 X5204

Guernsey Roby Williams
(740) 589-9984

Hamilton Ryan Schock
(937) 372-5639 X5217

Hancock Scott Sharpe
(419) 429-8384

Hardin Ryan Kennedy
(419) 429-8385

Harrison Nick Turner
(330) 245-3049

Henry Troy Reimund
(419) 429-8386

Highland Jim Carnes
(937) 372-5639 X5214

Hocking Chris Dodge
(740) 589-9985

Holmes Jeremy Carter
(330) 245-3045

Huron Josh Zientek
(419) 429-8387

Jackson Ted Witham
(740) 589-9986

Jefferson Craig Porter
(330) 245-3050

Knox Mike Miller
(614) 644-3929 X1206

Lake Jason Keller
(330) 245-3034

Lawrence Darin Abbott
(740) 589-9987

Licking Chris Rice
(614) 644-3929 X1207

Logan Adam Smith
(614) 644-3929 X1208

Lorain Randy White
(330) 245-3032

Lucas Eric VonAlmen
(419) 429-8388

Madison Matt Teders
(614) 644-3929 X1209

Mahoning Tom Frank
(330) 245-3038

Marion Chad Grote
(614) 644-3929 X1210

Medina Eric Moore
(330) 245-3043

Meigs Chris Gilkey
(740) 589-9988

Mercer Ryan Garrison
(937) 372-5639 X5210

Miami Jasmine Grossnickle
(937) 372-5639 X5215

Monroe Wes Feldner
(740) 589-9989

Montgomery Trent Weaver
(937) 372-5639 X5211

Morgan Todd Stewart
(740) 589-9990

Morrow VACANT
(614) 644-3929 X1211

Muskingum Jeffrey Berry
(740) 589-9991

Noble Brad St. Clair
(740) 589-9992

Ottawa Reid Van Cleave
(419) 429-8389

Paulding Mike Ohlrich
(419) 429-8390

Perry Eric Lane
(740) 589-9993

Pickaway Josh Elster
(614) 644-3929 X1212

Pike Matt Van Cleave
(740) 589-9994

Portage Barry Hennig
(330) 245-3040

Preble Brad Turner
(937) 372-5639 X5219

Putnam Jason Porinchok
(419) 429-8391

Richland Gregory Wasilewski
(419) 429-8392

Ross Bob Nelson
(740) 589-9995

Sandusky Brian Bury
(419) 429-8393

Scioto VACANT
(740) 589-9996

Seneca Matthew Leibengood
(419) 429-8394

Shelby Tim Rourke
(937) 372-5639 X5213

Stark Mark Basinger
(330) 245-3041

Summit Aaron Brown
(330) 245-3042

Trumbull Hollie Fluharty
(330) 245-3037

Tuscarawas Wade Dunlap
(330) 245-3047

Union Josh Shields
(614) 644-3929 X1213

Van Wert Brad Buening
(419) 429-8395

Vinton Jared Abele
(740) 589-9997

Warren Rick Rogers
(937) 372-5639 X5216

Washington Eric Bear
(740) 589-9998

Wayne Jason Warren
(330) 245-3046

Williams Thomas Kochert
(419) 429-8396

Wood Cody Klima
(419) 429-8397

Wyandot Brad Baaske
(419) 429-8398

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Bids are accepted for the **fishing regulations in August**, and for the **hunting and trapping regulations in February**. Send your business name and address or contact information to **wildlife.matters@dnr.state.oh.us**, or go to **wildohio.com** if you would like to receive bid notifications, instructions, and other information regarding these opportunities.



You may also mail your information to:

**ODNR Division of Wildlife
Attn: Marketing & Advertising
2045 Morse Road, Bldg. G
Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693**

* The number of hunting and fishing licenses sold in Ohio during the 2011-2012 license year. See Publication 5062, Hunting and Fishing License Sales, at wildohio.com.