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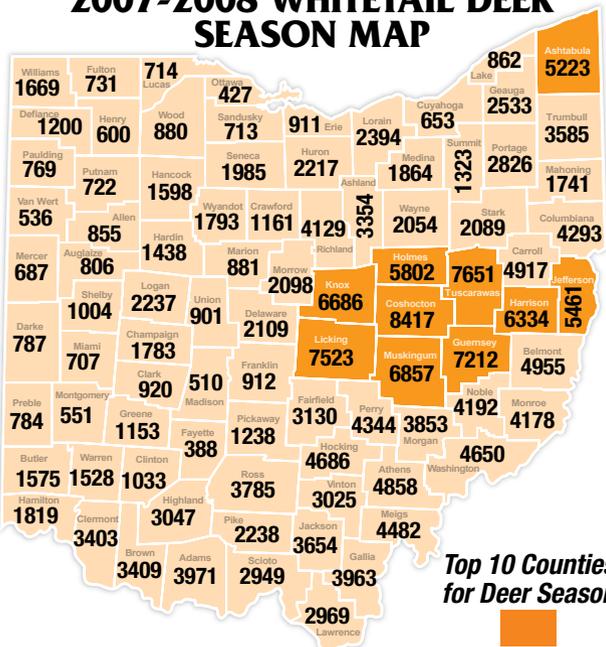
The entire state offers great potential for a successful hunt. Included here are maps showing where hunters found the greatest success last year.

## OHIO AUDUBON SOCIETY Christmas Bird Count

Volunteers from Ohio Audubon will be conducting portions of their annual Christmas Bird Count during the second weekend of deer gun season (Dec. 20 & 21). All wildlife enthusiasts are reminded to respect others who are enjoying Ohio's abundant wildlife resources. Remember that wildlife conservation includes hunting and wildlife viewing – please "share the field."



## 2007-2008 WHITETAIL DEER SEASON MAP



Top 10 Counties for Deer Season

## 2007 SPRING TURKEY SEASON MAP



Top 10 Counties for Turkey Season

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**THIS SUMMARY** is for the convenience of hunters and trappers and **IS NOT INTENDED** to cover all laws and regulations. The Ohio Administrative Code contains the details of these regulations and is available for review at each Division of Wildlife District Office and online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com).

# HUNT SMART, HUNT SAFE!

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#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The 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.



# SEASONS, DATES, & BAG LIMITS

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag	Page
Squirrel ( <i>gray, red, fox, black</i> )	Sept 1, 2008	Jan 31, 2009	6	15
Mourning Dove	September 1 - See Small Game Hunting Section			15
Ruffed Grouse	Oct 11, 2008	Feb 28, 2009	3	15
Cottontail Rabbit	Nov 7, 2008	Feb 28, 2009	4	16
Ring-necked Pheasant	Nov 7, 2008	Jan 11, 2009	2 (cocks only)	16
Bobwhite Quail	Nov 7, 2008	Nov 30, 2008	4	16
Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Weasel	Nov 10, 2008	Jan 31, 2009	No Limit	16
Crow: <b>Fri. Sat. Sun. Only</b>	June 6, 2008	Mar 15, 2009	No Limit	16
Coyote	No closed season		No Limit	16
Wild Boar	No closed season		No Limit	17
Groundhog	Closed for deer gun season only		No Limit	16
Waterfowl	See Waterfowl Hunting Section for details.			18
Wild Turkey: <b>Fall</b>	Oct 11, 2008	Nov 30, 2008	Refer to Turkey Hunting Section for bag limits. (Pages 12-14)	
Wild Turkey: <b>Spring</b>	April 20, 2009	May 17, 2009		
White-tailed Deer: <b>Archery</b>	Sept 27, 2008	Feb 1, 2009	Refer to Deer Hunting Section for details on zone & bag limits. (Pages 5-11)	
White-tailed Deer: <b>Early Muzzleloader</b>	Oct 20, 2008	Oct 25, 2008		
White-tailed Deer: <b>Youth Gun</b>	Nov 22, 2008	Nov 23, 2008		
White-tailed Deer: <b>Gun</b>	Dec 1, 2008	Dec 7, 2008		
White-tailed Deer: <b>Gun</b>	Dec 20, 2008	Dec 21, 2008		
White-tailed Deer: <b>Muzzleloader</b>	Dec 27, 2008	Dec 30, 2008		

Youth Hunting Season	Opening Date	Closing Date
Youth Hunters Small Game Season	Oct 25, 2008	Oct 26, 2008
	Nov 1, 2008	Nov 2, 2008
Youth Deer Gun Season	Nov 22, 2008	Nov 23, 2008
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Season	April 18, 2009	April 19, 2009
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunts: <b>Specific Areas Only</b>	April 20, 2009	May 17, 2009
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	Sat. and Sun. in early Oct. See Publication 295	
Youth Waterfowl Opening Day Hunts	Selected areas only on Waterfowl opening day	
Youth Controlled Deer Hunts: <b>Application Only</b>	Application period is June 1 through July 31	
Youth Controlled Waterfowl Hunts: <b>Application Only</b>		

## All youth hunters

Please refer to the Youth Hunting Section on **pages 22-23** for complete details on dates, areas, regulations, and procedures.

**BUY YOUR LICENSE OR PERMIT ONLINE AT [WWW.WILDOHIO.COM](http://WWW.WILDOHIO.COM)**

# DEER HUNTING SEASON



DEER HUNTING

Season	Opening Date	Closing Date
<b>Archery Season:</b> <i>Open Statewide</i>	Sept 27, 2008	Feb 1, 2009
<b>Early Muzzleloader Season:</b> <i>see Controlled Hunts on Page 10 Wildcat Hollow, Salt Fork Wildlife Area, Shawnee State Forest</i> <b>No Controlled Hunt Permit and No Application Required</b>	Oct 20, 2008	Oct 25, 2008
<b>Youth Gun Season:</b> <i>Open Statewide</i>	Nov 22, 2008	Nov 23, 2008
<b>Gun Season:</b> <i>Open Statewide</i>	Dec 1, 2008	Dec 7, 2008
	Dec 20, 2008	Dec 21, 2008
<b>Muzzleloader Season:</b> <i>Open Statewide</i>	Dec 27, 2008	Dec 30, 2008

**No more than seven (7) deer may be taken during the 2008-2009 season**  
**No more than one (1) antlered deer may be taken per license year**

## DEER HUNTING HOURS

Archery season hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Hours for deer hunting are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset for the Youth Deer Gun Season, Deer Gun Season, the Early Muzzleloader Season, and Statewide Muzzleloader Season.

## HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT

Hunting any wild animal (except waterfowl) from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset during the youth deer gun season, deer gun season, the statewide muzzleloader deer season, and on designated areas during the early 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.**

## DEER CHECKING

Only the person who kills the deer can present it to the check station. All deer must be checked in the county of harvest or an adjacent county, except an antlerless deer taken within an Urban Deer Unit with an Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15) must be checked in the Urban Unit where killed. It is unlawful to attach a temporary tag to a deer taken by another person.

Deer must be checked by 8:00 p.m. on the day after harvest, except a deer taken on the last day of the archery season (Feb. 1), the youth gun season (Nov. 23), the gun season (Dec. 7 and Dec. 21), the early muzzleloader season (Oct 25), or the statewide muzzleloader season (Dec. 30) must be checked by 8:00 p.m. that day.

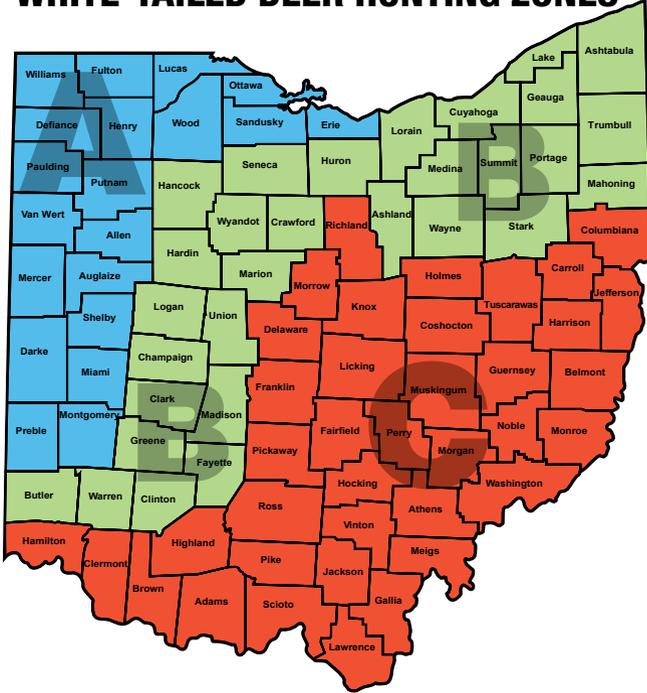


## CAMOUFLAGE GROUND BLINDS

Use caution when hunting from a camouflaged ground blind. For your safety, mark it with a hunter orange flag or band.

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

# WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTING ZONES



All deer hunters must purchase an annual hunting license and Deer Permit (\$24) in order to legally hunt deer.

- ▶ **Antlerless Deer Permits (\$15) may only be purchased until November 30, 2008.**
- ▶ A hunter may harvest no more than one (1) antlered deer during the 2008-2009 season.
- ▶ A hunter may harvest no more than seven (7) deer during the 2008-2009 season

## ZONE A

A hunter may harvest no more than **2** deer in **Zone A** during the 2008-2009 season.

- ▶ Only 1 deer may be tagged with a Deer Permit (\$24) in Zone A.
- ▶ Only 1 deer may be tagged with an Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15) in Zone A.

*The Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15) is **not** valid in Zone A after **November 30, 2008.***

## ZONE B

A hunter may harvest no more than **4** deer in **Zone B** during the 2008-2009 season.

- ▶ Only 2 deer may be tagged with a Deer Permit (\$24) in Zone B.
- ▶ Only 2 deer may be tagged with an Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15) in Zone B.

*The Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15) is **not** valid in Zone B after **November 30, 2008.***

## ZONE C

A hunter may harvest no more than **6** deer in **Zone C** during the 2008-2009 season.

- ▶ Only 3 deer may be tagged with a Deer Permit (\$24) in Zone C.
- ▶ Only 3 deer may be tagged with an Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15) in Zone C.

*The Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15) is **not** valid in Zone C after **December 7, 2008.***

### Deer Zones and Bag Limits 2008-2009

Zone	Deer Permit (\$24)			Antlerless Permit (\$15)			Total
	Opening Date	Closing Date	Limit	Opening Date	Closing Date	Limit	
<b>A</b>	Sept 27, 2008	Feb 1, 2009	1	Sept 27, 2008	Nov 30, 2008	1	<b>2</b>
<b>B</b>	Sept 27, 2008	Feb 1, 2009	2	Sept 27, 2008	Nov 30, 2008	2	<b>4</b>
<b>C</b>	Sept 27, 2008	Feb 1, 2009	3	Sept 27, 2008	Dec 7, 2008	3	<b>6</b>

**Landowners, tenants** and anyone who hunts deer, regardless of whether they are exempt from purchasing a hunting license or a deer permit, must abide by the hunting zone limits.

## DEER HUNTING ZONES

The state has been divided into three zones for deer hunting. Please review the map on the left carefully to determine the bag limits and boundaries for each zone.

## DEER HUNTING PERMITS

### *Deer Permit (\$24)*

In addition to your annual hunting license, you must purchase a Deer Permit (\$24) to hunt deer in Ohio. The Deer Permit (\$24) 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. It may be used during any of the deer hunting seasons, for controlled hunts or in designated Urban Units. These permits may be purchased individually throughout the entire deer season. Please refer to page 6 to determine the number of Deer Permits (\$24) you can use in each deer hunting zone.

### *Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15)*

Hunters **must** buy a Deer Permit (\$24) **before** purchasing any Antlerless Deer Permits (\$15). Antlerless Deer Permits (\$15) may be used **ONLY** to take antlerless deer. These permits may be purchased individually until November 30, 2008.

**Antlered** deer are deer with antlers 3 inches or longer in length; **antlerless** deer include deer without antlers and deer with antlers less than 3 inches in length.

The antlerless deer permits are valid statewide during the archery season between September 27 and November 30 while using a longbow or crossbow. The Antlerless Deer Permits (\$15) may be used in Zone C thru December 7. The Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15) is also valid at Division of Wildlife controlled hunts, the early muzzleloader season, and within designated Urban Deer Units (see Urban Deer Units). No more than 4 Antlerless Deer Permits (\$15) can be used in a license year. Please refer to page 6 to determine the number of Antlerless Deer Permits (\$15) you can use in each deer hunting zone.

## INTERNET PURCHASED DEER PERMITS

Hunters who purchase a deer permit over the Internet must fill in the date, time, and county where the deer was killed on the bottom portion of the permit they are carrying. This must be completed and kept by the hunter. **DO NOT DETACH.** The hunter then must make and attach their own temporary tag with their name, address, and date and time the deer was killed and attach it to the deer in the field at the place where it fell.

Take something with you to make a sturdy temporary tag and something to tie it on with when packing gear for your hunt.

## URBAN DEER UNITS

These units include several of the larger metropolitan areas throughout Ohio. Maps with the boundaries of these areas are available from the Division of Wildlife or on the Web site [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com). Please refer to *Ohio Urban Deer Units* publication.

Hunters may take up to 4 antlerless deer within the Urban Deer Units using either the Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15) or Deer Permit (\$24). Antlerless deer taken within the Urban Deer Units will not count towards your zone bag limit listed on page 6. However, they will count towards your 2008-2009 season bag limit of 7 deer.

The Antlerless Deer Permits are valid in the Urban Units from September 27 - February 1. Antlerless Deer Permits (\$15) can only be purchased until November 30, 2008.

The designation of an Urban Deer Unit in no way supersedes existing firearms or archery regulations, or community prohibitions. It is the responsibility of the hunter to check with local authorities and obey all existing local ordinances and regulations. Hunters must obtain written permission before hunting on private land.



## ALLOWABLE HUNTING EQUIPMENT

### Archery Season

Longbow: minimum draw weight 40 lbs. 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 minimum 3/4 inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.

### Gun Season and Youth Deer Gun Season

10 gauge or smaller shotgun using one ball or one rifled slug per barrel (rifled shotgun barrels are permitted when using shotgun slug ammunition); or muzzleloading rifle .38 caliber or larger; or handgun with 5-in. minimum length barrel, using straight-walled cartridges .357 caliber or larger, or longbow, crossbow (draw weight limitations same as for Archery Season). Shotguns cannot be capable of holding more than three shells.

### Statewide Muzzleloader Season

Longbow, crossbow (draw weight limitations same as for archery season), muzzleloading rifle .38 caliber or larger, or muzzleloading shotgun of 10 gauge or smaller using one ball per barrel.

**Hunters cannot carry more than one firearm while hunting deer. (See *Concealed Carry* on page 34.)**



### A hunter **CAN** do the following

1. Field dress a deer before transporting to an official deer check station for final inspection and tagging as long as the head remains attached to the body.
2. Aid or assist another hunter who is hunting deer if the temporary tag has been removed from their deer permit as long as he or she does not carry any hunting device 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 or hunt deer off of their property.
3. 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 and (c) be .357 caliber or larger.
4. Leave a deer or deer parts with a taxidermist, fur buyer, cold storage, locker plant, or meat processing plant as long as a tag or seal is attached to it that lists the owner's name and address and the date and place where the deer was killed. Persons receiving deer from another person must keep records with the owner's name and address, the date, time, and place where the deer was legally taken and the date it was received.
5. Take more than one deer per day as long as each deer has been tagged with a temporary tag before hunting for the next deer.
6. Hunt deer over bait.
7. Possess a communication device as long as you do not use the device to aid a person in pursuing or taking of deer.
8. Hunt coyote and wild boar during the deer gun season and statewide muzzleloader deer season with a hunting license and a valid deer permit, using firearms legal for deer hunting while visibly wear a vest, coat, jacket or coverall colored solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange. A valid deer permit is a deer permit, with temporary tag attached, and valid for the zone or unit being hunted.
9. Use a leashed dog to recover wounded deer.

## ***A Deer Hunter CANNOT do any of 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 (other than a muzzleloading rifle .38 caliber or larger) during the deer gun, the youth deer gun, the Early Muzzleloader hunts (Salt Fork Wildlife Area, Wildcat Hollow, and Shawnee State Forest), and the statewide muzzleloader seasons.
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, youth deer gun, and the statewide muzzleloader seasons, at anytime other than 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. NOTE: 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 early muzzleloader season (on designated areas), the statewide muzzleloader season, and archery season; have more than one firearm while hunting deer; carry a handgun concealed while hunting deer.
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.
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 boar between sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise during deer gun 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. See **Page 61**.
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 a 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 wildlife officer.

## **YOUTH DEER GUN SEASON**

A youth deer gun season will be open statewide, November 22 and 23, 2008 on public and private land. Young hunters 17 years old and younger at the time they purchase their Youth Deer Permit (\$12) and who are accompanied by a non-hunting 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. See the Youth Hunting Section on **Pages 22-23** for details.



## DEER TAGGING

Every person who kills a deer must immediately detach the temporary tag from their deer permit and immediately attach that tag to the dead deer at the place where it fell. The temporary tag must have the name and address of the hunter and date and time the deer was killed. Your temporary deer tag must be separated from the deer permit and tied to the deer. Attach a piece of string, wire, etc. to your temporary tag before you hunt. Carry a pen or pencil and a watch with you to fill out your temporary tag. The temporary tag must remain on the deer until it is taken to an official deer check station for permanent tagging (see **Deer Check Station Locations, Pages 38-59**). Once a temporary tag is detached from the permit, it is illegal to hunt or pursue deer with a hunting device without purchasing an additional valid deer permit. For multiple deer permit holders, the first deer taken in the day must have been temporarily tagged before hunting or pursuing another deer.

Hunters with deer permits must use the temporary tag from the permit. Landowners and tenants who take a deer on their land and any other person not required to purchase a deer permit as well as hunters who purchase a deer permit over the Internet must make and attach their own tag with their name, address, and date and time killed. This tag must be attached to the dead deer immediately in the field at the place where it fell.

### How do I attach my temporary tag?



## DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONTROLLED DEER HUNTS

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 the 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 "mobility impaired" persons, youths, or women. However, most of the hunts do not carry any particular designation. For more specific information on controlled hunts, please visit our Web site at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) or call 1-800-WILDLIFE.

Participation is determined by computer-generated random drawings. The application period is June 1 through July 31. Hunters may apply online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) using a credit card. If you prefer to submit an application via U.S. mail, hard-copies of the application can be downloaded at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) or call 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 many of these hunts. Often these hunts are subject to special rules and regulations. For specific information, hunters must contact the individual areas.

### Early Muzzleloader Deer Season

Hunters are no longer required to apply for a special permit to participate in this season. Hunters **are required** to have a valid hunting license and Deer Permit to participate in the early muzzleloader deer season (October 20-25, 2008; Wildcat Hollow, Shawnee State Forest, and Salt Fork Wildlife Area only). **Either a Deer Permit (\$24) or the Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15) can be used for this hunt.** It is unlawful to hunt any animal except deer, coyote, wild boar, or waterfowl from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset on these areas during this special season. Persons hunting on these 3 designated areas are required to wear hunter orange except for waterfowl hunters. **Bag limit 1 deer of either sex.**

Deer taken during these hunts must be checked at the respective wildlife area headquarters: Salt Fork Wildlife Area Office (Salt Fork Wildlife Area) and Wolf Creek Wildlife Area Office (Wildcat Hollow). Hunters must check deer at

the Bodies Kwik Stop when hunting at Shawnee State Forest during the early muzzleloader season.

Allowable hunting equipment includes long-bow, crossbow (draw weight limitations same as Archery Season), muzzleloading rifle .38 caliber or larger, or muzzleloading shotgun of 10 gauge or smaller using one ball per barrel.

If a hunter kills an antlered deer on a controlled hunt, he or she may not kill another antlered deer during the same license year in Ohio.

### ***Youth 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. See the Youth Hunting Section on **Pages 22-23** for details on these hunts and other youth hunting opportunities.

## **HUNTING OTHER GAME DURING YOUTH DEER GUN, DEER GUN, OR MUZZLELOADER SEASONS**

### ***Youth Deer Gun Season***

It is lawful to hunt legal game and furbearers (including coyote and wild boar). It is unlawful to use or possess slugs except youth hunters hunting deer. Waterfowl hunting and the night hunting of furbearers is also permitted when the season is open. All persons (except waterfowl hunters) hunting or accompanying a youth hunter during the youth deer gun season are required to wear hunter orange.

### ***Statewide Muzzleloader Deer Season***

It is lawful to hunt legal game and furbearers (including coyote and wild boar) with shot shells containing shot no larger than #4 (except waterfowl hunters may use larger nontoxic shot). If you are hunting coyote or boar during the statewide muzzleloader deer season with a device that is lawful for deer hunting, you must also have a deer permit with the temporary tag attached that is valid for the zone or unit being hunted. Waterfowl hunting and the night hunting of furbearers is also permitted when the season is open. All persons (except waterfowl hunters) hunting during the statewide muzzleloader deer gun season are required to wear hunter orange.

### ***Deer Gun Season***

It is unlawful to hunt any wild animal except deer, coyote, wild boar, or waterfowl statewide from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. Hunters must possess a deer permit with the temporary tag attached that is valid for the zone or unit being hunted. 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 wild boar, can be hunted from 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.

### **TREE STANDS**

It is unlawful to construct, place or use a permanent-type tree stand, or to 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.





# TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Season	Opening Date	Closing Date
<b>Fall Wild Turkey:</b> <i>Open in specific counties, map on page 13</i>	Oct 11, 2008	Nov 30, 2008
<b>Spring Wild Turkey: Youth Only</b> <i>Open statewide</i>	April 18, 2009	April 19, 2009
<b>Spring Wild Turkey:</b> <i>Open statewide except Lake La Su An Wildlife Area</i>	April 20, 2009	May 17, 2009

## TURKEY HUNTING

### WILD TURKEY HUNTING

- ▶ It is unlawful to take more than one turkey per day.
- ▶ It is unlawful to hunt turkeys with the aid of bait. An area is considered baited for ten (10) days after complete removal of any bait.
- ▶ It is unlawful to possess a live decoy while hunting turkeys.
- ▶ It is unlawful to possess electronic calling devices while hunting turkeys.
- ▶ It is unlawful to take or attempt to take a wild turkey while it is in a tree.
- ▶ It is lawful to aid or assist another hunter who is hunting turkey if the temporary tag has been removed from your turkey permit as long as you do not carry any hunting device commonly used to kill wild animals and have a valid hunting license. (See Concealed Carry on **page 34**.) Those persons exempted from having a hunting license and turkey permit for turkey hunting on their property are required to have a hunting license and turkey permit to aid another hunter or hunt turkey off of their property.

### TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

All hunters who bag a bearded turkey must immediately fill out and immediately attach a temporary tag to the turkey and bring the tagged carcass, with feathers, head, and feet attached, to a check station. **In the Spring Season**, the bird must be checked in any county by 2 p.m. on the day killed. **In the Fall Season**, the turkey must be checked in the county where the turkey was killed by 8 p.m. on the day the bird is shot. Hunters with turkey permits must use the temporary tag on the permit. Hunters not required to purchase a Spring Turkey Permit must make their own tag with their name, address, and date and time the turkey was killed. This tag must be attached to the dead turkey immediately in the field at the place where it fell.

### INTERNET PURCHASED TURKEY PERMITS

Hunters who purchase a turkey permit over the Internet must fill in the date, time, and county where the turkey was killed on the bottom portion of the permit they are carrying. This must be completed and kept by the hunter. **DO NOT**

**DETACH.** The hunter then must make and attach their own temporary tag with their name, address, and date and time the turkey was killed and attach it to the turkey in the field at the place where it fell.

Take something with you to make a sturdy temporary tag and something to tie it on with when packing gear for your hunt.

A list of turkey check stations for the spring season is found in the Check Station Locations section on Page 38-59 and online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com).





## FALL TURKEY SEASON

Only one turkey of either sex may be taken during the entire fall season. A Fall Turkey Permit is required. Hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset from October 11 through November 30. Only shotguns using shot, crossbows, and longbows permitted.

A wild turkey of **either** sex may be hunted in Adams, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Columbiana, Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Gallia, Geauga, Guernsey, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Portage, Richland, Ross, Scioto, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton, Washington, and Wayne counties. See map below.

Fall Turkey Permits are available at all license outlets and online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com).

Hunters may take a wild turkey with shotgun or a longbow or crossbow from October 11 through November 30. Longbow: Minimum draw weight 40 lbs. Crossbow: Draw weight not less than 75 lbs.

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

A list of turkey check stations for the fall season is found in the Check Station Locations section of this publication or at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) (Pages 38-59).

## YOUTH SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING

Lake La Su An Wildlife Area in Williams County is open to youth hunting only for the entire spring turkey season and the special youth only turkey season. A Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Permit is required. See the youth hunting section, Pages 22-23 for more information.

A statewide youth wild turkey season will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, immediately prior to the regular wild turkey season in 2009. Hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. See the Youth Hunting Section on Pages 22-23 for details.

## Special Youth Wild Turkey Spring Hunts

Special youth wild turkey hunts will be held on selected areas around the state. See the Youth Hunting Section on Pages 22-23 for details.

## SPRING TURKEY SEASON

Spring Turkey Permit required in addition to a hunting license. Limit 2 bearded turkeys per hunter per spring season. Only one bearded turkey may be taken per day. Hours 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon. Only shotguns (including muzzleloading shotguns) using shot, crossbows, and longbows permitted.

Hunting licenses and turkey permits for the spring season will be available at license outlets and online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) beginning February 15, 2009.

Persons wishing to take a second wild turkey during the spring season must purchase a second permit.

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

## COUNTIES OPEN FOR HUNTING 2008 FALL WILD TURKEY



Counties Open for Hunting

## TURKEY HUNTING SAFETY TIPS

Turkey hunting is one of the fastest growing outdoor sports in the country. With the increase in popularity, the need for safe practices in the field becomes even more important.

Carefully read the following tips and be a part of a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. A trip with an experienced turkey hunter can teach you a lot about both safety and turkey hunting tactics. And if YOU are an experienced hunter, consider taking a younger or less experienced hunter out so they can learn from you.

- 1. Don't Stalk** - Do not stalk a turkey or turkey sounds or try to drive turkeys to another hunter. The chances of bagging a turkey by this method are slim, but the chances of becoming involved in a shooting are great. Always call the turkey to you.
- 2. Dress For Success** - Eliminate the colors black, red, white, and blue from your hunting clothing. These colors are predominant in the male turkey's plumage and can contribute to a mistaken-for-game incident. Wear complete camouflage.
- 3. Remain Still** - Never move, wave, or make turkey sounds to alert another hunter of your presence. Instead, yell or speak in a loud voice and remain still. Never assume you are the only hunter in an area.
- 4. Calling** - Be careful when using the gobble call. The sound and motion may attract other hunters and lead to a dangerous situation.

- 5. Positioning** - Select a calling position that places your back against a large tree and leaves the area in front of you open. Do not hide so well that you cannot see turkeys and other hunters. The tree you sit against will camouflage your outline and help protect your back.
- 6. Identify Your Target** - Never shoot at a sound or movement. Remember you can legally shoot only a bearded turkey during the spring season.
- 7. Hunter Orange** - Wear hunter orange when walking in the woods. If you kill a turkey, tag it immediately and then conceal it or wrap an orange covering on the bird before walking out of the woods.
- 8. Know Your Range** - Do not shoot at a turkey out of your shotgun's effective range. Always shoot at the head and neck of the bird and remember that 30 yards or closer is ideal for a safe, clean kill. Remember to pattern your gun before the hunt and do not use large shot. A number 4, 5, 6, or 7 1/2 shot is ideal for turkey hunting in Ohio.
- 9. See the Beard** - Never let excitement, nerves, panic, or peer pressure guide your behavior. Make sure the object you are shooting is a bearded turkey. The most critical moment of any turkey hunt is when you decide to pull the trigger. See a beard before you shoot.
- 10. Hunter Education** - Attend a Division of Wildlife hunter education course. The NWF and the Division of Wildlife sponsor turkey hunting seminars each year.

## HOW TO TELL A GOBBLER FROM A HEN



**GOBBLER**

Blue cheeks and back of neck

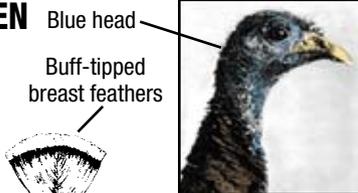
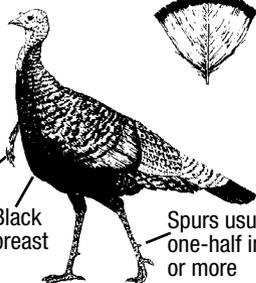
White forehead

Black-tipped breast feathers

Long-tasseled beard

Black breast

Spurs usually one-half inch or more



**HEN**

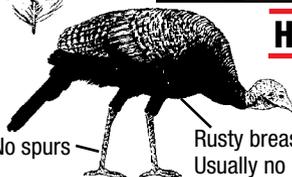
Blue head

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**.



# SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASON



## SMALL GAME HUNTING

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag
Squirrel ( <i>gray, red, fox, black</i> )	Sept 1, 2008	Jan 31, 2009	6
Mourning Dove	September 1 - See page 16 for details		
Ruffed Grouse	Oct 11, 2008	Feb 28, 2009	3
Cottontail Rabbit	Nov 7, 2008	Feb 28, 2009	4
Ring-necked Pheasant	Nov 7, 2008	Jan 11, 2009	2 (cocks only)
Bobwhite Quail	Nov 7, 2008	Nov 30, 2008	4
Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Weasel	Nov 10, 2008	Jan 31, 2009	No Limit
Crow: Fri. Sat. Sun. Only	June 6, 2008	Mar 15, 2009	No Limit
Coyote	No closed season		No Limit
Wild Boar	No closed season		No Limit
Groundhog	Closed for deer gun season only		No Limit

## SMALL GAME HUNTING

It is unlawful to hunt any wild animal except deer, coyote, waterfowl, or wild boar during the deer gun season between 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

### SQUIRREL HUNTING

**Daily bag limit is 6.** Gray, red, fox, and black squirrels can be taken. Hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

### GROUSE HUNTING

**Daily bag limit is 3.** Hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

### DOVE HUNTING

The USFWS sets the framework for hunting doves, so refer to Publication 298, *Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons* for details. This publication will be available at wildlife district offices, license outlets, and online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) prior to the season. Maps of dove fields can also be found at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com). Hours for dove are sunrise to sunset, except for those wildlife areas which have been posted with special regulations.

Doves may not be hunted 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.

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 a Division of Wildlife district office or a state wildlife officer for clarification on baiting regulations before you hunt.

### Special Dove Hunting Regulations!

The Division of Wildlife is planning to operate controlled dove hunts at Fallsville, Rush Run, Spring Valley, Indian Creek, Bott wildlife areas, St. Marys Fish Hatchery, and Cowan Lake State Park. These controlled hunts will occur during the first 2 days of the season (Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>); 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 7 public hunting areas will be held on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> (noon) at the respective public area headquarters, except that the drawing for Cowan Lake State Park will occur at the Spring Valley Wildlife Area.





## RABBIT HUNTING

**Daily bag limit is 4.** Hours are sunrise to sunset statewide. Rabbit hunters in northeastern Ohio must be aware of the following restriction.

### *Restricted Rabbit Hunting Area*

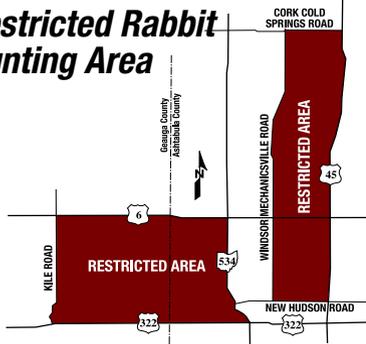
From November 7 through December 7, 2008, the following areas are closed to rabbit hunting (see map below):

**Geauga & Ashtabula Co.:** area bounded on the north by U.S. Route 6, on the west by Kile Road, on the south by U.S. Route 322, and on the east by State Route 534.

**Ashtabula Co.:** area bounded on the north by Cork-Cold Springs Road, on the west by Windsor-Mechanicsville Road, on the south by New Hudson Road, and on the east by U.S. Route 45.

Division of Wildlife efforts to restore snowshoe hare populations in northeast Ohio require a later opening date for rabbit hunting in a portion of Geauga and Ashtabula counties. This rule is in effect to prevent rabbit hunters from misidentifying and killing snowshoe hares.

### *Restricted Rabbit Hunting Area*



## SNOWSHOE HARES MAY NOT BE HUNTED AT ANY TIME IN OHIO.

Cottontail rabbits may be hunted in these areas from December 8, 2008 through February 28, 2009.

### *“Do Not Shoot the Snowshoe Hares!”*

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 northeastern Ohio must make sure they do not mistake a snowshoe hare for a cottontail rabbit.

## PHEASANT HUNTING

**Daily bag limit is 2.** Hours are sunrise to sunset statewide. Only cock pheasants may be harvested. In addition to hunting opportunities on public and private lands, the Division of Wildlife provides put-take pheasant hunting at the Maumee State Forest, North Turkeyfoot area of Mary Jane Thurston State Park, Charlemont Metro Park, and the following wildlife areas during pheasant hunting season: Delaware, Pleasant Valley, Killdeer Plains, Wyandot, Resthaven, Willard, Oxbow Lake, Beach City, Berlin, Camp Belden (youth only) Grand River, Highlandtown, Shreve, Spencer, Wellington, West Branch, Zeppernick, Dillon, Salt Fork, Fallsville, Indian Creek, Spring Valley, Rush Run, Caesar Creek, and Darke. The number of pheasants released will depend upon numbers available. Releases are scheduled during the pheasant season for opening day, the second Saturday, and Thanksgiving Day.

## QUAIL HUNTING

**Daily bag limit is 4.** Hours are sunrise to sunset. Quail hunting will be open only in the following counties: Adams, Athens, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Highland, Jackson, Meigs, Montgomery, Pike, Preble, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, Warren counties. See map on following page.

## FOX, RACCOON, SKUNK, OPOSSUM, AND WEASEL

**No daily bag limit.** No restrictions on hours except during deer gun season. Hunters must purchase a Hunting License and a Fur Taker Permit to hunt these species. These species may not be hunted between 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset during the deer gun season.

## CROW HUNTING

**No daily bag limit.** Hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, only. Season dates are listed on Page 4. State and federal stamps are not required to hunt crow.

## COYOTE HUNTING

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

## GROUNDHOG HUNTING

**No daily bag limit.** No restriction on hours; closed only during deer gun season.





# WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON

The USFWS sets the framework for hunting ducks, geese, and other migratory game birds so refer to Division of Wildlife **Publication 295, Waterfowl Hunting Seasons**, and **Publication 298, Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons**, for details of dates and bag limits. These publications will be available at wildlife district offices, licenses outlets, and online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) prior to the season.

Waterfowl hunting is governed by **BOTH** state and federal regulations. Summaries of the laws pertaining to migratory game bird (which includes all waterfowl) hunting follow.

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

## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

Because of federal regulations hunters 15 years of age or younger may waterfowl hunt statewide (public and private lands) on the Saturday and Sunday in early October (See Publication 295, Waterfowl Hunting Seasons available mid-September or online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com)). See the Youth Hunting Section on **Pages 22-23** for details.

## YOUTH WATERFOWL OPENING DAY HUNTS

Young hunters (17 or younger) are given priority on opening day afternoon hunts at selected areas around the state. See the Youth Hunting Section on **Pages 22-23** for details.

### ***To hunt migratory waterfowl in Ohio, you must have;***

- ▶ A resident hunting license (\$19), resident youth hunting license (\$10), nonresident season license (\$125), or 3-day non-resident tourist license (\$40).
- ▶ A printed Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp endorsement (\$15). Required of all persons 18 or older. See Waterfowl Hunting Page 19, or your hunting license vendor.
- ▶ HIP certification (Harvest Information Program) is required.
- ▶ A signed federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (\$15), required of all persons age 16 and older. Federal "Duck Stamps" are available at most post offices.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL AND STATE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

### ***SHOOTING HOURS***

No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting as prescribed. Daily hunting hours are sunrise to sunset for the early season migratory game bird seasons. Daily hunting hours 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset for the regular waterfowl season.

### ***CLOSED SEASON***

No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

### ***DAILY BAG LIMIT***

No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

### ***FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT***

No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

### ***DUAL VIOLATION***

Violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.

### ***HUNTING FROM BOATS ON RIVERS***

Written permission of the landowner is required by persons hunting from boats on rivers and streams when the boat is anchored, tied to the shore, or tied to any structure in the river. It is unlawful to place decoys in the river or to go ashore to retrieve game without the written permission of the landowner. The only exception to this law is when the river or stream passes through public property where hunting is allowed.

### ***PYMATUNING RESERVOIR***

Waterfowl hunting on the Ohio portion of the Pymatuning Reservoir is subject to Ohio seasons and regulations.

### ***FEDERAL DUCK STAMP***

No person 16 years of age or older may take ducks or geese without first obtaining a federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. The stamp must be validated by signature across the face in ink. A federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp is **NOT** required to hunt crows, doves, rails, common moorhens, common snipe, and woodcock.

## **AN OHIO WETLANDS HABITAT STAMP**

is required in addition to a federal duck stamp to hunt waterfowl. An Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp is NOT required to hunt crows, doves, rails, common moorhens, common snipe, and woodcock. See the License and Permit Section on page 28 for detailed information.

### **RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING**

No person shall take migratory game birds:

1. 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. On or over a baited area. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after complete removal of any bait. Baiting includes placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory birds to, on or over other areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Agricultural areas must be prepared in accordance with official recommendations to be legally hunted. It is a separate offense to place or direct placement of bait on or adjacent to an area that causes, induces, or allows another to hunt by the aid of bait or over a baited area. Hunters are responsible for ensuring that an area has not been baited and should verify its legality prior to hunting.
3. By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame, or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.
4. By the use of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds.
5. With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance. A longbow is legal.
6. From a watercraft having a motor attached or from a sailboat, unless the motor has been shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased.
7. By driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put them in the range of the hunters.
8. From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double

amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

9. From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
10. From utility wires or buildings.
11. It is unlawful to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, rails, and shorebirds) and mourning doves by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. The regulations that apply to the baiting of migratory game birds differ from the regulations that apply to the hunting of mourning doves. Migratory game birds may only be taken on areas where grain and other foods exist solely as a result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting. Mourning doves may be taken on areas that have been manipulated for wildlife management purposes. Neither migratory game birds nor mourning 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. It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl over vegetation or crops that have been mowed or cut. Contact a Division of Wildlife district office or a state wildlife officer for clarification on baiting regulations before you hunt.

### **REDUCING TO POSSESSION**

Migratory birds wounded by hunting shall be immediately killed and reduced to possession and become a part of the daily bag limit. No person shall kill or cripple any migratory bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird and include it in his or her daily bag limit.

### **TRANSPORTING**

One fully feathered wing or the head must remain attached to all migratory game birds, except doves, while being transported between the place where taken and the personal abode of the possessor or a commercial preservation facility.

### **SHIPMENT**

No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (1) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (2) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (3) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.



## IMPORTATION

For information regarding the importation of migratory game birds killed in another country, hunters should consult Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, 20.61 through 20.66. One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required above), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

## TAGGING

No person shall give, put, or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information: (1) the hunter's signature; (2) the hunter's address; (3) the total number of birds involved, by species; and (4) the dates such birds were killed. No person or business shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

## ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- ▶ Special regulations apply at many state wildlife areas, state parks, and national wildlife refuges. Additional information can be obtained by calling our district offices or by checking our Web site at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com)
- ▶ Decoys placed on state wildlife areas, or in waters of the state, must be removed at the end of each day's hunt (check with state park lakes that allow waterfowl hunting).
- ▶ It is unlawful to construct or place a permanent blind on a state wildlife area or any other state or federal property unless approved by the chief of the Division of Wildlife. Any portable blinds placed or constructed on a state wildlife area must be removed immediately upon completion of the day's hunt.
- ▶ Only nontoxic shot may be used to take waterfowl, rails, snipe, and gallinules. It is unlawful to possess or use any shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting these birds. Mourning doves and woodcock may be taken with lead shot.
- ▶ It is unlawful to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, rails, shorebirds, and mourning doves) by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. The regulations that apply to the hunting of waterfowl differ from the regulations

that apply to the hunting of mourning doves. Waterfowl may only be hunted on areas where grain and other foods exist solely as a result of normal agricultural PLANTING or HARVESTING. Mourning 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 mourning 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 a Division of Wildlife district office or a state wildlife officer for clarification on baiting regulations before you hunt.

- ▶ Waterfowl decoys with motorized wings are lawful to use as long as they do not emit recorded birdcalls or sounds.
- ▶ The regulations provided herein are only general information and are not the complete laws pertaining to migratory game birds.

## Report all Waterfowl and Bird Bands! Call 1-800-327-BAND

Bird banding programs provide wildlife biologists with valuable information on a variety of migratory birds. Bands recovered and reported by hunters unlock 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 on the Internet at [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov). You may keep the band.

## REFERENCES

The regulations provided herein are only general information and are not the complete laws pertaining to migratory game birds.

### State Regulations

The Ohio Administrative Code containing full details is available for review at each Division of Wildlife District Office and online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com).

### Federal Regulations

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

### Additional Information

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.

# WATERFOWL HUNTING ZONES



## South Zone

The remainder of Ohio.

## North Zone

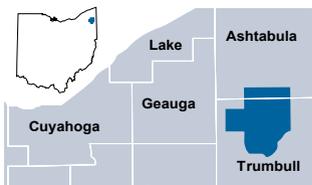
That portion of the state north of a line extending east from the Indiana State line along U.S. Highway 33 to State Route 127, south along SR 127 to SR 703, south along SR 703 to SR 219, east along SR 219 to SR 364, north along SR 364 to SR 703, east along SR 703 to SR 66, north along SR 66 to U.S. 33, east along U.S. 33 to SR 385, east along SR 385 to SR 117, south along SR 117 to SR 273, east along SR 273 to SR 31, south along SR 31 to SR 739, east along SR 739 to SR 4, north along SR 4 to SR 95, east along SR 95 to SR 13, southeast along SR 13 to SR 3, northeast along SR 3 to SR 60, north along SR 60 to U.S. 30, east along U.S. 30 to SR 3, south along SR 3 to SR 226, south along SR 226 to SR 514, southwest along SR 514 to SR 754, south along SR 754 to SR 39/60, east along SR 39/60 to SR 241, north along SR 241 to U.S. 30, east along U.S.30 to SR 39, east along SR 39 to the Pennsylvania State line.

## MANDATORY REPORTING ZONES (MRZ)

Persons hunting private land within the Mandatory Reporting Zones at Crane Creek/Ottawa (Ottawa and Lucas counties) and Mosquito Creek (Trumbull and Ashtabula counties) are required to obtain an MRZ Permit from the ODNR Division of Wildlife (\$10.00 fee, check or money order only, **NO CASH**). MRZ permit applications, maps, and instructions are available from the Crane Creek Wildlife Research Station (13229 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor, 43449, 419-898-0960) and the Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area headquarters (8303 N. Park Ave., N. Bloomfield, 44450, 440-685-4776).

Maps of the MRZs and Canada Goose Zones (CGZs) can be obtained from wildlife district offices or the local wildlife area headquarters. Geese are not required to be checked if taken in the Killdeer Plains CGZs.

All Canada geese taken on or over public lands within the MRZs (including waters of Lake Erie; Metzger Marsh, Mallard Club, and Toussaint Wildlife Areas; Mosquito Creek Lake, Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area, and portions of Grand River Wildlife Area) must be registered at an official Goose Check Station within two hours of the end of legal shooting time on the day of harvest.



### Mosquito Creek MRZ Check Stations

1. Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon-Fri; 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat.
2. Monty's Bait and Tackle, SR 88 at the causeway, Mecca



### Crane Creek/Ottawa MRZ Check Stations

1. Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon-Fri; 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat.
2. Floro's Campground, SR 2 Oak Harbor
3. Zunk's Bait Shop, SR 2, Curtice
4. Maumee Bay General Store, SR 2, Oregon



# YOUTH HUNTING SEASON

Season	Opening Date	Closing Date
Youth Hunters Small Game Season	Oct 25, 2008	Oct 26, 2008
	Nov 1, 2008	Nov 2, 2008
Youth Deer Gun Season	Nov 22, 2008	Nov 23, 2008
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Season	April 18, 2009	April 19, 2009
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunts: <b>Specific Areas Only</b>	April 20, 2009	May 17, 2009
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	Sat. and Sun. in early Oct. See Publication 295	
Youth Waterfowl Opening Day Hunts	Selected areas only on Waterfowl opening day	
Youth Controlled Deer Hunts: <b>Application Only</b>	Application period is June 1 through July 31	
Youth Controlled Waterfowl Hunts: <b>Application Only</b>		

## Note for youth hunts

All youth hunting opportunities (except the youth waterfowl hunting season) are available to young hunters 17 years old and younger. All young hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. A non-hunting 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 non-hunting adult may not possess any hunting implements.

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

## YOUTH HUNTERS' SMALL GAME SEASON

Hunters 17 years old and younger may hunt the following Saturdays and Sundays: October 25 & 26 and November 1 & 2 statewide (public and private lands) for rabbit, pheasant, and all other legal game which is in season. Rabbits may not be hunted in the Restricted Rabbit Hunting Area designated on page 16. Quail may be taken only in those counties which are open to quail hunting. Pheasant releases will occur for these hunts on the following wildlife areas: Delaware, Resthaven, Oxbow, Berlin, Killdeer Plains, Camp Belden, Grand River, Spencer, Wellington, Dillon, Caesar Creek, Rush Run, Fallsville, Darke, and Charlemont Metropark (Lorain County). Daily bag limits are the same as during the regular hunting season. Young hunters must be accompanied at all times by a non-hunting adult, 18 years or older (not more than two youths per adult).

## YOUTH DEER GUN SEASON

A youth deer gun season will be open statewide, November 22 and 23, 2008. Young hunters 17 years old and younger at the time they purchase their Youth Deer Permit (\$12) and who are **accompanied** by a non-hunting adult may take one deer of either sex during this season. Deer taken by young hunters during the Youth Deer Gun Season count towards the zone and unit bag limits. All deer hunting implements that are legal during the regular deer season are permitted. All youths and non-hunting adults must wear hunter orange; youths must possess a valid Ohio hunting license and deer permit. Youths hunting on land their grandparents own are not required to have a hunting license, but must have a deer permit. Youths hunting on land their parents own are not required to have a hunting license or deer permit. No more than two youth hunters can be accompanied by one non-hunting adult and it is unlawful for the adult to hunt or possess a device commonly used to take wild animals. (See Concealed Carry section on **page 34**.)

## 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. The application period is June 1 through July 31. Hunters may apply online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) using a credit card. If you prefer to submit an application via U.S. mail, hard-copies of the application can be obtained by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543).

BUY YOUR LICENSE OR PERMIT ONLINE AT [WWW.WILDOHIO.COM](http://WWW.WILDOHIO.COM)

## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

Hunters 15 years of age or younger may waterfowl hunt statewide (public and private lands) on Saturday and Sunday in early October (See Publication 295, *Waterfowl Hunting Seasons* available mid-September). Young hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting 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 at 5:15 a.m. on these days. Contact Wildlife District Two (419) 424-5000 for details.

## YOUTH WATERFOWL OPENING DAY HUNTS

Young hunters 17 years old and younger at the time they purchase their Youth Deer Permit (\$12) and who are accompanied by a non-hunting adult are given priority on opening day afternoon hunts at Pickerel Creek, Killdeer Plains, Mosquito Creek, and Grand River wildlife areas. 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, and Ottawa NWR). Application forms for these hunts are available from Division of Wildlife offices beginning in June each year. 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 the hunts vary from year to year. The application period is June 1 through July 31. Hunters may apply online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) using a credit card. If you prefer to submit an application via U.S. mail, hard-copies of the application can be obtained by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543).

## YOUTH SPRING WILD TURKEY SEASON

A statewide youth wild turkey season will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, immediately prior to the regular wild turkey season in 2009. Open statewide **EXCEPT** for Lake La Su An Wildlife Area which will conduct a controlled youth hunt. Youth hunters may only take

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 season combined. Young hunters (17 years old and younger, accompanied by a non-hunting adult) must have their Hunting License and Spring Wild Turkey Permit to participate. No other permits are required. Hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. Only shotguns using shot, crossbows, and longbows permitted.

## YOUTH SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTS

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 Park during the regular spring wild turkey season. Lake La Su An Wildlife Area will also hold controlled hunts during the statewide youth only season. These hunts are open to young hunters 17 years old and younger at the time they purchase their Youth Turkey Permit (\$12) and who are **accompanied** by a non-hunting adult. Any person interested in participating in these hunts should contact the Division of Wildlife district office in Findlay for the La Su An hunts; in Xenia for the Hueston Woods and Paint Creek hunts; in Akron for the Killbuck and Mosquito Creek hunts during March 2009.

All youth hunters who bag a turkey in the Youth Only Wild Turkey Season must follow the tagging instructions listed in the turkey hunting section (**page 12**) and check the bird in by 8:00 p.m. of the following day.

Youth turkey hunters may only kill a total of two turkeys during the youth-only and spring turkey season combined. Only one turkey per day may be taken.



# TRAPPING SEASON

Season	Opening Day	Closing Day
Fox, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel	Nov. 10, 2008	Jan. 31, 2009
Mink, Muskrat	Nov. 10, 2008	Feb. 28, 2009
Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel <i>(Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Lucas County east of the Maumee River)</i>	Nov. 10, 2008	Mar. 15, 2009
Beaver: Statewide	Dec. 26, 2008	Feb. 28, 2009
River Otter <i>Open in specific counties</i>	Dec. 26, 2008	Feb. 28, 2009

*A Fur Taker Permit is required (except for coyote) to hunt or trap furbearing animals in Ohio.*

## 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.

## FIRST-TIME TRAPPERS

All first-time trappers and hunters, except apprentice license buyers, must successfully complete an education course offered through the Division of Wildlife before purchasing a hunting license or Fur Taker Permit to trap furbearers.

### **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 a diameter of 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.

### **You CANNOT do the following:**

1. Pursue, hunt, trap or snare furbearing animals between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. without use of a continuous white light visible for at least a 1/4 mile. Persons hunting fox or coyote with a call from a stationary position may use a single beam light. 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 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 of the user in English letters that are legible at all times, or which has the name and mailing address 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 domestic animals or human beings.
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 (see Beaver Trapping regulations).
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.

## RIVER OTTERS

A publication (**Publication 88, *River Otter Trapping Regulations***) detailing all trapping and tagging requirements for Ohio's river otter trapping season will be available at all wildlife district offices and the Internet, or call 1-800-WILDLIFE to obtain a copy.

Otter trapping on state public hunting areas without a special beaver/otter trapping permit from the Division of Wildlife is prohibited. Consult our district offices or Web site ([www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com)) for information on how these permits can be obtained.

Open counties for trapping river otters are; 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 counties (see map on this page).

The pelt of each river otter must be checked in with a wildlife officer or taken to a wildlife area headquarters or district office during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) within 72 hours (3 days) of capture. All legally checked otters will receive a CITES tag that allows the pelt to be sold outside Ohio.

### ***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.

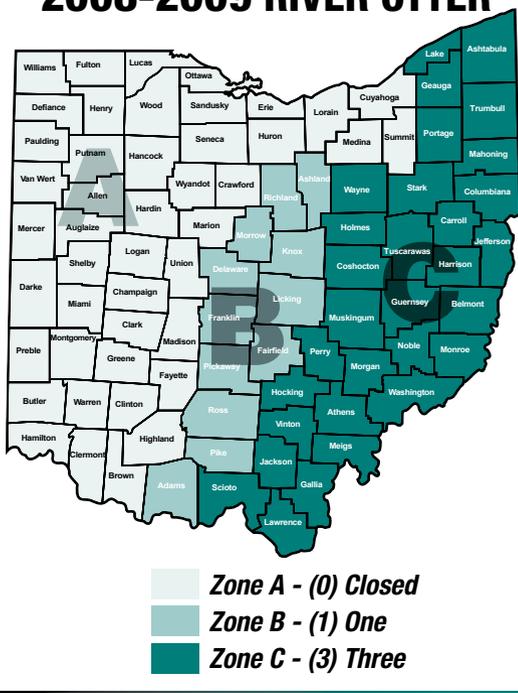
### ***Controlled Trapping Opportunities***

Sealed bids will be accepted in September for beaver and otter trapping within the wildlife refuge portions of Killbuck Marsh and Mosquito Creek wildlife areas. A public drawing will also be held the first Saturday in November for a limited number of permits to trap beaver and otters on the Grand River Wildlife Area. For official bid proposal forms and other information contact the Division of Wildlife District Three Office in September at (330) 644-2293.

## BEAVER TRAPPING REGULATIONS

Beaver trapping is permitted within American Electric Power's recreation area, known as Re-Creation 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 McCallsville, Ohio. Beaver trapping on state public hunting areas including state parks and forests without a special beaver trapping permit from the Division of Wildlife is prohibited. Consult our district offices or Web site ([www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com)) for information on how these permits can be obtained. Snares may be set for beavers using these permits. Snares set for beaver 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.

### COUNTIES OPEN FOR TRAPPING 2008-2009 RIVER OTTER





# ✧ LICENSES AND PERMITS ✧

## LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses	Cost
Hunting Resident Annual License	\$19
Hunting Youth Annual License: Resident & Non-Resident	\$10
Hunting Non-Resident Annual License	\$125
Hunting Resident Reduced Cost Senior License	\$10
Hunting Resident Free Senior License	\$0
Hunting Non-Resident (Tourist) 3-day License: Not valid for deer, turkey or furbearers	\$40
Apprentice Resident Annual License	\$19
Apprentice Youth Annual License: Resident & Non-Resident	\$10
Apprentice Non-Resident Annual License	\$125
Ohio Wetlands Stamp Resident & Non-Resident Waterfowl License	\$15
Ohio Wetlands Stamp Resident Reduced Cost Senior Waterfowl License	\$15
Ohio Wetlands Stamp Resident Free Senior Waterfowl License	\$0

FOR LICENSE EXEMPTIONS SEE PAGE 29

**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. A resident is a person who has resided in the state of Ohio for the past 6 consecutive months. All others are considered non-residents and must purchase non-resident licenses.

Hunting and fishing licenses and permits can be purchased over the Internet at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com). In addition, there are license sales outlets in every Ohio county. To find a store near you, call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) or visit our Web site at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com).

Annual licenses are valid from March 1, through the last day of February (Licenses available February 15). All costs include a \$1.00 writing fee. All sales are final – no refunds.

**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 of age or older and have previously held a legal hunting license (from any state).

- ▶ It is unlawful to carry the license or permit of another person.
- ▶ All first-time hunters must pass 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. See definition of accompany on **Page 30**. Special restrictions apply to certain youth hunts. See Youth Hunting section on **Pages 22-23** for details.
- ▶ Hunters and trappers must carry a valid hunting license, permit(s) and stamp(s) when hunting or trapping.

## LICENSE CATEGORIES

**Resident Adult Licenses** - For Ohio residents age 18-65 at the time of purchase.

**Youth Licenses** - For Ohio residents & non-residents 17 years old and younger at the time of purchase.

**Non-Resident Licenses** - For non-residents 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 January 1, 1938.

**Resident Free Senior Licenses** - for Ohio residents born on or before December 31, 1937.

**Duplicate Licenses and Permits** - Lost, stolen, or destroyed licenses and/or permits may be re-issued at any license sales location. The cost is \$3.00 for each duplicate license and/or permit.



## 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 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 may be used during the entire fall season. Valid only in open counties.

## DEER HUNTING PERMITS

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

### Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15)

In order to purchase an Antlerless Deer Permit (\$15) you must first purchase a Deer Permit (\$24). Antlerless Deer Permits (\$15) are valid for tagging antlerless deer only during the statewide archery season September 27 - November 30 in Deer Zones A and B, in deer zone C until December 7, 2008, and in any Urban Unit (see Urban Deer Units **page 7**) or at a Division of Wildlife Controlled Hunt. Antlerless Deer Permits must be purchased prior to December 1, 2008.

### Deer Permit (\$24)

This permit is valid for an 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.

## 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.

All first-time trappers are required to 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.

## APPRENTICE

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, **or**
- ▶ state that you are 21 years of age or older and have previously held a hunting license, fur taker, or trapping permit.

### Permits

<i>Deer Permit</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Resident & Non-Resident Permit	\$24
Youth Permit: Resident & Non-Resident	\$12
Resident Reduced Cost Senior Permit	\$12
Resident Free Senior Permit	\$0

<i>Spring Turkey Permit</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Resident & Non-Resident Permit	\$24
Youth Permit: Resident & Non-Resident	\$12
Resident Reduced Cost Senior Permit	\$12
Resident Free Senior Permit	\$0

<i>Antlerless Deer Permit</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Resident & Non-Resident Permit	\$15
Youth Permit: Resident & Non-Resident	\$15
Resident Reduced Cost Senior Permit	\$15
Resident Free Senior Permit	\$0

<i>Fall Turkey Permit</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Resident & Non-Resident Permit	\$24
Youth Permit: Resident & Non-Resident	\$12
Resident Reduced Cost Senior Permit	\$12
Resident Free Senior Permit	\$0

<i>Fur Taker Permit</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Resident & Non-Resident Permit	\$15
Youth Permit: Resident & Non-Resident	\$8
Resident Reduced Cost Senior Permit	\$8
Resident Free Senior Permit	\$0

<i>Apprentice Fur Taker Permit</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Resident & Non-Resident Permit	\$15
Youth Permit	\$8

<i>Shooting Range Permit</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Annual Permit	\$24
1-Day Permit	\$5

### Hunting License & Fur Taker Permit

Residents and non-residents may purchase an Apprentice Hunting License or Fur Taker Permit without having taken a hunter or fur taker education course. Apprentice Hunting License or Fur Taker Permit holders **MUST** be accompanied by a licensed hunter or fur taker age 21 or older. See definition of accompany below.

No one may purchase more than three Apprentice Hunting Licenses (adult or youth) or Fur Taker Permits in his or her lifetime.

Apprentice Hunting Licenses or Fur Taker Permits allow new hunters and trappers, both adults and youth, to sample the experience of hunting 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 of age or older.

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

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 completed successfully. To obtain a regular Fur Taker Permit, a hunter education course and fur taker education course must be successfully completed. Apprentice licenses and Fur Taker Permits are available to both residents and non-residents, youth or adults. No one may purchase more than three Apprentice Hunting Licenses or Fur Taker Permits in his or her lifetime.



## WATERFOWL HUNTING

You are required to have a Hunting License, Ohio Wetlands Stamp, Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, and HIP Survey to hunt ducks, geese, or brant.

### Ohio Wetlands Stamp

An Ohio Wetlands Stamp will not be issued at 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 of age.



### 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.

**Resident and Non-Resident.** . . . . . \$15.00

## HIP SURVEY

To hunt waterfowl, mourning doves, woodcock, rails, snipe and coots, hunters must have a Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.) certification on their hunting license.

When you buy a hunting license, the license buyer must notify the license vendor if he or she will hunt migratory birds this year. It is the responsibility of the license buyer to make sure that H.I.P. certification has been completed and this will be stated across the top of the license.

## SHOOTING RANGE PERMITS

Required of shooters age 18 or older for admission to Class-A ranges operated by the Division of Wildlife (see Page 36 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.

## LICENSE EXEMPTIONS

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

- ▶ **Landowners and their children** - Are not required to have a hunting license, fur taker permit, deer permit, antlerless deer permit, spring or fall turkey permit or Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamp when they are hunting or trapping on land they own. Members or shareholders of a corporation or L.L.C. do not qualify as landowners and must purchase all licenses and permits.
- ▶ **Tenants and their children on land on which they reside and from which they derive the majority (more than 50%) of their income from agricultural production on that land** - Are not required to have a hunting license, fur taker permit, deer permit, antlerless deer permit, spring or fall turkey permit or Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamp when they are hunting or trapping on land where they reside.
- ▶ **Landowners' grandchildren who are under 18 years of age** - Are not required to have a hunting license or an Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamp while hunting on their grandparent's land. All other licenses and permits are required.
- ▶ **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, deer permit, spring or fall turkey permits and Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamp. Applications are available from wildlife district offices.
- ▶ **Certain permanently disabled veterans who are Ohio residents** - Must apply in writing for a free hunting license, fur taker permit, deer permit, turkey permit, and Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamp. Applications are available from wildlife district offices.
- ▶ **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 from wildlife district offices.
- ▶ **Members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty, while on leave or furlough** - Are not required to purchase a hunting license or Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamp. 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 Wetland Habitat Stamp for waterfowl before hunting any migratory waterfowl.

## HUNTER AND TRAPPER EDUCATION

All first-time license buyers, except apprentice license buyers, must successfully complete an education course. 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 make a substantial reduction in 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 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 Division of Wildlife at **1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543)** for information on courses in your area. People who are hearing impaired may call the Ohio Relay Service.



## 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:

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

**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 such birds is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered and such area shall remain a baited area for ten 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 such wild turkeys, mourning doves or migratory birds, a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any area where hunters are attempting to take them.

**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.

**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 traverse limbs and a string, mounted on a stock at least twenty-five inches in length, and having a working safety.

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

**GAME BIRDS** include ringneck pheasants, bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, pinnated grouse, wild turkey, Hungarian partridge, Chukar partridge, woodcocks, crows, black-breasted plover, golden plover, Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe, greater and lesser yellowlegs, rail, coots, gallinules, duck, geese, mourning doves, and brant.

**GAME QUADRUPEDS** include cottontail rabbits, chipmunks, flying squirrels, gray squirrels, black squirrels, fox squirrels, red squirrels, groundhogs, whitetail deer, wild boar, and black bears.

**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

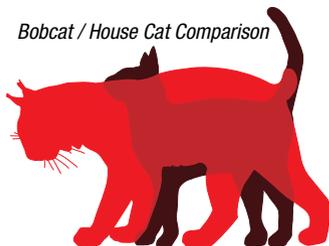
### BOBCAT SIGHTING

If you see a bobcat please call 1-800-WILDLIFE or contact the

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

*Bobcat / House Cat Comparison*



Do not approach or attempt to engage the animal if you are not sure if it is a house cat or bobcat. Though not aggressive, bobcats are a wild animal and may lash out if they feel threatened or cornered.

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.

**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** including yellowlegs, plover, snowshoe hares, bears, badgers, bobcat, and nongame birds may not be hunted or taken at anytime; 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 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 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) In plain sight with the action open or the firearm stripped, or, if the firearm is of a type on which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be stripped, in plain sight.
- (5) 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.





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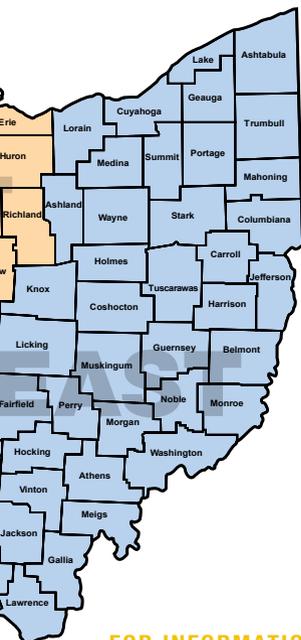
## SUNRISE SUNSET TABLE FOR WESTERN OHIO





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## SUNRISE SUNSET TABLE FOR EASTERN OHIO



SUNRISE SUNSET TIMES

## CONCEALED CARRY

A person possessing a valid Ohio issued Concealed Carry license may carry their concealed weapon but it may not be used to shoot, shoot at, or kill any wild animal.

## 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 below.

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 or coyotes with a call from a stationary position may use a single beam light.

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. Hunters who are physically handicapped to the extent that they cannot walk, may hunt from a stationary vehicle in a field except on a public hunting area. Hunting small game and furbearers except mink, muskrat, 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 statewide muzzleloader season and youth deer gun season it is unlawful to hunt legal game with shot shells containing shot larger than #4. Waterfowl hunters must use nontoxic shot of any size.

During the youth deer gun season, deer gun season, and the muzzleloader deer seasons all hunters must visibly wear a vest, jacket, coat, or coveralls that are solid hunter orange or hunter orange camo except waterfowl hunters.

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. 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.

## 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 Division of Wildlife except while lawfully trapping, or hunting wild animals, or target practicing on a designated Division of Wildlife target range.

Portions of Deer Creek, Resthaven, La Su An, Grand River, Brush Creek, Waterloo, Cooper Hollow, East Fork, and Fallsville wildlife areas will be open for disabled persons to drive their cars or trucks to designated interior areas for hunting. Disabled persons are required to have

a physician's statement listing the illness or disability that prohibits them from walking. It remains unlawful to shoot from any motorized vehicle.

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 for any person to use or hunt with a rifle, pistol, or revolver from October 15 through January 1 during the daylight hours on any lands owned, administered or under agreement with the Division of Wildlife, except when properly used on a designated Division of Wildlife target range or when hunting squirrels with a rimfire rifle, pistol, or revolver or when deer hunting with a muzzleloading rifle or legal pistol or revolver during the youth deer gun season, deer gun season, statewide muzzleloader season, and the early muzzleloader season.

On Auburn Marsh Wildlife Area it is unlawful to use a rifle, pistol, revolver, or a shotgun using slugs at any time. Deer hunting at Auburn Marsh Wildlife Area 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. September 1 through May 1 and from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. May 2 through August 31.

Beaver and river otter trapping are prohibited on all state public hunting areas including state parks and forests without a special permit from the Division of Wildlife. Consult our district offices or Web site 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 Division of Parks and Recreation, 2045 Morse Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693 or the park manager.

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

## **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 Division of Wildlife district offices and on **Page 61** 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 61**) 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.

## **GINSENG**

No person shall dig, harvest, or otherwise collect wild ginseng from its natural habitat except during the season of September 1 through December 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 his agent. Collection is prohibited on ODNR property. For more information on ginseng harvest, contact the Division of Wildlife.



## DOG TRAINING

The 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 August 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 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 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 the Berlin, Caesar Creek, Delaware, Fallsville, Grand River, Indian Creek, Killdeer Plains, Lake La Su An, Maumee State Forest, Oxbow, Resthaven, Rush Run, Spencer, and Woodbury wildlife areas.

### DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to any of the locations below on **Sunday, March 1, 2009** anytime between noon and 3 p.m. to discuss 2009-2010 hunting season proposals. Division staff will be able to listen to your concerns and answer your questions.

**District One Headquarters**  
1500 Dublin Road, Columbus

**District Two Headquarters**  
952 Lima Ave., Findlay

**District Three Headquarters**  
912 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron

**District Four Headquarters**  
360 E. State St., Athens

**Greene Co. Fish & Game Assn.**

**Clubhouse**  
1538 Union Rd., 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.

## 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.

Furbearers may not be taken alive during open hunting and trapping seasons.

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.

## SHOOTING RANGES

The Division of Wildlife operates five Class A ranges. All persons age 18 and older shooting on Class A ranges must purchase a Shooting Range Permit which is available at all hunting and fishing license outlets and on the Internet at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com). Permits are not sold at the shooting ranges.

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. See definition of accompany on **Page 30**.

### 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. Contact the wildlife areas for detailed information:

#### Delaware Wildlife Area\*

8589 Horseshoe Rd., Ashley  
(614) 644-3925

#### Deer Creek Wildlife Area\*

12552 Post Rd., Route 1 • Mt. Sterling  
(614) 644-3925

#### Spring Valley Wildlife Area

1863 Rox - N Burlington Rd. • Waynesville  
(937) 862-5162

#### Grand River Wildlife Area\*

6686 S.R. 534 • Farmington  
(330) 889-3280

#### Woodbury Wildlife Area\*

23371 S.R. 60 S. • Warsaw  
(740) 824-3211

\* Closed during January and February

# SHARE THE BOUNTY

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

In cooperation with the Ohio Farm Bureau and Ohio Farmers' Union, a program to reduce or eliminate the cost of processing deer into venison for charitable groups is being developed. In addition, the opportunity to use the \$15 antlerless deer permit will make the donation of harvested deer more economical for deer hunters.

The following organizations participate in the Share the Bounty program:

## FARMERS AND HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY

(FHFH) is an outreach ministry called upon to help feed venison and other big game to the hungry among us. This program began in 1997 and continues to grow, with representation in more than one-half of the United States.

To make a donation, contact FHFH. Go to the national Web site ([www.fhfh.org](http://www.fhfh.org)), go to (Ohio) and find an active chapter. Check out what processors are available for that chapter. All our processors will give the FHFH discounted price to the hunter. Each chapter has a contact person and the processor's name and address.



## SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER

This program helps share nature's bounty with the hungry. This program is active in all 50 states of the U.S., in parts of Canada, and in several other countries around the world.

Deer hunters wishing to help fight hunger and homelessness may donate venison to Ohio food pantries by contacting Safari Club International on their Web site ([www.sfariclubfoundation.org](http://www.sfariclubfoundation.org)) under Sportsmen Against Hunger. Deer meat will be accepted during any of the Ohio deer seasons.



## WHITETAILS UNLIMITED

Whitetails Unlimited (WTU) is a national non-profit organization with over 30 chapters in Ohio. WTU's purpose is to raise funds in support of education, habitat conservation, and the preservation of the hunting tradition for the direct benefit of the white-tailed deer and other wildlife.

Local WTU chapters use local funds for programs such as venison donation to the needy, youth archery and shooting sports activities, conservation club grants, and hunting promotion. Go to the national Web site ([www.whitetailsunlimited.com](http://www.whitetailsunlimited.com)) to find a local chapter or for info on starting a chapter in your area. If you have questions you can call 1-800-274-5471 for more information.

