

Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

>> NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY <<

		OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	SEASON LIMIT
BLACK BEAR					
Black Bear	Zones 1-9	Sept. 2 – Sept. 20 Nov. 3 – Nov. 22	See complete 2014 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		1
Bear hunting closed during shotgun deer season.					
UPLAND GAME BIRDS*					
Wild Turkey	Spring: Zones 1-13	Apr. 28 – May 24	See complete 2014 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		
	Fall: Zones 1-13	Oct. 20 – Nov. 1			
	Youth Hunt: Zones 1-13	April 26 (special restrictions apply**)			
Crow		Jan. 1 – Apr. 10 Jul. 2 – Apr. 10, 2015	–	–	–
Pheasant		Oct. 18 – Nov. 29	2	4	6
	Youth Hunt	See complete 2014 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.			
Quail	Zones 11-14 only	Oct. 18 – Nov. 29	4	8	20
Ruffed Grouse		Oct. 18 – Nov. 29	3	6	15

Upland game bird hunting is closed during shotgun deer season.

* Migratory game birds (includes waterfowl, woodcock, snipe, rails): Seasons set annually. see *Migratory Game Bird Abstract* posted in late August.

** Must have completed the youth turkey hunt program (See complete 2014 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.).

DEER					
Deer	Archery	Oct. 20 – Nov. 29	See complete 2014 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		2 Antlered deer + antlerless deer by permit
	Shotgun	Dec. 1 – Dec. 13			
	Primitive Firearms	Dec. 15 – Dec. 31			

RABBITS & SQUIRRELS					
Cottontail Rabbit	Zones 1-12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Oct. 18 – Feb. 28, 2015	5	10	–
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Nov. 15 – Feb. 28, 2015	5	10	–
Snowshoe Hare	Zones 1-4	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Oct. 18 – Feb. 28, 2015	2	4	–
	Zones 5-12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 5 Oct. 18 – Feb. 5, 2015	2	4	–
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 5 Nov. 15 – Feb. 5, 2015	2	4	–
Jackrabbit	Zone 14	Nov. 15 – Dec. 31	1	2	–
Gray Squirrel	Zones 1-9	Sept. 8 – Jan. 2, 2015	5	10	–
	Zones 10-14	Oct. 18 – Jan. 2, 2015	5	10	–

Rabbit, jackrabbit, hare, and squirrel hunting are closed during shotgun deer season.

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS					
Bullfrog and Green Frog		Jul. 16 – Sept. 30	12	24	–
Snapping Turtle		Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	–	–	–

FURBEARERS					
Bobcat	Zones 1-8	Jan. 1 – Mar. 8 Dec. 20 – Mar. 7, 2015	–	–	–
Coyote		Jan. 1 – Mar. 8 Oct. 18 – Mar. 7, 2015	–	–	–
Fox (red or gray)		Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Nov. 1 – Feb. 28, 2015	–	–	–
Raccoon		Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 Oct. 1 – Jan. 31, 2015	3	–	–
Opossum		Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 Oct. 1 – Jan. 31, 2015	–	–	–

Trapping Seasons

TRAPPING SPECIES	OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive)
Bobcat, Coyote, Fox, Weasel	Nov. 1 – Nov. 30
Fisher	Nov. 1 – Nov. 22
Mink, River Otter	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15
Beaver	Jan. 1 – April 15 Nov. 1 – April 15, 2015
Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Nov. 1 – Feb. 28, 2015



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