

2017-18 Hunting, Trapping Season Dates Summary



Some wildlife management areas and national wildlife refuges require hunters to draw a permit before hunting. Permit applications are available at www.agfc.com or your local regional office June 1-July 1.

Deer

Archery

Statewide: Sept. 23-Feb. 28

Muzzleloader

Deer zones 1, 1A, 2, 3, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 8A, 10 and 11: Oct. 21-29 and Dec. 9-11

Deer zones 4A, 5A, 14 and 15: Oct. 21-29 and Dec. 16-18

Deer zones 9, 12, 13, 16, 16A and 17: Oct. 21-29 and Dec. 29-31

Deer zones 4, 4B, 5 and 5B: closed

Modern gun

Deer zones 1, 1A, 2, 3, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 8A, 10 and 11: Nov. 11-Dec. 3

Deer zone 4: Nov. 11-12

Deer zone 5: Nov. 11-12 and Nov. 18-19

Deer zones 4B and 5B: Nov. 11-19

Deer zones 4A, 5A, 14 and 15: Nov. 11-Dec. 10

Deer zones 9, 12 and 13: Nov. 11-Dec. 17

Deer zones 16, 16A and 17: Nov. 11-Dec. 25

Christmas holiday modern gun deer hunt

Statewide (excluding WMAs that are closed during modern gun deer season): Dec. 26-28

Special modern gun youth deer hunt

All zones (excludes certain WMAs where a modern gun or muzzleloader permit is required to hunt): Nov. 4-5 and Jan. 6-7

Private land antlerless only modern gun deer hunt

Deer zones 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 5A, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 8A, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16A and 17: Oct. 14-18

Deer zone 5B: closed

Bear

Archery

Bear zones 1 and 2: Sept. 23-Nov. 30

Bear zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: closed

Muzzleloader

Bear zones 1 and 2: Oct. 21-29

Bear zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: closed

Modern gun

Bear zones 1 and 2: Nov. 11-30 (Zone 1 closes earlier if quota is reached)

Bear zone 5: Nov. 25-Dec. 3 (closes earlier if quota is reached)

Bear zone 5A: Nov. 18-Dec. 3 (closes earlier if quota is reached)

Bear zones 3, 4, 6 and 7: closed

Special modern gun youth bear hunt

Bear zones 1 and 2 (does not include WMAs requiring a deer permit to harvest a bear): Nov. 4-5

Bear zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: closed

Elk

Core Elk Management Zone (all private and public lands within Boone, Carroll, Madison, Newton and Searcy counties)

Public Land

Elk zones 1, 2, 3, and 4: Oct. 2-6 and Oct. 30-Nov. 3 (Permit required)

Youth Hunts: Sept. 30-Oct. 1 and Oct. 28-29

Private Land

Private Land Core Elk Zone (Boone, Carroll, Madison, Newton and Searcy counties; excludes Boxley Valley): Oct. 2-6 and Oct. 30-Nov. 3 (Permit required)

Youth Hunt: Sept. 30-Oct. 1 and Oct. 28-29

Elk found outside of the Core Elk Management Zone may be taken during deer season with weapon legal for that season.

Quail

Statewide: Nov. 1-Feb. 4

Rabbit

Statewide: Sept. 1-Feb. 28

Squirrel

Statewide: May 15-Feb. 28

Crow

Statewide: Sept. 1-Feb. 19. (Thursday-Monday hunting only)

Furbearers

Furbearer trapping (other than coyote, beaver, muskrat, nutria): sunrise, Nov. 11-sunset, Feb. 28

Coyote trapping: sunrise, Aug. 1-sunset, March 31

Beaver, muskrat, nutria trapping: sunrise, Nov. 11-sunset, March 31

Gray fox, mink, opossum, red fox, striped skunk hunting: sunrise, Sept. 1-sunset, Feb. 28

Raccoon day or night hunting: Sept. 1-sunset, March 31

Raccoon night hunting: sunset, July 1-Aug. 31

Bobcat hunting: sunrise, Sept. 1- sunset, Feb. 28 and during turkey season.

Coyote hunting: sunrise, July 1- sunset, Feb. 28 and during turkey season.

River otter hunting: sunrise, Nov. 11-sunset, Feb. 28

Muskrat, nutria, beaver hunting: sunrise, Sept. 1-sunset, March 31

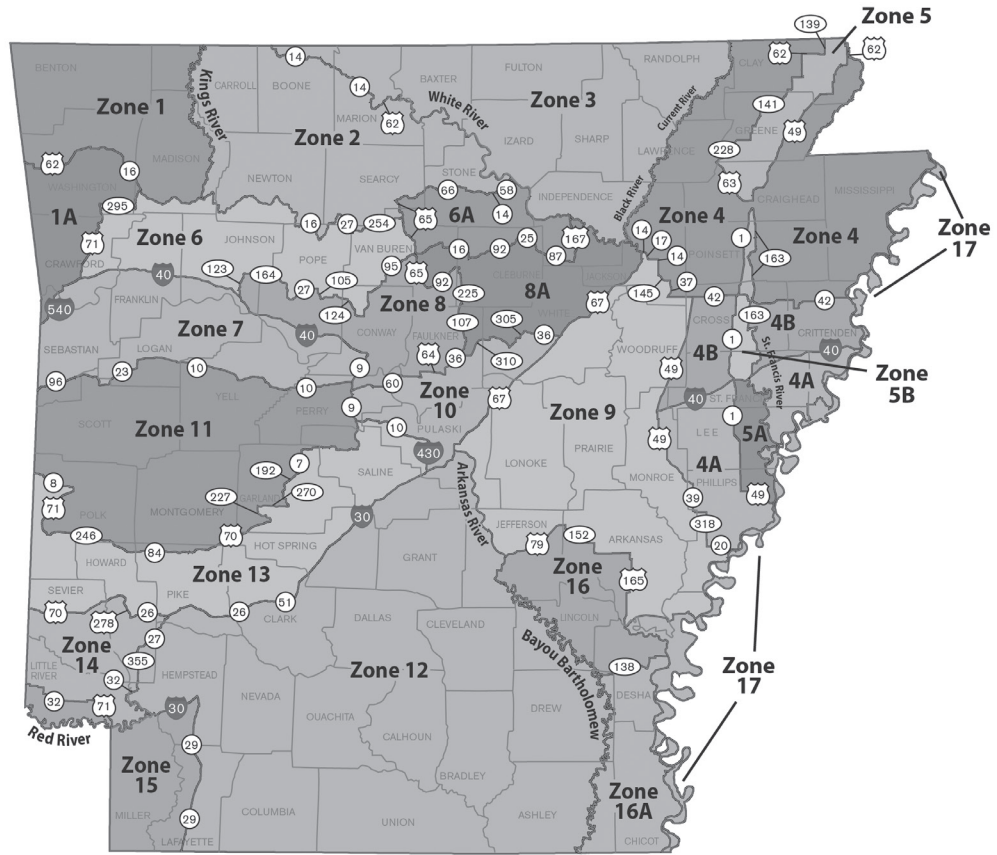
Badger, spotted skunk and weasel hunting: closed

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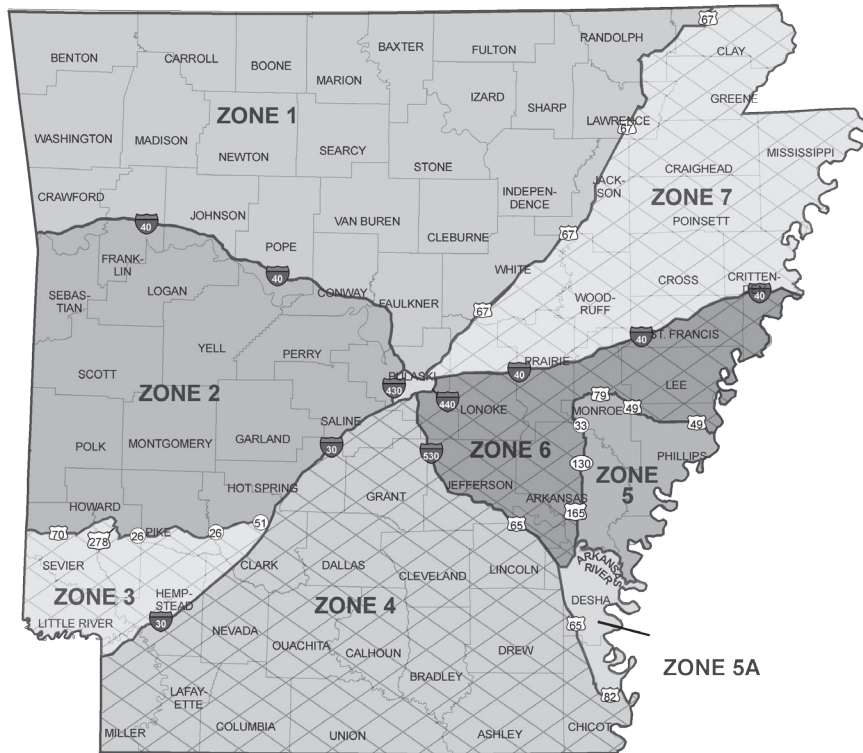
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2015-16 Deer Zone Map



2015-16 Bear Zone Map



2017-18 Migratory Bird Season Dates Summary

Migratory bird hunters in Arkansas 16 or older are required to carry proof of Arkansas Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration when hunting ducks, geese, doves, coots, woodcock, snipe, rails or gallinules. Available at no charge, HIP registration can be obtained by completing a short survey found at license dealers, any Arkansas Game and Fish Commission office, online at www.agfc.com or by phone at 800-364-4263 (toll-free).

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except during teal season, which begins at sunrise. During waterfowl season, WMAs are closed after noon to waterfowl hunters and waterfowl hunting. Waterfowl hunters must leave waterfowl hunting areas by noon. Waterfowl rest areas are closed Nov. 1-Feb. 15.

Duck daily bag limit – six. Limit may include no more than four mallards (no more than two of which may be hens), three scaup, three wood ducks, one pintail, two redheads, two canvasbacks, one black duck and one mottled duck. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. Bayou Meto WMA has a daily bag limit of four ducks, which may include no more than three mallards (no more than two of which may be hens).

Coot daily bag limit – 15. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Merganser daily bag limit – five. No more than two may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Duck, Coot and Merganser

Nov. 18-26, 2017

Dec. 7-23, 2017

Dec. 26, 2017-Jan. 28, 2018

Snow, Blue and Ross's Goose

Nov. 15-Dec. 1, 2017, and

Dec. 3, 2017-Jan. 28, 2018

Bag Limit – 20

Light Goose Conservation Order

Oct. 7-Nov. 14, 2017

Jan. 29-Feb. 2, 2018

Feb. 4-April 25, 2018

Bag Limit – None

White-fronted Goose

Nov. 15-Dec. 1, 2017, and

Dec. 3, 2017-Jan. 28, 2018

Bag Limit – 3

Possession Limit – 9

Early Canada Goose

Sept. 1-30, 2017 (statewide)

Daily Limit – 5

Possession Limit – 15

Canada Goose

Nov. 15-Dec. 1, 2017, and

Dec. 3, 2017-Jan. 28, 2018

(statewide)

Daily Limit – 2

Possession Limit – 6

Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt: Dec. 2, 2017, and Feb. 3, 2018

On these days, youths 15 and younger may hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

Youths who have completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by a mentor who is 18 or older. Youths who have not completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by a mentor who is 21 or older. Mentors may not hunt ducks, coots or mergansers, but may call waterfowl and hunt other in-season game. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as regular waterfowl season. Hunting is allowed on WMAs from one half-hour before sunrise until sunset.

Mourning Dove, White-Winged and Eurasian Collared-Doves

Sept. 2-Oct. 22, 2017

Dec. 8, 2017-Jan. 15, 2018

Mourning and White-Winged dove
daily limit – 15

Mourning and White-Winged dove
possession limit – 45

Eurasian collared-doves –

No daily bag or possession limit

Virginia Rail and Sora

Sept. 9-Nov. 17, 2017

Daily Limit – 25

Possession Limit – 75 (combined)

Teal

Sept. 15-30, 2017

Daily Limit – 6 (blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal combined)

Possession Limit – 18

Snipe

Nov. 1, 2017-Feb. 15, 2018

Daily Limit – 8

Possession Limit – 24

Common Moorhen and Purple Gallinule

Sept. 1-Nov. 9, 2017

Daily Limit – 15

Possession Limit – 45

Woodcock

Nov. 4-Dec. 18, 2017

Daily Limit – 3

Possession Limit – 9

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