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When most hunters think about the upcoming fall hunting opportunities, they’re anticipating the big game seasons. Others, however, can’t wait for small game hunting seasons to start, including grouse, snowshoe hare, and gray squirrel. These overlooked species provide great opportunities in New Hampshire throughout the fall.

Whether it’s a grouse hunting trip with your favorite dog, or going after gray squirrels with the grandkids, it’s a wonderful way to enjoy New Hampshire’s outdoors.

To help ensure the safety of hunters and Department staff, pheasant hunting will continue to be closed until noon statewide on pheasant stocking days, which take place on Thursday and Friday during the first three weeks of the season.

Fortunately, New Hampshire remains free of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), which, as you probably know, is devastating for deer. There are some important ways hunters can help. First, please do not use natural urine-based deer lures. These have the potential to spread CWD. They do not undergo any quality control or treatment that might inactivate or kill disease-causing agents, and the infective protein can persist in the environment for years. It’s also important to follow the restrictions on importing hunter-killed deer. Please do not feed deer during the winter. Feeding deer often makes them more vulnerable to aggressive interactions, predation, disease, and vehicle collisions. Learn more about keeping New Hampshire CWD-free on page 21.

Thanks for hunting New Hampshire. Be safe, be sure of your target, clean up after yourself, and display sportsmanship. Remember, you are the guest of the landowner. Treat the land with respect and you will usually be welcome.

See you in the field!

Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director
N.H. Fish and Game Department

N.H. Fish and Game — Our Mission
As the guardian of the state’s fish, wildlife, and marine resources, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works in partnership with the public to:

• Conserve, manage, and protect these resources and their habitats;
• Inform and educate the public about these resources; and
• Provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources.

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tions, consult the N.H. Fish and Game Law
Book, Fish and Game Administrative Rules, or
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and Game laws and rules may be viewed at
any Fish and Game office; Legislative Services,
Administrative Rules, in the State House Annex,
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It’s easy to get your New Hampshire hunting license. You can buy it online at huntnh.com. To purchase a license online, you’ll need the license number from a previous N.H. hunting license or your New Hampshire Hunter Education card. You can get your turkey, bear, and pheasant permits online as well. Or visit one of our friendly N.H. license agents throughout the state.

Get started on your scouting by checking out the N.H. Wildlife Harvest Summary; it lists results for last year’s hunting seasons by WMU and town, including harvest statistics and hunting/trophy records. This, plus topo maps, Wildlife Management Area maps and info, and lots of basic information on hunting in New Hampshire, is at your fingertips at the Fish and Game website, huntnh.com.

When planning your trip, check out visitnh.gov for ideas and deals on lodging, camping, and good eats. To help you get the most out of your time afield, maybe this is the year to hire a licensed N.H. hunting guide (listed at huntnh.com).

Apprentice Hunting Opportunity
If you know someone who wants to experience hunting, take advantage of New Hampshire’s Apprentice Hunting License! This license provides a one-time, one calendar-year exemption from Hunter Education requirements for a hunter accompanied by a properly licensed adult 18 years of age or older. Learn more at huntnh.com/hunting/apprentice.html.

Since you’re reading this, chances are you’re already getting your gear ready and counting the days until your first New Hampshire hunt of the season. If not…what are you waiting for? Plan your New Hampshire hunting adventure today!

Don’t spend all your time huntin’ around for information…
Just visit our mobile-friendly website: huntnh.com

New for 2017-18
• N.H. Fish and Game is no longer involved in the deer hunt on the Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge. See page 21 for more information.
• Use of a crossbow by people over age 68. Persons 68 years of age or older holding an archery license under RSA 208:5 may use a crossbow as an alternative to a traditional bow during the archery deer season without obtaining an additional permit (not valid for any other species or season). See page 7.
• The bag limit has increased from 1 bird to 2 for American black ducks. See page 30.

Shooting Ranges
New Hampshire has dozens of fish and game clubs and shooting ranges where you can safely practice your shooting skills. Check the N.H. Fish and Game website for a partial list. The majority of rifle/pistol ranges are private, meaning that membership is required to use them, or in some cases you can be the guest of a member. Shotgun ranges are generally open to the public, with non-members paying a higher fee per round of shooting. Many of the membership clubs have special days during the year when the public is invited to try out the facilities or to sight in their firearms. Contact your local club for details, or to ask about becoming a member.
Successful completion of a Hunter Education course is required for New Hampshire hunters age 16 and older who haven't previously held a hunting license. In a Hunter Education course, you'll learn about firearms and archery safety and handling, outdoor safety and survival skills, N.H. hunting laws, your responsibilities as a hunter and more. Hunter Education has cultivated generations of safe, responsible and ethical hunters, resulting in the dramatic reduction of hunting-related incidents in New Hampshire.

Today, it’s easier than ever to find, register for and participate in a Hunter Education course that’s convenient for you. Review course offerings and register online anytime at huntnh.com. Another option is the online Hunter Education course, which completes your training with a field day and practical field exam (you must be 15 years or older to take the online course for certification). To view course schedules, locations and to register online for Hunter Education or Trapper Education, visit huntnh.com/hunting/hunter-ed.html.

Hunter Education courses cover both firearms and archery. Successful completion of either the classroom-based course or the online course with a field day allows you to purchase both a firearms and archery hunting license. If you took the course prior to January 1, 2014, you need to show proof of completion of both Hunter and Bowhunter Education courses to be able to purchase both licenses.

Help Teach Hunter Ed!
If you’re an experienced hunter, consider joining the ranks of close to 500 outdoor enthusiasts who are certified instructors for N.H.’s Hunter Education program. Hunting knowledge is helpful, of course, but just as important are enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. You’ll enjoy the camaraderie of fellow instructors, an annual banquet, special deals from sporting goods manufacturers, and the satisfaction of helping Fish and Game bring the hunting tradition to a new generation. Training is provided through an instructor certification course that encourages effective educational techniques in a team-teaching environment. Visit huntnh.com/hunting/hunter-ed.html for more information and training opportunities, or call (603) 271-3212.

Learn more about Hunter Education and sign up for classes at our mobile-friendly website: huntnh.com

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If you love New Hampshire’s fish, wildlife and wild places, give a little extra this year when you buy your fishing or hunting license or make a donation. Support the *Wildlife Legacy Initiative* and help the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department’s *Landowner Relations Program*, working to keep New Hampshire open to all outdoor users by protecting access to private land.

Donate when you buy your license — in person or online at [wildnh.com](http://wildnh.com). Just check off the $10 Wildlife Legacy Donation… and thank you!

Learn more at [wildnh.com/landshare](http://wildnh.com/landshare).

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**Youth Programs**

Summer youth programs for Hunter Education and shooting sports:

- **Barry Conservation Camp**: One-week overnight camp sessions (registration opens in January).
- **Owl Brook**: Free summer youth programs (sign-up starts April 1). Visit [wildnh.com](http://wildnh.com) for program descriptions and schedules. Help get our young people outdoors!

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**Owl Brook Hunter Education Center**

New Hampshire Fish and Game’s Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, N.H., offers a diversity of hands-on educational experiences, including shooting sports, map and compass instruction, Hunter Education and Trapper Education certification courses, outdoor skills, and other youth activities.

Interpretive trails, a 4-target practice archery range, and old-time trapper cabin are open to the public when the center is open. A 14-target woodland archery course is open seven days a week, from dawn to dusk, May to November. Classroom, small-bore shooting range, and shotgun range are open to groups by contacting the facility to schedule in advance.

For more information, call (603) 536-1290 or visit [huntnh.com/hunting/owl-brook.html](http://huntnh.com/hunting/owl-brook.html).

The center was made possible through Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration funds and private donations.

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Visit [TickFreeNH.org](http://TickFreeNH.org) for information on how to prevent tick encounters and more!

**TICK IDENTIFICATION**

- **Blacklegged Ticks**
  - Carry Lyme Disease
  - Adult Female: 1/8”
  - Adult Male: 1/8”
  - Nymph: 1/32”-1/16”
  - Larva

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Who Needs a License?
Hunting licenses are required for persons 16 years of age and older. Some licenses and permits are required for all ages; see page 8.

Buying a License
Hunting licenses, valid Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year, may be purchased online via huntnh.com, from license agents, Fish and Game Department Headquarters in Concord, Fish and Game Region 1, 2, and 4 offices, and some town or city clerks. Applicants must purchase their own licenses. Trapping and fur buyer licenses, valid July 1 to June 30 of the next year, are only available at Fish and Game’s Concord headquarters or through the mail.

To purchase a hunting or archery license on the Internet site or at a Walmart, you must have held a hunting or archery license or taken Hunter Education or Bowhunter Education in N.H. in the year 2000 or later. There may be a delay of as much as one week after taking the N.H. Hunter Education course before the information is in our database.

Military Licenses
NH residents who are regular active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard permanently stationed outside the state may be eligible for free temporary hunting and fishing licenses. Available at NH Fish and Game Headquarters in Concord, Region 1, 2, and 4 offices, or by mail or fax (603) 271-5829. Download an Active Duty Military License application from the Fish and Game website and send with duty orders. A copy of duty orders must be presented for verification. Call (603) 271-3422 for information. Non-resident military personnel on regular active duty, and permanently stationed in New Hampshire, may purchase licenses at N.H. resident rates (cannot be purchased online or at Walmart).

Archery
An archery license allows you to:
1. Hunt deer with a bow and arrow during the archery season and to take one deer following season restrictions (page 18), and
2. Hunt other species with bow and arrow, provided you have the appropriate license or permit.

It is legal to hunt deer with bow and arrow while using the firearms deer tag during the firearms deer season under a Regular Hunting or Combination License without an archery license, and in compliance with Wildlife Management Unit restrictions for deer during the firearms deer season. During the muzzleloader season, the firearms deer tag may only be filled using a muzzleloader or crossbow.

Archers may fill their archery deer tag any time during the archery season.

The Special Archery Deer Permit allows the taking of an antlered-only deer with bow and arrow during the archery deer season. This additional permit must be purchased at the same time you purchase your archery license.

See page 18 for a complete listing of deer season regulations.

Carrying Handguns while Bowhunting
You may carry a handgun while bowhunting, but it is not legal to use a handgun to assist in the taking of an archery-tagged deer.

Crossbows
Annual Deer Crossbow Permit (annual, $5) allows the hunter to use a crossbow during the firearms deer season only. The hunter must have a valid firearms deer tag and follow all Wildlife Management Unit restrictions for deer during the firearms deer season. Any deer taken shall be tagged with a valid firearms deer tag, available only at N.H. Fish and Game headquarters in Concord. Taking a deer with a crossbow is legal during the muzzleloader season without a deer crossbow permit, as long as you possess a muzzleloader license.

Note: Persons 68 years of age or older, holding an archery license under RSA 208:5, may use a crossbow as an alternative to a traditional bow during the archery deer season without obtaining an additional permit (not valid for any other species or season).

Disabled Hunters
Disabled Crossbow Permit (permanent, $10) allows the use of crossbows during any season where use of a bow and arrow is allowed. This permit must be applied for at Concord Headquarters. A current year hunting license is required. This permit does not include separate tags (all ages). Hunters holding a disabled crossbow permit are limited to using only a crossbow. They are not allowed to use a longbow, recurve, or compound bow.

The following permanent licenses/permits are also available to qualified NH resident hunters: Disabled Veteran License, Paraplegic License, and Hunt from a Motor Vehicle Permit. Visit huntnh.com for information and application forms.

Prohibited Acts
Any person whose privilege to fish, hunt, trap, guide, take or land lobsters and crabs, or engage in commercial marine fishing activities is currently suspended or revoked in any other state or province is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a license for such activity in New Hampshire (RSA 214:18-b).

It is unlawful to possess more than one of any type of regular hunting license or permit, use another person’s license or permit, allow another person to use your license or permit, or not show your license upon demand.

Exceptions — When a License is Not Required
• Resident landowners and their minor children under the age of 16 may hunt and trap on their own land in season without a license. This exception does not apply to activities requiring a special license or permit (i.e., archery, muzzleloader, pheasants, turkey, etc.). Resident Landowner special licenses must be purchased from Fish and Game headquarters, either in person or by mail.
• Children under 16 years of age do not need a regular N.H. hunting or archery license. Youth must be accompanied by a properly licensed person 18 years of age or older. Minors must have a permit or license for turkey, Special Unit L or M deer, special archery deer, bear, nonresident muzzleloader, and trapping.

Persons exempted from purchasing an annual license may use the tag on page 21 of this publication by writing their name and address on the tag, or may download one from huntnh.com.
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<td>Senior Combination Hunting and Fishing***</td>
<td>Available to NH residents born 1/1/1948 or after, and at least 68 years of age at the time of purchase. Must be purchased annually. Proof of Hunting Education course or previous hunting license required.</td>
<td>$7.00</td>
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<td>Newborn Lifetime NH Hunting and Freshwater Fishing License*</td>
<td>Parent/legal guardian must be N.H. resident. Child’s birth certificate required. Available from birth to day before first birthday. Purchase of Fish and Game headquarters or by mail (see nhfishandgame.com/licensing/forms.html).</td>
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<td>Special Archery Deer Permit</td>
<td>Archery license required unless under age 16. Must be purchased at the same time as annual Archery license; cannot be sold separately. Antlered only.</td>
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<td>Special Unit L Deer Permit****</td>
<td>Current NH Regular Hunting or Archery license required unless under age 16. Permits come with one tag (see page 18). Only available at nhfishandgame.com.</td>
<td>$26.00</td>
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<td>Current NH Regular Hunting license required. Archery license does not qualify. Valid during firearms deer season using firearms deer tag only.</td>
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NOTE: Many NH hunting licenses are available for online purchase; visit huntnh.com. An annual habitat fee of $2.50 is required for all hunting licenses; this fee is charged once per year per hunter. All license prices include a $1 agent fee. An additional $2 transaction fee is charged for each license form purchased at an agent ($3 online).

Free Permanent Licenses: For NH residents who were born on or before December 31, 1947, free permanent licenses are available for hunting & fishing, archery, and muzzleloader. Available only at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord or Regional Offices 1, 2 and 4; also available at select licensing agents. No deer tag issued (see page 21). Requirements for specific licenses are the same as listed for equivalent individual licenses.

Buying Your License
New Hampshire hunting licenses can be purchased online at huntnh.com, from one of our friendly license agents statewide (listed at huntnh.com/licensing), or in person or by mail at Fish and Game headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Carry Your License
The signed license must be carried on your person when hunting.
### NON-RESIDENT

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<td>Nonresident Muzzleloader License</td>
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<td>Current NH Regular Hunting or Archery license required unless under age 16. Permits come with one tag (see page 18). Only available at nhfishandgame.com.</td>
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<td>Nonresident 3-Day Small Game Hunting License</td>
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<td>Pheasant License</td>
<td>Hunters taking pheasants (except persons under age 16) must have this license in addition to current NH Regular Hunting, Archery or Small Game license.</td>
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<td>Non-resident Student*</td>
<td>Full-time students attending school in N.H. may purchase non-resident hunting licenses at resident rates (see page 8). Must be registered for at least 12 credit hours per semester. Sold only at Fish and Game headquarters or by mail.</td>
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<td>Fur Buyer License*</td>
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<td>Nonresident Guide License, Hunting or Fishing*</td>
<td>Lost licenses may be reprinted at the original issuing agent at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord at no charge.</td>
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<td>Duplicate Licenses and Permits***</td>
<td>Lost licenses may be reprinted at the original issuing agent or at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord at no charge.</td>
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**NOTE:** An annual habitat fee of $2.50 is required for all hunting licenses. This fee is charged once per year, per hunter. Proceeds are used to manage and protect habitat for New Hampshire’s wildlife populations. All license prices include a $1 agent fee. An additional $2 transaction fee is charged for each license form purchased at an agent ($3 online).

* Licenses issued only from Concord office may be obtained in person or through the mail by downloading a print-and-mail application from huntnh.com.

** Sold at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord and online.

*** Only available online.

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**Baiting**

A baiting permit is required for any bait site. Baiting permit applications (no fee) are available at any Fish and Game office or online at huntnh.com/licensing/forms.html. Applications for permits to bait wildlife on private property must be signed by the private landowner. No bait shall be placed until two copies of the bait permit and map have been submitted to the Wildlife Division at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord. No bait may be placed from April 15 through August 31 (dates inclusive). Bait may not be placed at any site until the baiting season for that species is open.

- A landowner placing bait on his or her own property does not need to submit a baiting permit or map, but they must meet all the other requirements listed below regarding the use of bait.
- No person, except a licensed N.H. Hunting Guide, shall have more than 2 active bait sites statewide. A licensed N.H. Hunting Guide shall have no more than 8 active bait sites, 6 for commercial use and up to 2 for personal use.
- Licensed N.H. Hunting Guides must indicate on the bait permit if the site is for commercial or personal use.
- Only the person to whom the permit is issued is permitted to place bait at the site.
- The permittee must post a 3” x 6” durable sign at the site with the name and address of the permittee and up to 2 subpermittees. These 3 individuals are the only persons allowed to hunt over the permitted bait site. A licensed N.H. Hunting Guide must post a sign with his or her own name and address, but is not required to post the names of paying clients. The sign must be clearly visible not higher than 6 feet off the ground. If no subpermittees are identified on the sign, they may not be included at a later date. Once the sign has been posted, it may not be altered at a later date. No person other than the permittee authorized to place bait at a site shall remove, alter, or destroy said sign.
- Bait may not be placed less than 300 feet from a dwelling, public roadway, pathway, or trail.
- From the close of the bear baiting season through December 15, baiting for coyote shall be restricted to the use of meat, animal parts, carrion, or fish.
- No person shall place bait in public waters or on ice-covered public waters.
- It is illegal to bait for turkey, moose, or migratory waterfowl.
- Permits expire at the end of the calendar year, unless an earlier date has been specified on the permit form, or the season has ended for the species identified on the baiting permit.
- When requested by a CO, a permittee or an applicant to bait must accompany the officer to the proposed or existing site.

For information, please call WTU’s New Hampshire Field Director Bill Bailey at (413) 244-2304. www.whitetailsunlimited.com

**Celebrate the deer hunting tradition by attending a event near you.”**

~ Travis “T-Bone” Turner
Whitetails Unlimited spokesperson and co-host of Michael Waddell’s Bone Collector TV Show.
Baiting Rules for State-owned and State-managed Lands
In addition to the General Baiting Rules, the following rules apply to State-owned and State-managed lands:

- A baiting permit is required for any bait site on State-owned or State-managed lands, including White Mountain National Forest.
- Applicants may apply for bait sites on State-owned or State-managed lands beginning the first Monday in June through the first Monday in August for bear and deer. Applicants may apply beginning December 1 for permits to bait coyote for the year following. Permit applications for all other species shall be accepted at any time.
- Applications must be filled out completely, and must include a detailed map and directions to the bait site to be considered. Baiting permits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, except permits for the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Forest, which are issued by lottery (visit wildnh.com/hunting/baiting-wildlife.html for more information). One copy of the bait permit application shall be submitted to the Law Enforcement Division at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord.
- No person, including a licensed N.H. Hunting Guide, shall place bait for the purpose of attracting and taking deer at more than 2 bait sites statewide.
- No person, except a licensed N.H. Hunting Guide, shall have more than 1 active bait site within an individual trapping unit. Visit huntnh.com for details regarding trapping units.
- Non-edible or non-digestible materials shall not be used as bait.
- Starting in 2017, a total of 40 active bear bait sites will be allowed on the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters property in Pittsburg, NH.
- Also see Tree stands/Blinds on page 12.

Baiting Rules for Bear
In addition to all other applicable baiting rules, the following rules apply to baiting for bear (see page 29 for bear baiting season dates):

- No person, except a licensed N.H. Hunting Guide, shall place bait for the purpose of attracting and taking bear at more than 2 bait sites statewide.
- No person, except a licensed N.H. Hunting Guide, shall have more than one bait site for bear in the combined area of WMUs A, B, D1, H1, H2, I2, K, L, and M.
- No person shall establish, tend, or hunt bear over a bait containing chocolate or any cocoa derivative. White chocolate may be used as bait.

Baiting Rules For Deer
In addition to all other applicable baiting rules, the following rules apply to baiting for deer (for deer baiting season dates, see page 18):

- No person, except a licensed N.H. Hunting Guide, shall place bait for the purpose of attracting and taking deer at more than 2 bait sites statewide.
- No person shall place bait for the purpose of attracting and taking deer prior to the opening of the deer baiting season.
- Persons holding a Disabled Veteran License or Paraplegic License may bait deer from September 15 through December 15, statewide.

Dead Animals
If you find a dead deer, bear, moose, or turkey you did not kill, do not tag or move it. Road killed wildlife may not be taken without permission of a law enforcement officer. Call Law Enforcement Dispatch at (603) 271-3361.

Discharge Restrictions/Compact Areas (RSA 207: 3-a & 644:13)
- It is illegal to discharge a firearm or shoot with a bow and arrow or crossbow and bolt within 300 feet of a permanently occupied dwelling without permission of the owner or occupant, or from the owner of the land on which the person shooting the firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow and bolt is situated. A firearm may not be discharged within 300 feet of any commercial, educational or medical building, or outdoor public gathering place.
- Firearms may not be discharged within the compact area of any town or city (any contiguous area containing 6 or more buildings used as part time or permanent dwellings where each is within 300 feet of one of the other buildings, plus a 300 foot wide perimeter around all of the buildings).
- It is unlawful to discharge a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow and bolt within 15 feet of the traveled portion of, or across any class I through V highway, or from or across the following public highways (including the rights of way): I-93, I-89, I-95, 293, 393, Rte. 202/9 (from Rte. 114 in Henniker to Rte. 31 in Hillsboro), Rte. 16 (from I-95 to Milton/ Middleton town line), Rte. 3/F.E. Everett Turnpike (from Mass. line to Rte. 101 Bedford), or Rte. 101 (from Bedford town line to Rte. 1 Hampton).

Guides
Additional regulations apply to licensed New Hampshire Hunting Guides. Contact the Law Enforcement Division at (603) 271-3127.

Lacey Act
Interstate transportation of wildlife taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of a state law is a violation of federal law. The penalty can be up to $250,000 and 5 years in prison.

Leashed Dog Trackers
Volunteer leashed dog trackers are private citizens who can help track and recover wounded deer, moose, and bear. They are licensed by the N.H. Fish and Game Department for this activity, which may take place at night. Give them a call, they can help. Visit huntnh.com for a list of licensed leashed dog trackers.

OHRV Use
Use of OHRVs (ATV, trail bike, UTV) requires written landowner permission unless on a
**GENERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS**

sanctioned ATV trail and must be registered when operating off your own property. No person shall carry on an OHRV, or a trailer towed by the same, any firearm unless it is unloaded. This does not apply to pistols or revolvers carried pursuant to RSA 139.

**Tree Stands/Blinds**
Written landowner permission is required for any tree stand, ladder, or observation blind which damages or destroys a tree by inserting into the tree any metallic, ceramic, or other object. Written landowner permission is also required if any tree is cut in conjunction with the use of any stand or blind or to construct a pit blind. These permits can be found at huntnh.com/licensing/forms.html under "Miscellaneous Permits."

On State-owned and State-managed lands, permanent stands are illegal. Portable stands or blinds may only be erected between August 1 and January 31, and must be removed by January 31.

**Town of Bow**
See page 22 for restrictions.

**Wapack National Wildlife Refuge**
This National Wildlife Refuge, located in Greenfield and Temple, NH, is CLOSED to all hunting.

**It Is Unlawful To:**
- Negligently shoot, wound, or kill a human being while hunting, or abandon a wounded or killed human being.
- Negligently discharge a firearm or cause death, injury, or damage to domestic animals or property while hunting.
- Shoot a domestic dog in pursuit of wildlife.
- Possess a firearm with ammunition, bow and arrow, or crossbow and bolt while attempting to locate or illuminate wild animals at night at any time of the year, except while coyote night hunting from January 1–March 31, raccoon hunting (see page 32), or checking traps at night (see page 34).
- Illuminate wild animals from Sept. 1 through Dec. 31. Moose, however, may be illuminated between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. from Sept. 1 through the second Monday of October in Coos County on Class I, II, and III state highways, and, with city or town permission, on Class IV, V, and VI town roads.
- Take wildlife by the use of a spring gun or set gun.
- Use an unmanned aerial vehicle, such as a drone, to attempt to locate, surveil, or assist in the taking of wildlife.
- Use “smart rifles” while hunting wildlife (firearms that are electronically controlled, electronically assisted, or have a computer-linked trigger that aids the shooter in tracking an animal, or assists in accuracy regarding the placement and timing of the shot).
- Use live-action game cameras while attempting to locate, surveil, aid, or assist in taking or take any game animal or furbearing animal during the same calendar day while the season is open (cameras that send an electronic message or picture to a handheld device or computer when sensors are triggered by wildlife).
- Establish, tend, or hunt bear over a bait containing chocolate or any cocoa derivative (see page 11).
- Hunt from inside of, or upon, any type of motorized vehicle, including aircraft, motor vehicle, snowmobile, or OHRV.
- Hunt from a boat or canoe before all movement from mechanical power has stopped.
- Carry a loaded firearm with ammunition in the chamber, clip or magazine, or cocked crossbow, while the firearm or crossbow is in or on (includes leaning on or contact with) any type of motorized vehicle, moving or stationary; a muzzleloader is considered unloaded if the ignition source (i.e., primer cap or flint or primer powder) is removed from the firearm.
- Enter posted land without permission of the owner or fail to leave when requested.
- Willfully tear down, obstruct, or leave open any fence, gate, or bar belonging to, or enclosing land of, another person, or remove or deface any posted sign or property.
- Hunt with a fully automatic firearm. It is also illegal to hunt with a semi-automatic rifle with a clip or magazine holding more than five cartridges (except rimfire rifles and pistols).
- Use full-jacketed metal case bullets.
- Use telemetry equipment from ½ hour before sunrise through ½ hour after sunset to locate or illuminate wildlife while hunting, and, with city or town permission, on Class IV, V, and VI town roads.
- Use a clip or magazine holding more than five cartridges (except rimfire rifles and pistols).
- Willfully set a domestic dog in pursuit of wildlife.
- Assist another in taking a deer or bear after you have taken the animal, or assists in accuracy regarding the placement and timing of the shot.
- Buy, sell, or offer for sale a deer, bear, moose, or any part thereof, other than the head, hide, or feet.
- Possess a deer, bear, moose, or turkey that hasn’t been properly tagged.
- Possess a detached deer, bear, moose, or turkey tag. Upon killing a deer, bear, moose, or turkey, the tag shall be immediately filled out and attached.
- Assist another in taking a deer or bear after you have taken the animal, or assists in accuracy regarding the placement and timing of the shot.
- Dispatch a wounded deer, bear, moose, or turkey, or other game animal that is not permitted to be taken at night with a firearm, unless you are a licensed dog tracker.

**Hunter Orange Recommendation**
Any person hunting with a firearm or bow and arrow during New Hampshire hunting seasons, except for a person legally hunting waterfowl, should wear a hat, vest or other suitable article of clothing of material in the color of hunter orange visible from all sides at a minimum distance of 200 feet.

**Be sure you positively identify your target—and beyond—before you shoot.**
WHERE CAN I HUNT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE?

In New Hampshire, we are fortunate that all state, federal, municipal, county, and private land is considered open to hunting unless it is posted against hunting. But remember—hunting is a privilege granted by the landowner—it’s not a right! Don’t take access to private lands for granted; one bad act often results in a “posted” sign that never comes down. Fish and Game encourages hunters to talk with landowners whenever possible.

In general, the best place to start looking for a hunting spot is a good map—like the New Hampshire Atlas and Gazetteer from Delorme or a “topo” map. To find out who owns a piece of land that’s not labeled as a public park or forest, check the tax maps at the town office.

There are three general categories of land ownership in the state, all of which allow hunting with a few exceptions:

• **State and Federal Lands**: The White Mountain National Forest is the largest piece of public land in the state (751,000 acres). Hunting is permitted throughout the Forest, however, discharging a firearm is prohibited within 150 yards of a campsite, developed recreation site, occupied area, or on or across a Forest Service road or trail. The Forest has roads open to motor vehicles and gated roads open to foot travel only; if you’re willing to hike a longer distance, this gives you a rare opportunity to hunt locations without the normal pressure of more accessible properties. OHRVs are only allowed during winter on designated and officially opened snowmobile trails. For more information, visit [fs.fed.us/r9/white](fs.fed.us/r9/white). Other large parcels of federal land include the Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge and several units of the Silvio Conte National Wildlife Refuge. Most state lands are open to hunting, including some 75,000 acres of state parks and almost 96,000 acres of state forests. (Always steer clear of recreational areas and trails.) In addition, the N.H. Fish and Game Department owns about 53,000 acres distributed over nearly 100 tracts, most of which are called Wildlife Management Areas or WMAs. Fish and Game also holds conservation easements on more than 19,000 acres. These are parcels of undeveloped land designated as areas for wildlife resource conservation, hunting, and fishing. The state also acquired an easement that allows hunting on more than 146,000 acres in the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters area. The Fish and Game website ([huntnh.com](http://huntnh.com)) has maps and descriptions for the larger WMAs. You can access these on your mobile device through the new Parks by Nature mobile application for New Hampshire.

• **Large Private Forest Land**: Given N.H.’s long history of open access to forest lands, most large landowners have kept their property open to hunting. Weather conditions can result in unexpected gate closures at any time. Timber management is the primary use on these lands, so please yield the right of way to logging trucks and be respectful and careful around ongoing logging operations. You can help make sure that these lands stay open by treating them well: stay off wet or soft roads, give the right-of-way to logging trucks and equipment; do not park or block any road or barway; respect gated or closed roads, and know the rules regarding use of ATVs. It’s best to make local contacts for information and any special rules about hunting on these private lands.

• **Small Private, County, Municipal, and Conservation Easement Lands**: Eighty percent of New Hampshire’s forest land is privately owned. Access to smaller parcels of private land varies across the state. We recommend that you personally contact the landowner for permission before going hunting on all private land, but particularly smaller parcels. In addition to privately owned parcels, many properties are under conservation easements held by the state, a municipality or nonprofit organization, and some county and municipal lands, like watershed protection areas, are also open to hunting—be sure to check locally for special rules.

If you are hunting in New Hampshire this fall, you can expect to find plenty of great opportunities and places. Now it’s up to you to get outdoors, do some scouting, find the right habitat, figure out where the wildlife spend their time, and be ready for the big day—the woods are waiting! Check N.H. Fish and Game’s website at [huntnh.com](http://huntnh.com) for more ideas on where to hunt.
Hunting with young people allows them to develop their observational skills, and helps them gain the confidence and comfort level they need to enjoy a lifetime in the outdoors. We hope you’ll share your experience and take a young hunter out this fall; it will be a priceless experience for you as a mentor—and for your young friend as a future hunter, conservationist, and adventurer!

Youth Regulations
There is no minimum age for hunting in New Hampshire. Youth hunters (under the age of 16) may hunt during all regular hunting seasons when accompanied by a properly licensed adult hunter who is at least 18 years of age. All N.H. hunting rules apply.

“Accompanied” means within sight and hearing, excluding electronic devices, when actual physical direction and control can be affected. A properly licensed adult is one who possesses any and all licenses/permits needed for the species being hunted and the method being used by the youth hunter.

No regular N.H. hunting or archery license is required for hunters under 16 years of age, but there are certain tags youth must possess – see chart on pages 8–9 for required licenses and permits.

All deer, bear, and turkey must be tagged and registered according to rules applying to those species for adults. Deer taken by youth hunters should be tagged with the SPECIAL DEER tag printed on page 21 of this digest. Adult hunters who have filled their tags are allowed to accompany a youth hunter, but the adult may not possess a firearm or take any game. Youths may not use a crossbow during the youth weekend for deer.

Special N.H. Youth Hunt Weekends
New Hampshire’s special youth hunt weekends are about much more than hunting. They’re a unique opportunity for kids to spend time in the woods with a parent, grandparent, or adult mentor and share the outdoors experience without the pressure of competing with thousands of adult hunters.

Waterfowl September 23–24, 2017
Deer (either sex)* October 21–22, 2017
Turkey** April 28–29, 2018

All N.H. hunting rules apply during special youth hunts. In addition, accompanying adults may not carry a firearm and may not take game. Adults may not accompany more than two youths during the deer and turkey youth hunts. Deer taken by youths during the special weekend shall constitute the one deer allowed by firearm per hunter.

* Non-resident youth hunters may participate in the N.H. Youth Hunt Weekend for Deer only if New Hampshire youth may hunt during special youth deer hunts in their state.

** Turkey License required.

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration: Over 75 Years of Restoring, Managing and Researching Fish and Wildlife
Our thanks to hunters, shooters, anglers, boaters, and our industry partners! With the purchase of firearms and ammunition, archery equipment, fishing equipment, and motorboat fuels, hunters, anglers, boaters and manufacturers pay excise taxes that are distributed to state fish and wildlife agencies for approved projects.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service joins state fish and wildlife agencies, private industry, and the public in a partnership to conserve fish and wildlife resources.

With help from over $150 million in federal aid funding over more than three quarters of a century, N.H. Fish and Game has been able to:

- Gain knowledge through research
- Manage fish and wildlife populations
- Acquire Wildlife Management Areas
- Improve and protect fish and wildlife habitat
- Restore fish and wildlife populations
- Conduct Hunter and Aquatic Education programs
- Construct, upgrade, and maintain more than 140 public access sites for boating and fishing.

Your purchase of hunting and fishing equipment and motorboat fuels supports wildlife and sport fish restoration and boating access facilities.
**Deer/Bear/Small Game Hunters:** Only load your gun when you’re ready to hunt, and unload it immediately after. Also, it’s hard to overstate the importance of wearing a fluorescent orange hat, vest, or jacket.

**Crossbows:** It is unlawful to have crossbow cocked while transporting it in a vehicle. Treat a cocked crossbow like a loaded firearm.

**Turkey Hunters:** Never stalk a turkey—instead, scout out a good spot, call and wait for the turkeys to come to you. Always wear blaze orange as you enter and leave an area. Tie orange survey tape around a nearby tree to alert other hunters to your presence. Lean against a backstop that’s at least as wide as your shoulders. Avoid clothes that are red, white and blue and black, the colors of the male turkey.

**Pheasant Hunters:** It is critically important that bird hunters know their surroundings and the whereabouts of their hunting partners and others before taking a shot. When a bird goes up and you are not sure where everyone is, hold your fire. Control the muzzle of your firearm at all times, and always maintain a safe zone of fire—the area in which you can shoot. Wear safety glasses and hunter orange on your head, back, and chest.

**Muzzleloaders:** Black powder technology is getting better all the time, drawing more participants to this time-honored tradition. Treat every muzzleloader as if it were holding a charge, and mark the ramrod so you can easily check. Be extra careful to attach the ignition source only when you’re ready to hunt—once primed, the gun is ready to fire.

**Tree Stands:** A number of serious incidents have happened to N.H. hunters using tree stands in recent years. Stay safe by always using a properly fitting full-body harness while climbing trees, installing or hunting from an elevated platform or tree stand. Never carry hunting equipment up or down the tree with you, always use a haul line. When hauling a gun into or out of a tree stand, keep the firearm muzzle pointed away from you. Keep firearms unloaded and the actions open, and broadheads in a hard-cased quiver, when using a haul line.

**Landowner Courtesy Card**

Hunters are encouraged to complete this card and provide it to the landowner after permission to access or hunt on their land has been granted.

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A hunter’s zone of fire changes with every step. Remain alert and aware of your companions’ locations at all times.
NOTE: Whenever a wildlife management unit (WMU) is referenced with only a letter, and that WMU has been divided into sub-wildlife management units with a number, or further divided into smaller units, the single letter reference includes all of the area enclosed by those sub-units. For example, WMU C would mean WMUs C1 and C2.

Unit A: From the Colebrook/Lemington bridge in Colebrook, north along the NH/VT state line to the NH/Quebec border, north along the U.S. border to NH/ME state line, south along the ME/NH state line to Rte. 16 in Wentworth’s Location, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 26 in Errol, west on Rte. 26 to Rte. 3 in Colebrook, north on Rte. 3 to Lemington Rd. in Colebrook, west on Lemington Rd. to Colebrook/Lemington bridge & the NH/VT state line.

Unit B: From the junction of the Connecticut River and the Upper Ammonoosuc River in Northumberland, north along the NH/VT state line to the Colebrook/Lemington bridge in Colebrook, east on Lemington Rd. to Rte. 3 in Colebrook, south on Rte. 3 to Rte. 26 in Colebrook, east on Rte. 26 to Rte. 16 in Errol, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 110-A in Dummer, west on Rte. 110-A to Rte. 110 in West Milan, west on Rte. 110 to Rte. 3 in Groveton, north on Rte. 3 in Groveton to the Upper Ammonoosuc Bridge, west along the Upper Ammonoosuc River to its junction with the Connecticut River.

Unit C1: From the junction of the Lost Nation Rd. in Northumberland & Rte. 110, east along Rte. 110 to Rte. 16 in Berlin, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 2 in Gorham, west on Rte. 2 to North Rd. in Jefferson, north along North Rd. to Lost Nation Rd., north on Grange Rd. to Lost Nation Rd., south on Grange Rd. to North Rd., south on North Rd. to Rte. 2 in Jefferson, east on Rte. 2 to Rte. 115 in Jefferson, south on Rte. 115 to Rte. 3 in Carroll, south on Rte. 3 to I-93 in Franconia, north on I-93 to the NH/VT state line, north on the NH/VT state line, to the junction of the Connecticut and Upper Ammonoosuc River in Northumberland, east along the Upper Ammonoosuc River to the Groveton/Rte. 3 bridge, south along Rte. 3 in Groveton, east on Rte. 110 to the junction of Rte. 110 and the Lost Nation Rd.

Unit D1: From the junction of the Lost Nation Rd. in Northumberland & Rte. 110, south along Lost Nation Rd. to Grange Rd., south on Grange Rd. to North Rd., south on North Rd. to Rte. 2 in Jefferson, east on Rte. 2 to Rte. 115 in Jefferson, south on Rte. 115 to Rte. 3 in Carroll, south on Rte. 3 to I-93 in Franconia, north on I-93 to the NH/VT state line, north on the NH/VT state line, to the junction of the Connecticut and Upper Ammonoosuc River in Northumberland, east along the Upper Ammonoosuc River to the Groveton/Rte. 3 bridge, south along Rte. 3 in Groveton, east on Rte. 110 to the junction of Rte. 110 and the Lost Nation Rd.

Unit D2-west: From the junction of Rte. 1-93 and the Vermont border in Littleton, south on I-93 to Rte. 142 in Franconia, south on Rte. 142 to Rte. 18, west on Rte. 18 to Rte. 116, south on Rte. 116 to Rte. 112 and Rte. 116, west on Rte. 116 to Long Pond Rd. (i.e., North/South Rd.) in Benton, south on Long Pond Rd. to High St. in Glencliff, south on High St. to Rte. 25, south on Rte. 25 to Rte. 25-A in Wentworth, west on Rte. 25-A to Rte. 10 in Orford, north on Rte. 10/25-A, then west on Rte. 25-A across the Fairilee Bridge, to the VT/NH border, then north on the VT/NH border to its intersection with Rte. 1-93 in Littleton.

Unit D2-east: From the junction of Rte. 1-93 and Rte. 142 in Franconia, south on Rte. 1-93 to Rte. 112 in Woodstock, west south on Rte. 112 to Rte. 118 in Woodstock, south west on Rte. 118 to Rte. 25 in Warren, north on Rte. 25 to High St., north on High St. to Long Pond Rd. (i.e., North/South Rd.), north on Long Pond Rd. to Rte. 116 in Benton, north on Rte. 116 to Rte. 18 in Franconia, east on Rte. 18 to Rte. 142, north on Rte. 142 to the intersection with Rte. 1-93.

Unit E: From the junction of Rte. 115 & Rte. 2 in Jefferson, east on Rte. 2 to NH/ME state line in Shelburne, south along the NH/ME state line to Rte. 302 in Conway, west on Rte. 302 to Rte. 16 in Conway, south on Rte. 16 to Rte. 112 in Conway, west on Rte. 112 to I-93 (exit 32) in Woodstock, north on I-93 to Rte. 3 (Franconia Notch) in Lincoln, north on Rte. 3 to Rte. 115 in Carroll, north on Rte. 115 to Rte. 2 in Jefferson.

Unit F: From the junction of Rte. 25-A & Rte. 25 in Wentworth, north on Rte. 25 to Rte. 118 in Warren, north on Rte. 118 to Rte. 112 in North Woodstock, east on Rte. 112 to Rte. 16 in Conway, west on Rte. 16 to Rte. 113 in Chocorua, west on Rte. 113 to Rte. 113-A in Tamworth, west on Rte. 113-A to Rte. 113 in North Sandwich, west on Rte. 113 to Rte. 3 in Holderness, south on Rte. 3 to Exit 24 of I-93, north on I-93 to Rte. 25 (exit 26) in Plymouth, west on Rte. 25 to the junction with Rte. 25-A in Wentworth.

Unit G1: From the junction of Rte. 25-A and the VT/NH border in Orford, east on Rte. 25-A to Rte. 10 in Orford, south on Rte. 10 to Rte. 25-A in Orford, east on Rte. 25-A to Rte. 25 in Wentworth, southeast on Rte. 25 to Rte. 118 in Rumney, south on Rte. 118 to Rte. 4 in Canaan, south and east on Rte. 4 to Rte. 11 in Andover, west on Rte. 11 to Rte. 1-89 in New London, west on Rte. 1-89 to the VT/NH border, north on the VT/NH border to its intersection with Rte. 25-A in Orford.

Unit G2: From the junction of Rte. 118 and Rte. 25 in Rumney, southeast on Rte. 25 to Exit 26 of Rte. 1-93 in Plymouth, south on Rte. 1-93 to Rte. 104 in New Hampton, west on Rte. 104 to Rte. 4 in Danbury, north on Rte. 4 to Rte. 118 in Canaan, north on Rte. 118 to Rte. 25 in Rumney.

WMU Maps Online

Detailed maps of the Wildlife Management Units described on these pages are available to download and print of the N.H. Fish and Game website, huntnh.com, on the “Maps” page. If you do not have access to a computer, you may request single copies of WMU maps at Fish and Game’s Concord office.
Unit H1: From the junction of I-89 and the NH/VT state line in Lebanon, south on I-89 to Rte. 10 in Grantham, south on Rte. 10 to Rte. 123 in Marlow, west on Rte. 123 to its junction with the Cold River in Walpole, west on the NH/VT border (Connecticut River), north on the NH/VT border to I-89 in Lebanon.

Unit H2: From the junction of Cold River and NH/VT border (Connecticut River) in Walpole, east on Cold River to Rte. 123, east on Rte. 123 to Rte. 9 in Stoddard, east on Rte. 9 to Rte. 202 in Hillsborough, south on Rte. 202 to the NH/MA border, west on the NH/MA border to the NH/VT border (Connecticut River), north on the NH/VT border (Connecticut River) to its intersection with the Cold River in Walpole.

Unit I1: From the junction of I-89 and Rte. 11 in New London, north on Rte. 11 to Rte. 4 in Andover, north on Rte. 4 to Rte. 104 in Danbury, north on Rte. 104 to I-93 in New Hampshire, south on I-93 to I-89 in Concord, north on I-89 to Rte. 11 in New London.

Unit I2: From the junction of I-89 and Rte. 10 in Grantham, south on I-89 to Rte. 9 in Hopkinton, south on Rte. 9 to Rte. 123 in Stoddard, west on Rte. 123 to Rte. 10 in Marlow, north on Rte. 10 to I-89 in Grantham.

Unit J1: From the junction of Rte. 113 and Rte. 3 in Holderness, north on Rte. 113 to Rte. 113-A in Sandwich, north on Rte. 113-A to Rte. 113 in Tamworth, east on Rte. 113 to Rte. 16 in Chocorua, north on Rte. 16 to Rte. 302 in Conway, east on Rte. 302 to the ME/NH line, south on ME/NH line to Rte. 109 west on Rte. 109 to Rte. 28 in Wolfeboro Center, south on Rte. 28/109 to Rte. 109 in Wolfeboro, north on Rte. 109 to Rte. 25 in Moultonboro, west on Rte. 25 to Rte. 25B in Center Harbor, along Rte. 25B to Rte. 3, north on Rte. 3 to its junction with Rte. 113 in Holderness.

Unit J2: From the junction of Rte. 1-93 and Rte. 3 in Ashland, south on Rte. 3 to Rte. 25B in Center Harbor, east on Rte. 25B to Rte. 25 in Center Harbor, east on Rte. 25 to Rte. 109 in Moultonboro, southeast on Rte. 109 to Rte. 28/109 in Wolfeboro, north on Rte. 28/109 to Rte. 109 in Wolfeboro Center, east on Rte. 109 to its intersection with the ME/NH border, south along the ME/NH border to Rte. 202 in Rochester, south on Rte. 202 to Rte. 4 in Northwood, west on Rte. 4 to I-935 in Pembroke, west on I-935 to I-93 in Concord, north on I-93 to the junction of Rte. 3 in Ashland.

Unit K: From the junction of Rte. 9 and Rte. 202 in Hillsborough, south on Rte. 202 to the NH/MA state line, east on the NH/MA state line to Rte. 13 in Brookline, north on Rte. 13 to Rte. 101 in Milford, north on Rte. 101 to I-293 in Manchester, east on I-293 to I-93, north on I-93 to I-89 in Concord, west on I-89 to Rte. 9 in Hopkinton, south on Rte. 9 to its junction with Rte. 202 in Hillsborough.

Unit L: From the junction of I-93 & I-393 in Concord, east on I-393 to Rte. 4, east on Rte. 4 to Rte. 202 in Northwood, north on Rte. 202 to NH/ME state line, south along the NH/ME state line to Little Bay, south along the Rockingham/Strafford County line in Little & Great Bay to the Squamscott River, south along the Squamscott River to Rte. 101, west along Rte. 101 to I-93 in Manchester, south on I-93 to I-293, north on I-293 to I-93 to I-393 in Concord.

Unit M: From the junction of Rte. 13 in Brookline and the NH/MA border, north on Rte. 13 to Rte. 101 in Milford, north on Rte. 101 to I-293 in Manchester, east on I-293 to I-93, north on Rte. 1-93 to Rte. 101 in Manchester, east on Rte. 101 to its junction with the Squamscott River in Exeter, north along the Squamscott River to Great Bay, north along the Strafford/Rockingham County line in Great and Little Bay to the NH/ME state line, east along the NH/ME state line to the Atlantic Ocean, south along the NH coast line to the NH/MA line, west along the NH/MA state line to its junction with Rte. 13 in Brookline.
Deer are New Hampshire’s most popular game animal, with a total of nearly 100,000 deer found throughout the state. New Hampshire has a long archery season starting September 15, a muzzleloader season 11 days prior to the firearms season, and a firearms season during the peak of the rut. (See the chart for “any deer” days, when hunters may take a doe or a buck.) Special Unit L permits allow hunters to take an additional antlerless deer in WMU L. Special Unit M permits allow hunters to take two additional antlerless deer in WMU M. For more information, visit www.huntnh.com/hunting/deer.html.

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*Nonresident youth hunters may participate provided N.H. youth can hunt during youth deer hunts in their state of residence.

**Further restrictions apply. See baiting rules section on page 11. A full list of rules regarding baiting wildlife in NH can be found in the Fis 300 section of the NH Code of Administrative Rules or online at gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/fis.html.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Antlered Deer:** Deer with at least one antler three (3) inches long.

**Any Deer:** All deer regardless of sex or age.

### 2018 Firearm Opening Day

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**Long Island and Governor’s Island Deer Permits:**
These permits allow the taking of deer on Long Island and Governor’s islands, respectively. Written landowner permission required on forms available at the Region 2 office in New Hampton or at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord. Many special restrictions. All ages. For more information, contact the Wildlife Division at 603-271-2461.

**Deer Hunting Regulations**

**Hunting Hours:** ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Deer must be accompanied and registered by the person who took the deer. See page 28 for a listing of stations. A conservation officer may request to see the head and hide of a deer taken under an archery license within 48 hours of killing. It is unlawful to hunt deer with a rimfire firearm. No shotgun ammunition, other than slugs or 00 or larger buckshot, may be used to take deer. **Exception:** Buckshot is prohibited for taking deer in Auburn, Chester, Greenland, Newington, Portsmouth, and Stratham.

**WMU-A**
Both the archery and firearms deer seasons close one week earlier than the rest of the state.

**Archery Season**
Any deer may be taken on the regular archery deer license during the archery season.

Archers and crossbow hunters must have their name and address on arrows or bolts. Fixed blade broadheads cannot be less than ¾ inches wide and not more than 1 ½ inches wide. Retractable blade broadheads are permitted (cannot be less than ⅞ of an inch wide when open). Minimum draw weight for deer is 40 lbs.

Bowhunters may legally carry a sidearm, but may not use the sidearm to assist in taking a deer.

**Crossbows**
A crossbow means a device consisting of a bow mounted to a rigid stock for discharging quarrels, bolts, or arrows and having a mechanical means to hold and release the drawn string. A bolt means a short projectile for a crossbow that resembles an arrow.

A crossbow shall have a minimum pull of 125 pounds, a working mechanical safety and a stock no less than 25 inches in length. Name and address must be plainly marked on the crossbow bolt. Allowable sizes of broadheads are outlined in “Archery Season” section above.

**Trophy Deer Program**
This program recognizes hunters in three categories—archery, firearm and muzzleloader—who take whitetails weighing 200 lbs. or more.

**Rules:**
1. All hunters are eligible.
2. Only deer weighing 200 lbs. or more, and taken in New Hampshire by legal means during the open season, are eligible.
3. All entries must be on official entry blanks provided in this book, or by the NH Antler and Skull Trophy Club (NHASTC).
4. Weights must be witnessed by the station operator or a Fish and Game employee.
5. All weights must be for field-dressed deer. A field-dressed animal is one which has all organs of the chest and abdominal cavities removed (including heart, lungs, intestines, etc.). The animal must be weighed intact. A deer must weigh at least 200 lbs. to qualify.
6. The NH Antler and Skull Trophy Club coordinates this program. They reserve the right to question any witnesses, to examine the scales used for weighing any entry and to refuse any questionable application.
7. Winners will be notified by mail following the deer season.
8. Please supply a photo for inclusion in the next record book. Photo can be emailed to NHASTC at rblaisdell1@comcast.net.

**Use the Trophy Deer Entry Form, at right.**

**Current New Hampshire Records Are:**

- **Archery:** 255 lbs.; Belknap County—2007
- **Muzzleloader:** 277 lbs.; Coos County—1998
- **Firearm:** 289.25 lbs.; Coos County—1985

**Trophies Deer Entry Form**

* I hereby swear that the following statements are true, that in taking this deer I complied with all legal requirements, and that the witness hereto actually observed the weighing of this deer.

* Hunter’s Name (print) __________________________

* Street ____________________________ City ____________ State ______ Zip ______

* Tel. ____________________________ Scale Location ____________________________

* Weight ______ lbs. Antler points ______

* Method: □ bow & arrow □ muzzleloader □ firearm

* Registration Station ____________________________ Date taken ____________________________

* Town of kill ____________________________ Hunter’s signature __________________________________

* I hereby swear that I witnessed the weighing of the deer described above, and verify the weight and other information given.

* Witness signature __________________________________

Submit this application no later than December 31 to:
Trophy Deer Program, NH Antler and Skull Trophy Club, 22 Scribner Rd., Raymond, NH 03077. Tel. (603) 895-9947.

All entries will be published in the club’s bi-annual trophy book. If you desire a patch, please include $5.00 with your application. Make checks payable to: NHASTC.
Antlered/Any Deer—Definitions
• Antlered Deer: Deer with at least one antler three (3) or more inches long.
• Any Deer: All deer regardless of sex or age.

Bear Brook Refuge
Deer may be hunted in the Bear Brook Refuge with bow and arrow only by persons holding a valid Archery License.

Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge
A 2-day deer hunt will be held Nov. 11 and 12, 2017, on the Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Hunters must have a valid N.H. firearms deer tag or Special Unit M tag to participate. For an application or more information, go to https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Great_Bay/visit/visitor_activities.html or contact the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA 01950, or call (978) 465-5753.

Did you know?
It is unlawful to pick up any road-killed wildlife without authorization from local or State Police or N.H. Fish and Game.

Keeping New Hampshire Deer Safe From CWD
Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a wildlife disease related to BSE or “mad cow” disease and scrapie in sheep. It is fatal to deer, moose, and other cervids, such as elk. Based on the results of Fish and Game Department CWD monitoring efforts in which 8,817 deer have been tested since 2002, CWD does not currently exist in New Hampshire. Activities that artificially concentrate deer greatly increase the spread of the disease and make control much more difficult. Please do not feed deer—ever.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found no evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans. We recommend the following common-sense measures to prevent possible exposure to all wildlife diseases: 1) wear rubber gloves when field dressing your game, 2) bone out the meat from your animal, 3) wash your hands, knives, etc. when done, and 4) avoid eating brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils, and lymph nodes of harvested animals.

The importation of hunter-killed white-tailed, black-tailed or mule deer, moose and elk from CWD-positive jurisdictions is prohibited except for: de-boned meat; antlers; antlers attached to skull caps from which all soft tissue has been removed; upper canine teeth clean of all soft tissue; hides or capes with no part of the head attached; and taxidermy mounts. CWD-positive jurisdictions currently include: In the U.S., Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming; in Canada, Alberta and Saskatchewan. It is possible for new CWD-positive jurisdictions to be added following publication of this digest. For the most up-to-date list, visit huntnh.com/wildlife/cwd.html or call (603) 271-2461. N.H. hunters hunting deer in New York should be aware that it is illegal to transport the carcasses through Vermont or Massachusetts.

It is Unlawful To:
• Hunt deer with a .22 or smaller rimfire firearm, or with shot loads smaller than 00 buckshot.
• Kill any deer with antlers less than 3 inches during the Antlered Only deer season.
• Use 100% salt products as bait for deer hunting.
• Have more than 6 people participate in a joint drive for deer.
• Hunt deer or bear on islands, or in the water of any lake or pond in the state.
• Leave a deer in the woods for more than 12 hours without notifying a Conservation Officer as to the location and reason for not removing the deer.
• Buy, sell or offer for sale a deer or any part thereof, other than the head, hide or feet.
• Possess a deer that hasn’t been properly tagged.
• Hunt with a detached deer tag. Upon killing a deer, the tag shall be immediately detached, filled out and attached to the deer.
• Assist another in taking a deer after you have taken one, unless you possess a valid unused tag or are accompanying a youth under 16 years of age.

HELP OUR HERD
Don’t Use Urine-Based Lures
Natural urine-based lures have the potential to spread Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). A number of studies have shown the infective protein that causes CWD is present in urine, feces, and saliva of infected animals. Urine for lures is collected from deer in captive facilities held in pens over grates which collect a mixture of urine, feces, and saliva. Many of these facilities are located in states where CWD is already present. These lures do not undergo any treatment that might inactivate or kill disease-causing agents, and there is currently no testing of commercial lures for the presence of CWD proteins.

The infective protein can persist in the environment for years as a source of possible infection to the state’s deer and moose herds. Several states and Canadian provinces have already banned their use and possession due to the potential risks. N.H. Fish and Game recommends using one of many effective synthetic lures on the market, which do not pose a risk of spreading disease to our deer and moose populations. For more information, visit www.huntnh.com/wildlife/cwd.

SPECIAL DEER and/or BEAR TAG
This tag is to be used only by the persons listed below and for the species specified. All others must use the tag attached to their hunting, archery, or bear licenses that were purchased at a Fish and Game license agent.

- Resident landowners: deer (not an additional tag)
- Youth hunters under 16 years of age: deer
- Over Age 68 — Permanent license holders (license number starts with 68-): deer (firearms, muzzleloader or archery)
- Lifetime license holders: deer and/or bear
- Permanent license holders, Disabled Veteran, Paraplegic for Firearm Deer

Name: ________________________________
LAST       FIRST      MI

Address: ___________________________________________
STREET
TOWN      STATE  ZIP

Signature of hunter: ________________________________  Wildlife Management

Date of kill: _____________________  Wildlife Management

Time of kill: _____________________  Unit: _______________

Detach this page to use this tag. Attach immediately upon killing and report to nearest registration station within 24 hours for deer. For bear, call 603-271-3361 within 12 hours and between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
DEER HUNTING

Towns With Special Rules
Deer hunting is allowed only by shotgun, muzzleloading rifle, handgun in calibers .357 Magnum, 10mm Automatic, .41 Remington, .44 Magnum, .45 Long Colt, 480 Ruger or .50 Magnum, or bow and arrow or crossbow in the following towns (pistols permitted under this section shall be loaded with no more than five rounds of ammunition at any time):

Belknap: Laconia; Meredith Neck: the part from the Meredith-Center Harbor line to Pleasant Street south and east of Route 25

Hillsborough: Amherst; Bedford; Brookline; Golfstown; Hollis; Hudson; Litchfield; Manchester; Merrimack; Milford; Nashua; Pelham.

Merrimack: Concord; Hooksett: that part lying from the town line of Allenstown, on the westerly side of Route 3, to a point where the old Portsmouth Railroad crosses the highway, then south of the railroad to the town line of Candia; Pembroke: that part lying south westerly of the following line: starting at the Concord town line at Red Bridge on Rte. 106, south to Burrough (Borough) Road, then easterly on Burrough (Borough) Road to Four Range Road, then southerly on Four Range Road to Dudley Hill Road, south on Dudley Hill Road to Buck Street, northeast on Buck Street to Route 28, south on Route 28 to the Allenstown town line. (See Bow, below).

Rockingham: Atkinson; Auburn*; Brentwood; Chester*; Danville; Derry; East Kingston; Exeter; Fremont; Greenland*; Hampstead; Hampton; Hampton Falls; Kensington; Kingston; Londonderry; New Castle; Newfields; Newington*; Newmarket; Newton; North Hampton; Plaistow; Portsmouth*; Rye; Salem; Sandown; Seabrook; South Hampton; Stratham*; Windham.

* Buckshot prohibited for taking deer in these towns (RSA 208:3-a,b,c).

Additional Restrictions
Bow: All hunting is forbidden in the following area with any firearm other than a shotgun, muzzleloading rifle, or bow and arrow or crossbow: southeast from the Concord-Bow boundary line along the west bank of the Merrimack River, then westerly along the Bow-Hooksett boundary line, then northerly along I-93, then westerly along Robinson Road, then northwest along Branch Londonderry Turnpike East, then southerly along Woodhill Road, then southwesterly along Dunbarton Center Road to the Bow-Dunbarton boundary line, then northwesterly along the Bow-Dunbarton boundary line to the Bow-Hopkinton boundary line, then easterly along the Bow-Hopkinton boundary line to the Bow-Concord boundary line, then southeasterly and easterly along the Bow-Concord boundary line to the west bank of the Merrimack River.

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Small Game Hunting

Small Game species in New Hampshire are: ruffed grouse, pheasant, quail, Hungarian/European partridge, chukar, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, and migratory game birds including waterfowl (see page 30).

To hunt for small game, a resident must have a current Regular N.H. Hunting, Combination or Archery License. A nonresident must have a Regular N.H. Hunting, Combination or Archery License or a Small Game License. No license is required for youth hunters (under age 16) of small game. Youth must be accompanied by a properly licensed adult age 18 or older.

Migratory bird hunters, see pages 30-31 for additional requirements.

Small Game Hunting Hours
N.H. Fish and Game stocks approximately 12,200 pheasants at 70+ sites around the state.

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except for migratory birds (see page 30).

Pheasant Hunting
N.H. Fish and Game stocks approximately 12,200 pheasants at 70+ sites around the state.

All pheasant hunters 16 years of age or older must have a valid Regular N.H. Hunting, Combination, or Non-resident Small Game License, in addition to a Pheasant License.

Ruffed Grouse Hunting
New Hampshire’s premiere game bird, the ruffed grouse, is king when it comes to upland game bird hunting. New Hampshire Fish and Game actively manages our lands to create young forests, one of the habitats critical for grouse and many other species. If you are a grouse hunter, we ask you to help us monitor this species by participating in our Ruffed Grouse Wing and Tail Survey. Read on and you can learn all about it!

2017-2018 SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

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Due to safety concerns, the pheasant season will be closed statewide until noon on in-season stocking days. These closures will occur on Thursdays and Fridays, October 5–6, 12–13, and 19–20.

Ruffed Grouse (Partridge) | Oct. 1–Dec. 31 | All | 4 | No |
| Quail, Chukar, Hungarian/European Partridge | Oct. 1–Dec. 31 | All | 4 | No |
| Snowshoe Hare | Oct. 1, 2017–Mar. 31 | A, B, C1, C2, D1, D2, E, F, G, J1 | 3 | No |
| | | H1, H2, I1, I2, J2, K, L, M | 2 | No |

* Pheasant License required.

Participate in the Small Game Survey
Calling all N.H. small game hunters! Please fill out and submit your Small Game Survey form, postmarked by April 14, 2018, and you’ll have a chance to win a firearm generously donated by Sturm Ruger & Co., Inc. If you are a small game hunter and would like to volunteer to take our annual survey, please call (603) 271-2461 or email wildlife@wildlife.nh.gov. NOTE: Please provide your full name and mailing address so we can mail the survey to you. Forms are also available at huntnh.com/surveys/small-game.html.

You could win a Ruger firearm!
New Hampshire offers an Apprentice Hunting License to anyone who wishes to hunt, but who has not yet completed a Hunter Education program or is not able to provide proof of a previous hunting or archery license.

The N.H. Apprentice Hunting License allows a friend, family member, or co-worker to hunt, for one year only, when accompanied by a properly licensed person who is 18 years of age or older. The fees for the Apprentice Hunting License are the same as for a resident or nonresident Regular Hunting License, Archery License, or nonresident Small Game Hunting License.

HUNT WITH AN APPRENTICE!

The apprentice hunter must purchase any other permits or licenses required for hunting (such as turkey, pheasant, muzzleloader, etc.). The properly licensed person accompanying the apprentice is fully accountable for any damage incurred or for any violations that may be committed by the apprentice while hunting. So, it’s a big responsibility, but you may end up creating a hunter and a future hunting buddy for yourself.

Note that if the accompanying hunter tags out for the species that the apprentice is targeting, they are no longer a legal accompanying hunter.

Have fun, be safe, and good hunting!

**Apprentice Basics**

The Apprentice Hunting License is not valid to take moose, doesn’t apply to the 3-day nonresident small game license, and cannot be used as proof of a previous license when purchasing a hunting license in the future.

An Apprentice Hunting License may be purchased only once in the lifetime of the hunter. It is available only through Fish and Game headquarters in Concord.

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**Report Feral Swine**

Wild pig, feral hog, and Russian boar are common names used to describe today’s free-ranging feral swine, which are now found in 39 states, including New Hampshire. Because this non-native invasive species poses extensive damage and disease threats, they are of significant concern to farmers, livestock producers, natural resource managers, animal health officials, hunters, naturalists, and the general public.

Feral swine can damage pasture and consume and trample crops. They devastate native habitat by affecting forest regeneration and contaminating water supplies. Feral swine can severely affect native animal and plant communities, especially sensitive species. They prey upon amphibians, reptiles, deer fawns, wild turkeys, grouse, and other ground nesting birds and their eggs. Feral swine will also out-compete native wildlife for food, such as acorns and beechnuts. They can transmit as many as 30 pathogens and 37 parasites, many of which pose serious threats to humans, livestock, wildlife, and pets.

In New Hampshire, feral swine are considered escaped private property and may only be hunted with permission of their owner. Please contact USDA/APHIS-Wildlife Services (WS) immediately with feral swine sightings, possible sign, or hunter harvests. WS is also interested in assisting with removal of feral swine and obtaining fresh blood and tissue samples from carcasses for disease surveillance. The results of this effort will help protect human health, agriculture, and natural resources of New Hampshire. Learn more at wildnh.com/wildlife/profiles/feral-hogs.html.

Report feral swine to:

Tony Musante, Wildlife Disease Biologist
USDA/APHIS-Wildlife Services
59 Chenell Drive, Suite 7
Concord, NH 03301
anthony.r.musante@aphis.usda.gov
603-223-6832
Wild turkeys in New Hampshire are a wildlife restoration success story. The state now offers generous spring and fall turkey hunting opportunities, as well as a special youth hunt. The highest concentration of turkeys is in the Connecticut River Valley—though they are well distributed throughout the state, and their clucks, purrs, and gobbles may be heard just about anywhere!

Turkey Hunting Licensing Requirements

Adult hunters (16 or older) must have a Regular N.H. Hunting, Combination or Archery License and a Turkey License to hunt turkeys. A Small Game License does not allow for the hunting of turkeys. Youth hunters (under 16 years of age) do not need a hunting, combination or archery license, but they do need a turkey license. Each turkey license comes with two tags: one valid for taking one male or bearded bird during the spring season, and one valid for taking one bird of either sex in the fall. Fall hunting may be done statewide with bow and arrow during the fall archery season, or with a shotgun during the fall shotgun season in those units where allowed (see season chart and map).

Turkey Hunting Regulations

Hunting Hours:

- **Fall**: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- **Spring**: ½ hour before sunrise to 12 noon.

Turkeys must be tagged immediately upon killing. Registration of a fully feathered intact carcass is required within 24 hours of taking. The turkey may be gutted. See page 28 for a list of Turkey Registration Stations.

Shotguns must be between 10 and 20 gauge. The allowable shot size for taking wild turkey is #2, #4, #5, #6, #7 and above. The lack of an upper limit accommodates the use of modern, heavier-than-lead loads that utilize a blend of shot sizes.

A person who has taken a turkey may assist another properly licensed turkey hunter by calling only. The person assisting by calling shall not possess a bow and arrow or firearm (other than a pistol or revolver).

Archery

Archers must have their name and address on arrows. Fixed blade broadheads cannot be less than ⅜ inches wide; there is no upper size limit. Retractable blade broadheads are permitted (cannot be less than ⅜ of an inch wide when open). Minimum draw weight for turkeys is 30 lbs.

### Turkey Hunting Seasons

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### Hen or Gobblwer?

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<td>black</td>
<td>Body</td>
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<td>long bristle-like beard</td>
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<tr>
<td>usually ⅜-inch or longer spurs</td>
<td>Spur</td>
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<td>gobble, drum</td>
<td>Calls</td>
<td>yelp, cluck, cut</td>
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<td>strut with tail fan and wing droop</td>
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<tr>
<td>larger than hen</td>
<td>Size</td>
<td>½ to ⅝ size of gobbler</td>
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**It Is Unlawful To:**

- Possess a turkey that hasn’t been properly tagged.
- Possess a detached turkey tag. Upon killing a turkey the tag shall be filled out and immediately attached to the turkey.
- Take a turkey with a rifle, dogs (during spring season), bait, electronic calling devices, live decays, by cooperative drives or while the turkey is in a tree.
- Take a turkey with a crossbow, unless you have a Disabled Crossbow Permit.

### Wildlife Management Units

See pages 16–17 for detailed descriptions of WMUs or go to huntnh.com.
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Loss of Hunting Privileges

Anyone found guilty of violating any Fish and Game hunting regulation or trespass may lose his/her hunting privileges for a minimum of one year.
New Hampshire’s bear hunters can take advantage of three seasons: stalking (‘general’), dog season, and baiting season. Bears are found statewide, with the highest densities in central N.H. and the White Mountains. Hunters can buy a Bear License online or at any license agent—no lottery needed.

**Bear Hunting Licensing Requirements**

Adult hunters (age 16 and older) must have a valid Regular N.H. Hunting, Combination or Archery License, and a Bear License and valid tag to hunt black bear. Youth hunters (under 16 years of age) do not need a Regular N.H. Hunting, Combination or Archery License, but they do need a Bear License and valid tag.

**Bear Hunting Regulations**

**Hunting Hours:** ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Successful hunters must notify a Conservation Officer within 12 hours of taking a bear by calling (603) 271-3361 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., and may be required to take a department employee to the kill site. Within 24 hours after time of kill, the hunter must exhibit the bear, with reproductive organs intact, to a Conservation Officer. Do not bring bear to a registration station prior to calling Fish and Game at (603) 271-3361 to receive instructions.

Black bear may only be taken by firearms larger than .22 rimfire, shotgun loaded with a single ball, muzzleloader not less than .40 cal., bow and arrow of at least 40 lbs. draw weight or crossbow of at least 125 lbs. draw weight with a working mechanical safety and a stock no less than 25 inches in length.

**Archery/Crossbow**

Archers and crossbow hunters must have their name and address on arrows and bolts. Fixed blade broadheads cannot be less than ⅞ inches wide and not more than 1½ inches wide. Retractable blade broadheads are permitted (must be not less than ⅞ of an inch wide when open).

**To Bait Bear**

A Permit to Bait Wildlife and map of the bait site must be filed with the Wildlife Division, N.H. Fish and Game (11 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. 03301) by the first Monday in August. No person except a licensed N.H. Hunting Guide shall place bait for the purpose of attracting bear at more than 2 bait sites. No person except a licensed N.H. Hunting Guide shall have more than one bait site in WMUs A, B, D1, H1, H2, I2, K, L, and M. Baiting permit applications are available at Fish and Game offices or online at huntnh.com. Bear baiting applications for state-owned and managed lands and the White Mountain National Forest shall be submitted to the Law Enforcement Division, N.H. Fish and Game Dept. (11 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. 03301) between the first Monday in June and the first Monday in August. Special baiting permit lottery rules apply to the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Forest. No bait may be placed from April 15 to August 31 (dates inclusive). See additional baiting regulations on page 10.

**To Hunt Bear with Dogs**

A free Take Bear With Dogs Permit is mandatory for anyone attempting to take bear with hounds. Nonresidents from states or provinces or territories of Canada that allow the training of dogs for bear hunting or taking of bear with dogs, and who do not limit or prohibit N.H. residents from training dogs or hunting bear with N.H. dogs, are the only nonresidents allowed to bring dogs into N.H. to train dogs or take bears. Permits are available online at huntnh.com. The permit becomes effective when one copy is presented by hand or postmarked and mailed to the N.H. Fish and Game Department (Wildlife Division, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301) prior to taking a bear.

**It is Unlawful to:**
- Hunt bear with a .22 or smaller rimfire firearm, or a shotgun loaded with any ammunition other than a single ball;
- Take more than one bear in a calendar year;
- Buy, sell or offer for sale a bear or any part thereof, other than the head, hide, or feet;
- Possess a bear that hasn’t been properly tagged;
- Possess a detached bear tag. Upon killing a bear, the tag shall be immediately filled out and attached to the bear;
- Assist another in taking a bear after you have taken one, unless you are accompanying a youth under age 16;
- Start hounds over bait.

**Chocolate Banned as Bear Bait**

No person shall establish, tend, or hunt over a bait containing chocolate or any cocoa derivative. White chocolate may be used.

### 2017 BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

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**Need to Know On the Go?**

New Hampshire Hunting Regulations are now available online through your mobile devices!
Migratory bird hunting in New Hampshire includes woodcock, ducks and geese, snipe and crows. A special youth waterfowl season (September 23–24, 2017) allows hunters ages 15 and younger to hunt in advance of the regular season.

## 2017-2018 Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons

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*In all coastal waters, rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge. In all others areas of the state, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular season for ducks.

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* The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no harlequin ducks and no more than 4 mallards (2 of which may be hens), 2 black ducks, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 2 scap, and no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders, or 4 long-tailed ducks.

** The daily bag limit of 5 mergansers is in addition to the daily bag limit of 6 ducks and may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit (for example, the hooded merganser possession limit is 6).

*** The daily bag limit for sea ducks shall include no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders, or 4 long-tailed ducks and possession limit shall be 15 birds with no more than 12 scoters, 12 eiders, or 12 long-tailed ducks. In all other areas of the state, sea ducks shall be included in the regular season daily bag and possession limit.
Feral Swine Cause Damage!

Manage the Damage Stop Feral Swine

Feral swine damage agriculture, natural resources, property, people, and cultural sites.

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NH Wildlife Services (603) 223-6832

Youth Waterfowl Weekend
Hunters age 15 and younger have a special weekend (September 23–24, 2017) to hunt in advance of the season. They must be accompanied by an adult over 18 years of age who possesses a current hunting license. The adult may not take waterfowl. Youth hunters may take waterfowl in accordance with the 2017–18 N.H. migratory hunting regulations.

Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations

Hunting Hours:
- Waterfowl, woodcock, snipe: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
- Crow: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. No HIP required for crow. Crows may be taken by firearms and bow and arrow. Electronic calls may be used for crow.

In addition to state regulations, Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. Each hunter should also consult Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20. A link can be found at huntnh.com/hunting/waterfowl.html.

Areas Closed to Waterfowl Hunting
Certain areas are closed to waterfowl hunting. For a list and description of closed areas throughout the state, contact the Fish and Game office nearest you; or write to N.H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301; or visit huntnh.com/hunting/waterfowl.html.
FURBEARER HUNTING

2017–2018 FURBEARER HUNTING SEASONS

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* The statewide bag limit is 5 fisher per hunter (combined with trapping), with no more than 3 fisher from the combined area of Cl, D2, E, F, G, H1, H2, I1, I2, J1, J2, and K.

Furbearer Hunting Licensing Requirements
To hunt for furbearers, hunters must have a current Regular N.H. Hunting, Combination, or Archery License. A Small Game License does not allow for the hunting of furbearers.

Furbearer Hunting Regulations
Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
There is no daily bag limit for coyote, fisher, red fox, gray fox, opossum, skunk, weasel, mink, muskrat, or raccoon.
There is no open hunting season for otter or beaver.

Coyote
- No closed season.
- **Night Hunting**: Coyotes may be hunted at night from Jan. 1 through March 31. Lights may be used, except from a motor vehicle, snowmobile, or OHV. Coyote night hunters are restricted to shotguns, .22 caliber rimfire, muzzleloaders, or archery equipment in those towns with special rules (see page 22).
- Electronic calling devices are legal.
- Written landowner permission, filed with the local conservation officer, is required to hunt coyote at night or to place bait for coyotes.
- Baiting is not permitted on ice-covered public waters.
- From the close of the bear baiting season through December 15, baiting for coyote will be restricted to the use of meat, animal parts, carrion, or fish only.

Fisher
- Sealing required within 10 days of the close of season.

Raccoon
- Raccoon may be hunted at night. Must not use rifle or pistol larger than .22 caliber, shot size not larger than number 4 birdshot. It is illegal to take raccoons using a light from a motor vehicle or OHV.

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Have you witnessed a WILDLIFE CRIME?

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REPORT THESE FACTS:
- Date
- Time
- Vehicle Description
- Violation
- License Number
- Travel Direction
- Road/Route
- Description of Person(s)

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2017/18 New Hampshire Hunting & Trapping Digest
Trapping Licensing Requirements
Any person (regardless of age), except residen
t landowners while upon their own land
or children under 16 years of age when accom-
panied by a licensee 18 years of age or over,
must have a license to trap fur-bearing animals.
This license can only be purchased at Fish and
Game headquarters in Concord or by mail from
N. H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen
Drive, Concord, NH 03301. Trapping Licenses
expire on June 30 of each year.
No person shall be issued a license to trap
unless he or she presents proof that he or she
has completed a trapper education course
or has previously held a N. H. license to trap
within the last three years.
- Trapping License—Resident Minor: N. H.
resident youths (under age 16) may purchase
this license with proof of Trapper Education
or a previous Trapping License. This license
allows youth trappers to trap without adult
accompaniment.
- Nonresident Trapping Licenses: In order to
be eligible for a N. H. Trapping License, the
applicant's state or province must allow non-
residents to trap within their jurisdictions.
Persons engaged in the practice of trapping
nuisance animals are required to possess a
Wildlife Control Operator’s License, available
at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord
or by mail.

General Trapping Regulations
- Snares may be used for taking beaver and
ottter. Snares shall only be set in water or
under ice.
- All traps/snares must have the name of
the person setting them, either stamped or
graved in a legible and permanent man-
er on the trap or on a durable tag securely
affixed to the trap or snare or chain holding
the trap.
- Only New Hampshire residents may trap
beaver and otter during the N. H. open
seasons.
- When set, all traps must be securely attached
to the ground, to a fixed object, to a drag,
or to a slide wire.
- Otter sealing is required within 10 days of
the close of the otter season.
- Fisher sealing is required within 10 days of
the close of the fisher season.
- There is no open season on bobcat, lynx,
or pine marten.
- No person may set, arrange, or tend any
trap/snare upon any land or from the shores
of any waters of which he is not the owner
or occupant unless he has signed, written
permission, and until a copy is filed with
the conservation officer in whose district
said person is going to trap, together with a
description of the land on which trapping
is to be done. The only exceptions are traps/
snares placed in public bodies of water as
defined in RSA 271:20 and on the following
named rivers: Androscoggin, Ammonoosuc,
Ashuelot, Bearcamp, Contoocook, Connecti-
cut, Cocheo, Exeter, Lamprey, Mascoma,
Merrimack, Merrymeeting, Isinglass, Pemi-
gewasset, Pine, Saco, Soucook, Suncook,
and Winnipesaukee and their navigable
tributaries. Navigable tributaries are those
waters from the tributary's mouth to a point
upstream where a person can row a boat or
paddle a canoe when the water in the stream
is in its ordinary condition.
- No person may set or arrange any trap in
a public way, cart road, or path commonly
used as a passageway by human beings or
domestic animals.
- Any trapper causing injury or damage to
domestic animals, with the exception of
dogs at large, shall be liable to the owner.
An injury to a licensed dog at large shall
be reported to the town or city listed on
the dog's tag, and to the owner of the dog,
if known.
- No person may set or arrange any trap/snare
in or under any bridge, ditch, or drainage
opening.

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FURBEARER TRAPPING

system, whether artificial or natural, within the limits of the right-of-way of any public highway except by special permission of the executive director.

- A trapper must visit traps set at least once each calendar day. A person trapping beaver through the ice must visit his traps at least once each 72 hours.
- Trappers may use artificial lights to facilitate checking traps. Checking traps by the use of lights from a motor vehicle is prohibited.
- While checking traps at night, no person shall have in possession a rifle, revolver or pistol larger than a .22 caliber long rifle, or a shotgun with shells larger than number 4 birdshot.
- Annual Trapper’s Report due April 30: All persons licensed to trap furbearing animals, whether they trapped or not, are required to submit an Annual Trapper’s Report by April 30 of each year.
- Fur Dealers must submit a completed “Fur Dealers’ Record Book” (Furs Purchased—Form F&G 152, Furs Sold—Form F&G 152A) to N.H. Fish and Game on or before July 30 of each year. All licensees must carry on their persons a Form F&G 152 when buying the skins of furbearing animals. All forms are available from Fish and Game's Concord headquarters.

It Is Unlawful To:

- Disturb or interfere with the dams or houses of beaver without obtaining a special permit from the executive director or his designee, except as provided in RSA 210:9.
- Set or arrange any trap prior to the first day of the open season for trapping a species.
- Disturb the trap of another person or take a furbearing animal from the trap of another person, unless specifically authorized in writing by the owner of the trap.
- Per Fis 303:12 (a Fish and Game Administrative Rule), body gripping traps with an inside jaw spread greater than or equal to 6½ inches, measured inside the jaws perpendicular to the trap’s pivoting joints, shall only be set: 1. Five feet or more above the ground or surface of the snow (with the exception of a snowstorm during the previous 24 hours); or 2. In water for trapping beaver or otter.
- Place a trap within 15 feet of a muskrat house, or injure or destroy the house, den or burrow used by any game or furbearing animal.
- Place a trap within 50 feet of exposed bait (see Statewide Restrictions on page 35).

Trapping on State-Managed Lands

Permits to trap on state-managed lands are issued by lottery every two years, in even years only, and are valid for two years. The next lottery will be in September 2018.

Permit forms, applications, property maps, and lists of available lands may be obtained from the Wildlife Division in Concord (603-271-2461), or downloaded from hunt_nh.com.
Canada lynx are a federally listed Threatened Species. There is no open season for the trapping or hunting of lynx in New Hampshire. Fish and Game biologists have confirmed the presence of reproducing lynx in northern New Hampshire. To protect the lynx, and to help N.H. trappers avoid accidentally taking lynx, Fish and Game worked with the N.H. Trappers Association to delineate a lynx protection zone in the northern and White Mountains area where special regulations are in effect.

Statewide Restrictions
- No foothold trap with auxiliary teeth added shall be allowed.
- No foothold trap with an inside jaw spread greater than 6½ inches shall be set on land.
- Body gripping traps with an inside jaw spread greater than or equal to 6½ inches shall only be set:
  - Five feet or more above the ground or surface of the snow with the exception of a snowstorm during the previous 24 hours; and
  - In water for beaver or otter.
- There is no open season for taking bobcat, American marten, or Canada lynx. Any American marten or Canada lynx trapped must be reported immediately by contacting the Fish and Game Department at 603-271-3361 on business days during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or, if the Fish and Game Department is closed, by contacting the nearest Conservation Officer.
- Deadfalls are prohibited.
- Traps shall not be set within 50 feet of
  - A covered bait (see definitions below).
  - Deadfall.
  - A dead animal held in a trap as the result of lawful trapping activity.
- “Exposed bait” means bait that is the body of any animal, including fish, or parts thereof, including meat, organs, viscera, bones, or any other parts of an animal, that is visible from above, but does not include meat, organs, viscera, or bones totaling 4 ounces or less, or skin, hair, or feathers 25 square inches or less, droppings, urine, or living or dead animals held in a trap as the result of lawful trapping activity.
- “Covered bait” means bait that is the body of any animal, including fish, or parts thereof, including meat, organs, viscera, bones, or any other parts that are covered so as to not be visible from above, where cover includes, but is not limited to, brush, branches, leaves, soil, or snow and is constructed in a manner to withstand wind and normal environmental conditions. “Covered bait” includes baits less than one-half pound when placed in a dirt hole 6 inches in diameter or less at a depth of 6 inches or greater, and baits of less than 5 pounds placed on pole sets 5 or more feet above ground are also considered covered bait.

Restrictions within the “Lynx Protection Zone”
The following restrictions on traps shall apply while trapping in WMUs A, B, C1, C2, D1, D2-east, E and F:
- All foothold traps set on land must have one swivel in the chain/cable and one swivel connection to the trap.
- Body gripping traps with an inside jaw spread of 4 inches or greater and less than or equal to 5 inches which are set on the ground shall only be set as follows:
  - In water at all times;
  - Set under overhanging stream banks; and
  - Set as a blind set with no bait or attractant; and
- Body gripping traps with an inside jaw spread 4 inches or greater which are set off the ground shall only be set as follows:
  - Five feet or more above the ground or surface of the snow, with the exception of a snowstorm during the previous 24 hours;
  - Affixed to a leaning section of a pole or tree, no greater than 4 inches in diameter that is free of branches and angled 45 degrees or greater in its entirety;

Know the difference between lynx and bobcat AND wolf and coyote. See our brochure at wildnh.com/hunting/publications.
LYNX PROTECTION ZONE & TRAP RESTRICTIONS

- Excluding branch removal, the pole or tree shall not have planed or altered sides.
- The area within 4 feet of the trap shall be free of trees, poles or other objects greater than 4 inches in diameter;
- The areas within 4 feet of the trap shall be free of trees or poles that are angled less than 45 degrees to the ground at any point between the ground elevation and the elevation of the trap;
- The area within 4 feet of the trap shall be free of banks, bluffs, rocks or immediate rise in ground elevation;
- Body gripping traps with an inside jaw spread greater than 5 inches and less than 6½ inches which are set on the ground shall only be set:
  - Recessed in the den entry of nuisance wildlife, with the den entry covered by wire mesh with openings that do not exceed 1½ inches side-to-side and wire gauge shall be 16 gauge or less or a wire diameter of 0.05 inches or greater.
  - If placed in a lynx exclusion device, as follows:
    » The trap jaws shall be completely within the device, the trap springs may be outside of the device;
    » The lynx exclusion device shall not have an opening greater than 6 inches by 8 inches;

- The opening shall not be directly in front of the trap, but shall be either on the top or side of the device;
- The trap set within the device shall be a minimum of 18 inches from the closest edge of the opening to the trap;
- The back of the device shall be secured to withstand heavy pulling;
- If using wire mesh with a wood box, the wire mesh shall wrap around two opposite sides of the box and be secured;
- There shall be at least 2 attachment points for each side of the device where there is a joint, or where panels come together;
- The exclusion device shall be constructed of wood, or wire mesh that does not exceed 1½ inches openings from side to side;
- The wire gauge shall be 16 gauge or less or a wire diameter of 0.05 inches or greater;
- The opening slot in the device that allows the trap springs to extend outside the device shall be no more than 7½ inches wide and a height of no more than 1½ inches; and
- The trap shall be anchored outside of the device.

OTHER—NONGAME WILDLIFE

Reptiles and Amphibians
- No person shall sell native species of reptiles or amphibia, including parts or eggs thereof, except:
  - Non-living snapping turtles and bullfrogs raised outside the state which may be possessed, bought, and sold for use as food provided that with each package there shall be a bill of sale bearing the species, the weight of the package, and the place of origin; and
  - Non-living amphibia and reptiles obtained outside the state to be used for educational purposes.
- No person shall take or possess a spotted turtle, Blanding’s turtle, wood turtle, Eastern box turtle, black racer, Eastern hognose snake, timber rattlesnake, marbled salamander, or any egg or part thereof.
- Importation, possession, and release of reptiles shall be in accordance with Fish Chapter 800.
- No person shall take any species of indigenous turtle from May 15 to July 15.
- Persons taking reptiles or amphibia shall not take more than 2 reptiles or 5 amphibians per day.
- The taking of amphibia and reptiles shall be only by hand capture, including the use of hand-held nets.
- Snapping turtles may only be taken if less than 6 inches or 12 to 15 inches in length, as measured along the top of the carapace.

- The possession limit of harvested reptiles and amphibia is 2 times the daily bag limit.
- Individuals may possess up to 2 each of the following native reptiles*:
  - Musk turtle
  - Painted turtle
  - Snapping turtle
  - Ring-necked snake
  - Eastern milk snake
  - Brown snake
  - Northern watersnake
  - Red-bellied snake

- Individuals may possess up to 5 each of the following native amphibians *:
  - American toad
  - Gray tree frog
  - Spring peeper
  - American bullfrog
  - Green frog
  - Pickerel frog
  - Mink frog
  - Wood frog
  - Spotted salamander
  - Northern two-lined salamander
  - Red-spotted newt
  - Northern dusky salamander
  - Eastern red-backed salamander

* NOTE: Although limited possession of these species is currently legal in New Hampshire, the N.H. Fish and Game Department encourages people to leave these wildlife species wild. Populations of some species, especially turtles, can be adversely affected by the removal of a small number of individuals.

Help Protect Nongame Wildlife

When you buy your license, consider adding a donation to N.H. Fish and Game’s Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program. Work related to nongame species and their habitats helps many other wildlife species, including those you like to hunt! Donate online at wildnh.com/nongame

Other Wildlife

There is no restriction in New Hampshire on the taking of woodchucks, porcupines, English sparrows, European starlings, common feral pigeons, red squirrels and other rodents not specifically covered in this digest are protected by New Hampshire or federal law, and may not be taken. For more information on nongame and endangered wildlife, look for the N.H. Wildlife Action Plan at wildnh.com.

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The adventure of a lifetime is in store for 51 people who have been offered permits in the world-class New Hampshire moose hunt, October 21–29, 2017. They are the lucky winners in the N.H. Fish and Game Department’s annual Moose Hunt Permit Lottery.

Moose hunting permits are offered to successful lottery applicants following a random computer-generated drawing in June. Your odds of winning improve every consecutive year you apply, thanks to a bonus point system. Entering the lottery costs just $15 for residents and $25 for nonresidents. Permit holders may select one person of any age to join them on the moose hunt. The N.H. moose hunt success rate averages 70 percent statewide, and much higher in northern areas.

New Hampshire has had an annual moose hunt since 1988. The availability of moose hunting permits, with some issued for every area of the state during the nine-day season, is made possible by careful management of moose populations. While moose populations and hence permits, are down from past years, permits are issued at a rate that should allow the moose population to grow toward regional population goals. An ongoing research project being conducted by Fish and Game, in cooperation with the University of New Hampshire, will provide additional information to aid in moose management efforts.

Applications for the 2018 N.H. Moose Hunt Lottery will be available in late January 2018; watch huntnh.com for your chance to apply online or by mail.

For license/permit fees, success rates by region and WMU, a photo gallery of past hunts, and Q&As on the moose hunt and the lottery, visit huntnh.com.

New Hampshire Moose Hunt Permit Auction

The Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire auctions one moose hunting permit as part of a program to support the conservation of wildlife and natural places in N.H. The permit allows the holder to harvest one moose of either sex. All auction proceeds benefit the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire.

Bidder’s packets become available in the spring, and bids are opened in early August. Visit nhwildlifeheritage.org or contact the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of N.H., PO Box 3993, Concord, NH 03301.

The Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire is the official non-profit partner of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. The Foundation raises money to support projects such as Operation Land Share, signs at Wildlife Management Areas, and the Conservation K-9 program. Funding for the Foundation’s grant program comes from individual and corporate donors, as well as the annual moose hunt permit auction.

Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire. Investing in New Hampshire now, to conserve wildlife and natural areas for future generations. Contact 603-496-2778 or admin@nhwildlifeheritage.org for information, auction packet, or to make your tax-deductible donation.

NH Moose Hunt by the Numbers

- The largest bull moose ever taken in New Hampshire weighed in at 1,040 pounds, dressed weight, taken in 1993. Live weight of this moose would have been approximately 1,400 pounds. The largest cow ever taken dressed at 815 pounds.
- Greatest antler spread measurement for moose taken in New Hampshire is 68.5 inches. This bull was 9.5 years of age, had 25 points and weighed 775 pounds dressed. The antler beam diameter was 60 mm. This animal was taken in A2 in 2010.
- Moose have been taken with the use of conventional firearms and archery, handguns, muzzleloaders (including flintlocks) and the longbow.
- Typically, more than 60% of the harvest occurs in the first 3 days of the season.
- Successful hunters average 26 hours hunting and 35 hours scouting.
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