VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE BENEFITS ALL VERMONTERS

When you purchase a hunting or fishing license, pay an excise tax on hunting, fishing or boating equipment, buy a Habitat Stamp or Conservation Plate, or give to the Nongame Fund, you're helping the department fulfill our mission of conserving all species of fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the people of Vermont.

WHAT WE DO

Conservation

Restoring native species such as beaver, moose, wild turkey, and peregrine falcon, and conserving endangered species including lake sturgeon, bald eagles, turtles, and bats.

Working with private landowners and towns to create habitat management plans and conservation planning initiatives.

Reviewing Act 250 and Act 248 land use permits to address impacts to important wildlife habitat.

Sustaining wildlife for the next generation and ensuring that our grandchildren will still be able to see brook trout, butterflies, birds, and bears.

Education

Educating almost 900 campers a year on ecology and natural history at our Green Mountain Conservation Camps at Kehoe and Buck Lake.

Certifying nearly 4,000 Vermonters a year through hunter safety courses, and teaching 7,000 students to fish through the Let's Go Fishing Program.

Keeping the public informed about wildlife through news articles, public meetings, Facebook, wildlife festivals, and other events.

Safety

Improving wildlife crossings to keep large animals such as moose and deer off highways.

Dealing with nuisance wildlife, including rabid animal response, beaver damage mitigation, and black bear conflicts.

Assisting in searches for people who are lost or injured in remote areas by our highly skilled and experienced wardens.

Public Access

Managing 145,000 acres of important wildlife habitat and natural communities on 99 Wildlife Management Areas for all to enjoy.

Partnering with land trusts to put conservation easements on private property that improve habitat and provide public access.

Maintaining 196 fishing access sites, parking areas and wildlife viewing platforms.