

Maryland Hunting Seasons Calendar for 2023-2024

Big Game

Species, Season, & Region	August	September	2023 October	November	December	January	February	March	2024 April	May	June	July
Black Bear ¹			10/23-10/28									
White-tailed Deer, Antlered, Archery ²		9/8-10/18	10/22-11/24		12/11-12/15	12/31-1/4 1/8-1/31	Archery also open Jan. 5-7 in Region A only.					
White-tailed Deer, Antlered, Firearms ²					11/25-12/9	1/5-1/7	Firearms open Jan. 5-7 in Region B only.					
White-tailed Deer, Antlered, Muzzleloader ²			10/19-10/21		12/16-12/30							
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Archery, Region A ^{2,3}		9/8-----10/18	10/22---11/24		12/11-12/15	12/31-1/31						
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Firearms, Region A ³					12/2 12/8-12/9	Only Dec. 2 & 9 on DNR Public Lands.						
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Muzzleloader, Region A ³			10/19-10/21		12/28-12/30	Only 10/19-10/21 & Dec. 30 on DNR Public Lands.						
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Archery, Region B ^{2,4}		9/8-----10/18	10/22---11/24		12/11-12/15	12/31-1/4 1/8-1/31						
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Firearms, Region B ^{2,4}					11/25-12/9	1/5-1/7						
White-tailed Deer, Antlerless Muzzleloader, Region B ^{2,4}			10/19-10/21 10/23-10/28		12/16-12/30							
Sika Deer, Archery ^{2,5}		9/8-----10/18	10/22---11/24		12/11-12/15	12/31-1/4 1/8-1/31						
Sika Deer, Firearms ^{2,5}					11/25-12/9	1/5-1/7						
Sika Deer, Muzzleloader ^{2,5}			10/19-10/21		12/16-12/30							
Sika Deer, Antlerless Only, Muzzleloader, Region B			10/23-10/28									
Junior Deer Hunt Days ²				11/11-11/12								
Primitive Deer Hunt Days ⁶							2/1-2/3					
Wild Turkey, Winter Season ⁷						1/18-1/20						
Wild Turkey, Fall Season ⁷			10/28-11/5									
Wild Turkey, Spring Season ⁷									4/18-----5/23			
Wild Turkey, Spring Season, Junior Hunt Days ⁷									4/13-4/14			

SUNDAY DEER HUNTING 2023-2024 (FOR WHITE-TAILED AND SIKA DEER)

Sunday deer hunting is open with these restrictions, in these counties and locations on these dates.

COUNTY	Lands Open	Archery Season																Firearms Season				Muzzleloader Season	
		Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Dec. 31	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Nov. 12 (i.Jr. Hunt)	Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Jan. 7	Dec. 17	Dec. 24
ALLEGANY	Private & Designated Public Lands ¹	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open
ANNE ARUNDEL	Private Lands Only									Open								Open	Open				
BALTIMORE	None																						
CALVERT	Private Lands Only	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²		Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²
CAROLINE	Private Lands Only	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²		Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²
CARROLL	Private Lands Only				Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open					Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
CECIL	Private & Designated Public Lands ¹	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
CHARLES	Private Lands Only	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²		Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²
DORCHESTER	Private Lands Only	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
FREDERICK	Private Lands Only				Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open					Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
GARRETT	Private & Designated Public Lands ¹	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open
HARFORD	Private Lands Only						Open	Open	Open	Open	Open							Open	Open	Open	Open		
HOWARD	None																						
KENT	Private Lands Only	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open
MONTGOMERY	Private Lands Only	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²		Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²
PRINCE GEORGE'S	None																						
QUEEN ANNE'S	Private Lands Only	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²		Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²
ST. MARY'S	Private & Designated Public Lands ¹	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
SOMERSET	Private & Designated Public Lands ³	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²		Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²
TALBOT	Private Lands Only	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²		Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²
WASHINGTON REGION A	Private & Designated Public Lands ¹	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open
WASHINGTON REGION B	Private Lands Only	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
WICOMICO	Private & Designated Public Lands ¹	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²		Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²
WORCESTER	Private & Designated Public Lands ¹	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²		Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open ²	Open ²

¹Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in **Allegany** (Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Green Ridge SF, McCoole FMA, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA), **Cecil** (Earlville WMA, C&D Canal Lands, Grove Farm WMA, Old Bohemia WMA), **Garrett** (Cunningham Swamp WMA, Garrett SF, Mt. Nebo WMA, Potomac SF, Savage River SF), **St. Mary's** (Salem SF, Saint Ingoes SF), **Washington** (Indian Springs WMA, Prather's Neck WMA, Sideling Hill WMA), **Wicomico** (Ellis Bay WMA, Chesapeake Forest Lands, Johnson WMA, Nanticoke WMA, Wetpin WMA), and **Worcester** (Chesapeake Forest Lands, E. A. Vaughn WMA, Hickory Pt. Wildlands, Isle of Wight WMA, Pocomoke SF, Pocomoke River WMA)

²Legal shooting hours for deer are one half hour before sunrise to 10:30am on this Sunday (applies only where footnoted).

³Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in Somerset County are those lands leased to hunt clubs for the purpose of hunting.

Footnotes for 2023-2024 Hunting Season Calendar- Big Game

Unless otherwise noted, hunting seasons are for all Maryland counties. Not all species are found in all counties.

1 Bear Hunt Zone- This zone includes Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington counties. Permit required.

2 Sunday Deer Hunting (white-tailed and sika)-

White-tailed and sika deer hunting seasons include Sundays - see the Sunday deer hunting chart for areas, dates, counties and times.

3 Deer Management Region A- This region includes Allegany County, Garrett County, and the western portion of Washington County (Zone 2, Private Land Code Areas 250 & 251) that lies west of a line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 494 and the Pennsylvania line, south on Rt. 494 to Rt. 57, south on Rt. 57 to Rt. 40 at St. Paul’s Church, west on Rt. 40 to the junction of Big Spring Rd. and Rt. 40 in Clear Spring, south on Big Spring Rd. to the junction of Rt. 56 at Big Spring, following Rt. 56 west to the junction of Charles Mill Rd., then south on Charles Mill Rd. to the Potomac River.

4 Deer Management Region B- This region includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Washington (Zone 1, Private Land Code Area 252: the eastern portion of Washington County that lies east of a line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 494 and the Pennsylvania line, south on Rt. 494 to Rt. 57, south on Rt. 57 to Rt. 40 at St. Paul’s Church, west on Rt. 40 to the junction of Big Spring Rd. and Rt. 40 in Clear Spring, south on Big Spring Rd. to the junction of Rt. 56 at Big Spring, following Rt. 56 west to the junction of Charles Mill Rd., then south on Charles Mill Rd. to the Potomac River), Wicomico and Worcester Counties.

5 Sika Deer- Sika deer may be hunted statewide where they are found.

6 Primitive Deer Hunt Days- Hunters may only use long bows, recurve bows or flintlock and sidelock percussion muzzleloading rifles or handguns during these days.

7 Wild Turkey-

The Spring Season is open statewide. Daily shooting hours for April 18 through May 9 are one-half hour before sunrise to noon. Daily shooting hours for May 10 through May 23 are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Sunday hunting is open in certain counties (see below).

The Fall Season hunting area includes Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties only. Sunday hunting is open in certain counties (see below).

The Winter Season is open statewide.

The Junior Turkey Hunt Season is open statewide on Saturday, April 13, 2024 in all counties and Sunday, April 14, 2024 in certain counties (see below).

SUNDAY TURKEY HUNTING 2023-2024		
Sunday hunting is permitted on April 14 (Junior Hunt Day) and all Sundays during any open turkey season with these restrictions, in these counties and locations.		
COUNTY	LOCATION	Shooting hours
Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Kent, Queen Anne's	Private lands only	Shooting hours are the same as Monday through Saturday
Dorchester	Private and public lands	Shooting hours are the same as Monday through Saturday
Allegany, Cecil, Garrett, St. Mary's, and Washington	Private and designated public lands*	Shooting hours are the same as Monday through Saturday
Talbot	Private lands only	Legal shooting hours on Sundays are from ½ hour before sunrise until 10:30am
Somerset	Private lands and public land leased to a hunt club only	Legal shooting hours on Sundays are from ½ hour before sunrise until 10:30am
Wicomico and Worcester	Private and designated public lands*	Legal shooting hours on Sundays are from ½ hour before sunrise until 10:30am
<p>*Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in Allegany (Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Green Ridge SF, McCoolle FMA, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA), Cecil (Earlville WMA, Grove Farm WMA, Old Bohemia WMA), Garrett (Cunningham Swamp WMA, Garrett SF, Mt. Nebo WMA, Potomac SF, Savage River SF), St. Mary's (Salem SF, Saint Ingoes SF), Washington (Indian Springs WMA, Prather's Neck WMA), Wicomico (Ellis Bay WMA, Chesapeake Forest Lands, Johnson WMA, Nanticoke WMA, Wetipquin WMA), and Worcester (Chesapeake Forest Lands, E. A. Vaughn WMA, Hickory Pt. Wildlands, Isle of Wight WMA, Pocomoke SF, Pocomoke River WMA)</p>		