



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Proposed Ohio 2017-2018 Hunting and Trapping Season Dates (Except Deer)

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Bag Limit
Squirrel	Sept. 1, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	6 daily
Early Canada Goose, statewide	Sept. 2, 2017	Sept. 10, 2017	5 daily
Early teal	Sept. 2, 2017	Sept. 17, 2017	6 daily
Dove	Sept. 1, 2017 Dec. 16, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017 Jan. 8, 2018	15 daily
Ruffed grouse	Oct. 14, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	2 daily
American woodcock	Oct. 13, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017	3 daily
Youth small game: Cottontail rabbit, ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail	Oct. 21, 2017 and Oct. 28, 2017	Oct. 22, 2017 Oct. 29, 2017	Same as species in season
Cottontail rabbit	Nov. 3, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	4 daily
Ring-necked pheasant (male birds only)	Nov. 3, 2017	Jan. 14, 2018	2 daily
Chukar	Nov. 3, 2017	Jan. 14, 2018	2 daily
Bobwhite quail (16 counties only)	Nov. 3, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017	4 daily
Fox, raccoon, skunk, opossum, weasel hunting and trapping	Nov. 10, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	None
Mink, muskrat trapping	Nov. 10, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	None
Lake Erie Marsh area: Mink, muskrat, skunk, raccoon, opossum, weasel trapping	Nov. 10, 2017	March 15, 2018	None
Beaver trapping	Dec. 26, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	None
River otter trapping	Dec. 26, 2017	Feb. 28, 2018	1 in Zone B (season) 3 in Zone C (season) season limit of 3
Wild turkey, fall (select counties)	Oct. 14, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017	1 (season)
Wild turkey, spring youth	April 21, 2018	April 22, 2018	2 (youth and spring combined)
Wild turkey, spring South Zone	April 23, 2018	May 20, 2018	2 (season limit statewide)
Wild turkey, spring Northeast Zone (5 counties)	April 30, 2018	May 27, 2018	2 (season limit statewide)
Crow (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only)	June 2, 2017 June 1, 2018	March 3, 2018 March 2, 2019	None
Coyote	No closed season		None
Woodchuck	Closed for deer-gun season only		None
Rail	Sept. 1, 2017	Nov. 9, 2017	25 daily
Common moorhen (gallinule)	Sept. 1, 2017	Nov. 9, 2017	15 daily
Common snipe	Sept. 1, 2017 Dec. 16, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017 Jan. 4, 2018	8 daily

Waterfowl, youth	Oct. 7, 2017	Oct. 8, 2017	Same as species in the regular season
Goose, Lake Erie Marsh Zone	Oct. 14, 2017 Nov. 11, 2017 Jan. 6, 2018	Oct. 29, 2017 Dec. 24, 2017 Feb. 12, 2018	3 daily- Canada, white-fronted geese and brant 10 daily- Light geese
Goose North Zone	Oct. 21, 2017 Nov. 18, 2017 Jan. 6, 2018**	Nov. 5, 2017 Dec. 31, 2017 Feb. 12, 2018	3 daily- Canada, white-fronted geese and brant 10 daily- Light geese
Goose South Zone	Oct. 21, 2017 Nov. 23, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017 Feb. 12, 2018	3 daily- Canada, white-fronted geese and brant 10 daily- Light geese
Duck, Lake Erie Marsh Zone	Oct. 14, 2017 Nov. 11, 2017	Oct. 29, 2017 Dec. 24, 2017	6 daily *
Duck North Zone	Oct. 21, 2017 Nov. 18, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017 Dec. 31, 2017	6 daily *
Duck South Zone	Oct. 21, 2017 Dec. 16, 2017	Nov. 5, 2017 Jan. 28, 2018	6 daily *

*Daily bag limit of 6 ducks not to include more than 4 mallards (only 1 of which may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 2 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, or 1 pintail.

**Goose Hunting will be unlawful after Jan. 28, 2018 on Pymatuning Lake.

Proposals concerning Ohio's white-tailed deer hunting seasons will be heard at the next Ohio Wildlife Council meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017.