

HUNTING & TRAPPING SEASONS

FURBEARERS	HUNTING DATES	TRAPPING DATES
Red & Gray Fox	Oct. 15, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2024	Oct. 15, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024
Coyote & Striped Skunk	Oct. 15, 2023 – Mar. 15, 2024	Oct. 15, 2023 – March 15, 2024
Raccoon & Opossum	Nov. 8, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024	Nov. 8, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024
Dog Running (Raccoon, Opossum) Chasing season only—no hunting	Feb. 1, 2023 – Oct. 25, 2023	----- (no trapping) -----
Beaver	Nov. 15, 2023 – March 15, 2024	Nov. 15, 2023 – March 15, 2024
Mink, Muskrat & Long-Tailed Weasel	Nov. 15, 2023-Jan. 31, 2024	Nov. 15, 2023-Jan. 31, 2024
River Otter	----- (no hunting) -----	Nov. 15, 2023-March 15, 2024*

* There is a seasonal bag limit of 2 river otters per person; there are no daily bag or possession limits for the other species named above.
 * See Hunting & Trapping Guide for counties open to river otter trapping. Season may close earlier if statewide quota is reached.

WOODLAND BIG GAME	HUNTING DATES	BAG LIMIT*
Wild Turkey		1 bearded or male turkey per hunter in youth/spring season
Youth	April 22 & 23, 2023	
Spring	April 26, 2023 – May 14, 2023	
Fall-Archery*	Oct. 1 – 29, 2023 Dec. 9, 2023 – Jan. 7, 2024	1 bird of either sex per hunter each fall
Fall-Firearm*	Oct. 18-29, 2023	

Turkey hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
 * See Hunting and Trapping Guide for counties open to fall turkey hunting. No more than one bird of either sex may be taken in the fall turkey season, regardless of equipment. A separate turkey license is needed for the spring and fall turkey season.

Deer		See current Hunting & Trapping Guide for deer season bag limits or visit wildlife.IN.gov
Reduction Zone*	Sept. 15, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024	
Youth	Sept. 23 & 24, 2023	
Archery	Oct. 1, 2023 – Jan. 7, 2024	
Firearms	Nov. 18, 2023 – Dec. 3, 2023	
Muzzleloader	Dec. 9 – 24, 2023	

Deer hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
 *Deer Reduction Zones, previously called Urban Zones, are in designated locations only.

WOODLAND SMALL GAME	HUNTING DATES	DAILY LIMIT*
Gray & Fox Squirrel	Aug. 15, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024	5
Ruffed Grouse	Suspended	

UPLAND GAME	HUNTING DATES	DAILY LIMIT*
Pheasant (statewide-cock only)	Nov. 1, 2023 – Dec. 15, 2023	2
Quail (North of I-74)**	Nov. 1, 2023 – Dec. 15, 2023	4
Quail (South of I-74)**	Nov. 1, 2023 – Jan. 10, 2024	8
Rabbit	Nov. 1, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2024	5

MISCELLANEOUS GAME	HUNTING/TRAPPING DATES	DAILY LIMIT*
Crow	July 1 – Aug. 15, 2023 Dec. 13, 2023 – March 1, 2024	No limit
Green Frog & Bullfrog	June 15, 2023 – April 30, 2024	25
Eastern Snapping Turtle, Smooth & Spiny Softshell Turtles	July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024	4***

* The possession limit on pheasants, quail, rabbits, squirrels, frogs, and turtles is two times the daily bag limit.
 ** Quail bag limits vary on some DNR properties (see Hunting & Trapping Guide).
 ***Limit is singly or in aggregate. These species of turtles must have a carapace length of at least 12 inches.

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MIGRATORY BIRDS	HUNTING DATES	BAG LIMIT*
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 15, 2023 Nov. 1 – 26, 2023 Dec. 16, 2023 – Jan. 3, 2024	15**
Snipe	Sept. 1 – Dec. 16, 2023	8
Woodcock	Oct. 15 – Nov. 28, 2023	3
Sora Rail	Sept. 1 – Nov. 9, 2023	25
Early Teal*	Sept. 9 – 24, 2023	6
WATERFOWL	HUNTING DATES	DAILY LIMIT*
NORTH ZONE		
Ducks, Coots, Mergansers	Oct. 28 – Dec. 17, 2023 Dec. 26, 2023 – Jan. 3, 2024	***
Geese	Sept. 9 – 17, 2023 Oct. 28 – Nov. 5, 2023 Nov. 18, 2023 – Feb. 11, 2024	****
Youth & Veteran	Oct. 21 -22, 2023	Same as regular season*****
CENTRAL ZONE		
Ducks, Coots, Mergansers	Nov. 4 – 12, 2023 Nov. 24, 2023 – Jan. 13, 2024	***
Geese	Sept. 9 – 17, 2023 Nov. 4 – 18, 2023 Nov. 24, 2023 – Feb. 11, 2024	****
Youth & Veteran	Oct. 28 – 29, 2023	Same as regular season*****
SOUTH ZONE		
Ducks, Coots, Mergansers	Nov. 11 – 12, 2023 Dec. 2, 2023 – Jan. 28, 2024	***
Geese	Sept. 9 – 17, 2023 Nov. 11, 2023 – Feb. 11, 2024	****
Youth & Veteran	Nov. 4 -5, 2023	Same as regular season*****
<p>*Shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset. **The daily bag and possession limits are for mourning doves and white-winged doves in aggregate. ***The daily bag limit for coots is 15. The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, which may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers. The daily bag limit for ducks is 6, which may include no more than 4 mallards (2 of which may be hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 black ducks, 1 mottled duck, and 1 or 2 scaup. The daily bag limit may include only 1 scaup before Nov. 12 in the North Zone, Nov. 30 in the Central Zone, and Dec. 15 in the South Zone. The daily bag limit may include 2 scaup on or after those dates. The possession limit is 3 times the daily bag limit. ****The daily bag limit for dark geese (Canada, white-front, brant) is 5 in the aggregate. The possession limit for dark geese is 3 times the daily bag limit. The daily bag limit for light geese (snow, blue, Ross) is 20. There is no possession limit for light geese. *****For youth and veteran hunting dates, the daily bag for scaup is 1 per day.</p>		