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MAINE HUNTING GUIDE

A TRIP PLANNING AID



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Since the printing of this folder, the following changes in regulations have been made:

FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

Bobcat hunting -- Dec. 1 through last day of February, unless quota restrictions end the season earlier.

Raccoon hunting -- Oct. 20 through Nov. 30 in Management Units 1 through 6; Oct. 25 through Nov. 30 in Units 7 & 8.

THE HUNTING GUIDE IS NOT A LEGAL PRESENTATION. BE SURE TO OBTAIN A REGULATIONS BOOKLET WITH YOUR HUNTING LICENSE.

OTHER INFORMATION

MIGRATORY BIRDS: Federal regulations govern hunting of migratory birds, and seasons are set annually by late August or early September.

HUNTING NIGHTS AND SUNDAYS AND FROM MOTOR VEHICLES in Maine is unlawful. See Section 2456.

YOU MAY NOT HUNT DEER after killing one during the open season of that year.

IT IS UNLAWFUL to buy or sell deer or parts of deer except in accordance with Chapter 301-335 (to taxidermists and dealers in deer skins).

IT IS UNLAWFUL to buy or sell any grouse or pheasant.

EAGLES: No one shall hunt or kill or have in his possession any eagle.

MOOSE AND CARIBOU: There is no open season on these species, and penalties for shooting them are severe.

SAFETY: Proper color of hunting clothes can play an important part in a safe hunt. Scientific tests, backed up by our own accident records, show fluorescent blaze orange to be the most protective color.

ANTI-LITTER LAW: A summary of this law appears in the hunting regulations booklet. It is strictly enforced by game wardens and other officers, for the benefit of all who want to keep Maine scenic.

HUNTING AND TRAPPING LICENSE FEES—1978

Maine law does not permit refunds on licenses.

Nonresident Citizen Big Game Hunting — 10 yrs. and over	\$ 60.50
Alien Big Game Hunting (new license in 1976)	100.00
Nonresident Small Game Hunting — 16 yrs. and over	30.50
Nonresident Junior Small Game Hunting — 10-15 yrs. inc.	15.50
Nonresident Archery Deer Hunting — 12 yrs. and over	60.50
Nonresident Trapping	250.00
Nonresident Guide — 18 yrs. and over	125.00
Alien Guide (new license in 1976)	150.00
Resident Junior Hunting — 10-15 yrs. inc.	1.50
Resident Hunting — 16 yrs. and over	7.50
Resident Combination Hunting and Fishing — Over age 70	free
Resident Combination Hunting and Fishing — 16 yrs. and over	12.50
Resident Serviceman Combination	3.50
Resident Combination Fishing and Archery Hunting	12.50
Resident Archery Hunting — 10 yrs and over	7.50
Resident Trapping (Statewide)	13.00
Resident Trapping (Organized Townships)	(none)
Resident Guide — 18 yrs. and over	32.00
Resident Deer Transportation License	40.50
Duplicate License (See note below)	1.00

All **resident** duplicate licenses are to be obtained from the clerk who issued the original license. Nonresident duplicates must be obtained from the Department office in Augusta.

Note: All licenses shall expire at midnight of December 31st of the year of issue.

General Law Summary — 1978

Open Hunting Seasons

GAME BIRDS

Species	Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Ring-necked Pheasant	Mgmt. Units 1,2,3		
	Sep. 25—Nov. 30	2	4
Ruffed Grouse (partridge)	Mgmt. Units 4—8		
	Oct. 2*—Nov. 30	4	8

WILD HARES AND RABBITS

Oct. 2*—Mar. 30*	4	8
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GRAY SQUIRRELS

Oct. 2*—Nov. 30	4	8
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FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

Black Bear	May 1 through Saturday after Thanksgiving	One bear of either sex
Bobcat	Oct. 20 through last day of February	None
Coyote	NO CLOSED SEASON	None
Fox	Oct. 20 through Feb. 15	None
Porcupine	NO CLOSED SEASON	None
Raccoon	Oct. 20 through Dec. 15	None
Skunk	Oct. 20 through Dec. 15	None

*Actual date falls on a Sunday, but Sunday hunting is illegal in Maine.

DEFINITIONS

RESIDENT: A citizen of the United States who is domiciled in Maine with the intention of remaining and who has resided in this state during the 3 months next prior to date of application for license.

ALIENS: All aliens (non-citizens of the United States) are classified as nonresidents for purposes of Chapters 301-337, with some exceptions (see Sec. 1901, subsection 14-A; Sec. 2053; Sec. 2401).

HUNT: This means to hunt for, pursue, molest, catch, take, kill, wound, or destroy wild birds and wild animals.

DUPLICATE LICENSES are available on payment of \$1.00 fee, in case of loss or destruction of a license. It is recommended that, to save yourself time in receiving such replacement, you make a note of serial number, date and place of purchase of the original license, and keep it in a place separate from the license itself.

GUIDE: Any person receiving any form of remuneration for services in accompanying or assisting any hunter, fisherman, or camper in the fields, forests, or waters of the state. Guides must be licensed.

DRIVING: It is unlawful to take part in a hunt in which an effort is made to drive deer. Use of an aircraft, motor boat, or powered snow vehicle to hunt or molest any wild birds or wild animals is prohibited.

POSSESSION OF FIREARMS: The possession of firearms in the fields or forests or on the water or ice in Maine shall be prima facie evidence of hunting. Burden of proof otherwise is on the possessor. (See Sections 2454 and 3151.)

GAME PRESERVES: No one shall hunt, trap, chase, kill, or destroy any wild birds or have in his possession firearms of any description within the limits of any game preserve or closed territory, except as may be specifically provided in Chapters 301-335.

LIGHTS: It is unlawful to use lights between ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise to illuminate, jack, locate, attempt to locate or show up wild birds or wild animals from Sept. 1 to Dec. 15 as expressly provided in Sections 2354 and 1960-A.

DEVICES FOR HUNTING: No one shall hunt with net, trap, crossbow, snare, poisonous devices, or any contrivance other than the usual method of shooting with a firearm not larger than 10 gauge or with a long bow and arrow or by means of falconry.

DOGS: It is unlawful to use a dog for hunting of deer, caribou, or moose.



MAINE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS

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Information in this folder was correct as of press time (June) but was subject to change.

KEY TO STARRED AREAS ★

- ★ 1. Old Orchard Beach
- ★ 2. West Bath
- ★ 3. Bath City
- ★ 4. Arrowsic
- ★ 5. Westport
- ★ 6. Damariscotta
- ★ 7. Friendship
- ★ 8. Owl's Head
- ★ 9. Southwest Harbor
- ★ 10. Roque Bluffs
- ★ 11. Eastport City
- ★ 12. Mechanic Falls
- ★ 13. Farmingdale
- ★ 14. Hallowell City
- ★ 15. Stockton Springs
- ★ 16. Verona
- ★ 17. Forest City T9R4
- ★ 18. C Surplus Township
- ★ 19. Andover West Surplus
- ★ 20. Perkins Township
- ★ 21. Washington Township
- ★ 22. Unity Township
- ★ 23. 10,000 Acre Tract T1R6
- ★ 24. Indian Stream T1R6
- ★ 25. Little Squaw T3R5
- ★ 26. Hopkins Academy Grant
- ★ 27. East Millinocket
- ★ 28. North Yarmouth Academy Grant T1R4
- ★ 29. Upper Molunkus T1R4
- ★ 30. Sandwich Academy Grant T2R1
- ★ 31. Taunton & Raynham Grant T1R1
- ★ 32. Days Academy Grant
- ★ 33. Silver Ridge Twp.
- ★ 34. South Bristol

ARCHERY

Swans Island, Hancock County, is now closed to deer hunting. Deer may be hunted with bow and arrow during October and November each year in Islesboro, Waldo County. (See Sections 2501 to 2505).

Archers may not carry firearms of any kind while bow hunting. The special archery license applies only to the special season but allows the taking of other legal birds and animals during the period when the license is valid. An archer who takes a deer is precluded from taking any others during that calendar year. Bow and arrow may be used during the gun season on deer, but the archer must have a regular hunting license. Crossbows may not be used. Bows must be able to shoot an arrow at least 150 yards; arrow heads must be at least 7/8" wide. All deer killed during the special archery season must be inspected by a game warden before being registered.

A law passed by the Legislature provides a special "Maine Residents Only" season on the Saturdays before the opening of the regular firearms seasons. This year, Saturday, Oct. 28 will be open for residents only in Management Units 1 & 2, and Saturday, Nov. 4 will be open for residents only in Management Units 3,4,5,6,7,8.

FIREARM LIMITATIONS: No .22 caliber rimfire firearm may be used for hunting deer except the .22 caliber rimfire magnum. The use of silencers on guns is unlawful. Fully automatic firearms are prohibited. Autoloading (semi-automatic) firearms may not have a magazine capacity of more than five cartridges; a magazine permanently altered to meet this requirement may be used. This restriction does not apply to .22 caliber rimfire guns or to autoloading pistols with barrel less than eight inches long. Tracer and explosive bullets may not be used.

(An autoloading or semi-automatic firearm requires a trigger pull for each shot; an automatic is defined as one which will fire repetitively as long as the trigger is held back.)

No special permit is required for a licensed hunter to carry a sidearm in holster during the season when hunting with firearms is lawful.

HUNTING ACCIDENTS: Whoever knows of a hunting accident in which a person is shot must notify the county sheriff or state police forthwith. It is unlawful for anyone knowing he has injured a human being by gunfire or bow and arrow to flee or fail to make himself known.

WARDENS: The game warden will help you with any information he has. It is unlawful to fail to stop a vehicle upon signal from a warden or other officer in uniform.

NOTE: FLUORESCENT ORANGE REQUIRED STATEWIDE. Anyone hunting with a firearm during the open season on deer must wear an article of fluorescent orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides. Excepted are waterfowl hunters hunting from a boat, blind, or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys.

THIS IS NOT A LEGAL PRESENTATION. ASK FOR A LAW BOOK WHEN YOU GET YOUR LICENSE.

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