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STATE OF MAINE



1969-1970

HUNTING REGULATIONS SUMMARY

FOR USE ONLY AS A TRIP-PLANNING AID

ASK FOR A LAW BOOKLET WHEN
YOU BUY YOUR HUNTING LICENSE.

**THIS FOLDER CONTAINS ONLY THE
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HUNTING
REGULATIONS AND IS NOT TO
BE REGARDED AS A LEGAL
PRESENTATION.**

**DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME
State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330**

GAME BIRDS, GAME, and FUR BEARING ANIMALS**DEER — Open Seasons**

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| Northern Zone | (Firearms) | Oct. 15 to Sat. following Thanksgiving Day. |
| | (Bow and arrow) | Oct. 1 to Oct. 14 |
| Southern Zone | (Firearms) | Nov. 1 to Nov. 30 |
| | (Bow and arrow) | Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 |
| Islesboro, Waldo Co. | (Bow and arrow) | Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 |
| Swan Island, Hancock Co. | (Bow and arrow) | Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 |

Season limit on deer: one of either sex. All deer killed must be registered. For archery season: special license required and special registration of deer killed.

RABBITS — Open Seasons

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| Counties: Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, and Washington | Oct. 1 to March 31 |
| Androscoggin, Cumberland and Sagadahoc | Oct. 1 to Feb. 28 |
| York | Oct. 1 to March 20 |

Unlawful to hunt rabbits with dogs during November in Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and Washington counties.

Daily Limit 4. Possession Limit 8.

GRAY SQUIRRELS — Open Seasons

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| All counties | Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 |
| Daily Limit 4. Possession Limit 8. | |

FUR-BEARING ANIMALS — Open Seasons

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| Mink | Month of November only |
| Muskrat: North of the CPRR tracks | Nov. 1 to May 15 |
| except in Somerset County: | Oct. 21 to May 15 |
| South of the CPRR tracks | Nov. 1 to April 30 |
| Sable and lynx | No open season |
| Fisher (Stamping Fee on Fisher 50¢) | Months of Nov. and Dec. |
| Fox | No closed season for hunting |
| All other fur-bearing animals (except beaver and bobcat) | Nov. 1 to Feb. 15 |
| Bear | Closed season Jan. 1 to May 31 |

Effective Oct. 1, 1969: limit one bear per year, either sex. All bear taken must be registered at a registration station. Unlawful to take young of the year.

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| Bobcats | No closed season |
| Otter | Nov., Dec. and Jan. |
| Raccoons: Trapping season | Nov. 1 to Feb. 15 |
| Hunting season | Sept. 15 to Dec. 15 |
| Skunks: Hunting season | Aug. 15 to Dec. 15 |

GAME BIRDS — Open Seasons

| | Open Season | Daily Limit | Possession At One Time |
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| Pheasants | Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 | 2 | 4 |
| Partridge | Oct. 1 to Nov. 15 | 4 | 8 |

Nighttime and Sundays: Closed to hunting of all wild birds and animals (except raccoons which may be hunted in the nighttime under special regulations).

Note: Federal regulations on migratory birds and ducks will be published when received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Rifles prohibited in hunting migratory game birds.

RESIDENT: A person domiciled in Maine with the intention to reside here and who has resided in Maine during the 3 months next prior to the date an application is filed for any license under these chapters.

ALIENS: All aliens are classified as nonresidents for purposes of Chapters 301-335 except certain resident aliens (see Sec. 1901 in law book).

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 drive deer by use of horns, whistles, or other noisemaking devices. It is unlawful for more than six persons to participate in a joint hunt for deer wherein 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 during the open season on deer except as expressly provided in Sections 2354 and 2358.

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.

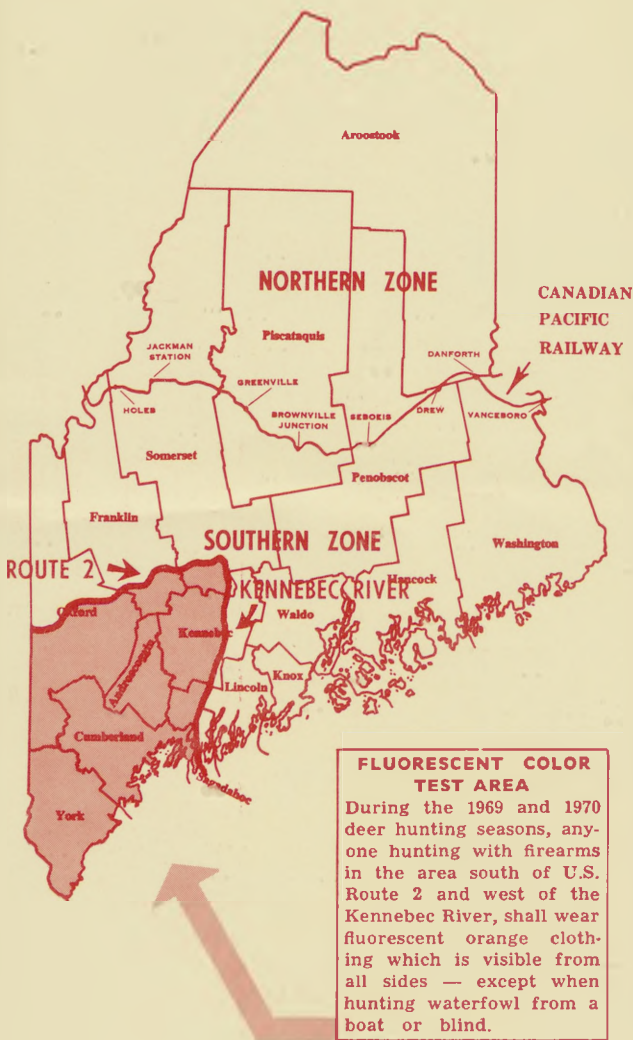
DOGS: It is unlawful to use a dog for hunting of deer, caribou, or moose.

FIREARMS 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.



FLUORESCENT COLOR TEST AREA

During the 1969 and 1970 deer hunting seasons, anyone hunting with firearms in the area south of U.S. Route 2 and west of the Kennebec River, shall wear fluorescent orange clothing which is visible from all sides — except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind.

ARCHERY

Swan Island, Hancock County, is closed to deer hunting except that deer may be hunted with bow and arrow during October and November each year; the same applies to 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 $\frac{7}{8}$ " wide. All deer killed during the special archery season must be inspected by a game warden before being registered.

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. Note the color test area on the map in southwestern Maine in this folder.

ANTI-LITTER LAW: The text 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.

LICENSE FEES — 1969-1970

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| Nonresident Season Fishing License | \$11.00 |
| 16 Years And Over | |
| Nonresident 15-Day Fishing License | 7.75 |
| 16 Years And Over | |
| Nonresident 7-Day Fishing License | 6.00 |
| Nonresident Junior Fishing License | 2.25 |
| 12 To 15 Years Inclusive | |
| Citizen 3-Day Fishing License | 5.00 |
| Nonresident Big Game Hunting License | 33.25 |
| 12 Years And Over | |
| Nonresident Small Game Hunting License | 17.25 |
| 15 Years And Over | |
| Nonresident Junior Small Game Hunting License | 10.25 |
| 12 To 14 Years Inclusive | |
| Nonresident Archery Deer Hunting License | 15.25 |
| 12 Years And Over | |
| Nonresident Trapping License | 200.00 |
| Nonresident Guides License | 50.00 |
| 18 Years And Over | |
| Resident Hunting License | 1.00 |
| 10 To 15 Years Inclusive | |
| Resident Fishing License | 4.00 |
| 16 Years And Over | |
| Resident Hunting License | 4.00 |
| 16 Years And Over | |
| Resident Combination Hunting And Fishing License | 7.25 |
| Resident Serviceman Hunting And Fishing License | 2.25* |
| Resident Archery Hunting License | 5.25 |
| 10 Years And Over | |
| Resident Trapping License (Statewide) | 10.00 |
| Resident Trapping License (Organized Townships) | 5.00 |
| Resident Guides License | 12.50 ** |
| 18 Years And Over | |
| Resident Deer Transportation License | 25.25 |

NOTE: All licenses expire at midnight December 31 the year of issue.

* \$2.35 in 1970

** \$15 in 1970

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