



# Channels State Forest

## July 2023 – June 2024 Hunting Seasons



**Sunday Hunting is Allowed**

### Big Game Hunting Seasons

<b>Bear</b>	<b>Archery:</b> Oct. 7 – Nov. 17 <b>Muzzleloader:</b> Nov. 11 – 17 <b>Firearm:</b> Nov. 27 – Jan. 6	<b>Youth/Apprentice:</b> Oct. 14 and 15
<b>Deer</b>	<b>Early Archery:</b> Oct. 7 – Nov. 17 <b>Early Muzzleloader:</b> Nov. 4 – 17 (No either sex days) <b>Firearm:</b> Nov. 18 – Dec. 2 (either sex Dec. 2) <b>Late Archery:</b> Dec. 3 – Jan. 6 <b>Late Muzzleloader:</b> Dec. 16 – Jan. 6 (either sex on Jan. 6)	<b>Youth/Apprentice:</b> Sept. 30, Oct. 1
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Fall:</b> <b>Archery:</b> Oct. 7 – Nov. 17 <b>Firearm:</b> Oct. 21 – Nov. 3, Nov. 22 and 23, Dec. 4 – 30, Jan. 13 – 27 <b>Youth/Apprentice:</b> Oct. 14 and 15	<b>Spring:</b> <b>Firearm:</b> April 13 – 28 (½ hour before sunrise until noon) April 29 – May 18 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset) <b>Youth/Apprentice:</b> April 6 and 7

### Small Game Hunting Seasons

<b>Crow</b>	Aug. 19 – March 15 (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays)	
<b>Groundhog</b>	Continuous Open Season	
<b>Quail</b>	Nov. 11 – Jan. 31	
<b>Grouse</b>	Oct. 28 – Feb. 10	
<b>Rabbit</b>	Nov. 4 – Feb. 29	
<b>Squirrel</b>	<b>Fall:</b> Sept. 2 – Feb. 29, No Fox Squirrels	<b>Spring:</b> June 1 – 15, No Fox Squirrels

### Webless Migratory Gamebird Hunting Seasons

<b>Dove</b>	<b>First Segment:</b> Sept. 2 (noon until sunset), Sept. 3 – Oct. 22 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset) <b>Second Segment:</b> Nov. 18 – 26 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset) <b>Third Segment:</b> Dec. 22 – Jan. 20 (½ hour before sunrise until sunset)
<b>Woodcock</b>	Nov. 10 – 27 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 21 (½ hour before sunrise until sunset)
<b>Snipe</b>	Sept. 25 – Nov. 26 and Dec. 19 – Jan. 31 (½ hour before sunrise until sunset)

### Furbearer Hunting Seasons

<b>Bobcat</b>	<b>Archery:</b> Oct. 7 – 31	<b>Firearm:</b> Nov. 1 – Feb. 29
<b>Coyote</b>	Continuous Open Season	
<b>Opossum</b>	Oct. 15 – March 10	
<b>Fox</b>	<b>Red Fox:</b> Nov. 1 – Feb. 29	<b>Gray Fox:</b> Jan. 1 – Feb. 29
<b>Raccoon</b>	<b>Firearm:</b> Oct. 15 – March 10	<b>Chase:</b> Continuous Open Season

### Trapping Seasons

<b>Beaver/Mink/Muskrat/Otter/Weasel</b>	Dec. 1 – Feb. 29
<b>Bobcat/Fox/Opossum/Raccoon</b>	Nov. 15 – Feb. 29
<b>Coyote/Nutria/Skunk</b>	Continuous Open Season

This is just a summary of the hunting regulations on this State Forest. For more details, please visit the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) website at <https://dwr.virginia.gov/hunting/regulations/>

If you have additional questions, please call DWR Region 3 Office at (276)783-4860

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