

Devil's Backbone State Forest

July 2023 – June 2024 Hunting Seasons



CWD Management DMA1 Archery and Black Powder Only Sunday Hunting is Allowed

Big Game Hunting Seasons	Big G	ame	Hun	ting	Seasons
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Bear	Archery: Oct. 7 – Nov. 17	Youth/Apprentice: Oct. 14 and 15
	Muzzleloader: Nov. 11 – 17	
	Archery and Black Powder Only during General Firearm: Nov. 27 – Jan. 6	
Deer	Early Archery: Oct. 7 – Nov. 17 (either sex full season) Early Muzzleloader: Nov. 4 – 17 (either sex on Nov. 11) Youth/Apprentice: Sept. 30, Oct	
	Late Archery: Dec. 3 – Jan. 6 (either sex full season)	
	Late Muzzleloader: Dec. 16 – Jan. 6 (either sex on Jan. 6)	
	Archery and Black Powder Only during Firearm: Nov. 18 – Dec. 2 (either sex on full season)	
Turkey	Fall:	Spring: April 13 – 28
	Archery: Oct. 7 – Nov. 17	(½ hour before sunrise until noon)
	Firearm (Archery/Black Powder Only): Oct. 21 – Nov. 3, Nov. 22 and 23, Dec. 4–16, Jan. 13–27	April 29 – May 18 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset)
	Youth/Apprentice: Oct. 14 and 15	Youth/Apprentice: April 6 and 7

Small Game Hunting Seasons

Crow	Aug. 19 – March 15 (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays)	
Groundhog	Continuous Open Season	
Grouse	Oct. 28 – Feb. 10	
Rabbit	Nov. 4 – Feb. 29	
Squirrel	Fall: Sept. 2 – Feb. 29	Spring: June 1 – 15

Webless Migratory Gamebird Hunting Seasons

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

Furbearer Hunting Seasons

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

Trapping Seasons

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