



Lesesne State Forest

July 2023 – June 2024 Hunting Seasons



**Archery and Black Powder Only
Sunday Hunting is Allowed**

Big Game Hunting Seasons

Bear	Archery: Oct. 7 – Nov. 17 Muzzleloader: Nov. 11 – 17 Archery and Black Powder Only during General Firearm: Nov. 27 – Jan. 6	Youth/Apprentice: Oct. 14 and 15
Deer	Early Archery: Oct. 7 – Nov. 17 (either sex full season) Early Muzzleloader: Nov. 4 – 17 (either sex on Nov. 11) 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. 16 (either sex full season)	Youth/Apprentice: Sept. 30, Oct. 1
Turkey	Fall: Archery: Oct. 7 – Nov. 17 Archery and Black Powder Only during Firearm: Oct. 21 – Nov. 3, Nov. 22 and 23, Dec. 4 – 30, Jan. 13 – 27 Youth/Apprentice: Oct. 14 and 15	Spring: April 13 – 28 (½ hour before sunrise until noon) April 29 – May 18 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset) 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, No Fox Squirrels	Spring: June 1 – 15, No Fox Squirrels

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

Beaver/Mink/Muskrat/Otter/Weasel	Dec. 1 – Feb. 29
Bobcat/Fox/Opossum/Raccoon	Nov. 15 – Feb. 29
Coyote/Nutria/Skunk	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 2 Office at (434)525-7522

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