



# Sandy Point State Forest



## July 2023 – June 2024 Hunting Seasons

**No Rifles Larger than .22 Caliber During Deer Season**

**Muzzleloaders Permitted During Firearms Season**

**No Sunday Hunting**

### Big Game Hunting Seasons

<b>Bear</b>	<b>Archery:</b> Oct. 7 – Nov. 17 <b>Muzzleloader:</b> Nov. 11 – 17 <b>Firearm:</b> Dec. 4 – Jan. 6	<b>Youth/Apprentice:</b> Oct. 14
<b>Deer</b>	<b>Early Archery:</b> Oct. 7 – Nov. 17 <b>Early Muzzleloader:</b> Nov. 4 – 17 (either sex on Nov. 11) <b>Firearm:</b> Nov. 18 – Jan. 6 (either sex Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 25 – Jan. 6)	<b>Youth/Apprentice:</b> Sept. 30
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Fall:</b> <b>Archery:</b> Oct. 7 – Nov. 17 <b>Firearm:</b> Oct. 27 – Nov. 3, Nov. 22 and 23, Dec. 4 – 30, Jan. 13 – 27 <b>Youth/Apprentice:</b> Oct. 14	<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

### Small Game Hunting Seasons

<b>Crow</b>	Sept. 1 – March 9 (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays)	
<b>Groundhog</b>	Sept. 1 – March 10, during Spring Turkey (April 13 – May 18) and Spring Squirrel Seasons (June 1 – June 15)	
<b>Quail</b>	Nov. 11 – Jan. 31	
<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 until 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 – Nov. 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)
<b>Rail/Gallinule/Moorhen</b>	Sept. 11 – Nov. 5 and Nov. 13 – 26 (½ hour before sunrise until sunset)

### Waterfowl Hunting Seasons

<b>September Canada Goose</b>	Sept. 1 – 25 (½ hour before sunrise until sunset)	<b>Youth/Veterans:</b> Oct. 21, Feb. 3
<b>Teal</b>	Sept. 17 – 30 (½ hour before sunrise until sunset)	
<b>Duck/Mergansers/Coots</b>	Oct. 6 – 9 (Black Duck Closed) (½ hour before sunrise until sunset) Nov. 15 – 26 (½ hour before sunrise until sunset) Dec. 19 – Jan. 31 (½ hour before sunrise until sunset)	
<b>Canada Goose Atlantic Population</b>	Nov. 22 – 26 and Dec. 23 – Jan. 31 (½ hour before sunrise until sunset)	
<b>Atlantic Brant</b>	Dec. 23 – 31, Jan. 11 - 31	
<b>Tundra Swan</b>	Nov. 15 – Jan. 31 (by DWR permit only)	

### Furbearer Hunting Seasons

<b>Bobcat</b>	<b>Archery:</b> Oct. 7 – 31	<b>Firearm:</b> Nov. 1 – Feb. 29
<b>Coyote/Skunk</b>	Continuous Open Season	
<b>Opossum</b>	Oct. 15 – March 10	
<b>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 1 Office at (804)829-6580

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