

Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

>> NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY <<

		OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	SEASON LIMIT
UPLAND GAME BIRDS*					
Wild Turkey	Spring: Zones 1–13	Apr. 29 – May 25	See complete 2013 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		
	Fall: Zones 1–13	Oct. 21 – Nov. 2			
	Youth Hunt: Zones 1–13	April 27 (special restrictions apply**)			
Crow		Jan. 1 – Apr. 10 Jul. 2 – Apr. 10, 2014 Oct. 19 – Nov. 30	–	–	–
Pheasant	Youth Hunt	See complete 2013 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.			
Quail	Zones 11–14 only	Oct. 19 – Nov. 30	4	8	20
Ruffed Grouse		Oct. 19 – Nov. 30	3	6	15
BEAR (Bear hunting closed during shotgun deer season)					
Black Bear	Zones 1–9	Sept. 3 – Sept. 21 Nov. 4 – Nov. 23	See complete 2013 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		1
FURBEARERS					
Bobcat	Zones 1–8	Jan. 1 – Mar. 8 Dec. 20 – Mar. 8, 2014	–	–	–
Coyote		Jan. 1 – Mar. 8 Oct. 19 – Mar. 8, 2014	–	–	–
Fox (red or gray)		Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Nov. 1 – Feb. 28, 2014	–	–	–
Raccoon		Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 Oct. 1 – Jan. 31, 2014	3	–	–
Opossum		Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 Oct. 1 – Jan. 31, 2014	–	–	–
DEER					
Deer	Archery	Oct. 21 – Nov. 30	See complete 2013 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		2 Antlered deer + antlerless deer by permit
	Shotgun	Dec. 2 – Dec. 14			
	Primitive Firearms	Dec. 16 – Dec. 31			
RABBITS & SQUIRRELS					
Cottontail Rabbit	Zones 1–12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Oct. 19 – Feb. 28, 2014	5	10	–
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Nov. 15 – Feb. 28, 2014	5	10	–
Snowshoe Hare	Zones 1–4	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Oct. 19 – Feb. 28, 2014	2	4	–
	Zones 5–12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 5 Oct. 19 – Feb. 5, 2014	2	4	–
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 5 Nov. 15 – Feb. 5, 2014	2	4	–
Jackrabbit	Zone 14	Nov. 15 – Dec. 31	1	2	–
Gray Squirrel	Zones 1–9	Sept. 9 – Jan. 2, 2014	5	10	–
	Zones 10–14	Oct. 19 – Jan. 2, 2014	5	10	–
REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS					
Bullfrog and Green Frog		Jul. 16 – Sept. 30	12	24	–
Snapping Turtle		Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	–	–	–

Upland game bird hunting is closed during shotgun deer season.

* Migratory game birds (includes waterfowl, woodcock, snipe, rails): Seasons set annually. see *Migratory Bird Abstracts*.

** Must have completed the youth turkey hunt program (page 51).

Trapping Seasons

TRAPPING SPECIES	OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive)
Bobcat*, Coyote*, Fox*, Weasel	Nov. 1 – Nov. 30
Fisher*	Nov. 1 – Nov. 22
Mink*, River Otter*	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15
Beaver*	Jan. 1 – April 15 Nov. 1 – April 15, 2014
Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Nov. 1 – Feb. 28, 2014

* Pelt sealing required

Landowner Liability

Any landowner permitting use of his or her property for recreation without charging a fee is not liable for injuries to recreational users of the property except in cases of willful, wanton or reckless conduct by the owner. (MGL Ch. 21 § 17C)