

HARDWARE RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

2011/12 Hunting and Trapping Seasons
(See Virginia Game Law Digest for additional regulations)

HUNTING

Bear

Archery: October 1 – November 18
Muzzleloader: November 12 – 18
Firearms: November 28 – January 7

Bobcat

Archery: October 1 - 31
Firearms: November 1 – February 29

Canada Goose

Early Season: September 1 – 24
½ hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

Coyote

Season: September 1 – March 10
April 7, April 14 – May 5
June 2 - 16

Crow

Season: September 1 – March 10
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday only.

Deer

Youth Hunt Day: September 24

Archery: October 1 - November 18, either sex full season.

Muzzleloader: November 5 – 18, either sex November 12

Firearms: November 19 – January 7
either sex on November 26, December 3,
and December 26 – January 7

Dove

Season: September 3 – 9, 12:00 noon until sunset
September 10 – October 10, ½ hour before sunrise to sunset
(Labor Day, Wednesdays, & Saturdays only)
October 20 – November 5, ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. (Monday-Saturday)
December 27 – January 8, ½ hour before sunrise to sunset (Monday – Saturday)

Fox

Season: November 1 – February 29

Groundhog

Season: Same as Coyote

Opossum

Season: October 15 – March 10

Quail

Season: November 12 – January 31

Rabbit

Season: November 5 – February 29

Raccoon

Hunting Season: October 15 – March 10

Skunk

Hunting Season: Same as Coyote

Squirrel

Season: September 3 – January 31
June 2 - 16

Turkey

Fall (Either-sex)

Archery: October 1 – November 12

Youth Hunt Day: October 15

Firearms: October 29 – November 11, November 24, &
December 5 – 31, January 14 - 28

Spring Gobbler Season

Youth Hunt Day: April 7 ½ hour before sunrise until sunset

Firearms: April 14 – May 5 ½ hour before sunrise until noon
May 7 – 19 ½ hour before sunrise until sunset

Woodcock

Season: October 29 – November 12
December 16 – January 14
½ hour before sunrise to sunset

TRAPPING

Trapping is allowed on Hardware River WMA.

Beaver: December 1 – February 29
Bobcat: November 15 – February 29
Coyote: November 15 – February 29
Fox: November 15 – February 29
Mink and Muskrat: December 1 – February 29
Opossum: November 15 – February 29
Otter and Weasel: December 1 – February 29
Raccoon: November 15 – February 29



No Sunday Hunting
Hunting, fishing and trapping by properly licensed individuals is allowed.
No additional permit is required to hunt, fish or trap on this area.

