

# Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area

## 2016-2017 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

All hunting on Merrimac Farm WMA is by permit only from SEP 24 to JAN 7 and during Spring Turkey Season. A permit is not required to hunt on Merrimac Farm WMA during the following dates: SEP 1 – SEP 23, JAN 8 – MAR 18, and JUN 3 – JUN 17. Permits are issued through the Department's Quota Hunt System, which requires hunters to apply pre-season and be selected by random drawing to hunt legal species. More information on the Quota Hunt System is available at [www.VAquotahunts.com](http://www.VAquotahunts.com). Unless otherwise noted, legal hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

**Multi-Species Hunts, #303:** SEP: 24 OCT: 1,3,7,10,15,17,20,24,27,29 NOV: 2,5,9,12,14,16,19,21,23, NOV(continued): 25,26,28,30 DEC: 3,5,7,10,14,17,19,21,23,26,28,31 JAN: 2,4,7  
*AUG 19 application deadline*

**Spring Turkey Hunts, #404:** Hunting on Fridays, Saturdays, and Mondays only  
*SEP 30 application deadline*  
**Segment 1:** APR 1 (Youth/Apprentice Hunter Day), 8, 10, 14  
**Segment 2:** APR 15, 17, 21      **Segment 4:** APR 29, and MAY 1, 5  
**Segment 3:** APR 22, 24, 28      **Segment 5:** MAY 6, 8, 12, 13

### BIG GAME HUNTING SEASONS

**Bear**      *Archery:* OCT 1 – NOV 16      *Muzzleloader:* NOV 12 – NOV 16  
                  *Firearms:* NOV 28 – JAN 7

**Deer**      **Only one antlered deer may be taken per hunter for the season. The Earn a Buck regulation for Prince William County does apply on Merrimac Farm WMA.**  
                  *Youth/Apprentice Hunter Day:* SEP 24, Either Sex  
                  *Archery:* OCT 1 – NOV 16, Either Sex full season  
                  *Muzzleloader:* NOV 5 – NOV 16, Either Sex full season  
                  *Firearms:* NOV 19 – JAN 7, Either Sex full season  
                  (Legal Weapons include: Shotgun – slugs or buckshot, Muzzleloader, Archery/Crossbow)

**Turkey**      **Fall** (Turkeys of Either Sex may be taken)  
                  *Archery:* OCT 1 – NOV 12      *Youth/Apprentice Hunter Day:* OCT 15  
                  *Firearms:* OCT 29 – NOV 9, DEC 5 – DEC 31, JAN 14 – JAN 28  
                  **Spring** (Each hunter may harvest no more than one turkey for the entire Spring season on Merrimac Farm WMA. Bearded turkeys only may be taken. Spring turkeys must be checked online at [www.HuntFishVA.com](http://www.HuntFishVA.com) or by telephone, 1-866-Got-Game [468-4263])  
                  *Youth/Apprentice Hunter Day:* APR 1 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset)  
                  APR 8 – APR 29 (½ hour before sunrise to noon)  
                  MAY 1 – MAY 13 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset)

### SMALL GAME AND MIGRATORY GAMEBIRD HUNTING SEASONS

**Crow**      SEP 3 – MAR 18 *Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays only*

**Dove**      SEP 3 – SEP 9 (noon until sunset), SEP 10 – OCT 29 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset)  
                  *Labor Day, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only*  
                  NOV 19 – NOV 26, DEC 26 – JAN 15 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset)

**Groundhog**      SEP 1 – MAR 10, JUN 3 – JUN 17      **Rabbit**      NOV 5 – FEB 28

**Grouse**      OCT 29 – FEB 11      **Squirrel**      SEP 3 – FEB 28, JUN 3 – JUN 17

**Quail**      **CLOSED**      **Woodcock**      OCT 29 – NOV 2, DEC 10 – JAN 15  
                  (½ hour before sunrise to sunset)

**Waterfowl**      Visit [www.HuntFishVA.com](http://www.HuntFishVA.com) to find the 2016-2017 waterfowl seasons

### FURBEARER HUNTING SEASONS (hunting permitted day or night)

**Bobcat**      *Archery:* OCT 1 – OCT 29      *Firearms:* NOV 2 – FEB 28

**Coyote**      same as Groundhog      **Raccoon**      OCT 15 – MAR 10

**Fox**      NOV 2 – FEB 28      **Skunk**      same as Groundhog

**Opossum**      OCT 15 – MAR 10

### TRAPPING SEASONS

<b>Beaver</b>	DEC 1 – FEB 28	<b>Opossum</b>	NOV 15 – FEB 28
<b>Bobcat</b>	NOV 15 – FEB 28	<b>Otter</b>	DEC 1 – FEB 28
<b>Coyote</b>	NOV 15 – FEB 28	<b>Raccoon</b>	NOV 15 – FEB 28
<b>Fox</b>	NOV 15 – FEB 28	<b>Skunk</b>	NOV 15 – FEB 28
<b>Mink</b>	DEC 1 – FEB 28	<b>Weasel</b>	DEC 1 – FEB 28
<b>Muskrat</b>	DEC 1 – FEB 28		

Sunday hunting is prohibited for all species except waterfowl. Fishing and trapping by properly licensed individuals.  
 No permit is required to fish or trap on this WMA.