

FEATHERFIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

2016/17 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

(See Hunting & Trapping in Virginia pamphlet or visit www.dgif.virginia.gov for additional information)

From November 5 – January 7 and April 8 – 30, ALL hunting on this WMA is by quota draw ONLY and requires a permit. Special permit not required at other times.

HUNTING

Bear

Youth/App. Day: October 8
Archery: October 1 – November 18
Muzzleloader: November 12 – November 18
Firearms: December 5 – December 10

Bobcat

Archery: October 1 – October 31
Firearms: November 1 – February 28

Canada Goose

Early Season: September 1 – September 25
Sept. 1 – Sept. 20 (½ hour before sunrise to
½ hour **after sunset**)
Sept. 21 – Sept. 25 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset)

Coyote & Groundhog & Skunk

Season: September 1 – March 10
April 1, 8 – May 13 (Same hours as Spring Gobbler)
June 3 – June 17, 2017 (Spring Squirrel season)

Crow

Season: September 3 – March 18
Wednesday, Friday and Saturday only

Deer

Youth/App. Day: September 24
Early Archery: Oct. 1 – Nov. 18 Either Sex – full season
Muzzleloader: Nov. 5 – Nov. 18 Either Sex – November 12
Firearms: Nov. 19 – Jan. 7 Either Sex Days – Nov. 26,
Dec. 3, 10 & 12 – Jan. 7, 2017

A special 4-pt. antler rule applies during all open deer seasons.

(Legal weapons include: Rifle, Shotgun – slugs or buckshot, Pistol, Muzzleloader, Archery/Crossbow)

Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation – Deer hunters 15 years of age and under, resident or non-resident, may take one antlerless deer per license year on days other than designated Either Sex deer hunting days during the Muzzleloader or the Firearms Seasons.

Dove

Season: September 3 – September 9, Noon until Sunset
(Labor Day, Wednesday, and Saturday only)
Season: September 10 – October 30 (1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset)
(Wednesdays & Saturdays only)
November 19 – November 27, December 24 – January 15,
½ hour before sunrise to sunset (Monday-Saturday)

Fox

Season: November 1 – February 28

Opossum

Season: October 15 – March 10

Quail

Season: November 12 – January 31

Rabbit

Season: November 7 – February 28

Raccoon

Firearms: October 15 – March 10
Chase Only: Continuous Open Season

Squirrel

Season: September 3 – February 28
June 3 – 17, 2017

Fall Turkey (Turkeys of Either Sex may be taken)

Archery: October 1 – November 12
Firearms: October 29 – November 11, November 24 &
Dec. 5 – Dec. 31 & Jan. 14 – Jan. 28, 2017
Youth/App. Day: October 15

Spring Gobbler Season (Bearded turkeys only may be taken)

Youth/App. Day: April 1, 2017 (Half hour before sunrise until sunset)
Season: April 8 – May 13, 2017
April 8 – April 30 Half hour before sunrise until noon each day
(by quota draw only)
May 1 – May 13 Half hour before sunrise until sunset

Woodcock

Season: October 29 – November 4
December 9 – January 15
(Half hour before sunrise to sunset)

TRAPPING

(No above-ground body-gripping traps in excess of 5-inches are allowed)

Beaver: December 1 – February 28
Bobcat: November 15 – February 28
Coyote: November 15 – February 28
Fox: November 15 – February 28
Mink / Muskrat: December 1 – February 28
Opossum: November 15 – February 28
Otter & Weasel: December 1 – February 28
Raccoon: November 15 – February 28

No Sunday Hunting.