

# JAMES RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

## 2016/17 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

(See Hunting & Trapping in Virginia pamphlet or visit [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov) for additional information)

### HUNTING

#### **Bear**

Chase Season: August 13 – September 24  
Youth/App. Day: October 8  
Archery: October 1 – November 18  
Muzzleloader: November 12 – November 18  
Firearms: November 28 – January 7

#### **Bobcat**

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

#### **Canada Goose**

Early Season: September 1 – September 25  
Sept. 1 – 20 ½ hr before sunrise to ½ hr after sunset  
Sept. 21 – 25 ½ hr before sunrise to sunset  
(Opening day, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only)

#### **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	Either Sex
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 and Jan. 2 – Jan. 7

(Legal weapons include: Rifle, Shotgun – slugs or buckshot, Pistol, Muzzleloader, Muzzleloading Pistol, 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  
(Saturday, Labor Day, and Wednesday only)  
Season: Sept. 10 – Oct. 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)

#### **Opossum**

Season: October 15 – March 10

#### **Fox**

Season: November 1 – February 28

#### **Quail**

Season: November 12 – January 31

#### **Rabbit**

Season: November 7 – February 28

#### **Raccoon**

Firearms: October 15 – March 10  
Chase: 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, Half hour before sunrise until sunset  
Season: April 8 – May 13, 2017  
April 8 – April 30 Half hour before sunrise until noon each day  
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

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

**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.**