

2014-2015 Florida Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits

Seasons, dates and bag limits do not apply to wildlife management areas.

Species	Zone/ statewide	Season dates				Bag limits
Deer (2) Must have \$5 Deer Permit as well as hunting license to hunt deer.	Zone A (1)	<u>Archery Season (A)</u> Aug. 2-31 Antlered or antlerless deer by bow only	<u>Crossbow Season (C)</u> Aug. 2-31 Antlered or antlerless deer by crossbow or bow only Sept. 1-5 Antlered deer only by crossbow or bow	<u>Muzzleloading Gun Season (M)</u> Sept. 6-19 Antlered deer only by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow Nov. 22 – Dec. 5 Antlered deer only by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow	<u>General Gun Season (D)</u> Sept. 20 – Oct. 19 and Nov. 22 – Jan. 4 Antlered deer entire season; Antlerless deer season is Nov. 22-28 by all legal centerfire rifles and pistols, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows and bows (3) Dec. 6 – Feb. 22 Antlered deer entire season; Antlerless deer season is Dec. 26-Jan. 1 by all legal centerfire rifles and pistols, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows and bows Nov. 1 – Jan. 18 Antlered deer entire season; Antlerless deer season is Nov. 22-28 by all legal centerfire rifles and pistols, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows and bows	During Archery Season and first phase of Crossbow Season , daily bag limit is: 2 deer, either of which can be antlered or antlerless During Antlerless Deer Season , daily bag limit is: 2 deer, only 1 of which may be antlerless During all other seasons (including second phase of Crossbow Season) , daily bag limit is 2 antlered deer, and antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. Possession limit: 4 deer
	Zone B (1)	Oct. 18 – Nov. 16 Antlered or antlerless deer by bow only	Oct. 18 – Nov. 16 Antlered or antlerless deer by crossbow or bow only Nov. 17-21 Antlered deer only by crossbow or bow	Oct. 18-31 Antlered deer only by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow		
	Zone C (1)	Sept. 13 – Oct. 12 Antlered or antlerless deer by bow only	Sept. 13 – Oct. 12 Antlered or antlerless deer by crossbow or bow only Oct. 13-17 Antlered deer only by crossbow or bow	Dec. 6-12 and Feb. 23 – March 1 Antlered deer only by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow In DMU-D2 (north of I-10), antlerless deer also may be taken Dec. 6-7.		
	Zone D (4)	Oct. 25 – Nov. 26 Antlered or antlerless deer by bow only	Oct. 25 – Nov. 26 Antlered or antlerless deer by crossbow or bow only Dec. 1-5 Antlered deer only by crossbow or bow	Nov. 27-30 and Dec. 13 – Feb. 22 Antlered deer entire season by all legal centerfire rifles and pistols, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows and bows. For antlerless deer season dates, see (4) at the bottom of the page.		
Fall turkey (gobblers and bearded only) (T)	Zone A	Aug. 2-31 by bow only	Aug. 2 – Sept. 5 by crossbow or bow only	Sept. 6-19 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only	<u>Fall Turkey Season</u> Oct. 6-19 and Nov. 22 – Jan. 4 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols Dec. 6 – Feb. 1 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols Nov. 1 – Dec. 28 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols Nov. 27-30 and Dec. 13 – Jan. 18 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	
	Zone B	Oct. 18 – Nov. 16 by bow only	Oct. 18 – Nov. 21 by crossbow or bow only	Nov. 22 – Dec. 5 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only		
	Zone C	Sept. 13 – Oct. 12 by bow only	Sept. 13 – Oct. 17 by crossbow or bow only	Oct. 18-31 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only		
	Zone D (5)	Oct. 25 – Nov. 26 by bow only	Oct. 25 – Nov. 26 and Dec. 1-5 by crossbow or bow only	Dec. 6-12 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only		
	Zone A	Aug. 2-31 by bow only	Aug. 2 – Sept. 5 by crossbow or bow only	Sept. 6-19 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only	Daily bag limit: 2 Season and possession limit: 2 for all fall seasons combined	
		Oct. 18 – Nov. 7	Oct. 18 – Nov. 7	Nov. 8 – March 1 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols Nov. 8 – March 1		

Quail (D)	Zone B	by bow only	by crossbow or bow only		by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	Daily bag limit: 12
	Zone C	Sept. 13 – Oct. 12 by bow only	Sept. 13 – Oct. 17 by crossbow or bow only	Oct. 18-31 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only	Nov. 8 – March 1 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	Possession limit: 24
	Zone D	Oct. 25 – Nov. 7 by bow only	Oct. 25 – Nov. 7 by crossbow or bow only		Nov. 8 – March 1 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	
Gray squirrel (D)	Zone A	Aug. 2-31 by bow only	Aug. 2 – Sept. 5 by crossbow or bow only	Sept. 6-19 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only	Oct. 11 – March 1 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	Daily bag limit: 12
	Zone B				Oct. 11 – March 1 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	
	Zone C	Sept. 13 – Oct. 10 by bow only	Sept. 13 – Oct. 10 by crossbow or bow only		Oct. 11 – March 1 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	Possession limit: 24
	Zone D				Oct. 11 – March 1 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	
Spring turkey (gobblers and bearded only) (6)	South of State Road 70	Youth Spring Turkey Hunt(7) Feb. 28 – March 1 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	Spring Turkey Season (T) March 7 – April 12 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols			Daily bag limit: 2
	North of State Road 70 except Holmes County	March 14-15 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	March 21 – April 26 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols			Season and possession limit: 2 for spring season
	Holmes County	March 14-15 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	March 21 – April 5 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols			Daily bag and season limit: 1
Rabbit	Statewide	Year round by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols (D)				Daily bag limit: 12 Possession limit: 24
Wild hog	Statewide	Year round by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols. Hunting license not required. Wild hogs also may be trapped but cannot be transported alive without permit from the Florida Dept. of Agriculture at 850-410-0900. (D)				No limit
Bobcat (D)(F)	Statewide	Dec. 1 – March 31 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	Those with a hunting license may possess no more than 1 bobcat pelt between April 1 and Nov. 30, unless pelt has CITES tag. Also, bobcat pelts may not be taken out of Florida unless tagged. Bobcats may be chased with dogs year round.			No limit
Otter (F)	Statewide	Dec. 1 – March 1 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	Those with a hunting license may possess no more than 1 otter pelt between April 1 and Nov. 30, unless pelt has CITES tag. Also, otter pelts may not be taken out of Florida unless tagged.			No limit

Raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, skunk, nutria	Statewide	Year round by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols (D)(F)	Hunting raccoons or opossums at night is allowed, but only .22-caliber rimfire firearms (other than .22-magnums) or single-shot .410-gauge shotguns (using shot not larger than size 6) may be used. Hunting raccoons or opossums by displaying or using lights from moving vehicles, vessels or animals is prohibited. It is illegal to transport wild-trapped live raccoons within, into or from the state, except by FWC permit or authorization.	No limits on any species
Deer-dog training	Zone A	Aug. 16 – Sept. 4	Those with a hunting license may train or toughen free-running deer dogs on private property during daylight hours, after first registering (at no cost) the tract of land with the FWC. While training, all deer dogs must have their FWC-issued registration number, along with the owner's name and address on their collars. Copies of the registration must be in the hunter's possession when training deer dogs.	
	Zone B	Nov. 1-20		
	Zone C	Sept. 27 – Oct. 16		
	Zone D	Oct. 25 – Nov. 13		

- (A) Must have \$5 Archery Season Permit as well as hunting license. It is prohibited to use bows equipped with sights or aiming devices with electronic computational capabilities or light (laser) projection during Archery Season.
- (C) Must have \$5 Crossbow Season Permit as well as hunting license.
- (M) Must have \$5 Muzzleloading Gun Season Permit as well as hunting license. The only muzzleloaders that can be used during Muzzleloading Gun Season are those that take black powder or a non-nitro-cellulose substitute and are fired by wheel lock, flintlock, percussion cap or centerfire primer (including 209 primers). Muzzleloaders using smokeless powder, those that can be loaded from the breech or those with self-contained cartridge ammunition capabilities are not legal during Muzzleloading Gun Season.
- (D) Free-running dogs may be used for hunting but must wear collars listing the owner's name and address. When using dogs to hunt deer on private property, hunters must first register with the FWC (at no cost) the tract of land they have permission to hunt, and all deer dogs must have their FWC-issued registration number on their collars. Copies of the registration also must be in hunter's possession when using dogs to pursue deer.
- (T) Must have Turkey Permit (\$10 for residents, \$125 for nonresidents) as well as hunting license to hunt turkeys.
- (F) A trapping license (\$26.50) is required when trapping furbearers and when selling the pelts or meat of furbearing mammals, whether taken by trap, snare or gun. For trapping regulations and CITES tag requirements, see page 26.
- (1) Antlered deer – Deer having at least one antler 5 or more inches in length visible above the hairline.
- (2) Antlerless deer – Deer (except spotted fawns) that do not have antlers or have antlers less than 5 inches in length. It is illegal to take spotted fawns.
- (3) No antlerless deer may be taken on that portion of the eastern Everglades south of Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) and east of Everglades National Park; or in Collier County south of I-75 during Antlerless Deer Season.
- (4) Zone D has been split into 2 Deer Management Units (DMUs) with Interstate 10 being the dividing line. Changes have been made to antler regulations and antlerless deer season.
- **North of I-10 is DMU-D2**, and all antlered deer must have at least 3 points (1 inch or more in length) on one side OR have an antler with a main beam length of 10 inches or more to be legal to take. However, youth 15-years-old and younger can take any antlered deer (1). **Antlerless deer (2) season in D2 is Nov. 29-30, and Dec. 6-7 (during muzzleloading gun season), 20-21 and 27-28.**
 - **South of I-10 is DMU-D1**, and all antlered deer must have at least 2 points (1 inch or more in length) on one side to be legal to take. However, youth 15-years-old and younger can take any antlered deer (1). **Antlerless deer (2) season in D1 is Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 27-28.**
- (5) In Holmes County, there is no fall harvest of turkeys allowed.

- (6) When hunting wild turkeys during the spring season on wildlife management areas, only shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns using shot no larger in diameter than No. 2 may be used. Bows and crossbows, where allowed, also may be used. All rifles, pistols, buckshot and slugs are prohibited. This rule does not apply on private lands.
- (7) Only youths under 16 years old are allowed to harvest a turkey while supervised by an adult, 18 years or older. However, adult supervisors with a hunting license and turkey permit are allowed to “call in” the turkey and otherwise participate in the hunt, but they are not permitted to harvest one. Any turkey harvested during the Youth Spring Turkey Hunt counts toward the youth hunter’s spring season limit of 2.