

GUIDE TO HUNTING IN MICHIGAN

2011-2012 HUNTING SEASONS

Deer

Early Antlerless Firearm:

Sept. 15-Sept. 19

Youth Early Antlerless Firearm:

Sept. 20-Sept. 23

Youth and 100% Disabled Vets:

Sept. 24 & 25

Special Disabled Firearm Hunt:

Oct. 13-Oct. 16

Archery:

Oct. 1-Nov. 14

Dec. 1-Jan. 1

Regular Firearm:

Nov. 15-Nov. 30

Muzzleloading:

Dec. 2-Dec. 11 (Zone 1)

Dec. 9-Dec. 18 (Zone 2)

Dec. 2-Dec. 18 (Zone 3)

Late Antlerless Firearm:

Dec. 19-Jan. 1

Other Species

Black Bear:

Sept. 10-Oct. 26

Cottontail Rabbit and Varying Hare:

Sept. 15-March 31

Elk:

Aug. 30-Sept. 2

Sept. 23-Sept. 26

Oct. 16-Oct. 20

Dec. 3-Dec. 11

Jan. 18-Jan 22

Pheasant (male only):

Oct. 10-Oct. 31 (Zone 1)

Oct. 20-Nov. 14 (Zones 2 & 3)

Dec. 1-Jan. 1 (partial Zone 3)

Quail:

Oct. 20-Nov. 14

Ruffed Grouse:

Sept. 15-Nov. 14

Dec. 1-Jan. 1

Sharp-tailed Grouse:

Oct. 10-Oct. 31

Squirrel (Fox and Gray):

Sept. 15-March 1

Fall Wild Turkey:

Sept. 15-Nov. 14

Woodcock:

Sept. 24-Nov. 7

All hunting activities in Springfield Township are governed by State of Michigan regulations. This information is intended to provide an overview of Michigan's hunting guidelines. For more detailed information, please visit the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment at:
www.michigan.gov/dnr

SAFETY REMINDERS

- Deer hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
- **Safety zones are all areas within 150 yards (450 ft.) of an occupied building, house, cabin, or any barn or other building used in a farm operation. No person, including archery and crossbow hunters, may hunt or discharge a firearm, crossbow, or bow in a safety zone, or shoot at any wild animal or wild bird within a safety zone, without the written permission of the owner or occupant of such a safety zone.**
- You must take hunter safety if you were born after January 1, 1960.
- A hunter safety certificate or previous hunting license is required to purchase any Michigan Hunting License. Hunters anticipating an out-of-state hunting trip need to obtain a certificate prior to their trip; most states require hunters to carry their certificate when hunting and need it to purchase a license.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Crossbows: Crossbow regulation changes expanding opportunities for hunters ages 10 and up statewide have been approved by the Michigan Natural Resources Commission and are effective immediately, Department of Natural Resources and Environment officials announced today.

The crossbow regulation changes include the following:

- Lowering the minimum age for crossbow use from 12 to 10 years of age statewide
- Expanding the use of crossbows to all legal hunters during all archery and firearm seasons statewide, except in the Upper Peninsula, where crossbow use will remain prohibited during the late archery and muzzleloader seasons, unless the hunter is disabled
- Allowing the use of modified bows where crossbows are legal
- Including a temporary crossbow permit for hunters with temporary disabilities
- Eliminating a provision that limited the maximum bolt velocity for crossbows
- Eliminating the 3-year sunset provision for the use of the crossbow in the affected section of the Wildlife Conservation Order

Hunters using crossbows will still be required to obtain a free crossbow stamp. The stamp allows DNRE staff to monitor and survey crossbow hunters to determine the effect the crossbow regulations have on hunter recruitment, retention and harvest. Results of the DNRE's mail survey conducted after the 2009 hunting season indicated that participation in archery deer hunting increased after crossbow regulations were liberalized.

Hunter Orange: You may not hunt with any device, or trap with any firearm, on any lands during daylight hunting hours from Aug. 15-April 30 unless you wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear of highly visible orange color, commonly referred to as Hunter Orange. When hunting in any season with a license that authorizes the use of a firearm, you must wear Hunter Orange except as noted below. During the November firearm deer season, this law applies to all deer hunters. The garment, featuring Hunter Orange, must be the outermost garment and must be visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments, with 50 percent or more of the surface in Hunter Orange, are legal.

Exception: This law does not apply to persons hunting waterfowl, crow, wild turkey, or to persons engaged in the sport of falconry. It does not apply to archery or crossbow bear hunters or to persons who are stationary and in the act of hunting bobcat, coyote or fox. Archery and crossbow deer hunters also are not required to wear Hunter Orange except during the early antlerless, youth firearm, and the November firearm deer seasons.

E-Licenses & Discounts: Michigan's E-License system lets hunters and anglers purchase licenses, applications and permits 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Visit: www.mdnr-elicense.com

HUNTERS: Please DO NOT Move Firewood!!

Hunters can help stop the spread of the emerald ash borer (EAB) in Michigan by leaving firewood at home and buying it after they reach their destination. Moving firewood can spread EAB and puts Michigan's 700 million ash trees at risk. A quarantine is in place which prohibits the movement of all non-coniferous (hardwood) firewood out of quarantined areas. The movement of non-coniferous firewood into the Upper Peninsula is illegal. For more information, visit www.emeraldashborer.info, or call the EAB hotline at: 866-325-0023.

Springfield Township strongly suggests to residents with hunting related concerns that they report any and all suspected violations to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office: (248) 858-4950.

OTHER NUMBERS:

**MDNRE Wildlife Management Office, Lansing:
(517) 373-1263**

**Report Harassment or Poaching:
(800) 292-7800**

**Springfield Township Supervisor's Office
(248) 846-6502**

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HUNTING SEASON!!!



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