

# 2017 DEER HUNTING SEASONS

It is highly recommended that the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest, or other species-specific hunting digests, be consulted for a more complete list of dates and regulations regarding each hunt period.

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## Archery

Oct. 1 - Nov. 14

Dec. 1, 2017 - Jan. 1, 2018

## Independence Hunt

Hunters with Disabilities Hunt

Oct. 19 - 22

## Regular Firearm

Nov. 15 - 30

## Muzzleloading

Zones 1 & 2: Dec. 1 - 10

Zone 3: Dec. 1 - 17

## Late Antlerless Firearm

Dec. 18, 2017 - Jan. 1, 2018

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## LIMITED-LICENSE HUNT CALENDAR:

*Drawing results are posted online only. Applicants will not be notified by mail.*

### SPRING WILD TURKEY

Application Period: Jan. 1 - Feb. 1  
Drawing results posted online: March 1

### BEAR

Application Period: May 1 - June 1  
Drawing results posted online: June 26

### ELK

Application Period: May 1 - June 1  
Drawing results posted online: June 26

### FALL WILD TURKEY

Application Period: July 1 - Aug. 1  
Drawing results posted online: Aug. 14

### ANTLERLESS DEER

Application Period: July 15 - Aug. 15  
(youth licenses available over-the-counter)  
Drawing results posted online: Aug. 28

### RESERVED WATERFOWL

Application Period: Aug. 1 - Aug. 28  
Drawing results posted online: Sept. 18

### 2018 PURE MICHIGAN HUNT

Application Period: March 1 - Dec. 31  
Drawing results posted online: Jan. 22, 2018

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# HUNTING MAPS

[www.michigan.gov/mihunt](http://www.michigan.gov/mihunt)

The MI-HUNT application gives you access to interactive hunting, trapping and outdoor recreation maps.



Dear Neighbor,

Hunting is a time-honored tradition in Michigan. As autumn nears, I can almost feel the excitement building in the air. Some of you might even pass the tradition on to your children or grandchildren this year.

In addition to serving as a favorite pastime that helps manage wildlife populations, hunting engages young people by teaching them the importance of hunter safety and training. It also allows them to develop fundamental survival skills and an appreciation for nature.

Michigan's abundant natural resources make it one of the top destinations for hunters, boosting tourism and helping to strengthen our state economy. Outdoor sporting in Michigan attracts roughly 750,000 hunters each year, resulting in an estimated \$2.3 billion more per year for Michigan's economy.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns. Good luck this year!



Sincerely,

**Curtis VanderWall**  
State Representative

## PROTECTING MICHIGAN DEER FROM DISEASE

Chronic wasting disease has spread in recent years, decimating deer populations in other states. Therefore, it is critically important we take precautions now to prevent the highly infectious disease from spreading throughout Michigan.

Free-ranging deer, elk, moose, or other cervids hunted within another state or province may only have the following parts brought into Michigan: hides, deboned meat, quarters or other parts of the cervid that do not have any part of the spinal column or head attached, finished taxidermy products, cleaned teeth, or antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue. Hunters bringing an entire head, carcass, or other prohibited parts into Michigan will be subject to penalties such as fines, jail time and revocation of licenses. In addition, the illegally imported cervid will be confiscated.

To help prevent CWD from spreading, I recently voted in support of legislation increasing the penalties for bringing carcasses of deer, elk and other cervids into Michigan from areas where the disease has been detected. House Bill 4424 would increase the penalties for illegally bringing a carcass into Michigan to a fine between \$500 and \$2,000.

Bringing a diseased carcass into Michigan could contaminate the environment and cause CWD to spread through our healthy deer population. All hunters need to understand the risks and refrain from this activity, and offenders should be sanctioned.

## CREATING REASONABLE OPTIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE HUNTERS

I have introduced legislation in the Michigan House of Representatives to create reasonably priced hunting licenses for out-of-state residents who visit Michigan to hunt.

House Bill 4533 creates a three-day small-game hunting license that will cost \$40. Currently, the shortest license available is a seven-day permit, which costs \$80. The bill also adds a waterfowl hunting option to the seven- and three-day licenses.

The shorter license will appeal to people who are thinking about spending a long weekend small-game hunting in Michigan. It will boost tourism and give more people a chance to see all of the abundant natural resources Pure Michigan has to offer.

House Bill 4534 offers individuals who live out of state, but own property in Michigan, an option to obtain a hunting license at a reduced rate if they only hunt on their property.

Out-of-state residents currently pay \$150 for a base license and additional fees for specialty licenses, even if they own property in Michigan. That fee schedule serves as an impediment for hunters who want to visit for the weekend and hunt on their land. The bill under consideration creates a new fee of \$75 for an on-property hunt for an out-of-state hunter.

# 2017-18 HUNTING SEASONS

### Canadian Geese

North: Oct. 1 - Dec. 16  
Middle: Oct. 7 - Dec. 22  
South: Oct. 14 - Dec. 10,  
Dec. 30 - 31 & Jan. 27 - Feb. 12, 2018

### Cottontail Rabbit & Snowshoe Hare

Sept. 15, 2017 - March 31, 2018

### Ducks, Coots & Mergansers

North: Sept. 30 - Nov. 26 & Dec. 2 - 3  
Middle: Oct. 7 - Dec. 3 & Dec. 16 - 17  
South: Oct. 14 - Dec. 10 & Dec. 30 - 31

### Pheasant (male only)

Zone 1 (partial): Oct. 10 - 31  
Zones 2, 3: Oct. 20 - Nov. 14  
Zone 3 (partial): Dec. 1, 2017 - Jan. 1, 2018

### Quail

Oct. 20 - Nov. 14

### Ruffed Grouse

Sept. 15 - Nov. 14  
Dec. 1, 2017 - Jan. 1, 2018

### Squirrel - Fox & Gray

*(black phase included)*  
Sept. 15, 2017 - March 1, 2018

### Wild Turkey - Fall

Sept. 15 - Nov. 14

### Woodcock

Sept. 23 - Nov. 6

*Opossum, porcupine, weasel, red squirrel, skunk, ground squirrel, woodchuck, feral swine, feral pigeons, starlings and house sparrows may be taken year-round with a valid Michigan hunting license.*

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