

FWC announces 2010-11 hunting season dates

2010-2011 Florida Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits

Seasons and dates do not apply to wildlife management areas.

Species	Zone/ statewide	Season dates				Bag limits
Deer * Must have new \$5 Deer Permit as well as hunting license to hunt deer.	Zone A	Archery Season (A) July 31 – Aug. 29 Antlered or antlerless deer by bow only **	Crossbow Season (C) Aug. 30 – Sept. 3 Antlered deer only by crossbow or bow	Muzzleloading Gun Season (M) Sept. 4-17 Antlered deer only by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow	General Gun Season (D) Sept. 18 – Oct. 17 and Nov. 20 – Jan. 2 Antlered deer entire season; antlerless deer may be taken Nov. 20-26 by all legal centerfire rifles and pistols, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows and bows ***	During Archery Season , daily bag limit is: 2 antlered deer or 1 antlered deer and 1 antlerless deer or 2 antlerless deer. During Antlerless Deer Season (Nov. 20-26 in zones A and C; Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 in zones B and D), daily bag limit is: 2 antlered deer or 1 antlered deer and 1 antlerless deer. During all other seasons , daily bag limit is 2 antlered deer, and antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only.
	Zone B	Oct. 16 – Nov. 14 Antlered or antlerless deer by bow only	Nov. 15-19 Antlered deer only by crossbow or bow	Nov. 20 – Dec. 3 Antlered deer only by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow	Dec. 4 – Feb. 20 Antlered deer entire season; antlerless deer may be taken Dec. 26-Jan. 1 by all legal centerfire rifles and pistols, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows and bows	
	Zone C	Sept. 18 – Oct. 17 Antlered or antlerless deer by bow only	Oct. 18-22 Antlered deer only by crossbow or bow	Oct. 23 – Nov. 5 Antlered deer only by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow	Nov. 6 – Jan. 23 Antlered deer entire season; antlerless deer may be taken Nov. 20-26 by all legal centerfire rifles and pistols, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows and bows	
	Zone D	Oct. 23 – Nov. 24 Antlered or antlerless deer by bow only	Nov. 29 – Dec. 3 Antlered deer only by crossbow or bow	Dec. 4-10 and Feb. 21-27 Antlered deer only by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow	Nov. 25-28 and Dec. 11 – Feb. 20 Antlered deer entire season; antlerless deer may be taken Dec. 26-Jan. 1 by all legal centerfire rifles and pistols, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows and bows	
Fall turkey (gobblers and bearded only) (T)	Zone A	July 31 – Aug. 29 by bow only **	Aug. 30 – Sept. 3 by crossbow or bow only	Sept. 4-17 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only	Fall Turkey Season Oct. 4-17 and Nov. 20 – Jan. 2 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols Dec. 4 – Jan. 30 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols Nov. 6 – Jan. 2 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols Nov. 25-28 and Dec. 11 – Jan. 16 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders,	1 per day 2 for all fall seasons combined
	Zone B	Oct. 16 – Nov. 14 by bow only	Nov. 15-19 by crossbow or bow only	Nov. 20 – Dec. 3 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only		
	Zone C	Sept. 18 – Oct. 17 by bow only	Oct. 18-22 by crossbow or bow only	Oct. 23 – Nov. 5 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only		
	Zone D ****	Oct. 23 – Nov. 24 by bow only	Nov. 29 – Dec. 3 by crossbow or bow only	Dec. 4-10 by muzzleloader, crossbow or		

				bow only	crossbows, bows and pistols	
Quail (D) Gray squirrel (D)	Zone A	July 31 – Aug. 29 by bow only **	Aug. 30 – Sept. 3 by crossbow or bow only	Sept. 4-17 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only	Quail and Gray Squirrel Season Nov. 13 – March 6 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	Quail: 12 per day
	Zone B	Oct. 16 – Nov. 12 by bow only			Nov. 13 – March 6 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	
	Zone C	Sept. 18 – Oct. 17 by bow only	Oct. 18-22 by crossbow or bow only	Oct. 23 – Nov. 5 by muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only	Nov. 13 – March 6 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	Squirrel: 12 per day
	Zone D	Oct. 23 – Nov. 12 by bow only			Nov. 13 – March 6 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	
Spring turkey (gobblers and bearded only)	Zone A	Youth Spring Turkey Hunt ***** Feb. 26-27 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	Spring Turkey Season (T) March 5 – April 10 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols			1 per day
	Zones B, C, D except Holmes County	March 12-13 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	March 19 – April 24 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols			2 for spring season
	Holmes County	March 12-13 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols	March 19 – April 3 by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols			1 per season
Rabbit	Statewide	Year round by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols (D)				12 per day
Wild hog	Statewide	Year round by all legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, bows and pistols. Wild hogs also may be trapped. Hunting license not required on private property. (D)				No limit
Bobcat (D)(F) 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 bobcat and 1 otter pelt between April 1 and Nov. 30, 2011, unless pelt has FWC tag. Also, otter and bobcat pelts may not be taken out of Florida unless tagged. Bobcats may be chased with dogs year round.			Bobcat: No limit Otter: 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. Firearms may not be loaded until immediately prior to shooting raccoons or opossums. 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 limit on any species
Deer-dog training	Zone A	Aug. 14 – Sept. 2	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, D	Oct. 30 – Nov. 18				
	Zone C	Oct. 2-21				

- (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 this time.
- (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 this time 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 this period.
- (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) Furbearers may be taken with live traps and snares, but must have \$26 Trapping License. Live traps and snares must be checked at least every 24 hours. Using or possessing steel or leg-hold traps where wildlife might be found is prohibited, unless authorized by permit from the FWC executive director. Trapping License also is required to sell hide and meat of furbearing mammals year-round, but otter and bobcat pelts may be sold to licensed fur dealers or agents from Dec. 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 only. It is illegal to transport wild-trapped live raccoons within, into or from the state, except by FWC permit or authorization.
- * **Antlered deer** – Deer having at least one antler 5 or more inches in length visible above the hairline.
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.
- ** In Miami-Dade County, it is prohibited to possess a bow on an airboat during this time.
- *** 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 this period.
- **** In Holmes County, there is no fall harvest of turkeys allowed.
- ***** **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.**