



P E N N S Y L V A N I A GAME COMMISSION

**YOUR STATE
WILDLIFE AGENCY**

Managing and protecting wildlife and their habitats while promoting hunting and trapping for current and future generations.

NEW FOR 2024-25

1ST ROUND RESIDENT ANTLERLESS LICENSE CHANGES



JUNE 24 WMUs 1B, 2G, AND 3A GO ON SALE, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

JUNE 27 ALL REMAINING WMUs GO ON SALE, GUARANTEED UNTIL **JULY 7**



The Pennsylvania Game Commission updated the 2024-25 antlerless license sales schedule to reduce wait times and guarantee antlerless licenses for most residents in the first round.

General hunting licenses go on sale Monday, June 24, 2024, at 8 a.m. At that same time, antlerless licenses for three WMUs, which typically sell out fastest, will go on sale for 3 days before all other WMUs. Then antlerless licenses for the remaining WMUs will be guaranteed for 11 days, so residents can wait to buy until fewer hunters are in line and it's most convenient for them.

Hunters can purchase one antlerless license in the first round until the second round begins on July 22.

To save time and postage costs, wait to purchase your general hunting license until you purchase your first round antlerless licenses.

Hunters will be able to buy 2024-25 licenses online at huntfish.pa.gov or at any in-store hunting license issuing agent. To learn more, visit pgc.pa.gov.

For questions about purchasing licenses, contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission at 1-833-PGC-HUNT or pgclidiv@pa.gov.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PENNSYLVANIA HUNTER.



PENNSYLVANIA'S 2024-25 ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSE: IMPORTANT DATES

ROUND 1	8:00 a.m. JUNE 24	RESIDENTS ONLY: WMUs 1B, 2G, AND 3A GO ON SALE, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED
	8:00 a.m. JUNE 27	RESIDENTS ONLY: ALL REMAINING WMUs GO ON SALE, GUARANTEED UNTIL JULY 7
	8:00 a.m. JULY 8	NONRESIDENTS: UNSOLD LICENSES AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS
ROUND 2	8:00 a.m. JULY 22	RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: UNSOLD LICENSES AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS
ROUND 3	8:00 a.m. AUGUST 12	RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: UNSOLD LICENSES AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS DMAP PERMITS GO ON SALE
ROUND 4	8:00 a.m. AUGUST 26	RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: UNSOLD LICENSES AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

ROUNDS 1-3 ONE ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSE CAN BE PURCHASED PER ROUND IN THE FIRST THREE ROUNDS.

HUNT ELK IN PENNSYLVANIA

Don't forget to apply for an elk license when you purchase your general hunting license!

Applications for all three seasons (archery, general, and late) are available through Sunday, July 14. Drawing results will be announced on Saturday, July 27 at the Keystone Elk Country Alliance's Elk Expo in Benezette.

Find more information on seasons and hunt zones at pgc.pa.gov.



PENNSYLVANIA'S 2024-25

HUNTING SEASONS & BAG LIMITS SET

VISIT PGC.PA.GOV
FOR MORE DETAILS



GET IN THE GAME

The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners gave final approval to the 2024-25 hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits at its April meeting.

Modifications for the 2024-25 seasons include:

- The October muzzleloader season for black bear will be shortened to 3 days to reduce harvest rates on female bears and promote stabilization of the bear population.
 - An extended firearms season for antlerless deer will be held from Jan. 2-20, in WMUs 4A, 4D, and 5A, running concurrently with the final 2 weeks of the flintlock and late archery seasons within those WMUs.
 - Mentored hunters of all ages will be eligible to hunt in the early October pheasant season segment.
- Fall turkey season length will be increased in 11 WMUs, and WMU 5A, which was previously closed to fall hunting, will be opened for a 3-day season. Season length will be reduced in WMUs 3D and 4C.
 - WMU 2D will be opened to bobcat hunting and trapping. Also, the fisher trapping season will be increased by a week in all WMUs open to fisher harvest. This will allow concurrent fisher and bobcat trapping seasons.
 - If pheasant hunting within the Central Susquehanna Wild Pheasant Recovery Area (WPRA) is opened again, it will be open to all hunters. Potential season dates and bag limits will be determined later this year, following data collection within the WPRA.

Find all season and bag limit details at pgc.pa.gov.

LIVE RESPONSIBLY WITH BLACK BEARS



The smell of food can attract bears from more than a mile away. And once bears find easy access to food, they're likely to come back for more. Take a few simple steps to avoid human-bear interactions this summer:

- Feed pets indoors whenever possible. If you need to feed them outside, use single portions and put pet food containers inside at night. Be sure to take bird feeders inside overnight too.
- Keep trash cans and recycling bins inside until collection day. If you live in bear country, consider using bear-resistant containers.
- Clean and remove grease from outdoor grills after each use. Store them in a secure area that keeps bears out.



Scan for
more things
you can do
for wildlife.



WATCH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tune in LIVE on YouTube to follow along with the Board of Game Commissioners meeting on Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Game Commission Headquarters, located at 2001 Elmerton Ave. in Harrisburg.

REPORT SUMMER TURKEY SIGHTINGS

If you spot wild turkeys this summer, participate in the Pennsylvania Wild Turkey Sighting Survey to play a role in wildlife conservation. The Game Commission analyzes this data to estimate poult production, update the state turkey population model, and set fall turkey seasons.

The summer survey is scheduled to run from July 1 through Aug. 31, 2024. Participants can report the number of wild turkeys they see along with the general location, date, and their contact information.

To learn more, access results from previous years, and submit a report, visit pgc.pa.gov.



CELEBRATE THE STATE GAME LANDS SYSTEM

June marks the 104th anniversary of the state game lands system!

The Game Commission acquired Pennsylvania's first game lands — State Game Lands 25 — in Elk County in 1920. Today, the system boasts 312 separate state game lands in 66 of 67 Pennsylvania counties, totaling more than 1.5 million acres.

The Game Commission carefully manages these lands for quality habitat for 480 species of wild birds and mammals as well hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, and recreation opportunities for all Pennsylvanians.

To learn more and find state game lands near you, visit pgc.pa.gov.

CALL OF THE OUTDOORS

EPISODE 42

FACT OR FICTION: BUSTING THE BIGGEST WILDLIFE MYTHS

NOW AVAILABLE

ANSWER THE CALL OF THE OUTDOORS

Call of the Outdoors, the Pennsylvania Game Commission's podcast, provides an inside look at statewide habitat projects, the science behind wildlife management, and what drives agency decisions.

Listeners can also learn tips for coexisting with wildlife, expert hunting tactics, and answers to the most common conservation questions.

Episode 42 busts the biggest wildlife myths swirling around social media and hunting camps, including claims the Game Commission is in cahoots with car insurance companies to reduce the deer herd and the agency trades turkeys to other states in exchange for coyotes.

Tune in to new episodes each month on Apple Podcasts, iHeart, Spotify, YouTube, or calloftheoutdoorspgc.com.

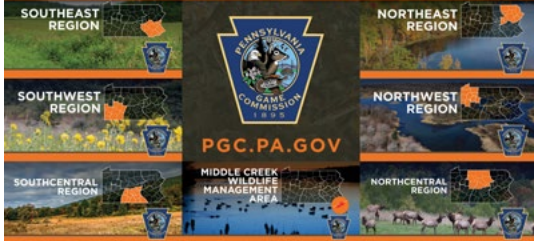
HELP PROTECT PENNSYLVANIA WILDLIFE

Wildlife crimes affect everyone. The Pennsylvania Game Commission's Operation Game Thief program serves to protect wild birds and wild mammals and encourages those who have information related to wildlife crimes to report details as soon as possible.

Report information to the Operation Game Thief's toll-free hotline – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year – at 1-888-PGC-8001 or fill out an online form. Callers may remain confidential. Learn more about the program at bit.ly/PGCOGT.



FOLLOW THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION



ARE WE CONNECTED?

Follow the Pennsylvania Game Commission on social media to stay up to date on all things related to wildlife, hunting, trapping, and more!

In addition to the Game Commission's official page, each of our regions (Northwest, Southwest, Northcentral, Southcentral, Northeast, Southeast, and Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area) have a dedicated Facebook page where you can get the latest news, stories, and information at a local level (like prescribed burns, road and range closures, local habitat improvement projects, and more)!

For more details on all the ways you can connect with the Game Commission, visit pgc.pa.gov.



CONNECT WITH PA WILD WOMEN

The Pennsylvania Game Commission's Hunter Education and Outreach Division recently launched its latest R3 initiative: PA Wild Women.

This is a Facebook Group designed to connect women to the outdoors and is open to everyone, from experienced outdoorswomen to those who are just getting started in any outdoor recreation activity.

Through this group, women will be able to learn from, grow with, and encourage each other to participate in hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, kayaking, and much more.

Members of the PA Wild Women Facebook Group will also receive access to online workshops, weekly tips and tactics, and notifications of in-person events.

While anyone can join the PA Wild Women Facebook Group, all content is created by women for women. To join PA Wild Women, visit facebook.com/groups/pawildwomen.

FOLLOW US ONLINE



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