

JAMES RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

July 2026 - June 2027 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

The complete regulations are available at www.dwr.virginia.gov and contain the full text of the regulations. It is the responsibility of hunters and trappers to know and abide by all rules stated in the full text of regulations online.

HUNTING

Bear			<u>SMALL GAME</u>		
Youth/App. Day:	Oct. 10 - 11 (Statewide)		Quail		
Archery:	Oct. 17 – Nov. 13		Season:	Nov. 7 – Jan. 31	
Muzzleloader:	Nov. 10–13		Rabbit		
Firearms:	Nov. 27–29		Season:	Oct. 31 – Feb. 28	
	Dec. 21–Jan. 2		Squirrel (Gray & Red)		
			Fall Season:	Sep. 5 – Feb. 28	
			Spring Season:	Jun. 5 – 19	
Deer			<u>FURBEARER</u>		
Youth/App. Day:	Sep. 26 & 27 (Statewide)	Either Sex Days – Sep. 26 & 27	Bobcat		
Archery:	Oct. 3 – Nov. 13	Either Sex Days – Full Season	Archery:	Oct. 3–31	
Muzzleloader:	Oct. 31 – Nov. 13	Either Sex Days – Nov. 7	Firearms:	Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	
Firearms:	Nov. 14 – Jan. 2	Either Sex Days – Nov. 21	Fox		
		Dec. 28 – Jan. 2	Red Fox Firearms:	Nov.1 – Feb. 28	
			Gray Fox Firearms:	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28	
Restriction: Only one deer per day on DWR-owned lands and DWR-managed lands.			Opossum		
			Firearms:	Oct. 15 – Mar. 10	
Fall Turkey (Turkeys of Either Sex may be taken)			Raccoon		
Youth/App. Day:	Oct. 10 – 11		Firearms:	Oct. 15 – Mar. 10	
Archery:	Oct. 3 – Nov. 13		Coyote, Groundhog, & Striped S		
	1/2 hour before sunrise - 1/2 hour after sunset		Season:	Sep. 1 – Mar. 10	
Firearms:	Oct. 17 – 30	Nov. 30 – Dec. 26		Apr. 10 – May 15	
	Nov. 25 – 26	Jan. 9 – 23		June 5 - 19	
Spring Turkey Season (Bearded turkeys only)					
Youth/App. Day:	April 3 - 4 (Statewide)				
Season:	Apr. 10 – 25	1/2 hour before sunrise until noon			
	Apr. 26 – May 15	1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset			

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Archery:	Oct. 3 – Nov. 13	
	1/2 hour before sunrise - 1/2 hour after sunset	
Firearms:	Oct. 17 – 30	Nov. 30 – Dec. 26
	Nov. 25 – 26	Jan. 9 – 23

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FURBEARER TRAPPING

(No above-ground body-gripping traps in excess of 5 inches are allowed)

Beaver:	Dec. 1 – Feb. 28	Bobcat:	Nov. 15 – Feb. 28
Mink/Muskrat:	Dec. 1 – Feb. 28	Gray/Red Fox:	Nov. 15 – Feb. 28
Otter/Weasel:	Dec. 1 – Feb. 28	Opossum:	Nov. 15 – Feb. 28
Rabbit	Oct. 15 – Jan. 31 (Box Traps Only)	Raccoon	Nov. 15 – Feb. 28
Coyote:	Continuous Open (Trapping Only)		



Sunday hunting allowed.
Hunting, fishing and trapping by properly licensed individuals is allowed.
No additional permit is required to hunt, fish or trap on this area.

Scan here to see the full list of rules and regulations.