



# Rule & Regulation Changes

In 2024, the Indiana state legislature passed a law allowing the use of drones to locate and recover legally taken wild animals. Catastrophically disabled veterans who are residents of Indiana also now have four free hunting days. The deer license bundle allows an individual to harvest up to three deer of which only two can be antlerless and one antlered. River otter trapping is now allowed statewide for the 2024-2025 season. For additional information regarding these changes please visit: <https://www.eregulations.com/indiana/hunting/>

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## Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Hunting Seasons for Indiana 2024-2025

### General License Regulations

- Hunting licenses:** A valid hunting license issued by the Indiana DNR is required to hunt any species of wild animal on both private and public land in Indiana. License exemptions can be found below. Some species also require state and/or federal stamps.
- Resident licenses:** To qualify for resident hunting licenses, a person must have established a true fixed and permanent home and primary residence in Indiana for 60 consecutive days prior to purchasing a license or permit and not claim residency for hunting, trapping, or fishing in another state or country. All other individuals are nonresidents.
- Licenses and stamps:** A hunting license (and applicable stamps, permits, and HIP number) must have an original signature in ink and be carried with the licensee while hunting or the licensee must produce an electronic copy of the license while hunting. The license or electronic copy of the license must be produced upon the request of an Indiana Conservation Officer or other authorized law enforcement officer.
- Hunter education:** Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1986 must successfully complete a DNR-offered hunter education class to purchase an Indiana hunting license or must purchase an apprentice hunting license. See information on apprentice licenses.
- License reprints:** Lost or damaged licenses can be reprinted online at no cost to the customer. Reprints at retail locations may come with a \$3 service charge.
- License revoked:** DNR-issued licenses may be revoked at the discretion of a court upon conviction of fish and wildlife law violations, or at the discretion of the Department, for noncompliance with conditions under which licenses are issued.
- License refunds:** Licenses are nontransferable and nonrefundable.

### 2024-2025 INDIANA HUNTING SEASONS

Furbearers	Hunting Dates	Limit
Red & Gray Fox	Oct 15, 2024 - Feb 28, 2025	No limit
Coyote & Striped Skunk	Oct 15, 2024 - March 15, 2025	No limit
Raccoon & Opossum	Nov. 8, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025	No limit
Mink, Muskrat & Long-Tailed Weasel	Nov. 15, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025	No limit
Beaver	Nov. 15, 2024 - March 15, 2025	No limit
Dog Running (Raccoon, Opossum) Chasing season only - no hunting	Feb. 1, 2024 - Oct. 25, 2024	Not applicable
Wild Turkey	Hunting Dates	Limit
Youth Spring	April 19, 2025 - April 20, 2025	1 bearded or male turkey per hunter in youth/spring
Spring	April 23, 2025 - May 11, 2025	
Fall Archery (statewide)	Oct. 1, 2024 - Oct. 27, 2024 Dec. 7, 2024 - Jan. 5, 2025	1 turkey of either sex per hunter each fall
Fall Firearms	Oct. 16, 2024 - Oct. 27, 2024 (see page 45 for counties)	
Deer	Hunting Dates	Limit
Reduction Zone*	Sept. 15, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025 (see page 27 for Reduction Zones)	
Youth	Sept. 28, 2024 - Sept. 29, 2024	See page 33 for deer season bag limits
Archery	Oct. 1, 2024 - Jan. 5, 2025	
Firearms	Nov. 16, 2024 - Dec. 1, 2024	
Muzzleloader	Dec. 7, 2024 - Dec. 22, 2024	
Special Antlerless Firearms	Closed	
* Designated counties or portions of counties		
Gamebirds	Hunting Dates	Limit
Pheasant (cock only)	Nov. 1, 2024 - Dec. 15, 2024	2 per day
Northern Bobwhite Quail		
North of Interstate 74*	Nov. 1, 2024 - Dec. 15, 2024	4 per day*
South of Interstate 74**	Nov. 1, 2024 - Jan. 10, 2025	8 per day**
Crow	July 1, 2024 - Aug. 15, 2024	No limit
	Dec. 13, 2024 - March 1, 2025	
The possession limit on gamebirds is two times the daily bag limit. * 2 per day on North Zone Fish & Wildlife areas, Missisnawa Lake, and Salamonie Lake ** 4 per day on South Zone Fish & Wildlife areas and Patoka Lake		
Small Game	Hunting Dates	Limit
Squirrel (Gray & Fox)	Aug. 15, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025	5 per day
Rabbit	Nov. 1, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025	5 per day
Green Frog & Bullfrog	June 15, 2024 - April 30, 2025	25 per day
Game Turtles *	July 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025	4 per day**
The possession limit for small game species is two times the daily bag limit. * Eastern snapping turtle, smooth softshell turtle, spiny softshell turtle ** Limit is singly or in aggregate. These species of turtles must have a carapace length of at least 12 inches.		
Waterfowl & Migratory Gamebirds	Hunting Dates	Limit
See table on page 38 for species and season dates.		

information gathered from [www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/hunting-and-trapping/hunting-trapping-guide/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/hunting-and-trapping/hunting-trapping-guide/)



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