



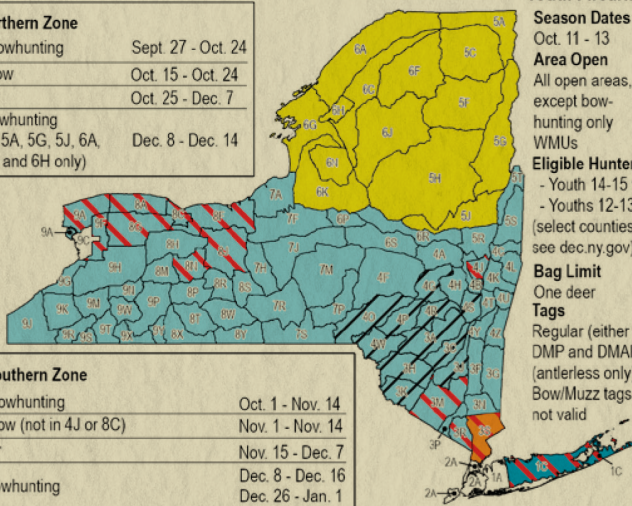
Hunting is a tradition rooted in conservation and self-reliance in the great outdoors. As your assemblyman, I'm committed to preserving this heritage for future generations. Inside, you'll find resources and information to help you sustain and celebrate our region's proud hunting legacy.

ASSEMBLYMAN CHRIS
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Regular & Bowhunting Deer Seasons

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

Northern Zone	
Early Bowhunting	Sept. 27 - Oct. 24
Crossbow	Oct. 15 - Oct. 24
Regular	Oct. 25 - Dec. 7
Late Bowhunting (WMUs 5A, 5G, 5J, 6A, 6C, 6G, and 6H only)	Dec. 8 - Dec. 14



Southern Zone	
Early Bowhunting	Oct. 1 - Nov. 14
Crossbow (not in 4J or 8C)	Nov. 1 - Nov. 14
Regular	Nov. 15 - Dec. 7
Late Bowhunting	Dec. 8 - Dec. 16 Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

Westchester County (3S)	
Regular - bowhunting only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

Suffolk County (1C)	
Regular - Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31
Special Firearms (Permit Req.)	Jan. 4 - Jan. 31

Early Antlerless Season	Sept. 13 - Sept. 21
Tags: DMP and DMAP	
Vertical Bow-Only: 1C, 3S, 4J, 8C	
Firearms, Bow, & Crossbow: 3M, 3R, 8A, 8F, 8G, 8J, 8N, 9A, and 9F	

Youth Firearms

Season Dates
Oct. 11 - 13
Area Open
All open areas, except bowhunting only WMUs
Eligible Hunters
- Youth 14-15 yrs
- Youths 12-13 yrs (select counties, see dec.ny.gov)

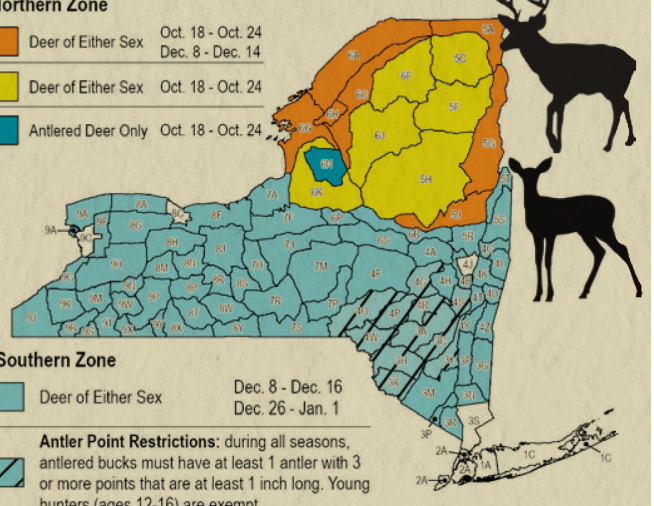
Bag Limit
One deer
Tags
Regular (either sex), DMP and DMAP (antlerless only); Bow/Muzz tags are not valid

Antler Point Restrictions
During all seasons, antlered bucks must have at least 1 antler with 3 or more points that are at least 1 inch long. Young hunters (ages 12-16) are exempt.

Muzzleloading Deer Seasons

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

Northern Zone	
Deer of Either Sex	Oct. 18 - Oct. 24 Dec. 8 - Dec. 14
Deer of Either Sex	Oct. 18 - Oct. 24
Antlered Deer Only	Oct. 18 - Oct. 24



Southern Zone	
Deer of Either Sex	Dec. 8 - Dec. 16 Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

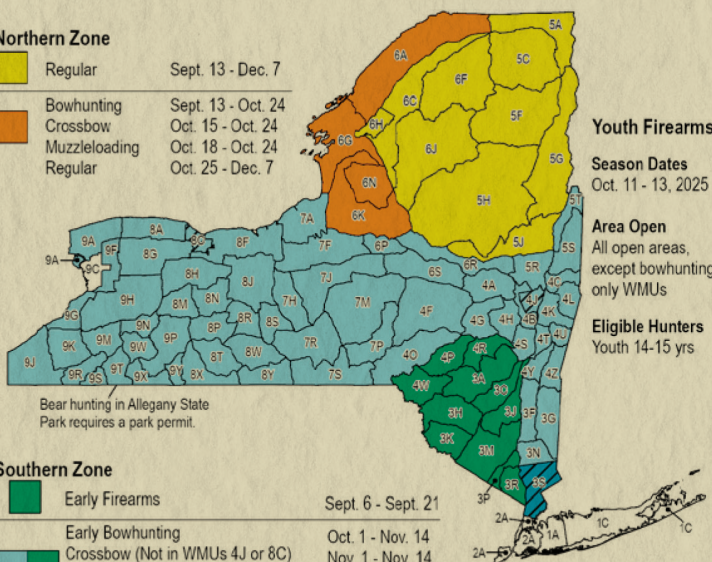
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Crossbows may be used to hunt deer and bear during their respective firearms seasons (early bear, regular and muzzleloading deer & bear seasons). Crossbows may not be used to hunt deer during the youth firearms season, or anytime in WMUs 1C, 3S, 4J or 8C.

Black Bear Hunting

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

Northern Zone	
Regular	Sept. 13 - Dec. 7
Bowhunting	Sept. 13 - Oct. 24
Crossbow	Oct. 15 - Oct. 24
Muzzleloading	Oct. 18 - Oct. 24
Regular	Oct. 25 - Dec. 7



Southern Zone	
Early Firearms	Sept. 6 - Sept. 21
Early Bowhunting	Oct. 1 - Nov. 14
Crossbow (Not in WMUs 4J or 8C)	Nov. 1 - Nov. 14
Regular	Nov. 15 - Dec. 7
Late Bowhunting	Dec. 8 - Dec. 16
Late Muzzleloading	Dec. 8 - Dec. 16
Westchester County (3S) Regular - bowhunting Only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

Youth Firearms

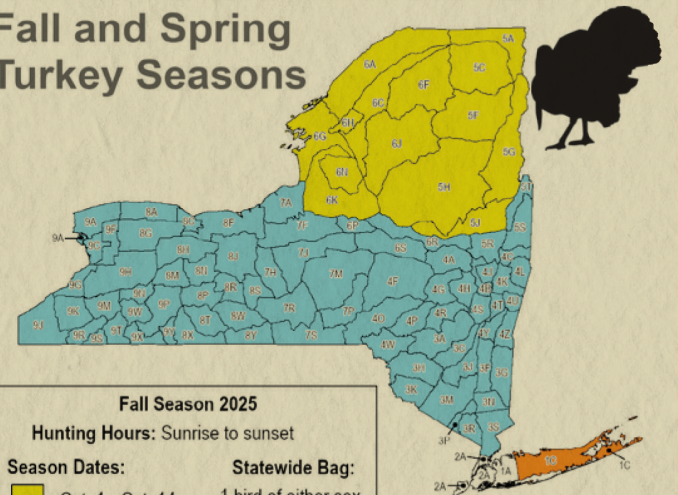
Season Dates
Oct. 11 - 13, 2025

Area Open
All open areas, except bowhunting only WMUs

Eligible Hunters
Youth 14-15 yrs

Bowhunting Only WMUs
Closed

Fall and Spring Turkey Seasons



Fall Season 2025	
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset	
Season Dates:	Statewide Bag:
Oct. 1 - Oct. 14	1 bird of either sex
Oct. 18 - Oct. 31	
Nov. 15 - Nov. 28	
Closed	

Spring Season 2026	
Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon	
Season Dates:	Statewide Bag:
May 1 - May 31 in all open areas	- 2 bearded birds, no more than 1 per day. - No more than 1 in WMU 1C.
Closed	

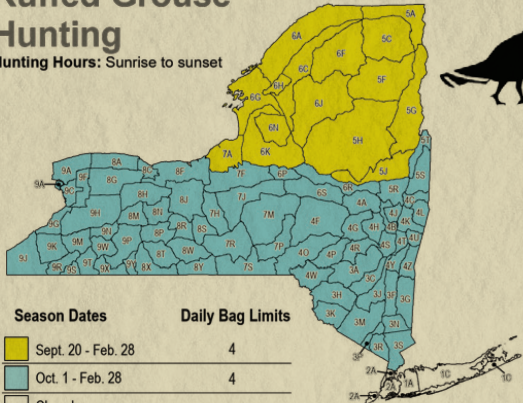
Youth Turkey Season Spring 2026
Hunting Hours:
1/2 hour before sunrise to noon
Season Dates:
April 25 - 26, 2026
Statewide Bag Limit
1 bearded bird
Open Areas:
Same as regular spring season

To contact me about state issues, please visit my Catskill District Office at 45 Five Mile Woods Rd, Suite 3, Catskill, NY 12414, or call at 518-943-1371. You can also visit my Schoharie office at 113 Park Place, Suite 6, Schoharie, NY 12157, or call at 518-295-7250. You can also email any time at taguec@nyassembly.gov.

New York State 2025-2026

Ruffed Grouse Hunting

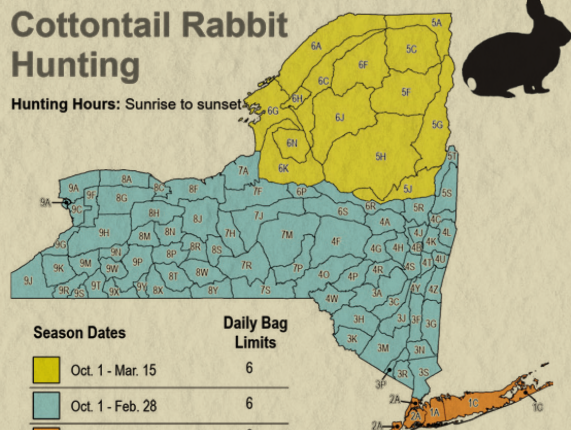
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset



Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits
Sept. 20 - Feb. 28	4
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	4
Closed	

Cottontail Rabbit Hunting

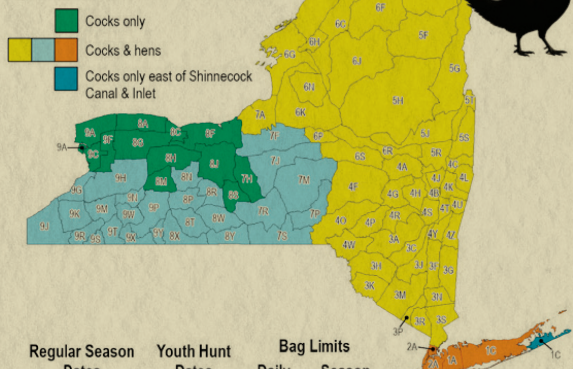
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset



Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 - Mar. 15	6
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	6
Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	6

Pheasant Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset

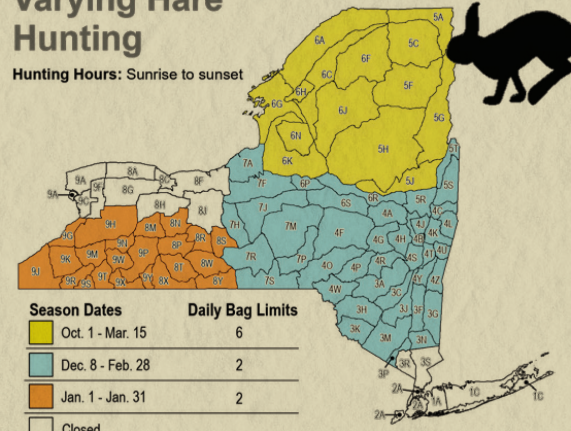


Regular Season Dates	Youth Hunt Dates	Bag Limits
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	Sept. 27 & 28	2
Oct. 18 - Feb. 28	Oct. 11 & 12	2
Oct. 18 - Dec. 31	Oct. 11 & 12	2
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Oct. 25 & 26 ¹	2 ^{1/4} **
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Oct. 25 & 26	2 ^{1/4} **

¹In WMU 2A no youth hunt, hunting is by falconry only
²Youth hunt
^{**}Regular season

Varying Hare Hunting

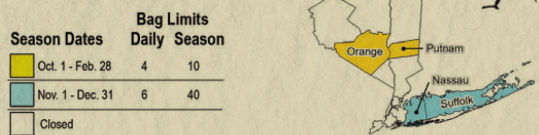
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset



Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 - Mar. 15	6
Dec. 8 - Feb. 28	2
Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	2
Closed	

Bobwhite Quail Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset



Season Dates	Bag Limits
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	4 10
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	6 40
Closed	

Raccoon, Fox, Skunk, Opossum & Weasel Hunting

Long Island & NYC: Nov. 1 - Feb. 25
 All other areas of New York: Oct. 25 - Feb. 15

There are no bag limits for these species. They may be hunted during the day or night, except weasel, which may only be hunted from sunrise to sunset.

Gray, Black & Fox Squirrel Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset

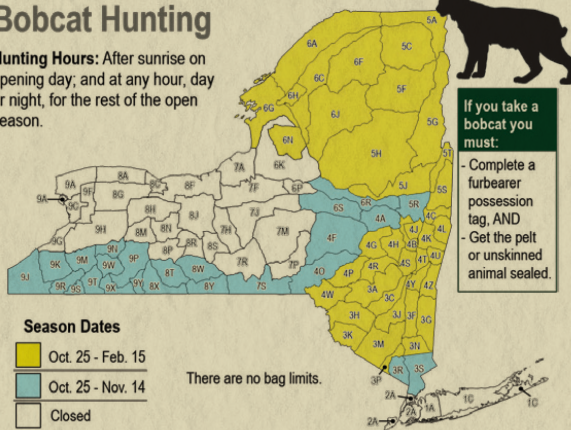
Long Island & NYC: Nov. 1 - Feb. 28
 All other areas of New York: Sept. 1 - Feb. 28

Daily bag limit of 6 total, regardless of species

Red squirrels are unprotected, and may be hunted at any time without limit.

Bobcat Hunting

Hunting Hours: After sunrise on opening day; and at any hour, day or night, for the rest of the open season.



Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 25 - Feb. 15	
Oct. 25 - Nov. 14	
Closed	

There are no bag limits.

If you take a bobcat you must:

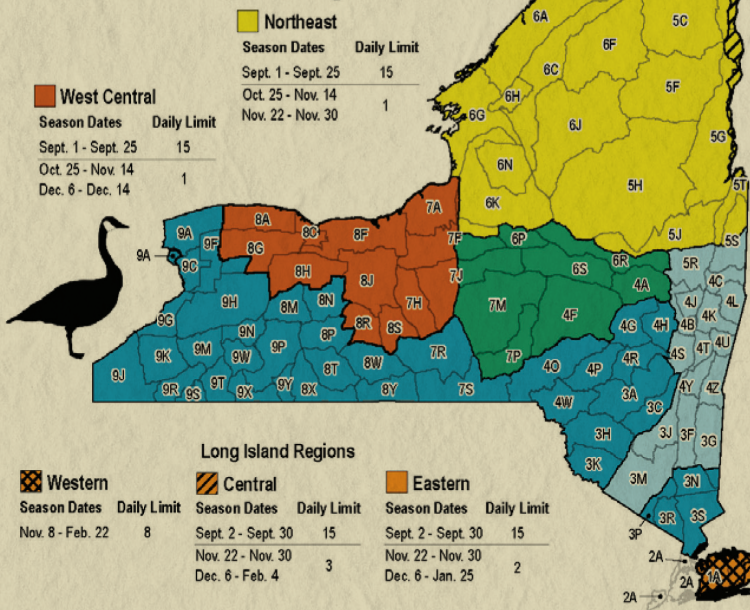
- Complete a furbearer possession tag, AND
- Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

Coyote Hunting

Statewide except Long Island & NYC: Oct. 1 - Mar. 29

There are no bag limits for coyotes. They may be hunted during the day or night.

Canada Goose Hunting



Region	Season Dates	Daily Limit	
Northeast	Sept. 1 - Sept. 25	15	
	Oct. 25 - Nov. 14	1	
	Nov. 22 - Nov. 30	1	
West Central	Sept. 1 - Sept. 25	15	
	Oct. 25 - Nov. 14	1	
	Dec. 6 - Dec. 14	1	
East Central	Sept. 1 - Sept. 25	15	
	Oct. 25 - Nov. 14	1	
	Nov. 22 - Nov. 30	1	
Hudson Valley	Sept. 1 - Sept. 25	15	
	Nov. 8 - Dec. 7	1	
South	Sept. 1 - Sept. 25	15	
	Oct. 25 - Jan. 12	5	
Long Island Regions	Western: Nov. 8 - Feb. 22	8	
	Central: Sept. 2 - Sept. 30	15	
	Eastern: Sept. 2 - Sept. 30	15	
		Nov. 22 - Nov. 30	3
		Dec. 6 - Jan. 25	2

Lake Champlain

Season Dates	Daily Limit
Sept. 1 - Sept. 25	8
Oct. 11 - Nov. 9	1
Dec. 1 - Jan. 19	5



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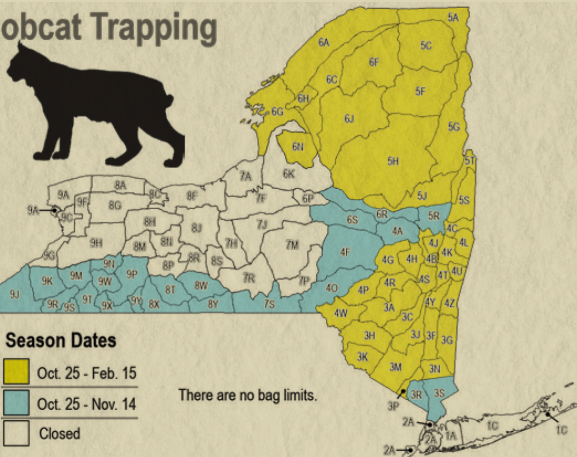
Oct. 1 - Nov. 14
Closed

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Sept. 1 - Mar. 31 (Fridays, Saturday, Sundays & Mondays Only)
Closed

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Bobcat Trapping



River Otter Trapping



! If you take a bobcat, otter, fisher, or marten, you must:

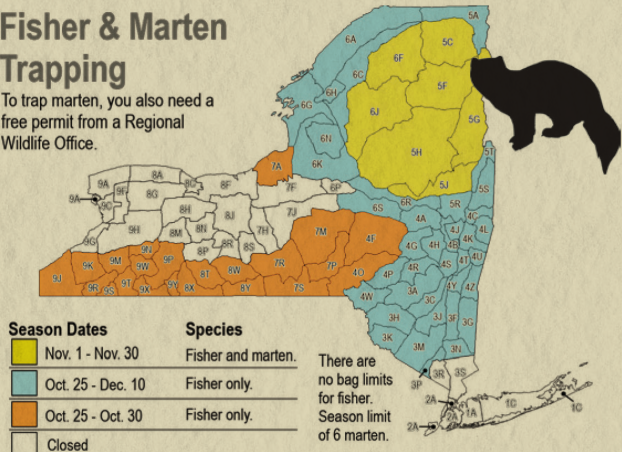
- Complete a furbearer possession tag, AND
- Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Skunk, Coyote, Opossum & Weasel Trapping



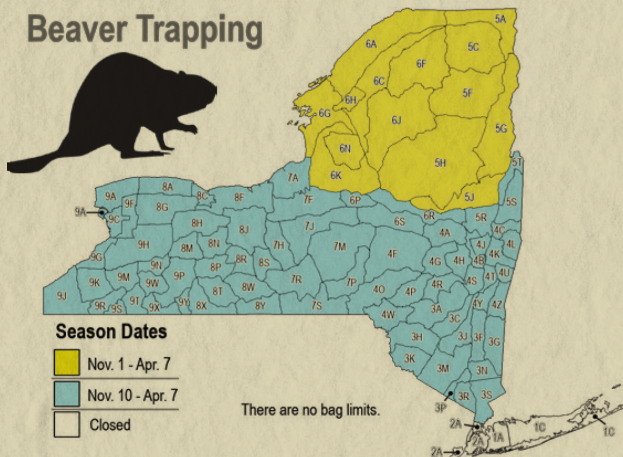
Fisher & Marten Trapping

To trap marten, you also need a free permit from a Regional Wildlife Office.

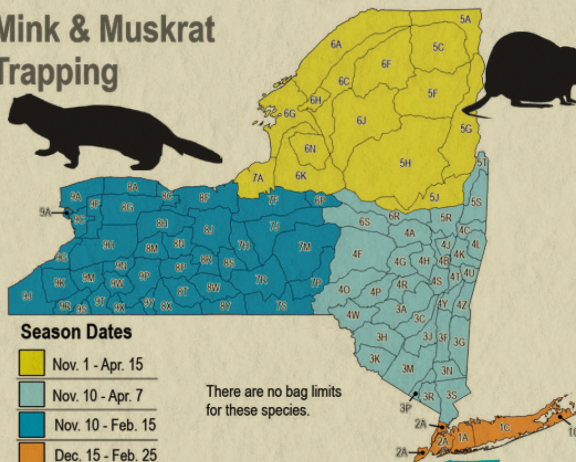


*In the Northern Zone, body gripping traps set on land may not be set with bait or lure if the fisher and marten season is closed.

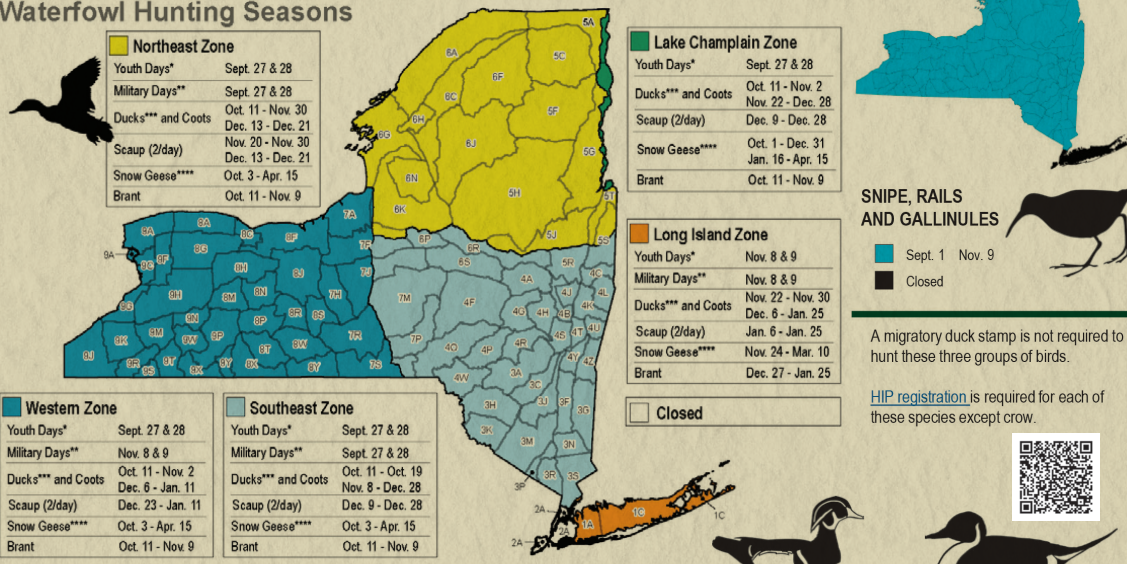
Beaver Trapping



Mink & Muskrat Trapping



Waterfowl Hunting Seasons





Active military and some veterans may qualify for reduced fees.

Activity	Cost
Hunting & Fishing (Ages 5-11), \$765 (Ages 12-69), \$65 (Ages 70+)	\$380 (Under 5), \$535 (Ages 70+)
Hunting	\$535
Bowhunting	\$235
Trapping	\$395
Muzzleloading	\$235
Fresh Water Fishing	\$460 (Ages up to 69) \$65 (Ages 70+)

License Type	Resident	Non-resident
Annual Hunting License	\$5	\$5
Ages 12-15	\$5	\$5
Ages 16-69	\$22	\$100
Ages 70+	\$5	\$100
Bowhunting Privilege	Resident	Non-resident
Ages 12-15	\$4	\$4
Ages 16-69	\$15	\$30
Ages 70+	No fee	\$30
Muzzleloading Privilege	Resident	Non-resident
Ages 14-69	\$15	\$30
Ages 70+	No fee	\$30
Turkey Permit	Resident	Non-resident
Ages 12+	\$10	\$20

New York State License Fees



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Hunting: a time-honored tradition shared by half a million state residents annually. See inside for important information for the 2025-26 season.

