



Pennsylvania
Game Commission
YOUR STATE WILDLIFE AGENCY

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NORTHWEST REGION

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SERVING: Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Warren counties

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4820 Route 711, Bolivar, PA 15923

SERVING: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland counties

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SERVING: Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Lycoming, McKean, Potter, Tioga, Union counties

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SERVING: Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, Snyder, York counties

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3917 Memorial Highway, Dallas, PA 18612

SERVING: Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming counties

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SERVING: Berks, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Schuylkill counties

FOLLOW US ONLINE



POACHERS ARE THIEVES. HELP US CATCH THEM.

The Game Commission's Operation Game Thief (OGT) program protects wildlife by encouraging the public to report any information related to illegal activity as quickly 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 at
bit.ly/PGCOGT

JOIN THE HERD

Scan to subscribe to the Game Commission's email newsletter for hunting season reminders, licensing updates, and the latest agency news.



CALL US AT
1-833-PGC-WILD

VISIT US ONLINE AT PA.GOV/PGC



LISTEN TO 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.

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



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



HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE INTO THE LATE SEASON

EXTENDED ANTLERLESS FIREARMS SEASON

Extended seasons provide hunters with more opportunities to harvest antlerless deer while supporting healthy habitats and healthy herds.

The extended firearms season for antlerless deer will be open on all DMAP properties statewide as well as WMUs 2B, 5C, and 5D from Dec. 26-Jan. 24.

In WMUs 4A, 4C, 4D, and 5A, the season runs from Jan. 2-19.



SMALL GAME SEASONS

Small game hunting is in full swing, with squirrels, rabbits, and pheasants all in season through the end of February.

Remember to wear the required minimum of 250 square inches of fluorescent orange on the head, chest, and back combined, visible 360 degrees, when small game hunting.

A pheasant permit is required for most hunters pursuing pheasants.

Visit pa.gov/pgc for details on all late-season hunting opportunities available for the 2025-26 season.

**GOOD LUCK. HAVE FUN.
HUNT SAFELY.**



HELP WILDLIFE: LET THEM FIND THEIR OWN FOOD

Although feeding wildlife during the winter might seem compassionate, it can actually do more harm than good.

WHY YOU SHOULDN'T FEED WILDLIFE:

- » It can help spread disease.
- » It can create aggressive behavior.
- » It causes a loss of fear of humans (habituation).
- » It increases human-wildlife conflicts.
- » It disrupts natural diets.
- » It's illegal to feed deer in Disease Management Areas and Established Areas and always illegal to feed bear and elk.

Rather than feeding wildlife, the best way to help is to enhance their natural habitat which provides both food and cover.

WHAT YOU CAN DO INSTEAD:

- » Stop feeding wild animals and encourage others to do the same.
- » Place nest boxes around your property. You can build your own with free plans or purchase them from the Howard Nursery.
- » In the spring, plant Pennsylvania native trees and plants that produce food like nuts, acorns, seeds, and nectar as well as trees that provide cover like conifer trees.
- » Reach out to the Game Commission for additional information for creating, preserving, or enhancing wildlife

VISIT US AT THE GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOOR SHOW

The Game Commission will be hosting several featured events at the world's largest outdoor show from February 7-15, 2026, in Harrisburg.

Visitors can complete a hunter health assessment challenge, watch a live deer processing demo, get certified antler scores for their PA bucks, and more.

Visit pa.gov/pgc to learn more about events at the Great American Outdoor Show and register for the Penn's Woods Whitetail Classic.



BECOME A STATE GAME WARDEN

Passionate about law enforcement and conservation? Join the team that's been protecting Pennsylvania wildlife for more than 125 years!

Pennsylvania state game wardens enjoy a rewarding role with a diverse range of duties for an exciting career with the Game Commission.

The application window for the 38th class of game warden cadets is open from Jan. 12- March 2, 2026.

Learn more and apply at pa.gov/pgc.



STUDENTS SET SIGHTS ON STATE ARCHERY TITLE

Arrows will fly on March 20, as students across the state gather for the 2026 National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) state tournament, hosted by the Game Commission.



More than 1,000 students representing more than 50 schools are slated to compete at Spooky Nook Sports in Manheim. The Game Commission, in collaboration with NASP, brings archery curriculum to more than 115,000 students in 400 schools throughout the Keystone State.

Visit pa.gov/pgc to learn more about NASP and how to get your school involved.



EXPERIENCE PENNSYLVANIA WILDLIFE LIVE

Catch the snow goose migration in Pennsylvania via livestream from Willow Point, located at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area in Lancaster County. The best times to see the geese are at sunrise, before they leave to feed, and at sunset, as they return to roost. Late winter attracts the most birds, with thousands stopping here on the way north to breeding grounds.

You can also celebrate Pennsylvania's growing bald eagle population from two active nests. The eagles are expected to return to the nest in January, and the female will likely lay eggs in mid-February, with hatching expected from mid- to late-March.

Visit pa.gov/pgc to tune in to these wildlife cams, available through the Game Commission's partnership with HDOnTap.

EXPLORE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a college student looking for an internship working for wildlife and their habitats? The Game Commission is offering opportunities across Pennsylvania for the summer 2026 field season.

Internships range from forestry, biology, and ecology to engineering, outreach, and education. Interns gain valuable hands-on experience while setting the stage for a career in conservation.

Positions and posting dates vary by region. Visit pa.gov/pgc to learn more.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tune in LIVE to the Board of Game Commissioners meeting on Friday, Jan. 23, and Saturday, Jan. 24, at Game Commission Headquarters in Harrisburg, on YouTube. Follow along as the Board of Game Commissioners works to ensure all wild birds and mammals and their habitats are managed for current and future generations.