



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.



KNOW YOUR CID

Hunters will need their driver's license or CID number to purchase licenses online or in store. Your nine-digit CID number is printed on last year's hunting or fishing license. To safeguard your personal information, your Social Security number can no longer be used to look up an account.

NEW FOR 2025-26

Resident antlerless licenses for all WMUs will be GUARANTEED for 21 days in the first round.

Pennsylvania's 2025-26 general hunting licenses go on sale Monday, June 23, 2025, at 8 a.m. At the same time, antlerless license sales open for Pennsylvania residents.

Residents are guaranteed an antlerless license for any WMU if purchased before July 14, when the first round of sales opens to nonresidents and remaining licenses will be available on a first come, first served basis.

One antlerless license can be purchased per round in the first three rounds.

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

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PENNSYLVANIA HUNTER!

ROUND 1

JUNE 23

RESIDENTS ONLY:
ALL WMUs GO ON SALE,
GUARANTEED THROUGH JULY 13

JULY 14

NONRESIDENTS:
UNSOLD LICENSES AVAILABLE ON
A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

ROUND 2

JULY 28

RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS:
UNSOLD LICENSES AVAILABLE ON
A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

ROUND 3

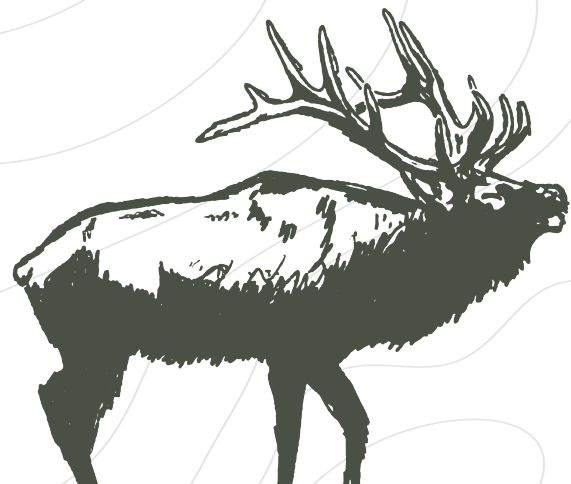
AUGUST 11

RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS:
UNSOLD LICENSES AVAILABLE ON
A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS
DMAP PERMITS GO ON SALE

ROUND 4

AUGUST 25

RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS:
UNSOLD LICENSES AVAILABLE ON
A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS



DON'T MISS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO APPLY

Remember to apply for an elk license when you purchase your general hunting license!

Pennsylvania's elk application period is open through Sunday, July 13, 2025. Apply for \$11.97 per season or \$35.91 for all three (archery, general, and late firearms). The license reveal will be held at the Keystone Elk Country Alliance Elk Expo in Benezette on July 26, 2025.

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



SEE WHAT'S NEW FOR THE 2025-26 HUNTING SEASON

The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners gave final approval to the 2025-26 hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits at its April meeting.

Updates for the 2025-26 seasons include:

- The extended firearms season for antlerless deer will be open on all DMAP properties and WMUs 2B, 5C, and 5D from Dec. 26-Jan. 24. In WMUs 4A, 4C, 4D, and 5A, the season will run from Jan. 2-19.
- The antlerless-only Ag Tag season is set for Aug.1-April 15.
- The statewide archery bear season has been shortened to one week and will run Oct. 18-25.

- The season limit on snowshoe hares has been reduced to three.
- In the Atlantic Population Zone, the Canada goose daily limit during the regular season has been reduced to one bird.
- During the regular season for northern pintail, the daily bag limit has been increased to three.

Review all seasons and bag limits at pa.gov/pgc.

JUNIOR GAME WARDEN CAMPS GIVE A GLIMPSE INTO WILDLIFE PROTECTION

This summer, state game wardens are giving hundreds of youth ages 12-15 a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to be a game warden at six locations throughout Pennsylvania.

Campers will join wardens in light physical fitness, confidence-building exercises, and hands-on learning.

They'll also have the opportunity to learn about wildlife forensics, wildlife-capture techniques, woodland tracking, outdoor survival, and more.

Learn more about junior game warden camps at pa.gov/pgc.



REPORT SICK OR INJURED WILDLIFE TO THE GAME COMMISSION

If you encounter any wild birds or mammals that appear abnormal, injured, sick, or dead, call 1-833-PGC-WILD to report them to the Game Commission, your state wildlife agency.

Visit pa.gov/pgc to learn more about wildlife health and how to resolve human-wildlife conflicts.

AVOID BEAR ENCOUNTERS THIS SUMMER

By July, yearling bears are out on their own for the first time. Young males roam far and wide looking for a new home range and often find themselves in trouble with humans as they find easy food sources like trash and birdseed. Help keep bears wild by securing trash cans, grills, and anything else that could attract bears around your home.

Cubs are also picking up survival skills from their mom. If she's learned to raid human-related food sources, her cubs will too.

By August, bears seek shade and water to stay cool and feast on berries. They may travel great distances to a dependable food source. By September, they're spending most of the day eating to prepare for winter.

If you're out hiking, especially in July and August, don't go alone and make plenty of noise to avoid surprise encounters with a bear.



Scan for more ways to coexist with wildlife



PLAY A ROLE IN WILD TURKEY CONSERVATION

If you see wild turkeys this summer, participate in the Game Commission's annual wild turkey sighting survey.

Running from July 1 through Aug. 31, the survey helps the agency estimate successful turkey reproduction and monitor trends in population and set fall hunting seasons.

Report your sightings at pa.gov/pgc and be an active part of wild turkey conservation!

Your participation counts! In 2024, 3,774 observations were recorded with 30,286 turkeys sighted, up from 2,197 observations in 2023 with 15,431 turkeys sighted.

TUNE IN TO THE NEXT BOARD OF GAME COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Watch the Board of Game Commissioners meeting LIVE via YouTube, held on Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12, at Game Commission Headquarters in Harrisburg. 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.



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BOARD OF
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**VISIT [PA.GOV/PGC](https://pa.gov/pgc)
FOR MEETING DETAILS**

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



STAY 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 six regions as well as 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 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.

JOIN THE LIST

Stay up to date with hunting season reminders, licensing updates, and the latest agency news each month.

Scan to subscribe to the Game Commission's email newsletter.



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