



Chickahominy Wildlife Management Area

2026-2027 Hunting Seasons



All Federal, State, and Local County Rules, Regulations and Ordinances Apply.

USE OF RIFLES LARGER THAN .22 RIMFIRE CALIBER PROHIBITED, EXCEPT FOR MUZZLELOADERS DURING DEER SEASON

BIG GAME HUNTING SEASONS

Bear	Archery: October 3 – November 13 Muzzleloader: November 7 – November 13 Chase: November 14 – November 28	Youth/Apprentice: October 10 – October 11 Firearms: November 30 – January 2
Deer	Early Archery: October 3 – November 13 Early Muzzleloader: October 31 – November 13; antlered deer only except on November 7 either-sex day Firearms: November 14 – January 2; antlered deer only, unless an antlerless tag has been won via quota draw.	Youth/Apprentice: September 26 – September 27; blaze orange required for all hunters on youth/apprentice deer hunting days.
Turkey	Fall: Archery: October 3 – November 13 Youth/Apprentice: October 10 – October 11 Firearms: October 17 – October 30, November 25 – November 26, November 30 – December 12, and January 9 – January 23	Spring: Bearded turkeys only Youth/Apprentice: April 3 – April 4 Firearms: April 10 – April 25; One half hour before sunrise until 12 noon April 26 – May 15; One half hour before sunrise to sunset

SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

Crow	September 2 – March 10: on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays ONLY
Groundhog	September 1 – March 10, April 10 – May 15, June 5 – June 19
Quail/Pheasant	November 7 – January 31
Rabbit	October 31 – February 28
Squirrel	Fall: September 5 – February 28 Spring: June 5 – June 19
Grouse	Closed

WEBLESS MIGRATORY GAMEBIRD HUNTING SEASONS

Dove	September 5 Noon to Sunset; September 6 – October 24, November 21 – November 29, December 19 – January 18
Woodcock	November 11 – December 1, December 26 – January 18
Snipe	September 28 – November 29, December 19 – January 31
Rail/Gallinule/Moorhen	September 5 – October 24, November 10 – November 29

WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS

September Goose and Teal	Goose: September 1 – 25 Teal: September 19 – 27	
Duck/ Mergansers/ Coots	October 9 – October 12 (Black duck closed); November 18 – November 29; December 19 – January 31	Youth and Veteran Waterfowl Hunt Days: October 24; February 6
Canada Goose	November 24 – November 29, December 24 – January 31	
Light Goose	Regular Season: November 25 – March 10	
Tundra Swan	November 15 – January 31	

FURBEARER HUNTING SEASONS

Bobcat	Archery: October 3 – October 31 Firearms: November 1 – February 28
Coyote	September 1 – March 10, April 10 – May 15, June 5 – June 9
Opossum	October 15 – March 10
Fox	Red Fox: November 1 – February 28 Gray Fox: January 1 – February 28 Chase: Continuous open season (No foxes may be taken except during the firearms season)
Raccoon	Firearms: October 15 – March 10 Chase: Continuous open season (No raccoon may be taken except during firearms season)
Striped Skunk	September 1 – March 10, April 10 – May 15, June 5 – June 19

TRAPPING SEASONS

Beaver/Mink/ Muskrat/Otter/ Weasel	December 1 – February 28
Bobcat/Fox/ Opossum/Racoon	November 15 – February 28
Coyote/Nutria/ Striped skunk	Continuous open season
Rabbit	October 15 – January 31 (Box traps only)

If you have any questions, please contact the Wildlife Area Manager, Jade Stump, via phone at (804) 987-0256 or email at Jade.Stump@dwr.virginia.gov