

GAME-SPECIFIC HUNTING DATES

PHEASANT

- zone 1:** Oct. 10 – 31
- zone 2:** Oct. 20 – Nov. 14
- zone 3:** Oct. 20 – Nov. 14 & Dec. 1 – Jan. 1

**WATERFOWL:
DUCK SEASON**

- north zone:**
Sept. 27 – Nov. 23 & Nov. 29 – 30
- middle zone:**
Oct. 4 – Nov. 30 & Dec. 13 – 14
- south zone:**
Oct. 18 – Dec. 14 & Dec. 27 – 28

TURKEY

Sept. 15 – Nov. 14

RABBIT & HARE

Sept. 15 – Mar. 31

**RUFFED
GROUSE**

Sept. 15 – Nov. 14 & Dec. 1 – Jan. 1

**SQUIRREL
(fox & gray)**

Sept. 15 – Mar. 31

WOODCOCK

Sept. 15 – Oct. 29

DEER

- liberty (youth) hunt**
Sept. 14 – 13
- independence hunt**
Oct. 16 – 19
- early antlerless firearm**
Sept. 20 – 21
- archery**
Oct. 1 – Nov. 14 & Dec. 1 – Jan. 1
(extended to Jan. 31 in some locations)
- regular firearm**
Nov. 15 – 30
- muzzleloading**
Dec. 5 – 14
- late antlerless firearm**
Dec. 15 – Jan. 1
(extended Jan. 2 – 11 (2026))

The information in this piece does not list every change to licenses, rules, regulations, or other laws related to hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation. To be sure you are in compliance, and for more information on these and other species available to hunt in Michigan, visit Michigan.gov/DNR.



Want More Info?

For more information and resources on hunting and fishing in Michigan — including season-specific dates — scan the QR code with your phone camera or visit my website at SenatorCherry.com/hunt-and-hook.



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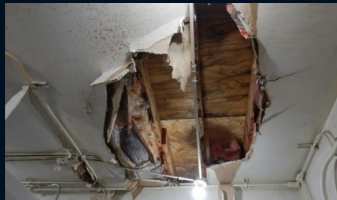
Hunters Feeding Michigan

\$500K secured in last year's state budget to purchase refrigerated trailers for Hunters Feeding Michigan, which coordinates hunters, game processors, and food pantries to provide donations of nutritious venison to families in need.



New 2025 Fall Turkey Hunting Regulations

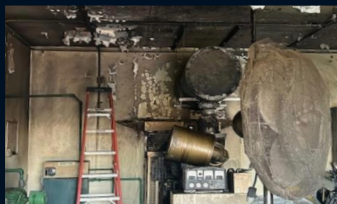
- » No longer a drawing for fall turkey licenses
- » Changes to fall turkey management unit boundaries have been implemented
- » Hunters can purchase one fall turkey license per year, beginning August 15!



Failing roof at the Harrietta State Fish Hatchery



Weir Gate Bridge damage at the Shiawassee State Game Area



Fire damage from a generator failure at the Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery

Investing in Natural Resources

PROTECTING OUTDOOR RECREATION FOR THE NEXT GENERATIONS

The DNR manages Michigan's natural resources, but inflation and declining outdoor participation threaten its funding and mission — putting habitats, fisheries, and other vital assets at risk. I've introduced bipartisan legislation to revamp and renew funding for Michigan's outdoor recreation and natural resources.

Highlights of Senate Bills 276-277 include:

- ✧ 60% youth discount, while keeping the senior discount
- ✧ Dedicated funding for hunter and angler education and recruitment, to maintain our outdoor heritage
- ✧ Modest increases in license prices
- ✧ 75% reduction in antlerless deer license cost
- ✧ Earn-a-second-buck opportunity

These bills ensure future generations can enjoy Michigan's outdoor heritage, just as I have as a lifelong sportsman. For more information on the legislation, visit my website at SenatorCherry.com/hunt-and-hook.



UPDATED DNR REGULATIONS & INFO

Scan the QR code for more information on fall turkey regulations or other 2025 regulations and handbooks.