

2016-2017 Hunting Seasons on the Appalachian Trail

Hunting is allowed on or near most of the Appalachian Trail. Although hunting is prohibited on 600 miles of NPS-acquired A.T. lands, the corridor is narrow and hunters may be nearby. Wear blaze orange when hiking in fall, winter or spring, and take other safety precautions. Learn the regulations and hunting seasons for the areas you will be hiking in before you go. Only large game and firearm seasons are listed below. Small game seasons may run from September through May.

Dates shown: **September 1, 2016** through **May 31, 2017**. Note that some states prohibit hunting on Sundays. Seasons and dates are subject to change; check local listings for the most up-to-date information. For more information, visit ATC's website at www.appalachiantrail.org/hunting.

State	Deer Firearm	Large game Firearm	Large game Bow	Muzzleloader	Turkey Firearm	Contact
Maine (excluding Sundays)	Oct. 31 - Nov. 26	Aug. 29 – Nov. 26	Aug. 29 – Nov. 26	Nov 28 – Dec 3	Oct. 1- Nov. 7	Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (207) 287-8000 www.maine.gov/ifw/
New Hampshire	Nov. 28 – Dec. 10 Dec. 12 – Dec. 31	Sept. 6 – Sept. 24 Oct. 24 – Nov. 5 Nov. 7 – Nov. 26 Nov. 28 – Dec. 10	Sept. 6 – Sept. 24 Oct. 17 – Nov. 26 Nov. 28 – Dec. 10	Oct 29 – Nov 8	Oct. 24 – Nov. 5	New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (603) 271-3421 www.eregulations.com/newhampshire/hunting/
Vermont	Nov. 5 - Nov.6 Nov. 12- Nov. 27 Dec. 3- Dec. 11	Sept. 1 – Nov. 20	Sept. 1 – Nov. 20	Dec 3 – Dec 11	Oct. 22 – Oct. 30	Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (802) 828-1000 www.vtfishandwildlife.com
Massachusetts (excluding Sundays)	Nov. 28 – Dec. 10	Sept. 6 – Sept. 24 Oct. 24 – Nov. 5 Nov. 7 – Nov. 26 Nov. 28 – Dec. 10	Sept. 6 – Sept. 24 Oct. 17 – Nov. 26 Nov. 28 – Dec. 10	Dec 12 – Dec 31	Oct. 24 – Nov. 5	Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (508) 389-6300 www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/
Connecticut (excluding Sundays)	Nov. 16 - Dec. 31	Nov 16 – Dec 6	Nov 16 – Dec 20	Dec 7 – Dec 31	Oct 1 – Oct 31	Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (860) 424-3000 www.ct.gov/dep
New York	Oct 8 – 10 Nov 19 – Dec 11 Dec 12 – Dec 20	Sep 10 – Sept 25 Nov 19 – Dec 20	Oct 1 – Nov 18 Dec 12 – Dec 20	Dec 12 – Dec 20	Oct 1 – Oct 28 Nov 19 – Dec 24 Apr 22 – Apr 23 May 1 – May 31	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (518) 402-8883 www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/hunting.html
New Jersey	Nov 19 Nov 28 – Nov 29 Dec 5 – Dec 14	Dec 5 – Dec 17	Sept 24 Oct 1 – Nov 19 Jan 1 – Jan 31	Oct 13 – Oct 15 Nov 28 – Nov 29 Dec 5 – Dec 10 Dec 12 – Dec 24 Dec 26 – Dec 31 Jan 2 – Jan 30	Oct 29 – Nov 5 Apr 22 Apr 24 – May 26	New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (609) 292-2965 www.state.nj.us/dep/fqw/
On state game lands in Pennsylvania, all hunters and non-hunters are required to wear at least 250 square inches of fluorescent orange material on the head, chest and back combined, or a fluorescent orange hat, from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 (except on Sundays). The orange material must be visible from all angles (360 degrees).						
Pennsylvania (excluding Sundays)	Oct 20 – Oct 22 Nov 12 – Nov 13 Nov 28 – Dec 10 Dec 26 – Jan 28	Oct 15 – Oct 22 Nov 19 – Nov 23 Nov 28 – Dec 10	Sept 17 – Nov 26 Dec 26 – Jan 28	Oct 15 – Oct 22 Oct 29 – Nov 12 Nov 24 – Nov 26	Oct 29 – Nov 18 Nov 24 – Nov 26 Apr 22 Apr 29 – May 31	Pennsylvania Game Commission (717) 787-4250 www.pgc.state.pa.us/

Maryland	Oct 20 – Oct 22 Oct 15 – Oct 22 Nov 26 – Dec 10 Dec 17 to Dec 31	Oct 24 – Oct 27	Sept 9 – Oct 19 Oct 23 – Nov 25 Dec 12 – Dec 16 Jan 9 – Jan 31	Oct 20 – Oct 22 Oct 27 – Oct 27 Dec 17 – Dec 31	Oct 29 – Nov 5 Jan 19 – Jan 21 Apr 15 – Apr 16 Apr 18 – May 23	Maryland Department of Natural Resources (877) 620-8367 www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide/
West Virginia (Hunting allowed on Sunday in Jefferson county private lands that border A.T. corridor)	Oct 15 Oct 20 – Oct 22 Nov 21 – Dec 3 Dec 5 – Dec 10 Dec 15 – Dec 31	Sept 3 – Sept 23 Oct 1 – Oct 7 Nov 28 – Jan 7	Sept 24 – Dec 31	Dec 5 – Dec 10	Oct 8 – Oct 15 Oct 24 – Nov 12 Apr 15 Apr 17 – May 13	West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (304) 558-2754 www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunting.shtm www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/sundayhunt.shtm
Hikers in these regions should check both West Virginia and Virginia hunting seasons. The A.T. in northern Virginia between Route 7/Snickers Gap and Harpers Ferry, and in central Virginia twenty miles north of Pearisburg is on the West Virginia/Virginia state line.						
Virginia (excluding Sundays) No hunting is allowed in Shenandoah National Park.	Sept 3 – Sept 20 Sept 24 – Sept 25 Nov 5 – Nov 18 Nov 19 – Jan 7 Jan 8 – Mar 26 (Loudoun Cty. only)	Oct 8 – Oct 9 Nov 12 – Nov 18 Nov 28 – Jan 7	Sept 3 – Sept 30 Oct 1 – Nov 18 Dec 4 – Jan 7 Mar 27 – Apr 30 (Loudoun Cty. only)	Nov 5 – Nov 18 Dec 17 – Jan 7	Oct 15 – Oct 16 Oct 29 – Nov 11 Nov 24 Dec 5 – Dec 17 Apr 1- Apr 2 Apr 8 – Apr 30 May 1 – May 13	Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (804) 367-1000 www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/
Tennessee	Nov. 19 - Jan. 8	Sept 21 – Jan 8	Sept 21 – Jan 8	Oct 29 – Oct 30 Nov 19 – Jan 13	Oct. 15 - 28	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (615) 781-6500 www.tn.gov/twra/
Hikers in these regions should check both Tennessee and North Carolina hunting seasons. Much of the A.T. north of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is on the Tennessee/North Carolina state line.						
North Carolina (excluding Sundays) No hunting is allowed in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.	Nov 21 – Dec 10	Oct 17 – Nov 19 & Dec 12 – Jan 2	Sept 10 – Oct 2 & Oct 16 – Nov 20	Oct 3 – Oct 15 Nov 5 – Nov 18	April 9 – May 6	North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (919) 707-0010 www.ncwildlife.org/
Georgia	Sept 10 – Jan 31	Oct 22 – Jan 8	Sept 10 – Jan 31	Oct 15 – Jan 8	Mar 25 - May 15	Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division (770) 918-6400 www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting