

## 2021-2022 Hunting Seasons on the Appalachian Trail

Hunting is allowed along or near most of the Appalachian Trail (noting that hunting is not allowed in National Parks; however, hunting may be permitted in National Forests and/or other state or federal lands). Although hunting is prohibited on 600 miles of NPS-acquired A.T. lands, the corridor is narrow, and trails may cross or run adjacent to hunting areas. Take safety precautions, including wearing fluorescent orange when hiking in hunting seasons. Learn regulations and hunting seasons for the areas you will be hiking in before you go. Major hunting dates for regular firearm, shotgun, muzzleloader, bow and small game details are below. This listing is not comprehensive.

For more information, visit ATC's website at [www.appalachiantrail.org/hunting](http://www.appalachiantrail.org/hunting).

Dates shown: **August 2021** through **June 2022**, noting some dates are shown in ranges and may not be consecutively occurring dates. Not all dates apply to all counties or towns; hunting dates and laws (including, but not limited to, Sunday and nighttime hunting) are subject to change. **Re-confirm hunting season dates locally before you go.**

State	Deer	Large game	Turkey	Other	Contact
<b>Maine</b> (excluding Sundays)	Deer: Sept. 11- Dec. 11	Bear: Aug. 28-Nov. 27 Moose: Sept. 27-Nov. 27	Wild Turkey: Fall: Sept. 18-Nov. 6 Spring: April 30-June 4	Upland & Migratory Birds: Sept. 25-Dec. 31 Small game: Sept. 25-Feb. 28 Coyote: Year-round	Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (207) 287-8000 <a href="http://www.maine.gov/ifw/">www.maine.gov/ifw/</a>
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Deer: Sept. 15- Dec. 15	Bear: Sept. 1-Nov. 30 Moose: Oct. 16-24	Wild Turkey: Spring: May 1-May 31 Fall: Sept. 15-Dec. 15	Small Game: Sept. 1-Jan. 31 Coyote: Year-round	New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (603) 271-3421 <a href="http://www.eregulations.com/newhampshire/hunting/">www.eregulations.com/newhampshire/hunting/</a>
<b>Vermont</b>	Deer: Oct. 1-Dec. 15	Bear: Sept. 1-Nov. 21 Moose: Oct. 1-7 Oct. 16-22	Wild Turkey: Fall: Oct. 2-Nov. 7 Spring: May 1-May 31	Small game: Sept. 1-Dec. 31 Last Saturday in Sept.- Second Sunday in March	Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (802) 828-1000 <a href="http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com">www.vtfishandwildlife.com</a>
<b>Massachusetts</b> (excluding Sundays)	Deer: Oct. 2- Dec. 31	Bear: Sept. 7- Dec. 11	Wild Turkey: Fall: Oct. 4-Nov. 27 Spring: April 24-May 27	Small Game: Jan 1 – Apr 10	Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (508) 389-6300 <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/">www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/</a>
<b>Connecticut</b> (excluding Sundays)	Deer: Sept. 15- Dec. 31	Bear: N/A	Wild Turkey: Spring: April 28-May 29 Fall: Sept. 15-Dec. 31	Small Game: Oct 16 – Feb 27	Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (860) 424-3000 <a href="http://www.ct.gov/dep">www.ct.gov/dep</a>

<b>New York</b>	Deer: Sept. 27- Jan. 31	Bear: Sept. 11-Dec. 31	Wild Turkey: Fall: Oct. 1-Dec. 3 Spring: April 23-May 31	Small Game: Sept. 1-Dec. 31	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (518) 402-8883 <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/hunting.html">www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/hunting.html</a>
<b>New Jersey</b> (excluding Sundays except state wildlife management areas and private property)	Deer: Sept. 11-Jan. 1	Bear Oct. 12 – Dec. 19	Wild Turkey: Fall: Oct. 1-Oct. 31 Spring: Jan. 25-Feb. 22	Small game: Nov. 7-March 15	New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (609) 292-2965 <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/">www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/</a>

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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, from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15. The orange material must be visible from all angles (360 degrees).

<b>Pennsylvania</b> (excluding most Sundays except special dates listed; and coyote, crow, starling and English Sparrow hunting)	Deer: Sept. 18 – Jan. 29 Elk: Sept. 11-Jan. 8	Bear: Sept. 18-Dec. 11	Wild Turkey: Fall: Oct. 30-Nov. 26 Spring: April 23-May 31	Small Game: Sept.11 – Feb. 28	Pennsylvania Game Commission (717) 787-4250 <a href="http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/">www.pgc.state.pa.us/</a>
<b>Maryland</b>	Deer: Sept. 10- Feb. 3	Bear: Oct. 25- Oct. 29	Wild Turkey: Fall: Oct. 30-Nov. 7 Winter: Jan. 20-22 Spring: April 18-May 23	Small Game: Sept. 4-Feb. 28	Maryland Department of Natural Resources (877) 620-8367 <a href="http://www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide/">www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide/</a>
<b>West Virginia *</b> (Hunting is allowed on Sunday in Jefferson County private lands that border A.T. corridor)	Deer: Sept. 25-Dec. 31 Wild Boar: Sept. 25-Feb. 6	Bear: Sept. 11- Dec. 31	Wild Turkey: Fall: Oct. 9-Nov. 14 Spring: April 16-May 22	Small Game: Sept. 11-Feb. 28 Coyote: Year-round	West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (304) 558-2754 <a href="http://www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunting_regs.shtml">www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunting_regs.shtml</a>

\* Hikers should check both West Virginia and Virginia hunting seasons.

<b>Virginia *</b> (excluding Sundays)	Deer: Oct. 2 – Jan 1 Late Season in Loudoun County: March 28 – Apr 24	Bear: Sept. 27- Jan. 1	Wild Turkey: Fall: Oct. 2-Jan. 22 Spring: April 3-May 16	Small Game: Spring: June 4-June 18 Fall: Sept. 1-Feb. 28	Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (804) 367-1000 <a href="http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/regulations">www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/regulations</a>
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<b>Tennessee **</b>	Deer: Aug. 27-Jan. 9 Elk: Sept. 25-Oct. 15	Bear: Sept. 18- 20	Wild Turkey: Fall: Sept. 25-Nov. 5 Spring: March 26-May 15	Small Game: Aug. 28-Feb. 28 Spring Squirrel: May 14-June 12	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (615) 781-6500 <a href="http://www.tn.gov/twra/">www.tn.gov/twra/</a>
<b>** Hikers should check both Tennessee and North Carolina hunting seasons.</b>					
<b>North Carolina **</b> (excluding Sundays)	Deer: Sept. 11- Jan. 1	Bear: Oct. 18- Jan. 1	Wild Turkey: Spring: April 3-May 8	Small Game: Oct. 18-Feb. 28	North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (919) 707-0010 <a href="http://www.ncwildlife.org/">www.ncwildlife.org/</a>
<b>Georgia</b>	Deer: Sept. 11- Jan. 31	Bear: Sept. 11- Jan. 9	Wild Turkey: March 26-May 15	Small Game: Aug. 15-Feb. 28	Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division (770) 918-6400 <a href="http://www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting">www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting</a>