

Proposed Ohio 2023-24 Hunting and Trapping Season Dates

Species	Proposed Opening Date	Proposed Closing Date	Proposed Limit
Squirrel	Sept. 1, 2023	Jan. 31, 2024	6 daily
Early Canada goose, statewide	Sept. 2, 2023	Sept. 10, 2023	5 daily
Early teal	Sept. 2, 2023	Sept. 17, 2023	6 daily
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1, 2023 Dec. 9, 2023	Nov. 5, 2023 Jan. 1, 2024	15 daily
Ruffed grouse			
Private property	Oct. 14, 2023	Jan. 1, 2024	1 daily
Public lands	Oct. 14, 2023	Nov. 26, 2023	1 daily
American woodcock	Oct. 13, 2023	Nov. 26, 2023	3 daily
Youth small game: Cottontail rabbit, ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail	Oct. 21, 2023 Oct. 28, 2023	Oct. 22, 2023 Oct. 29, 2023	Same as species in season
Cottontail rabbit	Nov. 3, 2023	Feb. 29, 2024	4 daily
Ring-necked pheasant (roosters only)	Nov. 3, 2023	Jan. 14, 2024	2 daily
Chukar	Nov. 3, 2023	Jan. 14, 2024	2 daily
Bobwhite quail (16 counties and specific wildlife areas only)	Nov. 3, 2023	Nov. 26, 2023	2 daily
Fox, raccoon, skunk, opossum, and weasel hunting and trapping	Nov. 10, 2023	Jan. 31, 2024	None
Coyote	No closed season		None
Mink, muskrat trapping	Nov. 10, 2023	Feb. 29, 2024	None
Lake Erie marsh trapping: Mink, muskrat, skunk, raccoon, opossum, and weasel	Nov. 10, 2023	March 15, 2024	None
Beaver trapping	Dec. 26, 2023	Feb. 29, 2024	None
River otter trapping	Dec. 26, 2023	Feb. 29, 2024	1 in Zone B (season) 3 in Zone C (season) [season limit of 3]
Wild turkey, fall (select counties)	Oct. 14, 2023	Nov. 12, 2023	1 (season)
Wild turkey, spring youth	April 13, 2024	April 14, 2024	1 (bearded only)
Wild turkey, spring South Zone	April 20, 2024	May 19, 2024	1 (bearded only)
Wild turkey, spring Northeast Zone (5 counties)	April 27, 2024	May 26, 2024	1 (bearded only)
Crow (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only)	June 2, 2023 June 7, 2024	March 3, 2024 March 2, 2025	None
Woodchuck	No closed season		None
Rail	Sept. 1, 2023	Nov. 9, 2023	25 daily
Gallinule (moorhen)	Sept. 1, 2023	Nov. 9, 2023	15 daily
Wilson's Snipe	Sept. 1, 2023 Dec. 9, 2023	Nov. 22, 2023 Jan. 1, 2024	8 daily
Waterfowl (youth, active military, and veterans)	Sept. 30, 2023	Oct. 1, 2023	Same as species in the regular season

Goose Lake Erie Marsh Zone	Oct. 14, 2023 Nov. 4, 2023 Dec. 31, 2023	Oct. 29, 2023 Dec. 17, 2023 Feb. 4, 2024	5 daily: Canada and white-fronted geese, and may include no more than 1 brant 10 daily: Light geese
Goose North Zone	Oct. 21, 2023 Nov. 11, 2023	Oct. 29, 2023 Feb. 5, 2024	5 daily: Canada and white-fronted geese, and may include no more than 1 brant 10 daily: Light geese
Goose South Zone	Oct. 21, 2023 Nov. 18, 2023	Oct. 29, 2023 Feb. 12, 2024	5 daily: Canada and white-fronted geese, and may include no more than 1 brant 10 daily: Light geese
Duck Lake Erie Marsh Zone	Oct. 14, 2023 Nov. 4, 2023	Oct. 29, 2023 Dec. 17, 2023	6 daily *
Duck North Zone	Oct. 21, 2023 Nov. 11, 2023	Oct. 29, 2023 Dec. 31, 2023	6 daily *
Duck South Zone	Oct. 21, 2023 Dec. 9, 2023	Oct. 29, 2023 Jan. 28, 2024	6 daily *

* The proposed daily bag limit is 6 ducks, not to include more than 4 mallards (only 2 of which may be hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 black ducks, 2 redheads, 2 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, or 1 pintail. Scaup are also included in the daily bag limit of 6 ducks. Scaup has a 1 bird daily bag limit for the first 15 days of the duck season, regardless of zone. The scaup bag limit is 2 birds for the final 45 days of duck season, regardless of zone.