

# HORSEPEN LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

## July 2026 - June 2027 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

The complete regulations are available at [www.dwr.virginia.gov](http://www.dwr.virginia.gov) and contain the full text of the regulations. It is the responsibility of hunters and trappers to know and abide by all rules stated in the full text of regulations online.

### HUNTING

#### Bear

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| Youth/App. Day: | Oct. 10 - 11 (Statewide) |
| Archery:        | Oct. 17 – Nov. 13        |
| Muzzleloader:   | Nov. 10–13               |
| Firearms:       | Nov. 27–29               |
|                 | Dec. 21–Jan. 2           |

#### Deer

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| Youth/App. Day: | Sep. 26 & 27 (Statewide) | Either Sex Days – Sep. 26 & 27 |
| Archery:        | Oct. 3 – Nov. 13         | Either Sex Days – Full Season  |
| Muzzleloader:   | Oct. 31 – Nov. 13        | Either Sex Days – Nov. 7       |
| Firearms:       | Nov. 14 - Jan. 2         | Either Sex Days – Nov. 21 & 28 |
|                 |                          | Dec. 28 – Jan. 2               |

Restriction: Only one deer per day on DWR-owned lands and DWR-managed lands.

#### Fall Turkey (Turkeys of Either Sex may be taken)

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| Youth/App. Day: | Oct. 10 – 11                                    |
| Archery:        | Oct. 3 – Nov. 13                                |
|                 | 1/2 hour before sunrise - 1/2 hour after sunset |
| Firearms:       | Oct. 17 – 30      Nov. 30 – Dec. 12             |
|                 | Nov. 25 – 26      Jan. 9 – 23                   |

#### Spring Turkey Season (Bearded turkeys only)

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| Youth/App. Day: | April 3 - 4 (Statewide)                                    |
| Season:         | Apr. 10 – 25      1/2 hour before sunrise until noon       |
|                 | Apr. 26 – May 15      1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset |

### SMALL GAME

#### Quail

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| Season: | Nov. 7 – Jan. 31 |
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#### Rabbit

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| Season: | Oct. 31 – Feb. 28 |
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#### Squirrel (Gray & Red)

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| Fall Season:   | Sep. 5 – Feb. 28 |
| Spring Season: | Jun. 5 – 19      |

### FURBEARER

#### Bobcat

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| Archery:  | Oct. 3–31        |
| Firearms: | Nov. 1 – Feb. 28 |

#### Fox

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| Red Fox Firearms:  | Nov.1 – Feb. 28  |
| Gray Fox Firearms: | Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 |

#### Opossum

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| Firearms: | Oct. 15 – Mar. 10 |
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#### Raccoon

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| Firearms: | Oct. 15 – Mar. 10 |
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#### Coyote, Groundhog, & Striped Skunk

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| Season: | Sep. 1 – Mar. 10 |
|         | Apr. 10 – May 15 |
|         | June 5 - 19      |

### FURBEARER TRAPPING

(No above-ground body-gripping traps in excess of 5 inches are allowed)

**Beaver:** Dec. 1 – Feb. 28

**Bobcat:** Nov. 15 – Feb. 28

**Mink/Muskrat** Dec. 1 – Feb. 28

**Gray/Red Fox:** Nov. 15 – Feb. 28

**Otter/Weasel:** Dec. 1 – Feb. 28

**Opossum:** Nov. 15 – Feb. 28

**Rabbit** Oct. 15 – Jan. 31 (Box Traps Only)

**Raccoon** Nov. 15 – Feb. 28

**Coyote:** Continuous Open (Trapping Only)



Sunday Hunting allowed, including for Waterfowl Hunting.  
Hunting, fishing and trapping by properly licensed individuals is allowed.  
No additional permit is required to hunt, fish or trap on this area.