

SMITH MOUNTAIN COOP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Bedford County July 2026 - June 2027 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

The complete regulations are available at 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

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

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 –	Full Season

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

Fall Turkey (Turkeys of Either Sex may be taken)

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. 25 – 26
	Nov. 30 – Dec. 26
	Jan. 9 – 23

Spring Turkey Season (Bearded turkeys only)

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

Season:	Nov. 7 – Jan. 31
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Rabbit

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

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

FURBEARER

Bobcat

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

Fox

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

Opossum

Firearms:	Oct. 15 – Mar. 10
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Raccoon

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

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

Mink/Muskrat: Dec. 1 – Feb. 28

Otter/Weasel: Dec. 1 – Feb. 28

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

Coyote: Continuous Open (Trapping Only)

Bobcat: Nov. 15 – Feb. 28

Gray/Red Fox: Nov. 15 – Feb. 28

Opossum: Nov. 15 – Feb. 28

Raccoon Nov. 15 – Feb. 28



Scan here to see the full list of rules and regulations.

Hunting, fishing and trapping by properly licensed individuals is allowed.
Sunday hunting allowed with written permission. A downloadable letter is available at:
<https://www.dwr.virginia.gov/wma/smith-mountain-cooperative/>