



KENTUCKY HUNTING & TRAPPING SEASONS 2021-22

DEER	Early Season	Late Season
Archery	Sept. 4, 2021 - Jan. 17, 2022	
Youth/Senior Crossbow		
Crossbow	Sept. 18, 2021 - Jan. 17, 2022	
Youth-only Gun	Oct. 9-10, 2021	
Muzzleloader	Oct. 16-17, 2021	Dec. 11-19, 2021
Modern Gun	Nov. 13-28, 2021	
Free Youth Weekend	Jan. 1-2, 2022	

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FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 23-29 and Dec. 4-10, 2021	Sept. 4, 2021 - Jan. 17, 2022	Oct. 1-17 and Nov. 13 - Dec. 31, 2021

QUOTA ELK	Bull (antlered)	Cow (antlerless)
Firearms	Week 1: Sept. 25-29, 2021 Week 2: Oct. 2-6, 2021	Week 1: Nov. 27 - Dec. 1, 2021 Week 2: Dec. 25-29, 2021
Archery/Crossbow (either sex)	Sept. 11-24 and Dec. 4-10, 2021	
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	All seasons as noted above	

SMALL GAME	Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel	Aug. 21 - Nov. 12 and Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022
Rabbit	Eastern Zone Nov. 1-12 and Nov. 15, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022	One-half hour before sunrise on Nov. 15, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022
	Western Zone Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 10, 2022	One-half hour before sunrise on Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 10, 2022
Quail	Eastern Zone Nov. 1-12 and Nov. 15, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022	No trapping
	Western Zone Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 10, 2022	
Grouse	Nov. 1-12 and Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Falconry	Sept. 1, 2021 - March 30, 2022	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Jan. 1-7, 2022	

FURBEARERS	Hunting	Trapping
Raccoon & Opossum	Oct. 1, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022, day or night (exceptions apply)	One-half hour before sunrise on Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022
Coyote	Year-round, day or night (exceptions apply)	
Bobcat	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 27, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 15, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Jan. 1-7, 2022	

WATERFOWL	Hunting
Early Teal & Wood Duck	Sept. 18-22, 2021
Teal Only	Sept. 23-26, 2021
September Canada Goose (all zones)	Sept. 16-30, 2021
Duck, Coot & Merganser	Nov. 25-28 and Dec. 7, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022
Canada/Cackling Goose, White-Fronted Goose, Brant & Snow Goose (including Ross' Goose)	Nov. 25, 2021 - Feb. 15, 2022
Youth Waterfowl	Eastern Zone: Nov. 6-7, 2021; Western Zone: Feb. 5-6, 2022
Falconry (ducks, coots & mergansers)	Nov. 30 - Dec. 6, 2021 and Feb. 1-15, 2022
Falconry (geese)	Same as regular season
Snow Goose Conservation Order	Feb. 16 - Mar. 31, 2022

OTHER MIGRATORY BIRDS	Hunting
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26, Nov. 25 - Dec. 5, 2021 and Dec. 18, 2021 - Jan. 9, 2022
Wilson's Snipe	Sept. 15 - Oct. 24, 2021 and Nov. 25, 2021 - Jan. 30, 2022
Virginia & Sora Rail	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2021
Purple & Common Gallinule	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2021
American Woodcock	Oct. 23 - Nov. 12 and Nov. 15 - Dec. 8, 2021
Sandhill Crane	Dec. 7, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022 (permit required)
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2021 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28, 2022

OTHER SPECIES	Hunting
Bullfrog	Noon May 21 - Midnight Oct. 31, 2021
Groundhog	Year-round
Turtles	Year-round, day or night

BEAR	McCreary Zone	Wayne Zone	Bell Zone	Harlan Zone	Letcher Zone	Zone 2 West	Zone 2 East	Zone 3
Chase-Only	Closed	June 1 - Aug. 31 and Sept. 9-30, 2021						
Quota Hunt with Dogs	Closed	Oct. 18-31, 2021						
Archery/Crossbow	Oct. 23-29, 2021							Closed
Firearm	Dec. 11-17, 2021							

NOTE: Seasons on Wildlife Management Areas and other public hunting lands not managed by Kentucky Fish & Wildlife may be different from those above. Go online to fw.ky.gov for details.