



KENTUCKY HUNTING & TRAPPING SEASONS 2023-24

DEER	Early Season	Late Season
Archery	Sept. 2, 2023 - Jan. 15, 2024	
Youth/Senior Crossbow		
Crossbow	Sept. 16, 2023 - Jan. 15, 2024	
Youth-only Gun	Oct. 14-15, 2023	
Muzzleloader	Oct. 21-22, 2023	Dec. 9-17, 2023
Modern Gun	Nov. 11-26, 2023	
Free Youth Weekend	Dec. 30-31, 2023	

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FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 28 - Nov. 3 and Dec. 2-8, 2023	Sept. 2, 2023 - Jan. 15, 2024	Oct. 1-22 and Nov. 11 - Dec. 31, 2023

QUOTA ELK	Bull (antlered)	Cow (antlerless)
Firearms	Week 1: Sept. 30 - Oct. 4, 2023 Week 2: Oct. 7-11, 2023	Week 1: Nov. 25-29, 2023 Week 2: Dec. 30, 2023 - Jan. 3, 2024
Archery/Crossbow (either sex)	Sept. 9-22 and Dec. 2-8, 2023	
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	All seasons as noted above	

SMALL GAME	Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel	Aug. 19 - Nov. 10 and Nov. 13, 2023 - Feb. 29, 2024	Nov. 13, 2023 - Feb. 29, 2024
Rabbit	Eastern Zone Nov. 1-10 and Nov. 13, 2023 - Jan. 31, 2024	Nov. 13, 2023 - Jan. 31, 2024
	Western Zone Nov. 13, 2023 - Feb. 10, 2024	Nov. 13, 2023 - Feb. 10, 2024
Quail	Eastern Zone Nov. 1-10 and Nov. 13, 2023 - Jan. 31, 2024	No trapping
	Western Zone Nov. 13, 2023 - Feb. 10, 2024	
Grouse	Nov. 1-10 and Nov. 13, 2023 - Feb. 29, 2024	
Falconry	Sept. 1, 2023 - March 30, 2024	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 30, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024	

FURBEARERS	Hunting	Trapping
Raccoon & Opossum	Oct. 1, 2023 - Feb. 29, 2024, day or night (exceptions apply)	Nov. 13, 2023 - Feb. 29, 2024
Coyote	Year-round, day or night (exceptions apply)	
Bobcat	Nov. 18, 2023 - Feb. 29, 2024	
River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	Nov. 13, 2023 - Feb. 29, 2024	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 30, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024	

BEAR	Zone 1	Zone 2
Chase-Only	June 1 - Aug. 31 and Sept. 9-30, 2023	
Hunt with Dogs	Oct. 23-27, 2023	Oct. 23-27, 2023 and Nov. 2-10, 2023
Archery/Crossbow	Oct. 28-30, 2023	Oct. 28 - Nov. 1, 2023
Firearm	Dec. 9-11, 2023	Dec. 9-13, 2023

WATERFOWL	Hunting
Early Teal & Wood Duck	Sept. 16-20, 2023
Teal	Sept. 16-24, 2023
September Canada Goose, Western Zone	Sept. 1-15, 2023
September Canada Goose, Eastern Zone	Sept. 16-30, 2023
Duck, Coot & Merganser	Nov. 23-26 and Dec. 7, 2023 - Jan. 31, 2024
Canada/Cackling Goose, White-Fronted Goose, Brant & Snow Goose (including Ross' Goose)	Nov. 23, 2023 - Feb. 15, 2024
Falconry (ducks, coots & mergansers)	Nov. 23, 2023 - Feb. 25, 2024
Falconry (geese)	Same as regular season
Snow Goose Conservation Order	Feb. 16 - Mar. 31, 2024
Youth-only Days	Nov. 18, 2023; Feb. 10, 2024
Military/Veteran-only Days	Nov. 19, 2023; Feb. 11, 2024

OTHER MIGRATORY BIRDS	Hunting
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26, Nov. 23 - Dec. 3, 2023 and Dec. 23, 2023 - Jan. 14, 2024
Wilson's Snipe	Sept. 20 - Oct. 29, 2023 and Nov. 23, 2023 - Jan. 28, 2024
Virginia & Sora Rail	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2023
Purple & Common Gallinule	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2023
American Woodcock	Oct. 28 - Nov. 10 and Nov. 13 - Dec. 13, 2023
Sandhill Crane	Dec. 7, 2023 - Jan. 31, 2024
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2023 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 29, 2024

OTHER SPECIES	Hunting
Bullfrog	Noon May 19 - Midnight Oct. 31, 2023
Groundhog	Year-round
Turtles	Year-round, day or night

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.