



Fall 2012 – Spring 2013

2012 Hunting Regulations Summary

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Elk Draw: June 11

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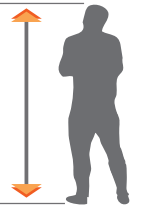
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How to Use this Summary

This is a summary of information dealing with hunting licences and hunting laws. This summary is neither a legal document nor a complete collection of the current regulations. It is meant to be a convenient reference only. For complete details, see:

- a) the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, and the regulations made under this act;
- b) the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (Canada)* and the *Migratory Birds Regulations*;
- c) the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*, and the regulations made under this act; see *Species at Risk* page 73;
- d) the *Species at Risk Act (Canada)*, with regard to federally listed species that are threatened, endangered or extirpated and their critical habitat; and
- e) the *Trespass to Property Act*.

Each game wildlife species or group of game species has a section in this summary. Each section deals with basic regulations on hunting the species, including open season tables (showing when and where you can hunt that species). The maps that show Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) boundaries appear on pages 6 to 11 of this summary.

See the Definitions on pages 86-87 for an explanation of terms found throughout this summary. You can obtain specific details of the regulations, including more accurate descriptions of Wildlife Management Unit boundaries, at ontario.ca/hunting.

A MESSAGE from the Government of Ontario

Few outdoor pursuits have the long history and tradition of hunting. In Ontario, residents and visitors alike take to the field each year to pursue a wide range of wildlife, including moose, deer, bear, wild turkey and other species. In addition to harvesting their own food, hunters get the chance to spend time with family and friends, enjoy all that the outdoors has to offer and turn hunting opportunities into cherished memories.

The first step to becoming a licensed hunter is taking part in the Hunter Education Program. It covers such topics as firearm safety, hunting laws and wildlife identification.

Whether your interest is in hunting small or big game, the program will help you develop the knowledge and skills you need to hunt responsibly and safely.

For new hunters, Ontario's Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program offers practical training to develop hunting skills under the supervision of a licensed and experienced hunter. The Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program provides a foundation that can help a novice become a confident, more knowledgeable hunter.

Remember, whether you are an experienced hunter or taking part for the first time, you have a responsibility to read and understand the regulations before hunting each year.

One lesser known but unique form of hunting is falconry. With a history that dates back thousands of years, falconry is an ancient activity that is practised by skilled hunters and their birds of prey. Carefully regulated by the Province, hunting with raptors is one way to pursue small game. For more information on falconry, please see page 81.

For information on hunting opportunities in Ontario and to keep abreast of updates made throughout the year, visit ontario.ca/hunting.

Your ongoing support for Ontario's wildlife management programs is appreciated. By working together, we can make sure that the province's wildlife is conserved for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

More About Our Cover



Hunting wild game with a trained raptor, such as a Harris' Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk or Merlin, is an ancient form of hunting that has been practiced throughout the world

for thousands of years. In 2010 it was designated as a "cultural heritage of humanity" by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Falconry is a regulated activity in Ontario. Becoming a falconer requires the completion of the Ontario Hunter Education Program and the purchase of a small game hunting licence. The successful completion of an apprenticeship program, involving training and hunting with a raptor under the instruction of a sponsor, is required for falconers using native species of raptors. Handling, training and hunting with a bird of prey requires hard work, dedication and specialized knowledge. The 15-month apprenticeship program is designed to ensure that falconers have the knowledge and skill to enjoy a safe and enjoyable recreational activity that respects the health and welfare of raptors used in falconry.

Raptors are hunting companions for falconers in Ontario, and the species of raptor chosen is determined by the quarry being sought. Small game animals pursued by falconers typically include ducks, upland game birds, rabbits and hare. Other species pursued can include squirrels, crows and starlings. The hunting seasons and bag and possession limits for falconry are outlined on page 81.

Falconry requires that a partnership be developed between the falconer and the raptor in order to be successful in the pursuit of game. Owning and training a raptor demands much time and effort. For information on becoming a falconer, visit the website of the Ontario Hawking Club at www.ontariohawkingclub.org or contact your local MNR office.

On our cover: Falconer Maya Basdeo with Artemis, a female Harris' Hawk.

Licensing Improvements and Your Postal Code

Ontario has modernized its hunting and fishing licence sales with an automated licensing service that is significantly improving the licensing process and allowing clients greater access to online, telephone and counter services.

Another benefit of the automated licensing service is that it provides clients with secure access to their records using unique identifiers. When you access the automated licensing service, you are required to provide your Outdoors Card number, date of birth and the postal code on your file.

The postal code is required because it is an important identifier not printed on your Outdoors Card. During the implementation of our automated licensing service, many existing card holders have not been able to access their accounts because the postal code they provide does not match the one that we have on file. This occurs for a number of reasons:

- the postal code on file may have been entered incorrectly

- you may have moved and not updated your address in which case your old postal code is still in our file
- Canada Post may have changed the postal codes in your area and the old one is still in our file.

We are encouraging clients who have had a recent address or postal code change to contact the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 to update their address prior to purchasing a licence or renewing an Outdoors Card.

Please visit ontario.ca/hunting to keep abreast of what's new in automated licensing services, including important changes to the big game draws.

Important Telephone Numbers and 2012 Dates for Ontario Hunters

General Inquiry Telephone Numbers

Outdoors Card Centre (lost or stolen cards and general card inquiries)	1-800-387-7011
Outdoors Card renewal (available all year).....	1-800-288-1155 or ontario.ca/outdoorscard
MNR Natural Resources Information Centre	1-800-667-1940 or (705) 755-2000

Automated Licensing and Draw Application Telephone Line 1-800-288-1155

Licensing and Draw Application Web Site ontario.ca/outdoorscard

Other Important Telephone Numbers

TIPS-MNR (Natural Resources Violation Reporting Line)	1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)
Canadian Firearms Program.....	1-800-731-4000
Environment Canada Wildlife Enforcement Division (waterfowl seasons).....	1-905-336-6410
Banded Birds Reporting	1-800-327-2263
Crime Stoppers (anonymous tips, report a poacher Canada-wide)	1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
Forest Fires in the 705/249 area code (north of the French/Mattawa rivers) (this number does not work on satellite phones)	310-FIRE (3473)
Forest Fires in the 807 area code (northwestern Ontario)..... (this number does not work on satellite phones)	310-FIRE (3473)

Important Dates for Ontario Hunters

Moose

Licences and draw entry available	April 18
Deadline for draw entry	May 31
Draw results available	August 1
Surplus tag information from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (ET) at 1-800-363-3730.....	August 20

Wild Turkey

Licences available for spring hunt.....	March 1
Licences available for fall hunt.....	September 4

Elk

Draw entry available	May 1
Deadline for draw entry	June 11
Draw results available	August 2

Antlerless Deer

Licences and draw entry available	March 1
Deadline for draw entry	July 3
Draw results available	August 8

Additional game seals for deer available July 16

Controlled deer

Draw applications available	August 1
Deadline for draw entry	August 31
Draw results available	October 10

Black Bear

Licences available	July 1
Second game seals available.....	August 1
Questionnaire deadline for non-residents.....	November 30
Questionnaire deadline for residents.....	December 15

Small Game

Licences available	January 1
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Wolf and Coyote

Seals available.....	January 1
Questionnaire deadline	January 15 of the following year

Important Messages for Hunters

As this 2012/13 hunting summary goes to press, several changes to the hunting regulations have been made or are pending. For more information, please refer to ontario.ca/hunting.

NEW – Big Game Draws

With the introduction of the automated licensing service, the draw application process has now changed.

What's changing?

- Applications to the big game draws can now be made online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard. You can also enter the draw by telephone at 1-800-288-1155 or in person by visiting a participating ServiceOntario centre and filling out a paper application and submitting into the designated drop box. For a list of participating ServiceOntario centres, please visit ontario.ca/outdoorscard.
- MNR is no longer accepting paper applications to the big game draws that are sent by mail or courier.
- Paper applications are no longer available at outside issuers.

For more details, refer to the moose, deer and elk sections in the summary, or go to ontario.ca/hunting.

NEW – Elk Hunting Season Extension

Elk hunting opportunities in WMUs in the Bancroft area have been extended to a two-week season for 2012. More information can be found in the seasons table on page 57.

PENDING – Sunday Hunting

Periodic changes may be made to gun hunting on Sundays in areas south of the French and Mattawa rivers. To confirm the status in the municipality in which you wish to hunt, please check the Sunday hunting information available at ontario.ca/hunting.

PENDING – Use of Tracking Dogs for Big Game Retrieval

A regulatory amendment to allow the use of leashed dogs to track wounded big game is being considered. While use of tracking dogs is legal in areas where hunting with dogs is permitted, the regulatory change would allow the use of leashed tracking dogs for retrieving wounded big game in all areas with open hunting seasons. Prior to this fall's season, please check for updates on the status of this potential change at ontario.ca/hunting or call 1-800-667-1940.

PENDING – Snapping Turtle Mandatory Harvest Reporting

A mandatory reporting requirement for snapping turtle harvest is being considered by the ministry. Prior to harvesting a snapping turtle, please check for updates on the status of this potential change at ontario.ca/hunting or call 1-800-667-1940.

REMINDER – Hunter and Harvest Reporting

The information provided by hunters through harvest and hunting activity reporting is important for managing wildlife in Ontario. It helps to:

- monitor wildlife populations
- set harvest quotas and determine availability of additional game seals
- develop regulation proposals such as changes to seasons and bag limits, and
- inform management policies.

If you receive a questionnaire, please take the time to accurately and completely fill it out and return it promptly.

If you receive a Hunter Questionnaire for deer, moose, black bear or wolf/coyote in the mail, you may submit your completed questionnaire(s) by mail or use the easy and quick online option at ontario.ca/huntersurvey.

The mandatory questionnaire for non-resident black bear hunters is provided at the bottom of the Non-resident Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate and must be completed by the hunter on the copy of the certificate held by the issuer of the certificate (operator licensed to provide bear hunting services or ministry office).

Successful turkey hunters must report their harvested turkey by calling toll-free 1-800-288-1155 and providing the requested harvest information no later than 12:00 noon the day after the bird was harvested.

For more information on reporting requirements or to see the results of some reporting programs visit the Ministry of Natural Resources website at ontario.ca/harvestreporting.

Attention All Hunters

If you harvest an animal that is wearing an ear-tag with the phone number 1-866-514-2327, this animal was chemically immobilized in the past using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for consumption. Please call the above number for specific information on whether Health Canada would recommend that the meat of your animal be consumed.

Important Messages for Hunters

REMINDER – Captive Deer/Elk Escape Notification

The Ministry of Natural Resources, along with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, urges all individuals who become aware of an escape from a captive deer or elk facility to report the incident to their local Ministry of Natural Resources office (see page 88). Additionally, if you are planning to transport live farm-raised deer or elk, please contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at 1-800-442-2342 and your local Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs office for guidance on the necessary live deer or elk movement requirements.

REMINDER – Bringing Out of Province Carcasses into Ontario

Due to the continuing spread of Chronic Wasting Disease outside Ontario, there is a restriction on the possession of high risk carcass parts from all members of the deer family (including deer, elk, moose and caribou) that were harvested in other jurisdictions. If you intend to hunt out of Ontario, please consult the "Regulation to Minimize Risk of Chronic Wasting Disease Entering Ontario" at ontario.ca/cwd for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Most jurisdictions have regulations in place governing the transport of carcasses through their area. Hunters should be aware of these regulations to avoid inconvenience, potential seizure of game and charges. You should consult the appropriate government department in all provinces and/or states where you intend to transport carcasses of any member of the deer family.

REMINDER – Lyme Disease

Ontario is experiencing an increase in the areas where the ticks that may carry Lyme disease are found. When outdoors, practise personal protection. For detailed information go to: www.ontario.ca/lyme.

Notice to Hunters

In-season regulation changes are posted at ontario.ca/hunting.

Regulations are subject to change from time to time, and it is the hunter's responsibility to be informed of current regulations. Information updates for hunters are available at ontario.ca/hunting.

REMINDER – Wildlife Feeding

If you are feeding wildlife you may be doing more harm than good. A number of risks are associated with wildlife feeding at communal feeding sites. Animals being fed can:

- become habituated to artificial food sources
- consume artificial feed mixes not healthy for them
- cause road accidents as they move to feeders
- increase populations beyond the level nature can support
- become a threat to pets or humans
- have an increased risk of passing on diseases or parasites.

For these reasons, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources discourages the feeding of wildlife. For more information please visit ontario.ca/feedingwildlife.

REMINDER – Moose Age Identification

It is important for moose hunters to know the difference between cow, calf, and yearling moose. Moose hunters are encouraged to review the cow, calf, yearling identification information on page 36, as well as to take the moose ID quiz online at: ontario.ca/conservationofficer (see page 45 for more details).

White Nose Syndrome

Bats are an important part of Ontario's biodiversity. Recently, a disease known as White Nose Syndrome has caused large mortalities of bats in the United States. In March 2010, White Nose Syndrome was detected for the first time in Ontario. The Ministry of Natural Resources is concerned about the potential effects on bats in Ontario. If you encounter sick or dying bats, please call the Canadian Co-operative Wildlife Health Centre at 1-866-673-4781 or the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940.

White Nose Syndrome is not known to affect humans. To prevent the spread of the disease, we are asking the public to refrain from entering caves and abandoned mines unless they are managed tourist sites. For more information on White Nose Syndrome, please visit ontario.ca/wildlifehealth.

Hats for Hides Program is currently awaiting a decision on funding – please check the Ministry website for updates on the status of the program for 2012.

Map 1 – Southwestern Ontario

Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) Boundaries

WMU boundaries are roads, lakes, rivers and other physical features wherever possible. For many roads and rivers, only the portions that form WMU boundaries are shown on the map.

For detailed information on WMU boundaries, visit ontario.ca/hunting.

ALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS SHOWN ON MAP 1 ARE IN THE “SOUTHERN DISTRICT FOR WATERFOWL”.



Wildlife Management Areas

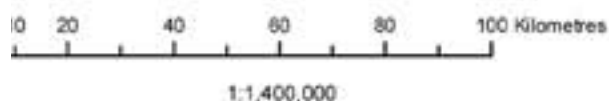
MAP 1

1. Stag Island (WMU 93)
2. Rondeau (Provincial Park) (WMU 93)
3. Fingal (WMU 92)
4. Aylmer (WMU 92)
5. Calton Swamp (WMU 92)
6. Long Point (WMU 90)
7. Hullett (WMU 85)
8. Luther Marsh (WMU 80)
9. Orangeville (WMU 81)
10. Rankin (WMU 83)
11. Beverly Swamp (WMU 87)
12. Valens Lake (WMU 87)
13. Binbrook (WMU 87)
14. Mud Lake (WMU 89)
15. Willoughby Swamp (WMU 89)
16. Pine River Provincial Fishing Area (WMU 81)

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Map 2 – Southeastern Ontario

WMU Boundaries

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MAP 2

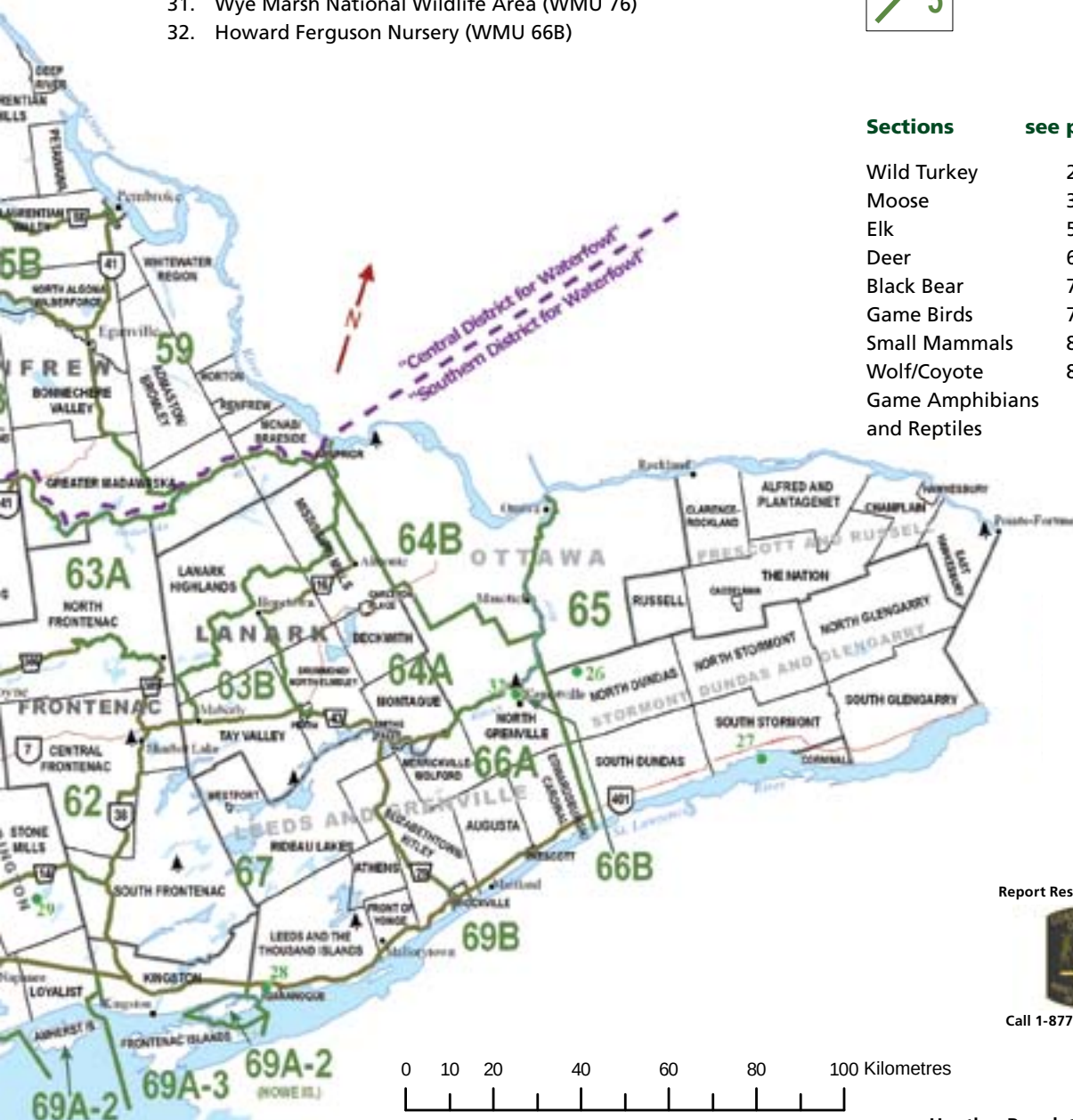
17. Tiny Marsh (WMU 76)
18. Matchedash Bay (WMU 76)
19. Copeland Forest Resources Management Area (WMU 76E)
20. Holland Marsh (WMU 77)
21. Nonquon (WMU 73)
22. Scugog Island (WMU 73)
23. Darlington (Provincial Park) (WMU 72)
24. Presqu'île (Provincial Park) (WMU 71)
25. Brighton (WMU 71)
26. Mountain (WMU 65)
27. Lake St. Lawrence (WMU 65)
28. Gananoque (WMU 67)
29. Camden Lake (WMU 68)
30. Pt. Petre (WMU 70)
31. Wye Marsh National Wildlife Area (WMU 76)
32. Howard Ferguson Nursery (WMU 66B)

Legend

	Municipality licence required to hunt pheasant and rabbit
	MNR District or Area Office
	Provincial or National Park
	Wildlife Management Area
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Map 3 – Northern Ontario

WMU Boundaries

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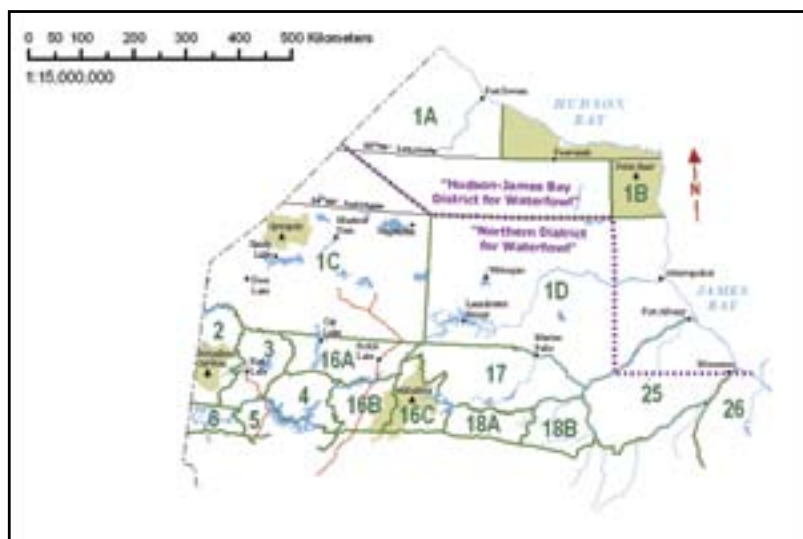
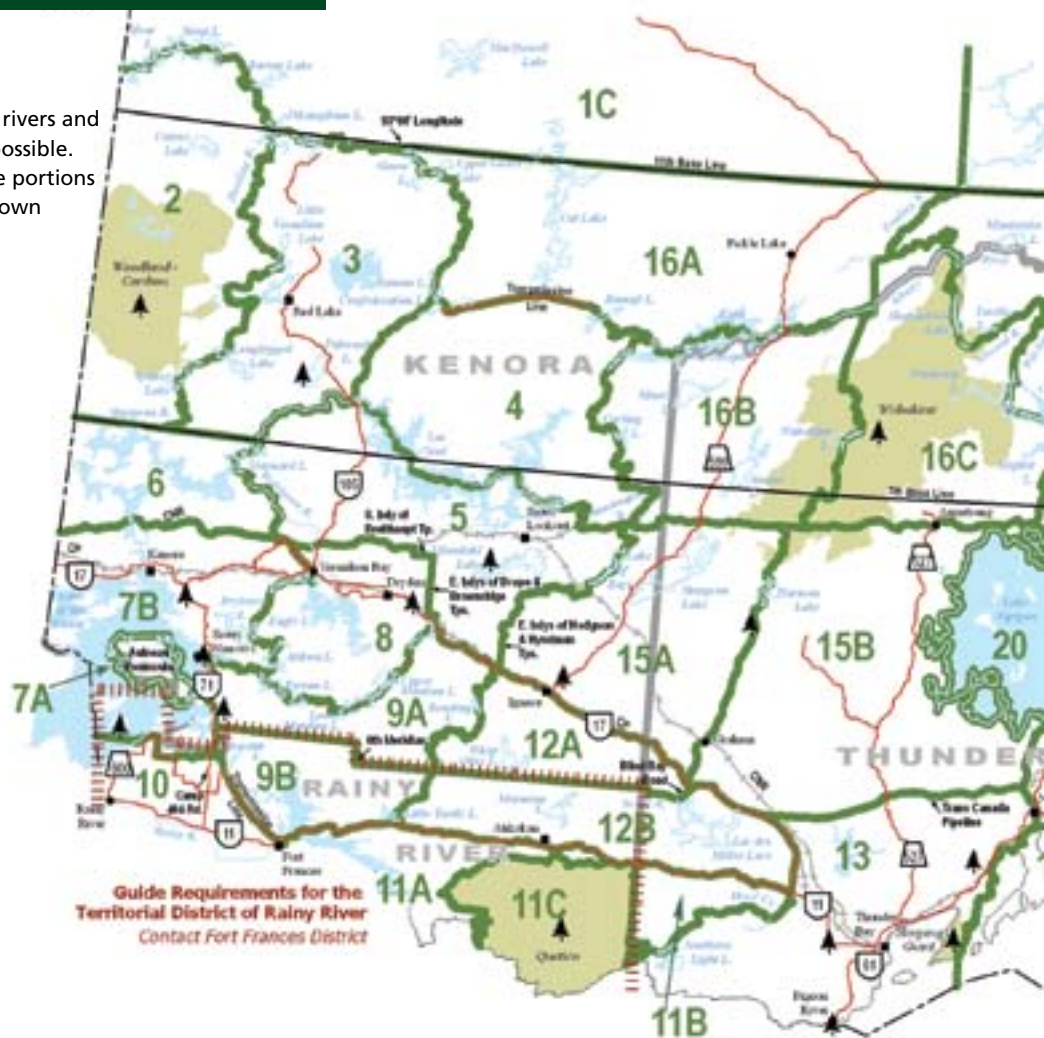
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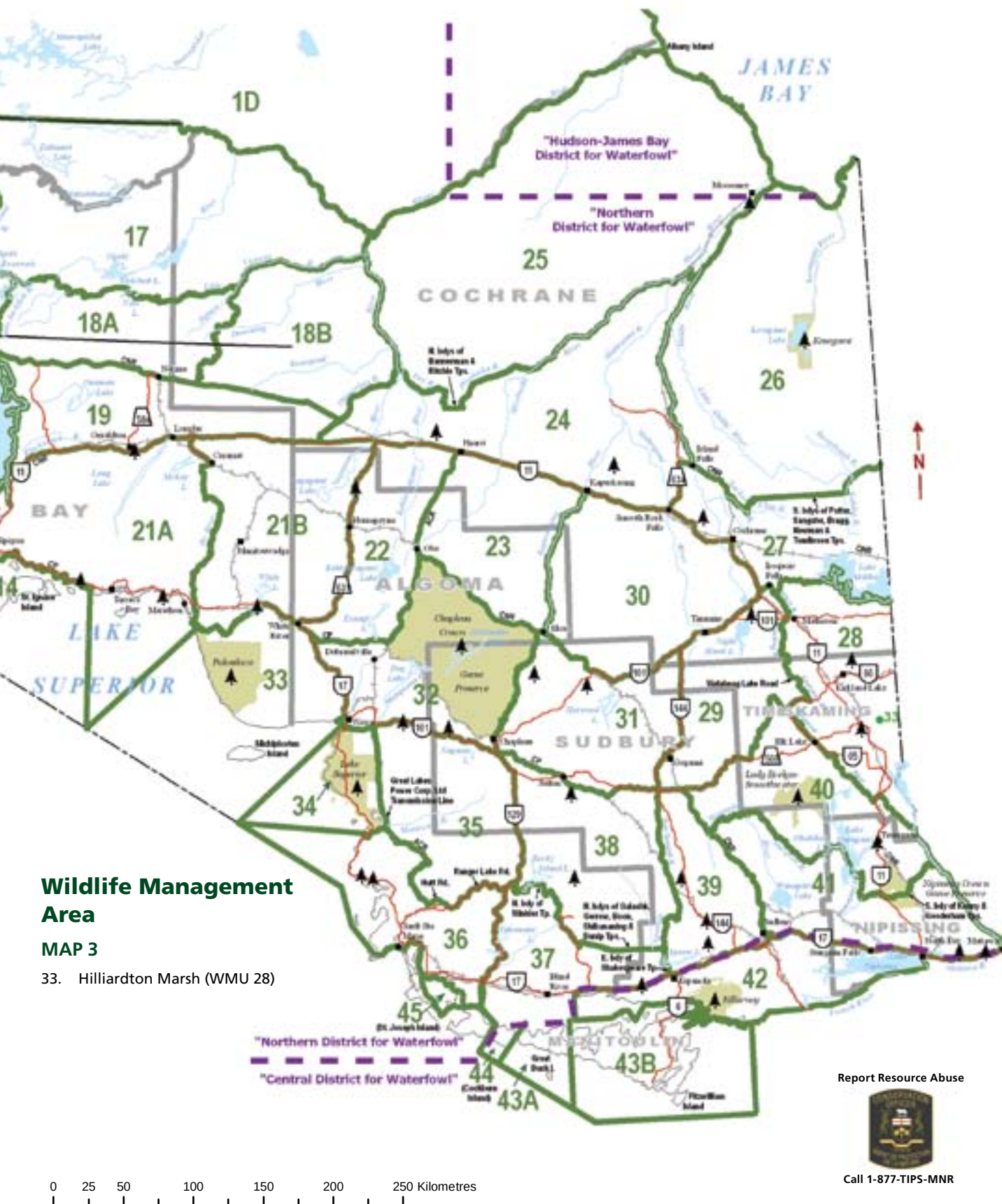
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	County/Regional Highway
	Secondary Highway
	WMU Boundary and Number





2012 Hunting Licence Information

All hunters (both Ontario residents and non-residents) must have the hunting version of the Ontario Outdoors Card prior to purchasing a hunting licence or licence tag.

It is illegal for a person to apply for, purchase or possess more than one licence tag each for moose, elk, deer, or black bear.

Hunting version Outdoors Card holders may qualify for instant small game hunting and fishing privileges. Visit the Ministry of Natural Resources' e-licensing website at ontario.ca/outdoorscard for information.

If you wish to hunt, you must have a licence valid for the species or group of species you are hunting, and **you must carry your Outdoors Card, the licence tag, any validation tags and any game seals with you while hunting. (Validation tags and game seals are considered to be part of the licence.) Licence validity or expiry dates do not indicate open season dates. You must show the Outdoors Card and licence to a conservation officer if asked to do so.** Check the tables in this summary to see what, when and where you may hunt. Game species listed in the tables may be hunted only during an open season.

Residents and non-residents must be 16 years of age or older to be eligible for an Ontario Outdoors Card and licence to hunt. Residents may obtain an Outdoors Card and licence at 15 years of age, but they must first get consent in writing from both parents, one parent (if not living with both parents) or a legal guardian (also see **Hunter Apprenticeship**, on page 20).

All annual licences expire on December 31 in the year in which they were issued unless otherwise noted. A small game hunting licence is not valid from June 16 to August 31 for the area north and west of a line formed by the southerly boundary of the District Municipality of Muskoka and the southerly and easterly boundaries of the Territorial District of Nipissing (see map 2, page 8). Exemptions exist for hunting small game using falconry birds and hunting game birds on game bird hunting preserves.

Transfer of Licences

It is illegal to transfer, buy, sell or give a licence, validation tag, game seal or any component of a licence to another person. It is also illegal to use or possess a licence tag, validation tag, game seal or any component of a licence that was issued to someone else. Under certain circumstances, however, moose validation tags or elk seals can be transferred (see *Everything You Wanted to Know About Moose Validation Tag Transfers*, page 39). It is also an offence to do anything which would enable your game seal to be used by another person.

Licence fees are in effect until December 31, 2012.

Note: Fees include 13% HST.

1. Moose

- a) Resident's licence tag to hunt moose.....\$52.31
- b) Non-resident's licence tag to hunt moose\$449.58
- c) Dog licence.....\$12.67

For information on Export Permits, see page 14.

2. Elk

- a) Resident's application to enter elk hunt draw (per person)\$16.95
NOTE: Enter the elk hunt draw online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard, by automated telephone system or at select ServiceOntario centres, either as an individual or with a group of up to 3 other people.
- b) Resident's elk licence tag (per person)\$50.00
Only those notified as successful in the elk hunt draw are eligible to purchase an elk licence.

3. Deer

- a) Resident's licence tag to hunt deer.....\$45.04
- b) Farmer's licence tag to hunt deer.....\$26.15
You must complete an "Application for a Farmer's Licence to Hunt Deer" form (available from licence issuers and select ServiceOntario centres) to get this licence tag. This licence tag is valid only in the county (or other jurisdiction as the case may be) in which you reside.
- c) Resident's additional game seal to hunt deer (select WMUs only).....\$45.04
- d) Non-resident's licence tag to hunt deer (antlered deer only)\$224.66
- e) Non-resident's additional game seal to hunt deer (May be valid for antlered deer only, antlerless deer only OR both antlered and antlerless deer; selected WMUs only).....\$224.66
- f) Dog licence\$12.67

For information on Export Permits, see page 14.

4. Black Bear

- a) Resident's licence tag to hunt black bear.....\$45.04
- b) Resident's second game seal to hunt black bear (selected WMUs only).....\$45.04
- c) Non-resident's licence tag to hunt black bear\$224.66
Non-residents must have a Non-resident Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate as well as a black bear hunting licence. They must also complete the questionnaire that comes with the Certificate and return it to the issuer of the Certificate by November 30 of the year of the hunt.
- d) Dog licence\$12.67
- e) Licence to provide black bear hunting services.....\$35.00

For information on Export Permits, see page 14.

5. Small Game

- a) Resident's licence tag to hunt small game..... \$23.46
This licence tag is valid for a resident to hunt game birds (other than wild turkey) and game mammals (except black bear, caribou, deer, elk and moose). Under this licence tag, you may hunt coyote*, wolf*, raccoon, red fox, arctic fox, skunk, opossum and weasel. A small game licence tag also permits you to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbird or starlings and other animals not scheduled under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* (e.g., groundhogs)**. You may also hunt on game bird hunting preserves with this licence. This licence is not valid in northern Ontario and part of central Ontario from June 16 to August 31, except for hunting by falconry and hunting game birds on a game bird hunting preserve (see Map 2, pages 8 to 9, for more details).

* When accompanied by a wolf/coyote game seal in specific WMUs (see Section 6).

** Not all wildlife species can be hunted; consult the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* and *Endangered Species Act* at ontario.ca/e-laws.

- b) Resident's raccoon licence to hunt raccoon at night \$21.84
See page 82 for regulations to hunt raccoon at night.
- c) Resident's dog (raccoon) licence \$12.67
- d) Non-resident's licence tag to hunt small game ... \$112.46
This licence tag authorizes a non-resident to hunt fox, game birds (except wild turkey), rabbits and hares in most areas, raccoon (though not at night), wolf*, coyote* and black, gray and fox squirrels but not red squirrels. The non-resident's small game licence tag also authorizes the holder to hunt game birds on game bird hunting preserves. This licence tag does not authorize the holder to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbird or starlings** or any species of unscheduled wildlife. However, you can hunt wild turkey if you possess a wild turkey licence in addition to a non-resident's small game licence tag. This licence tag is not valid in northern Ontario and part of central Ontario from June 16 to August 31 except for hunting by falconry and hunting game birds on a game bird hunting preserve (see Map 2, pages 8 to 9, for more details).

A non-resident small game licence tag does not allow you to hunt rabbits in the county of Lambton, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent or the county of Essex, except in the Township of Pelee.

* When accompanied by a wolf/coyote game seal in specific WMUs (see Section 6).

** Not all wildlife species can be hunted; consult the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* and *Endangered Species Act* at ontario.ca/e-laws.

- e) Non-resident's licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve \$15.88
To hunt game birds including wild turkeys on a game bird hunting preserve **only**, a non-resident may wish to purchase this licence rather than a non-resident's small game licence tag.

6. Wolf/Coyote

NOTE: Wolf/coyote game seals are required to hunt wolves/coyotes in WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D, 2-42, 46-50 and 53-58. Hunters may purchase a maximum of two wolf/coyote game seals per year. In WMUs 43-45 and 59-95, only a small game licence tag is required.

- a) Resident's wolf/coyote game seal (maximum of two per year) (available from select licence issuers and select ServiceOntario centres).....\$10.50
In order to hunt wolves or coyotes in the specified WMUs, a resident must have a wolf/coyote game seal, an Outdoors Card and a small game licence tag.
- b) Non-resident's wolf/coyote game seal (maximum of two per year) (available from licence issuers and select ServiceOntario centres).....\$263.93
In order to hunt wolves or coyotes in the specified WMUs, a non-resident must have a wolf/coyote game seal, an Outdoors Card and a non-resident's small game licence tag.

7. Wild Turkey

Wild turkey licence.....\$27.49
In order to hunt wild turkeys, a resident or non-resident must have a wild turkey licence, valid for either the spring or fall season, an Outdoors Card and a small game licence tag.

8. Falconry Licences

- a) General/Apprentice falconry licence.....\$19.81
- b) Commercial falconry licence (HST not applicable).....\$198.13

9. Keeping Wildlife in Captivity

Please contact your local ministry office for further information. See page 88 for a list of offices.

10. Migratory Game Birds

(waterfowl, common snipe and woodcock)

To hunt migratory game birds, you must have a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Outdoors Card and small game licence tag. This includes hunting with falconry birds or non-indigenous falconry birds. You may buy a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp at any post office.

11. Possession or Tanning of Furbearing Mammals

- a) Licence to possess a pelt no charge
(available at ministry offices)
You are required to obtain this licence to possess a lawfully harvested pelt during the closed season or a road killed furbearing mammal acquired at any time. See pages 28 and 82 for the applications of this licence.
- b) Licence to send pelts to a tanner. A royalty is payable to the province at the time that the person obtains a licence to send pelts to a tanner (for tanning or treating).

12. Export Permits

(See also Import, Export and Shipping under General Regulations, page 28.)

NOTE: An export permit is required for any part of the animal, including carcass, hides, pelt or antlers.

- a) Resident Moose, Deer or Black Bear no charge
- b) Non-resident Moose, Deer, or Black Bear..... \$35.00
- c) Export permit for furbearing mammals
or their pelts no charge
(available at ministry offices, call for appointment)
This permit is required by resident and non-resident hunters to export from Ontario a furbearing mammal, including a wolf or coyote. A royalty is payable to the province at the time that the hunter obtains a permit to export a furbearing mammal.
- d) CITES permit no charge
(available at ministry offices, call for appointment)
This permit is required by resident and non-resident hunters to export from Canada any part of a wolf and, in some circumstances, may be required for black bear (see Export, Import and Shipping, on page 28).

For more information on CITES, visit www.cites.ca.

Outdoors Card and Hunting Licence Information for Residents of Ontario

An Ontario resident is a person whose primary residence is in any part of Ontario and who has actually resided in any part of Ontario for a period of at least **six consecutive months during the immediately preceding 12 months**. Generally, hunters who do not fit this definition must purchase a non-resident licence. (See page 18 for non-resident licence information.)

What is an Ontario resident Outdoors Card?

An Ontario resident Outdoors Card is a plastic, wallet-sized identification card issued by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to accompany your Ontario hunting licence tag(s). There are two versions of the card that prove eligibility to purchase hunting licences and tags: the hunting version Outdoors Card and the Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card. (These cards also provide fishing privileges, once a fishing licence tag is obtained.) You must carry your Outdoors Card with you whenever you hunt or fish.

A plastic Outdoors Card is valid for three calendar years, expiring on December 31 of the third year. The expiry year for your Outdoors Card is shown on the front of your card, immediately to the right of the card number. Hunting licence tags expire on December 31, unless otherwise noted. **The year of expiry may be different for your Outdoors Card and your licence tags**, depending on how you purchase your licence(s).

All annual licences expire December 31st in the year in which they were issued unless otherwise noted.

Three-year small game hunting or fishing licence tags expire with the card. Your Outdoors Card, licence tag or e-licence and any applicable licence must be current for you to have a particular hunting or fishing privilege.

Who needs a hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card?

To hunt in Ontario, most Ontario residents need a hunting version Outdoors Card and all applicable licence tags and licences. There are two exceptions to this.

The first exception is an Ontario resident hunter apprentice who is hunting with a licensed mentor. The hunter apprentice must carry an Ontario-issued Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card. (The mentor must have an Ontario hunting version Outdoors Card and all applicable licences; see page 20.)

The second exception is members of Aboriginal communities with Aboriginal or treaty hunting rights in Ontario. These hunters are not required to be in possession of an Outdoors Card provided they are hunting for food, social or ceremonial purposes within their traditional or treaty area or they are visiting the traditional area of another First Nation and have received proper written permission to hunt from that First Nation.

All other Ontario residents, including Aboriginal persons, either hunting outside of areas where they have Aboriginal or treaty hunting rights **OR** hunting in areas for which they have not received proper written permission to hunt, **must have a hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card and all applicable licences**.

What are the two classes of Ontario resident hunting version Outdoors Cards?

As of January 1, 2006, Ontario recognizes two types of resident hunters (and two classes of resident hunting Outdoors Cards) based on the hunting method(s) for which the hunter is accredited. Hunters will be designated as either H1 or H2.

The Class H1 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*.

The Class H2 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, except guns.

Any person will automatically be deemed to be an H1 hunter if they have:

- An Ontario hunting version Outdoors Card (current or expired) issued before January 1, 2006, **OR**
- An Ontario Hunter Education Exam Certificate/Report indicating a pass issued after January 1, 1968, and before January 1, 2006, **OR**
- An Ontario resident's hunting licence issued after January 1, 1968, and before January 1, 1993.

If a new applicant does not automatically qualify as an H1 hunter, a hunting version Outdoors Card is issued based on the exam(s) the applicant has passed. To obtain an H1 hunting version Outdoors Card, the applicant must provide proof (an original or certified copy) of passing BOTH the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam. The applicant for an H2 hunting version Outdoors Card must provide proof (an original or certified copy) of passing the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam.

NOTE: Two classes of Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards are also recognized as of January 1, 2006. The A1 card permits the apprentice to hunt with all methods permitted under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, 1997, and regulations. The A2 card permits the apprentice to hunt with all methods permitted under the act and regulations, except guns. If the A1 apprentice is hunting with a gun, the mentor must hold an H1 Outdoors Card. If the apprentice is using bow hunting equipment or a falconry bird, the mentor must hold either an H1 or an H2 Outdoors Card.

Is an Outdoors Card a hunting licence?

No. For Ontario residents, a complete and valid licence to hunt consists of a Hunting Outdoors Card or a Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card **plus** the required hunting licence tags **plus** any applicable hunting licences and game seals and/or validation tags.

One-year hunting licence tags are available from licence issuers located throughout Ontario. Call the MNR office that serves your area (see page 88) to find out the location of the issuer nearest you, and where you can purchase any required licences.

One-year small game licences are available for instant use at ontario.ca/outdoorscard.

How do I get a hunting version Outdoors Card if I have never had one before?

All new accredited hunters who have never had a hunting version Outdoors Card must go to a ServiceOntario centre offering MNR services. You must show the original copy of your hunting accreditation (and proof of passing the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam if applying for an H1 Outdoors Card).

A Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card is valid for hunting during the open season as soon as the required hunting licence tags and any required licences, game seals and/or validation tags are obtained. The Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card is valid until the end of the calendar year. The fee for this Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card includes the cost of a three-year Outdoors Card. You will automatically be mailed the plastic three-year card.

The following types of hunting accreditation will be accepted when applying for an H1 hunting version Outdoors Card. You must provide the original or certified copy of one of the following:

- An Ontario Hunter Education Exam Certificate/Report indicating a pass issued to you after January 1, 1968, and before January 1, 2006, **OR**

- An Ontario resident's hunting licence issued to you between January 1, 1968, and January 1, 1993, **OR**
- An Ontario Hunting Licence Verification Certificate showing that you were issued a hunting licence as a resident after January 1, 1968, and before January 1, 1993, or that you passed the Ontario Hunter Education Course Examination after January 1, 1968, and before January 1, 2006.
- An Ontario Hunter Education Exam Report indicating a pass issued to you after January 1, 2006, plus proof of passing the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam.

NOTE: New residents of Ontario have **one** opportunity to successfully challenge the Ontario Hunter Education Exam, without having to take the Ontario Hunter Education Course, if they can provide proof of having been issued a resident hunting licence or completing a hunter education course in any jurisdiction of which they were a resident at the time.

In order to apply for an H2 hunting version Outdoors Card, the applicant must provide the original or a certified copy of an Ontario Hunter Education Exam Report issued after January 1, 2006.

My Outdoors Card has expired. How do I renew it?

The date on which your Ontario resident hunting version Outdoors Card expires is shown on the front of your card (immediately to the right of your card number).

The three ways to renew your Outdoors Card are:

1. By visiting ontario.ca/outdoorscard and using your VISA, MasterCard or American Express Card. You will need your Outdoors Card number, date of birth and the postal code we have on file for you to complete this transaction. You can print any e-licences you have purchased, and your Outdoors Card will automatically be mailed to you. Your Outdoors Card, when accompanied by your e-licences, will allow you to enjoy the open season while you wait for your new plastic Outdoors Card to reach you.
2. By using the toll-free automated telephone system and your VISA, MasterCard or American Express. Be sure to have your Outdoors Card number on hand when you call 1-800-288-1155. Your Outdoors Card will automatically be mailed to you.
3. By purchasing a Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card, in person, from licence issuers or select ServiceOntario centres. The fee includes the cost of a three-year Outdoors Card. You will automatically be mailed the plastic three-year Outdoors Card.

I have a current Outdoors Card but my licence tag has expired. How do I get a licence tag for this year?

If you wish to purchase a small game licence, you may do so at ontario.ca/outdoorscard. Deer, moose, black bear and one-year small game hunting licence tags are available from licence issuers located throughout Ontario. Call the ministry office that serves your area to find out the location of the issuer nearest you, and where you can purchase any required licences.

A deer licence tag is also available when applying to the antlerless deer draw through the automated telephone application system from March 1 to July 3. A moose licence tag is also available when applying to the moose draw through the automated telephone application system from April 18 to May 31. The phone number for the automated telephone application system is **1-800-288-1155**. Deer and moose licence tags are also available during the same time periods online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard.

ATTENTION ALL HUNTERS:



2012 BRINGS A NEW AND EASIER WAY TO GET YOUR LICENCE AND GET OUTDOORS

With the introduction of the new licensing automated service, we're making it easier for hunters to obtain their Ontario hunting licence.

To find out how,

- Go to ontario.ca/outdoorscard
- Call the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011
- Visit your local licence issuer
- Visit select ServiceOntario centres

ontario.ca/outdoorscard



Common Hunting Licence Options for Ontario Residents

Further hunting licence information available starting on page 12. The one-year licence fees stated in this summary are in effect until December 31, 2012 unless otherwise noted. For the location of the licence issuer nearest you, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources. A list of ministry offices is provided on page 88.

Products	2012 Fees	Product Availability			
	Ontario Residents (Includes HST)	Internet	Automated Telephone Licensing Line	Licence Issuer	Select ServiceOntario centres
Hunting Outdoors Card - New	\$9.68				✓
Hunting Outdoors Card - Renewal	\$9.68	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ontario resident's one-year small game licence tag. *	\$23.46	✓		✓	✓
Ontario resident three-year small game licence tag [*] [**]	\$70.38	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ontario resident's moose licence tag, game seal. +	\$52.31	✓	✓***	✓	✓
Ontario resident elk draw application	\$16.95	✓	✓		✓
Ontario resident elk licence tag and game seal	\$50.00				✓
Ontario resident's deer licence tag, game seal. +	\$45.04	✓	✓***	✓	✓
Ontario farmer's deer licence tag, game seal.	\$26.15			✓	✓
Big game draw applications (deer , moose)		✓	✓***		✓
Additional game seals for deer (offered in selected Wildlife Management Units only).	\$45.04	✓	✓		✓
Ontario resident's black bear licence tag and game seal.	\$45.04			✓	✓
Second game seal for black bear (offered in selected Wildlife Management Units only).	\$45.04				✓
Game seals for wolves/coyotes (required in selected WMUs only). Valid only with a small game licence.	\$10.50			✓	✓
Ontario resident spring licence and game seal to hunt wild turkey . Valid only with a small game licence. Valid only during the spring open season.	\$27.49	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ontario resident's fall licence and game seal to hunt wild turkey . Valid only with a small game licence. Valid only during the fall open season.	\$27.49			✓	✓
Dog Licence	\$12.67			✓	✓

* Licence transactions over the internet after the renewal of an Outdoors Card will be carried as a separate document.

** Available by Automated Telephone Licensing Line with Outdoors Card renewal only.

*** Big game (deer, moose) draw applications and licence purchase in one transaction.

+ Available over the Internet and Automated Telephone Licensing Line up to the draw deadline date.

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

Any structures erected by hunters on Crown land are subject to the 21 day camping rule and must be removed within this time period.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)



Outdoors Card Information for All Hunters

How can I get more information on the Outdoors Card?

The staff at the Outdoors Card Centre would be pleased to answer your questions. You can reach the Outdoors Card Centre without charge from anywhere in North America by calling: **1-800-387-7011**.

The hours of operation of the Outdoors Card Centre are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (ET).

Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Outdoors Cards, Licences, Validation Tags or Game Seals

If your Outdoors Card, licence, validation tag or game seal is lost, stolen or destroyed, visit a licence issuer or selected ServiceOntario centre (Page 88) to obtain a duplicate. An administration fee will apply.

What else should I know about my Outdoors Card?

Here are other important things to keep in mind:

- You must notify the Ministry of Natural Resources of any address or name change within 10 days of the change. You can do this by calling the Outdoors Card Centre toll-free at **1-800-387-7011**. Failure to change your address within 10 days can result in a fine under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*.
- You must carry your Outdoors Card and all applicable licences on your person whenever you are fishing or hunting. If a conservation officer asks to see your Outdoors Card, the law states that you must show it.
- Your Outdoors Card is not transferable to another person – it provides privileges to you alone.
- It is an offence to provide false information on an Outdoors Card application, licence tag, game seal or validation tag or to accept a licence with no date or one dated before or after the date you applied for it.
- It is illegal for a hunter to hold more than one Outdoors Card or more than one licence tag to hunt deer, moose, elk or black bear. Multiple game seals are permitted where they are available.
- Licences cannot be exchanged as partial payment toward another type of licence.

Do not laminate your licence. The heat from this process will cause it to become unreadable.

Outdoors Card and Hunting Licence Information for Non-Residents of Ontario

Any hunter who is not a resident of Ontario (see page 14) who wants to hunt in the province needs an Outdoors Card. The Non-Resident Outdoors Card is similar to the Outdoors Card Ontario residents have been using since 1993. It is required in order to purchase Ontario hunting and fishing licence tags. In addition to the following information specifically for non-residents, please review the section titled Outdoors Card Information for All Hunters.

What is a Non-Resident Outdoors Card?

A Non-Resident Outdoors Card is a plastic, wallet-sized identification card issued by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to accompany your Ontario non-resident hunting licence tag(s). The hunting version Non-Resident Outdoors Card and the Non-Resident Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card prove your eligibility to purchase hunting licence tags. (They also provide fishing privileges, once a fishing licence tag is obtained.) You must carry your Non-Resident Outdoors Card or your Non-Resident Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card with you whenever you hunt or fish in Ontario.

I live outside Ontario. How do I get a Non-Resident Outdoors Card to hunt in Ontario?

Non-residents of Ontario must present one of the following to obtain a Non-Resident Outdoors Card to hunt in Ontario:

- An Ontario non-resident's hunting licence issued to you after January 1, 1968, and before January 1, 2009
- A hunting licence issued to you by a competent authority in any jurisdiction as a resident of that jurisdiction after January 1, 1968
- An Ontario Hunter Education Examination Certificate/Report issued to you after January 1, 1968
- An Ontario Hunting Licence Verification Certificate showing that you were issued an Ontario licence to hunt, or passed the Hunting Licence Examination
- A certificate, issued to you after January 1, 1968, by a competent authority in any jurisdiction, giving you permission to purchase a hunting licence in that jurisdiction.

NOTE: A non-resident who wishes to hunt in Ontario must be 16 years of age or older.

Where can I purchase a Non-Resident Outdoors Card and hunting licence tags?

Non-resident hunters may purchase a Non-Resident Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card and licence tag(s) from a licence issuer throughout the province including selected ServiceOntario centres. For the location nearest your intended hunting location, call the ministry office serving that area. A list of ministry offices and telephone numbers, and contact information to find ServiceOntario centres and services is provided on page 88.

What should I know about bringing my hunting rifle or shotgun into Canada?

Federal firearms regulations require that hunters who wish to bring non-restricted firearms into Canada declare their firearms at their point of entry. A fee is required to complete this procedure; this confirmed declaration is valid for up to 60 days. Non-Resident Firearms Declaration Forms are available from Canadian Border Services Agency offices, through the toll-free Canadian Firearms Program information

line at **1-800-731-4000**, through the Canadian Firearms Program website at www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca (click on "Fact Sheets" and then "Firearm Users Visiting Canada"), and often through hunting outfitters.

NOTE: Non-residents may face special requirements around the import or purchase of ammunition. Consult with your outfitter or call the Canadian Firearms Program at **1-800-731-4000**.

Common Hunting Licence Options for Non-Residents

Further hunting licence information is available starting on page 12. The one-year licence fees stated in this summary are in effect until December 31, 2012, unless otherwise noted. For the location of the licence issuer nearest you, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources. A list of ministry offices is provided on page 88.

Products Licences are carried as a separate document but must be accompanied by your Outdoors Card.	2012 Fees	Product Availability			
	Canadian and Non Residents (Includes HST)	Internet	Automated Telephone Licensing Line	Licence Issuer	Select ServiceOntario centres
Non-resident Outdoors Card - New	\$9.68			✓	✓
Non-resident Outdoors Card - Renewal	\$9.68	✓	Check ontario.ca/outdoorscard for future availability	✓	✓
Non-resident's small game licence tag	\$112.46	✓		✓	✓
Non-resident three-year small game licence tag	\$337.37	✓		✓	✓
Non-resident's moose licence tag	\$449.58	✓*		✓*	✓
Non-resident's deer licence tag	\$224.66			✓	✓
Additional game seals for deer (available to non-residents in selected WMU's only)	\$224.66	✓			✓
Non-resident's black bear licence tag	\$224.66			✓	✓
Game seals for wolves/coyotes (required in selected Wildlife Management Units only). Valid only with a small game licence.	\$263.93			✓	✓
Non-resident spring licence and game seal to hunt wild turkey . Valid only with a small game licence. Valid only during the spring open season.	\$27.49	✓		✓	✓
Non-resident fall licence and game seal to hunt wild turkey . Valid only with a small game licence. Valid only during the fall open season.	\$27.49			✓	✓
Dog Licence	\$12.67			✓	✓
Export Permit	\$35.00			✓	✓

* Only non-resident moose licence tag to hunt with an immediate relative or an outfitter (see information for non-residents wishing to hunt in the moose section).

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

It is unsafe and illegal to possess or carry a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle or motorboat unless authorized.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)



The Ontario Hunter Education Program

The Ontario Hunter Education Program is administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources in partnership with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.). The Ontario Hunter Education Course and exam are delivered by approximately 300 certified instructors across the province. To find a hunter education instructor in your area, please contact a ServiceOntario centre, or the O.F.A.H. at (705) 748-5785 or www.ohep.net. To purchase Ontario's *Hunter Education Manual*, contact an instructor or the O.F.A.H.

Plan Ahead

To ensure you receive the training and the appropriate accreditation required to hunt in Ontario and to avoid disappointment, please contact an instructor well in advance of the hunting season.

Consent Required

Individuals under the age of 16 must file a consent signed by one parent or guardian **before** attending the Ontario Hunter Education Course or the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Course. Consent forms can be obtained by visiting ontario.ca/hunting.

Ontario Outdoors Cards

Two classes of Ontario Outdoors Cards and Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards are available to residents – one for gun hunters and one for non-gun hunters.

Class H1 Outdoors Card – Residents

The H1 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*. Applicants for this version of Outdoors Card will have to provide documentation that they have passed both the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam. These courses are normally delivered in a “One-Stop” combined course; however, both courses are available independently if desired. “One-Stop” graduates will meet provincial training requirements to hunt with a gun or bowhunting equipment and the federal training requirements for firearm possession, acquisition and ownership.

Any person with a hunting version of an Ontario Outdoors Card, Ontario Hunting Licence or Hunter Education Exam Report indicating a pass issued after January 1, 1968, and before January 1, 2006, will be eligible for the H1 Outdoors Card.

Class H2 Outdoors Card – Residents Only

The H2 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the Act except guns. Applicants for this version of the Outdoors Card will have to provide documentation that they have passed the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam.

Contacts

For information on the Ontario Hunter Education Program, contact the O.F.A.H. at (705) 748-5785 or www.ohep.net.

For information on the federal Firearms Act, contact the Canadian Firearms Program at 1-800-731-4000 or www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf.

Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program – Residents Only

Ontario's Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program allows individuals to safely develop their hunting skills while under the **direct and immediate supervision** of a qualified mentor. The program provides practical training for future hunters. Two classes of Ontario Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards are available: one for gun hunters and one for non-gun hunters.

Class A1 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card

The A1 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the Act and regulations. Applicants for this version of the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card must be 12 years of age or older and will have to provide documentation that they have passed both the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam. These courses are available in a “One-Stop” combined course; however, both courses are available independently if desired. “One-Stop” graduates will meet provincial training requirements to hunt with a gun or bow-hunting equipment and the federal training requirements for firearms possession, acquisition and ownership. (**NOTE:** To own, acquire and register a gun, you must be 18 years of age or older.)

Class A2 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card

The A2 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the Act and regulations except guns. Applicants for this version of the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card must be 12 years of age or older and provide documentation that they have passed the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam.

Other Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program Requirements:

- Written parental consent is required from both parents if the apprentice resides with both parents or from one parent or guardian (if not living with both parents) if applicant is less than 16 years of age before they can be issued a hunting Outdoors or Apprentice Safety Card.
- The applicant must be a resident of Ontario.
- The apprentice, while hunting, must be under the **direct and immediate supervision** of a mentor who is 18 years of age or older, and who holds a valid Outdoors Card of the equivalent class and a valid hunting licence for the game species being hunted.
- The apprentice must share a **single firearm** with the mentor.
- An apprentice must possess a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt migratory game birds.
- With the exception of migratory game birds, game wildlife taken by the apprentice must be added to the daily bag limit of the mentor.
- If wild turkey is being hunted, the apprentice must take the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Course and pass the exam.
- A Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card is valid for three years.
- Apprentices must carry the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card with them while hunting.

General Regulations

Firearms

Firearms include rifles, shotguns, air or pellet guns, bows and crossbows. You may use semi-automatic or repeating firearms for hunting in Ontario, but not handguns that are restricted or prohibited firearms or fully automatic firearms. Air and pellet pistols with a muzzle velocity less than 152 metres (500 feet) per second may be used for hunting in Ontario (see restrictions on page 22).

Remember: Hunting carelessly is an offence. Hunters who handle or discharge firearms without due care and attention or consideration for persons and property are liable to a fine of up to \$25,000 or imprisonment for up to two years - or both. Depending on the circumstances, a person may also be subject to charges under the Criminal Code.

ANY injury caused by the discharge of a firearm while the firearm is possessed for the purpose of hunting or trapping and which results in treatment by a physician MUST BE reported to a conservation officer.

Before hunting, check local sunrise-sunset times. You may only hunt from half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset (exceptions: night raccoon, spring wild turkey, and in some Wildlife Management Units [WMU], pheasant). If you are in an area usually inhabited by wildlife, during the period from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise, you must unload and encase any firearms (including air gun, pellet gun, bow or crossbow) in your possession.

To be considered encased, firearms must be enclosed on all six sides.

A firearm is considered to be loaded if it has a cartridge in the chamber or in a magazine that is attached to the firearm.

A **muzzle-loading gun** is a gun that is loaded through the muzzle. A percussion muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and a percussion cap on the nipple. A flint-lock muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and the vent is unplugged. An electronic muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a projectile in the barrel.

A **crossbow** is considered to be loaded if the bow is cocked and there is a bolt in the crossbow. A bow other than a crossbow is considered to be loaded if the bow is strung and an arrow is nocked.

The draw length of a **bow** (compound, recurve, long) is the measured distance from the outer edge of the main riser (handle), following the line of an arrow to the string at the anchor point.

The draw length of a **crossbow** is measured along the bolt ramp (where the bolt rests) from the outer edge of the main limb, to the anchor point (release latch mechanism) at full draw.

Roads – Possession and Discharge of Firearms

Restriction	Geographic Areas
No possession of a loaded firearm within eight metres of the travelled portion of a road (or roadside fenceline where one exists) at any time AND no discharge of a firearm from or across a right of way for the passage of vehicular traffic at any time.	Brant, Bruce, Chatham-Kent, Dufferin, Durham, Elgin, Essex (except the single-tier municipality of Pelee), Frontenac (except the lower-tier municipalities of Central and North Frontenac), Grey, Haldimand, Halton, Hamilton, Hastings (except the lower-tier municipalities of Bancroft, Carlow/ Mayo, Deseronto, Faraday, Hastings Highlands, Limerick, Madoc, Marmora and Lake, Tudor and Cashel and Wollaston), Huron, Kawartha Lakes, Lambton, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Lennox and Addington (except the lower-tier municipality of Addington Highlands), Middlesex, Niagara, Norfolk, Northumberland, Ottawa, Oxford, Peel, Perth, Peterborough (except the lower-tier municipalities of Galway-Cavendish-Harvey and North Kawartha), Prescott and Russell, Prince Edward, Simcoe, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Toronto, Waterloo, Wellington, York.
No possession of a loaded firearm within eight metres of the travelled portion of a road (or roadside fenceline where one exists) during an open gun season for deer AND no discharge of a firearm from or across a right of way for the passage of vehicular traffic at any time.	Lower-tier municipalities of Central and North Frontenac in the geographic area of Frontenac, Haliburton, Hastings (except the single-tier municipalities of Belleville and Quinte West; and the lower-tier municipalities of Centre Hastings, Stirling-Rawdon, Tweed and Tyendinaga), the lower-tier municipality of Addington Highlands in the geographic area of Lennox and Addington, Muskoka, the lower-tier municipalities of Galway-Cavendish-Harvey and North Kawartha in the geographic municipality of Peterborough, Renfrew, the single-tier municipalities of Alberton, Chapple, Dawson, Emo, Fort Frances, La Vallée, Morley, Rainy River and the geographic townships of Morson, McCrosson, Tovell, Dance (excluding Lyons Bay Road and Lost Creek Road), Kingsford (excluding Fleming Road), Miscampbell (excluding Boffin Road), Pratt, Nelles, Spohn and Sutherland all within the Territorial District of Rainy River, and the single-tier municipality of Kenora, geographic townships of Boys, Ewart, Forgie, Gidley, Glass, Gundy, Kirkup, Pellatt and the unorganized area south and east of the geographic township of Boys township, south of the geographic township of Pellatt and west of the single-tier municipality of Kenora to the shore of Lake of the Woods all within the Territorial District of Kenora.
No discharge of firearms from or across the travelled portion of a right of way.	Any part of the province not listed above.

NOTE: The restrictions above do not apply to unmaintained roads.

Summary of Firearms Restrictions for Hunting in Ontario

Game Species & Season	Centre-Fire Rifle	Rim-Fire Rifle	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Bows	
					Bow (compound, recurve, long)	Crossbow
Moose – Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG (No. 1 buck).	Yes	Bows must have a draw weight of at least 22 kilograms (48.5 lb.) at draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less. Arrows must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide arrow head with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Crossbows must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and a draw weight of at least 54 kilograms (119 lb.). At a minimum bolts must have a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide bolt head with at least two sharp cutting edges.
Moose – Bows and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No	No	Yes		
Moose – Bows-Only	No	No	No	No		
Elk - Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG (No. 1 buck).	Yes		
Black Bear	Yes	No				
Deer – Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG (No. 1 buck).	Yes	Bows must have a draw weight of at least 18 kilograms (39.7 lb.) at a draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less. Arrows must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide arrow head with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Crossbows must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and a draw weight of at least 45 kilograms (99.2 lb.). At a minimum bolts must have a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide bolt head with at least two sharp cutting edges.
Deer – Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No				
Deer – Bows and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No	No	Yes		
Deer – Bows-Only	No	No	No	No		
Wild Turkey	No	No	Not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge. Shot size must be 4, 5 or 6.	Muzzle-loading shotgun not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge. Shot size must be 4, 5 or 6.		
Deer – Rifles, Shotguns, and Muzzle-loaders Only	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG (No. 1 buck).	Yes	No	No
Deer – Shotguns and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No		Yes	No	No
Deer – Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No	No	Yes	No	No

NOTE: See appropriate sections for complete details. If you are hunting small game in an area where there is an open season for deer, moose, elk or black bear, you may not possess or use a rifle of greater muzzle energy than 400 ft-lbs or shells loaded with ball or with

shot larger than No. 2 shot, unless you possess a valid licence to hunt deer, moose, elk or black bear as the case may be. When hunting deer, elk or moose, you may only use or carry the type of firearms allowed.

NOTE: The criteria for broadheads used for bow hunting big game and wild turkey have been simplified. A broadhead used for these species must be at least 22 mm wide and have at least two sharp cutting edges.

The length of an arrow is measured from the base of the arrowhead to the bottom of the nock slot.

You must plug a **semi-automatic or repeating shotgun** so that it will not hold more than a total of three shells in the chamber and magazine combined.

On the Aulneau Peninsula (WMU 7A), from August 15 to December 15, you must not use a shotgun loaded with ball or with shot larger than number 2 lead shot, steel shot that is not larger than triple BBB shot, bismuth shot that is not larger than double BB shot or a rifle of greater muzzle energy than 400 ft-lbs.

Under the Criminal Code of Canada you cannot possess any clip/magazine that holds more than five shots for a semi-automatic centre fire non-restricted firearm unless that clip/magazine has been specifically exempted, pursuant to the Firearms Regulations.

Contact the Canadian Firearms Program at **1-800-731-4000** (or www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca) for information about the requirements for firearm ownership, licensing, storage and transportation. Some municipalities have by-laws restricting the discharge of firearms. Check with the local municipal office for details.

Hunter Orange

The objective of the hunter orange regulation is to maximize hunter safety without negatively impacting hunting success. Under this regulation, all licensed hunters, including bow hunters and falconers, hunting during a gun season for deer, elk, or moose, are required to wear hunter orange. This requirement does not apply to persons who are hunting migratory game birds, except woodcock.

In addition, all licensed black bear hunters hunting during the open season for black bear are required to wear hunter orange except when in a tree stand.

Where there is a gun season for moose, elk, or deer concurrent with an open black bear season, then the only persons exempted from wearing hunter orange are migratory game bird hunters as indicated above.

A hunter orange garment and head cover must be worn. The hunter orange garment must cover a minimum of 400 square inches above the waist and be visible from all sides. Open mesh or camouflage hunter orange must not be part of the 400 square inches. A hunting coat or vest generally meets this requirement. The hunter orange head cover may have: open mesh; a peak or brim colour other than hunter orange, and a crest or logo which does not completely cover the hunter orange on the side where it is affixed. The head cover must not contain camouflage material.

Hunter orange colour standards are generally consistent across North America. Manufacturers can provide information regarding clothing compliance with this standard.

As a best practice to protect hunter safety, hunters using ground blinds should take steps to make their blind clearly visible to other hunters that may be in the area. Use of hunter orange material on the outside of the blind is an appropriate method to mark a ground blind.

Party Hunting

A person may hunt moose, deer or black bear in a party even if the person has previously attached his or her game seal to a moose, deer or black bear. A person may also hunt elk in a party with some restrictions in addition to the conditions listed below - see page 52 for more information on Modified Party Hunting for Elk. The term "Party Hunting" means two or more persons hunting during an open season for moose, elk, deer or black bear under all of the following conditions:

- Each person has a valid licence to hunt the big game species being hunted.
- The total number of moose, elk, deer or black bear killed by the party does not exceed the total number of game seals held by the members of the party licensed to hunt that species.
- The total number of moose, elk, deer or black bear of a specified sex, age or type killed by the party does not exceed the total number of game seals validated for that sex, age, or type that are held by members of the party.
- All members of the party hunt together in the same Wildlife Management Unit or portion thereof for which the game seal is valid.
- Each member of the party hunts within five kilometres of the person who holds the game seal that is valid for the wildlife being hunted.
- Each member of the party must be able to reliably and immediately communicate with other members of the party.
- All members of the party, including the person who holds the seal that is valid for the wildlife that the party is hunting, actively participate in the hunt and hunt co-operatively.

The person who kills the wildlife while hunting in a party shall immediately notify all other members of the party that the wildlife has been killed and the game seal holder shall immediately affix the game seal to the wildlife in the manner prescribed on the instruction panel attached to the game seal.

At this point, party members at the kill site must determine the category of animals that may still be hunted. You must then make sure your other party members, who did not come to the kill site, are informed. The hunter in your party who killed the animal and the hunter who attached the game seal may continue hunting provided other members of your party possess valid, unused game seals for the wildlife being hunted.

If you have questions about party hunting, the best time to get answers is before the hunt begins. Contact a conservation officer at the ministry office in the district in which you will be hunting. A list of ministry offices and phone numbers is found on page 88.

Use of Vehicles, Boats or Aircraft

(see Definitions, page 86)

Aircraft may not be used while hunting. Snowmobiles, vehicles or boats may not be used for chasing, pursuing, harassing, capturing, injuring or killing any wildlife.

It is illegal to have a loaded firearm in or on, or discharge a firearm from, an aircraft, vehicle (including snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle) or motorboat or anything towed by the boat. An exception to this rule is that a person may obtain an authorization through the local ministry office if the person's mobility is impaired and the person meets one of the following criteria:

1. A paraplegic or hemiplegic
2. A single (above the knee) lower limb amputation or a double (below the waist) amputation
3. Suffers severe disability, and cannot hunt without the use of a wheelchair or similar means of locomotion. In this case, the hunter must provide a medical certificate stating disability.

The authorization is valid for a period of up to five years for a person with a permanent disability.

A loaded firearm may be carried in, and discharged from, a canoe or boat that is being paddled, with no motor attached.

MOTORBOATS: Under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, a motorboat means a boat **with a motor that is attached to the boat** (see Definitions on page 86). There is an exception to this rule if you are hunting waterfowl in accordance with the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*.

Sunday Gun Hunting

Sunday gun hunting is permitted in areas north of the French and Mattawa rivers. In areas south of the French and Mattawa, Sunday gun hunting is regulated on a municipality basis. Changes will periodically occur to the areas where gun hunting on Sundays is allowed south of the French and Mattawa rivers.

To hunt with a gun on Sunday, you must ensure:

- the season is open for the species and type of gun you want to use
- gun hunting is allowed on Sundays in the municipality where you wish to hunt
- the municipality does not have a "no discharge of firearms" by-law in the area where you wish to hunt.

To confirm the status of the municipality in which you want to hunt, please check the Sunday gun hunting information available at ontario.ca/hunting.

Dogs

All dogs to be used to hunt deer, moose or black bear must be licensed. There is no limit on the number of dogs that may be licensed and used. Dogs may not run at large in an area

inhabited by deer, moose, elk or black bear during the closed season. Dogs may not be used to hunt elk. See PENDING - Use of Tracking Dogs for Big Game Retrieval on page 4 for information on proposed changes.

You must have an authorization or licence issued from the local ministry office to conduct dog training and field trials on game mammals and game birds during the closed season, or an appropriate hunting licence during the open season.

NOTE: There is no authorization or licence that allows the chasing of wolf or coyote in the townships around Algonquin Park where there is a year-round closed season for those species.

To hunt raccoon at night, you must be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting and you must have a resident small game licence and a licence to hunt raccoon at night. Only one dog licence is required while hunting raccoon at night regardless of the number of dogs used.

For a dog coming into Canada from the United States, you must have a certificate, signed by a veterinarian licensed in Canada or in the United States, stating that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies during the preceding 36 months. The certificate must have a reasonably complete and legible description of the dog and the date of the vaccination. For more information, check with Canada Customs.

Snares

Snares cannot be used for hunting, except by the holder of a resident small game licence taking varying hares north of the French and Mattawa rivers with a snare constructed of copper or brass wire between 22 and 24 gauge. The opening of the snare wire loop must be 10 cm (4 in.) or less in diameter.

Licensed trappers may use snares under conditions specified in the trapping regulations.

Poison and Adhesives

It is illegal to use poison and adhesives to kill, injure or capture wildlife.

Big Game – Swimming

You may not hunt moose, elk, deer or black bear while they are swimming.

Trespassing

A person is trespassing if the person enters onto property or engages in an activity on property where notice has been given that entry or the activity is not allowed. Notice may be given in a variety of ways; some of the common ones are verbally, signs, symbols or fences. Lands under cultivation are also considered to be notice against entry.

A hunting licence does not give a hunter the right to enter private property.

ALWAYS ask for permission and obey signs. Signs may be in three formats:

- Red or yellow markings of such a size that a circle of 10 cm (4 inches) can be contained wholly within them. Red means no entry is permitted. Yellow markings mean no entry is permitted except for activities that may be allowed.
- Graphic representation of a permitted or prohibited activity.
- A written sign.

If it is not evident what activities are allowed, ask for permission from the landowner or occupier. Not all land is signed. Unsigned lands may be private land as well. (For example if the property is fenced, no access is permitted without permission of the landowner.) It is your responsibility to find out who owns the land you wish to hunt on and obtain permission. If unsure, stay out. If a wounded animal runs onto private property where you do not have permission to enter, you must seek landowner's permission to retrieve the animal. **Positive landowner or occupier/hunter relationships are important to the future of hunting in Ontario.**

Be sure you are familiar with the *Occupiers' Liability Act* and the *Trespass to Property Act* before entering private land. (You may obtain these two acts from Publications Ontario or online at ontario.ca/e-laws.) If you are on private property for the purpose of hunting or fishing and the occupier asks you to leave, if you do not do so immediately, or if you do not obey signs prohibiting trespassing, then you will also be violating the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*.

You may not enter private land in a party of more than 12 persons without the express permission of the occupier if any member of the party possesses a firearm or other hunting device.

Before hunting on Indian Reserves, ask the permission of the Band Council.

If you wish to hunt elk on private land you must have with you a valid elk licence and the written consent of the landowner on the form provided by the ministry. If you wish to hunt deer on Barrie Island, Cockburn Island or Manitoulin Island, you must have with you a valid deer licence and the written consent of the landowner or occupier on the form provided by the ministry. If you wish to hunt moose in WMU 65, you must have a moose licence, the appropriate validation tag and, if hunting on private land, written consent of the landowner on the form provided by the ministry.

Crown Lands

In Ontario, travel for recreational purposes on Crown lands and waters is generally free and unrestricted. On most Crown land, camping is allowed free for Canadian residents for up to 21 days at one site. Campers can camp for an additional 21 days on a second site if the second site is located at least 100 metres from the first site. Please note, camping may be prohibited or restricted on some areas of Crown land; these locations are signed and regulated under the authority of the *Public Lands Act*. **As well, some Crown lands may have restricted-travel zones for forest fire prevention or officially closed forest-access roads. Some Crown land may also have specific areas posted with signs or red/yellow dots to prohibit all or certain kinds of uses/travel.** Please contact your local district office for specific information on access/use of Crown land in that area.

Non-residents of Canada, except those using a camping unit rented from a person who carries on an Ontario-based business (commercial outfitter), require a permit to camp on Crown land in northern Ontario (north of the French and Mattawa rivers). A camping unit is defined as equipment used for the purpose of outdoor accommodation and includes a tent, trailer, tent-trailer, recreational vehicle, camper-back and any watercraft equipped for overnight accommodation. Contact a ServiceOntario centre or licence issuer for permits.

Non-residents of Canada are prohibited from camping on some specific areas of Crown land in northern Ontario at any time of year. These areas are generally well signed; however, hunters are advised to check with the local ministry office for complete information on areas where non-resident camping is prohibited.

Information about restrictions on Crown Land Camping for non-residents of Canada in WMUs 6, 7B, 9A and 9B can be found on page 60.

Some Crown lands may also be posted against hunting and possession of firearms to protect forest workers or other resource users. Contact the local ministry office for the area in which you wish to hunt for further information.

Work Permits

The *Public Lands Act* states that you must have a work permit before you construct a new building, create trails or do other modifications on Crown land. Crown land also includes the bottom of most waterbodies. For information on work permits and the application process, visit ontario.ca/publiclandpermit. **Hunters are reminded that it is an offence under the *Public Lands Act* to leave any material, substance or thing on Crown land.**

Wildlife Management Areas – Wildlife Extension Landowner Agreement Area/ Provincial Wildlife Area

There are 34 Provincial Wildlife and Wildlife Extension Landowner Agreement Areas in Ontario which provide hunting opportunities. Some areas have daily or seasonal licence fees, while others may be used free of charge. See pages 7, 9 and 11 for listings. Some areas are only open on certain days of the week and for special hours and designated species. Detailed information on each area can be obtained from local ministry offices.

Crown Game Preserves

Except where stated in the regulations, you may not hunt or trap, or use or possess firearms, in Crown Game Preserves. You may possess firearms if you live on private land within a Crown Game Preserve, but you may not hunt or trap. There are Crown Game Preserves other than those shown on the maps. Contact a ministry office for more details.

Provincial Parks

You may not hunt (or take) any mammals, birds, amphibians or reptiles in provincial parks, or have a firearm with you, unless otherwise provided in the regulations. See below for more details on hunting in Ontario Provincial Parks. Generally, **hunting of wolves is prohibited in provincial parks.** Check with Algonquin Provincial Park for more details and for special permit requirements for hunting in Clyde and Bruton (WMU 54).

Conservation Officers

A conservation officer is appointed under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*. The term “conservation officer” also includes a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a police officer or First Nations constable appointed under the *Police Services Act*, a game officer designated under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*, a park warden designated under the *Canada National Parks Act*, and a person whose primary employment responsibility is enforcement of fish and wildlife laws in a border jurisdiction if he or she is acting under the direction of a conservation officer. Conservation officers have powers of inspection, arrest, search and seizure under the various statutes they

enforce, including the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*, and the *Fisheries Act*. Conservation officers also have authority to enforce the *Off-Road Vehicles Act*, *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act*, *Liquor Licence Act*, and *Small Vessel Regulations*. When carrying out his or her duties, or investigating an offence under these statutes or the corresponding regulations, a conservation officer may do the following:

- Stop and/or inspect a vehicle, boat or aircraft
- Inspect firearms, ammunition, wildlife or fish
- Ask questions relevant to the inspection
- Inspect buildings or other places
- Search with a warrant
- Search without a warrant in circumstances requiring immediate action
- Seize items related to the offence
- Arrest anyone the conservation officer believes has committed, is committing or is about to commit an offence under these acts or any other legislation they may enforce.

Conservation officers operate “game check stations” throughout the year. At these stations, conservation officers collect information on game taken by hunters and make sure the regulations are being followed in order to better manage our wildlife resources.

Hunting in Ontario Provincial Parks

Hunting is permitted in the following provincial parks. **Hunters should ALWAYS check with the appropriate park office regarding areas open to hunting, species that can be hunted, seasons, and other restrictions that apply in each park.** Call 1-800-667-1940 for assistance.

Abitibi-De-Troyes	Esker Lakes	Mashkinonje	Rock Point
Albany River	Fawn River	Matinenda	Rondeau
Alexander Lake Forest	French River	Mattawa River	Ruby Lake
Algoma Headwaters	Fushimi Lake	McRae Point	Rushbrook
Algonquin Park	Goulais River	Missinaibi	Sandbar Lake
(Clyde, Bruton and Eyre Twps.)	Grant's Creek	Mississagi	Sandpoint Island
Amable du Fond River	Greenwater	Mississagi River	Severn River
Aubinadong-Nushatogaini Rivers	Groundhog River Waterway	Nagagamis	Silent Lake
Aubinadong River	Grundy Lake	Nakina Moraine	Silver Falls
Aubrey Falls	Gull River	Neys	Solace
Barron River	Halfway Lake	Nimmoosh	South Bay
Batchawana River	Ivanhoe	Noganosh Lake	Spanish River
Big East River	Jocko Rivers	North Channel Inshore	St. Raphael
Biscotasi Lake	Kap-Kig-Iwan	Obabika River	Steel River
Bissett Creek	Kashabowie	Obatanga	Sturgeon River
Black Creek	Kawartha Highlands Signature Site	Obonga-Ottertooth	Temagami River
Black Sturgeon River	Killarney	Ogoki River	The Massasauga
Blind River	Killarney Lakelands and Headwaters	Opeongo River	The Shoals
Blue Lake	Kopka River	Otoskwin-Attawapiskat River	Turtle River-White Otter Lake
Bon Echo	La Cloche	Ottawa River	Upper Madawaska River
Bonnechere River	Lake of the Woods	Oxtongue River-Ragged Falls	W.J.B. Greenwood
Brightsand River	Lake St. Peter	Pancake Bay	Wabakimi
Chapleau-Nemegosenda River	Lake Superior	Pigeon River	Wanapitei
Charleston Lake	LaMotte Lake	Pipestone River	Wenebagon River
(Blue Mountain area only)	Larder River Waterway	Point Farms	Westmeath
Chiniguchi Waterway	LaVerendrye	Polar Bear	West English River
Dana-Jowsey Lakes	Little Abitibi	Presqu'île	West Montreal River
Darlington	Little Current River	Pretty River Valley	White Lake
Eagle Dogtooth	Little White River	Pukaskwa River	Whitesand
East English River	Long Point	Puzzle Lake	Widdifield Forest
Egan Chutes	Lower Madawaska River	Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands	Winisk River
Englehart River Fine Sand Plain and Waterway	Magnetawan River	Restoule	Woman River Forest
	Makobe-Grays River	River aux Sables	

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997

The *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, is the main provincial law regulating hunting and trapping. The *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* is enforced by conservation officers and deputy conservation officers.

The penalties for offences under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* can include:

General offences:.....	\$25,000, 1 year imprisonment, or both.
Commercialization related offences:	\$100,000, 2 years imprisonment, or both.

The *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, and regulations are available at ontario.ca/e-laws.

Reporting a Violation

If you see or suspect abuse of a natural resource, please call **1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time to report a violation or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477**. Be sure to include information on the exact location of the violation, date and time of the violation, and a description of the individuals and vehicles involved. Timely and accurate information will assist conservation officers in apprehending violators and **protect your natural resources**.

Specially Protected Wildlife

In Ontario, it is illegal to hunt or trap specially protected wildlife (see Definitions, page 87, for a list of these species). The ministry is interested in receiving information about any illegal acts involving specially protected wildlife. Please call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667).

Protection of Property

If you have reasonable grounds to believe that wildlife is damaging or is about to damage your property, you may harass, capture or kill wildlife on your own land to stop that wildlife from damaging your property. This does not apply to moose, caribou or other species listed as extirpated, endangered or threatened on the Species at Risk in Ontario List. White-tailed deer or American elk may only be killed, captured or harassed and black bear may only be trapped with an authorization from the ministry. You may also use an agent if the agent is authorized by the ministry or

belongs to a class of agents prescribed by the regulations. There are exceptions to this. Contact a ministry office for further information. A person may not use a body-gripping trap or be in possession of a body-gripping trap unless they are lawfully entitled to use the trap. A person who kills a black bear anywhere in the province, or a wolf or coyote in WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D-42, 46-50 and 53-58, in protection of property must immediately report having done so to a ministry office whether or not the carcass is kept. A person who kills a specially protected raptor or furbearing mammal, other than a wolf or coyote, in protection of property, and is planning to keep the carcass must report the acquisition.

Caribou

There is no open season for caribou in Ontario.

Game Wildlife and Parts

You may not let the flesh of any harvested game wildlife (see Definitions, page 86) which is suitable for food be destroyed, spoiled or abandoned. This includes black bear. A hunter who kills a furbearing mammal shall not abandon the pelt or permit the pelt to be spoiled or destroyed.

In general, it is illegal to buy, sell or barter any game wildlife or specially protected wildlife or their parts (including taxidermy mounts). There are some exemptions – please contact your nearest MNR office to find out what these may be.

In addition, for your own use or that of your immediate family, you may purchase the meat of furbearing mammals from a person licensed to take that furbearer. A person selling a carcass of a furbearing mammal for consumption must advise the buyer in writing that the meat has not been inspected under the *Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001*.

A person may buy or sell a single hide of a black bear (with head and claws attached), or a single hide of a moose or deer (without the head attached) and a single set of cast antlers of woodland caribou, white-tailed deer, American elk or moose per year if they were lawfully acquired.

A hunter or trapper may sell the hides of any black bear, deer or moose that they have lawfully harvested, or cast antlers.

A person who wishes to buy more than a single hide or single set of **cast antlers** must have a dealer's licence. Please contact a ministry office.

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

In an area usually inhabited by wildlife, you must unload and encase firearms in your possession during the period from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise. The only exception is for licensed night raccoon hunters.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)



The above regulations apply not only to meat and parts of Ontario wildlife, but also to meat and parts imported into Ontario from outside the province.

A charitable organization may apply for an Authorization to Hold a Fish and Wild Game Dinner issued by the ministry. For information on conducting wild game dinners, contact your local ministry office.

BLACK BEAR GALLBLADDERS: It is illegal to possess a gallbladder that has been removed from a black bear.

Possession of Accidentally Killed Animals

If you wish to keep the animals referenced below that have been killed by natural or other accidental causes including road kills, you must report the acquisition to the ministry. In the case of black bear, moose, deer, elk and caribou, you must report the acquisition to a ministry office immediately. In most cases, caribou may not be possessed. For specially protected raptors and furbearing mammals, you must make the report within two working days from when you acquired the animal. In addition, anyone who acquires a specially protected raptor (see Definitions, page 87) must contact a ministry office to arrange to take the carcass in for registration within five working days of the acquisition. For migratory birds, contact the Canadian Wildlife Service, Burlington at (905) 336-6410.

For information on keeping the carcass of a big game animal, a specially protected raptor or a furbearing mammal killed in protection of property, see Protection of Property, page 27.

There may be additional requirements regarding the possession of carcasses of species at risk. For more information, please visit ontario.ca/speciesatrisk.

Shipping

Unless accompanied by the hunter or trapper who lawfully harvested the animal, receptacles containing game wildlife or specially protected wildlife that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents written on the outside.

Import

It is an offence to possess wildlife that was killed, captured, taken, possessed, transported, bought, sold or removed from another jurisdiction contrary to the laws of that jurisdiction.

It is an offence to sell wildlife from another jurisdiction if the sale is not permitted in the jurisdiction from which it was originally exported.

To prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease, Ontario restricts the possession of high-risk carcass parts from all members of the deer family (including white-tailed deer, American elk, moose and caribou) harvested in other jurisdictions. See ontario.ca/cwd for more information.

Export

Export Permit

You must have an Ontario export permit to export moose, deer, black bear and furbearing mammals or any part thereof from Ontario (see Definitions, page 86).

An Ontario export permit for non-residents to export moose, white-tailed deer and black bear is \$35.00. For residents of Ontario, these export permits are issued at no charge. Export permits have sub-permits attached to them for exporting a part or parts of the animal for which an export permit has been issued. You may use up to three sub-permits for this purpose. You may obtain an export permit from most ServiceOntario centres as well as from specific outside issuers.

You should obtain the necessary export permits before reaching a border point to avoid any inconvenience.

A resident may temporarily transport moose, deer or black bear out of Ontario without an export permit if the resident is on the way to a location in Ontario, and does not leave any of the wildlife outside Ontario. You must have an Ontario export permit to export any furbearing mammal or its pelt from Ontario. Royalties are payable on all furbearers prior to their export from Ontario.

CITES Permit

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals and plants, their parts and derivatives, and any articles made from them. You need a Canadian CITES export permit to export wolf, black bear and several other species from Canada.

The CITES permit requirement is waived for U.S. or Canadian residents in some instances (see page 76). In some instances both a CITES permit and a provincial export permit are required.

Please contact a ministry office to make arrangements to acquire CITES permits (available free of charge). Please allow up to 10 days to obtain a permit.

Export to the United States

Canadian hunters who wish to travel through the U.S. to reach a Canadian destination should check for any requirements for transporting meat before finalizing their travel itinerary. More information is available at the United States Department of Agriculture website at www.aphis.usda.gov/.

NOTE: When planning their hunt, U.S. hunters should check on the status of requirements for the import of any wild meat or trophies from Canada to the United States, including hours of operation at ports of entry, to avoid delays when returning home with harvested game.

Wildlife in Captivity

The *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, generally prohibits the possession of game wildlife or specially protected wildlife in captivity except under the authority of a licence or authorization to keep game wildlife and specially protected wildlife in captivity.

Wild Turkey Regulations

SPRING WILD TURKEY			
WMU(s)	Open Season	Bag Limit	Hours
45, 46, 48, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66A, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83A, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95	Residents and non-residents April 25 to May 31, 2012 Residents and non-residents April 25 to May 31, 2013	One bearded wild turkey per licence Two licences per hunter maximum. The two birds may not be taken on the same day.	1/2 hour before sunrise to 7:00 p.m.

FALL WILD TURKEY			
WMU(s)	Open Season	Bag Limit	Hours
64, 65, 66A, 67, 68, 73, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93	Residents and non-residents October 9 to October 21, 2012	One fall licence per hunter maximum. One wild turkey may be harvested – EITHER one male OR one female.	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset



What we learned from wild turkey hunters in 2011:

- 8,560 wild turkeys were harvested in the spring and 299 in the fall season.
- Jakes composed 34 percent of males in the spring wild turkey harvest.
- Female wild turkeys made up 59 percent of the fall harvest.

Licence fees can be found on page 13. For more information on wild turkey biology and management in Ontario, please visit ontario.ca/wildturkey.

Turkey Hunting Requirements

Ontario **residents** wishing to hunt wild turkeys must have:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card;
- Completed the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Course and passed the exam;
- A valid small game licence tag or e-licence (must be purchased prior to the turkey licence);
- A wild turkey licence and game seal.

Ontario's wild turkey season is open to **non-residents** of Ontario who have:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card;
- Completed the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Course and passed the exam;
- A valid non-resident small game licence tag or e-licence (must be purchased prior to the turkey licence);
- A wild turkey licence and game seal.

Turkey Hunter Education Course

The schedule of wild turkey course locations and dates is available from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters at (705) 748-6324, or at www.ofah.org. **A home study course is also now available.** Visit the O.F.A.H. website for details.

Individuals under the age of 16 must file a consent signed by one parent or guardian before attending the Ontario Hunter Education Course or the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Course. Consent forms are available at ontario.ca/hunting.

Over-the-Counter Licensing for Residents and Non-Residents

Wild turkey licences will be offered by licence issuers and select ServiceOntario centres across Ontario.

Individuals wishing to purchase a wild turkey licence from a licence issuer must show one of the following at the time of purchase:

- Their Outdoors Card bearing a "T" insignia; **OR**
- Their valid hunting version Outdoors Card plus their Wild Turkey Hunter Education certificate or their Record of Wild Turkey Hunter Examination form; **OR**
- Their valid hunting version Outdoors Card plus a previous Ontario wild turkey licence bearing the hunter's name and Outdoors Card number.

Both spring licences may be purchased at the same time; however, only one wild turkey may be harvested in a day.

NEW – Internet Licensing for Residents and Non-Residents

Wild turkey licences will be offered online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard. Your wild turkey licence(s) and game seal will be mailed in 3 business days. Please allow time for your licence(s) and game seal(s) to reach you. To use this system, a hunter who has successfully completed the wild turkey hunter education course needs:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card number;
- A valid VISA, MasterCard or American express credit card.

Automated Telephone Licensing (Spring Seasons Only) for Ontario Resident Turkey Hunters

Spring wild turkey licences are also available province-wide through the Ministry of Natural Resources' automated telephone licensing line. This line allows Ontario resident hunters to purchase a wild turkey hunting licence using a toll-free telephone line, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from March 1 to April 30. To use this system, a hunter who has successfully completed the wild turkey hunter education course needs:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card number;
- A valid VISA, MasterCard or American Express card;
- A Touch-Tone™ telephone.

PLEASE NOTE: This system does not accept spoken answers; only responses provided using the keypad can be processed.

To purchase a licence using the automated telephone line, call **1-800-288-1155 between March 1 and April 30**.

Hunters wishing to purchase two wild turkey licences by telephone must place two calls. Your wild turkey licence(s) and game seal(s) will be mailed the next business day. Please allow time for your licence(s) and game seal(s) to reach you.

Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations

You are permitted to call wild turkeys for another hunter

after filling your own licence(s), but you must not be in possession of a firearm when doing so. It is illegal to use live decoys or electronic calls while wild turkey hunting in Ontario. Wild turkeys may be hunted using shotguns (including muzzle-loading shotguns) or bows. For details on legal firearms and ammunition, please refer to the chart on page 22.

Baiting

It is illegal to hunt wild turkeys within 400 metres of any place where bait has been deposited unless the place has been free of bait for at least seven days. Bait means corn, wheat, oats, other grain, pulse, any other feed that may attract wild turkey or any imitation of such feed. Standing crops, crops stacked in accordance with normal farming practices and grain scattered as a result of normal farming operations are not considered bait.

Sealing and Transporting

The holder of a licence who has killed a wild turkey shall:

- Immediately after the kill and at the site of the kill attach the game seal provided with the licence to the wild turkey in the manner indicated on the instruction panel attached to the seal (notch out the month, day and time).
- Keep the game seal attached to the wild turkey until it is prepared for consumption.

Mandatory Reporting of Turkey Harvest

Successful turkey hunters **must** report their harvested turkey by calling toll-free **1-800-288-1155** and providing the requested harvest information no later than 12:00 noon the day after the bird was harvested. Once you complete your harvest report, you will be provided with a confirmation number. Record the confirmation number and keep it as a record that you have reported. An information worksheet is provided on page 31 to assist you in gathering the necessary information before calling to report your harvest. This information is also available at ontario.ca/hunting.

Your licence fees – Ensuring great hunting for years to come

When you buy a fishing or hunting licence, the fees go directly to managing Ontario's world-class fish and wildlife resources.



Research

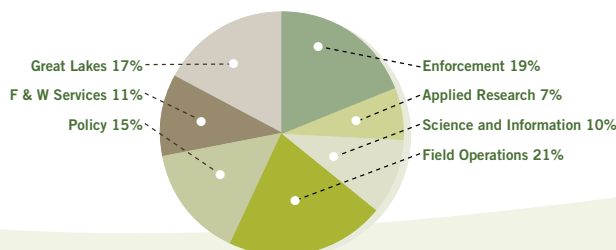


Enforcement

All licence fees, fines and royalties go into the Fish and Wildlife Special Purpose Account, which funds such wildlife management programs as monitoring populations and enforcing regulations.

For 2011/12 the Special Purpose Account contributed approximately \$68.2 million to fish and wildlife management in Ontario.

To learn more visit ontario.ca/hunting



Mandatory Turkey Harvest Reporting Worksheet

Fill in the worksheet before you call, and have a pen or pencil and your licence available so you can record your confirmation number once your report is complete. The illustrations to the right of the page have been provided to assist you in collecting important biological information from your bird. This information will be requested as part of your report.

CELL PHONE USERS: A common reason why hunters are unable to complete telephone reports is a poor cellular connection. You have until no later than 12:00 noon the day after the bird was harvested to report your harvest. Please wait until you receive a clear, strong signal before placing your call.

STEP 1 Call toll-free **1-800-288-1155**. When the system prompts you, use the keypad of your telephone to select the Turkey Harvest Reporting option.

STEP 2 Record your Outdoors Card number below or have your card available when you make the call. After the prompt, enter the 15 digits of your Outdoors Card.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 3 Was the turkey harvested in the morning or afternoon?

STEP 4 What WMU did the harvest occur in? Only the valid WMUs listed on page 29 will be accepted.

WMU

STEP 5 How many days did you hunt in that WMU before harvesting a turkey? (NOTE: Report one day for each separate date you hunted in that WMU.)

STEP 6 Was the turkey a male or female (Figure 1)? _____

PLEASE NOTE: Only bearded turkeys are legal during the spring season. Any turkey is legal in the fall season.

STEP 7 Was the turkey an adult or juvenile (Figure 2)? _____

STEP 8 How long was the longer spur in **millimetres** (Figure 3)?

STEP 9 How long was the beard in **millimetres** (Figure 4)?

STEP 10 Record your confirmation number in the space below and keep it as your record of having reported.

Figure 1: Determining the Sex of the Turkey

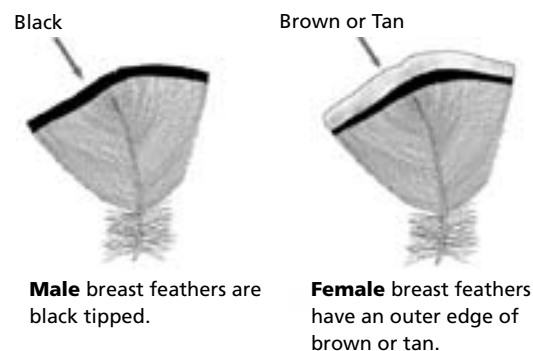


Figure 2: Determining the Age of the Turkey

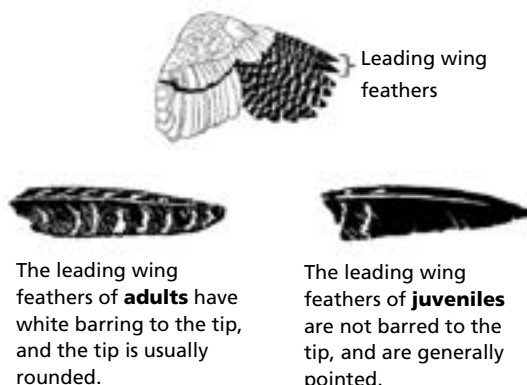
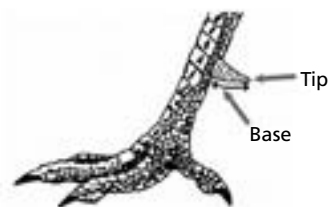
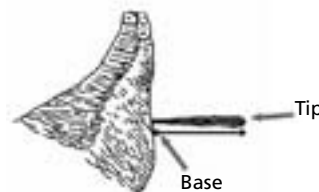


Figure 3: Measuring Spur Length



Measure each spur in **millimetres** and report the longer of the two measurements. The spurs must be measured from the base of the spur to the tip along the bottom curve. A flexible tape or ruler provides a more accurate measurement.

Figure 4: Measuring Beard Length



Measure the beard in **millimetres**. Extend the beard and measure from the base of the beard at the breast to the tip of the beard.

Moose Regulations

Information for All Moose Hunters

Licence fees are found on page 12. For more information on moose biology and management in Ontario, please visit ontario.ca/moose. See PENDING - Use of Tracking Dogs for Big Game Retrieval on page 4 for information on proposed changes.

Firearms

Big game, including moose, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). When hunting moose, you may only use or carry a firearm of the type (rifle, shotgun, bow or muzzle-loading gun) permitted for hunting moose at that time in that Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). For example, when hunting moose during a bows-only season, you may use or carry only bow hunting equipment; you may not carry a rifle or shotgun for hunting other species.

Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting moose are found on page 22.

Attractants

In order to prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease, products that contain bodily fluids (urine, gland oil, feces, saliva, etc.) of a member of the deer family (including deer, moose, and elk) are not permitted to be possessed or used for the purposes of hunting in Ontario. Hunters are allowed to possess and use artificial or plant-based products that can attract wildlife or be used as a cover scent.

Party Hunting for Moose

Party hunting for moose is permitted during the open season for moose **under a set of specific conditions listed on page 23.**

Sealing and Transporting Moose

If you killed a moose while hunting alone, you must **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely **attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the instruction panel attached to the game seal.**

If party hunting for moose, the member whose game seal is to be used and whose licence has been validated for the type of moose (bull, cow, or in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, bull, cow, or calf) that was killed must, immediately after the kill and at the kill site, securely **attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the instruction panel attached to the game seal.**



A person who seals a moose must notch out the month, day and time of kill on the game seal.

Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the game seal to the moose. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a moose.

Import, Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on import, export and shipping.

Note on White-Coloured Moose: The *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, prohibits the hunting of moose that are over 50 per cent white coloured in Wildlife Management Units 30 and 31, an area near Timmins, Chapleau and Foleyet. This regulation does not affect the availability of moose validation tags for resident and non-resident hunters.

Information for Ontario Residents Wishing to Hunt Moose

Who can hunt moose in Ontario?

A resident of Ontario may hunt moose under certain conditions if he or she is in possession of a valid hunting version Outdoors Card **and** a current moose hunting licence tag (carried as a separate piece of paper) **and** can meet one of the following criteria:

- The hunter has a game seal and validation tag for a cow or a bull; **OR**
- If hunting for calf in WMU 48, 55A, 55B or 57 the hunter has a game seal and validation tag for a calf in the specific WMU being hunted; **OR**
- The hunter has a game seal and is hunting calf moose in a WMU other than 48, 55A, 55B or 57 (or WMU 65; see note following); **OR**
- The hunter is party hunting (see the section on party hunting on page 23) with someone who has a game seal and validation tag.

NOTE: WMU 65 has a hunt with controlled hunter numbers. For more information on the controlled hunt in WMU 65, call the Kemptville District Office at (613) 258-8204.

To receive a validation tag to hunt for an adult moose (or to hunt for a calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57), the resident hunter must purchase a moose licence and apply to the moose validation tag draw.

Tags are issued through a computerized draw. The validation tag authorizes the holder to hunt only the type of moose described on the validation tag in the WMU specified.

No refund of licence fees is granted to a moose draw applicant who is unsuccessful in the draw for a validation tag.

Residents of Ontario who are going to be a guest of a qualified tourist outfitter at the time of the hunt may be able to get an adult moose validation tag through the outfitter. The tag is valid only if you are a registered guest and actually accommodated by the tourist establishment. This may be on a Crown land site if authorized for occupancy by the Ministry of Natural Resources, or at a camp operated by the outfitter.

What is a moose validation tag?

A validation tag allows the tag holder, or a member of the hunter's party hunting with the tag holder, to harvest an adult moose (or a calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57) under certain specified conditions. The conditions state the WMU to which the tag applies; the season (either the gun season or the bow season); the type of moose (bull, cow, calf); and any firearm restrictions (rifle, shotgun, bow, muzzle-loading gun) which may apply to the hunter. Moose validation tags obtained through tourist outfitters include additional information.

The number of validation tags available in a WMU is related to the number of moose that can be sustainably harvested. Because the number of Ontario residents wishing to hunt moose is greater than the number of validation tags available, validation tags are allocated through computerized draws (see page 37).

Ontario resident hunters wishing to apply to the draw now have three options:

- Call the toll-free automated telephone application system to purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw (see page 38) **OR**
- Go online, ontario.ca/outdoorscard, to purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw **OR**
- Go to a ServiceOntario centre to purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw.

The deadline by which a telephone or online application must be completed is 11:59 p.m. (ET) on May 31, 2012. If you plan to apply by telephone or online, do not wait until the day of the deadline. If you wait until the last day and cannot get through because the lines or internet are busy, you will not be able to enter the draw. The earlier in the application period you apply, the easier it will be to connect to the system on your first try. Applications at ServiceOntario centres must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. (ET) on May 31, 2012.

How may a resident of Ontario apply to the regular draw for a validation tag to hunt moose?

There are two ways in which an Ontario resident hunter can apply to the draw for a moose validation tag:

- As a member of a group **OR**
- As an individual hunter.

In order to apply to the draw, the hunter must have a valid hunting version Outdoors Card and must have purchased a moose licence.

A hunter who fails to get an adult moose validation tag through the draw process and still wishes to hunt an adult moose may party hunt with the holder of an adult moose validation tag. Another option is to hunt with an outfitter who has moose validation tags available for guests and who is accommodating the resident hunter as a registered guest.

If the hunter fails to get a calf validation tag in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57 through the draw process, other options are to hunt for a calf in any other WMU with an open season for moose (except WMU 65), party hunt with the holder of an adult or calf moose validation tag, or hunt with an outfitter who has adult moose validation tags available for guests and who is accommodating the resident hunter as a registered guest.

NOTE: A hunter cannot have more than one moose validation tag at the time of the hunt nor possess another hunter's moose game seal.

What are the benefits of applying as a group?

If you party hunt, it is usually better to apply as part of a group. The maximum group size is 15 hunters.

Applying in a group increases every hunter's chances of obtaining a moose validation tag for their party. Group applications allow tags to be spread out more evenly among hunting parties.

If your group is too small to meet the Guaranteed Group Size (see page 47), all members of your group will have, at the very least, the same chance they would have had if they all applied to the draw as individuals and they will not be negatively affected by applying in a group.

Applying in a group provides your party with the best chance of getting one validation tag while keeping as many hunters as possible in Pool 1 for the next year.

If you applied in a group and the validation tag holder is unable to go hunting, the tag can be transferred to the ministry-designated alternate (i.e. the group member who has consistently applied to the draw the longest without receiving a tag) within the group's applicants. Individual applicants are never permitted to transfer their validation tag to another person.

The membership of the group in which you applied for a moose validation tag does not necessarily have to be identical to the membership of your hunting party at the time of the hunt.

How do I know what “pool” I am in for validation tag application purposes?

All applicants to the draw for a moose validation tag are in either Pool 1 (also called the preferred pool) or Pool 2 (also called the non-preferred pool). Knowing what pool you (and members of your group) are in is important information because only Pool 1 hunters are counted when determining the size of your group.

You are in Pool 1 if you:

- Applied on time for the 2011 draw, and were unsuccessful in getting a tag; **OR**
- Were successful in the 2011 draw and transferred the tag to the group alternate. Note new tag transfer policy took effect last year (see page 39); **OR**
- Were successful in the 2011 draw for a calf tag in WMU 48, 55A, 55B or 57.

Simply purchasing a moose licence last year does not qualify you for Pool 1 this year.

You are in Pool 2 if you:

- Received an adult moose validation tag in the 2011 draw; **OR**
- Received an adult moose validation tag through a transfer in 2011; **OR**
- Did not apply to the draw in 2011.

How do I stay in Pool 1 for next year if I know I cannot hunt this year?

Some hunters who are eligible for Pool 1 know they will not be able to participate in the moose hunt this year, but want to ensure they are in Pool 1 next year. There are two ways to ensure you maintain Pool status and do not get a tag this year. You must apply for the draw to retain your Pool 1 status for the next year's draw by submitting a draw application online or at a ServiceOntario centre and apply for WMU 99Z (this is not a real WMU so you will not be issued a tag).

What is the Guaranteed Group Size method of applying to the draw?

In some WMUs, an adult moose validation tag will be guaranteed to a group of hunters when the number of Pool 1 hunters in the group meets a pre-determined size. This is known as the Guaranteed Group Size (see page 47).

The actual size of the group required varies:

- From WMU to WMU;
- According to the sex of moose preferred;
- In some WMUs according to the firearm preferred (gun or bow).

Remember, only Pool 1 hunters in the group are counted when determining the group size.

If you have enough Pool 1 hunters in your group to meet the Guaranteed Group Size in the WMU, sex and season (gun or bow) choice for the type of validation tag your party wants, you should apply to the draw as one group. Be sure to apply for the guaranteed tag (WMU, bull/cow and season) as your first choice if it is your preference. Keep a record of the Group Reference Number (group leaders only) or the Authorization/Transaction Number (group members and individual applicants) provided to you.

We want to party hunt, but our group is smaller than the Guaranteed Group Size. How should we apply?

If you hunt in a party, it usually makes sense to apply as a group.

Even if you do not have enough Pool 1 members to guarantee a validation tag – or if there is no Guaranteed Group Size for your WMU – by applying as a group you will be in the draw at two tag allocation steps: the Large Group Allocation and the Random Allocation.

Moose Populations and Hunting Regulations

Moose are an integral part of Ontario's biodiversity and generate significant economic activity through hunting, viewing and tourism each year. Ontario's moose population is generally healthy in most areas and continues to support world-class hunting opportunities each year. The harvest of our provincial moose herd is monitored and managed to ensure sustainable populations that benefit all Ontarians.

Moose populations in North America are changing, and here in Ontario the herd is experiencing some pressures in some areas. While we are conducting research to better

understand the factors affecting the population, there is a need to consider some changes to how moose are managed here in Ontario.

In order to be more responsive to the changing needs and size of Ontario's moose herds, potential changes to hunting regulations may be considered in some areas in the future. Consultation with hunters will be essential when considering any potential changes. Hunters are encouraged to stay involved in Ontario's moose program over the coming months. For more information, please visit ontario.ca/moose.

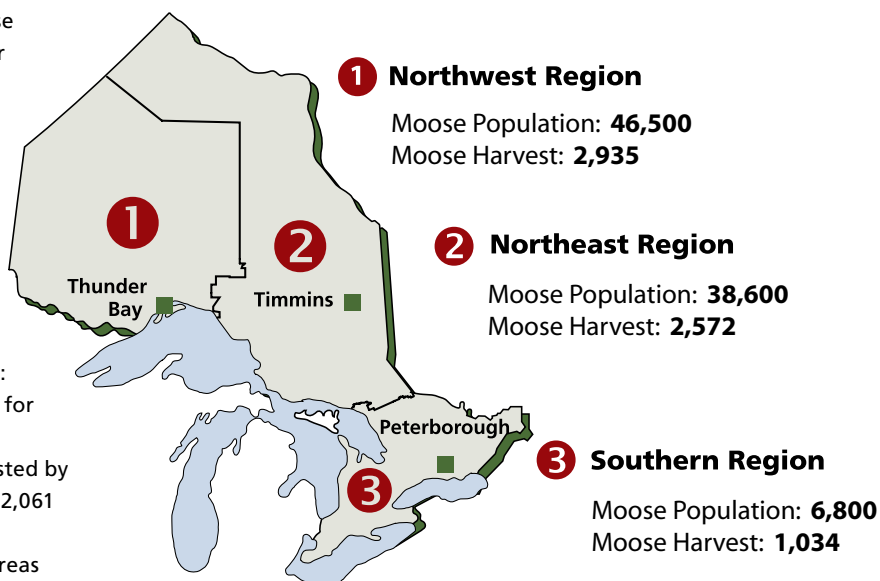
Moose Hunter Questionnaire Survey Results

Every year, a random sample of moose hunters are asked to return a hunter assessment survey. These surveys provide valuable information used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to manage moose populations. Your hunting experience is important to us – please tell us about it by completing and returning your survey by mail or on-line as soon as your hunt is over.

Here are some things we learned from resident moose hunters in the 2010 survey:

- About 88,000 resident hunters hunted for moose.
- An estimated 6,541 moose were harvested by residents (3,029 Bulls, 1,451 Cows, and 2,061 Calves).

Ontario's moose population in huntable areas in 2010 was about 91,900 moose. An additional 15,000 moose live in remote and protected areas.



If your party members were to apply as individuals, they would only be eligible for the Random Allocation portion of the draw – missing their chance at the tags allocated to groups meeting the Hunter Tag Ratio in the Large Group Allocation step of the draw.

All hunters in group applications will have at least the same chance to receive a validation tag that they would have if they applied as individual applicants. Applying in a group also provides your party with the best chance of getting one validation tag while keeping as many hunters as possible in Pool 1 for the next year.

Do individual hunters have a chance for a validation tag?

Big game in Ontario has traditionally been hunted by groups of hunters for social, cultural and practical reasons. Ontario's moose tag allocation system is designed to allow this traditional harvest method to continue, and permit the greatest number of hunters to benefit.

While it makes sense to apply as part of a group if you hunt in a party, individuals may also apply for a validation tag. Individual hunters are eligible for a validation tag in the Random Allocation step of the draw.

Hunting parties that apply as individuals and receive more validation tags than the party wants are not permitted to return tags.

What should I know about bow hunting for moose?

In WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, hunters who wish to hunt moose during the bows-only season must have a calf, cow or bull validation tag issued for the bows-only season or party hunt with someone who has such a validation tag. All validation tags issued for the bows-only season become invalid at the end of the bows-only season.

Hunters without a bows-only adult validation tag may hunt for calves with a bow during the bows-only season provided they comply with all other legal requirements for bow hunting. The exceptions to this are WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, where a calf validation tag is required, and WMU 65.

If you have not harvested an adult moose during the bows-only season, you may still hunt for a calf (except in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B, 57 and 65) using any legally allowed firearm during the regular gun hunt.

Northern Resident Moose Validation Tag Draw

Five per cent of the adult moose validation tags in Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) north of the French and Mattawa rivers are held back from the regular moose validation tag draw and used as the quota for a second draw specifically for residents of northern Ontario.

The Northern Resident Moose Validation Tag Draw is intended to provide residents of northern Ontario with an additional opportunity for a validation tag. Validation tags obtained through the Northern Resident Draw cannot be transferred.

The allocation of these Northern Resident validation tags will take place as follows:

- The regular moose draw will be run to distribute 95 per cent of the annual quota to all resident applicants through draws as described on page 37.
- Once the regular draw is complete, each northern resident moose hunter who applied to a WMU north of the French and Mattawa rivers (WMUs 1-42) and was unsuccessful (or who was a member of a group that was unsuccessful) in this year's draw and was also unsuccessful in the previous two annual draws (2010 and 2011), will automatically be entered into a separate draw for the remaining five per cent of the quota in the first choice WMU applied to in the regular draw. Successful Northern draw hunters will be notified by mail and asked to verify their residency to claim the validation tag. Validation tags obtained through the Northern Resident Draw cannot be transferred.

Northern resident moose hunters are defined as those individuals with a permanent address in the Territorial Districts of Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay, Cochrane, Algoma, Sudbury, Timiskaming, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Manitoulin and the City of Greater Sudbury at the time of their application.



Calf Validation Tag and Hunter Reporting Requirements in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57

In 2004, the ministry established a calf validation tag requirement for hunting calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57. This was done to address the then declining moose population in eastern Ontario, and to respond to the recommendations of a public consultation group called the Eastern Ontario Moose Management Round Table.

The moose hunting rules for these WMUs include calf tag allocation, hunter registration and mandatory hunter reporting.

How Do You Define a Calf, a Cow and a Bull Moose?

A calf is a moose that is less than one year old at the time of the hunt.

A cow is a female moose that is at least one year old at the time of the hunt.

A bull is a male moose that is at least one year old at the time of the hunt.



Short face

Calf moose appear to have a small nose and a "short face."

Seldom alone

Calf moose are seldom alone.

Body proportions

Calf moose appear to have more leg than body and their hindquarters appear slender.

Shoulder height

Shoulder height of cow moose is six feet (2 m) and of calf moose is four feet (1.3 m).

Understanding the Moose Validation Tag Draw

It is to each hunter's advantage to understand how moose validation tags are allocated.

Though the process is often referred to as a draw, there are four steps in the draw process:

- The Guaranteed Group Allocation
- The Large Group Allocation
- The Random Draw Allocation
- The Northern Resident Draw.

Some WMUs have both a gun season quota and a bow season quota. In these units, separate draws are run for bull gun, bull bow, cow gun, and cow bow validation tags. These WMUs are: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 38. When hunters apply to the draw in these WMUs, they must select the corresponding Hunt Code if applying by telephone. If applying by Internet or at a ServiceOntario centre, hunters must select the corresponding Hunt Code or select the appropriate Firearm Type. If applying by paper application, they must check the Special Bow Season Preference box on the application if they want a bow season validation tag. WMUs 7A and 18B each have a combined bow/muzzle-loading gun quota.

Other WMUs have both a bow season and a gun season for moose, but only one tag quota for bulls and one tag quota for cows. In this group of WMUs are: 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, and 42. When hunters apply to the draw in these WMUs, they must select the corresponding Hunt Code if applying by telephone. If applying by Internet, hunters must select the corresponding Hunt Code or select the appropriate Firearm Type. WMUs 7A and 18B each have a combined bow/muzzle-loading gun quota. If applying by paper application, they must check the Special Bow Season Preference box on the application if they want a bow season validation tag. Like other bow season validation tags, these tags are only valid during the bows-only season.

Step One: Guaranteed Group Allocation

In step one, each group meeting the Guaranteed Group Size requirement (valid applications from a group with enough Pool 1 hunters to meet or exceed the Pool 1, Choice 1 Guaranteed Group Size, see page 47) and who makes this their first choice, is allocated one tag for the unit, type of moose (bull, cow, calf) and type of firearm selected by the group. The validation tag is assigned to a Pool 1 member of the group who has consistently applied and gone the longest number of years without receiving a validation tag. Another Pool 1 hunter is designated as the alternate (this will be the hunter who has been in Pool 1 the next longest without receiving a tag). All the members of these "guaranteed groups" are then removed from the draw.

Step Two: Large Group Allocation

Next, the Large Group Allocation of validation tags is performed.

At this step, the computer calculates the number of applicants left in the draw after step one and compares it to the number of validation tags still available. The ratio is called the Hunter:Tag Ratio. Each group whose number of Pool 1 applicants is equal to or greater than the Hunter:Tag Ratio is issued one validation tag. (Example: If at the Large Group Allocation stage there are 600 hunters left, and 104 tags available, the Hunter:Tag Ratio is 5.7. All groups with six or more Pool 1 hunters will be issued a tag.) The tag is assigned to a Pool 1 member of the group who has consistently applied and gone the longest number of years without receiving a validation tag. Another Pool 1 hunter is designated as the alternate (this will be the hunter who has been in Pool 1 the next longest without receiving a tag). All members of these successful "large groups" are then removed from the draw.

Step Three: Random Draw Allocation

Next, the draw proceeds to the Random Draw Allocation.

At this step, all remaining Pool 1 applicants (all individuals and every member of the remaining groups) who have this WMU and type of moose (bull, cow, calf) as their first choice, are eligible to receive one of the remaining tags in a random draw. If a validation tag is allocated to a member of a group at this stage, the rest of the group members are removed from the draw. If there are still validation tags available, the Large Group Allocation and the Random Draw Allocation are repeated for Pool 1, Choice 2 hunters, then Pool 2, Choice 1 and Pool 2, Choice 2.

In most WMUs, only hunters in Pool 1, Choice 1 will have a chance to receive a validation tag. The Guaranteed Group Allocation is performed only for Pool 1, Choice 1 applicants.

Step Four: Northern Resident Draw

In northern Ontario WMUs (1-42), there is an additional draw in the distribution of validation tags called the Northern Resident Moose Validation Tag Draw. Five per cent of the adult validation tag quota is held back from the regular draw quota for northern residents who were unsuccessful (or who were a member of a group that was unsuccessful) in the current year's draw and the previous two draws.

How to Maximize Your Chances of Success in the Moose Tag Draw

Review the open season dates table (page 46), the moose quota table (page 48) and, if you are hunting in a group, the Guaranteed Group Size table (page 47). Using this information, determine your first and second choices of WMU, type of animal (bull, cow or, for WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57, bull, cow or calf) and firearm type. If hunting in a group, contact all group members and decide who will be the Group Leader prior to submitting your application. Once a group application has been submitted, changes to group members will not be allowed.

Applying by Telephone

Use the telephone application system to purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw in one call.

Note: You must use a Touch-Tone™ telephone when applying. Cellular, cordless and radio telephones are not recommended with this system. If your Outdoors Card has expired, you must renew it before you use the telephone application system. The quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- With a call to the toll-free, automated Outdoors Card renewal line at **1-800-288-1155**, or
- At ontario.ca/outdoorscard.

Once you have successfully completed your renewal by either method, you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system for the moose draw. For more information on Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 15.

If your Outdoors Card is valid but you have moved since you received it, contact the Outdoors Card Centre at **1-800-387-7011** and provide your current address. This will ensure that you receive your licence (and validation tag if you are successful in the draw). To purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw, you will need your Outdoors Card number and a VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card. If you are a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant, you must identify your 2012 Hunt Code from the table found on pages 42 and 43 of this summary. If you are a Group Member, you will need the Group Reference Number provided by your Group Leader. Completing the appropriate worksheet before you call is strongly recommended. (Worksheets are found on pages 40-41 of this summary.) The charge to your credit card will be \$52.31 (includes 13% HST). If you are applying as a member of a group, decide with your group **before you call** who will be the Group Leader and who will be the Group Members. Then, ensure that all Group Members are told the Group Reference Number (which is provided to the Group Leader) so they can successfully complete their call.

Once a group application has been submitted, changes to group members will not be allowed.

The deadline for completing your application to the moose draw by telephone is **11:59 p.m. (ET), May 31, 2012**.

NEW – Applying by Internet

The website, ontario.ca/outdoorscard, will allow you to both purchase a moose licence and apply to the validation tag draw at one time or in separate transactions.

The deadline for completing applications online is 11:59 p.m. (ET) on May 31, 2012.

To use the website, you will need:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card;
- A VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card if purchasing a moose licence. The charge to your credit card will be \$52.31 (includes 13% HST);
- The first and second choice (if you have one) Wildlife Management Units (including any sub-units) to which you would like to apply;
- If applying as a group member, your group reference number provided by your group leader.

You will be asked to confirm your answers, and will be given the opportunity to change an answer if you make a mistake. The information that you enter electronically online is your direct application to the draw. We recommend you save a copy of your draw application receipt for future reference using the “Print Receipt” button once your draw application has been submitted.

NEW – If you have already purchased your moose licence online, at an issuer or at a ServiceOntario centre, you can apply to the draw by going to ontario.ca/outdoorscard or to a ServiceOntario centre.

NEW – Applying at a ServiceOntario Centre

NEW – Starting in 2012, paper applications will no longer be accepted by mail. They will also no longer be available at outside issuers. To enter the draw you must fill out a paper application at a select ServiceOntario centre and submit it into the designated drop box. For a list of participating ServiceOntario centres, please visit ontario.ca/outdoorscard.

Fill out the application form carefully and completely.

Write in a valid Hunt Code, WMU and check off a valid type of moose for your area. If you do not select a WMU and a type of moose, your application will be rejected but you will retain your Pool status). If there is a bow season in your WMU as well as a gun season, and you wish to apply for the bow hunt, select the box labelled “Special Bow Season Preference”.

Group members applying electronically can choose to apply either online or by telephone using the Group Reference Number provided by the Group Leader. However, if one or more members of a group intends to apply by paper, the whole group must apply by paper using a group application form.

Fifteen is the maximum group size for a draw application. Retain a copy of your application form as the application number may be needed if you call the Ministry.

If you are applying for a bow tag, remember to check the appropriate box on the application form.

Submit your paper draw application **in person at ServiceOntario** well before the **5:00 p.m., May 31, 2012**, deadline.

All applications that are not received by 5:00 p.m., May 31, 2012, will not be entered into the draw.

Do not purchase a licence or submit a paper application if you have already applied to the draw by telephone or internet.

Points to Remember When Applying to the Draw

- Submit only one application in your name.
- Your Outdoors Card must be valid.
- The application must be complete.
- The writing must be legible.
- Your hunting licence privileges cannot be under suspension.
- Your application must be in the ServiceOntario drop-box by the deadline.

Whether a hunter applies by telephone, online or at a ServiceOntario centre, **the responsibility for entering a valid application rests with the hunter.**

Draw Results Telephone Line and Website

Draw applicants should call the toll-free Draw Results Line at 1-800-288-1155 or go online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard to determine the results of the Moose Validation Tag Draw. The automated line and website are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from August 1 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record. Unsuccessful applicants can also receive information regarding surplus tags during this call or online.

The Mailing of Licences and Seals

All hunters who purchased a moose licence and/or entered the draw on or before the draw deadline will receive their licence and game seal by mail.

If you have not received your licence and game seal, visit the ServiceOntario centre which serves your area. You can get a duplicate licence and/or seal with/without validation tag through your ServiceOntario centre only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. There may be a charge for this service. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

If you have moved recently and have not informed the ministry of your new address, you may not receive your licence/validation tag when it is mailed after the draw. Please call the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 to update your address information.

Draw applicants successful in the Northern Resident Draw will be required to complete an Application to Receive an Adult Moose Validation Tag from the Northern Resident Draw. This application must be returned to a ServiceOntario centre or mailed to the address indicated. The recipient will then be mailed the licence and seal with the northern resident validation tag.

Everything You Wanted to Know About Moose Validation Tag Transfers

- **IMPORTANT:** Ontario has a new Moose Tag Transfer Policy, which was implemented in 2011. Consecutive tag transfers are no longer permitted. Please review this section carefully as there are a number of changes to the Moose Validation Tag Transfer process.
- Hunters who apply to the draw as individuals are never permitted to transfer validation tags to other hunters.
- **NEW:** Consecutive tag transfers are not permitted. If you transfer a tag in or after 2011, you will not be permitted to transfer another tag until you accept a tag that is issued to you either through the draw or through a transfer.
- Groups are permitted one transfer only. The transfer is granted only to the alternate tag transfer recipient in your group. The designated alternate is the Pool 1 member of the group who has gone the next longest number of consecutive years without receiving a validation tag. Once the original validation tag recipient transfers the tag to the alternate, the tag cannot be transferred back to the original recipient or to anyone else.
- The transfer of a validation tag from the original recipient to the designated alternate is granted by a ServiceOntario centre provided a valid transfer application is submitted, the original tag is returned to ServiceOntario at the time of the request, and the moose season has not yet opened. The fee to transfer a tag is \$10.50 (includes 13% HST).
- To determine who the designated alternate validation tag transfer recipient is for your group, look at the lower half of your validation tag. Inside the brackets ({}) it will show the moose licence number of another Pool 1 member in your group. This moose licence number belongs to your group's designated alternate tag transfer recipient.
- Validation tags can be transferred to a Pool 2 hunter only if the tag is for a WMU where a Pool 2 hunter actually had a chance to receive a tag in the draw.
- After the season opens, a validation tag can only be transferred if the current tag holder is medically unfit to participate in the hunt, as proven by a doctor's certificate.
- Hunters who receive adult validation tags through a transfer will be placed in Pool 2 the following year. Hunters who have transferred tags to another group member will be placed in Pool 1 in the following year's draw.

2012 Telephone Application System for the Moose Validation Tag Draw

Instruction Sheet

What type of applicant are you?

Applicants must decide how they will be applying to the draw before submitting their draw applications. Once a group application has been submitted, changes to the group will not be allowed.

The telephone application system recognizes three types of applicants:

- **Group Leader**
- **Group Member**
- **Individual Applicant**

If you hunt in a party, it is to your members' advantage to apply as a group rather than as individuals. **The maximum number of hunters that can apply to the draw as one group is 15 (14 plus the leader).** When applying as part of a group, hunters will have to decide who the Group Leader is and who the Group Members are, before submitting their application.

Group Leader

The Group Leader must be the first member of the group to apply. The Group Leader is the only member of a group who enters the Hunt Code representing the group's choice of WMU, type of moose, and firearm (see the table of valid Hunt Codes on pages 42 and 43). The Group Leader is then provided with a Group Reference Number to identify the group and its choices. The Group Leader must give the Group Reference Number to the Group Members so they may add their names to the group's application when submitting their application.

Group Member

Each Group Member must obtain the Group Reference Number from the Group Leader before calling to enter the draw. Only your Group Leader can give you the Group Reference Number. Each Group Member will be asked for the Group Reference Number so the group can be identified and linked together for application to the draw.

Individual Applicant

Individuals must enter the Hunt Code representing their choice of WMU, type of moose, and firearm (see the table of valid Hunt Codes on pages 42 and 43).

All applicants are encouraged to record the information they will need on the appropriate worksheet (page 40 or 41), before they call. Each Group Member and Individual applicant will be given an Authorization Number. The authorization number confirms that the hunter has been successfully entered into the moose draw.

Please Note: Hunt Codes may differ from year to year; be sure to use the 2012 Hunt Codes Table when applying to the 2012 moose validation tag draw.

If you have a concern about the Pool Status that is voiced back to you at the end of your telephone application, you may call (705) 755-1436 during business hours, Monday to Friday.

Group Leader

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Group Reference Number. **Before the call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Code, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the 2012 Moose Draw Hunt Codes Table on pages 42 and 43.

STEP 1 Contact the members of your group (maximum group size is 14 plus the leader) to ensure they know you are the Group Leader.

STEP 2 Call **1-800-288-1155** between **April 18 and May 31, 2012**. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), May 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 3 At the prompt, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Leader option.

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 5 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming.

	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code
First Choice				
Second Choice				

STEP 6 Enter your VISA, MasterCard, or American Express number:

STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

Expiry Date: /
month year

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number, and provides you with a 7-digit Group Reference Number. Record this number in the space below.

Group Reference Number:

STEP 9 **Stay on the line** to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal when they are mailed to you, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw.** At the end of the call you will be told your pool status.

Pool Status:

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

STEP 10 As the last step, contact your Group Members and give them your 7-digit Group Reference Number so that they may call in and add their names to the group's application.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

Group Member

To use this worksheet, ensure you are a Group Member and not a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant. If you are the first member of your group to apply to the draw by telephone, then you are considered to be the Group Leader and should refer to the instructions on page 40 before calling.

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. **Before the call** you need to record your Group Reference Number (provided by your Group Leader), your Outdoors Card Number, and credit card number and expiry date.

STEP 1 Call 1-800-288-1155 between **April 18 and May 31, 2012**. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), May 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Member option.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 7-digit Group Reference Number.

Group Reference Number:

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 5 A recording will tell you your group's Hunt Code, WMU, type of moose, and firearm choice(s) as selected by your Group Leader.

STEP 6 Enter your VISA, MasterCard, or American Express number:

STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

Expiry Date: /
month year

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number. Record the Authorization Number that confirms your entry into the moose draw in the space provided below.

Authorization Number:

STEP 9 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal when they are mailed to you, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw**. At the end of the call you will be told your pool status and the number of people who have applied to your group (including yourself). This number may include both Pool 1 and Pool 2 applicants.

Pool Status:

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

Individual Applicant

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. **Before the call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Code, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the 2012 Moose Draw Hunt Codes Table on pages 42 and 43.

STEP 1 Call 1-800-288-1155 between **April 18 and May 31, 2012**. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), May 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as an individual.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming.

	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code
First Choice				
Second Choice				

STEP 5 Enter your VISA, MasterCard, or American Express number:

STEP 6 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

Expiry Date: /
month year

STEP 7 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number, and provides you with your Authorization Number. Record this number in the space provided below.

Authorization Number:

STEP 8 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal when they are mailed to you, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw**. At the end of the call you will be told your pool status.

Pool Status:

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

2012 Moose Draw Hunt Codes

Select the Hunt Code for your WMU, Type

WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates
01A	Bull	Gun	500	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	13	Bull	Gun	557	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
01A	Cow	Gun	501	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	13	Cow	Gun	558	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
01C	Bull	Gun	502	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	13	Bull	Bow	559	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
01C	Cow	Gun	503	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	13	Cow	Bow	560	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
01D	Bull	Gun	504	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	14	Bull	Gun	561	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
01D	Cow	Gun	505	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	14	Cow	Gun	562	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
02	Bull	Gun	506	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	14	Bull	Bow	563	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
02	Cow	Gun	507	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	14	Cow	Bow	564	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
02	Bull	Bow	508	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	15A	Bull	Gun	565	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
02	Cow	Bow	509	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	15A	Cow	Gun	566	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
03	Bull	Gun	510	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	15A	Bull	Bow	567	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
03	Cow	Gun	511	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	15A	Cow	Bow	568	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
03	Bull	Bow	512	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	15B	Bull	Gun	569	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
03	Cow	Bow	513	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	15B	Cow	Gun	570	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
04	Bull	Gun	514	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	15B	Bull	Bow	571	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
04	Cow	Gun	515	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	15B	Cow	Bow	572	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
04	Bull	Bow	516	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	16A	Bull	Gun	573	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15
04	Cow	Bow	517	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	16A	Cow	Gun	574	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15
05	Bull	Gun	518	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	16B	Bull	Gun	575	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15
05	Cow	Gun	519	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	16B	Cow	Gun	576	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15
05	Bull	Bow	520	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	16C	Bull	Gun	577	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15
05	Cow	Bow	521	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	16C	Cow	Gun	578	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15
06	Bull	Gun	522	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	17	Bull	Gun	579	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15
06	Cow	Gun	523	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	17	Cow	Gun	580	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15
06	Bull	Bow	524	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	18A	Bull	Gun	581	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
07A	Bull	Bow & Muzzle-loading gun	525	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	18A	Cow	Gun	582	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
07A	Cow	Bow & Muzzle-loading gun	526	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	18A	Bull	Bow	583	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
07B	Bull	Gun	527	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	18A	Cow	Bow	584	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
07B	Cow	Gun	528	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	18B	Bull	Gun	585	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
07B	Bull	Bow	529	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	18B	Cow	Gun	586	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
08	Bull	Gun	530	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	18B	Bull	Bow & Muzzle-loading gun	587	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
08	Cow	Gun	531	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	18B	Cow	Bow & Muzzle-loading gun	588	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
08	Bull	Bow	532	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	19	Bull	Gun	589	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
08	Cow	Bow	533	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	19	Cow	Gun	590	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
09A	Bull	Gun	534	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	19	Bull	Bow	591	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
09A	Cow	Gun	535	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	19	Cow	Bow	592	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
09A	Bull	Bow	536	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	21A	Bull	Gun	593	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
09A	Cow	Bow	537	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	21A	Cow	Gun	594	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
09B	Bull	Gun	538	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	21A	Bull	Bow	595	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
09B	Cow	Gun	539	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	21A	Cow	Bow	596	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
09B	Bull	Bow	540	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	21B	Bull	Gun	597	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
09B	Cow	Bow	541	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	21B	Cow	Gun	598	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15
11A	Bull	Gun	542	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	21B	Bull	Bow	599	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
11A	Cow	Gun	543	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	21B	Cow	Bow	600	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
11A	Bull	Bow	544	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	22	Bull	Gun	601	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15
11A	Cow	Bow	545	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	22	Cow	Gun	602	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15
11B	Bull	Gun	546	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	22	Bull	Bow	603	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
11B	Cow	Gun	547	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	22	Cow	Bow	604	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
11B	Bull	Bow	548	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	23	Bull	Gun	605	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15
12A	Bull	Gun	549	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	23	Cow	Gun	606	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15
12A	Cow	Gun	550	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	23	Bull	Bow	607	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
12A	Bull	Bow	551	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	23	Cow	Bow	608	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
12A	Cow	Bow	552	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	24	Bull	Gun	609	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15
12B	Bull	Gun	553	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	24	Cow	Gun	610	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15
12B	Cow	Gun	554	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	24	Bull	Bow	611	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
12B	Bull	Bow	555	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	24	Cow	Bow	612	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
12B	Cow	Bow	556	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	25	Bull	Gun	613	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15
					25	Cow	Gun	614	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15

for Hunters

and Firearm from the table below

WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates
26	Bull	Gun	615	Sept. 15 to Oct. 31	42	Bull	Gun	675	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15
26	Cow	Gun	616	Sept. 15 to Oct. 31	42	Cow	Gun	676	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15
27	Bull	Gun	617	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	42	Bull	Bow	677	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
27	Cow	Gun	618	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	42	Cow	Bow	678	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5
27	Bull	Bow	619	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	46	Bull	Gun	679	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
27	Cow	Bow	620	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	46	Cow	Gun	680	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
28	Bull	Gun	621	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	47	Bull	Gun	681	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
28	Cow	Gun	622	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	47	Cow	Gun	682	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
28	Bull	Bow	623	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	48	Bull	Gun	683	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
28	Cow	Bow	624	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	48	Cow	Gun	684	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
29	Bull	Gun	625	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	48	Calf	Gun	685	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
29	Cow	Gun	626	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	48	Bull	Bow	686	Oct. 1 to Oct. 6
29	Bull	Bow	627	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	48	Cow	Bow	687	Oct. 1 to Oct. 6
29	Cow	Bow	628	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	48	Calf	Bow	688	Oct. 1 to Oct. 6
30	Bull	Gun	629	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	49	Bull	Gun	689	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
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33	Cow	Gun	642	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	55A	Calf	Bow	702	Oct. 1 to Oct. 6
33	Bull	Bow	643	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	55B	Bull	Gun	703	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
33	Cow	Bow	644	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	55B	Cow	Gun	704	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
34	Bull	Gun	645	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	55B	Bull	Bow	705	Oct. 1 to Oct. 6
34	Cow	Gun	646	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	55B	Cow	Bow	706	Oct. 1 to Oct. 6
35	Bull	Gun	647	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	55B	Calf	Bow	707	Oct. 1 to Oct. 6
35	Cow	Gun	648	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	56	Bull	Gun	708	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
35	Bull	Bow	649	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	56	Cow	Gun	709	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
35	Cow	Bow	650	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	57	Bull	Gun	710	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
36	Bull	Gun	651	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	57	Cow	Gun	711	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
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37	Cow	Bow	658	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	61	Bull	Gun	718	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
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38	Cow	Gun	660	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	62	Bull	Gun	720	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
38	Bull	Bow	661	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	63	Bull	Gun	721	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
38	Cow	Bow	662	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	63	Cow	Gun	722	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20
39	Bull	Gun	663	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	65	Bull	Bow	723	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14 [*][**]
39	Cow	Gun	664	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	65	Cow	Bow	724	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14 [*][**]
39	Bull	Bow	665	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	[*] Please refer to page 44 for information about an early season for hunters with lower limb disability				
39	Cow	Bow	666	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	[**] Only individual applications accepted				
40	Bull	Gun	667	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	Firearm				
40	Cow	Gun	668	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	Gun = Rifles, Shotguns, Bows & Muzzle-loading guns				
40	Bull	Bow	669	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	Bow = Bows only, including Crossbows				
40	Cow	Bow	670	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	Bow & Muzzle-loading gun = Bows, including Crossbows & Muzzle-loading guns				
41	Bull	Gun	671	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15					
41	Cow	Gun	672	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15					
41	Bull	Bow	673	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5					
41	Cow	Bow	674	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5					

Opportunities for Moose Hunters with Lower Limb Disabilities

While hunters with disabilities may apply for a moose validation tag in any WMU, there are two WMUs that offer seasons specifically for resident moose hunters with lower limb disabilities. Hunters who qualify for these special seasons are:

- A paraplegic or hemiplegic
- A person with a single (above the knee) lower limb amputation, or a double (below the waist) amputation
- A person who suffers severe disability and cannot hunt without the use of a wheelchair or similar means of locomotion. In this case, the hunter must provide a medical certificate stating the disability.

Hunters wishing to take part in these hunts must apply to the regular draw for a validation tag; there is no separate tag quota. Lower-limb disabled hunters have the same odds of receiving an adult moose validation tag in these WMUs as any other hunter.

Northwestern Ontario – WMU 11B

A special moose season for hunters who qualify in one of the categories of mobility impairment listed above will be held before the regular gun hunt in WMU 11B. A limited number of opportunities are available for this season. Those hunters wishing to hunt for an adult moose in this WMU during this special season must apply to the regular draw for a validation tag and then apply to the Thunder Bay District Office.

Resident archers without a disability who acquire a validation tag for the “special bow season preference” may bow hunt during this period.

The first opportunities in the hunt will be available to hunters who qualify and hold an adult moose validation tag for WMU 11B. Remaining opportunities will be available to hunters who qualify and who are interested in hunting calves. **For more information regarding this hunt, please contact the MNR Thunder Bay District Office, 435 James Street South, Suite B001, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7E 6S8, or telephone: (807) 475-1471.**

Southeastern Ontario – WMU 65

A special bows-only moose hunt for hunters who qualify in one of the categories of mobility impairment listed above will be held October 5 to 7, 2012, in WMU 65.

Hunters wishing to participate in this special hunt must apply to the regular draw and receive a validation tag in WMU 65. Mobility impaired moose hunters will be able to participate in the early mobility impaired season (October 5 to 7) as well as the regular bow hunt which follows (October 8 to 14).

If you have questions, please contact the MNR Kemptville District Office, at Postal Bag 2002, 10 Campus Drive, Kemptville, Ontario, K0G 1J0, or telephone (613) 258-8204.

Information for Non-Residents Wishing to Hunt Moose

A non-resident who wishes to hunt moose in Ontario must have valid hunting accreditation and be a registered guest and actually accommodated at a tourist establishment. The outfitter must apply for and receive, on the non-resident's behalf, a validation tag to hunt moose (see exceptions below).

A non-resident's licence to hunt moose is only valid if it is accompanied by a bull, cow or calf validation tag.

A non-resident may hunt in a party for moose when hunting in a Wildlife Management Unit that is specified on the validation tag and that has a non-resident season. The party hunting must be carried out in accordance with the definition of party hunting (see page 23).

Please note that WMUs 46-63 and 65 do not have a moose season for non-residents.

Exceptions to the requirement to hunt through an outfitter are outlined below:

- Non-residents may hunt with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt moose in a WMU that has an open season for non-residents. An immediate relative is a person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, sibling or grandchild. If you qualify under this exception, you may apply in the resident moose draw for an adult validation tag. You may purchase your moose licence and apply to the draw online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard or at a ServiceOntario centre. An affidavit verifying your relationship to your immediate relative must be received at a ServiceOntario centre (see offices page 88) by 5:00 p.m., May 31, 2012. Draw applications where an affidavit has not been received by the draw deadline will be rejected from the draw..
- Non-residents who are owners of land in a WMU that has an open season for non-residents and wish to hunt in that unit, may apply for a calf validation tag from a ServiceOntario centre. (Non-resident landowners are not eligible to apply in the resident moose draw for an adult validation tag.) Non-residents who qualify under this exception and wish to apply for a calf validation tag must purchase a non-resident moose licence and, prior to the hunt, submit their application along with proof of property ownership to a ServiceOntario centre. Where a property is owned by more than one person or by a corporation, only one calf validation tag will be issued.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Non-resident moose hunters may hunt moose in WMUs 7B, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12B, 13 and 14 only by hunting through a tourist outfitter or by hunting with an immediate relative (as defined above) who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt moose. Non-resident landowners are not eligible to moose hunt in these units.

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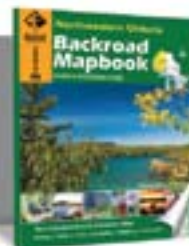
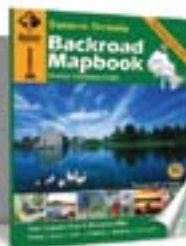
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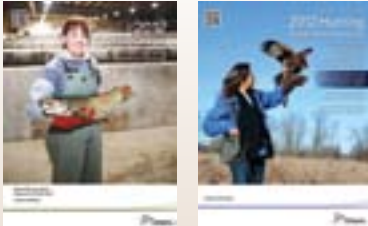
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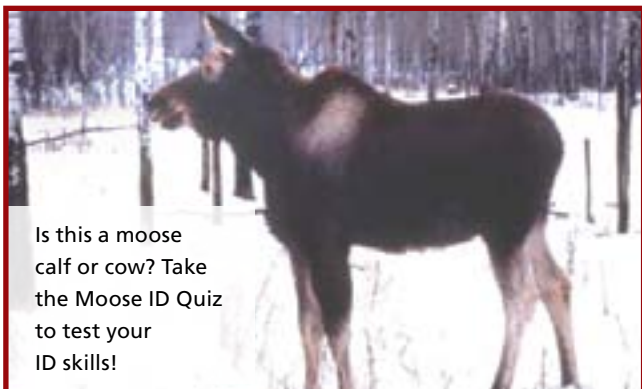


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Non-residents must be accompanied by one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting moose in the Territorial District of Rainy River. Wildlife Management Units in the Territorial District of Rainy River are: 9B, 10, 11A and parts of 7B and 12B.



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Lead

Recent research has indicated that the amount of lead found in a small percentage of game meat could result in health impacts in people who regularly consume meat which was harvested using lead ammunition. To date, there is **no** known evidence linking consumption of wild game to acute lead poisoning.

Exposure to lead can be reduced by:

- Reminding your meat processor to avoid meat with excessive shot damage and trimming generous distances from wound channels
- Using non-lead ammunition (e.g. copper)
- Practising marksmanship to avoid penetrating major muscle areas. Aim for vital organs on big game.
- Avoiding consumption of internal organs.

2011 Moose Validation Tag Draw Provincial Summary

General Draw Statistics

Total tags available.....	17,446
Total applicants entered in the draw.....	100,790
Total successful applicants.....	15,848

Tags available

Gun Bull.....	9,051
Gun Cow.....	5,342
Gun Calf.....	272
Bow Bull.....	1,150
Bow Cow.....	1,526
Bow Calf.....	105
Total.....	17,446

Group Statistics

Total number of hunters in groups.....	50,377
Total number of groups.....	10,905
Total tags issued to groups.....	7,572
Percentage of groups receiving tags.....	69%

Individual Statistics

Total number of hunters applying as individuals.....	50,413
Total tags issued to individuals.....	8,276
Percentage of individuals receiving tags.....	16%



Explanation of Tables (pages 47-50)

- 1 Shows the 2012 Guaranteed Group Size for all WMU/tag/season choices where the group size is 15 or fewer (the current group size maximum). Remember that only Pool 1 hunters are counted when determining group size and guaranteed tags are issued only on the first choice.
- 2 Shows the 2012 tag quotas for each WMU, season and type choice.
- 3-5 Shows the tag quotas for 2011 and the total valid applications for all pools and choices for each WMU and season.

2012 Moose Seasons

Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loading guns

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
1A**, 1C, 1D**, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17**, 25	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	Sept. 17 to Nov. 15	
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B*, 8, 9A, 9B*, 11A*, 11B*, 12A, 12B*, 13*, 14*, 15A, 15B, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 21B	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	Oct. 8 to Nov. 15	* Non-resident landowners must hunt through a Tourist Outfitter. + Non-residents must hunt with a guide in the Territorial District of Rainy River.
22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30*, 31*, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	Oct. 8 to Nov. 15	* No hunting of predominantly white-coloured moose (over 50 per cent white) in WMUs 30 and 31.
26	Sept. 15 to Oct. 31	Sept. 17 to Oct. 31	
46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20	No Season	
48, 55A, 55B, 57	Oct. 15 to Oct. 20	No Season	See special moose calf and adult hunting regulations and reporting requirements for these WMUs on page 36.

** WMUs 1A, 1D, 17 – no road access; water or air access only.

Bows and Muzzle-loading guns Only

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
7A**	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	Oct. 8 to Nov. 15	
18B**	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	

** Note: To apply for the above bows and muzzle-loader seasons in WMU 7A and 18B, select the Special Bow Season Preference.

Bows-Only

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9A, 12A, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30*, 31*, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	* No hunting of predominantly white-coloured moose (over 50 per cent white) in WMUs 30 and 31.
7B+, 9B+, 11A+, 11B*, 12B+, 13, 14	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	* Non-resident landowners must hunt through a Tourist Outfitter. + Non-residents must hunt with a guide in the Territorial District of Rainy River. * Due to a concurrent gun hunt, hunter orange must be worn when hunting in WMU 11B."
48, 55A, 55B, 57	Oct. 1 to Oct. 6	No Season	See special moose calf and adult hunting regulations and reporting requirements for these WMUs on page 36.

2012 Moose Hunts with Controlled Hunter Numbers

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
11B	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	No Season	Must have lower limb disability (see page 44). Eligible hunters must obtain a tag through the draw if they wish to hunt adult moose or be in possession of a valid calf validation tag in order to hunt calves. Rifles, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns only.
65*	Oct. 5 to Oct. 7	No Season	Must have lower limb disability (see page 44). Eligible hunters must obtain a tag through the draw if they wish to hunt moose. Only bows may be used. Written landowner permission required.
65*	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14	No Season	Only bows may be used. Written landowner permission required.

* All hunters must obtain a WMU 65 validation tag, or be the partner of a hunter who has obtained a WMU 65 validation tag, before they can hunt any moose (adult or calf) in WMU 65. Contact Kemptville Office (613) 258-8204 for details. Written landowner permission required.

1 Gun Guaranteed Group Size for 2012 Note: Maximum group size is 15 hunters													
WMU	Pool 1 Choice 1 Group Size Guarantee for 2012			In 2011 all groups of this size and larger were issued tags			WMU	Pool 1 Choice 1 Group Size Guarantee for 2012			In 2011 all groups of this size and larger were issued tags		
	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS		BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS
01A	2	2		2+	2+		54	10	11		8+	9+	
01C	2	2		2+	2+		55A	none	none	none	11+	6+	2+
01D	4	2		2+	2+		55B	none	none	no quota	13+	none	no quota
02	3	3		2+	2+		56	none	none		13+	13+	
03	4	3		3+	3+		57	none	none	none	14+	11+	2+
04	4	3		3+	2+		60	none	none		15	14+	
05	5	5		4+	4+		61	12	13		8+	11+	
06	5	6		2+	2+		62	none	no quota		none	no quota	
7B	4	6		3+	4+		63	none	none		15	13+	
08	5	5		3+	2+		Bow Hunting Guaranteed Group Size for 2012						
09A	7	7		6+	5+								
09B	7	4		4+	3+								
11A	5	3		3+	3+								
11B	5	4		4+	2+								
12A	5	6		3+	3+								
12B	5	6		3+	4+		Pool 1 Choice 1 Group Size Guarantee for 2012			In 2011 all groups of this size and larger were issued tags			
13	3	3		2+	2+		WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS
14	4	2		2+	2+								
15A	6	5		4+	5+								
15B	2	3		2+	2+								
16A	2	2		2+	2+		02	3	3		2+	2+	
16B	4	4		3+	3+		03	3	2		2+	2+	
16C	2	2		2+	2+		04	5	2		3+	2+	
17	2	2		2+	2+		05	6	2		5+	2+	
18A	2	3		2+	2+		06	3	no quota		2+	no quota	
18B	3	3		2+	2+		07A	2	2		2+	2+	
19	5	6		3+	4+		07B	2	no quota		2+	no quota	
21A	3	2		2+	2+		08	5	2		3+	2+	
21B	6	6		4+	5+		09A	6	2		3+	2+	
22	7	5		5+	5+		09B	4	2		3+	2+	
23	9	6		7+	3+		11A	4	2		2+	2+	
24	10	8		8+	7+		11B	3	no quota		3+	no quota	
25	3	2		2+	2+		12A	4			2+	2+	
26	12	7		9+	7+		12B	5	2		4+	2+	
27	14	10		12+	8+		13	4	2		4+	2+	
28	11	11		11+	7+		14	2	2		2+	2+	
29	none	none		none	13+		15A	3	2		3+	2+	
30	none	10		13+	9+		15B	4	2		3+	2+	
31	12	12		none	15		18A	2	2		2+	2+	
32	11	9		11+	6+		18B	4	3		3+	2+	
33	7	7		6+	9+		19	3	2		2+	2+	
34	none	14		14+	10+		21A	3	2		2+	2+	
35	none	12		none	10+		21B	5	2		3+	2+	
36	none	none		none	none		22	5	2		4+	2+	
37	none	14		none	12+		23	7	2		5+	2+	
38	none	10		14+	10+		24	7	2		5+	2+	
39	none	14		none	12+		29	13	2		14+	2+	
40	12	11		11+	11+		38	none	4		none	2+	
41	12	11		11+	11+		48	none	none	none	12+	4+	2+
42	none	none		none	none		55A	none	none	none	7+	2+	2+
46	none	none		none	14+		55B	none	none	none	11+	5+	2+
47	12	11		11+	11+		57	none	none	none	7+	2+	2+
48	none	none	none	none	none	7+	65	none	none		none	none	
49	none	none		14+	14+								
50	none	none		13+	15								
53	none	12		14+	13+								

2 2012 Moose Validation Tag Quotas								
Gun Tags Available for 2012				Gun Tags Available for 2012				
WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	TOTAL	WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	TOTAL
01A	22	23	45	48	31	10	34	75
01C	270	180	450	49	134	47		181
01D	10	15	25	50	98	39		137
02	144	46	190	53	51	30		81
03	246	166	412	54	124	41		165
04	158	93	251	55A	21	10	150	181
05	315	110	425	55B	3	3	0	6
06	35	5	40	56	76	19		95
07B	20	5	25	57	25	16	86	127
08	135	70	205	60	98	33		131
09A	60	20	80	61	97	31		128
09B	35	17	52	62	10	0		10
11A	40	22	62	63	27	21		48
11B	70	35	105	Total	8,937	4,953	270	14,160
12A	90	25	115	Bow Hunting Tags Available for 2012				
12B	265	90	355	WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	TOTAL
13	740	375	1,115	02	16	4		20
14	29	45	74	03	35	27		62
15A	174	75	249	04	12	10		22
15B	1,217	442	1,659	05	32	20		52
16A	245	85	330	06	4	0		4
16B	85	30	115	07A	3	1		4
16C	350	150	500	07B	2	0		2
17	179	61	240	08	15	5		20
18A	159	70	229	09A	7	4		11
18B	44	21	65	09B	10	5		15
19	172	61	233	11A	10	5		15
21A	932	1,146	2,078	11B	10	0		10
21B	290	120	410	12A	20	10		30
22	88	50	138	12B	20	5		25
23	74	52	126	13	62	45		107
24	134	84	218	14	15	10		25
25	95	64	159	15A	40	20		60
26	45	25	70	15B	67	35		102
27	80	20	100	18A	118	56		174
28	218	238	456	18B	30	30		60
29	43	37	80	19	157	100		257
30	109	68	177	21A	104	200		304
31	31	21	52	21B	60	100		160
32	64	44	108	22	25	72		97
33	54	7	61	23	52	88		140
34	20	5	25	24	50	90		140
35	46	50	96	29	49	500		549
36	12	3	15	38	11	14		25
37	32	20	52	48	44	26	29	99
38	100	70	170	55A	17	20	50	87
39	75	40	115	55B	6	5	5	16
40	102	46	148	57	15	15	25	55
41	63	56	119	65	25	45		70
42	27	12	39	Total	1,143	1,567	109	2,819
46	26	5	31					
47	73	33	106					

3 2011 Adult Moose Tag Draw Gun Quotas and Applications										
WMU	Quotas		POOL 1 APPLICATIONS				POOL 2 APPLICATIONS			
	G-BULL	G-COW	Choice 1 G-BULL	Choice 1 G-COW	Choice 2 G-BULL	Choice 2 G-COW	Choice 1 G-BULL	Choice 1 G-COW	Choice 2 G-BULL	Choice 2 G-COW
01A	22	23	3	1	0	3	2	0	0	0
01C	270	180	20	7	4	11	92	52	59	45
01D	10	10	21	6	13	7	30	12	40	20
02	186	56	81	48	83	60	100	37	78	51
03	249	145	692	369	432	383	370	166	186	247
04	148	83	482	234	260	281	183	86	116	125
05	315	110	1,150	397	609	750	505	158	230	281
06	44	10	45	19	27	35	42	5	21	22
07B	20	5	51	22	19	25	34	14	22	21
08	135	70	408	132	204	309	229	92	111	188
09A	60	20	327	97	184	182	118	31	81	71
09B	40	18	167	40	73	112	72	22	31	51
11A	45	17	146	51	74	95	61	28	44	36
11B	70	35	265	94	109	180	113	50	57	77
12A	90	25	335	92	217	175	121	56	106	79
12B	265	90	874	360	535	547	397	145	206	253
13	740	375	1,540	727	904	975	1,103	442	561	741
14	32	45	83	27	31	44	47	18	21	38
15A	155	60	696	282	370	372	255	117	132	167
15B	1,217	442	1,452	841	865	918	1,089	579	674	688
16A	245	85	64	20	37	36	143	52	62	85
16B	85	30	260	81	122	108	135	50	61	51
16C	350	150	81	45	48	48	176	80	98	90
17	179	93	88	45	35	44	128	66	63	84
18A	159	70	255	160	137	149	158	86	86	90
18B	42	32	68	25	37	38	43	29	25	32
19	172	72	609	277	290	409	312	118	131	224
21A	859	1,500	1,482	808	782	955	973	859	667	828
21B	330	130	1,353	574	588	912	500	229	265	362
22	88	50	479	253	252	304	135	62	68	105
23	74	52	518	204	301	315	169	109	98	141
24	134	84	954	545	587	781	315	154	174	241
25	95	64	170	59	85	100	123	46	55	69
26	45	25	379	166	185	228	110	53	49	67
27	80	20	879	153	354	553	244	54	101	166
28	249	236	3,396	1,702	1,826	2,604	972	457	468	711
29	46	36	1,089	427	604	934	337	128	203	260
30	109	68	1,303	564	717	978	462	138	210	320
31	20	13	711	177	337	489	215	56	98	148
32	77	36	746	196	300	521	216	80	99	124
33	40	5	251	24	87	152	81	16	45	48
34	20	5	261	47	63	171	74	12	14	33
35	53	48	942	463	568	716	276	107	152	192
36	12	3	381	71	160	216	120	27	65	68
37	32	20	503	203	189	350	185	74	79	144
38	100	70	1,260	633	755	962	417	165	213	304
39	75	40	1,150	423	552	863	376	98	174	268
40	148	62	2,725	739	962	1,940	687	206	260	487
41	64	62	2,934	959	1,297	2,128	822	242	341	617
42	31	12	1,392	378	520	940	405	122	163	270
46	26	5	471	69	123	307	127	23	42	74
47	73	33	2,029	592	650	1,389	560	200	240	388
48	32	12	675	189	267	390	223	42	68	95
49	136	56	1,894	706	733	1,400	632	198	200	443
50	100	44	1,256	785	744	886	353	134	141	228
53	42	24	571	348	339	389	222	68	80	158
54	140	36	1,129	329	391	655	268	141	147	164
55A	23	13	206	70	58	110	60	16	26	36
55B	4	2	50	37	64	23	24	17	13	14
56	78	23	925	538	482	698	328	89	117	216
57	28	13	364	135	160	206	115	21	48	65
60	100	36	1,457	505	516	993	518	179	170	364
61	95	30	829	416	404	488	283	110	124	167
62	10	0	167	0	40	0	83	0	21	0
63	38	23	554	230	227	382	179	96	85	133
TOTAL	9,051	5,342	48,098	19,216	22,989	32,724	18,249	7,421	8,851	12,377

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2011 Adult Moose Tag Draw Bow Hunting Quotas and Applications

WMU	Quotas		POOL 1 APPLICATIONS				POOL 2 APPLICATIONS			
	B-BULL	B-COW	Choice 1	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 2	Choice 1	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 2
	B-BULL	B-COW	B-BULL	B-COW	B-BULL	B-COW	B-BULL	B-COW	B-BULL	B-COW
02	16	4	16	1	6	7	14	1	9	4
03	30	27	52	4	27	9	43	17	19	16
04	15	10	47	3	33	7	17	5	7	4
05	32	20	141	2	73	22	61	11	39	15
06	4	0	6	2	7	0	1	1	5	0
07A	3	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
07B	2	0	23	0	1	0	5	0	4	0
08	15	5	41	2	14	6	25	6	11	9
09A	7	4	41	2	10	6	24	1	7	7
09B	10	5	32	1	10	1	15	0	11	4
11A	10	5	22	0	17	2	15	0	5	2
11B	10	0	23	0	13	0	9	0	7	0
12A	25	10	62	0	53	1	12	4	19	2
12B	20	5	78	4	21	12	29	3	15	7
13	62	45	188	3	79	19	96	20	42	35
14	20	10	25	1	11	1	22	3	6	7
15A	30	15	88	1	43	8	48	5	14	15
15B	67	35	195	9	113	17	72	27	48	23
18A	118	56	87	5	45	9	71	24	38	23
18B	40	33	103	21	51	32	50	44	34	19
19	157	100	297	15	110	66	142	56	74	58
21A	117	200	252	14	126	44	122	47	54	53
21B	65	100	218	16	68	16	107	26	44	38
22	25	72	108	5	46	8	38	11	24	9
23	52	88	288	10	153	21	112	23	47	57
24	50	90	231	16	148	40	125	34	80	74
29	36	465	448	145	267	190	241	190	141	199
38	11	14	155	31	66	59	67	14	35	20
48	37	27	412	114	125	201	145	33	34	81
55A	17	13	98	18	44	28	37	15	22	20
55B	9	3	63	13	16	39	24	10	8	15
57	18	14	123	12	32	34	44	10	18	12
65	20	50	115	84	49	83	76	53	38	51
TOTAL	1,150	1,526	4,058	554	1,877	988	1,909	694	958	879

Quotas for WMUs 1-42 include tags which were put aside for the draw for Northern Residents.

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2011 Calf Moose Tag Draw Gun and Bow Hunting Quotas and Applications

WMU	Gun Quota	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS		POOL 2 APPLICATIONS		Bow Quota	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS		POOL 2 APPLICATIONS	
		Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 1	Choice 2		Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 1	Choice 2
	G-CALF	G-CALF	G-CALF	G-CALF	G-CALF	B-CALF	B-CALF	B-CALF	B-CALF	B-CALF
48	35	222	236	61	62	30	18	111	35	38
55A	150	47	132	38	37	50	5	40	21	23
55B	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	6	7	4
57	87	72	164	42	35	20	2	27	18	16
TOTAL	272	341	532	141	134	105	28	184	81	81

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

Hunters are reminded that it is an offence under the *Public Lands Act* to deposit any substance, material or thing on Crown land or on water or ice covering Crown land. Examples include, garbage, litter, building materials, tent frames and plastic.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)





It is Illegal and Unsafe to Hunt at Night in Ontario



While the majority of hunters follow safe and ethical hunting practices, violations continue to occur each year. Ontario Conservation Officers want to remind hunters that:

- it is illegal to hunt at night
- firearms must be unloaded and encased from ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise
- firearms must be unloaded when carried in or on any car, truck, ATV, snowmobile, motorboat or other conveyance
- it is illegal to shine a light at night for the purposes of hunting.

Hunting at Night Puts Public Safety at Risk!

Unlawful night hunting may also result in wounded and wasted animals, damaged farm fences and crops, dead or injured livestock and discredit to the reputation of law abiding hunters.

If you have any information about unlawful night hunting, or any other natural resources violation, please call the Ministry of Natural Resources TIPS line at 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667).

Elk Regulations

Licence fees are found on page 12. For more information on elk biology and management in Ontario, please visit ontario.ca/elk.

After disappearing from Ontario in the late 1800s due to pressures from human settlement, elk were restored to four areas of the province more than a decade ago. Thanks to the support and contributions of all involved, elk are once again an important part of Ontario's biodiversity. To find out more about the history of elk in Ontario and Ontario's elk management program, please visit ontario.ca/elk.

Information for All Elk Hunters

Elk hunting is new to Ontario and some of the regulations are different from moose and deer hunting. Carefully review the regulations and draw application instructions if you are interested in applying for an elk hunting opportunity in southern Ontario. Application and licence fees are found on page 12.

The elk hunt will take place only in parts of southern Ontario where the elk herd is now self-sustaining and can support limited hunting opportunities.

Firearms

Big game, including elk, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting elk can be found on page 22.

Dogs

Dogs may not be used to hunt elk. See PENDING - Use of Tracking Dogs for Big Game Retrieval on page 4 for information on proposed changes.

Attractants

In order to prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease, products that contain bodily fluids (urine, gland oil, feces, saliva, etc.) of a member of the deer family (including deer, moose, and elk) are not permitted to be possessed or used for the purposes of hunting in Ontario. Hunters are allowed to possess and use artificial or plant-based products that can attract wildlife or be used as a cover scent.

Elk Hunting on Private Property

If you wish to hunt elk on private land, you must have with you a valid elk licence and the written consent of the landowner on the form provided by the ministry. The required form will be distributed by mail to elk seal and licence tag recipients or can be found at ontario.ca/hunting.



Modified Party Hunting for Elk

Party hunting for elk is permitted during the open season for elk **under a set of specific conditions listed on page 23, and with the additional restrictions described below:**

- A person may only party hunt with the holder of an elk seal if they are part of the seal holder's hunting group, with the seal number listed on their licence tag. Hunter's wishing to party hunt for elk must apply to the elk draw as a group and list all members on the same application. Note: A person hunting under the authority of a Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card and under the direct and immediate supervision of a member of the elk hunting group is permitted to participate in the elk hunt.
- Party hunting for elk is limited to a maximum of four hunters (including the seal holder, but not including apprentice hunters).
- Multiple parties may not hunt cooperatively.

Because of these restrictions, party hunting for elk is referred to as "Modified Party Hunting".

Sealing and Transporting Elk

An elk licence tag must be carried by the recipient at all times while hunting elk.

If you have killed an elk while hunting alone, you must **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely **attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the instruction panel attached to the seal. The seal must remain attached while transporting the carcass.**

If party hunting for elk, the party member who holds the game seal must, immediately after the kill and at the kill site, **securely attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the instruction panel attached to the seal.** Only the seal holder is allowed to attach the game seal to the elk. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal an elk.

Elk Hunter Mandatory Reporting Requirements and Voluntary Check Stations

A hunter who has been issued an elk seal through the elk draw must complete and submit the **mandatory reporting questionnaire** provided with the seal.

Elk hunters who harvest an animal may also voluntarily bring the harvested animal to a **check station** for collection of biological information.

Import, Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on import, export and shipping.

Information for Ontario Residents Wishing to Hunt Elk

Who can hunt elk in Ontario?

A resident of Ontario may hunt elk under certain conditions if he/she is in possession of a valid hunting version Outdoors Card **and** a current elk hunting licence tag **and** can meet one of the following criteria:

- The hunter has a game seal for a cow or bull elk; **OR**
- The hunter is party hunting in a group (see information on modified party hunting on page 52 and on general party hunting on page 23) with the person whose elk seal number is listed on their licence tag.

NOTE: Hunter apprentices may participate in the elk hunt if hunting with a mentor who has an elk seal or a mentor who is a member of a group in which another hunter has an elk seal.

To receive an elk seal and/or be eligible to purchase an elk hunting licence tag, a resident hunter must apply to the elk draw and pay the draw application fee. A hunter or a party of hunters who fails to get an elk seal through the draw process **is NOT permitted to hunt elk**. No refund of application fees is granted to an applicant who is unsuccessful in the draw.

There is currently no open elk hunting season for non-residents.

Applying to the Elk Hunt Draw

Hunters may apply to the elk draw as a member of a group or as an individual. You can choose one of three ways to enter the draw for an elk seal:

- By calling the toll-free automated telephone application system at 1-800-288-1155 OR
- By going online to ontario.ca/outdoorscard OR
- By going to selected ServiceOntario centres.

Your chance of being drawn for an elk seal is the same whether you apply by telephone, online or at a ServiceOntario centre. **Choose one method only – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.**

If you wish to hunt in a party, you will need to apply as a group. If you apply to the elk draw as an individual, you will not be permitted to party hunt.

The deadline by which a telephone or online application must be completed by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on June 11, 2012

The deadline by which an application must be received at selected ServiceOntario centres is 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 2012.



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ontario.ca/biodiversity



Applying to the Elk Hunt Draw

Before You Apply – Advance Preparation

For the purposes of harvest management, elk seals are valid for areas smaller than a WMU, referred to as Harvest Areas. WMUs have been sub-divided into Harvest Areas and each Harvest Area has a separate quota.

- Review the map showing the 2012 Harvest Areas for elk hunting and the corresponding quota table on page 57. Using this information, determine your first choice of WMU-Harvest Area. Identifying a second choice is optional.
- Hunters will be randomly assigned the type of elk seal (i.e. bull or cow) according to the annual quota for each Harvest Area.

If your Outdoors Card is valid but you have moved since you received it, contact the Outdoors Card Centre at **1-800-387-7011** and provide your current address. This will ensure that you will receive notification of your success in the draw and the option to purchase an elk licence tag.

If you have any questions regarding your application, or the application process, more information is available from the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011.

What Type of Applicant Are You?

To use the telephone or online application system, hunters must decide - prior to applying - which type of applicant they are.

There are three types of draw applicants:

- **Group Leader**
- **Group Member**
- **Individual**

Hunters applying as part of a group will have to decide who the Group Leader is and who the Group Members are. The maximum number of hunters that can apply as one group is four, comprised of the Group Leader and up to three Group Members. **Once a group application has been submitted, changes to group members will not be allowed.**

Group Leader

The Group Leader must be the first member of the group to apply. The Group Leader is the only member of the group who enters the Hunt Code representing the group's choice of WMU and Harvest Area (refer to the table titled Harvest Areas and Hunt Codes for the 2012 Elk Draw on page 57). The Group Leader is then provided with a Group Reference Number to identify the group and its choice(s). The Group Leader must give the Group Reference Number to the Group Members so they may add their names to the group's application.

Group Members

Each Group Member must obtain the Group Reference Number from the Group Leader. Each Group Member will be asked for the Group Reference Number so the group can be identified and linked together in the draw.

Individuals

Individuals must enter the Hunt Code representing their choice(s) of WMU and Harvest Area (refer to the table titled Harvest Areas and Hunt Codes for the 2012 Elk Draw on page 57).

Applying by Telephone

For your convenience you may apply to the elk draw by calling the toll-free automated telephone application system at **1-800-288-1155**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from **May 1, 2012, to 11:59 p.m. (ET) on June 11, 2012**. An application fee of \$16.95 (includes 13% HST) per hunter will be charged to your credit card.

There are numerous benefits to applying to the draw by telephone, including:

- User-friendly system
- Limits data entry errors
- Confirmation of draw entry.

To use the telephone application system, you will need:

- A Touch-Tone™ telephone
- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card
- The 2012 Hunt Code representing the first and optional second choice Wildlife Management Unit and Harvest Area to which you would like to apply (see page 57)
- A valid VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card
- If applying as part of a group, to decide with your group if you are the Group Leader or a Group Member (refer to definitions and specific instructions below).

When using the telephone application system, it is important to remember that you must respond to the questions asked by using the keypad of your phone. **Do not speak your answers.**

Group Leader Instructions and Worksheet

The instructions and worksheet provided below will help you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep this worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Group Reference Number. **Before you call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Codes, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the table titled Harvest Areas and Hunt Codes for the 2012 Elk Draw on page 57.

STEP 1 Contact the members of your group (maximum group size is three plus the leader) to ensure they know you are the Group Leader.

STEP 2 Call **1-800-288-1155** between May 1 and June 11, 2012. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), June 11. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Elk Draw option.

STEP 3 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Leader option.

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. **Your Outdoors Card Number is:**

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STEP 5 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming.

	WMU	Harvest Area	Hunt Code
First Choice			
Second Choice			

STEP 6 Enter your VISA, MasterCard or American Express card number.

STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit Expiry date for your credit card.

Expiry Date: /
month year

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card and provides you with a 7- digit Group Reference Number. Record this number in the space below.

Group Reference Number:

STEP 9 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Elk licence/seal should you or your group be successful in the draw, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw.**

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

STEP 10 As the last step, contact your Group Members and give them your seven-digit Group Reference Number so that they may call in and add their names to the group's application.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

Group Member Instructions and Worksheet

To use this worksheet, ensure you are a Group Member and not a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant. If you are the first member of your group to apply to the draw by telephone, you are considered the Group Leader and should refer to those instructions before calling. The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. Your Authorization Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw. **Before the call** you need to record your Group Reference Number (provided by your Group Leader), your Outdoors Card Number and credit card number with expiry date.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between **May 1 and June 11, 2012**. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), June 11. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Elk Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Member option.

STEP 3 After the prompt enter the seven-digit Group Reference Number provided by your Group Leader.

Group Reference Number:

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. **Your Outdoors Card Number is:**

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 5 A recording will tell you your group's Hunt Code, WMU and Harvest Area choice(s) as selected by your Group Leader.

STEP 6 Enter your VISA, MasterCard or American Express card number:

STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit Expiry date for your credit card.

Expiry Date: /
month year

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number and provides your Authorization Number. Record your Authorization Number in the space below.

Authorization Number:

STEP 9 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Elk licence/seal should you or your group be successful in the draw, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw.** At the end of the call you will be told the number of people who have applied to your group (including yourself).

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

Individual Applicant Instructions and Worksheet

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. Your Authorization Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw. Before you call you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Codes, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the table titled Harvest Areas and Hunt Codes for the 2012 Elk Draw on page 57.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between May 1 and June 11, 2012. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), June 11. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day). When the system prompts you, choose the Elk Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as an Individual.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and your second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming. You will be given the opportunity during the call to change your selection(s) if you have made a mistake.

	WMU	Harvest Area	Hunt Code
First Choice			
Second Choice			

STEP 5 Enter your VISA, MasterCard or American Express card number:

STEP 6 Enter the 4-digit Expiry date for your credit card.

Expiry Date: /
month year

STEP 7 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number and provides your Authorization Number. Record your Authorization Number in the space below.

Authorization Number:

STEP 8 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Elk licence/seal should you be successful in the draw, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw.**

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

NEW – Applying By Internet

The website, ontario.ca/outdoorscard, will allow you to apply to the elk draw as a group leader, group member or as an individual.

The deadline for completing applications online is 11:59 p.m. (ET) on June 11, 2012.

To apply to the draw online, you will need:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card number
- A VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card. The charge to your credit card will be \$16.95 (includes 13% HST).
- The first and second choice (if you have one) Wildlife Management Units and Harvest Area to which you would like to apply

You will be asked to confirm your answers, and will be given the opportunity to change an answer if you make a mistake. The information that you enter electronically online is your direct application to the draw. We recommend you save a copy of your draw application receipt for future reference using the “Print Receipt” button once your draw application has been submitted.

NEW – Applying at a ServiceOntario Centre

NEW – Starting in 2012, paper applications for the elk draw will no longer be available for drop off. A ServiceOntario representative will assist you in entering the draw electronically. Applications must be electronically submitted by **5:00 p.m., June 11, 2012, deadline.** Applications that are not received by 5:00 p.m., June 11, 2012, will not be entered into the draw.

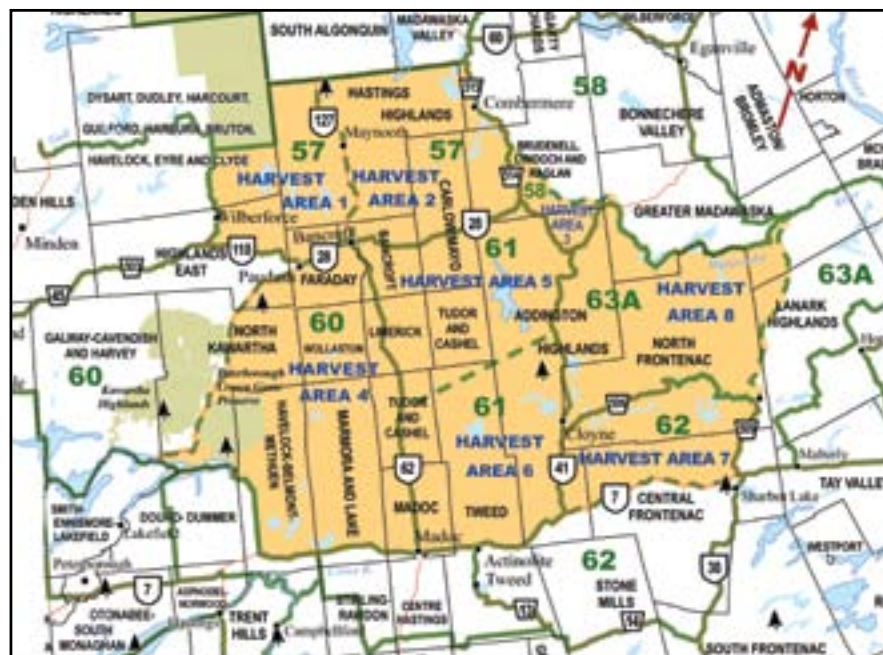
To apply to the elk draw, you will need:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card
- Your first and second choice (if you have one) Wildlife Management Units and Harvest Areas to which you would like to apply OR
- If applying as a member of a group, your group reference number provided to you by your Group Leader
- Payment of \$16.95 (includes 13% HST)

NOTE: Check your draw confirmation receipt prior to leaving the ServiceOntario centre to ensure your choices have been correctly entered.

Harvest Areas for Elk

For the purposes of harvest management, elk seals are valid for areas smaller than a WMU, referred to as Harvest Areas. WMUs have been sub-divided into Harvest Areas and each Harvest Area has a separate quota. Harvest Area boundaries are described in the table below the map.



For detailed information on WMU boundaries, go to ontario.ca/hunting.



Harvest Areas and Hunt Codes for the 2012 Elk Draw (Open Season Dates and Seal Quotas)

WMU	Harvest Area	Hunt Code	Description of Harvest Area Boundary	2012 Resident Open Season	Seal Quota	
					Bulls	Cows
57	1	100	The part of WMU 57 west of a line formed by Hwy 62 south of Maynooth and Hwy 127 north of Maynooth.	September 17 to September 30, 2012	1	1
57	2	101	The part of WMU 57 east of a line formed by Hwy 62 south of Maynooth and Hwy 127 north of Maynooth.		5	20
58	3	110	The part of WMU 58 south and west of the Madawaska River.		1	1
60	4	120	The part of WMU 60 east of Hwy 28.		1	3
61	5	130	The part of WMU 61 north of the northern edge of the Hydro One transmission line (X1P) running through Tudor, Grimsthorpe and Effingham Townships.		6	11
61	6	131	The part of WMU 61 south of the northern edge of the Hydro One transmission line (X1P) running through Tudor, Grimsthorpe and Effingham Townships.		2	14
62	7	140	The part of WMU 62 north of Hwy 7.		1	1
63A	8	150	The part of WMU 63A west of the former K&P Railway line.		1	1



Draw Results and information for Hunters Successful in the Draw

Draw applicants should call the toll-free Draw Results line at 1-800-288-1155 or go online to ontario.ca/outdoorscard to determine the results of the Elk Draw. This automated line and website are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from August 2 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record. Hunters who receive an elk seal in the draw and all members of his or her elk hunting group will be notified in early August that they are eligible to purchase an elk licence tag, and must do so before they can hunt elk. Only successful draw applicants will be notified.

Hunters who purchase an elk licence tag will receive their elk seal (if applicable).

Hunters who are drawn for an elk seal and choose to purchase their elk licence tag may not receive another elk seal in their name for five years, but may continue to be listed as a member of a group and party hunt for elk during this time. Hunters who are part of a group with an elk seal recipient are still eligible to receive an elk seal next year.

What should I know about collared/ear tagged elk?

Hunters should avoid harvesting elk that have been collared. These collared animals are an important component of ongoing elk research and monitoring programs (see page 4 regarding consumption of chemically immobilized animals). **No replacement seals will be issued in these circumstances.**

2011 Elk Validation Tag Draw Provincial Summary

General Draw Statistics

Total tags available.....	70
Total applicants entered in the draw.....	4,419

First Choice Applications by Area

57 Area 1	101
57 Area 2	1,786
58 Area 3	31
60 Area 4	259
61 Area 5.....	1,571
61 Area 6.....	581
62 Area 7	31
63A Area 8.....	59

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

It is illegal to abandon game wildlife or allow it to spoil. If you mistakenly shoot the wrong game wildlife, please call the 1-877-TIPS-MNR Line and report it as soon as possible.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)





Are you feeding wildlife?

A number of risks are associated with wildlife feeding at communal feeding sites.

Animals being fed can:

- become habituated to artificial food sources
- consume artificial feed mixes not healthy for them
- cause road accidents as they move to feeders
- increase populations beyond the level nature can support
- become a threat to pets or humans
- have an increased risk of passing on diseases or parasites.

For these reasons, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources discourages the feeding of wildlife. To learn more about the risks associated with feeding wildlife visit the Ministry of Natural Resources website at ontario.ca/feedingwildlife



Photo: J.D. Taylor

Are you planning to hunt outside Ontario?

The Ministry of Natural Resources is working to prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) to Ontario. As a result, there are restrictions on the possession of certain “high risk” parts of deer, elk, moose and caribou that were harvested in other jurisdictions.

Ontarians wishing to hunt outside Ontario and bring back the deer, elk, moose or caribou carcass should carefully review the restrictions in order to avoid seizure of game, as well as fines and potential charges.

For more information, see page 74 of the **2012 Hunting Regulations Summary**, or visit MNR’s Chronic Wasting Disease website at ontario.ca/cwd

White-tailed Deer Regulations

Information for All Deer Hunters

Licence fees are found on page 12. For more information on deer biology and management in Ontario, please visit ontario.ca/deer. See PENDING - Use of Tracking Dogs for Big Game Retrieval on page 4 for information on proposed changes.

Firearms

Big game, including deer, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). When hunting deer, you may use or carry a firearm of the type permitted for hunting deer at that time in that Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). For example, when hunting deer during a bows-only season, you may use or carry only bow hunting equipment; you may not carry a rifle or shotgun for hunting other species.

Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting deer can be found on page 22.

Attractants

In order to prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease, products that contain bodily fluids (urine, gland oil, feces, saliva, etc.) of a member of the deer family (including deer, moose, and elk) are not permitted to be possessed or used for the purposes of hunting in Ontario. Hunters are allowed to possess and use artificial or plant-based products that can attract wildlife or be used as a cover scent.

Party Hunting for Deer

Party hunting for deer is permitted during the open season for deer **under a set of specific conditions. The list of conditions can be found on page 23.**

A person shall not hunt deer in a party during a controlled deer hunt season unless he or she holds a controlled deer hunt validation tag. The exception is a hunter apprentice hunting with a mentor (in which case the mentor must have a controlled deer hunt validation tag).

Sealing and Transporting Deer

The controlled deer hunt validation tag must be carried by the recipient at all times while hunting in a controlled hunt.

If you have killed a deer while hunting alone, you must **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely **attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the instruction panel attached to the seal. The seal must remain attached while transporting the carcass.**

If party hunting for deer, the member whose game seal is to be used and whose licence has been validated for the type that has been killed must, immediately after the kill and at the kill site, securely attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the instruction panel attached to the seal.

A person who seals a deer must notch out the month, day and time of the kill on the game seal.



Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the game seal to the deer. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a deer.

Import, Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on import, export and shipping.

Information for Non-Residents Wishing to Hunt Deer

Guides

Non-residents must be accompanied by one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting deer in the Territorial District of Rainy River. WMUs within the Territorial District of Rainy River are 9B, 10, 11A and part of 7B and 12B.

Crown Land Camping Restrictions for Non-Residents of Canada - WMUs 6, 7B, 9A, 9B

All Crown land camping in Ontario is regulated; see page 25 for more information.

Non-residents must also be aware that Crown land camping is prohibited within 1 km of the following road systems in Kenora and Fort Frances Districts between October 1 and November 15:

- Hwy 71 and roads branching off Hwy 71 from Strachan Road to the junction of Hwy 17
- Hwy 596, Caribou Falls Road and Sand Lake Road and all roads branching off these roads to the junction of the English River Road
- Rush Bay Road and branch roads
- Shoal Lake Road and branch roads
- Gundy Lake Road and branch roads.

For more information, contact the Kenora District Office at (807) 468-2501 or the Fort Frances District Office at (807) 274-5337.

Information for Ontario Residents Wishing to Hunt Deer

There are two types of opportunities for Ontario resident deer hunters that involve computerized random draws for validation tags. They are:

- The Antlerless Deer Draw – deadline July 3, 2012
- The Controlled Deer Hunt Draw – deadline August 31, 2012.

An antlerless deer is defined as a deer that has no antlers, or has antlers that are less than 7.5 cm (3 inches) in length.

The antlerless deer validation tag program is used to limit the number of antlerless tags allocated, which controls the number of antlerless deer harvested. If deer populations are low, then the number of antlerless tags offered will be low,

to allow the herd to rebuild. As deer numbers increase, the number of antlerless tags offered will increase to control the growth of the herd. The antlerless deer validation tag program allows any legally licensed hunter to harvest an antlered deer, but an antlerless deer can be harvested only if the hunter or hunting party holds an antlerless deer validation tag.

The term **“controlled deer hunt”** means that the number of deer hunters hunting in a WMU is controlled or limited. Controlled deer hunts take place in southern and southwestern Ontario.

Additional Deer Seals

When deer populations in certain WMUs warrant, hunters may be offered the opportunity to purchase game seals to harvest additional deer. In offering these additional deer seals for sale, limits will apply on both the total number of seals a hunter may purchase and the number of seals a hunter may purchase for any one Hunt Code.

NEW FOR 2012 – Additional deer seals will be available beginning July 16, on a first come, first served basis.

In early July, hunters who purchased an additional deer seal in 2010 or 2011 will be mailed a brochure confirming the WMUs that will offer additional deer seals and containing the hunt codes required to use this system. (If you do not receive a brochure, please call the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 or view it on the MNR website at ontario.ca/hunting). Cost of the additional deer seal for residents is \$45.04 (includes 13% HST).

Additional deer seals for Controlled Deer Hunts will be sold in October as outlined in the brochure. Hunters must possess a Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag along with their additional deer seal to hunt with their additional seal during the Controlled Deer Hunt Season.

Please refer to the brochure (available in early July) for more information.

NOTE: An additional game seal for deer is NOT a deer licence. An additional game seal for deer is valid only if the hunter possesses a current deer licence and a valid Outdoors Card.

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

Any hunting injury caused by the discharge of a firearm which results in treatment by a physician must be reported to a conservation officer. You may also report by calling 1-877-TIPS-MNR.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)



Deer Family Comparison

Four different members of the deer family range freely in Ontario. You must have a valid licence for the species you are hunting. There is no open season for caribou and a limited open season for elk, so you must be absolutely certain that the animal you see is the right species, sex and age.

There are differences in the size, shape and colour of moose, white-tailed deer, elk and caribou.



Moose



No Open Season

Woodland Caribou

Woodland Caribou

Size: 1.0-1.2 m (3.5-4.0 ft.)

at the shoulders

Bull: 160 to 210 kg (353-464 lb)

Cow: 110 to 150 kg (243-331 lb)

Moose

Size: 1.5-1.8 m (5.5-6.0 ft.)

at the shoulders

Bull: 400 to 545 kg (880-1,200 lb)

Cow: 375 to 535 kg (825-1,180 lb)



Limited Open Season

Elk

Elk

Size: 1.2 to 1.5 m (4.0-5.0 ft.)

at the shoulders

Bull: average 354 kg (780 lb)

Cow: 227 to 239 kg (500-525 lb)



White-Tailed Deer

White-Tailed Deer

Size: 0.9 to 1.1 m (3.0-3.5 ft.)

at the shoulders

Adult buck: 45 to 136 kg

(100-300 lb)

Adult doe: 39 to 60 kg (85-130 lb)

Antlerless Deer

Applying to the Draw for an Antlerless Deer Validation Tag

Any resident of Ontario who has a valid hunting version Outdoors Card may apply to the draw for an antlerless deer validation tag. Hunters who receive a validation tag in the draw are permitted to harvest their choice of **EITHER** an antlerless deer in the WMU specified on the tag **OR** an antlered deer anywhere in the province during the open season – with the exception of during a controlled hunt. See page 69 for information on hunting during a controlled deer hunt season.

Licensed hunters who do not apply to the antlerless draw, or who are not successful in the draw for an antlerless deer validation tag, may harvest an antlered deer only, anywhere in the province during the open season, with the exception of during a controlled hunt or where a hunter has an additional deer seal validated for an antlerless deer.

Hunters who wish to apply to the antlerless deer draw may use one of three methods. For your convenience, you may purchase your resident's deer licence tag and apply to the antlerless deer draw in one toll-free call to 1-800-288-1155 between March 1 and July 3. This line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You may also purchase a deer licence from a licence issuer, online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard or at select ServiceOntario centres and submit an application for the draw online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard or at a ServiceOntario centre.

Your chance of being drawn for an antlerless deer validation tag is the same whether you apply by telephone, online or at a ServiceOntario centre. **Choose one method only** – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.

The deadline for completing applications by telephone and online is 11:59 p.m. (ET) on July 3, 2012.

The deadline for applications to be received at a ServiceOntario centre is 5:00 p.m. on July 3, 2012.

Whether a hunter applies by telephone, online or at a ServiceOntario centre, the responsibility for entering a valid application rests with that hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application or the application process, more information is available from the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940.

Applying by Telephone

The telephone application system will allow you to both purchase a deer licence and apply to the antlerless validation tag draw in one phone call.

To use this system, you must have a valid hunting version Outdoors Card. If your Outdoors Card has expired, you must renew it before you use the telephone application system. The quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- With a call to the toll-free, automated Outdoors Card renewal line at 1-800-288-1155, or
- At ontario.ca/outdoorscard.

Once you have successfully completed your Outdoors Card renewal, you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system for the antlerless deer validation tag draw.

For more information on Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 15.

It is recommended that you complete the Antlerless Deer Draw Worksheet for Hunters Applying by Telephone found on page 64 before making your call.

To use the telephone application system, you will need:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card number
- A VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card. The charge to your credit card will be \$45.04 (includes 13% HST).
- The first and second choice (if you have one) Wildlife Management Units (including any sub-units) to which you would like to apply
- A Touch-Tone™ telephone.

During your call, listen to the recorded instructions carefully. You will be asked to confirm your answers, and will be given the opportunity to change an answer if you make a mistake. Remember that you must respond to the questions asked by using the telephone keypad. Do not speak your answers. The information that you enter electronically during your telephone call (using your telephone keypad) is your direct application to the draw.

When keying in the WMU to which you wish to apply, remember that single-digit WMUs (such as 5, 6, 7 etc.) must be entered with a "0" as the first digit. Enter such WMUs by keying 05, 06, 07, etc. Refer to the table titled Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2012) on page 64. Remain on the line to get an Authorization Number that confirms you are successfully entered into the antlerless deer draw. Record this number at the bottom of your worksheet for future reference.

Confirm your postal code before hanging up. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address so your licence (and validation tag if you are successful in the draw) will reach you.

Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2012)

01C	21B	50	72B*
02	22	53A	73
03	23	53B*	74A
04	24	54	74B
05	25	55A	75
06	26	55B	76*
07A	27	56	77*
07B	28	57	78*
08	29	58	79*
09A	30	59	80*
09B	31	60	81*
10	34	61	82A
11A	35	62	82B
11B	36	63A	83A
12A	37	63B	84
12B	38	64A	85*
13	39	64B	86*
14	40	65	87*
15A	41	66A	88*
15B	42	66B*	89*
16A	43A	67	90*
16B	43B	68A	91*
16C	44	68B	92*
17	45	69A*	93*
18A	46	69B	94*
18B	47	70*	
19	48	71	
21A	49	72A	

* Tags for these WMUs are valid only during the bows-only season.

Antlerless Deer Draw Worksheet for Hunters Applying by Telephone

Note: The antlerless deer draw system does not accept controlled deer hunt applications.

Fill in the worksheet before you call, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. Before the call you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Wildlife Management Unit(s), and credit card number and expiry date.

Call **1-800-288-1155**, between March 1 and **July 3, 2012**. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), July 3. **Be sure to apply early.** If you wait for the last day and cannot get through because the lines are busy, you will not be able to enter the antlerless deer draw. **Do not wait until the last day.**

NOTE: If you are having a problem applying by telephone, after your fourth unsuccessful attempt to enter correct information when prompted, you will be given the telephone number of the Outdoors Card Centre. You should call this number as directed during regular business hours for assistance with your draw application. If you do not call this number before the draw deadline, your application will not be entered into the draw.

STEP 1 When the system prompts you, use the keypad of your telephone to choose the Antlerless Deer Draw entry option.

STEP 2 After the prompt, enter the 15 digits of your Outdoors Card.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your first choice Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). Only the valid WMUs listed on this page will be accepted.

First, enter only the numbers of your WMU. If your WMU has more than one sub-unit, you will be asked to select the sub-unit next.

Your First Choice WMU is:

PLEASE NOTE: You will be asked to confirm your choice of WMU. Listen to your choice carefully before confirming it. The responsibility for entering the correct WMU rests solely with the applicant. You cannot change your choices after you have confirmed them and entered the draw.

STEP 4 Repeat step 3 for your second choice WMU.

Your Second Choice WMU is:

STEP 5 Enter your VISA, MasterCard or American Express card number:

STEP 6 Enter the four digit expiry date from your credit card.

Expiry Date /
month year

STEP 7 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number. Record the authorization number for your records.

Your authorization number is:

STEP 8 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your licence (and validation tag if successful in the draw) when it is mailed to you. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (**1-800-387-7011**) to update your address. A correct address will ensure you receive your licence and game seal.

Keep this worksheet for your records.

NEW – Applying by Internet

The website, ontario.ca/outdoorscard, will allow you to both purchase a deer licence and apply to the antlerless validation tag draw at one time or in separate transactions.

The deadline for completing applications online is 11:59 p.m. (ET) on July 3, 2012.

To use the website, you will need:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card number
- A VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card if purchasing a deer licence. The charge to your credit card will be \$45.04 (includes 13% HST).
- The first and second choice (if you have one) Wildlife Management Units (including any sub-units) to which you would like to apply.

You will be asked to confirm your answers, and will be given the opportunity to change an answer if you make a mistake. The information that you enter electronically online is your direct application to the draw. We recommend you save a copy of your draw application receipt for future reference using the "Print Receipt" button once your draw application has been submitted.

NEW – If you have already purchased your deer licence online, at an issuer or at a ServiceOntario centre, you can apply to the draw by going to ontario.ca/outdoorscard or to a ServiceOntario centre.

NEW – Applying at a ServiceOntario Centre

NEW - Starting in 2012, paper applications will no longer be accepted by mail. They will also no longer be available at outside issuers. To enter the draw you must fill out a paper application at a select ServiceOntario centre and submit it into the designated drop box. For a list of participating ServiceOntario centres, please visit ontario.ca/outdoorscard.

Submit your paper draw application **in person at ServiceOntario** well before **5:00p.m., July 3, 2012**.

All applications that are not received by 5:00 p.m., July 3, 2012, will not be entered into the draw.

Fill out the application form carefully and completely.

Write in a valid antlerless deer Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). Be sure to indicate the WMU sub-unit (A, B or C) if required. (Refer to the table titled Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2011) on page 64.) If you have any questions regarding your application or the application process, more information is available from the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940.

Do not submit a paper application if you have already applied to the draw by telephone or internet.

Points to Remember When Applying to the Draw

- Submit only one application in your name.
- Your Outdoors Card must be valid.
- The application must be complete.
- The writing must be legible.
- Your application must be received by the deadline.
- Your hunting licence privileges cannot be under suspension.
- If applying by telephone, you must stay on the line to receive your authorization number and to ensure that you have entered the draw.

Whether a hunter applies by telephone, online or at a ServiceOntario centre, the responsibility for entering a valid application rests with the hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application or the application process, more information is available from the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940.

Draw Results Telephone Line and Website

Draw applicants should call the toll-free Draw Results Line at 1-800-288-1155 or go online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard to determine the results of the Antlerless Deer Draw. The automated line and website are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from August 9 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record.

The Mailing of Licences and Antlerless Deer Seals with Validation Tags

All hunters who purchased a deer licence and/or entered the draw on or before the draw deadline will receive their licence and game seal by mail.

If you have not received your licence and game seal, visit the ServiceOntario centre which serves your area. You can get a duplicate licence and/or seal with/without validation tag through your ServiceOntario centre only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. There may be a charge for this service. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

If you have moved recently and have not informed the ministry of your new address, you may not receive your licence/validation tag when it is mailed after the draw. Please call the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 to update your address information.

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

It is an offence under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act 1997* for anyone to trespass for the purpose of hunting or fishing.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)



2012 Deer Seasons

Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loading guns

Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loading guns are permitted during many of these seasons; check the conditions under which you may hunt. Those seasons located in southern Ontario that include Sundays are subject to the Sunday gun hunting restrictions. (See page 24)

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
1C, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	No season	
2, 3, 4, 11B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	No season	
5	Sept. 29 to Oct. 5	No season	Bows, muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
5	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	No season	No dogs
6, 7B+, 9A, 9B+, 11A+	Sept. 29 to Oct. 5	Sept. 29 to Oct. 5	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs + Non-Resident Guide Requirement in the Territorial District of Rainy River
6, 7B+, 9A, 9B+, 11A+, 12A, 12B+	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	+ Non-Resident Guide Requirement in the Territorial District of Rainy River
7A	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only
8	Oct. 13 to Oct. 26	Oct. 13 to Oct. 26	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
8	Oct. 27 to Dec. 15	Oct. 27 to Dec. 15	No dogs
10	Oct. 27 to Dec. 15	Oct. 27 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; no dogs
18B	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	No season	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only
21B	Oct. 6 to Dec. 15	Oct. 8 to Nov. 15	
22, 23, 24, 27, 30, 34*	Oct. 6 to Nov. 15	Oct. 8 to Nov. 15	
25	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	Sept. 17 to Nov. 15	
26	Sept. 15 to Oct. 31	Sept. 17 to Oct. 31	
28, 29, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Nov. 5 to Nov. 17	Nov. 5 to Nov. 17	
43A, 43B	Nov. 19 to Nov. 25	Nov. 19 to Nov. 25	Landowner's written Permission Requirement; no dogs. Burpee Twp. is in WMU 43B
44	Nov. 5 to Nov. 17	Nov. 5 to Nov. 17	Landowner's written Permission; no dogs
45	Nov. 10 to Nov. 16	Nov. 10 to Nov. 16	No dogs
46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 64A, 66A, 67, 68A, 74B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 18	Nov. 5 to Nov. 18	
59	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only
65, 71, 72A, 73, 75	Nov. 5 to Nov. 18	Nov. 5 to Nov. 18	Bows, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
37, 43A*, 43B*, 60, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67, 68A, 68B, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 74B, 75	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs *Landowner's written Permission Requirement
64B, 68B, 69B, 74A	Nov. 5 to Nov. 18	Nov. 5 to Nov. 18	Bows, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Nov. 5 to Nov. 10	Nov. 5 to Nov. 10	No dogs
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Dec. 3 to Dec. 8	Dec. 3 to Dec. 8	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
82B	Nov. 19 to Nov. 24	Nov. 19 to Nov. 24	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs

* Excluding parts of WMU 34 that lie within the boundaries of Lake Superior Provincial Park

Bow Hunting Seasons

Bow hunters wishing to hunt antlerless deer in a WMU with a bows-only season (refer to the table below 2012 Bows-Only Seasons – Deer) must apply to the antlerless deer validation tag draw in that unit.

Do not apply for an antlerless deer validation tag in a WMU with a controlled hunt unless you plan to hunt with a bow during the bows-only season. You must apply to the controlled hunt draw if you wish to hunt with a permitted firearm other than a bow during the controlled season.

2012 Bows-Only Seasons – Deer (No Dogs)

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident– Open Season	WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident– Open Season
2, 3, 4, 11B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 19, 21A	Sept. 1 to Oct. 5	No season	65	Oct. 1 to Oct. 4 Oct. 15 to Nov. 4 Nov. 19 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 4 Oct. 15 to Nov. 4 Nov. 19 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 31
5	Sept. 1 to Sept. 28	No season			
6, 7B*, 9A, 9B*, 11A*	Sept. 1 to Sept. 28	Sept. 15 to Sept. 28			
8	Sept. 1 to Oct. 12	Sept. 29 to Oct. 12			
10*	Oct. 1 to Oct. 26	Oct. 1 to Oct. 26	66B	Nov. 12 to Nov. 17	Nov. 12 to Nov. 17
12A, 12B*	Sept. 1 to Oct. 5	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	69A1, 69A3, 72B	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31
18A	Sept. 15 to Oct. 5	No season	69A2, 70	Oct. 1 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 31
21B	Sept. 1 to Oct. 5	Sept. 1 to Oct. 5	76A, 76B, 76C, 76D, 76E, 77A, 77B, 77C, 78A, 78B, 81A, 81B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 10 to Dec. 2 Dec. 8 to Dec. 31	No Season
22, 23, 24, 27, 30	Sept. 1 to Oct. 5 Nov. 16 to Nov. 30	Sept. 1 to Oct. 5 Nov. 16 to Nov. 30	78C, 78D, 78E, 87A, 88, 94A	Oct. 1. to Dec. 31	No Season
28, 29, 31, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 18 to Nov. 30	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 18 to Nov. 30	79C, 79D	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 10 to Dec. 31	No Season
34**	Nov. 16 to Nov. 30	Nov. 16 to Nov. 30	80, 85A, 85B, 85C, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E, 89A, 89B, 90A, 90B, 93A, 93B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 12 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 31	No Season
36, 42	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 18 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 18 to Dec. 15			
37	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 18 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 18 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 15			
43A***, 43B***	Oct. 1 to Nov. 18	Oct. 1 to Nov. 18			
44***	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4	82A, 83A, 84	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 11 to Dec. 2 Dec. 9 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 11 to Dec. 2 Dec. 9 to Dec. 31
45	Oct. 1 to Nov. 2 Nov. 19 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 2 Nov. 19 to Dec. 15	82B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 11 to Nov. 18 Nov. 25 to Dec. 2 Dec. 9 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 11 to Nov. 18 Nov. 25 to Dec. 2 Dec. 9 to Dec. 31
46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 57, 58	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 19 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 19 to Dec. 15			
53B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 10 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 10 to Dec. 15			
54****, 55A, 55B, 56	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 19 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 19 to Dec. 15	86A, 86B	Oct. 1 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 31	No Season
59, 63B, 64A, 64B, 66A, 67, 68A, 68B, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 74B, 75	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 19 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 19 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 31	91A, 91B, 92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 12 to Nov. 18 Nov. 26 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 31	No Season
60, 61, 62, 63A	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 19 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 19 to Dec. 2 Dec. 10 to Dec. 15	93C	Contact the Chatham Area Office	No Season
* Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 9B, 10, 11A and parts of 7B and 12B in the Territorial District of Rainy River (page 60) ** Excluding parts of WMU 34 which lie within the boundaries of Lake Superior Provincial Park *** Landowner Permission in 43A, 43B and 44 (Burpee Twp. in 43B) **** Excluding parts of WMU 54 which lie within the boundaries of Algonquin Provincial Park			94B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 Nov. 12 to Dec. 31	No Season

2011 Antlerless Deer Validation Tag Draw Results

For Regular Season Tags

WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS		ALLOCATIONS		% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE	WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS		ALLOCATIONS		% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE
		1ST	2ND	1ST	2ND				1ST	2ND	1ST	2ND	
01C	20	2	1	2	0	100%	55A	600	845	550	600	0	71%
02	60	2	13	2	0	100%	55B	600	1,513	984	600	0	40%
03	200	142	78	142	9	100%	56	1,700	2,238	1,227	1,700	0	76%
04	100	29	47	29	5	100%	57	2,000	2,944	1,602	2,000	0	68%
05	400	340	240	340	2	100%	58	1,700	3,471	2,150	1,700	0	49%
06	50	39	102	39	2	100%	59	1,500	2,338	1,493	1,500	0	64%
07A	50	7	22	7	0	100%	60	4,000	5,589	2,445	4,000	0	72%
07B	1,000	739	441	739	10	100%	61	1,800	3,516	1,871	1,800	0	51%
08	700	486	198	486	2	100%	62	1,000	2,417	1,357	1,000	0	41%
09A	350	121	142	121	2	100%	63A	1,500	3,991	1,716	1,500	0	38%
09B	600	513	402	513	3	100%	63B	600	1,030	812	600	0	58%
10	1,600	1,416	654	1,416	8	100%	64A	1,350	1,692	1,116	1,350	0	80%
11A	300	267	139	267	2	100%	64B	450	664	595	450	0	68%
11B	75	34	103	34	1	100%	65	2,500	3,844	1,325	2,500	0	65%
12A	75	10	39	10	1	100%	66A	650	1,465	658	650	0	44%
12B	350	174	316	174	7	100%	67	1,000	3,262	1,669	1,000	0	31%
13	2,500	1,943	908	1,943	18	100%	68A	300	758	564	300	0	40%
14	150	10	17	10	1	100%	68B	500	1,371	841	500	0	36%
15A	150	20	31	20	1	100%	69B	300	133	189	133	109	100%
15B	200	90	214	90	10	100%	71	850	723	767	723	127	100%
16A	20	0	1	0	0	100%	72A	850	742	416	742	64	100%
16B	20	3	5	3	2	100%	73	2,400	1,868	1,384	1,868	202	100%
16C	20	0	1	0	0	100%	74A	500	358	510	358	87	100%
17	20	1	3	1	1	100%	74B	850	666	541	666	114	100%
18A	20	2	3	2	1	100%	75	1,200	1,042	836	1,042	125	100%
18B	20	0	1	0	0	100%	82A	6,100	5,619	1,800	5,619	84	100%
19	40	11	11	11	2	100%	82B	750	695	655	695	20	100%
21A	200	79	72	79	9	100%	83A	350	736	273	350	0	48%
21B	50	4	10	4	1	100%	84	2,800	2,691	1,016	2,691	73	100%
22	50	1	3	1	0	100%	2011 Antlerless Deer Validation Tag Draw Results For Bows-Only Tags						
23	50	3	5	3	0	100%							
24	50	1	5	1	0	100%							
25	50	0	3	0	0	100%							
26	50	1	3	1	0	100%							
27	50	2	3	2	1	100%							
28	100	72	85	72	17	100%	WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS		ALLOCATIONS		% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE
29	50	8	16	8	7	100%			1ST	2ND	1ST	2ND	
30	50	3	7	3	2	100%	53B	75	45	74	45	4	100%
31	50	5	9	5	1	100%	66B	30	7	43	7	23	100%
34	30	7	8	7	3	100%	69A	700	372	473	372	256	100%
35	50	10	129	10	40	100%	70	400	251	255	251	106	100%
36	500	1,059	666	500	0	47%	72B	100	25	67	25	6	100%
37	450	1,076	713	450	0	42%	76	700	931	494	700	0	75%
38	75	35	197	35	40	100%	77	780	783	355	780	0	99%
39	125	440	485	125	0	28%	78	1,300	727	553	727	72	100%
40	75	32	66	32	20	100%	79	500	237	143	237	12	100%
41	400	897	699	400	0	46%	80	1,500	1,077	578	1,077	31	100%
42	500	1,947	1,249	500	0	26%	81	500	555	353	500	0	90%
43A	500	830	377	500	0	60%	85	1,200	739	347	739	17	100%
43B	3,500	5,232	1,653	3,500	0	67%	86	500	346	179	346	12	100%
44	125	134	32	125	0	93%	87	1,500	909	388	909	31	100%
45	500	1,106	359	500	0	45%	88	600	188	190	188	15	100%
46	2,000	1,663	762	1,663	96	100%	89	1,700	1,279	535	1,279	35	100%
47	6,025	5,886	2,306	5,886	139	100%	90	1,100	1,022	472	1,022	35	100%
48	1,600	1,742	1,151	1,600	0	92%	91	1,000	637	304	637	15	100%
49	3,000	3,923	1,890	3,000	0	76%	92	1,800	1,589	619	1,589	26	100%
50	1,150	1,427	818	1,150	0	81%	93	850	693	367	693	28	100%
53A	2,300	1,923	913	1,923	79	100%	94	1,500	1,054	533	1,054	57	100%
54	1,000	1,182	688	1,000	0	85%							

Controlled Deer Hunts

Applying to the Draw for a Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag

Any resident of Ontario who has a valid hunting version Outdoors Card may apply to the draw for a controlled deer hunt validation tag. Tags are randomly assigned by computer. Each hunter who receives a tag in the draw is permitted to hunt a deer in the WMU specified on the tag during the period indicated. Hunters who are not successful in the draw for a controlled deer hunt validation tag may not participate in the controlled deer hunt.

NOTE: Hunter Apprentices may participate in a controlled hunt if hunting with a Mentor who has a controlled deer hunt validation tag (see page 20 for additional information).

Hunters who are applying to the controlled deer hunt draw do not have to purchase a deer licence tag prior to applying to the draw. However, hunters who receive a validation tag in the draw must purchase a deer licence tag before they can hunt in the controlled hunt.

There are three ways to enter the draw for a controlled deer hunt validation tag:

- By calling the toll-free automated telephone application system at 1-800-288-1155 OR
- By going online to ontario.ca/outdoorscard OR
- By going to selected ServiceOntario centres.

NOTE: If you are applying for a controlled deer hunt validation tag as a farmer/landowner, you must apply with a paper application to a ServiceOntario centre (page 88).

Your chance of being drawn for a controlled deer hunt validation tag is the same whether you apply by telephone, online or at a ServiceOntario centre. All three application methods are free of charge. **Choose one method only – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.**

Draw applicants who wish to hunt in a party should apply as a group (using one application form) rather than as individuals. (The benefit of this is that if your group application is selected in the computerized draw, **every hunter** listed on your application will receive a controlled deer hunt validation tag. The applicant who hunts in a party but applies as an individual risks being the only hunter in the party who is successful, or unsuccessful, in the draw.) The maximum number of hunters who can apply as one group is four. **Once a group application has been submitted, changes to group members will not be allowed.**

Whether a hunter applies by telephone, online or at a ServiceOntario centre, the responsibility for entering a valid application rests with that hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application or the application process, more information is available from the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940. For a list of WMUs that offer controlled deer hunts, see page 73.

The deadline for completing applications by telephone and online is 11:59 p.m. (ET) on August 31, 2012.

The deadline for applications to be received at a ServiceOntario centre is 5:00 p.m. (ET) on August 31, 2012.

Before You Apply – Advance Preparation

You will need a valid hunting version Outdoors Card to apply to the controlled deer hunt draw.

If your Outdoors Card has expired, the quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- With a call to the toll-free, automated **Outdoors Card renewal line at 1-800-288-1155**, or
- At ontario.ca/outdoorscard.

Once you have successfully completed your Outdoors Card renewal by either method, you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system or online for the controlled deer hunt draw or submit an application to a ServiceOntario centre. For more information on renewal options, see page 15.

If your Outdoors Card is valid but you have moved since you received it, contact the Outdoors Card Centre at **1-800-387-7011** and provide your current address. This will ensure that you receive your tag at your new address if you are successful in the draw.

See the 2011 Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag Draw Results table on page 74 for a general indication of the chances of receiving a controlled deer hunt validation tag in 2012.

Selecting a WMU that offers a large number of tags and has relatively few applicants will increase a hunter's chance of getting a validation tag in the draw.

Applying by Telephone

For your convenience you may apply for a controlled deer hunt validation tag with a toll-free call to **1-800-288-1155**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from **August 1, 2012, to 11:59 p.m. (ET) on August 31, 2012**. There is no fee to apply.

To use the telephone application system, you will need:

- A Touch-Tone™ telephone
- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card
- The 2012 Hunt Code representing the first and (optional) second choice Wildlife Management Units and seasons to which you would like to apply (see page 70).
- If applying as part of a group, to decide with your group if you are the Group Leader or a Group Member. If you call in as the Group Leader, you will be given a Group Reference Number to identify your group. If you are a Group Member, you will be asked for the Group Reference Number provided to the Group Leader so your group can be identified.

When using the telephone application system, it is important to remember that you must respond to the questions asked by using the keypad of your phone. **Do not speak your answers.**

What Type of Applicant Are You?

To use the telephone application system, hunters must decide – prior to calling – which type of applicant they are. If your group is using the telephone application system, every member of the group must apply to the draw by telephone.

What type of applicant are you?

- Group Leader
- Group Member
- Individual

Hunters applying as part of a group will have to decide who the Group Leader is and who the Group Members are, prior to submitting their application. The maximum number of hunters that can apply as one group is four, comprised of three Group Members plus the Group Leader. **Once a group application has been submitted, changes to group members will not be allowed.**

Group Leader – The Group Leader must be the first member of the group to apply. The Group Leader is the only member of the group who enters the Hunt Code representing the group's choice of WMU and season. (Refer to the table titled Hunt Codes for the 2012 Controlled Deer Hunt Draw Telephone Application System on this page.) The Group Leader is then provided with a Group Reference Number to identify the group and its choice(s). The Group Leader must give the Group Reference Number to the Group Members so they may add their names to the group's application.

Group Members – Each Group Member must obtain the Group Reference Number from the Group Leader before submitting their application. Each Group Member will be asked for the Group Reference Number so the group can be identified and linked together in the draw.

Individuals – Individuals must enter the Hunt Code representing their choice(s) of Wildlife Management Unit and season.

Each Group Member and Individual applicant will be given an Authorization Number. The authorization number confirms that the hunter has been successfully entered into the draw.

The deadline for completing applications by telephone is 11:59 p.m. (ET) on August 31, 2012.

Hunt Codes for the 2012 Controlled Deer Hunt Draw

WMU	Season Dates for 2012	Hunt Code	Conditions	
			B=Bow R=Rifles	SG=Shotguns ML=Muzzle- loading guns
53B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	300		SG, ML only
69A2**	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	301		SG, ML only
70	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	302		SG, ML only
76A*	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	303		R, SG, ML
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	304		R, SG, ML
76B*	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	305		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	306		SG, ML only
76C*	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	307		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	308		SG, ML only
76D*	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	309		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	310		SG, ML only
76E*	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	311		ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	312		ML only
77B*	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	313		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	314		SG, ML only
77C	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	315		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	316		SG, ML only
78A	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	317		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	318		SG, ML only
78B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	319		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	320		SG, ML only
79C	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	321		SG, ML only
79D	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	322		SG, ML only
80	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	323		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	324		B, ML only
81A	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	325		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	326		SG, ML only
81B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	327		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	328		SG, ML only
85A	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	329		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	330		SG, ML only
85B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	331		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	332		SG, ML only
85C	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	333		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	334		SG, ML only
86A	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	335		SG, ML only
86B	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	336		SG, ML only
87B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	337		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	338		SG, ML only
87C	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	339		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	340		SG, ML only
87D	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	341		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	342		SG, ML only
87E	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	343		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	344		SG, ML only
89A	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	345		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	346		SG, ML only
89B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	347		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	348		SG, ML only
90A	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	349		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	350		SG, ML only
90B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	351		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	352		SG, ML only
91A	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	353		SG, ML only
	Nov. 19 to Nov. 25	354		ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	355		SG, ML only
91B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	356		SG, ML only
	Nov. 19 to Nov. 25	357		ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	358		SG, ML only
92A	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	359		ML only
	Nov. 19 to Nov. 25	360		ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	361		ML only
92B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	362		ML only
	Nov. 19 to Nov. 25	363		ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	364		ML only
92C	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	365		ML only
	Nov. 19 to Nov. 25	366		ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	367		ML only
92D	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	368		ML only
	Nov. 19 to Nov. 25	369		ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	370		ML only
93A	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	371		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	372		SG, ML only
93B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	373		SG, ML only
	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	374		SG, ML only
94B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	375		SG, ML only

* Some Controlled Hunt Validation Tags in units marked with an asterisk (*) are valid for ANTLERED DEER ONLY.

** WMU 69A2 will be referred to as 69A during the telephone draw entry call.

GROUP LEADER INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

The instructions and worksheet provided below will help you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep this worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Group Reference Number. **Before you call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number and choice(s) of Hunt Code. The table titled *Hunt Codes for the 2012 Controlled Deer Hunt Draw Telephone Application System* is found on page 70.

STEP 1 Contact the members of your group (maximum group size is three plus the leader) to ensure they know you are the Group Leader.

STEP 2 Call **1-800-288-1155** between August 1 and August 31, 2012. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

STEP 3 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Leader option.

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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STEP 5 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and your second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

Please note: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming. You will be given the opportunity during the call to change your selection(s) if you have made a mistake.

	WMU	Season	Hunt Code
First Choice			
Second Choice			

STEP 6 Stay on the line while the system provides you with a seven digit Group Reference Number. Record this number in the space below.

Group Reference Number:

STEP 7 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

STEP 8 As the last step for the Group Leader, contact your Group Members and give them your seven-digit Group Reference Number so that they may call in and add their names to the group's application.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

GROUP MEMBER INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

To use this worksheet, ensure you are a Group Member and not a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant. If you are the first member of your group to apply to the draw by telephone, you are considered the Group Leader and should refer to those instructions before calling.

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Confirmation Number. Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw. **Before the call** you need to record your Group Reference Number (provided by your Group Leader) and your Outdoors Card Number.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between August 1 and August 31, 2012. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Member option.

STEP 3 After the prompt enter the seven-digit Group Reference Number provided by your Group Leader.

Group Reference Number:

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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STEP 5 A recording will tell you your group's Hunt Code, WMU and season choice(s) as selected by your Group Leader.

STEP 6 Stay on the line while the system provides you with your Confirmation Number. **Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have entered the draw.** Record your Confirmation Number in the space below.

Confirmation Number:

STEP 7 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

At the end of the call you will be told the number of people who have applied to your group (including yourself).

Keep this worksheet for your files.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Confirmation Number. Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw. **Before the call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number and choice(s) of Hunt Code. The table titled *Hunt Codes for the 2012 Controlled Deer Hunt Draw Telephone Application System* is found on page 70.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between August 1 and August 31, 2012. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as an individual.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card Number is:

708158

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and your second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

Please note: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming. You will be given the opportunity during the call to change your selection(s) if you have made a mistake.

	WMU	Season	Hunt Code
First Choice			
Second Choice			

STEP 5 Stay on the line while the system provides you with your Confirmation Number. **Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have entered the draw.** Record your Confirmation Number in the space below.

Confirmation Number:

STEP 6 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

NEW – Applying by Internet

The website, ontario.ca/outdoorscard, will allow you to apply to the controlled deer hunt draw.

The deadline for completing applications by telephone and online is 11:59 p.m. (ET) on August 31, 2012.

To use the website, you will need:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card number;
- The first and second choice (if you have one) to which you would like to apply;
- If applying as a group member, your group reference number provided by your group leader.

You will be asked to confirm your answers, and will be given the opportunity to change an answer if you make a mistake. The information that you enter electronically online is your direct application to the draw. We recommend you save a copy of your draw application receipt for future reference using the “Print Receipt” button once your draw application has been submitted.

NEW – Applying at a ServiceOntario Centre

NEW - Starting in 2012, hunters who wish to apply for a controlled deer hunt validation tag using a paper application may obtain an application from select ServiceOntario centres. You must fill out a paper application at a select ServiceOntario centre and submit it into the designated drop box. For a list of participating ServiceOntario centres, please visit ontario.ca/outdoorscard.

The paper application has spaces on it for up to four hunters to apply to a controlled hunt as a group. **Once a group application has been submitted, changes to group members will not be allowed.** The same application may be used by an individual hunter. Individuals have the same chance to receive a tag as group applicants.

Submit your paper draw application **in person at ServiceOntario** well before the **5:00 p.m., August 31, 2012, deadline. Applications received by mail will not be accepted.**

All applications that are not received by 5:00 p.m., August 31, 2012, will not be entered into the draw.

Points to Remember When Applying to the Draw

- Submit only one application in your name.
- Your Outdoors Card must be valid.
- The application must be complete.
- The writing must be legible.
- Your application must be received by the deadline.
- Your hunting licence privileges cannot be under suspension.
- If applying by telephone, you must stay on the line to receive your confirmation number and to ensure that you have entered the draw.

The responsibility for entering a complete and correct application rests with the hunter. If you have any questions about your application, or the application process, more information is available from the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940. For a list of WMUs that offer controlled deer hunts, see page 73.

Draw Results Telephone Line and Website

Draw applicants should call the toll-free Draw Results Line at 1-800-288-1155 or go online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard to determine the results of the Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag Draw. The automated line and website are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from October 10 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record.

Mailing of Validation Tags

Only successful draw applicants will be notified by mail. If you have checked your draw results by calling the Draw Results Telephone Line or online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard and you were successful in the draw, but have not received your validation tag, contact the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011. You can get a duplicate validation tag for a fee through a ServiceOntario centre only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

Farmer and Landowner Deadline for a Controlled Hunt Validation Tag

Farmers and landowners may submit one (1) application for a controlled deer hunt validation tag if:

- They own a parcel of 20 hectares (50 acres) or more of land in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) that is offering a controlled hunt **OR**
- Their occupation is farming and they have an Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Farm Business Registration Number (or letter of exemption from the Farm Organization Accreditation Tribunal) in a WMU that is offering a controlled hunt **OR**
- They are the owner or the sole designated representative (president, vice-president, treasurer or secretary) of a company which owns a parcel of land of 20 hectares (50 acres) or more in the WMU that is offering a controlled deer hunt.

Farmers and landowners meeting one of these criteria will be issued a validation tag if:

- They hold a valid hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card **AND**
- They submit an application to a ServiceOntario centre (page 88) **before 5:00 p.m. on October 3, 2012.**

REMINDER: Ministry of Natural Resources District Offices no longer accept and process Farmer and Landowner Controlled Deer Hunt Applications. Do not fax, mail or drop off at a ministry office. These applications must be hand-delivered to a ServiceOntario location.

An immediate relative of the farmer or landowner meeting the above criteria also qualifies to receive a controlled deer hunt validation tag. An application signed by the **landowner** must be submitted to the ServiceOntario centre in the area that administers the controlled hunt in which the hunter wishes to take part. An immediate relative is a person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, sibling or grandchild.

2012 Deer Hunts with Controlled Hunter Numbers (No Dogs)

You must have a controlled deer hunt validation tag before participating in these hunts.

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
53B, 79C, 79D	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
69A2, 70	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
76A	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9 Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	No season	Rifles, Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
76B, 76C, 76D, 77A*, 77B, 77C, 78A, 78B, 81A, 81B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9 Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
76E	Nov. 5 to Nov. 9 Dec. 3 to Dec. 7	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
80, 94B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
80	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	No season	Bows and Muzzle-loading guns only
85A, 85B, 85C, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E, 89A, 89B, 90A, 90B, 91A, 91B, 93A, 93B	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11 Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
86A, 86B	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
91A, 91B	Nov. 19 to Nov. 25	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11 Nov. 19 to Nov. 25 Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
93C	Contact Chatham Area Office	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only

* Hunt administered by CFB Borden.

For more information on the WMUs listed above, please contact the appropriate MNR office listed on page 88 of this Summary.

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

Invasive species may be joining you on your hunting trip.



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You could unknowingly be carrying stowaways (invasive species) to your favourite natural area.

Hunters, you can help!

- 1 Watercraft** – Inspect and clean your boat and motor before moving to a new waterbody
- 2 Pets** – Remove seeds and mud from your pets
- 3 Firewood** – Buy firewood where you burn it
- 4 Boots** – Clean seeds and mud from your boots
- 5 ATV's** – Clean ATV's thoroughly before transport

Invading Species Hotline 1-800-563-7711

ontarioinvasiveplants.ca

invadingspecies.com

ontario.ca/invasivespecies



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Invasive Plant Council



2011 Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag Draw Results

WMU	Season	Quota	Applications 1st Choice	Successful 1st Choice	WMU	Season	Quota	Applications 1st Choice	Successful 1st Choice
53B	1	250	232	232	87B	3	200	121	121
69A	3	1,000	990	990	87C	1	500	200	200
70	3	800	1,101	800	87C	3	200	52	52
76A	1	500	450	450	87D	1	900	626	626
76A	3	250	261	253	87D	3	200	134	134
76B	1	450	425	425	87E	1	600	318	318
76B	3	250	267	250	87E	3	200	132	132
76C	1	675	655	655	89A	1	900	797	797
76C	3	210	307	210	89A	3	600	442	442
76D	1	400	330	330	89B	1	1,500	1,463	1,463
76D	3	200	216	200	89B	3	813	813	813
76E	1	40	15	15	90A	1	675	630	630
76E	3	40	35	35	90A	3	671	670	670
77B	1	800	846	800	90B	1	1,473	1,473	1,473
77B	3	280	283	280	90B	3	1,579	1,579	1,579
77C	1	520	465	465	91A	1	600	555	555
77C	3	290	283	283	91A	2	100	47	47
78A	1	600	455	455	91A	3	450	321	321
78A	3	550	496	496	91B	1	600	563	563
78B	1	600	368	368	91B	2	100	78	78
78B	3	450	466	450	91B	3	600	570	570
79C	1	400	366	366	92A	1	275	261	261
79D	1	175	123	123	92A	2	225	216	216
80	1	2,800	2,402	2,402	92A	3	300	252	252
80	3	450	371	371	92B	1	750	714	714
81A	1	800	866	803	92B	2	675	649	649
81A	3	200	199	199	92B	3	578	578	578
81B	1	800	818	800	92C	1	350	339	339
81B	3	360	452	361	92C	2	250	209	209
85A	1	750	661	661	92C	3	250	195	195
85A	3	450	279	279	92D	1	500	476	476
85B	1	1,375	1,338	1,338	92D	2	350	349	349
85B	3	800	787	787	92D	3	400	390	390
85C	1	700	569	569	93A	1	225	392	225
85C	3	500	399	399	93A	3	400	633	400
86A	3	450	441	441	93B	1	75	72	72
86B	3	524	524	524	93B	3	125	135	125
87B	1	700	371	371	94B	1	250	359	250

Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease is a degenerative, fatal brain disease of deer, elk, moose and potentially caribou. It is a devastating disease that has killed and infected thousands of deer and elk in North America. CWD continues to spread across North America where it is now found in 18 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces. While it has not been found in Ontario, it is getting closer to our borders and we must take steps to keep it out.

Since we began testing in 2002, Ontario has found no evidence that Chronic Wasting Disease exists in this province. The ministry encourages hunters to continue to take part in future surveillance programs. Hunters can visit the website link ontario.ca/cwd or call a local MNR office for specific testing locations in 2012.

The World Health Organization has said that while there is no scientific evidence that Chronic Wasting Disease can infect humans, they recommend that meat from an infected/sick animal should NOT be eaten.

Important Information for Hunters and the Public:

- In Ontario, there is a restriction on the possession of high risk carcass parts from all members of the deer family (including deer, elk, moose and caribou) that were harvested in other jurisdictions. If you intend to hunt out of Ontario, please consult the "Regulation to Minimize Risk of Chronic Wasting Disease Entering Ontario" at ontario.ca/cwd

for more information. The website also provides details about this regulation and the limited exceptions to this prohibition.

- Possession and use of products that contain body fluids of any member of the deer family, including blood, urine, gland oils, and other fluids, for the purposes of hunting, is not permitted in Ontario. Hunters are allowed to possess and use artificial or plant-based products that can attract wildlife or be used as a cover scent, but they must not contain any body parts of a member of the deer family. The website ontario.ca/cwd also provides details about this regulation.
- Due to the increased potential to spread disease, the ministry discourages feeding of deer and elk except in emergency situations.
- If you see an animal displaying physical signs of illness (including loss of body weight and condition, indifference to humans, increased salivation, tremors, stumbling), report this information to a ministry office.

Check ontario.ca/cwd for regular updates and more information on Chronic Wasting Disease, the regulations, Ontario's Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance and Response Plan and Chronic Wasting Disease testing program. Hunter participation in the ministry's CWD surveillance program is critical to the success of Ontario's monitoring efforts.

Black Bear Regulations

Information for All Black Bear Hunters

Licence fees can be found on page 12.

Firearms

Big game, including black bears, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). If you are hunting deer or moose at the same time you are hunting black bears, you may only use or carry (on your person, in a vehicle or boat) a firearm of the type permitted for deer or moose, as the case may be, at that time in that Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting black bears can be found on page 22.

Party Hunting for Black Bears

Party hunting for black bears is permitted during the open season for black bears **under a set of specific conditions.** The list of conditions can be found on page 23.

Sealing and Transporting Black Bears

If you have killed a black bear while hunting alone, you must **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely **attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the instruction panel attached to the seal.** The seal must remain attached while transporting the carcass.

If party hunting for black bears, the member whose game seal is to be used must, immediately after the kill and at the kill site, **securely attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on instruction panel attached to the seal.**

A person who seals a black bear must notch out the month, day and time of the kill on the game seal.

Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the game seal to the black bear. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a black bear.

Other Black Bear Hunting Regulations

It is illegal to hunt black bears within 400 m (437 yd.) of a waste disposal site, regardless of whether the land is Crown or private.



It is illegal to shoot or interfere with black bears in their dens, or damage or destroy their dens.

It is illegal to possess a bear gallbladder that has been separated from the bear carcass. Leave the gallbladder with the entrails after field dressing your bear.

Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on import, export and shipping.

In some instances, both a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and a Provincial Export permit are required. Except as outlined on page 76, a resident or non-resident black bear hunter must also contact a ministry office to arrange to obtain a CITES export permit. **Please allow up to 10 days to obtain a permit.**

In some countries, importation of black bears is restricted; requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter prior to shipment.

Black Bear Management in Ontario

Bear hunting opportunities in Ontario are dependent on having sustainable black bear populations across the province. Ontario's black bear management program is responsive to the ecological, social and economic interests of the public and you are encouraged to provide input on how bears are managed locally including the development of local bear population objectives. You can find out more by visiting ontario.ca/hunting or contacting your local ministry office for local bear population information and management.



ontario.ca/bearwise

Going Hunting? Be Bear Wise

Many hunters camp in remote locations that are home to and frequented by black bears. These back country camps may be especially attractive to bears because of food stores, cooking odours and hanging game carcasses. Minimize these attractions and have a safe hunt.

A Canadian CITES export permit is not required for U.S. or Canadian resident bear hunters transporting their black bear in a fresh, frozen or salted condition back to the U.S. or through the U.S. en route to another part of Canada at the conclusion of their hunt. The black bear must be part of the hunter's accompanying baggage. **NOTE:** Materials sent as cargo, even if on the same flight as the hunter, are considered commercial and must be accompanied by CITES permits. This exemption does not apply to taxidermy mounts or black bears that are in any condition other than fresh, frozen or salted.

CITES export permits are still required for ALL black bear exports to countries other than the United States.

CITES export permits are not normally available near border crossings and, consequently, hunters are advised to obtain any required permits by contacting the ministry office closest to where they are hunting, during business hours, to make arrangements to obtain the appropriate documents. **Please allow up to 10 days to obtain a permit.**

CITES export permits are available free of charge.

In some countries, importation of black bears is restricted. Requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter.

More information on CITES is available at www.cites.ca.

Information for Resident Black Bear Hunters

Residents who purchase a black bear hunting licence are required to complete a mandatory questionnaire and submit it to the ministry by **December 15** of the year of the hunt.

You must submit a completed questionnaire even if you did not bear hunt. Beginning in 2012, mandatory questionnaires will be mailed to hunters by the ministry in November.

You must submit your completed mandatory questionnaire by December 15 of the year of the hunt by mail to the Ministry of Natural Resources, 1350 High Falls Road, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1W9, or use the easy and quick online option at ontario.ca/huntersurvey.

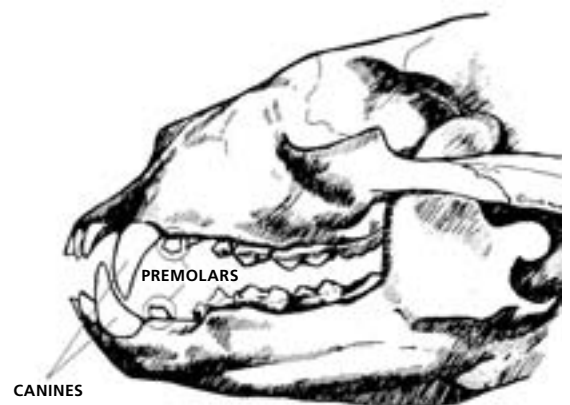
WMU-specific **second game seals for black bears** may be available to resident bear hunters in WMUs where there are no sustainability concerns. The second game seal allows a resident hunter to harvest a second black bear. A black bear licence is required before a second game seal can be purchased. A second game seal can be used before the seal received with the licence tag is filled. These seals are available from ServiceOntario centres. You can contact a ServiceOntario centre or visit ontario.ca/hunting in August of the year of the hunt for information on WMUs where second game seals are available. **It is illegal to hunt in a WMU not specified on the game seal when hunting black bears under a second game seal.**

Black Bear Hunters We Need Your Help

Successful black bear hunters can assist the Ministry of Natural Resources in determining the age structure of local bear populations by submitting for analysis **two premolar teeth** from each bear harvested. This information provides data necessary for the sustainable management of the species.

In return for your support of wildlife management efforts, an **Ontario Bear Hunter Crest** and information about the age of your bear(s) will be mailed to your home address, usually within six months. Please contact the ministry office in the area in which you will be hunting, or your bear operator, for more information.

Premolar teeth should be extracted shortly after the animal has been killed while the jaw is still pliable. The first premolar is a small, single-rooted peg-like tooth located just behind the canines. To remove the tooth, push the blade of a knife down along all sides of the tooth between it and the gum. Gently loosen the tooth by rocking it back and forth using the canine for leverage, then carefully remove the tooth using pliers. Care should be taken when extracting the tooth to ensure that the root is not broken.



2012 Mandatory Questionnaire for Resident Black Bear Hunters

NEW – Starting in 2012, the **Black Bear Hunter Mandatory Questionnaire will be mailed in November to each resident hunter** that purchased a 2012 resident licence tag to hunt black bear.

You may submit your completed questionnaire by mail or use the easy and quick online option at ontario.ca/huntersurvey.

Regulations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, require that **all residents who purchase a licence tag to hunt black bear complete the mandatory questionnaire** and submit it to the ministry by **December 15, 2012**.

You must submit a questionnaire even if you did not bear hunt.

Submitting Teeth From Your Harvested Bear

To submit the teeth from your harvested bear(s), in return for an Ontario Bear Hunter Crest and information about the age of your bear(s), you can either:

- (1) retain the teeth until you receive your mandatory questionnaire by mail in November and submit the teeth along with your completed questionnaire by mail, or
- (2) immediately mail the teeth to the Ministry of Natural Resources, Wildlife Surveys Officer, 1350 High Falls Road, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1W9. You will still be mailed a mandatory questionnaire in November, and are required to complete and submit it. When mailing your teeth also include:
 - your name
 - your address
 - your Outdoors Card Number
 - the date the bear was shot
 - the sex of the bear, and
 - the Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) where the bear was shot.

You Can Help Fill In the Blank



Often called “jack lighting”, the use of a spotlight and a high-powered rifle to hunt big game at night is illegal.

People who jack light often damage fences and crops as they drive the country side in search of animals; carelessly fired bullets sometimes hit rural buildings and kill livestock; this illegal activity puts public safety at risk and damages the reputation of legitimate hunters.

Solving a crime is like putting a puzzle together, each piece of information is important and your call can help fill in the blanks.

If you have any information about jack lighting, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at

1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

All calls to Crime Stoppers remain anonymous and you could be eligible for a cash reward.

This message is brought to you by the South Central Ontario Fish & Wildlife Association; Ajax Rod & Gun Club; and Pickering Rod & Gun Club

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STOPPERS

Information for Non-resident Black Bear Hunters

A non-resident who wishes to hunt a black bear in Ontario must have a Non-Resident Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate (white copy) to validate their non-resident black bear hunting licence. This certificate can be obtained from a bear operator (operator of a tourist establishment, guide or air carrier) licensed in Ontario to provide black bear hunting services to non-residents.

The following non-residents are not required to use a licensed bear operator:

- A non-resident hunting with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt a black bear in a Wildlife Management Unit that has an open season for non-residents. An immediate relative is a person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, sibling or grandchild.
- A non-resident who is the owner of property in a WMU that has an open black bear season for non-residents.

A non-resident who qualifies under either of these two exceptions **MUST** contact a ministry office in the area of the hunt to apply for the validation certificate. A non-resident black bear hunting licence is not valid unless a validation certificate accompanies it. Where a property is owned by more than one person or by a corporation, only one validation certificate will be issued. The non-resident landowner may hunt only in the WMU where the property is located. See also Licence Information, page 12.

A non-resident hunter using the bear hunting services of an operator licensed to provide black bear hunting services must hunt only in the areas designated on the Non-Resident Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate received from the operator. These areas can include Crown or private land located within a Bear Management Area (BMA) assigned to the operator, and private land located within a WMU designated on the operator's licence. The licence to provide black bear hunting services does not permit the operator to provide hunting services on private land located within a BMA licensed to another operator. The operator must have permission of the landowner in order to provide bear hunting services to clients on private land.

Attention All Non-Resident Hunters

Non-resident hunters are required to report their black bear hunting activity and harvest by November 30 of the year of the hunt. To report, the hunter must complete, sign and date the hunter mandatory report on the pink copy of the Non-Resident Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate held by the issuer of the certificate (operator licensed to provide bear hunting services or ministry office). It is the responsibility of the issuer to return the hunter's completed mandatory report to the ministry.

2012 Black Bear Seasons			
Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loading guns			
WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	*Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
1A, 1C, 1D, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	
7A	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only
46, 47, 49, 50, 53A, 53B, 64, 66, 67, 69A, 69B, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 83, the geographic townships of Keppel and Sarawak in 82A and the geographic township of Amabel in 84	Sept. 4 to Nov. 30	Sept. 4 to Nov. 30	
48, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 68	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	

* A Non-Resident Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate is required for non-residents hunting black bears.

Small Game Regulations

Licence information and fees can be found on page 13.

Firearms

If you are hunting small game in an area where there is an open season for deer, moose, elk, or black bear, you may not possess or use a rifle of greater muzzle energy than 400 foot-pounds or shells loaded with ball or with shot larger than No. 2 shot (or if using non-toxic shot, you may not use steel shot larger than triple BBB steel shot, or bismuth shot that is larger than double BB bismuth shot), unless you possess a valid licence to hunt deer, moose, elk or black bear as the case may be.

A person hunting small game may not carry or use a rifle of greater calibre than a .275-calibre rifle, except a muzzle-loading gun, in the geographic areas of Brant, Chatham-Kent, Durham, Elgin, Essex, Haldimand, Halton, Hamilton, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Niagara, Norfolk, Northumberland, Oxford, Peel, Perth, Toronto, Waterloo, Wellington or York.

Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on import, export and shipping.

Game Birds

You may hunt and possess wild turkey, pheasant, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, spruce grouse, ptarmigan and gray (Hungarian) partridge. Check the tables (page 80) for bag and possession limits. **You require a special licence to hunt wild turkey in addition to a small game licence** (see pages 29-31). You may only hunt game birds identified in the tables.

In addition, Ontario residents may hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, red-winged blackbird, common grackle, starling and house sparrows. Chukar is not included in the tables but may be hunted in some circumstances. Call your local MNR office for more information.

Specially Protected Birds

You must not shoot specially protected birds or interfere with the eggs and nests of game birds and specially protected birds. (See Definitions, page 87 for a list of Specially Protected Wildlife).

Game Bird Hunting Preserves

You may hunt pheasant, northern bobwhite and wild turkey throughout the year on game bird hunting preserves. You must arrange with the owner as to when you can hunt. Ontario residents need a licence to hunt small game when hunting on a preserve.

A non-resident hunter needs either a non-resident's licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve or a non-resident's small game licence.

Migratory Game Birds

(See Definitions on page 86.)

Migratory game bird seasons are the responsibility of the federal government.

The *Migratory Birds Convention Act* and its regulations govern hunting of migratory game birds. It is illegal to hunt migratory

birds within 400 m (437 yd.) of where bait has been deposited unless that place has been free of bait for at least seven days. It is also illegal to deposit bait in any place during the period beginning 14 days before the first day of the open season for that place and ending on the day immediately following the last day of the open season for that place for any hunted migratory game bird.

When transporting migratory game birds, a fully feathered wing must remain attached until the bird is prepared for immediate consumption or preservation.

Migratory Game Bird Licensing

You must have a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit (MGBHP) and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Ontario licence to hunt small game, in order to hunt migratory game birds. This includes hunting with falconry birds and non-indigenous falconry birds. You may buy a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp at most post offices. See page 81 for more information regarding falconry. Season dates and bag limits are announced mid-summer at which point the Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations Summary is published.

More information on migratory birds is available from the Environment Canada, Wildlife Enforcement Division website at www.ec.gc.ca/alef-ewe or at any of the following Environment Canada enforcement offices:

1. EC Regional Headquarters – Burlington, (905) 336-6410;
2. EC Southern District – Burlington, (905) 319-6968;
3. EC Southern District – Windsor, (519) 257-6374;
4. EC Central District – Toronto, (905) 612-5542;
5. EC Eastern and Northern District – Ottawa, (613) 990-5406;
6. EC Eastern and Northern District – Sault Ste. Marie, (705) 941-5469.

Waterfowler Heritage Day

A Waterfowler Heritage Day is being implemented in September 2012. During the Waterfowler Heritage Day, qualified young hunters (12 to 17 years of age) will be permitted to hunt under the direct and immediate supervision of a mentor who is a licensed adult hunter. Qualified young hunters will not need to purchase the MGBHP and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp but they must meet all mandatory federal and provincial requirements, including having a hunter apprenticeship safety card or small game licence. They must comply with Ontario's *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, its Regulations and the Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations (e.g. daily bag and possession limits, hunting methods, etc.). Mentors must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid MGBHP, Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, and Ontario small game licence. Each mentor may accompany only one young hunter. Mentors will not be permitted to use a firearm. While hunting, mentors are required to provide continuous direct and immediate supervision to the youth. They are also expected to provide guidance, including advice and direction on firearm safety and hunting etiquette and skills, such as decoy setup, dog handling and bird retrieval. If young hunters elect to hunt at other times during the open hunting season, they will be required to purchase a MGBHP and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, in addition to their hunter apprenticeship safety card or small game licence.

Refer to page 20 for more information about Ontario's Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program.

Pheasant Seasons for Residents and Non-Residents

TOWNSHIP / MUNICIPALITY LICENCES – A township licence is required in addition to a provincial licence for hunting pheasant in regulated townships (see maps, pp. 6-11). Contact the municipal clerk for issuance of township licences and information on firearm restrictions. Hunting of pheasants with a rifle is prohibited.

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Hours
2-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
42-44, 46-50, 53-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
60, 68, 69A, 70-77, 81-86	Sept. 25 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
78	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	8 a.m. to 1/2 hour after sunset
88	Oct. 24 to Nov. 3	3 cocks	
79, 80, 87	Oct. 17 to Dec. 15	3, one hen limit	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
89, 90, 91, 92	Oct. 17 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
93	Oct. 31 to Dec. 15	3, one hen limit	
94	Oct. 31 to Nov. 3	2 cocks	
95	Oct. 18, 19, 25, 26 Nov. 1, 2	Daily & Possession Limit 10 of either sex	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
	Nov. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 Dec. 1	Daily & Possession Limit 5 of either sex	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
	Jan. 1 to the last day of February, in any year	Daily & Possession Limit 5 of either sex	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

Sharp-Tailed Grouse and Ptarmigan Seasons for Residents and Non-Residents

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
1A, 1C, 1D	Sept. 5 to Mar. 31 of the next year	For All WMUs: 5 Sharp-tailed Grouse and 5 Ptarmigan	For All WMUs: 15 Sharp-tailed Grouse and 15 Ptarmigan
2-9, 11-16, 19, 20, 21	Sept. 15 to Dec. 31		
10, 32-39, 41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15		
17, 18, 22-31, 40	Sept. 15 to Mar. 31 of the next year		
42-44, 46-50, 53-59	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15		
61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 31		
60, 68, 69A, 70, 71	Sept. 25 to Dec. 31		

Ruffed Grouse and Spruce Grouse Seasons for Residents and Non-Residents

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
1A, 1C, 1D	Sept. 5 to Dec. 31	For all WMUs: Combined total of 5	For all WMUs: Combined total of 15
2-31	Sept. 15 to Dec. 31		
32-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15		
42-44, 46-50, 53-59	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15		
61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 31		
60, 68, 69A, 70, 71	Sept. 25 to Dec. 31		
72-92	Sept. 25 to Jan. 15 of the next year		
93	Oct. 31 to Jan. 15 of the next year		

Gray (Hungarian) Partridge Seasons for Residents and Non-Residents

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
13	Sept. 15 to Nov. 10	8	16
55-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Nov. 10	8	16
60, 68, 69A, 70-75, 88, 89	Sept. 25 to Nov. 10	8	16
76	Oct. 20 to Oct. 26	8	16
87, 90	Oct. 17 to Dec. 15	8	16

Northern Bobwhite for Residents and Non-Residents

Closed Season in All WMUs

Small Mammals

Squirrel Seasons for Residents and Non-Residents

Gray (Black), Fox

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
36 - 41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	10	10
42 - 44, 46 - 50, 53 - 59, 61 - 67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15	10	10
60, 68, 69A, 70 - 92	Sept. 25 to Dec. 15	5	10
93, 94	Oct. 31 to Nov. 7	5	10

Rabbit and Hare Seasons for Residents and Non-Residents

Cottontail Rabbit, European Hare, Varying (Snowshoe) Hare

TOWNSHIP / MUNICIPALITY LICENCES: A township or municipality licence is required in addition to a provincial licence for hunting rabbits in a regulated township (see maps, pp. 6-11). Contact the municipal clerk for issuance of township licences and information on firearm restrictions.

NON-RESIDENTS NOTE: A non-resident's small game licence is not valid for hunting rabbits in the county of Lambton, the Municipality of Chatham / Kent or the county of Essex, except in the Township of Pelee.

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit
1 - 50, 53 - 59	Sept. 1 to June 15 of the next year	1) Cottontail Rabbit: limit of 6 2) European Hare: limit of 6 3) Varying Hare: • for WMUs 1-50 and 53-59: no limit • for WMUs 60-95: 6 maximum
61 - 67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Mar. 31 of the next year	
60, 68, 69A, 70, 71, 74, 75	Sept. 25 to Mar. 31 of the next year	
72, 73, 76, 77, 81 - 86	Sept. 25 to the last day of February of the next year	
78, 79, 80, 87, 90, 91, 92	Oct. 17 to the last day of February of the next year	
88, 89	Oct. 24 to the last day of February of the next year	
93, 94	Oct. 31 to the last day of February of the next year	
95	Jan. 1 to the last day of February	

Falconry

Falconry involves the use of trained raptors (birds of prey, such as red-tailed hawk) to hunt small game. The rules for falconry in Ontario are set out in the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, and associated regulations.

A falconry licence is required to hunt with raptors native to Ontario, and you must also have a valid small game hunting licence. For more information, please contact your local ministry office.

Hunting With Falconry Birds – Residents and Non-Residents

Species	WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Bag Limits	Possession Limits
Gray Partridge (Hungarian)	13, 55-68, 69A, 70-76, 87-90	Sept. 1 to Mar. 31 of the next year	2	6
Ruffed Grouse and Spruce Grouse	1-50, 53-90	Sept. 1 to Mar. 31 of the next year	Combined total of 3	Combined total of 9
Sharp-tailed Grouse and Ptarmigan	1-50, 53-93	Sept. 1 to Mar. 31 of the next year	3 Sharp-tailed Grouse, 3 Ptarmigan	9 Sharp-tailed Grouse, 9 Ptarmigan
Ring-necked Pheasant	2-50, 53-95	Sept. 1 to Mar. 31 of the next year	2 of either sex	2 of either sex
Cottontail, Varying Hare, European Hare	1-50, 53-59	Sept. 1 to Jun. 15 of the next year	6 Cottontail, 3 Varying Hare, 3 European Hare	No limit
Cottontail, Varying Hare, European Hare	60-95	Sept. 1 to Mar. 31 of the next year	6 Cottontail, 3 Varying Hare, 3 European Hare	No limit
Gray (Black) and Fox Squirrels	36-50, 53-94	Sept. 1 to Mar. 31 of the next year	Combined total of 5	Combined total of 5

Furbearing Mammal Regulations

Furbearing Mammals

You may only hunt the furbearing mammals (see Definitions, page 86) listed in the table below under the authority of your small game licence. See special regulations for **Wolf and Coyote** on page 83. Note that a small game licence is not valid in northern Ontario and parts of central Ontario (as shown on Map 2, pages 8-9) from June 16 to August 31.

If you wish to hunt **raccoons at night**, you must carry your resident's licence to hunt raccoon at night and your Outdoors Card with a small game licence tag. You must also be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting. You can only use a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered for the following cartridges: .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle. Raccoon night hunters must have their guns encased while in the vehicle. A licensed night raccoon hunter may use a light if it is not shone from or attached to a vehicle or boat.

Possession of Pelts During the Closed Season

Small game hunters who harvest furbearing mammals, including wolves and coyotes, during the open season and have not disposed of the pelts by the close of the season must obtain a Licence to Possess a Pelt in order to possess pelts during the closed season. Please contact a ministry office to make arrangements to obtain a Licence to Possess a Pelt (available free of charge).

Royalty, Import, Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on import, export and shipping.

A royalty is payable to the province at the time that the hunter/trapper obtains a licence to send pelts to a tanner (for tanning or treating, including taxidermy), or a licence to export a furbearing mammal.

Game Wildlife and Parts

See page 27 on Game Wildlife and Parts for information on selling and spoilage.

Furbearing Mammals which may be harvested under the authority of a small game licence			
Species	Area	Resident Open Seasons	Non-Resident Open Seasons
Raccoon	All of Ontario*	Oct. 15 to Jan. 15 of the next year	Oct. 15 to Jan. 15 of the next year (No night hunting)
Red Fox	All of Ontario north of French and Mattawa Rivers*	Sept. 15 to the last day of Feb. of the next year	Sept. 15 to the last day of Feb. of the next year
	Remainder of Ontario*	All Year	All Year
Arctic Fox	All of Ontario*	Oct. 25 to Mar. 31 of the next year	No Season
Grey Fox	All of Ontario*	No Season	No Season
Skunk	All of Ontario*	All Year	No Season
Weasel	All of Ontario*	Oct. 25 to the last day of Feb. of the next year	No Season
Opossum	All of Ontario*	Oct. 25 to Jan. 15 of the next year	No Season
Wolf and Coyote	See table p. 84	See table p. 84	See table p. 84

* Generally, furbearing mammals may not be hunted in Provincial Parks (see Hunting in Parks on page 26) and Crown Game Preserves (see Crown Game Preserves on page 25).

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Safe Campfires have:

4. a pail of water and a shovel at hand to control the fire
5. someone tending them all the time.

Safe Campfires are:

6. small. A small fire is best for cooking, and is easier to control and put out. The forest is no place for a bonfire.
7. put out as soon as possible. How? Douse with water then stir the ashes with a stick or shovel to uncover hot coals, and douse again.

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Wolf and Coyote Regulations

Information for All Wolf and Coyote Hunters

Licence fees can be found on page 13.

You may only hunt wolves and coyotes under the authority of your small game licence. **In WMUs 43-45 and 59-95, only your small game licence is required.**

In WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D, 2-42, 46-50 and 53-58, the following regulations apply:

- The wolf/coyote hunting season is closed from April 1 to September 14.
- You may only hunt wolves and coyotes under the authority of your small game licence accompanied by a wolf/coyote game seal purchased at licence issuers and select ServiceOntario centres. A valid small game licence is required in order to purchase a wolf/coyote game seal. You can purchase a maximum of two wolf/coyote game seals per calendar year. The seals may be purchased separately or at the same time.
- Party hunting of these animals is not permitted.
- You are required to immediately attach your wolf/coyote game seal to the wolf/coyote you have killed.
- You must complete and mail a mandatory questionnaire on your wolf/coyote hunting activity and harvest by January 15 of the year following the hunt. You must submit the questionnaire even if you bought a seal but did not hunt. Mandatory questionnaires will be mailed to hunters by the ministry in December. You should mail your completed questionnaire to the Ministry of Natural Resources, Big Game Harvest Assessment Program, 1350 High Falls Road, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1W9, or use the easy and quick online option at ontario.ca/huntersurvey.

The above regulations include coyotes within core wolf range (WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D, 2-42, 46-50 and 53-58) because coyotes may be difficult to distinguish from wolves, especially eastern wolves, where their ranges overlap. The above regulations do not apply to wolves and coyotes in WMUs south of core wolf range (WMUs 43-45 and 59-95).

Generally, wolves and coyotes cannot be hunted in Provincial Parks, including the Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park.

Firearms

See page 79, Small Game Regulations, for specifications on firearms.

Sealing and Transporting

Party hunting for wolves and coyotes is not permitted in WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D, 2-42, 46-50 and 53 to 58. This means that you may hunt co-operatively with several hunters; however, each hunter will have to be in possession of a wolf/coyote game seal to hunt wolves/coyotes in these WMUs, and the hunter that harvests the animal must personally seal it and may not continue to participate in the hunt unless in possession of an unfilled second wolf/coyote seal. It is illegal to transfer a wolf/

coyote game seal from one hunter in order to seal a wolf or coyote taken by another hunter. **NOTE:** The specific rules around “party hunting” as summarized on page 23 apply only to moose, deer, elk or black bears.

Once you have killed a wolf or coyote under a wolf/coyote game seal, you must, **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely **attach your game seal to the animal in the manner prescribed on the instruction panel attached to the seal.** The game seal must remain attached while the pelt (on or off the carcass) is being transported.

You must notch out the month, day and time of the kill on the wolf/coyote game seal, at the time of, and at the location of, the kill.

In WMUs 43-45 and 59-95 where a wolf/coyote seal is not required, you may hunt co-operatively in a group or party for wolves or coyotes without restrictions on the number of animals harvested or who can take them.

Possession of Pelts During the Closed Season

See page 82, Furbearing Mammals.

Royalty, Import, Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on import, export and shipping.

A royalty is payable to the province at the time that the hunter/trapper obtains a licence to send pelts to a tanner (for tanning or treating, including taxidermy), or a licence to export a furbearing mammal.

A CITES export permit is also required to export ALL wolves from Canada. Please contact a ministry office to make arrangements to acquire CITES permits (available free of charge). **Please allow up to 10 days to obtain a permit. More information on CITES is available at www.cites.ca**

In some countries, importation of wolves is restricted; requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter prior to shipment.



Wolf and Coyote Seasons

Species	Area/WMUs	Open Season (Resident and Non-resident)
Wolf and Coyote*	1A, 1C, 1D, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11**, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 46, 47, 49, and 53B In 48, 50, 53A, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58 except in the geographic townships listed below with no season.	From September 15, in any year, to March 31, in the next year following
Wolf and Coyote	In the geographic townships of Airy, Alice, Ballantyne, Boulter, Boyd, Bruton, Burns, Butt, Calvin, Cameron, Chisholm, Clancy, Clara, Clyde, Dickens, Dudley, Eyre, Finlayson, Franklin, Fraser, Hagarty, Harburn, Harcourt, Havelock, Head, Herschel, Lauder, Livingstone, Maria, McClintock, McClure, McCraney, McKay, Murchison, Papineau, Paxton, Petawawa, Richards, Rolph, Sabine, Sinclair, and Wylie	No season
Wolf and Coyote	43, 44, 45, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94 and 95	All year

* Wolf/coyote game seal required in order to hunt wolves and coyotes in these WMUs.

** Does not include WMU 11C, Quetico Provincial Park.

Game Amphibians and Reptiles

Frogs and Turtles

NOTE: See PENDING – Snapping Turtle Mandatory Harvest Reporting on page 4 for information on proposed changes.

Snapping turtles and bullfrogs may be taken under the authority of a valid sport or conservation fishing licence. No commercial harvest of snapping turtles or bullfrogs is permitted. You may only take snapping turtles by box or funnel traps or by hand. You may not remove the upper shell from any snapping turtle until immediately before it is prepared for consumption.

No firearm other than a bow (compound, recurve, long) or crossbow may be used to take bullfrogs. A person may take bullfrogs at night without a firearm and a person may shine a light for that purpose.

You may take bullfrogs from July 21 to October 15. You may not take more than 10 bullfrogs in one day nor possess more than 10. Bullfrogs may not be taken in the City of Ottawa (formerly the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton), the counties of Prescott and Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Leeds and Grenville, Lanark, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward, Northumberland, Peterborough and the City of Kawartha Lakes (formerly Victoria County) or in the townships in the County of



Hastings south of and including the townships of Marmora and Lake, Tudor and Cashel, and Elzevir and Grimsthorpe.

See the Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary for additional information about the capture and use of frogs for bait.

NOTE: It is illegal to harvest bullfrogs or turtles in provincial parks or Crown Game Preserves.

Snapping Turtle as Special Concern Species

The snapping turtle is listed as special concern under Ontario's *Endangered Species Act, 2007* and the federal *Species at Risk Act, 2002*. Species classified as Special Concern provincially and federally have management planning requirements. The Ministry of Natural Resources and the federal government will work toward meeting these requirements. To learn more about snapping turtles in Ontario and what you can do to help, visit Ontario's Species at Risk website at ontario.ca/speciesatrisk, or contact your local MNR Office.

Open Season for Snapping Turtles

WMU(s)	Residents	Non-residents	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
2 to 45	All year	All year	2	5
61, 62	All year	July 15 to Sept. 15	2	5
46-50, 53-60, 63-95	July 15 to Sept. 15	July 15 to Sept. 15	2	5

Field Dressing, Transporting and Preparing Wild Game

Proper handling of harvested game will help ensure a quality food product for the table. Always use a clean sharp knife and cutting tools and wear disposable gloves.

Big Game Field Dressing

Field dressing, or gutting, is the process of removing the entrails (internal organs) from the animal to promote cooling of the carcass and prevent the meat from spoiling.

- Always field dress game immediately after the kill.
- Move the animal to a clean site before field dressing.
- Roll the animal onto its back or side with head higher than the rump.
- Cut a line up from the crotch to the tip of the sternum (where the rib cage ends and the belly starts).
- It is best to cut with the blade up and out of the cavity to prevent cutting into internal organs.
- Free the colon by cutting around the anus and then tie a string just in front of the anus to prevent feces from entering the body cavity.
- Cut around the diaphragm.
- Free the windpipe at the throat and free any internal organs by cutting the tissue attaching them to the backbone.
- Do not cut open the rumen, intestines or bladder. If punctured, wipe cavity with paper towels.
- Position carcass to allow blood to drain out.
- Do not wash cavity with water from the field. It is often a source of bacteria.
- Prop open the body cavity to allow air flow and cooling.
- In warm weather remove the skin and apply cheesecloth to help keep meat clean and cool. In cold weather you can leave the skin on.

Transporting

- Avoid dragging game through water, mud or dirt.
- Wipe out body cavity with paper towel if dirt enters.
- Use cheesecloth to keep meat clean if quartering animal. Never use plastic or tarps.
- Keep carcass away from engine heat, gas, road dust and sun. Allow air circulation.

Hanging and Cooling

- Game carcasses should be cooled as soon as possible to a temperature not exceeding 7°C (45°F).
- Hang meat in a place that is cool and dry with good air circulation.
- Remove areas of blood clots or tissue damage with a clean knife.
- Use pepper and cheesecloth on carcass to deter insects in warmer weather.
- If you are not processing your own meat, make butchering arrangements before your hunt.

- If weather turns warm, inspect the carcass and take it to a butcher immediately if you cannot keep it cool.

Game Birds and Waterfowl

- Birds should have the entrails removed as soon as possible.
- Birds can be plucked or skinned.
- Keep free from dirt and untreated water in the field.
- Birds must be cooled as soon as possible to a maximum of 4°C (39°F).
- Remove any damaged meat and look for and remove any shot that remains in this area.
- Remember to leave one fully feathered wing on migratory birds when transporting.

Rabbits, Hares and Squirrels

- Peel the hide completely off and remove the tail before cutting the abdomen open and removing the entrails.
- Trim away any shot-damaged meat and look for and remove any shot that remains in this area.
- The carcass should be cooled and maintained at a temperature not exceeding 4°C (39°F), as soon as possible.

Preparing and Cooking Wild Meat for Consumption

- Always wash hands before and after preparing food and keep raw meat away from other food.
- Thaw your meat in the refrigerator, microwave or oven, not on the kitchen counter.
- Utensils, equipment and food contact surfaces must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. Disinfecting is especially important where wild game or fish is being prepared in the same kitchen as regular “store-bought” meat, poultry or fish. Disinfection must occur between the two types of preparations.
- You risk your health and the health of others when you do not thoroughly cook meat. Health officials indicate that meat must be cooked to a temperature of 82°C (180°F) or higher. Use a meat thermometer to check that meat is cooked all the way through. Clean the thermometer after each use. Red meat is cooked when it is brown or grey inside and birds are cooked when the juices run clear.
- Ensure that bear meat, whether frozen or fresh, is always cooked to this temperature (and always to a grey colour, not red or pink) to prevent any possibility of Trichinosis, a parasitic disease found in bears in North America. Public health officials advise that smoking, drying, or microwaving may not cook bear meat to a high enough temperature.
- For additional information on safe food handling and meat preparation, consult your local public health unit.
- More detailed guidelines on field dressing, skinning and processing wild game are available in the *Ontario's Hunter Education Manual* or at ontario.ca/hunting.

Definitions

ANTLERLESS DEER:

Deer that have no antlers or antlers that are both less than 7.5 cm (3 inches) long. Generally, antlerless deer include adult female deer and fawns of both sexes.

BEAR MANAGEMENT AREA:

An area of Crown land licensed to an operator for providing bear hunting services to non-resident bear hunters.

BIG GAME:

Includes black bear, white-tailed deer, American elk or moose.

BOWS:

Includes longbows, crossbows, compound bows and recurve bows.

CONTROLLED HUNT:

Hunts in which the total number of hunters is restricted. A hunter needs a controlled hunt validation tag to participate in a controlled hunt.

ELK HARVEST AREAS:

Numbered portions of a Wildlife Management Unit(s) used for elk harvest management. WMU and Harvest Area numbers are used in the table for elk open seasons, hunt codes and seal quotas to indicate the relevant area of the province in which an elk seal is valid.

ENCASED:

A firearm is encased if the firearm is completely contained in a case so that it cannot be readily accessed.

EXPORT PERMIT:

The permit required to take a moose, white-tailed deer, black bear or furbearing mammal, or any part of them, out of Ontario.

FURBEARING MAMMALS:

American badger, beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, arctic fox, grey fox, red fox (all phases), lynx, marten, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, red squirrel, striped skunk, weasel (least, long-tailed and short-tailed), wolf, wolverine and polar bear.

GAME WILDLIFE:

A furbearing mammal, game amphibian, game bird, game mammal or game reptile.

GAME AMPHIBIANS: Bullfrog.

GAME BIRDS: Ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, spruce grouse, gray (Hungarian) partridge, ring-necked pheasant, rock ptarmigan, willow ptarmigan, wild turkey and Northern bobwhite.

GAME MAMMALS: Black bear, woodland caribou, cottontail rabbit, white-tailed deer, American elk, European hare, varying hare, moose, gray (black) squirrel and fox squirrel.

GAME REPTILES: Snapping turtle.

HUNTING:

Includes lying in wait for, searching for, being on the trail of, pursuing, chasing or shooting at wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is killed, injured, captured or harassed. You need a hunting licence to do any of these things, except where the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, states otherwise.

LICENCES, TAGS AND GAME SEALS:

ADDITIONAL GAME SEAL: A game seal, purchased in addition to the game seal that comes with the deer or black bear licence, which allows the hunter to harvest an additional animal under certain conditions. An additional game seal is NOT a licence to hunt for the species. A licence must be purchased before the additional game seal is valid for use.

E-LICENCE: E-licences are available over the Internet and must be printed by the angler or hunter. These licences, when accompanied by

an Outdoors Card, allow the angler or hunter to immediately enjoy the open season.

GAME SEAL: The seal that must be attached to a moose, elk, deer, wild turkey or black bear and to a wolf and coyote (see page 83) as soon as the animal is killed. The game seal must remain attached to the animal while it is transported.

LICENCE TAG: A tag which, when it accompanies an Outdoors Card, constitutes a licence to hunt wildlife, or a class thereof, specified on the tag.

OUTDOORS CARD: An Outdoors Card is a component of a licence to hunt the wildlife specified on the licence tag when that tag accompanies the card and any applicable paper hunting licences and game seals and/or validation tags.

VALIDATION TAG OR CERTIFICATE: A tag or certificate which validates a licence to hunt game mammals of a specified number, age or sex or in a specified area.

VALIDATION CERTIFICATE: A validation certificate must be carried by non-resident black bear hunters.

VALIDATION TAG (NON-RESIDENTS): A moose validation tag must accompany the non-resident hunter's moose licence.

VALIDATION TAG (RESIDENTS): A validation tag must be affixed to the front of the game seal to allow resident hunters to hunt adult moose or antlerless deer. In WMUs 48, 55A, 55B, 57 and 65, a specific calf validation tag is required to hunt calf moose. A validation tag is also required to take part in the controlled hunts for deer. A validation tag for a controlled deer hunt must be carried on your person.

Moose and deer licences obtained prior to the draw deadline are validated by the ministry on the game seal itself. They are valid for calf moose or antlered deer in other WMUs except for calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, during the regular open season providing the game seal has not been used.

Elk licences are validated by the ministry on the game seal itself, including information about the sex and age of animal that may be harvested, and the WMU and Harvest Area in which it is valid during an open season for elk. It also contains information (licence tag numbers) for the hunters who are permitted to hunt under the authority of the seal.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:

Waterfowl, common moorhens, American coots, common snipe, woodcock and rails (other than yellow and king rails which cannot be harvested).

MOTORBOAT:

A boat with a motor that is attached to the boat and that is capable of being used as a means of propulsion, and includes any floating object being towed by a motorboat.

MUZZLE-LOADING GUN:

A gun that is loaded through the muzzle. A percussion muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and a percussion cap on the nipple. A flint-lock muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and the vent is unplugged. An electronic muzzle-loading gun is considered loaded when there is a projectile in the barrel. Also known as a muzzle-loader.

NON-RESIDENT:

A person who does not qualify as a resident (see Resident). The ownership of property in Ontario does not qualify a person for a resident's licence.

PELT:

The untanned skin of a furbearing mammal, whether or not the skin is on a carcass.

RESIDENT:

An Ontario resident is a person whose primary residence is any part of Ontario and who has actually resided in any part of Ontario for a period of at least six consecutive months during the immediately preceding 12 months. For information on deemed residency for military, RCMP, and diplomatic personnel, please call 1-800-667-1940.

SELECTIVE HARVEST SYSTEM:

The system that controls the harvest of breeding moose, elk and deer. The harvest of adult moose, elk and antlerless deer is restricted to those who hold the appropriate validation tag, which is obtained through a random draw. The harvest of calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 is restricted to those who hold the appropriate validation tag, which is obtained through a random draw.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED WILDLIFE:

A specially protected mammal, specially protected bird, specially protected reptile, specially protected amphibian or specially protected invertebrate.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED AMPHIBIANS: Northern cricket frog, blue-spotted salamander, eastern tiger salamander, four-toed salamander, Jefferson salamander, northern dusky salamander, northern two-lined salamander, redback salamander, small-mouthed salamander, spotted salamander, Fowler's toad and gray treefrog.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED BIRDS (Raptors): Bald eagle, golden eagle, peregrine falcon, northern goshawk, gyrfalcon, northern harrier, broad-winged hawk, Cooper's hawk, red-shouldered hawk, red-tailed hawk, rough-legged hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, American kestrel, American swallow-tailed kite, merlin, osprey, barred owl, boreal owl, burrowing owl, barn owl, eastern screech owl, great gray owl, great horned owl, long-eared owl, northern hawk owl, northern saw-whet owl, short-eared owl, snowy owl and turkey vulture.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED BIRDS (other than Raptors): Brewer's blackbird, rusty blackbird, yellow-headed blackbird, blue jay, gray jay, belted kingfisher, American white pelican and common raven.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED INVERTEBRATES: Karner blue, monarch, West Virginia white, mottled dusky wing, bog elfin, frosted elfin, black swallowtail, giant swallowtail, Old World swallowtail, pipevine swallowtail, spicebush swallowtail, Canadian tiger swallowtail, eastern tiger swallowtail and zebra swallowtail.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED MAMMALS: Big brown bat, eastern pipistrelle bat, hoary bat, small-footed bat, little brown bat, northern long-eared bat, red bat, silver-haired bat, eastern chipmunk, least chipmunk, northern flying squirrel, southern flying squirrel, arctic shrew, masked shrew, least shrew, northern short-tailed shrew, pygmy shrew, smoky shrew and water shrew.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED REPTILES: Eastern foxsnake, Butler's gartersnake, smooth greensnake, massasauga, milksnake, queensnake, blue racer, gray ratsnake, common five-lined skink, eastern hog-nosed snake, spiny softshell, Blanding's turtle, eastern musk turtle, midland painted turtle, northern map turtle, spotted turtle, western painted turtle, wood turtle, Lake Erie watersnake and northern watersnake.

SPOUSE:

Either of two persons who are legally married to one another; or either of two persons who live together in a conjugal relationship outside of marriage.

VEHICLE:

Any kind of vehicle that is driven, propelled or drawn on land or ice by any kind of power, including muscular power, and includes the rolling stock of a railway.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS (WMUs):

Numbered divisions of the province used for wildlife management. WMU numbers are used in the tables for open seasons to indicate the relevant geographic areas of the province. For detailed information on WMU boundaries, go to ontario.ca/hunting.

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ServiceOntario

Hunting and Fishing licences, as well as a variety of permits, are available at select ServiceOntario centres.

Please ensure you go to **ServiceOntario.ca/findservices** to find the centre nearest you or call ServiceOntario at 1-800-268-8758 (TTY 1-800-268-7095).

Fishing Licences – Ontario, Canadian and Non-Resident licences and Temporary Outdoors Cards.

Hunting – Resident licences, Non-Resident licences and Temporary Outdoors Cards, Duplicate licences, Hunter Safety Exam submission, Big Game Draw Application submission, Moose Tag Transfers, Non-Resident Moose Tag Validation Certificate (non-draw applicant only), Licence to Hunt Raccoon at Night.

Permits – Big Game Export Permits, Non-Resident Crown Land Camping Permits, Blank Work Permit forms.

Ministry of Natural Resources

MNR Authorized Outside Issuers

Hunting licences are available at licence issuers across the province. For the nearest location visit the MNR website at ontario.ca/outdoorscard.

Specialized services and information are available by:

- **Making an appointment** at a ministry office;
- Calling the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940
- Visiting us at ontario.ca/mnr for information on the following:

Export Permits Crown Land
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Other Information

Fishing, hunting or general information:
Natural Resources Information Centre (NRIC)
1-800-667-1940

mnr.nric.mnr@ontario.ca

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Outdoors Card and Licences:
Outdoors Card Centre 1-800-387-7011

Report a Bear Problem:
1-866-514-2327 (TTY) 705-945-7641

Report a Resource Violation:
1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)

Ministry of Natural Resources District Offices

Call for Appointment

To be transferred to local district offices please call 1-800-667-1940

SOUTHERN REGION

Greater Toronto Area/Aurora District
(WMUs 72B, 73 [Durham Region Only] 78, 79)
Aurora MNR Office: (905) 713-7400

Aylmer District (WMUs 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95)
Aylmer MNR Office: (519) 773-9241
Chatham MNR Office: (519) 354-7340

Bancroft District
(WMUs 51, 54, 55A, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62, 63)
Bancroft MNR Office: (613) 332-3940
Mindon MNR Office: (705) 286-1521

Guelph District (WMUs 80, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89)
Guelph MNR Office: (519) 826-4955
Clinton MNR Office: (519) 482-3428
Vineland MNR Office: (905) 562-4147

Kemptville District (WMUs 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69B)
Kemptville MNR Office: (613) 258-8204

Midhurst District (WMUs 76, 77, 81, 82, 83, 84)
Midhurst MNR Office: (705) 725-7500
Owen Sound MNR Office: (519) 376-3860

Parry Sound District (WMUs 46, 47, 49, 50, 53)
Parry Sound MNR Office: (705) 746-4201
Bracebridge MNR Office: (705) 645-8747

Pembroke District (WMUs 48, 55B, 58, 59)
Pembroke MNR Office: (613) 732-3661

Peterborough District
(WMUs 62, 68, 69A, 70, 71, 72A, 73, 74, 75)
Peterborough MNR Office: (705) 755-2001
Kingston MNR Office: (613) 531-5700

NORTHWEST REGION

Dryden District (WMUs 5, 8, 15A)
Dryden MNR Office: (807) 223-3341
Ignace MNR Office: (807) 934-2233

Fort Frances District (WMUs 9, 10, 11A, 12)
Fort Frances MNR Office: (807) 274-5337
Atikokan MNR Office: (807) 597-6971

Kenora District (WMUs 6, 7)
Kenora MNR Office: (807) 468-2501

Nipigon District (WMUs 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21A)
Geraldton MNR Office: (807) 854-1030
Nipigon MNR Office: (807) 887-5000
Terrace Bay MNR Office: (807) 825-3205

Red Lake (WMUs 2, 3)
Red Lake MNR Office: (807) 727-2253

Sioux Lookout District (WMUs 1C, 4, 16A, 16B)
Sioux Lookout MNR Office: (807) 737-1140

Thunder Bay District (WMUs 11B, 13, 15B, 16C)
Thunder Bay MNR Office: (807) 475-1471

NORTHEAST REGION

Chapleau District (WMU 31)
Chapleau MNR Office: (705) 864-1710

Cochrane District (WMUs 1A, 1B, 1D, 25, 26, 27)
Cochrane MNR Office: (705) 272-4365
Moosonee MNR Office: (705) 336-2987

Hearst District (WMUs 22, 23, 24)
Hearst MNR Office: (705) 362-4346
Kapusking MNR Office: (705) 335-6191

Kirkland District (WMU 28)
Kirkland Lake MNR Office: (705) 568-3222

North Bay District (WMUs 40, 41, 47)
North Bay MNR Office: (705) 475-5550

Sault Ste. Marie District (WMUs 35, 36, 37, 45)
Sault Ste. Marie MNR Office: (705) 949-1231
Blind River MNR Office: (705) 356-2234

Sudbury District (WMUs 38, 39, 42, 43, 44)
Sudbury MNR Office: (705) 564-7823
Espanola MNR Office: (705) 869-1330

Timmins District (WMUs 29, 30)
Timmins MNR Office: (705) 235-1300
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Wawa District (WMUs 21B, 32, 33, 34)
Wawa MNR Office: (705) 856-2396
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