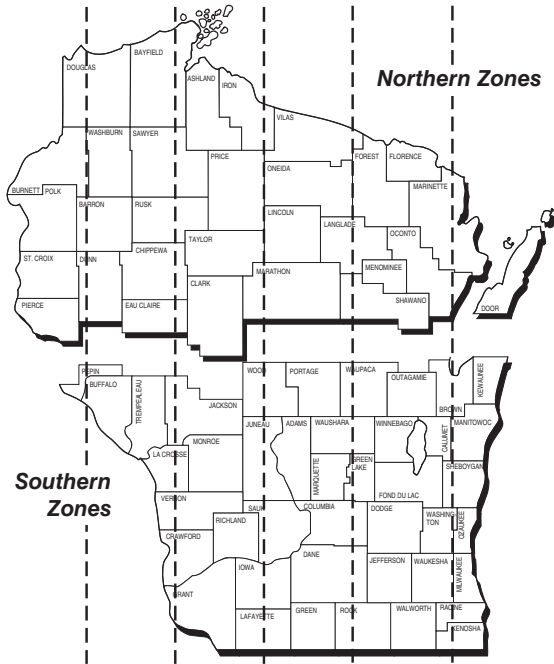


## Hunting Hours

- Spring turkey hunting hours begin ½ hour before sunrise and are listed in the table to the right. Closing hours are sunset each day. Wisconsin's hunting time zones are shown below.
- To determine the opening (A.M.) and closing time (P.M.) for all zones except "A," add the minutes shown (see map) to the Zone-A time listed in the table for the date you are hunting.

## Hunting Hours Zones

Zone F + 20 min. | Zone E + 16 min. | Zone D + 12 min. | Zone C + 8 min. | Zone B + 4 min. | Zone A in table



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## Opening and Closing Times Listed by Season Time Period

(Times listed are for Zone A)

### Northern Hunting Time Zones

Youth Hunt	A.M.	P.M.
April 11	5:41	7:31
April 12	5:39	7:32
<b>Period A</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
April 15	5:34	7:36
April 16	5:32	7:38
April 17	5:30	7:39
April 18	5:29	7:40
April 19	5:27	7:42
<b>Period B</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
April 22	5:22	7:45
April 23	5:20	7:47
April 24	5:19	7:48
April 25	5:17	7:49
April 26	5:15	7:51
<b>Period C</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
April 29	5:11	7:54
April 30	5:09	7:56
May 1	5:08	7:58
May 2	5:06	7:59
May 3	5:05	8:00

Period D	A.M.	P.M.
May 6	5:00	8:04
May 7	4:59	8:05
May 8	4:57	8:06
May 9	4:56	8:08
May 10	4:55	8:09
<b>Period E</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
May 13	4:51	8:13
May 14	4:50	8:14
May 15	4:49	8:15
May 16	4:48	8:16
May 17	4:46	8:17
<b>Period F</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
May 20	4:43	8:21
May 21	4:42	8:22
May 22	4:41	8:23
May 23	4:41	8:24
May 24	4:40	8:25

### Southern Hunting Time Zones

Youth Hunt	A.M.	P.M.
April 11	5:45	7:30
April 12	5:43	7:31
<b>Period A</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
April 15	5:38	7:35
April 16	5:36	7:36
April 17	5:34	7:37
April 18	5:33	7:38
April 19	5:31	7:40
<b>Period B</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
April 22	5:26	7:43
April 23	5:25	7:44
April 24	5:23	7:46
April 25	5:22	7:47
April 26	5:20	7:48
<b>Period C</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
April 29	5:16	7:52
April 30	5:14	7:53
May 1	5:13	7:54
May 2	5:11	7:55
May 3	5:10	7:56

Period D	A.M.	P.M.
May 6	5:06	8:00
May 7	5:05	8:01
May 8	5:04	8:02
May 9	5:02	8:03
May 10	5:01	8:04
<b>Period E</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
May 13	4:58	8:08
May 14	4:56	8:09
May 15	4:55	8:10
May 16	4:54	8:11
May 17	4:53	8:12
<b>Period F</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
May 20	4:50	8:15
May 21	4:50	8:16
May 22	4:49	8:17
May 23	4:48	8:18
May 24	4:47	8:19

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2009 Turkey Stamp art by Craig Fairbert

## 2009 Season Dates Youth Hunt April 11 & 12

**Period A** ..... April 15–19    **Period D** ..... May 6–10  
**Period B** ..... April 22–26    **Period E** ..... May 13–17  
**Period C** ..... April 29–May 3    **Period F** ..... May 20–24

This pamphlet is a summary of Wisconsin's spring turkey hunting laws and regulations. For a complete set of laws and regulations, please refer to the Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code of the Department of Natural Resources.



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## Turkey Permit Drawing System:

- Turkey permit distribution methods are established by state law. Turkey permits are distributed by drawing using a preference system that determines which applications go into the drawing first, second, etc. First preference is resident landowners (owning 50 or more contiguous acres), second preference is residents who applied for, but did not receive, a spring permit the previous year, third preference is all other residents. Nonresident landowners followed by other nonresident applicants are fourth and fifth preference, respectively. Cumulative preference is used for Spring and Fall Turkey hunting permits. Spring and Fall applications are tracked separately. The number of permits for each zone are divided equally among each of the six spring time periods. Success in the drawing depends on the number of permits vs. the number of applicants for each time period. Those who restrict their choices to only the early time periods may not draw a permit, while those who apply for any time period have a greater chance of receiving a tag. Permits that are won in the drawing go on sale on March 4, 2009.
- WI residents that are in active service in the U.S. Armed Forces and stationed outside of the state, but home on furlough or leave within the state, may obtain a permit by contacting a DNR Service Center if they did not obtain a permit through the normal drawing process.
- **Additional Spring Turkey Permits:** If the number of turkey permits exceeds the number of applicants for a specific zone, the DNR may issue any remaining tags from DNR service centers or through ALIS vendors. Check with your nearest DNR service center or online to find out how these tags will be distributed. The fee for these permits will be \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Residents will be required to pay an additional \$20.25 and non-residents an additional \$65.25 for a 2009 Spring Turkey License and Stamp unless they have previously purchased this license and stamp or are a 2009 Conservation Patron license holder. Residents and non-residents will have equal opportunity to purchase these permits. Purchasing these permits will not affect your preference status for future Spring or Fall Turkey Permit drawings.

## License/Stamp/Carcass Tag Requirements

- To hunt turkeys with a firearm or bow, successful applicants (notified by a postcard that indicates the zone for which their permit is valid) must purchase a 2009 Spring Turkey License/Stamp/Carcass Tag combination and carry it with them while hunting and display it to a warden upon request. Successful applicants will not receive their permits via mail.
- **Exceptions:** Patron License holders successful in the drawing will be issued a permit at the time they purchase their Patron License. Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders who are successful in the drawing must go to any license sales location and receive their permit at no charge. These customers must present their Senior Citizen Recreation Card to the license sales agent.
- Qualified members of the armed forces may purchase a Spring Turkey License at the resident fee, if successful in obtaining a Spring Turkey Permit. **A qualified member of the armed forces is a person who exhibits proof that he or she is in active service in the U.S. Armed Forces or in forces incorporated in the U.S. Armed Forces and that he or she is stationed in this state.**
- A nonresident may purchase a Spring Turkey license at the resident fee if they are current member of the U.S. Armed Forces and were a Wisconsin resident when they joined.
- **Current fees:** resident license \$15.00; non-resident license \$60.00. A \$5.25 stamp privilege fee is automatically added. You may receive the actual stamp at a DNR Service Center for no additional charge.
- Spring Turkey license and stamp will be available for purchase beginning March 4, 2009 at DNR Service Centers, license agents, by calling toll-free 1-877-945-4236 or by going online at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) (VISA, MasterCard; there is a \$3 handling fee for purchases by phone or Internet).
- Registration stubs will be available at the registration station and will not be part of the license.

- It is illegal to transfer a License/Stamp/Carcass Tag to another hunter or allow its use by anyone else, except that any person may transfer their Spring Turkey License/Stamp/Tag to a person age 12-17. A youth may be transferred a Spring Turkey License/Stamp/Tag one time only. Transfer application Form 9400-403Y must be received at least 15 days prior to the start of the turkey season.
- Preference points or approvals can be transferred to a minor from a customer who is deceased using form 9400-592.
- **Fort McCoy Reservation:** Application information can be found under Recreation Opportunities at [www.mccoy.army.mil](http://www.mccoy.army.mil) or by calling the Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337.

*Note: You may not apply for a Fort McCoy spring turkey permit if you receive an approval to hunt turkeys, through the state drawing, in a Wisconsin turkey hunting zone for the 2009 spring season. However, if you are issued a Fort McCoy permit, it does not prevent you from being able to purchase a leftover permit.*

## Special Turkey Hunts for Disabled Hunters

- Hunters with a Class A or C permit, who want to participate in a disabled turkey hunt on private land, are required to obtain permission from a landowner willing to sponsor a hunt and must meet all application requirements. Please note that a hunter who applies for a disabled turkey hunt on private lands may not apply for a permit through the regular spring turkey drawing. For information or special hunt application (forms 2300-271 and 2300-271A) please contact your local DNR Service Center or the Assistant Upland Wildlife Ecologist at 608-261-8458, 101 S. Webster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison WI 53707-7921.

### Finding Public Land Open to Hunting

The DNR website provides detailed maps showing public lands in your area. Go to [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and click on the Maps link under the Favorites section. On this page click on the DNR Managed Lands link.

## Bag Limit

- The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey per tag issued. A bearded turkey is a turkey with a bristle-like appendage protruding from the upper part of the breast. **Note:** Bearded or male turkeys with white plumage may be harvested and must be tagged in accordance with proper tagging procedures. **Note:** Applicants with more than one tag may harvest more than one turkey on the same day *only if* the tags are for the same time period.

## Other Restrictions

- You may **not** hunt turkeys:
  1. By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder, a bow and arrow or crossbow.\*
  2. With or while in possession of shotshells loaded with shot larger than no. 4 lead, no. 2 steel, or other no. 4 non-steel shot; duplex loads containing any shot larger than no. 4 lead or no. 2 steel are also **NOT** legal.
  3. While in possession of shotshells loaded with slugs unless it is during an open season for hunting deer with a firearm.
  4. With the aid of or while in possession of recorded bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
  5. With the aid of dogs.
  6. With live or electronic decoys for the purposes of enticing turkeys.
  7. With the aid of bait.
  8. From or across a highway or within 50 feet of the center of a roadway.

\* Crossbows are only allowed for resident hunters 65 years of age or older and resident or non-resident disabled hunters with a Class A, C, crossbow, or certain Class B permits. The crossbow shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use at least 14-inch long bolts or arrows equipped with broadheads.

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This publication is available in alternative formats (large print, Braille, audio tape, etc.) upon request. Please call 608-266-8204 for more information.

## Baiting

- No person may place bait for turkeys or hunt turkeys with the aid of bait over an area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the complete removal of bait.
- Bait and baiting means placement or use of any material attractive to wild animals for hunting purposes, but does not include vegetation or agricultural crops that are present solely as a result of nature or normal agricultural practices.

For more details on Wisconsin baiting rules, see our website at: [dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/bait.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/bait.htm).

## Assisting Other Hunters

- You **must** possess a turkey hunting license, stamp and valid, **unused** carcass tag if you possess a firearm, bow or crossbow *and*:
  - a) a turkey decoy or calling device, or
  - b) a member of your hunting party possesses a turkey decoy or calling device
- No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter if the caller does not possess a firearm, bow or crossbow. However, a guide license is required if a fee is charged.

## Tagging, Transport and Possession

- Upon killing a turkey, immediately validate the carcass tag by cutting a slit corresponding to the month and day of kill; then attach the tag to the featherless part of the turkey's leg with a tie.
- You may not carry by hand, possess or transport a turkey unless you have lawfully killed and tagged the turkey.
- While hunting, you may not possess a validated carcass tag that is not attached to a lawfully killed turkey.
- You may not remove or allow the removal of a validated carcass tag from a turkey prior to registration.

## Registration

- Bring your tagged turkey (registration stubs will be available at the registration station) to any designated registration station no later than 5:00 P.M. the day after it is killed. **Turkeys may be registered at any turkey registration station in Wisconsin.** A metal registration tag will be attached to lawfully taken turkeys; keep this tag until the meat has been eaten. For a list of turkey registration stations call your local DNR Service Center or look on the DNR website ([dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)).

## Focus on Safety

- Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey—not a decoy or person.
- Do not wear red, blue or white—the color of a gobbler's head.
- Consider wearing blaze orange when moving from place to place.
- When another hunter approaches never wave, stand or sound a turkey call; use your voice or whistle instead.

## Turkey Hunter Education

- Learn turkey biology and behavior, turkey hunting methods, regulations, safety precautions, landowner-hunter ethics, scoring trophy birds, and ideas on how to prepare your bird. **FREE Turkey Hunting Education Clinics** will be held around the state during February and March and are sponsored by the Wisconsin DNR and the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Call 608-261-8458 or log onto [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) for a list of clinic dates, times and locations.

## Questions?

Please contact the DNR Call Center toll-free at: 1-888-WDNR INFO (1-888-936-7463) • local 608-266-2621.

Staff are available 7 days a week from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M.

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El personal también está disponible para asistir a clientes de habla hispana en nuestro número gratuito. El personal que habla español está disponible 7 días a la semana a partir de la 7:00 de mañana hasta 10:00 P.M.

# Spring Wild Turkey Management Zones



## State Park Hunting Zones

- 1A Governor Dodge
- 1B Devils Lake
- 1C Wyalusing
- 1D Wildcat Mountain
- 1E Mirror Lake
- 1F Buckhorn\* (includes wildlife area)
- 2A Newport
- 4A Interstate
- 4B Willow River

## Disabled Only Hunting Zones

- 1G Natural Bridge
- 1H Nelson Dewey
- 1J Belmont Mound
- 1K New Glarus Woods
- 1L Rocky Arbor
- 2B Loew Lake Unit-Kettle Moraine State Forest

\*To apply for Yellow River Wildlife Area (formerly Buckhorn Wildlife Area B), choose Management Zone 1. For more information regarding hunting at Buckhorn State Park, call 608-565-2789.

Fort McCoy conducts its own spring turkey hunt, independent of the state season. In order to hunt at Fort McCoy you must call Fort McCoy for an application at 608-388-3337.

## Youth Spring Turkey Hunt

This year's hunt: April 11 & 12, 2009

This hunt is designed to give youth hunters, ages 12–15, who have successfully completed a hunter education program, an opportunity to hunt turkeys and gain valuable hunting experiences.

## Youth Hunt Rules and Regulations:

- Open to persons 12–15 years of age (resident and non-residents) who possess a hunter education certificate and a spring turkey license, stamp, and a valid carcass tag for spring 2009.
- Carcass tags issued for any hunting period of the spring 2009 season may be used during the youth hunt, but youth hunters are limited to the turkey management zone in which their carcass tag was issued.
- Youth hunters may hunt turkeys on April 11 & 12, 2009 in state parks that are currently open to spring turkey hunting, so long as they possess a valid carcass tag for that zone.
- Youths may harvest only one male or bearded turkey during this two day youth hunt. Additional carcass tags that the hunter possesses must be used during the time period for which they are valid.
- A youth who does not successfully harvest a turkey during the 2 day youth hunt may use their unfilled carcass tag during the time period and in the zone for which the carcass tag was issued.
- Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older during the 2-day youth hunt.
- One adult may not accompany more than 2 hunters and all other spring turkey hunting regulations apply. “Accompany” means within visual **and** voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronically amplified device, except for a hearing aid. Please keep in mind turkey hunting is a unique sport and requires extra safety precautions. Hunting mentors are highly encouraged to be within an arms reach when accompanying a new turkey hunter.

**Please—Don't Move Firewood.** Details online: <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/firewood/> or by phone: 1-877-303-WOOD (9663)