

2023 SPRING SUPPLEMENT HUNTING GUIDE

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE



As Manitoba's Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development, it is my pleasure to present the Spring Supplement of the Hunting Guide for 2023. This spring supplement is an important resource for hunters, as it summarizes information on licence fees, season dates and bag limits for the spring goose, black bear and wild turkey seasons. Hunters should still refer to the 2022 Manitoba Hunting Guide for other regulatory information.

In Manitoba, we are fortunate to have a wealth of world-class resources, right here in our own backyard. The diversity of outdoor experiences is one of our province's greatest assets and provides significant social, economic and environmental benefits for Manitoba. These experiences are part of Manitoba's hunting heritage and are enjoyed by residents, Canadians from other provinces and hunters from around the world.

Manitoba is moving forward with a few regulatory changes that will improve hunting opportunities for Manitobans and visiting hunters. I'm excited about the opportunities to manage Manitoba's wildlife resources into the future.

Please have a safe, enjoyable and hopefully successful Manitoba spring hunting experience.

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Honourable Greg Nesbitt

Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development

Important Changes to Fall Hunting Seasons

- **Third White-tailed Deer Licence expanded to GHAs 22, 27, 28, 29 and 29A.** The third White-tailed Deer Licence has been added to GHAs 22, 27, 28, 29 and 29A to enhance CWD surveillance in these areas.
- **GHA 38 Restricted Firearm Discharge Area Modification**
The restricted firearms discharge area in GHA 38 in the R.M. of Rosser has been modified. Please check the Wildlife Branch website for details manitoba.ca/nrnd/fish-wildlife/wildlife
- **Foreign Resident Waterfowl and Upland Game Bird Hunting Modernization**
Changes to foreign resident waterfowl and upland game bird hunting are being implemented for fall 2023. There will be separate Upland and Migratory Game Bird Licences available to Foreign Resident hunters. Foreign Resident Migratory Game Bird Licence availability will be limited and available through a draw process or a Licenced Manitoba Waterfowl Outfitter with an allocation of licences.

Manitoba Natural Resources and Northern Development is currently in the process of developing policies and informational material that will provide foreign resident hunters with all the information required for any of the Foreign Resident Migratory Game Bird Licence options. Once finalized we will email all foreign residents who have an email address on our elicencing platform.

When available, the information on the new licences will be found at manitoba.ca/nrnd/fish-wildlife/wildlife/mbwaterfowl.html

The Manitoba Elicensing System is the only way to purchase a Manitoba Hunting Licence

You can purchase your online licence one of three ways:

1. Through the Manitoba elicensing website www.manitobaelicensing.ca
 - You will need to know your Customer Identification Number (CID#) and password for your online account.
 - If you don't have an account you will need to create one.
 - You will need a credit card to pay for your licence.
 - For big game and wild turkey you will need an unused game tag* for an immediate purchase or allow for 10 business days delivery for a system generated game tag.

*Hunters needing game tags can order them in advance from their online account or by calling 1-877-880-1203. These free generic game tags, come in a pack of five and are good for up to five years unless linked to a licence. Please allow 10 business days for mail delivery.
2. In person at a Manitoba elicensing retailer or government seller. Elicensing retailers can be found by visiting the Issuers link at www.manitobaelicensing.ca
 - You will need to know your CID#. If you don't have an account ID you will need to create one.
 - Payment can be made by credit card, debit card or cash at most locations.
 - A game tag will be provided for each hunting license that requires a game tag when purchased at these outlets. Please ensure your license number and game tag number match.
3. Through the elicensing toll free phone line 1-877-880-1203.
 - You will need to know your CID#.
 - If you don't have an account ID you will need to create one.
 - Allow 10 business days for delivery of your licence and game tag.



It is important to always use your account. Do not create a second account.

For mail delivery of your licence order, please ensure your mailing address is correct. Manitoba Natural Resources and Northern Development does not assume any responsibility for mail that is not delivered on time or not received.

Please ensure you are purchasing the correct hunting licence as refunds will not be processed. All sales are final.

First time customers: An account will need to be created, no matter which method you use to purchase your hunting licence. If you used option number 2 and 3, you will need to initialize your account when using the website, under New Customer; Click on LOOK UP YOUR PROFILE to create a password.

You will be provided with a Customer Identification Number (CID#) to use for all your future licence purchases. When obtaining a hunting licence, please ensure you select the correct residency.

For more information, please visit: www.manitobaelicensing.ca or call 1-877-880-1203.

Hunters should refer to the 2022 Manitoba Hunting Guide for other regulatory information. Hunters are encouraged to check for amendments or updates on the website at www.manitoba.ca/fish-wildlife/wildlife/ prior to going in the field.

BLACK BEAR SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

Licences

Note: All fees listed below include the federal goods and services tax (GST) and a \$4.50 administration fee.

Resident	\$40.75
Youth resident	\$14.75
Non-resident	\$123.25
Foreign resident	\$237.25

Note: The black bear licence is valid in both spring and fall seasons. Only one black bear may be harvested per year.

It is illegal to purchase more than one black bear licence in the same hunting year.

Game Tags

Hunters are able to order game tags by going to www.manitobaelicensing.ca. It is recommended hunters order a pack of game tags well before the season they wish to hunt starts. The game tag must be electronically linked to your licence and you will be required to write the licence number and species in the appropriate boxes on the game tag.



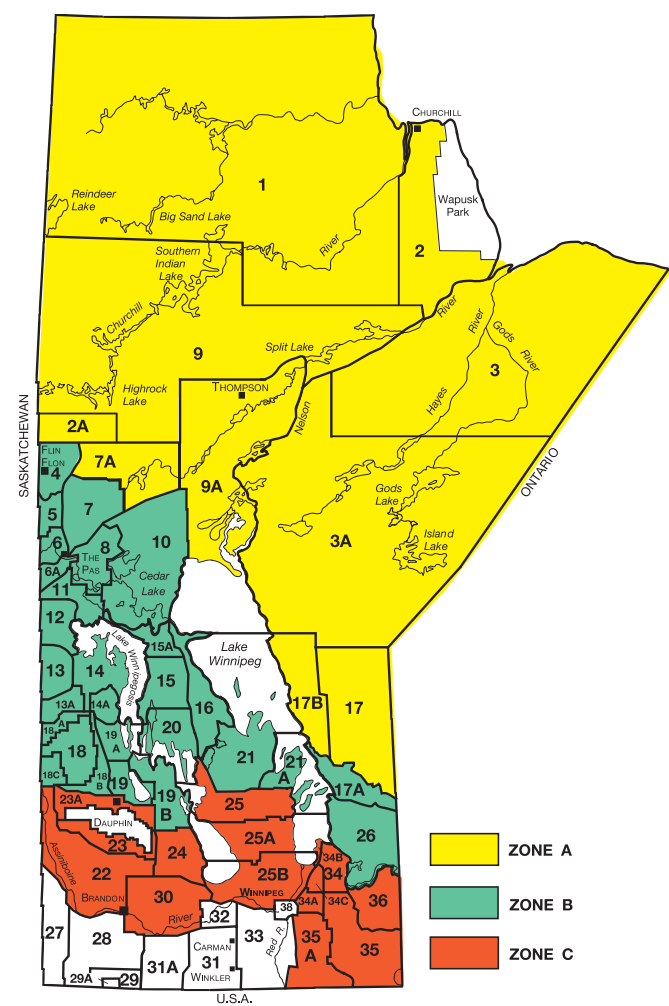
BLACK BEAR SEASONS

	Black Bear Hunting Zone	Season Dates	Bag Limit (All Zones)
Youth, Resident, Non-resident and Foreign resident	A	Apr. 24 - June 30 Aug. 15 - Nov. 1	One Adult Black Bear (Female bears with cubs may not be taken.)
	B	Apr. 24 - June 18 Aug. 15 - Nov. 1	
	C	Apr. 24 - June 11 Aug. 15 - Nov. 1	
Note: GHAs 13 and 18 fall bear season dates are August 15 to September 17. Fall bear hunters in GHA 18 are restricted to designated routes. GHA 34A is an archery only season and is open for residents only. GHA 34B is an archery only season for residents, non-residents and foreign residents. In GHA 17A, Designated Route restrictions will apply to fall black bear hunters from September 18 to October 15. In GHA 21A, Hecla Island is closed to black bear hunting. GHAs 2, 30 and 34C are resident only season areas. Note: Black bear hunters are exempt from wearing hunter orange during the spring season but are required to do so during the fall season.			

Black Bear Hunters!

Help manage Manitoba's black bear populations by completing the Big Game Hunter Questionnaire as requested on your elicensing account.

BLACK BEAR HUNTING ZONES



Black Bear Hunting

- It is illegal to kill a cub (approximately 20.5 kg or 45 lbs) or a female bear with cubs.
- Hunting black bears within 100 metres of any man-made clearing surrounding any garbage dump is prohibited. However, in a provincial park, black bears may not be hunted within 300 metres of a garbage dump.
- Baits must be clearly identified with the name and address of the hunter, guide or outfitter.
- Baits may not be placed within:
 - 200 metres of a road or dwelling
 - 500 metres of a cottage subdivision or a Crown land picnic site or campground
- Baits on Crown land may not exceed 100 kilograms of meat and/or fish.
- Baits must not contain the head, hooves, hide, mammary glands or internal organs of livestock.
- In GHAs 23 and 23A:
 - baits may not be placed until 14 days prior to the spring season and 14 days prior to the fall season
 - baiting equipment on Crown land must be removed from the bait site within 5 days after the closure of both spring and fall seasons
 - baits may not be placed within 100 metres of Riding Mountain National Park
- If you harvest a big game animal wearing an ear tag, this animal may have been chemically immobilized using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has recommended guidelines for the consumption of meat from immobilized animals. Please call the TIP Line at 1-800-782-0076 for specific details and direction on what to do with your animal.

NOTE: It is illegal to possess bear gall bladders in Manitoba.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO HUNT GRIZZLY BEARS

Black bear hunters, please be advised that grizzly bears have been sighted in the northern regions of Manitoba, in particular, GHA 1. Grizzly bears are protected and cannot be killed or possessed. It is your responsibility to be able to differentiate between the two species. Primary differences:

	Black Bear	Grizzly Bear
Shoulder Hump	Absent	Prominent
Ears	Large & Pointed	Small & Rounded
Facial Profile	Straight / Elongated	Concave / Dish-shaped
Front Claws	≤ 50 cm. (2 in.), sharply curved	≥ 50 cm. (2 in.), gently curved

**Report sightings of grizzly bears to your local
Manitoba Natural Resources and Northern Development office or call
1-800-214-6497**

WILD TURKEY SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

Licences

Note: All fees listed below include the federal goods and services tax (GST) and a \$4.50 administrative fee.

Resident Wild Turkey\$32.75

Youth (Resident) Wild Turkey\$14.75

Note: The wild turkey licence is valid in both spring and fall seasons. Only one wild turkey may be harvested per year.

It is illegal to purchase more than one wild turkey licence in the same hunting year.

Game Tags

Hunters are able to order game tags by going to www.manitobaelicensing.ca It is recommended hunters order a pack of game tags well before the season they wish to hunt starts. The game tag must be electronically linked to your licence and you will be required to write the licence number and species in the appropriate boxes on the game tag.



WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

	Game Hunting Areas (GHAs)	Season Dates	Bag Limit (All Zones)
Resident Youth Wild Turkey *, **	GHAs 22, 23, 24, 25B, 27-35A and 36	Apr.15 - May 21 Sept. 15 - Oct. 15	One wild turkey with visible beard One wild turkey
Resident Wild Turkey *	GHAs 22, 23, 24, 25B, 27-35A and 36	Apr. 22 - May 21 Sept. 15 - Oct. 15	One wild turkey with visible beard One wild turkey
Note:* Both Resident and Resident Youth Wild Turkey Licences are valid in both spring and fall seasons. Only one wild turkey may be taken for the year. Note:** A youth who purchases a Youth Wild Turkey Licence cannot purchase a Regular Wild Turkey Licence.			

SPRING CONSERVATION GOOSE SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS



The giant Canada goose population in southern Manitoba has been growing substantially since 1990. The breeding population is now estimated at 234,600, the highest recorded since 1955. Environment and Climate Change Canada declared the breeding population of Canada geese in southern Manitoba (GBHZ 3 & 4) as overabundant. This declaration has enabled Manitoba to implement a Spring Conservation Canada Goose Season. Hunting is considered the most efficient means to reduce the population size of an overabundant population.

To participate in these seasons, hunters require the previous year's (2022) Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and a no charge 2023 Spring Conservation Goose Licence. These licences are available online at www.permis-permits.ec.gc.ca and www.manitobaelicensing.ca.

SPRING CONSERVATION GOOSE SEASONS

Resident, non-resident and foreign resident				
Goose Species	Game Bird Hunting Zone (GBHZ)*	Season Dates	Bag Limit (All Zones)	
			Daily	Possession
Snow, Blue and Ross's	GBHZ 1	Apr. 1 – June 15	50	No limit
	GBHZ 2, 3 & 4	Mar. 15 – May 31	50	No limit
Canada Goose	GBHZ 3 & 4	March 1 – April 10	8	24
*Check page 47 of the 2022 Manitoba Hunting Guide or www.manitoba.ca/fish-wildlife/pubs/fish_wildlife/huntingguide.pdf for the GBHZ map. Electronic calls are allowed in both spring seasons.				

www.manitoba.ca
1-800-214-6497
Email: nrinfo@gov.mb.ca

For more information call this toll-free number
(or 204-945-6784 in Winnipeg), or write to
Manitoba Natural Resources and Northern Development,
Box 24 - 14 Fultz Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R3Y 0L6

CONSERVATION OFFICERS SERVICE

EASTERN REGION

Regional Office:

Lac du Bonnet - Box 4000, R0E 1A0 (204-345-1444)

District Offices:

Ashern - Box 410, R0C 0E0 (204-768-2368)

Beausejour - Box 50, 20 First St. South, R0E 0C0
(204-268-6184)

Falcon Lake - Box 40, R0E 0N0 (204-349-2201)

Gypsumville - Box 9, R0C 1J0 (204-659-5208)

Hodgson - Box 119, R0C 1N0 (204-372-6296)

Lac du Bonnet - Box 850, R0E 1A0 (204-345-1400)

Lake Winnipeg East - Box 850, Lac du Bonnet, R0E 1A0
(204-345-1406)

Lundar - Box 10, R0C 1Y0 (204-762-5229)

Manitou - Box 10, R0G 1G0 (204-242-2950)

Pine Falls - Box 389, R0E 1M0 (204-367-6130)

Portage la Prairie - 25 Tupper St. N., R1N 3K1
(204-239-3204)

Rennie - Box 130, R0E 1R0 (204-369-3153)

Riverton/Lake Winnipeg - Box 70, R0C 2R0
(204-378-2261)

Selkirk - #1 Keystone Dr., R1A 2H5 (204-785-5080)

Seven Sisters - Box 9, R0E 1Y0 (204-348-4004)

Sprague - Box 70, R0A 1Z0 (204-437-2348)

Steinbach - Unit B - 284 Reimer Ave., R5G 0R5
(204-346-6110)

Winnipeg - 14 Fultz Blvd., R3Y 0L6 (204-945-7273)

WESTERN REGION

Regional Office:

Brandon - Box 13, 1129 Queens Ave.,
R7A 1L9 (204-726-6441)

District Offices:

Boissevain - Box 820, R0K 0E0
(204-534-2028)

Carberry - Box 900, R0K 0H0
(204-834-8800)

Cranberry Portage - Box 130,
R0B 0H0 (204-472-3331)

Dauphin - Box 10, 27 - 2nd Ave.,
SW., R7N 3E5 (204-622-2106)

Neepawa - Box 1089, R0J 1H0
(204-476-2076)

Roblin - Box 849, Roblin, R0L 1P0
(204-937-6452)

Shoal Lake - Box 416, R0J 1Z0
(204-759-4080)

Snow Lake - Box 339, R0B 1M0
(204-358-2521)

Swan River - Box 640, R0L 1Z0
(204-734-3429)

The Pas - Box 2550, R9A 1M4
(204-627-8287)

Virden - Box 1360, R0M 2C0
(204-748-4240)

Winnipegosis - Box 366, R0L 2G0
(204-656-7030)

NORTHERN REGION

Regional Office:

Thompson - Box 28, 59 Elizabeth
Dr. R8N 1X4 (204-677-6648)

District Offices:

Churchill - Box 760, R0B 0E0
(204-675-8897)

Gillam - Box 429, R0B 0L0
(204-652-2273)

Gods Lake Narrows - R0B 0M0
(204-335-2366)

Island Lake - Box 69, Stevenson
Island, R0B 2H0 (204-456-2363)

Lynn Lake/Leaf Rapids - Box 239,
Lynn Lake R0B 0W0 (204-356-2413)

Norway House - Box 100, R0B 1B0
(204-359-6877)

Thompson - Box 28, 59 Elizabeth
Dr. R8N 1X4 (204-677-6653)

Wabowden - Box 40, R0B 1S0
(204-689-2688)

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to current COVID-19 public health guidelines. For more information, visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19.