

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

(d) The opening time for waterfowl hunting shall be 30 minutes after the legal opening time for small game hunting as determined in (b) above. Rails, gallinule and jacksnipe are included in this subsection.

GENERAL HUNTING HOURS C.S.T.

	September		October		November		December		January	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	4:42	6:27	5:18	5:31	5:57	4:40	6:36	4:12	6:57	4:21
2	4:43	6:26	5:19	5:30	5:59	4:38	6:37	4:11	6:57	4:22
3	4:45	6:24	5:20	5:28	6:00	4:37	6:39	4:11	6:57	4:23
4	4:46	6:22	5:21	5:26	6:01	4:36	6:40	4:11	6:57	4:24
5	4:47	6:20	5:22	5:24	6:03	4:34	6:41	4:11	6:57	4:25
6	4:48	6:18	5:24	5:22	6:04	4:33	6:42	4:10	6:57	4:26
7	4:49	6:16	5:25	5:21	6:05	4:32	6:43	4:10	6:57	4:27
8	4:50	6:15	5:26	5:19	6:07	4:31	6:44	4:10	6:56	4:28
9	4:52	6:13	5:27	5:17	6:08	4:29	6:45	4:10	6:56	4:29
10	4:53	6:11	5:29	5:15	6:10	4:28	6:46	4:10	6:56	4:30
11	4:54	6:09	5:30	5:13	6:11	4:27	6:47	4:10	6:55	4:31
12	4:55	6:07	5:31	5:12	6:12	4:26	6:47	4:10	6:55	4:32
13	4:56	6:05	5:32	5:10	6:14	4:25	6:48	4:10	6:55	4:34
14	4:57	6:03	5:34	5:08	6:15	4:24	6:49	4:11	6:54	4:35
15	4:59	6:01	5:35	5:06	6:16	4:23	6:50	4:11	6:54	4:36
16	5:00	6:00	5:36	5:05	6:18	4:22	6:50	4:11	6:53	4:37
17	5:01	5:58	5:38	5:03	6:19	4:21	6:51	4:11	6:53	4:39
18	5:02	5:56	5:39	5:01	6:20	4:20	6:52	4:12	6:52	4:40
19	5:03	5:54	5:40	5:00	6:22	4:19	6:52	4:12	6:51	4:41
20	5:04	5:52	5:41	4:58	6:23	4:18	6:53	4:13	6:51	4:42
21	5:06	5:50	5:43	4:56	6:24	4:18	6:54	4:13	6:50	4:44
22	5:07	5:48	5:44	4:55	6:25	4:17	6:54	4:13	6:49	4:45
23	5:08	5:46	5:45	4:53	6:27	4:16	6:55	4:14	6:48	4:46
24	5:09	5:45	5:47	4:52	6:28	4:15	6:55	4:15	6:47	4:48
25	5:10	5:43	5:48	4:50	6:29	4:15	6:55	4:15	6:46	4:49
26	5:12	5:41	5:49	4:49	6:30	4:14	6:56	4:16	6:46	4:51
27	5:13	5:39	5:51	4:47	6:32	4:14	6:56	4:17	6:45	4:52
28	5:14	5:37	5:52	4:46	6:33	4:13	6:56	4:17	6:44	4:53
29	5:15	5:35	5:53	4:44	6:34	4:13	6:57	4:18	6:43	4:55
30	5:16	5:33	5:55	4:43	6:35	4:12	6:57	4:19	6:42	4:56
31			5:56	4:41			6:57	4:20	6:40	4:58

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot any deer and bear during the open season on any day during the open season before the time listed in the a.m. column, and after the time listed in the p.m. column in the following table:

HUNTING HOURS  
Big Game

Period	C.S.T.	
	A.M.	P.M.
September 1-17	5:00	6:15
September 18-October 1	5:15	6:00
October 2-9	5:30	5:45
October 10-16	5:30	5:30
October 17-27	5:45	5:15
October 28-November 6	6:00	5:00
November 7-16	6:15	4:45
November 17-December 31	6:30	4:30

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2); cr. (2m), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (2m), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (2), (2m) and (3), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; am. (2), cr. (2m), Register, September, 1959, No. 45, eff. 10-1-59; am. (2) and r. (2m), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; am. (2), cr. (2m), Register, September, 1961, No. 69, eff. 10-1-61; r. and recr. (2) and (2m), Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; r. and recr. Register, August, 1965, No. 116,

eff. 9-1-65; am. (3), emerg. eff. 9-5-65; am. (2), Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; r. and recr. Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. cr. (2); cr. (4) Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; r. and recr. (2) and (3), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.06; r. (4), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (3), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; am. (3), Register, September, 1972, No. 201, eff. 10-1-72; am. (2), (3), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (2), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73.

**NR 10.07 Hunting, prohibited methods.** (1) No person shall hunt game with any means other than the use of a gun discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow or by falconry pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.02 (3), except that .22 rimfire handguns and pellet guns of .177 caliber or larger may be used in the same manner and for the same purposes and subject to the same restrictions as .22 rimfire rifles.

(2) (a) No person shall hunt game with the aid of an airplane, including the use of an airplane to spot, rally or drive game for hunters on the ground.

(b) No person shall place, operate or attend, spread, or set any net, pitfall, snare, spring gun, pivot gun, swivel gun, or other similar contrivance for the purpose of catching or which might catch, take or ensnare game.

(3) (a) No person shall carry with him, in or on a motor driven boat while motor is running, any firearm or bow unless such firearm is unloaded and unless such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.

(b) No person shall possess, place or carry with him, in or on any vehicle or automobile, any firearm or bow unless such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case or such firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.

(c) No person shall load or shoot any firearm or bow and arrow in, on or from any automobile, aircraft, or other vehicle, stationary or moving.

(d) No person shall have in his possession or under his control any firearm or bow and arrow in or on any vehicle or automobile while shining any area inhabited by wild animals.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot into or molest or destroy the nest of any squirrel at any time of the year.

(5) No person shall take, catch, kill, pursue, hunt, shoot, or shoot at any upland game bird, or migratory game bird with a rifle or with a shotgun loaded with single ball or slug or shot larger than No. BB at any time.

(7) (a) No person shall use or have in his possession or under his control any ferret while hunting, except as provided in this subsection. The owner or occupant of any land where rabbits are found to be doing damage may request from the state conservation commission a permit to use a ferret for hunting rabbits thereon.

(b) No person shall have in his possession or under his control or use, for hunting rabbits, any snare, trap or any device or contrivance designed or used for the purpose of driving rabbits out of their holes or dens.

(8) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to make every rea-

sonable effort to retrieve all game birds killed or crippled by him; and until such effort is made, such game birds shall be included in his daily bag.

(9) No person shall place, use or hunt over any baited area containing paper, plastic, glass, metal or wood containers, or other non-degradable materials or salt. This applies to hunting any species of wild animals or birds at any time.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (5), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. (1) and (3), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; cr. (8), Register, September, 1961, No. 69, eff. 10-1-61; am. (1), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; r. (6), am. (7) (a), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; renun. to be NR 10.07; am. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2) (a), r. and recr. (3) and cr. (9) (a) and (b), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; am. (3) (a) and (b) and (9) (b), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; am. (1), (2) (b), and (9) (a), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. (9) (b), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; emerg. r. and recr. (9), eff. 8-2-74; r. and recr. (9), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75.

**WCD 10.08 Permits for trapping rabbits and hares.** 1-2-56; r. Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60.

**NR 10.09 Guns and ammunition.** (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or have in his possession or under control while hunting or pursuing any game birds, game animals or other wild animals any shotshells loaded with single slug or ball except during the open firearm season for deer or bear or any shell, cartridge or ammunition known as tracer shells, burning tracer shells or any incendiary shells or cartridges which may be discharged from any shotgun, rifle or other firearms, except hunter distress flares.

(3) No person shall have in possession any rifle larger than .22 rim-fire in territory wherein there is an open season for hunting deer with shotgun only during such open season unless such rifle is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, except that smooth-bore, muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .45 caliber and rifled muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .40 caliber may be possessed and used for the hunting of deer during such open season.

(4) During the 24-hour period prior to the opening date for hunting deer with firearms, no person shall have in possession any firearm in any area wherein there is an open season for deer with firearms, unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, except that waterfowl hunters shall be permitted to hunt waterfowl continually during the open season.

(5) During the period beginning June 1 and ending December 31 it shall be unlawful for any person to carry in any manner or have in possession or under control shot larger than No. BB while hunting.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture or kill, or wound or shoot at any deer or bear with any .22 rimfire rifle, 5mm rimfire rifle, .17 caliber centerfire rifle, .410 bore shotgun or any rifle using caseless ammunition.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (6), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (3), (4), (5), (6), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (4) and (5), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. (2), (5), (6), and r. (7), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; am. (2), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; am. (2), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; r. (1); am. (3); r. and recr. (5), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (3), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renun. to be NR 10.09; am. (6), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (4) and (5), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73.

**NR 10.10 Deer and bear hunting.** (1) No person, while hunting or in possession of firearms or bow and arrow, shall have in possession or under control any light used for the purpose of shining deer.

(2) No person shall hunt deer or bear with a dog or dogs, except that dogs may be used for hunting bear in that portion of the state lying northerly of a line beginning with U.S. highway 8 on the western boundary of the state, thence easterly along said highway 8 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with state highway 13, thence northerly along said highway 13 to its junction with U.S. highway 8, thence easterly along said highway 8 to its junction with U.S. highway 45, thence southerly along said highway 45 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to the eastern boundary of the state during the seasons established under Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2.

(3) No person shall hunt deer or bear with the aid of artificial light.

(4) No person shall hunt or shoot a bear in a den.

(5) No person shall construct, occupy or use any elevated scaffold or other elevated device for the purpose of hunting, watching for or killing deer or bear, except that portable tree stands may be used for this purpose provided they are completely removed each day at the close of hunting hours and provided such devices do no permanent damage to trees in which they are placed.

(6) 'Bait' for the purposes of this section is defined as any material attractive to bear. Only liquid scents, except honey, are permitted 'bait' for bear hunting purposes.

(7) No person shall place any bait for bear at any time other than during the period beginning on the Saturday one week prior to the opening of the bear seasons established under Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (g) and continuing through October 15.

(8) No person shall place, use or hunt bear over any bait including honey, except other liquid scents are permitted. No bait for bear shall be placed within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public.

(9) No person shall place, use or hunt over more than 2 bait stations. Such bait stations shall be registered at the nearest department of natural resources office.

(10) The training of dogs by pursuing bear is prohibited except during the period August 1 through the day immediately preceding the beginning of the baiting period established under NR 10.10 (7).

(11) No person shall hunt or pursue bear with a dog or dogs unless such dog or dogs are tattooed or wear a collar with the owner's name and address attached to permit identification of the owner.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (2), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.10, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. and recr. Register August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; emerg. am. (2), and cr. (6) to (11), eff. 8-2-74; am. (2), cr. (6) to (11), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75.

**NR 10.11 Bow and arrow hunting.** (2) Any deer killed during the open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow showing evidence that it was shot with a firearm shall be an illegal deer and it shall be unlawful for any person to have such deer in his possession.

(3) No person shall use or have in his possession or under his control while hunting any wild animal or bird any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrow with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means. Arrows used for hunting deer or bear shall have well-sharpened metal broad-head blades not less than seven-eighths of an inch in width, and not more than one and one-half inches in width.

(4) No person shall hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull of less than 30 pounds.

(5) No person may possess a bow while in, on, or traversing areas inhabited by deer during the open season for hunting deer from one-half hour after the close of hunting hours established in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.06 (3) to one-half hour before opening of hunting hours unless such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.

**History:** 1-2-56; r. (1); am. (2), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (3) and cr. (5), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renun. to be NR 10.11, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72.

**NR 10.115 Deer hunting party permit.** (1) The natural resources board finds, pursuant to sections 29.107, Wis. Stats., that the population of deer is such that an additional harvest is reasonably necessary to manage the deer herd properly in the state in balance with the available range and natural food supply, and there shall be open seasons for deer hunting by deer hunting parties of not less than 4 persons, pursuant to section 29.107, Wis. Stats., as established by Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (e) 1. and designated as quota areas.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any member of a deer hunting party to hunt deer under the authority of such permit unless he is in possession of the deer tag and permit and is wearing the arm band on the sleeve of his outermost garment. The arm band shall be surrendered to the officer at the time the hunting party permit deer is presented for registration.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any member of the deer hunting party to hunt deer under the authority of such permit except in the specified quota area for which such permit is issued.

(4) Permits may be issued only to persons duly applying, on application blanks furnished by the conservation commission, who are in possession of a valid Wisconsin deer hunting license. Application stubs from the license of each member of the deer hunting party must accompany the application.

(6) Permits shall be issued by the department of natural resources to persons duly applying by mailed applications which must be post-marked no later than the third Friday of October. Validation of such mail applications will be made by random selection from all eligible applications received from each quota area.

(7) All permits remaining unissued for any designated quota area

after all applications filed pursuant to subsection (6) have been processed may be issued by the department secretary on a first-come, first-served basis to deer hunting parties duly applying therefor.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57; r. (1) (2) and (3) and recr. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (2), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; r. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; recr. Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (1), (2), (5) and (6), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; emergency rule, cr. (7), eff. 10-17-64; am. (1), (5) and (6); cr. (7), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5) and (6), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; emerg. am. (5), eff. 9-1-67; am. (5) and (6) Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; am. (1), (5) and (6), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.115, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. (5), and am. (7), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71.

**NR 10.12 Migratory waterfowl. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. (a)** No person shall hunt any wild ducks, geese, coot (mudhen), rails or gallinules by shooting it or at it from any boat, canoe, raft, blind, contrivance or device in open water except as otherwise provided in this section, or from any boat or craft other than such as are propelled by paddle, oars or pole, or with the use of any decoys beyond 200 feet from the blind or covering in which the hunter is located, or leave any decoys in the water unattended, or hunt any game bird with the use of a rifle.

(b) No person shall shoot or shoot at migratory waterfowl from any pier, dam, dock, or similar structure or by the use or aid of recorded bird calls or sounds or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.

(c) No person shall take waterfowl or coot by means, aid or use of cattle, horses or mules.

(d) No person shall use in any manner any water, air or motor-driven land conveyance for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying or stirring up of waterfowl and coots.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to use in any manner any sink boat or similar blind that is or can be submerged under the water in any manner for the purpose of hunting, taking, catching, killing, molesting or shooting at any wild ducks, wild geese, coot, or any other aquatic or migratory game birds, nor shall any person leave any waterfowl decoys unattended in the water during the open