

**ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD RENUMBERING,
AMENDING, REPEALING AN RECREATING AND CREATING RULES**

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to relating to renumber NR 10.01(3)(c)2.b. and (h)1.b., to amend NR 10.01(2)(c)1.a., to repeal and recreate NR 10.01(2)(e) and (g), (3)(a) and (c)1., and to create NR 10.01(2)(a)4., (c)1.b., (f)4., (3)(bt), (c)2.b., (f)3., (h)1.b., and 10.275 relating to small game and expanded spring turkey hunting in state parks.

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Statutory Authority: § 27.01(2), 29.014, 29.089(3), 29.041 and 227.11, Stats.

Statutory interpreted: § 29.014, 29.089(3), and 29.041, Stats.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 authorize the hunting of upland game birds including the open season, daily bag, and possession limits in the selected state parks for 3 years starting in 2003.

Section 5 authorizes the hunting of wild turkeys including the open seasons, daily bag and possession limits in selected state parks for 3 years starting in 2003.

Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 authorize the hunting of small game animals including the open seasons, daily bag and possession limits in selected state parks for 3 years starting in 2003.

Section 15 defines the specific hunting regulations for implementing limited small game and migratory game bird hunting in selected state park properties.

Section 1. NR 10.01(2)(a)4. is created to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(a) <i>Ruffed grouse</i>		
4. Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake and Newport state parks	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 in 2003, 2004 and 2005	Daily bag 5; possession 10

Section 2. NR 10.01(2)(c)1.a. is amended to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(c) <i>Pheasants</i>		
1. Cocks only	Early season-- Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 2 consecutive days.	Daily bag 1; possession 2
a. In all counties of the state except the properties specified in subd. subds. 1.b. and 2., subpar. b and s. NR 10.24	Late season-- Beginning on the day immediately after the season described above and continuing through December 31	Daily bag 2; possession 4

Section 3. NR 10.01(2)(c)1.b. is created to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(c) <i>Pheasants</i> b. Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff and Newport state parks	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 in 2003, 2004 and 2005	Daily bag 2; possession 4

Section 4. NR 10.01(2)(e) is repealed and recreated to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(e) <i>Bobwhite quail</i> 1. In all counties of the state except in the parks listed in subd. 2.	Beginning on Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 54 consecutive days	Daily bag 5; possession 10
2. Mirror Lake and Newport state parks.	Beginning on November 1 to the close of the season listed in subd. 1. in 2003, 2004 and 2005	Daily bag 5; possession 10

Section 5. NR 10.01(2)(f)4. is created to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(f) <i>Wild turkey.</i> 4. Newport, Willow River and Interstate state parks.	Spring season beginning on the Wednesday nearest April 13 and continuing Wednesday through Sunday for 3 consecutive 5-day time periods in 2003, 2004 and 2005	Only male or bearded turkeys may be killed. The possession limit corresponds to the number of carcass tags issued.

Section 6. NR 10.01(2)(g) is repealed and recreated to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(g) <i>Crow</i> 1. Statewide except in the parks listed in subd. 2.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through the Thursday immediately preceding the gun deer season for Zone A in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) and reopening in January and continuing through March 20. The date of reopening in January shall be established each year by the department to allow for a 124- day crow season.	Daily bag 15; possession 30
2. Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff and Newport state parks.	Beginning on Nov. 1 and continuing through the Thursday immediately preceding the gun deer season for Zone A in s. NR 10.01(3)(e) in 2003, 2004 and 2005	Daily bag 15; possession 30

Section 7. NR 10.01(3)(a) is repealed and recreated to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
<i>(a) Gray and fox squirrels</i>		
1. In all counties of the state except in the parks listed in subd. 2.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31.	Daily bag (total of both species) 5; possession 10
2. Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake and Newport state parks.	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 in 2003, 2004 and 2005	Daily bag (total of both species) 5; possession 10

Section 8. NR 10.01(3)(bt) is created to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
<i>(bt) Raccoon (state park resident and non-resident hunting)</i>		
Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake and Newport state parks.	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 in 2003, 2004 and 2005	None

Section 9. NR 10.01(3)(c)1. is repealed and recreated to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
1. Snowshoe hare		
a. Mill Bluff and Newport state parks	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 in 2003, 2004 and 2005	None
b. In all other parts of the state	All year	None

Section 10. NR 10.01(3)(c)2.b. is renumbered NR 10.01(3)(c)2.d.

Section 11. NR 10.01(3)(c)2.b. is created to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
2. Cottontail		
b. Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake and Newport state parks	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 in 2003, 2004 and 2005	Daily bag 3; possession 6

Section 12. NR 10.01(3)(f)3. is created to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
<i>(f) Fox, all species</i>		
3. Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake and Newport state parks	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 in 2003, 2004 and 2005	None

Section 13. NR 10.01(3)(h)1.b. is renumbered NR 10.01(3)(h)1.c.

Section 14. NR 10.01(3)(h)1.b. is created to read.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(h) <i>Coyote</i>		
b. Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake and Newport state parks	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 in 2003, 2004 and 2005	None

Section 15. NR 10.275 is created to read.

NR 10.275 State park small game and migratory game bird hunting. No person may hunt game species listed in s. NR 10.01(1), (2)(a), (c), (e), (g), (3)(a), (bt), (c), (f) or (h) on the state owned portions of state parks except as provided in this section. Portions of the properties listed may be posted closed to small game and migratory bird hunting.

(1) SMALL GAME AND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS. (a) *Small game.* Hunting is allowed for small game in Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake and Newport state parks during the seasons specified in s. NR 10.01(2)(a), (c), (e), (g), (3)(a), (bt), (c), (f) and (h).

(b) *Migratory game birds.* 1. Migratory game bird hunting for the species specified in s. NR 10.01(1) is allowed in Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff and Newport state parks from November 1 through December 15 or until the seasons established in s. NR 10.01(1) conclude, whichever occurs first.

2. Migratory game bird hunting is allowed in Mirror Lake state park during the seasons specified in s. NR 10.01(1).

(2) RESTRICTIONS. (a) *Firearms.* Rifles and pistols are prohibited for small game and migratory game bird hunting.

(b) *Hunting hours.* The hunting hours for pursuing small game and migratory game birds shall be the same as the hours established in s. NR 10.06 (5) except that hunting hours will close at 12:00 noon daily.

(c) *Other hunting methods.* Dogs shall be kept on a leash not more than 8 feet long and under control at all times in all areas within the state parks listed in sub. (1) except when pursuing, hunting or retrieving game species authorized for hunting by the department, other than deer and turkey, in designated areas open to hunting in Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake and Newport state parks.

(3) PERMITS AND REGISTRATION GENERAL PROHIBITIONS. (a) No person may hunt small game or migratory game birds in Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake or Newport state parks without first obtaining a permit issued by the department.

(b) No person may hunt without first providing information in writing required by the department at a designated location at the state park property.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on August 14, 2002.

The rules shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Darrell Bazzell, Secretary

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