

NR 10.06 Hunting hours. (1) All hunting hours, when specified in this chapter, mean Central Standard Time, and the daily opening (a.m.) and closing (p.m.) hours listed shall apply to the entire state.

(2) (a) General hunting hour zones are established as follows:

Zone

- A—all that part of the state lying east of 88°-00' longitude
- B—all that part of the state lying between 88°-00' and 89°-00' long.
- C—all that part of the state lying between 89°-00' and 90°-00' long.
- D—all that part of the state lying between 90°-00' and 91°-00' long.
- E—all that part of the state lying between 91°-00' and 92°-00' long.
- F—all that part of the state lying west of 92°-00' longitude.

(b) The hunting hours for small game in Zone A are listed in the following table (in (e)). Hunting hours in Zone B are established by adding 4 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A for each day; for Zone C by adding 8 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; for Zone D by adding 12 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; for Zone E by adding 16 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; and for Zone F by adding 20 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A.

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(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot any species of game except deer and bear on which an open season is established on any day during the open season before the time established by the a.m. column or after the time established by the p.m. column in any hunting hour zone, except as provided in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.25. There are no hunting hour restrictions for fox, raccoon and all wild animals for which no closed season is established, except during the gun deer season when the general hunting hours shall apply.

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

(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 17-25.....	5:45	5:15
October 26-November 6.....	6:00	5:00
November 7 through the day before the gun deer season.....	6:15	4:45
First day of gun deer season through 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, Sept. 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; am. (3), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; emerg. am. (2) (d), eff. 9-24-75; am. (3), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; am. (2) (d) (eff. 6-1-76), am. (2) (c), Register, May, 1975, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (2) (d) and (3), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (2) (a), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77.

NR 10.07 Hunting, prohibited methods. (1) (a) 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.

(c) Definitions. 1. Bow shall be defined as any bow, drawn and held by and through the effort of the person releasing it, but does not include crossbow.

2. Crossbow shall be defined as any device using a bow which once drawn is held solely by other means than the effort of the person firing it.

(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) No person shall have in possession or under control any firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow 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 department a permit to use a ferret for hunting rabbits thereon.

(b) No person shall have in his possession or under his control 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 reasonable 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.

Said representatives shall inspect the animal and attach and lock a special tag indicating it has been inspected. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess raw pelts from such animals beginning 6 days after the close of the season to the opening date of the following season without such tag attached and locked. No person shall transfer, give, trade, sell, or purchase any such pelts without such tag being attached and locked to the head of each pelt. This section shall not apply to wildcat taken outside of the state of Wisconsin.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. Register, March 1975, No. 231, eff. 3-1-75; am. Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76.

NR 10.21 Possession of game. (1) **Opening day limits.** On the opening day, no person shall have in his possession or under his control more than a daily bag limit of upland game birds, gray or fox squirrels, cottontail rabbits, jackrabbits and snowshoe hares, or migratory game birds for which an open season is prescribed.

(3) (a) Except as provided in section 29.579, Wis. Stats., no person shall keep alive in captivity any animal or bird on which there is a closed season at any time, or any fox, skunk, raccoon, or coyote, unless a game or fur farm or wildlife exhibit license has been first obtained from the department of natural resources

(b) All live fur bearing and game animals and birds taken during the open season for such species shall be killed immediately and made part of the daily bag. It shall be unlawful to keep such game alive after same has been taken, except that holders of current game or fur farm licenses may retain live wild animals lawfully taken by them.

History: 1-2-56; r. (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; renum. to be NR 10.21; am. (3) (a) and (b), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (3) (a), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73.

NR 10.22 Sandhill wildlife demonstration area, Wood county.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case upon that area known as the Sandhill wildlife demonstration area in Wood county, Wisconsin, except as provided in this section.

(2) (a) Daily hunting permits shall be issued to hunters at established check stations on a first-come, first-served basis on the day for which the permit is to be issued. Such permits shall be issued without charge for the purpose of conducting research on hunting methods and success. It shall be unlawful to hunt on such area without a permit. Permits shall be subject to the following limitations:

(b) Permits for hunting migratory game birds, squirrels, and ruffed grouse only shall be issued. Migratory game bird hunting will be permitted only from the opening date of the general duck season through the Sunday immediately prior to the opening day of the deer gun season with bag limits the same as those that apply in the remainder of Wood county. Squirrel and ruffed grouse hunting will be permitted only during the same period open for migratory game bird hunting. The daily bag limit on squirrels and ruffed grouse shall be the same as for the remainder of Wood county.

(c) Daily hunting permits shall be limited to allow not more than 75 hunters for squirrels and ruffed grouse at any one time. Daily hunting permits for migratory game birds shall be limited to 102 or less depending upon seasonal water conditions.

(d) Permits shall be issued for and the permittee limited to hunting in a single designated hunting compartment.

(e) Permits shall be issued only to persons possessing a valid Wisconsin hunting license.

(f) All permits shall be valid only for the date issued, and such permit or any other identification issued shall be turned in at a checking station upon leaving the area.

(g) All game taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited to the department of natural resources or its agents at a checking station for examination, identification and marking before leaving the area.

(h) Hunters waiting to apply for permits must form a single line. Each vehicle in the line may contain no more than 5 applicants and must be occupied at all times by all persons desiring to apply for permits that day.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1962, No. 81, eff. 10-1-62; r. and recr. Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; r. and recr. (2) (intro. par.) and (a), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.22; r. and recr. (2) intro. par. and (a); cr. (2) (h), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1) and (2), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; r. and recr., Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (2) (b), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 3-1-75; am. (b) and (c), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77.

NR 10.24 Deer management units. (1) Deer management units are established as designated on the following map entitled "Deer Management Units" (revised 1976).

(See map at the end of this chapter)

History: Cr. Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; am. map. Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; r. and recr. Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.24; am. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), and map Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; am. (1), Register, September, 1972, No. 201, eff. 10-1-72; am. (1), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; am. (1), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (1), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76.

NR 10.25 Wild turkey hunting permit. (1) During the open season established under Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (2) (f) it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt wild turkeys unless such person is in possession of a valid principal or guest turkey hunting permit duly issued by the department and is wearing the back tag issued with the permit.

(2) Any person holding a valid license authorizing the hunting of small game may file an application for a principal turkey hunting permit with the department on forms furnished by it. Such application shall be filed by mail and must be postmarked not later than March 29. Principal permits will be issued to applicants selected at random from all eligible applications filed, and will be accompanied by a guest permit which may be used by any person designated by the

principal permittee. It is unlawful for any person to file more than one application, and all duplicate applications will be rejected.

(3) Each principal and guest permit shall be valid for either 2 consecutive days or 5 consecutive days as specified on the permit. Not more than a combined total of 220 permits shall be issued for any two-day period or 340 permits for any five-day period.

(4) No person may be the guest of more than one principal permittee.

(5) No person may hunt on any more than one of the designated hunting periods.

(6) A service charge of \$1 will be required for each principal permit and each guest permit.

(7) It is unlawful for any person to hunt wild turkeys in any manner in violation of the following wild turkey hunting permit restrictions:

(a) Shooting hours shall be from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., CST.

(b) Weapons shall be restricted to shotguns only loaded with shot not larger than No. BB.

(c) During the open season period there shall be a closed season on all other game.

(d) No person shall use recorded bird calls or sounds or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.

(e) All turkeys killed during the open season shall be registered at the Meadow Valley Conservation Headquarters before they are transported from the open season zone, and not later than 1:00 p.m. on the day killed.

(f) No person shall hunt turkeys with the aid of dogs.

(g) Each permittee shall be required to report information as specified on the permit.

(h) It is unlawful to hunt turkeys without a permit.

(i) It is unlawful to use live decoys for the purposes of enticing wild turkeys.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; r. and recr. Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4-1-67; am. (3), (5) and (7) (a), Register, March, 1968, No. 147, eff. 4-1-68; renum. to be NR 10.25, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70.

NR 10.26 Preservation of Wolf River scenic values — Menominee county History: Emergency rule, eff. 9-23-66; cr. Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.26, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76.

NR 10.27 Deer hunting in state parks. Open seasons for deer are established on state-owned lands in the following state parks as hereinafter set forth pursuant to section 29.57 (4), Wis. Stats., in accordance with the open season established by Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (e) in the respective season zone in which such park is located, except for areas closed to deer hunting.

(1) Gun season only; Governor Dodge state park and Perrot state park.

(2) Gun season and December bow and arrow season only: Rock Island state park, Newport state park, Big Bay state park recreation area, Lake Wissota state park recreation area, Tuscobia-Park Falls state trail, Elroy-Sparta state trail, Mirror Lake state park recreation area; Hartman Creek state park, Devil's Lake state park, Interstate state park, Wildcat Mountain state park and Willow River state park and Kinnickinnic state park.

(3) Bow and arrow season except for the December bow and arrow season; Buckhorn Peninsula state park.

(4) In all other state parks there is no open season for hunting deer.

History: Emerg. cr. eff. 10-11-68; cr. Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.27; am. intro. par., Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1) Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. Register, November, 1972, No. 203, eff. 12-1-72; am. (2), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; emerg. renum. (3) to be (4) and cr. (3) eff. 9-24-75; renum. (3) to be (4), cr. (4), Register, September, 1975, No. 237, eff. 10-1-75; am. (1) and (2), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (2), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77.