

Summary of Hunting Season Dates from the 2023 Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Guide

Game Birds (see <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Hunting/2023-Connecticut-Hunting-and-Trapping-Guide/Small-Game-and-Pheasant-Hunting> for limit information)

SEASON	2023 SEASON DATES
Pheasant ^A	Jan. 2 - Feb. 28 Oct. 21 - Dec. 30
Chukar and Hungarian Partridge ^A	Jan. 2 - Feb. 28 Oct. 21 - Dec. 30
Ruffed Grouse ^A	Oct. 21 - Nov. 30
Quail ^A <i>Extended season in some areas.</i>	Oct. 21 - Nov. 4
Crow ^B	Jan. 14 – Mar. 25 (Mon. through Sat.) Aug. 12 – Oct. 13 (Wed., Fri., Sat.) Oct. 21 – Nov. 30 (Wed., Fri., Sat.)
Woodcock - Snipe - Rails ^B	See current Migratory Bird Hunting Guide; State stamp required.
Waterfowl ^B (ducks, mergansers, geese, and coot)	See current Migratory Bird Hunting Guide; State and federal stamps required.

^A Connecticut Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamp required.

^B Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp required.

Small Game Mammals (see <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Hunting/2023-Connecticut-Hunting-and-Trapping-Guide/Small-Game-and-Pheasant-Hunting> for limit information)

SEASON	2023 SEASON DATES
Gray Squirrel	Jan. 2 - Feb. 28 Sept. 1 - Dec. 30
Cottontail Rabbit European Hare	Jan. 2 - Feb. 28 Oct. 21 - Dec. 30
Snowshoe Hare	Jan. 2 - Jan. 31 Nov. 18 - Dec. 30
Woodchuck	March 15 - Nov. 15

Furbearers (see <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Hunting/2023-Connecticut-Hunting-and-Trapping-Guide/Small-Game-and-Pheasant-Hunting> for limit information)

SEASON	2023 SEASON DATES
Coyote	Jan. 2 - Dec. 30
Raccoon Opossum	Jan. 2 - Jan. 21 Oct. 21 - Dec. 30
Red and Gray Foxes	Jan. 2 - Feb. 28 Oct. 21 - Dec. 30

See <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Hunting/2023-Connecticut-Hunting-and-Trapping-Guide/Furbearer-Trapping-Seasons> for trapping season information.

Turkey, Deer, Junior Hunter Days on next page

Wild Turkeys

(See <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Hunting/2023-Connecticut-Hunting-and-Trapping-Guide/Wild-Turkey-Hunting> for limit information)

SEASON	2023 SEASON DATES
Spring Turkey State and Private Lands	April 26 - May 27
Fall Archery Turkey Private Land (Zones 11 and 12) Private Land (All Zones) State Land Bowhunting Only Areas State Land	Jan. 2 - Jan. 31 Sept. 15 - Dec. 30 Sept. 15 - Dec. 30 Sept. 15 - Nov. 14 Dec. 20 - Dec. 30
Fall Turkey Firearms State and Private Lands	Oct. 7 - Oct. 31

White-tailed Deer

(See <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Hunting/2023-Connecticut-Hunting-and-Trapping-Guide/Deer-Hunting> for limit information)

SEASON	2023 SEASON DATES
Deer Bowhunting Private Land (Zones 11 and 12) Private Land (All Zones) State Land Bowhunting Only Areas State Land	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31 Sept. 15 - Dec. 31 Sept. 15 - Dec. 30 Sept. 15 - Nov. 14 Dec. 20 - Dec. 30
Deer Shotgun - State Controlled Areas No Lottery Season	Nov. 15 - Dec. 5
Deer Lottery Archery-Only Lottery State Land Lottery "A" Season State Land Lottery Regular Season	Sept. 15 - Dec. 30 Nov. 15 - Nov. 24 Nov. 15 - Dec. 5
Deer Shotgun/Rifle/Revolver Private Lands Landowner	Nov. 15 - Dec. 5 Nov. 1 - Dec. 30
Deer Muzzleloader Private Land State Land	Dec. 6 - Dec. 30 Dec. 6 - Dec. 19

Junior Hunter Training Days

Learn more about Junior Hunter Training Days and Opportunities at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-Junior-Hunting>.

SEASON	2023 SEASON DATES
Junior Spring Wild Turkey	April 15-22, 2023 (excluding Sunday)
Junior Waterfowl	Two Saturdays in fall (see the 2023-2024 Migratory Bird Hunting Guide for dates)
Junior Pheasant	October 14, 2023
Junior Deer	Nov. 4-11, 2023 (excluding Sunday)