

2009 Hunting Seasons on the Appalachian Trail

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State	Deer Firearm	Large game Firearm	Large game Bow	Turkey Firearm	Contact
Maine (excluding Sundays)	Oct. 24 Oct. 31 Nov. 2 – Nov. 28 Nov. 30 – Dec. 5	Aug. 31 – Nov. 28	Oct. 1 – Oct. 30	May 2 May 4 – Jun. 6	Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (207) 287-8000 www.maine.gov/ifw
New Hampshire	Oct. 24 – Oct. 25 Oct. 31 – Dec. 6	Sep. 1 – Nov. 24 Oct. 17 – Oct. 25	Sep. 15 – Dec. 15	Oct. 12 – Oct. 16	New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (603) 271-2461 www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunting.htm
Vermont	Nov. 7 – Nov. 8 Nov. 14 – Nov. 29 Dec. 5 – Dec. 13	Sep. 1 – Nov. 18	Oct 3. – Oct. 25 Dec. 5 – Dec. 13	Oct. 24 – Oct. 30	Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (802) 241-3700 www.anr.state.vt.us/fw/fwhome
Massachusetts (excluding Sundays)	Nov. 30 – Dec. 31	Sep. 8 – Sep. 26 Nov. 2 – Nov. 21	Oct. 12 – Nov. 21	Oct. 26 – Oct. 31	Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (508) 389-6300 www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw
Connecticut (excluding Sundays)	Nov. 14 Nov. 18 – Dec. 22		Sep. 15 – Dec. 31	Oct. 3 – Oct. 31	Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (860) 424-3000 www.ct.gov/dep
New York	Nov. 21 – Dec. 22	Nov. 21 – Dec. 22	Oct. 17 – Nov. 20 Dec. 14 – Dec. 22	Oct. 1 – Nov. 20 Apr. 24 – Apr. 25	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Bureau of Wildlife (518) 402-8883 www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/hunting.html
New Jersey	Nov. 21 Nov. 30 Dec. 1 Dec. 7 – Dec. 12 Dec. 14 – Dec. 24 Dec. 26 – Dec. 31 Jan. 1 – Jan. 30 excluding Sundays		Sep. 26 Sep. 12 – Dec. 24 Dec. 26 – Dec. 31 Jan. 1 – Jan. 30	Oct. 26 – Oct. 31 Apr. 24 Apr. 26 – May 28	New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (609) 292-2965 www.state.nj.us/dep/fqw
Pennsylvania (excluding Sundays)	Oct. 17 – Oct. 24 Nov. 30 – Dec. 12 Dec. 26 – Jan. 9	Nov. 23 – Nov. 25 Dec. 2 – Dec. 5	Oct. 3 – Nov. 14 Nov. 18 – Nov. 19 Dec. 26 – Jan. 9	Oct. 31 – Nov. 21 Apr. 24 May 1 – May 31	Pennsylvania Game Commission (717) 787-6286 www.pgc.state.pa.us
Maryland (excluding Sundays)	Oct. 22 – Oct. 24 Oct. 26 – Oct. 31 Nov. 14 Nov. 28 – Dec. 12 Dec. 19 - Jan. 9		Sep. 15 – Oct. 21 Oct. 26 – Nov. 27 Dec. 14 – Dec. 18 Jan. 4 – Jan. 30	Oct. 31 – Nov. 7 Apr. 17 Apr. 19 – May 24	Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Division (410) 260-8540 www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide

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West Virginia (excluding Sundays)	Sep. 21 – Sep. 26 Oct. 31 Nov. 23 – Dec. 12 Dec. 14 – Dec. 19 Dec. 26 – Dec. 28 Dec. 29 – Dec. 31	Dec. 7 – Dec. 31	Sep. 14 – Sep. 19 Oct. 17 – Dec. 31	Oct. 24 – Nov. 21 Apr. 24 Apr. 26 – May 22	West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (304) 822-3551 www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunting.shtm
Hikers in these regions should check both West Virginia and Virginia hunting seasons. The A.T. in northern Virginia between Route 7/Snickers Gap and Harpers Ferry, and in central Virginia twenty miles north of Pearisburg is on the West Virginia/Virginia state line.					
Virginia (excluding Sundays) No hunting is allowed in Shenandoah National Park.	Sep. 26 Oct. 31 – Nov. 13 Nov. 14 - Jan. 2 Jan. 4 – Mar. 27	Oct. 31 – Nov. 13 Nov. 21 – Jan. 2	Sep. 5 – Oct. 2 Oct. 3 – Nov. 13 Nov. 30 – Jan. 2	Oct. 17 Oct. 24 – Nov. 6 Nov. 26 Nov. 30 – Jan. 2 Apr. 3 Apr. 10 – May 1 May 3 – May 15	Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (804) 367-1000 www.dgif.state.va.us/hunting
Tennessee*	Oct. 31 – Nov. 1 Nov. 7 – Dec. 6 Dec. 19 – Jan. 10 Jan. 16 – Jan. 17	Nov. 2 – Nov. 5 Nov. 26 – Nov. 29 Dec. 3 – Dec. 16	Sep. 26 – Jan. 10	Dec. 7 – Dec. 18 Mar. 27 – Mar. 28 Apr. 3 – May 16	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (615) 781-6500 www.state.tn.us/twra
Hikers in these regions should check both Tennessee and North Carolina hunting seasons. Much of the A.T. north of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is on the Tennessee/North Carolina state line.					
North Carolina* (excluding Sundays) No hunting is allowed in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.	Oct. 5 – Oct. 10 Nov. 23 – Dec. 12	Oct. 12 – Nov. 21 Dec. 14 – Jan. 1	Sep. 7 – Oct. 3 Oct. 12 – Nov. 21	Apr. 3 Apr. 10 – May 8	North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (919) 707-0050 www.ncwildlife.org
Georgia	Oct. 17 – Jan. 1	Oct. 17 – Dec. 6	Sep. 12 – Oct. 16	Mar. 20 – May 15	Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division (770) 918-6400 http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us