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State	Deer Firearm	Large game Firearm	Large game Bow	Turkey Firearm	Contact
Maine (excluding Sundays)	Oct. 22 Oct. 29 Oct. 31 – Nov. 26 Nov. 28 – Dec. 3	Aug. 29 – Nov. 26 Sep. 26 – Oct. 1 Oct. 10 – Oct. 15 Nov. 7 – Nov. 12	Sep. 29 – Oct. 28	Apr. 30 May 2 – Jun. 4	Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (207) 287-8000 http://www.maine.gov/ifw/
New Hampshire	Oct. 22 – Oct. 23 Oct. 29 – Nov. 8 Nov. 9 – Dec. 4	Sep. 1 – Nov. 22	Sep. 15 – Sep. 30	Oct. 10 – Oct. 14 Apr. 28 – Apr. 29 May 3 – May 31	New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (603) 271-2461 http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunting.htm
Vermont	Nov. 5 – Nov. 6 Nov. 12 – Nov. 27 Dec. 3 – Dec. 11	Sep. 1 – Nov. 16	Oct. 1 – Oct. 23 Dec. 3 – Dec. 11	Oct. 22 – Oct. 30 Apr. 23 – Apr. 24 May 1 – May 31	Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (802) 241-3700 http://www.anr.state.vt.us/fw/fwhome/
Massachusetts (excluding Sundays)	Nov. 28 – Dec. 10 Dec. 12 – Dec. 31	Sep. 6 – Sep. 24 Nov. 7 – Nov. 26	Oct. 17 – Nov. 26	Oct. 31 – Nov. 5	Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (508) 389-6300 http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/
Connecticut (excluding Sundays)	Nov. 5 Nov. 12 Nov. 16 - Dec. 20		Sep. 15 – Dec. 31	Oct. 1 – Oct. 31	Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (860) 424-3000 http://www.ct.gov/dep
New York	Oct. 22 – Dec. 20	Sep. 17 - Dec. 20	Sep. 27 – Oct. 21 Oct. 15 – Nov. 18 Dec. 12 – Dec. 20	Oct. 1 – Nov. 18 Apr. 21 – Apr. 22 May 1 – May 31	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Bureau of Wildlife (518) 402-8883 http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/hunting.html
New Jersey	Nov. 19 Nov. 28 – Nov. 29 Dec. 5 – Dec. 10 Dec. 12 – Dec. 24 Dec. 26 – Dec. 31 Jan. 3 – Jan. 31	Dec. 5 – Dec. 10	Sep. 10 – Sep. 30 Oct. 1 – Oct. 28 Oct. 29 – Dec. 24 Dec. 26 – Dec. 31 Jan 1. - Jan 31	Oct. 29 – Nov. 5 Apr. 21 – May 25	New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (609) 292-2965 http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/
Pennsylvania (excluding Sundays)	Oct. 15 – Oct. 22 Nov. 28 – Dec. 10 Dec. 26 – Jan. 16	Nov. 19, 21, 22, 23 Nov. 30 – Dec. 3	Oct. 1 – Nov. 12 Nov. 14 – Nov. 18 Dec. 26 – Jan. 16	Oct. 29 – Nov. 18 Nov. 24 – Nov. 26 Apr. 21, 2012 Apr. 28 – May 31	Pennsylvania Game Commission (717) 787-6286 http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/
Maryland (excluding Sundays)	Oct. 20 – Oct. 22 Oct. 24 – Oct. 29 Nov. 12 – Nov. 13 Nov. 26 – Dec. 10 Dec. 17 – Dec. 31		Sep. 15 – Oct. 19 Oct. 24 – Nov. 25 Dec. 12 – Dec. 16 Jan. 2 – Jan. 5 Jan. 9 – Jan. 31	Apr. 14, 2012 Oct. 29 – Nov. 5 Apr. 18 – May 23	Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Division (410) 260-8540 http://www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide/

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West Virginia (excluding Sundays)	Sep. 19 – Sep. 24 Oct. 29 Nov. 21 – Dec. 10 Dec. 12 – Dec. 17 Dec. 26 – Dec. 27 Dec. 28 – Dec. 31		Sep. 12 – Sep. 17 Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	Oct. 22 – Nov. 19 Apr. 21, 2012 Apr. 23 – May 19	West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (304) 822-3551 http://www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunting.shtm http://www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/SundayHunt.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. 24 Nov. 5 – Nov. 18 Nov. 19 – Jan. 7 Jan. 9 – Mar. 31	Nov. 12 – Nov. 18 Nov. 26 – Jan. 7	Sep. 3 – Sep. 30 Oct. 1 – Nov. 18 Dec. 5 – Jan. 7	Oct. 15 Oct. 29 – Nov. 11 Nov. 24 Dec. 5 – Dec. 31 Jan. 14 – Jan. 28 Apr. 7, 2012 Apr. 14 – May 5 May 7 – May 19	Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (804) 367-1000 http://www.dgif.state.va.us/hunting/
Tennessee*	Oct. 29 – Oct. 30 Nov. 5 – Nov. 18 Nov. 19 – Jan. 1 Jan. 7 – Jan. 8	Oct. 31 – Nov. 3 Dec. 1 – Dec. 14	Sep. 24 – Oct. 28 Oct. 29 – Oct. 30 Oct. 31 – Nov. 4 Jan. 7 – Jan. 8	Mar. 24 – 25, 2012 Mar. 31 – Mar. 13	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (615) 781-6500 http://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. 3 – Oct. 15 Nov. 21 – Dec. 10	Oct. 17 – Nov. 19 Dec. 12 – Jan. 2	Sep. 12 – Oct 1 Oct. 17 – Nov. 19	Apr. 7, 2012 Apr. 14 – May 12	North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (919) 707-0050 http://www.ncwildlife.org/
Georgia	Oct. 15 - Jan. 1	Oct. 15 – Dec. 4	Sep. 10 – Oct. 14	Mar. 24 – May 15	Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division (770) 918-6400 http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us