

2017-2018 Hunting Seasons on the Appalachian Trail

Hunting is allowed on or near most of the Appalachian Trail. Although hunting is prohibited on 600 miles of NPS-acquired A.T. lands, the corridor is narrow and hunters may be nearby. Wear blaze orange when hiking in fall, winter or spring, and take other safety precautions. Learn the regulations and hunting seasons for the areas you will be hiking in before you go. Only large game and firearm seasons are listed below. Small game seasons may run from September through May.

For more information, visit ATC's website at www.appalachiantrail.org/hunting.

Dates shown: **September 1, 2017** through **May 31, 2018**. Note that some states prohibit hunting on Sundays. Not all dates apply to all counties; dates and laws related to Sunday hunting may be subject to change. **Re-confirm** hunting season dates locally **before you go**.

State	Deer Firearm	Large game Firearm	Large game Bow	Turkey Firearm	Contact
Maine (excluding Sundays)	Oct. 30 - Nov. 5	Aug. 28 – Nov. 25	Aug. 28 – Nov. 25	Oct. 2 - Nov. 7 April 30 - June 2	Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (207) 287-8000 www.maine.gov/ifw/
New Hampshire	Oct. 21 – Oct. 22 Oct. 28 – Nov. 7 Nov. 8 – Dec. 3	Sept. 1 – Sept. 28 Sept. 1 – Nov. 7 Sept. 1 - Nov. 21	Sept. 1 – Sept. 28 Sept. 1 – Nov. 7 Sept. 1 - Nov. 21	Oct. 16 – Oct. 22	New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (603) 271-3421 www.eregulations.com/newhampshire/hunting/
Vermont	Nov. 4 – Nov. 5 Nov. 11 – Nov. 26 Dec. 2 – Dec. 10	Sept. 1- Nov. 10 Oct. 21 – Oct. 26 Nov. 11 – Nov. 19	Oct. 1 – Oct. 7 Oct. 7 – Nov. 3 Dec. 2 – Dec. 10	Oct. 21 – Oct. 29 Oct. 21 – Nov. 5	Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (802) 828-1000 www.vtfishandwildlife.com
Massachusetts (excluding Sundays)	Sept. 30 Nov. 2 – Nov. 4 Nov. 27 – Dec. 9 Dec. 11 – Dec. 30	Sept. 5 – Sept. 23 Nov. 6 – Nov. 25 Nov. 27 – Dec. 9	Oct. 16 – Nov. 25	April 22 April 24 – May 20 Oct. 23 – Nov. 4	Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (508) 389-6300 www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/
Connecticut (excluding Sundays)	Nov. 15 - Nov. 24 Nov. 25 - Dec. 5 Nov. 1 - Dec. 30 Dec. 6 - Dec. 30	Nov. 15 - Nov. 24 Nov. 25 - Dec. 5 Nov. 1 - Dec. 30 Dec. 6 - Dec. 30	Sept. 15 - Dec. 30	Oct. 7 - Oct. 31	Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (860) 424-3000 www.ct.gov/dep
New York	Oct. 7-9 Nov. 18-Dec. 10 Dec. 11-19	Sept. 9-24 Oct. 1-Mar. 25 Oct. 7-9 Oct. 25-Feb. 15 Nov. 18-Dec. 10 Dec. 11-19	Oct. 1-Nov. 17 Oct. 7-9 Nov. 4-17 Dec. 11-19	Oct. 21-Nov. 3 April 21-22 May 1-31	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (518) 402-8883 www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/hunting.html
New Jersey	Nov. 18, 27-28 Dec. 4-30, except Dec. 10, 24, 25	Oct. 12-14 Dec. 4-9	Sept. 9-29 Sept. 30-Oct. 27 Oct. 27-Dec. 24,26-31 Jan. 1-31	Oct. 28-Nov. 4 April 21-May 25 except Sundays	New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (609) 292-2965 www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/

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On state game lands in Pennsylvania, all hunters and non-hunters are required to wear at least 250 square inches of fluorescent orange material on the head, chest and back combined, or a fluorescent orange hat, from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 (except on Sundays). The orange material must be visible from all angles (360 degrees).					
Pennsylvania (excluding Sundays except coyote, crow, starling and English Sparrow hunting)	Oct. 14-21 Nov. 27 - Dec. 9 Dec. 26 - Jan. 27(restricted)	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31 (limited) Oct. 14 - Feb. 28 Nov. 18-22, 27 - Dec. 9 (Black Bear)	Sept. 16 - Nov. 25 Nov. 27 - Dec. 9 Dec. 26 - Jan. 27, 2018	Oct. 28 - Nov. 17 (5-17 limited) Nov. 23-25 April 21, 2018 Apr. 28 - May 13 (early) May 14-31 (late)	Pennsylvania Game Commission (717) 787-4250 www.pgc.state.pa.us/
Maryland	Oct. 19-28 Nov. 11-Dec. 19 Dec. 16-30 Jan. 5-7	Oct. 23-26 Oct. 14-Mar. 13 Nov. 1-Feb. 1	Sept. 8-Oct. 18 Oct. 22-Nov. 24 Dec. 11-15 Jan. 1-4, 8-31	Oct. 28-Nov. 4 Jan. 18-20 April 14-15 April 18-May 23	Maryland Department of Natural Resources (877) 620-8367 www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide/
West Virginia (Hunting allowed on Sunday in Jefferson county private lands that border A.T. corridor)	Oct. 21, 26-28 Nov. 20-Dec. 2 Dec. 4-9, 14-16, 28-31	Sept. 2-10, 23-29 Oct. 7-13 Oct. 28-Nov. 4 Nov. 1-Feb. 28	Sept. 30-Dec. 31	Oct. 14-21 April 14 April 16-May 12	West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (304) 558-2754 www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunting.shtm 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.	Nov. 18 – Jan. 6 Sept. 2 – Oct. 6 (Loudoun county early antlerless season) Jan. 7 – Mar. 25 (Loudoun county late antlerless season)	Oct. 2 – Oct. 4 Oct. 1 – Jan. 6 Nov. 27 – Jan. 6 Dec. 4 – Dec. 23 Dec. 4 – Jan. 6 Dec. 4 – Dec. 9	Oct. 7 – Nov. 17	Oct. 28 – Nov. 10 & 23 Oct. 28. – Nov. 10 & 23 Dec. 4 – Dec. 30 Jan. 13 – Jan. 27 Apr. 14 – May 6 May 7 – May 19	Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (804) 367-1000 www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/regulations
Tennessee*	Nov. 18 – Jan. 7	Oct. 2 – Oct. 6 Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 Nov. 27 – Dec. 16	Sept. 23 – Oct. 20	Oct. 14 – Oct. 27	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (615) 781-6500 www.tn.gov/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. 14 – Jan. 1 Nov. 11 – Jan. 1	Oct. 14 – Nov. 18 Dec. 11 – Jan. 1	Sept. 9 – Oct. 1 Oct. 15 – Nov. 19	Apr. 14 – May 12	North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (919) 707-0010 www.ncwildlife.org/
Georgia	Oct. 21 – Jan. 14	Oct. 21 - Jan. 14	Sept. 9 – Jan. 14	Mar. 24 – May 15	Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division (770) 918-6400 www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting