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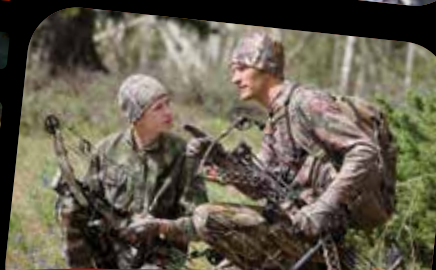
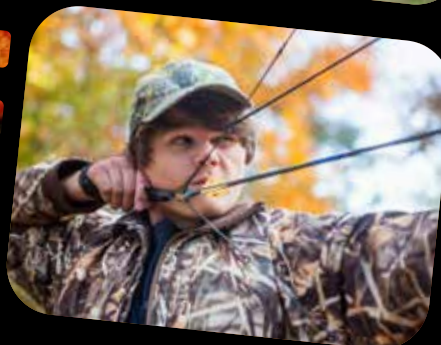
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*Be sure to include your address so
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ATTENTION!

WVDNR Explains Hunting Season Changes in 2020-2021 Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Several important changes to the state's fall hunting seasons for white-tailed deer, wild turkey and black bear are outlined in the 2020-2021 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations, which went into effect July 1.

Major changes to regulations for the 2020-2021 seasons include:

- Leashed dogs may now be used to track and locate mortally wounded deer or bear.
- The youth squirrel season has been extended to include Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020.
- A special youth/Class Q/Class XS bear season will be open Oct. 17-18 on public and private lands in counties open to a firearms deer season. The use of dogs is prohibited during this season except to track a mortally wounded bear.
- Black bear, buck firearms and fall wild turkey seasons now include Sunday closing days.
- Antlerless deer season dates and open counties have changed.
- Fall wild turkey season dates and open counties have changed.
- Black bear season dates and open counties have changed.
- All adult deer harvested on Nov. 23-24, 2020 in Hardy County are required to be taken to a designated CWD sampling station for carcass examination and sampling. See regulations summary for designated sampling station locations.
- Beginning Jan. 1, 2021, hunting coyotes at night using artificial light or night vision technology, including image intensification, thermal imaging, or active illumination, has been extended and is legal through Aug. 31, 2021.
- In addition to shotguns and crossbows, the use of bows with arrows equipped with a point having at least two sharp-cutting edges measuring in excess of three-quarters of an inch wide are now legal during the youth spring gobbler season.
- The spring gobbler season has been extended an additional eight days and will close on Sunday, May 23, 2021.
- Bolts and arrows at least 16 inches long, including the insert and the nock, are legal for use with a crossbow.
- The limitation on the number of apprentice hunting and trapping licensed a person may purchase has been removed.
- A West Virginia resident child under 12 years of age and who has been legally adopted is eligible for an infant lifetime license, provided that the license is purchased within two years of the adoption order or decree.
- It is illegal to bait or feed any wildlife on public lands at any time.

The publication can be downloaded at www.wvdnr.gov and is available at all West Virginia hunting and fishing license agents.



Wild and Wonderful Public Land Hunting

In the course of the past year, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources officials have partnered with The Conservation Fund to acquire 31,218 acres of public land. Located mainly in the west-central region of the state—the properties are in Calhoun, Doddridge, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Wirt and Wood counties.

West Virginias also has some beautiful state forests offer wonderful public hunting opportunities. Those include:

- Cabwaylingo State Forest
- Calvin Price State Forest
- Coopers Rock State Forest
- Greenbrier State Forest
- Kanawha State Forest
- Kumbrabow State Forest
- Panther State Forest
- Seneca State Forest

While state parks are closed to public hunting, many are located near wonderful public hunting lands. Several state parks offer controlled deer hunting opportunities during designated time periods by application only:

- Beech Fork State Park
- Cacapon Resort State Park
- Canaan Valley Resort State Park
- North Bend State Park
- Pipestem Resort State Park
- Twin Falls Resort State Park
- Watoga State Park

How to Properly Store Your Bow

Leaving your bow in its case at the end of a hunt might mean problems on your next time out. Prior to stashing your compound or crossbow, complete this 10-point checklist.

1. Never store a wet bow in a case. Towel it off first.
2. "Pluck" the string to check for any loose components.
3. Inspect nock loops for fraying.
4. Check bowstrings, peep sight servings, and string servings for signs of wear.
5. Inspect the cams for debris. Clean them as necessary.
6. Check limb pockets for debris. Clean them as necessary.
7. Inspect the fiber-optic pins for damage.
8. Exercise your release under tension several times to ensure it's working properly.
9. Gently flex arrow shafts to check for damage.
10. Never store broad heads with your bow. They are razor-sharp.



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Can you find them all?

Using the list to the right, find the words that are hidden in the jumble.

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Beyond The Backyard is asking all of its members to become a fan of our organization at www.facebook.com/beyondthebackyard. This is a great way for us to share stories and photographs of our outdoor adventures. This also allows us to keep all of our members up-to-date on events around the Mountain State. We also post all of our hunting and fishing adventures on Twitter and Instagram. Find us at twitter.com/beyond_backyard and instagram.com/beyondthebackyard