

2009-2010 HUNTING HOURS TABLE



Hunting hours are set up by the Commission by the week for the hunting license year. However, in the interest of safety, hunters must consider the effects weather and field conditions may have on positive target identification and a clear shot path. Obviously, taking a risky shot under poor visibility conditions is a safety concern during legal hunting hours.

Legal hunting hours for all small and big game in Pennsylvania are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Note the following exceptions:

1) During the regular antlered and antlerless deer season, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take other wild birds or mammals, except game birds on regulated hunting grounds, migratory waterfowl, coyote * and bear (in designated deer/bear concurrent season WMUs).

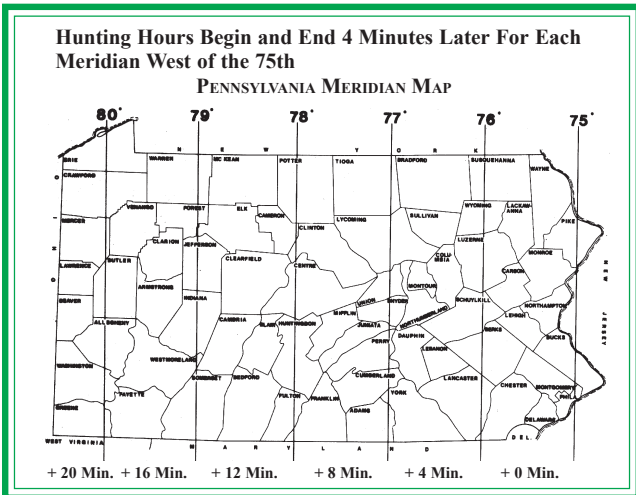
* **Note: Coyotes** may be taken with a hunting or furtakers license, and without wearing orange, outside of any deer or bear season. During any archery deer season, coyotes may be taken while lawfully hunting deer or with a furtakers license. During the regular firearms deer season and any bear season, coyotes may be taken while lawfully hunting deer or bear or with a furtakers license, while wearing 250 square inches of fluorescent orange material in a 360-degree arc. During the spring gobbler season, coyotes may be taken by persons who have a valid tag and follow shot size requirements.

2) Raccoon, fox, skunk, opossum, coyote, bobcat and weasel may be hunted any hour, day or night, except during restricted periods in paragraph 1 (also see furbearer section), and groundhogs, opossum, skunk and weasel may not be hunted prior to 12 noon during the spring gobbler season.

3) Spring Gobbler Season: One-half hour before sunrise until noon.

4) Migratory birds (waterfowl, doves, woodcock, snipe, rails, moorhens and gallinules) may only be hunted one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, **except during the September resident Canada goose season, when Canada geese may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.**

5) The September segment of dove season hunting hours are 12 noon to sunset (tentative depending on the USFWS).



Following are the hunting hours for small and big game, **except for migratory game birds**, which are set by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and that hunting hours table can be found in the “Waterfowl/Migratory Game Birds” section in this Digest. Don’t forget to add the minutes from the Meridian Map to your starting and ending times.

DATES	BEGIN A.M.	END P.M.	DATES	BEGIN A.M.	END P.M.
June 28 - July 4	5:07	9:03	Jan. 3 - 9	6:53	5:22
July 5 - 11	5:12	9:02	Jan. 10 - 16	6:52	5:25
July 12 - 18	5:17	8:56	Jan. 17 - 23	6:50	5:32
July 19 - 25	5:23	8:51	Jan. 24 - 30	6:46	5:40
July 26 - Aug. 1	5:29	8:44	Jan. 31 - Feb. 6	6:40	5:49
Aug. 2 - 8	5:36	8:36	Feb. 7 - 13	6:30	5:57
Aug. 9 - 15	5:42	8:27	Feb. 14 - 20	6:25	6:05
Aug. 16 - 22	5:51	8:17	Feb. 21 - 27	6:15	6:14
Aug. 23 - 29	5:56	8:06	Feb. 28 - Mar. 6	6:05	6:19
Aug. 30 - Sept. 5	6:02	7:55	Mar. 7 - 13 * Begins	6:55	7:29
Sept. 6 - 12	6:09	7:44	Mar. 14- 20	6:44	7:36
Sept. 13 - 19	6:16	7:32	Mar. 21 - 27	6:32	7:44
Sept. 20 - 26	6:22	7:21	Mar. 28 - Apr. 3	6:21	7:51
Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	6:29	7:09	Apr. 4 - 10	6:10	7:58
Oct. 4 - 10	6:34	6:58	Apr. 11 - 17	5:59	8:05
Oct. 11 - 17	6:43	6:48	Apr. 18 - 24	5:48	8:12
Oct. 18- 24	6:51	6:38	Apr. 25 - May 1	5:40	8:21
Oct. 25 - 31	6:59	6:29	May 2 - 8	5:30	8:26
Nov. 1 - 7 * Ends	6:07	5:21	May 9 - 15	5:25	8:33
Nov. 8 - 14	6:15	5:15	May 16 - 22	5:15	8:40
Nov. 15 - 21	6:23	5:10	May 23 - 29	5:10	8:46
Nov. 22 - 28	6:30	5:07	May 30 - June 5	5:05	8:52
Nov. 29 - Dec. 5	6:37	5:05	June 6 - 12	5:02	8:57
Dec. 6 - 12	6:43	5:05	June 13 - 19	5:02	9:00
Dec. 13 - 19	6:48	5:06	June 20- 26	5:03	9:03
Dec. 20 - 26	6:49	5:08	June 27- July 3	5:07	9:03
Dec. 27 - Jan. 2	6:52	5:12			

* Daylight Saving Time