# Rules of
## Department of Conservation
### Division 10—Conservation Commission
#### Chapter 7—Wildlife Code: Hunting: Seasons, Methods, Limits

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3 CSR 10-7.405 General Provisions

PURPOSE: This rule requires any person engaged in hunting or pursuing wildlife to possess the prescribed permit.

(1) Any person while hunting or while using dogs or birds of prey in pursuit of wildlife in any manner, including training, shall have on his/her person the prescribed permit, temporary permit authorization number(s) or evidence of exemption. The temporary permit authorization number(s) and picture identification must be carried at all times while hunting until the actual permit(s) is received. Wildlife may not be held alive under hunting permits.

(2) There shall be no closed season or limits on house sparrows or European starlings.

(3) No person shall take or attempt to take any wildlife from or across a public roadway with a firearm, longbow or crossbow.

(4) Wildlife, except waterfowl, may not be pursued or taken while trapped or surrounded by floodwaters or while fleeing from floodwaters or fire.

(5) Wildlife, except raccoons or other fur-bearing animals when treed with the aid of dogs, may not be searched for, spotlighted, located, harassed or disturbed in any manner with the aid of an artificial light, headlight or spotlight from any roadway, whether public or private, or in any field, woodland or forest, by any person acting either singly or as one of a group of persons. This rule shall not apply to the use of a light by a landowner or lessee as defined by this Code on property under his/her control.


3 CSR 10-7.410 Hunting Methods

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes the methods by which wildlife may be hunted.

(1) Wildlife may be hunted and taken only in accordance with the following:

(A) Motor Driven Air, Land or Water Conveyances. No person shall pursue, take, attempt to take, drive or molest wildlife from or with a motor-driven air, land or water conveyance at any time. Except as provided in 3 CSR 10-7.435, motor boats may be used if the motor has been completely shut off and its progress therefrom has ceased.

(B) Artificial Light. No person shall throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight or other artificial light on any highway or roadway, whether public or private, or in any field, woodland or forest for the purpose of spotting, locating or attempting to take or hunt any game animal, except raccoons or other fur-bearing animals when treed with the aid of dogs, while having in possession or control, either singly or as one (1) of a group of persons, any firearm, bow or other implement whereby game could be killed.

(C) Night Vision Equipment. No person may possess or control night vision equipment while acting singly or as one (1) of a group of persons while in possession of any firearm, bow or other implement whereby wildlife could be killed or taken.

(D) Dogs. Dogs may be used during the prescribed open seasons to chase, pursue or take wildlife except deer, turkey, mink, muskrat, beaver and river otter. All dogs used to hunt, chase or pursue wildlife shall wear a collar while hunting that contains the full name and address or complete telephone number of the owner, except this provision does not apply to dogs used by waterfowl and game bird hunters. Furbearers, squirrels and rabbits may not be chased, pursued or taken with dogs during daylight hours of the November portion of the firearms deer season in Bollinger, Butler, Carter, Dent, Iron, Madison, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon and Wayne counties.

(E) Slingshot. Slingshots may be used to take wildlife except deer and turkeys during the prescribed hunting seasons.

(F) Cage-Type Trap. Groundhogs, rabbits and squirrels may be taken by cage-type traps, the opening of which may not exceed one hundred forty-four (144) square inches, during the open hunting season, at any hour, by any person acting either singly or as one of a group of persons. This rule shall not apply to dogs used by waterfowl and game bird hunters. Furbearers, squirrels and rabbits may not be chased, pursued or taken with dogs during daylight hours of the November portion of the firearms deer season in Bollinger, Butler, Carter, Dent, Iron, Madison, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon and Wayne counties.

(G) Meals. Meals shall be prepared only with the aid of an artificial light or night vision equipment.

(H) No person shall place or scatter grain or other food items in a manner that subjects any hunter to violation of baiting rules, as defined by federal regulations and in 3 CSR 10-7.435 and 3 CSR 10-7.455 of this Code.
(N) Wildlife Retrieval. Any person while hunting who kills or injures any wildlife shall make a reasonable search to retrieve the wildlife and take it into his/her possession; however, this does not authorize trespass.

(O) Any properly licensed person having a physical disability that would prevent them from hunting or taking wildlife by methods prescribed in this chapter, may attempt to take wildlife from a stationary vehicle, or may hunt wildlife with a crossbow in lieu of a longbow, provided while hunting s/he carries an affidavit provided by the department and signed by a licensed physician which certifies the person has either a permanent or temporary disability which qualifies him/her to hunt with a crossbow and/or from a stationary vehicle. This disabled person shall provide a copy of the signed affidavit to the department within ten (10) days of receiving the exemption.

(P) Hunter Orange. During the youth-only, November, and antlerless-only portions of the firearms deer hunting season, all hunters shall wear a cap or hat, and a shirt, vest or coat having the outermost color commonly known as daylight fluorescent orange, blaze orange or hunter orange which shall be plainly visible from all sides while being worn. Camouflage orange garments do not meet this requirement. This requirement shall not apply to migratory game bird hunters, to hunters using archery methods while hunting within municipal boundaries where discharge of firearms is prohibited, to hunters on federal or state public hunting areas where deer hunting is restricted to archery methods, or to hunters in closed deer management units during the antlerless-only portion of the firearms deer hunting season.


Op. Atty. Gen. No. 57, Turner (11-6-69). It is within the authority of the Conservation Commission to promulgate rules regarding the method and manner taking all wildlife, including predatory animals.

3 CSR 10-7.411 Exemptions for Persons with Disabilities
(Rescinded March 1, 1999)


3 CSR 10-7.415 Quail: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open season and limits for quail hunting.

Quail may be taken from November 1 through January 15. Daily limit: eight (8) quail; possession limit: sixteen (16) quail.


3 CSR 10-7.417 Ruffed Grouse: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a season, with daily and possession limits, for the taking of ruffed grouse by hunting methods in parts of four counties. It will provide additional opportunity to residents of Missouri to hunt a species once native to the state and now restored to sufficient population levels to allow limited hunting.

Ruffed grouse may be taken from October 15 through January 15 in those parts of Boone, Callaway, Montgomery and Warren counties south of Interstate Highway 70, in that part of Macon County north of Highway 36, and in Adair, Carter, Crawford, Iron, Madison, Oregon, Putnam, Reynolds, Ripley, Ste. Genevieve, Shannon, Sullivan, Schuyler and Washington counties. Daily limit: two (2) ruffed grouse; possession limit: four (4) ruffed grouse.


3 CSR 10-7.420 Rabbits: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open season and limits for rabbit hunting.

(1) Cottontail and swamp rabbits may be taken between sunrise and sunset, from October 1 through February 15. Daily limit: six (6) rabbits; including no more than two (2) swamp rabbits; possession limit: twelve (12) rabbits; including no more than four (4) swamp rabbits.

(2) No jackrabbit shall be killed at any time except in accordance with 3 CSR 10-4.130.

3 CSR 10-7.425 Squirrels: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open season and limits for squirrel hunting.

Squirrels may be taken from the fourth Saturday in May through February 15. Daily limit: six (6) squirrels; possession limit: twelve (12) squirrels.


3 CSR 10-7.427 Groundhogs: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open season and limits for groundhog hunting.

Groundhogs (woodchucks) may be taken, possessed and sold in any numbers from the day following the prescribed spring turkey hunting season through December 15.


3 CSR 10-7.430 Pheasants: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open season and limits for pheasant and gray partridge hunting.

(1) Male pheasants may be taken from November 1 through January 15 north of U.S. Highway 36 from the Kansas line to the Illinois line, and those portions of DeKalb and Buchanan counties lying south of U.S. Highway 36, and all of Platte and St. Charles counties. Daily limit: two (2) male pheasants; possession limit: four (4) male pheasants.

(2) Male pheasants only may be taken from December 1 through December 12 in Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Stoddard counties. Daily limit: one (1) male pheasant; possession limit: one (1) male pheasant.

(3) A foot or the fully feathered head must be left attached to all pheasants during transportation and storage.

(4) No pheasants may be in the immediate possession of persons while hunting other wildlife in counties or portions of counties closed to pheasant hunting.


3 CSR 10-7.431 Deer Hunting Seasons: General Provisions

PURPOSE: This rule establishes general provisions for hunting deer.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. Therefore, the material which is so incorporated is on file with the agency who filed this rule, and with the Office of the Secretary of State. Any interested person may view this material at either agency’s headquarters or the same will be made available at the Office of the Secretary of State at a cost not to exceed actual cost of copy reproduction. The entire text of the rule is printed here. This note refers only to the incorporated by reference material.

(1) The annual Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet is here- by adopted as a part of this Wildlife Code and by this reference herein incorporated. A printed copy of this booklet can be obtained from the Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180 and is online at www.missouriconservation.org.

(2) Deer shall mean white-tailed deer and mule deer. Antlered deer shall mean deer with at least one (1) antler at least three inches (3”) long, except as provided in 3 CSR 10-7.435. Deer may be pursued, taken, killed, possessed or transported only as permitted in the Wildlife Code.

(3) Persons hunting or pursuing deer must possess a prescribed deer hunting permit. Resident landowners and lessees can qualify for no-cost permits; nonresident landowners can qualify for reduced-cost permits.

(4) Deer may be pursued or taken only from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

(5) Deer Hunting Methods.

(A) Archery: longbows and compound bows.

(B) Muzzleloader: muzzleloading or cap-and-ball firearms, .40 caliber or larger, not capable of being loaded from the breech.

(C) Any legal method: archery and muzzleloading methods; crossbows; shotguns; handguns or rifles firing centerfire ammunition.

(D) Prohibited, in use or possession:

1. Methods restricted by local ordinance.

2. Self-loading firearms with capacity of more than eleven (11) cartridges in magazine and chamber combined.

3. Ammunition propelling more than one (1) projectile at a single discharge, such as buckshot.

4. Full hard metal case projectiles.

5. Fully automatic firearms.

(6) Deer may not be hunted, pursued, taken or killed:

(A) While in a stream or other body of water.

(B) From a boat with a motor attached.

(C) With the aid of a motor-driven land conveyance or aircraft.

(D) With the aid of dogs, in use or possession.

(E) With the aid of artificial light or night vision equipment.

(F) Within any area enclosed by a fence greater than seven feet (7’) in height that could contain or restrict the free range of deer. Exceptions are provided in other rules or by written authorization of the director.

(G) With the aid of bait (grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to constitute an attraction or enticement to deer). Scents and minerals, including salt, are not regarded as bait. An area is considered baited for ten (10) days following complete removal of bait. Hunters can be in violation even if they did not know an area was baited. It is illegal to place bait in a way that causes others to be in violation of the baiting rule.
(7) During the firearms deer hunting season, all persons hunting any game and also adults accompanying youths hunting deer on a Youth Deer and Turkey Hunting Permit, must wear a hat and a shirt, vest, or coat of the color commonly known as hunter orange, which must be plainly visible from all sides. The following are exempt from this requirement:

(A) Migratory game bird hunters.
(B) Archery permittees during the muzzleloader portion.
(C) All hunters during the urban and antlerless portions in any county closed during those portions.
(D) Hunters using archery methods while hunting within municipal boundaries where discharge of firearms is prohibited.
(E) Hunters on federal or state public hunting areas where deer hunting is restricted to archery methods.
(F) Hunters of small game and/or furbearers during the muzzleloader portion.

(8) Hunters who kill or injure a deer must make a reasonable effort to retrieve and tag it, but this does not authorize trespass.

(9) Hunters who kill a deer must tag it immediately with the transportation tag portion of the permit; detaching the transportation tag voids the permit. The transportation tag must remain attached to the intact or field-dressed carcass until it has been inspected and registered by the taker at an official checking station, or reported through the TeleCheck Harvest Reporting System and the confirmation number immediately recorded on the transportation tag portion of the permit. All deer taken must be checked within twenty-four (24) hours. Qualifying resident landowners may either submit deer at an official checking station or use the TeleCheck Harvest Reporting System.

(10) Deer checked in accordance with established procedures may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone. Locking seals placed on deer at official checking stations, or transportation tags with TeleCheck confirmation numbers, must remain attached to the carcass until processing begins. Parts of properly checked deer, when labeled with the full name, address, and permit number of the taker, may be possessed and transported by anyone. Commercially processed deer meat may be donated to not-for-profit charitable organizations under guidelines established by the director.


3 CSR 10-7.432 Deer: Archery Hunting Season

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the archery deer hunting season, limits and provisions for hunting.

(1) The archery deer hunting season is September 15, 2004, through January 15, 2005, excluding the November portion of the firearms deer hunting season. Use archery methods only; firearms may not be possessed.

(2) Archery Deer Hunting Permits.
(A) Resident or Nonresident Archer’s Hunting Permit. Valid for two (2) deer statewide, except that only one (1) antlered deer may be taken prior to the November portion of the firearms deer hunting season.
(B) Resident or Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit. Valid for one (1) antlerless deer in any open county. Persons may purchase and fill any number of these permits, where valid. A Nonresident Archer’s Hunting Permit must be purchased before purchasing Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits.


3 CSR 10-7.433 Deer: Firearms Hunting Seasons

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the firearms deer hunting seasons, limits and provisions for hunting.

(1) The firearms deer hunting season is comprised of five (5) portions.
(A) Urban portion: October 8 through 11, 2004; use any legal deer hunting method to take antlerless deer in open counties.
(B) Youth portion: November 6 and 7, 2004; for persons at least six (6) but not older than fifteen (15) years of age and qualifying landowner youth age fifteen (15) and younger; use any legal deer hunting method to take one (1) deer statewide.
(C) November portion: November 13 through 23, 2004; use any legal deer hunting method to take deer statewide.
(D) Muzzleloader portion: November 26 through December 5, 2004; use muzzleloader methods to take deer statewide.
(E) Antlerless portion: December 11 through 19, 2004; use any legal deer hunting method to take antlerless deer in open counties.

(2) Firearms Deer Hunting Permits.
(A) Youth Deer and Turkey Hunting Permit: for persons at least sixty (6) but not older than fifteen (15) years of age; valid for one (1) deer statewide, except that only antlerless deer may be taken during the urban and antlerless portions of the season.
(B) Resident or Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit: valid for one (1) deer statewide, except that only antlerless deer may be taken during the urban and antlerless portions of the season.
(C) Resident or Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit: valid for one (1) antlerless deer in any open county. Persons may purchase any number of these permits and fill them where valid. A Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit must be purchased before purchasing Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits.

(3) A person may take only one (1) antlered deer during the firearms deer hunting season. Deer taken at managed deer hunts are not included in this limit.

(4) Other wildlife may be hunted during the firearms deer hunting season using methods as follows:
(A) During the November portion statewide and the antlerless portion in open counties, only a shotgun and shot not larger than No. 4 may be used; waterfowl hunters, trappers, landowners on their land or lessees on land upon which they reside, are exempt.
(B) Furbearers may be hunted using any legal deer hunting method during established furbearer hunting seasons by persons holding an unfilled Firearms Deer Hunting Permit, and:
1. A Resident Small Game Hunting Permit;
or
2. A Nonresident Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Permit.
(C) Furbearers may not be chased, pursued, or taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours from November 1 through the end of the November portion statewide and the antlerless portion in open counties.
(D) Squirrels and rabbits may not be chased, pursued, or taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours of the November portion in Bollinger, Butler, Carter, Dent, Iron, Madison, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, and Wayne counties.
(5) Feral hogs, defined as any hog, including Russian and European wild boar, not conspicuously identified by ear tags or other forms of identification and roaming freely on public or private lands without the landowner’s permission (refer to section 270.400 of Missouri Revised Statutes), may be taken in any number during the firearms deer hunting season as follows:

(A) Hunters must possess a valid small game hunting or unfilled firearms deer hunting permit and abide by the methods of pursuit allowed for deer as well as any other restrictions that may apply on specific public areas.

(B) During the November portion statewide and the antlerless portion in open counties:

1. Firearms deer permittees may only use methods allowed for deer.
2. Small game permittees may only use a shotgun with shot not larger than No. 4.
3. Dogs may not be used.
4. During the youth portion statewide and the urban portion in open counties:
   1. Deer permittees may only use methods allowed for deer.
   2. Small game permittees may only use methods allowed for small game.
   3. Resident landowners and lessees on qualifying land are not required to have any permit and may use any method to take feral hogs throughout the year.

5. Persons defined as landowners include:
   (A) General partners of partnerships.
   (B) Officers or managing members of resident limited liability companies.
   (C) Officers of benevolent associations organized pursuant to Chapter 352 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.


3 CSR 10-7.434 Deer: Landowner Privileges

PURPOSE: This rule establishes season limits and provisions for landowners.

(1) Resident landowners and lessees as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 can obtain no-cost deer hunting permits from any permit vendor. When requesting such permits, landowners must specify the number of acres owned and county of ownership.

(A) Those with five (5) or more continuous acres can each receive one (1) Resident Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit, one (1) Resident Landowner Archer’s Hunting Permit, and two (2) Resident Landowner Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits.

(B) In addition to the permits listed in subsection (1)(A), those with seventy-five (75) or more acres located in a single county or at least seventy-five (75) continuous acres bisected by a county boundary can receive a maximum of two (2) Resident Landowner Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits.

(2) Nonresident landowners as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 may apply to purchase reduced-cost Nonresident Landowner Archery and Firearms Deer Hunting Permits.

(3) All landowner deer hunting permits are valid only on qualifying property.

(4) All landowners and lessees who take deer on landowner permits may also purchase and fill other deer hunting permits but must abide by seasons, limits, and restrictions.

(5) Persons defined as landowners include:
   (A) General partners of partnerships.
   (B) Officers of resident or foreign corporations.
   (C) Officers or managing members of resident limited liability companies.
   (D) Officers of benevolent associations organized pursuant to Chapter 352 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

PURPOSE: This rule establishes special deer harvest limits and restrictions for certain counties.

(1) Only antlerless deer and antlered deer with at least one (1) antler having at least four (4) antler points may be taken in the counties of Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Boone, Chariton, Cole, Daviess, DeKalb, Franklin, Gasconade, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Howard, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Maries, Mercer, Miller, Nodaway, Osage, Pulaski, Putnam, Randolph, Schuyler, Sullivan, and Worth. No other antlered deer may be taken.

(A) An antler point is at least one inch (1") long from base to tip.

(B) The end of the main beam is a point.

(2) These special provisions apply to all deer hunting seasons and permittees, except during the youth portion of the firearms deer hunting season.

department. A person may apply for and participate in only one (1) managed deer hunt during a permit year except that persons permanently confined to a wheelchair may participate in more than one (1) hunt. Persons selected to participate must purchase a Resident or Nonresident Managed Deer Hunting Permit and abide by rules established for the hunt.


3 CSR 10-7.437 Deer: Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit Availability

PURPOSE: This rule establishes deer harvest limits by county.

(1) Archery Deer Hunting Season.
   (A) Resident and Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits are not valid in the counties of: Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Iron, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Reynolds, Scott, Stoddard, and Wayne.

   (B) Only one (1) Resident or Nonresident Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit per person may be filled in the counties of: Crawford, Dent, Douglas, Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, Maries, Osage, Ozark, Perry, Phelps, Pulaski, Ripley, Shannon, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Taney, Texas, and Washington.

   (C) Any number of Resident or Nonresident Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits may be filled in the counties of: Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Charlton, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Dade, Dallas, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Greene, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howard, Howell, Jackson, Johnson, Jasper, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Marion, McDonald, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Oregon, Pike, Polk, Platte, Pettis, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Stone, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Louis, Sullivan, Vernon, Warren, Webster, Worth, and Wright.

3 CSR 10-7.440 Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: The Department of Conservation is authorized to select waterfowl hunting season dates and bag limits within frameworks established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The seasons and limits selected are intended to provide optimum hunting opportunity consistent with the welfare of the species.

(1) Migratory game birds and waterfowl may be taken, possessed, transported and stored as provided in federal regulations. The head or one (1) fully feathered wing must remain attached to all waterfowl while being transported from the field to one’s home or a commercial preservation facility. Seasons and limits are as follows:

   (A) Mourning doves, Eurasian collared-doves and white-winged doves may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset from September 1 through November 9. Limits: twelve (12) doves daily in the aggregate; twenty-four (24) in possession.

   (B) Sora and Virginia rails may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset from September 1 through November 9. Limits: twenty-five (25) rails in the aggregate daily or in possession.

   (C) Woodcock may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset from October 15 through November 28. Limits: three (3) woodcock daily; six (6) in possession.

   (D) Common snipe may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset from September 1 through December 16. Limits: eight (8) snipe daily; sixteen (16) in possession.

   (E) Blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal may be taken from sunrise to sunset from September 6 through September 21. Limits: four (4) teal in the aggregate of species daily; eight (8) in possession.

   (F) Ducks (except for canvasback and pintail) and coots may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset from October 25 through December 23 in the North Zone (that portion of Missouri north of a line running west from the Illinois border at Lock and Dam 25; west on Lincoln County Hwy. N to Mo. Hwy. 79; south on Mo. Hwy. 79 to Mo. Hwy. 47; west on Mo. Hwy. 47 to Interstate Hwy. 70; west on Interstate Hwy. 70 to U.S. Hwy. 54; south on U.S. Hwy. 54 to U.S. Hwy 50; and west on U.S. Hwy. 50 to the Kansas border); from November 22 through January 20 in the South Zone (that portion of the state south of a line running west from the Illinois border on Mo. Hwy. 34 to Interstate Hwy. 55; south on Interstate Hwy. 55 to U.S. Hwy. 62; west on U.S. Hwy. 62 to Mo. Hwy. 53; north on Mo. Hwy. 53 to Mo. Hwy. 51; north on Mo. Hwy. 51 to U.S. Hwy. 60; west on U.S. Hwy. 60 to Mo. Hwy. 21; north on Mo. Hwy. 21 to Mo. Hwy. 72; west on Mo. Hwy. 72 to Mo. Hwy. 32; west on Mo. Hwy. 32 to U.S. Hwy. 65; north on U.S. Hwy. 65 to U.S. Hwy. 54; west on U.S. Hwy. 54 to the Kansas border); and from November 1 through December 30 in the Middle Zone (remainder of Missouri). Pintails and canvasbacks may be taken from October 25 through November 23 in the North Zone, November 1 through November 30 in the Middle Zone, and November 22 through December 21 in the South Zone. Ducks and coots may be taken by youth hunters fifteen (15) years of age or younger from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset from October 18 through October 19 in the North Zone, from October 25 through October 26 in the Middle Zone and from November 15 through November 16 in the South Zone. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult eighteen (18) years of age or older who cannot hunt ducks. Adults must be licensed unless the youth hunter possesses a valid hunter education certificate card. Limits are as follows:

   1. Coots—Fifteen (15) daily; thirty (30) in possession.

   2. Ducks—The daily bag limit of ducks is six (6) and may include no more than four (4) mallards (no more than two (2) of which may be a female), three (3) scaup, two (2) wood ducks, one (1) black duck, two (2) redheads, one (1) hooded merganser, one (1) pintail and one (1) canvasback (during the prescribed season and during the youth hunts). The possession limit is twelve (12), including no more than eight (8) mallards (no more than four (4) of which may be female), six (6) scaup, four (4) wood ducks, two (2) black ducks, four (4) redheads, two (2) hooded mergansers, two (2) canvasbacks and two (2) pintails.

   (G) Geese may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as follows:

   1. Blue, snow, and Ross’s geese may be taken from October 25 through January 18 in the North Zone and Swan Lake Zone, and from November 1 through January 25 in the Middle Zone, Southeast Zone and South Zone.
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2. White-fronted geese may be taken from October 25 through January 18 in the North Zone and Swan Lake Zone, and from November 1 through January 25 in the Middle Zone, Southeast Zone and South Zone.

3. In the Swan Lake Zone, Canada geese and brant may be taken from October 25 through November 30 and from December 20 through January 18.

4. In the Southeast Zone and South Zone, Canada geese and brant may be taken from October 4 through October 12 and from November 22 through January 25.

5. Except in the Swan Lake Zone, Southeast Zone and South Zone, Canada geese and brant may be taken from September 27 through October 12, October 25 through November 23 and December 20 through January 18 in the North Zone and from September 27 through October 12, November 1 through November 30, and December 27 through January 25 in the Middle Zone.

6. The daily bag limit is twenty (20) blue, snow or Ross’s geese, two (2) brant and two (2) white-fronted geese statewide. The possession limits for brant and white-fronted geese are four (4) each and there is no possession limit for blue, snow and Ross’s geese.

7. The daily bag limit is two (2) Canada geese in the Swan Lake Zone. The possession limit is four (4) Canada geese.

8. In the North Zone and Middle Zone, the daily bag limit is three (3) Canada geese from September 27 through October 12 and two (2) Canada geese thereafter. The possession limit is six (6) Canada geese from September 27 through October 12 and four (4) Canada geese thereafter. The possession limit is three (3) Canada geese from October 4 through October 12 and two (2) Canada geese thereafter.

9. Geese may be taken by youth hunters in the North Zone from October 18 through October 19, in the Middle Zone from October 25 through October 26, and in the South Zone from November 15 through November 16. The daily bag limit is twenty (20) blue, snow, and Ross’s geese, two (2) white-fronted geese, two (2) brant, and two (2) Canada geese. The possession limits for brant, white-fronted geese and Canada geese are four (4) each and there is no possession limit for blue, snow, and Ross’s geese.

10. Zones: The Swan Lake Zone shall be the area bounded by U.S. Hwy. 36 on the north, Mo. Hwy. 5 on the east, Mo. Hwy. 240 and U.S. Hwy. 65 on the south, and U.S. Hwy. 65 on the west. The North Zone shall be that portion of the state north of a line running west from the Illinois border at Lock and Dam 25; west on Lincoln County Hwy. N to Mo. Hwy. 79; south on Mo. Hwy. 79 to Mo Hwy. 47; west on Mo. Hwy. 47 to Interstate Hwy. 70; west on Interstate Hwy. 70 to U.S. Hwy. 54; south on U.S. Hwy. 54 to U.S. Hwy. 50; west on U.S. Hwy 50 to the Kansas border excluding the Swan Lake Zone. The South Zone shall be that portion of Missouri south of a line running west from the Illinois border on Mo. Hwy. 34 to Interstate Hwy. 55; south on Interstate Hwy. 55 to U.S. Hwy. 62; west on U.S. Hwy. 62 to Mo. Hwy. 53; north on Mo. Hwy. 53 to Mo. Hwy. 51; north on Mo. Hwy. 51 to U.S. Hwy. 60; west on U.S. Hwy. 60 to Mo. Hwy. 21; north on Mo. Hwy. 21 to Mo. Hwy. 72; west on Mo. Hwy. 72 to Mo. Hwy. 32; west on Mo. Hwy. 32 to U.S. Hwy. 65; north on U.S. Hwy. 65 to U.S. Hwy. 54; west on U.S. Hwy. 54 to the Kansas border. The Middle Zone shall be the remainder of Missouri excluding the Southeast Zone (that portion of the state west of a line beginning at the intersection of Mo. Hwy. 34 and Interstate Hwy. 55, south of Interstate Hwy. 55 to U.S. Hwy. 62; west on U.S. Hwy. 62 to Mo. Hwy. 53; north on Mo. Hwy. 53 to Mo. Hwy. 51; north on Mo. Hwy. 51 to U.S. Hwy. 60; west on U.S. Hwy. 60 to Mo. Hwy. 21; north on Mo. Hwy. 21 to Mo. Hwy. 72; west on Mo. Hwy. 72 to Mo. Hwy. 32; west on Mo. Hwy. 32 to U.S. Hwy. 65; north on U.S. Hwy. 65 to U.S. Hwy. 54; west on U.S. Hwy. 54 to the Kansas border.

Exceptions to the above permit requirement include landowners or lessees, as described in this code, and persons fifteen (15) years of age or younger, provided s/he is in the immediate presence of a properly licensed adult or has in his/her possession a valid hunter education certificate card. A daily bag limit will not be in effect January 19 through April 30 in the North Zone and Swan Lake Zone and from January 26 through April 30 in the Middle Zone, Southeast Zone, and South Zone.


3 CSR 10-7.441 Crows: Seasons, Methods, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open seasons, methods and limits for crow hunting.

Crows may be taken in any numbers by shotgun, rifle, handguns, archery and falconry from November 1 through March 3.


3 CSR 10-7.442 Falconry
(Moved to 3 CSR 10-9.442)

3 CSR 10-7.445 Bullfrogs: Seasons, Methods, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the season, methods and limits for hunting frogs.

Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken, possessed and transported from sunset, June 30 through October 31, by the holder of a hunting permit by means of a .22 caliber rimfire rifle or pistol or by pellet gun, longbow, crossbow, hand or handnet. An artificial light may be used. Daily limit: eight (8) frogs in the aggregate; possession limit: sixteen (16) frogs in the aggregate. Only the daily limit of frogs may be possessed upon the waters and banks thereof where daily limits apply.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. Original rule filed Aug. 16, 1972, effective Dec. 31, 1972. Amended:Filed July 13, 1976, effective Dec. 31, 1976. Amended:Filed June 13, 1977, effective Oct. 1, 1977. Amended:Filed Aug. 29, 1977, effective Nov. 1, 1977. Amended:Filed Aug. 4, 1978, effective Nov. 1, 1978. Amended:Filed Aug. 1, 1980, effective Nov. 1, 1980. Amended:Filed June 29, 1981, effective Aug. 14, 1981. Amended:Filed June 30, 1982, effective Aug. 12, 1982. Amended:Filed July 5, 1984, effective Jan. 1, 1985. Amended:Filed Aug. 6, 1985, effective Jan. 1, 1986. Amended:Filed Sept. 2, 1987, effective Jan. 1, 1988. Amended:Filed Aug. 9, 1988, effective Jan. 1, 1989. Amended:Filed May 10, 1990, effective Jan. 6, 1991. Amended:Filed May 10, 1991, effective Jan. 1, 1992. Amended:Filed April 28, 1992, effective Jan. 15, through February 15. Pelts of furbearers may be possessed, transported, consigned for processing and sold only by the taker from November 15 through March 1, except that bobcats or their pelts shall be delivered by the taker to an agent of the department for registration or tagging before selling, transferring, tanning or mounting, but not later than March 1. Tagged bobcats or their pelts may be possessed and sold throughout the year. It shall be illegal to purchase or sell untagged bobcats or their pelts. Other pelts may be delivered or shipped and consigned by the taker to a licensed taxidermist or tanner before the close of the possession season for pelts. These pelts must be recorded by the taxidermist or tanner and shall not enter the raw fur market. After tanning, pelts may be possessed, bought or sold without permit. Skinned carcasses of legally taken furbearers may be sold by the taker throughout the year. Coyotes may be taken by hunting, and pelts and carcasses may be possessed, transported and sold in any numbers throughout the year; except that coyotes may not be chased, pursued or taken during daylight hours from April 1 through the day prior to the beginning of the prescribed spring turkey hunting season, and may not be chased, pursued or taken through the prescribed spring turkey hunting season, and no furbearers may be chased, pursued or taken during daylight hours with the aid of dogs from November 1 through the prescribed November portion of the firearms deer hunting season, during any extended firearms deer hunting season in deer management units open to hunting or with firearms from a boat at night. The dens or nests of furbearers shall not be molested or destroyed. No person shall accept payment for furbearers taken by another.

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the seasons, methods and limits for hunting wild turkeys.

(1) Turkeys may be pursued, taken, killed, possessed or transported only as permitted in this rule.

(A) Spring Season. Spring season annually will begin on the Monday closest to April 21. A person possessing the prescribed turkeys hunting permit may take turkeys according to the season length and bag limit established annually by the Conservation Commission, except that a person at least six (6) and under sixteen (16) years of age who possesses a Youth Deer and Turkey Hunting Permit may take only one (1) male turkey or turkey with visible beard during the season. Turkeys may be taken only by shotgun with shot no larger than No. 4, or longbow, without the use of dogs, bait, recorded calls or live decoys, from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. An archer, while in the act of pursuing or hunting turkey on an archer’s permit, shall not have a firearm on his/her person.

(B) Fall Firearms Season. Fall season annually will begin on the second Monday in October and be fourteen (14) days in length. A person possessing the prescribed turkeys hunting permit may take two (2) turkeys of either sex during the season; provided, only one (1) turkey may be taken per day; except that a person at least six (6) but not older than Fifteen (15) years of age who possesses a Youth Deer and Turkey Hunting Permit may take only one (1) turkey of either sex during the season. Turkeys may be taken only by shotgun with shot no larger than No. 4 or longbow; without the use of dogs, bait, recorded calls or live decoys, from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). Possession of shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

(C) Fall Archery Season. A person possessing the prescribed archer’s hunting permit may take two (2) turkeys of either sex from October 1 through January 15, excluding the dates of the November portion of the firearms deer season. Turkeys may be taken only by longbow; without the use of dogs, bait, recorded calls or live decoys; from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. An archer, while in the act of pursuing or hunting turkey on an archer’s permit, shall not have a firearm on his/her person.

(D) Youth Spring Season. The two (2)-day Youth Spring Season will begin annually on the Saturday nine (9) days prior to the Monday opening of the Spring Season. A Missouri resident possessing a Youth Deer and Turkey Hunting Permit or the prescribed turkey hunting permit and who is at least six (6) and under sixteen (16) years of age on the opening day of the Youth Spring Season may take only one (1) male turkey or turkey with visible beard during the Youth Spring Season. A turkey harvested during the Youth Spring Season will count towards an individual’s Spring Season bag limit; individuals hunting under the prescribed turkey hunting permit may not harvest a second bird during the first week of the Spring Season. Turkeys may be taken only by shotgun with shot no larger than No. 4, or longbow, without the use of dogs, bait, recorded calls or live decoys, from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). Possession of shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

(2) Turkeys may be possessed or transported only by the taker thereof and only when tagged immediately with the transportation portion of the permit. Detachment of the transportation portion of the permit prior to taking a turkey renders the permit void. During the spring and fall firearms seasons, the taker shall submit these turkeys with head and plumage intact, along with the prescribed hunting permit, for inspection and recording at an established checking station in the county where taken or an adjoining county between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. CDT on the day taken during the spring season and not later than 8:00 p.m. CDT on the day taken during the fall season. During archery season, the taker shall submit these turkeys with head and plumage intact, along with the prescribed archery permit, for inspection and recording at an established archery checking station within twenty-four (24) hours of the take.

(3) Bait shall mean grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to constitute an attraction or enticement to turkeys. An area shall be considered baited for ten (10) days following complete removal of the bait.

(4) Each permit holder hunting with a shotgun shall first affix an approved safety sticker to the receiver of his/her gun where it will be in his/her line of sight when shooting, and maintain the sticker on the gun when hunting.

(5) A resident landowner or lessee as defined in this Code, without holding a turkey hunting permit, may take and possess turkeys in accordance with this rule on his/her land or, in the case of the lessee, on the farm on which s/he resides, but s/he shall tag the turkey with his/her name and address immediately upon taking and shall personally deliver the turkey for checking as required in this rule.

(6) Any person who kills or injures any wild turkey shall make a reasonable effort to retrieve the turkey and include it in his/her season limit.

(7) Properly checked turkeys, when labeled with the full name, address and permit number of the taker, may be transported and possessed by any person.

(8) In accordance with section 270.400, RSMo feral hogs (any hog, including Russian and European wild boar, that is not conspicuously identified by ear tags or other forms of identification and is roaming freely upon public or private lands without the landowner’s permission) may be taken in any number during the spring firearms turkey season and youth spring season only by the holder of a valid, unused turkey hunting permit; and only by methods and times prescribed for taking turkeys. During the fall firearms turkey season, feral hogs may be taken only by the holder of a valid, unused turkey hunting permit or a small game hunting permit; and only by methods prescribed in Chapter 7 for taking wildlife, and without the use of bait. Other restrictions may apply on public lands. Resident landowners or lessees as defined in this Code may take feral hogs on their own property at any time, by any method and without permit.