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Minister's message



*Hon. Dana Skoropad
Minister of Environment*

I'm pleased to bring you the 2023-24 Saskatchewan Hunters and Trappers Guide!

Saskatchewan is a haven for some truly impressive wildlife. As we head into a new year, our goal remains the sustainable management of these natural treasures for future generations.

Hunting and trapping aren't just hobbies; they are integral to our cultural heritage and serve as a link to our land and its wildlife. It's with this understanding that our government continues to work towards a balance between conservation and recreational activities. We want to ensure that hunters can keep having great experiences, all while contributing to the protection of our province's biodiversity.

Your cooperation is essential in achieving this balance. I urge all hunters to complete their hunter harvest surveys and to report their hunting activities accurately. This data is vital in guiding our decisions about hunting seasons, tag quotas and bag limits. It also helps ensure that the opportunities we enjoy today are available to future generations.

We're also happy to share that we've added a guided wolf licence to the mix. This new licence will offer non-resident hunters a chance to hunt wolves. This addition is intended to support the outfitting industry and broaden hunting opportunities for both non-resident and resident hunters.

As we prepare for another hunting and trapping season, let's make safety and responsibility our top priority. We can all enjoy the outdoors while maintaining a respectful and conservation-minded approach.

Land acknowledgement

Saskatchewan is situated on the territories of Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 – the traditional territories of the Cree, Dene, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, and Saulteaux Nations and the home of the Métis. We acknowledge and respect the rights of these Nations to practice traditional harvest across the province and recognize that wildlife are shared by all of Saskatchewan's people.



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SK Hunt & Fish mobile app

The SK Hunt & Fish mobile app provides essential fishing, hunting and wildlife information and conveniently stores all your purchased licences. The app is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

The guide is not a legal document and is intended for use as a reference only. A printed copy of the guide was published in July, but the Ministry of Environment reserves the right to update the online version of the guide following its printing. It is your responsibility to check online for any changes prior to hunting and trapping. You can find the up-to-date guide at saskatchewan.ca/hunting.



For a listing of CWD head drop-off locations, visit the **Getting Your Animal Tested** page at saskatchewan.ca/cwd.

What's new for 2023

Expanded wolf hunting opportunities: A guided wolf licence has been added to offer non-resident hunters an opportunity to harvest a wolf as an add-on to select guided big game licences. This licence will help support the outfitting industry and provide greater opportunities for outfitters. Opportunities for Saskatchewan residents have expanded to align with the changes. See page 33 for details.

Chronic wasting disease (CWD): CWD is established south of the boreal forest across the province and has been found in 60 of the province's wildlife management zones (WMZ). It is common in mule and white-tailed deer and has also been found in elk and moose. The ministry continues to accept sample submissions province-wide, focusing on samples from zones 2W, 9, 10, 35, 37 and boreal transition zones 50 and 55. Hunters can visit cwdsk.ca to submit animals for testing.

For more information on CWD, drop-off and disposal locations, and results of the 2022-23 CWD Surveillance Program, visit saskatchewan.ca/CWD.

Call the Ministry of Environment Inquiry Centre
at **1-800-567-4224** (in North America) or
email centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca



Hunting opportunities for 2023

White-tailed deer

Population surveys indicate white-tailed deer populations have declined in the province's forest, forest fringe and parkland regions following a severe winter in 2021-22. Therefore, the additional quota-limited antlerless white-tailed deer licence (second licence) will not be offered in WMZs 33-35, 37 and 39 in 2023. Quota-limited antlerless white-tailed licences will continue to be available in the southwest region of the province (WMZs 1-14, 19) on a first-come, first-served basis. Regular either-sex white-tailed deer seasons will remain unchanged.

Moose

In non-forest WMZs (1-54), the ministry has adjusted quotas to maintain moose populations near the current level and ensure sustainable harvest for all hunters. These quotas will remain unchanged for several years to enable a detailed assessment of reduced harvest pressure on cow and calf moose. Antlerless moose seasons will be maintained in all three urban WMZs (Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert).

Hunting opportunities will remain bulls-only in the forest as populations remain low in most northern areas.

Elk

Elk populations continue to support good hunting opportunities across much of the province. WMZs with high landowner concerns will retain antlerless quotas and seasons for the 2023 hunting season, with five areas increasing their antlerless quotas. New opportunities also include a bull-only regular and draw antlerless season in WMZ 68N. Hunters are strongly encouraged to take advantage of antlerless opportunities across the province. Regular and draw elk season dates remain unchanged from last year.

Information on our automated Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence (HAL) system is on page 26.

The guide is online

Download the 2023-24 Hunters and Trappers Guide to your phone at saskatchewan.ca/hunting. That's one less thing to remember when you head out hunting. Check out the Hunters and Trappers Extras for additional information.

Mule deer

Changes to either-sex and antlerless mule deer quotas were made in some WMZs to reflect current survey information on mule deer population status. Quota-limited antlerless mule deer licence opportunities will continue to be available in WMZs 3, 7E, 7W, 8, 11, 12 and 14W. Regular either-sex archery opportunities remain unchanged.

Pronghorn

Pronghorn populations have shown strong growth across their range over the past ten years. Wildlife managers are proposing an additional 275 either-sex licences to take advantage of additional hunting opportunities while pronghorn populations grow. Ground surveys conducted in July will help confirm population status and whether quotas will be adjusted this year.

The pronghorn draw will occur in July, using applications submitted during the Big Game Draw in May. Draw results will be posted on the HAL website and sent out via email.

Game birds

Although upland game bird populations vary across the province, most are stable or increasing. As such, bag limits for sharp-tailed grouse have been increased in Game Bird Management Units 3-6. Gray partridge and ring-necked pheasant populations are relatively stable and bag limits remain unchanged. Forest grouse populations are showing signs of recovery from a low point in their natural cycle.

While spring and summer conditions may have an influence, waterfowl populations remain at or above target levels across much of the province. White goose populations have undergone declines in recent years but continue to be abundant. Seasons and bag limits remain unchanged from last year.

Hunting under the influence

Hunting under the influence of alcohol, cannabis or other drugs is illegal. If you suspect an intoxicated hunter, report them to TIPP at 1-800-667-7561.

Hunter harvest surveys are mandatory

Hunter harvest surveys are important for managing game in Saskatchewan. They provide valuable information for quota and season setting for the upcoming year.

Visit saskatchewanhal.ca for more information, including completion deadlines.

Licensing fees and requirements

Hunters must always carry hunting licences (paper or electronic) and any required seals or ledgers when hunting. Fall licences will be available August 1, 2023.

Changed fees are noted in bold and red.

Prices include GST.

Wildlife habitat	\$20
Veteran wildlife habitat (Saskatchewan and Canadian resident)	Free
Note: The ministry's automated licence system ensures that any purchase of a hunting or fur licence also includes a 2023 wildlife habitat licence (one-time purchase only).	
Game birds	
Saskatchewan resident game bird	\$25
Veteran game bird (Saskatchewan and Canadian resident)	Free
Canadian resident game bird	\$100
Non-resident game bird	\$200
Youth game bird (Saskatchewan residents only)	\$10
Note: Available only to Saskatchewan residents aged 12 to 18 years (inclusive) who have successfully completed a firearm safety/hunter education course.	
Migratory game bird permit	\$17.85
(Available at post offices, select licence issuers or at permis-permits.ec.gc.ca/en)	
Note: A federal migratory game bird permit, the applicable Saskatchewan game bird licence and a wildlife habitat licence are all required to hunt waterfowl.	
White-tailed deer	
First Saskatchewan resident	\$45
First Saskatchewan resident veteran	Free
First Saskatchewan resident antlerless	\$35
First Saskatchewan resident veteran antlerless	Free
Second Saskatchewan resident antlerless	\$30
Second Saskatchewan resident veteran antlerless	Free
Note: Quota-limited antlerless white-tailed deer licences will be available August 15 in select WMZs on a first-come, first-served basis through the Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence (HAL) system. See page 28 for details.	
Youth white-tailed deer (Saskatchewan residents only)	\$10
Note: Available only to Saskatchewan residents aged 12 to 18 years (inclusive) who have successfully completed a firearm safety/hunter education course.	
Canadian resident draw	\$180
Guided (Canadian and non-resident)*	\$360
Elk	
Saskatchewan resident	\$45
Saskatchewan resident veteran	Free
First Saskatchewan resident draw	\$70
Second Saskatchewan resident draw (antlerless; WMZ 33 only)	\$65
Moose	
Saskatchewan resident	\$55
Saskatchewan resident veteran	Free
Saskatchewan resident draw	\$70
Guided (Saskatchewan, Canadian and non-resident)*	\$400
Pronghorn	
Saskatchewan resident draw	\$50
Wolf	
Saskatchewan resident	\$55
Saskatchewan resident veteran	Free
Guided (Canadian and non-resident)*	\$200

Mule deer

Saskatchewan resident archery	\$50
Saskatchewan resident veteran archery	Free
Saskatchewan resident draw	\$50
First Saskatchewan resident antlerless draw	\$35
Second Saskatchewan resident antlerless draw (available in select zones)	\$30
Quota-limited antlerless (available in select zones)	\$30

Note: Quota-limited antlerless mule deer licences will be available August 15 in select WMZs on a first-come, first-served basis through the Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence (HAL) system. See page 24 for details.

Black bear

First Saskatchewan resident	\$30
Second Saskatchewan resident	\$25
First Saskatchewan resident veteran	Free
Second Saskatchewan resident veteran	Free
Canadian resident (non-guided)	\$120
Canadian resident veteran (non-guided)	Free
Guided (Canadian and non-resident)*	\$240

Note: An unused 2023 bear licence purchased for the spring season is valid for the 2023 fall season.

Fur licences (Saskatchewan residents only)

Southern Fur Conservation Area	\$45
(SFCA includes all private and Crown land in central and southern Saskatchewan)	
Northern Fur Conservation Area	\$25
(NFCA includes all unoccupied Crown land in central and northern Saskatchewan)	

Note: Only NFCA member trappers are eligible for this licence. See page 38).

Youth fur licence (SFCA or NFCA, available only by contacting a field office)	Free
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Note: Must be a Saskatchewan resident aged 12 to 18 years who has successfully completed a firearm safety/hunter education course and a trapper education course. Free youth fur licences are available with the purchase of a habitat licence.

Saskatchewan Treaty Indian (available at local band offices)	Free
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Note: Valid only for the sale of furs taken on a First Nation.

Replacement seals or ledgers (available only by contacting a field office)	\$5.40
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Note: Harvest ledgers and big game seals that have been registered (activated) with a hunting licence and lost, inadvertently detached or destroyed must be replaced to lawfully hunt.

Reprints of lost/destroyed licences	Free
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Note: Valid licences (excluding seals or ledgers) may be reprinted online from a personal computer or a licence issuer.

* Guided licences

- All non-resident big game hunters (white-tailed deer, moose, bear and wolf) and Canadian resident moose hunters must use the services of an outfitter and possess the appropriate guided licence.
- Canadian resident black bear hunters may hunt with or without an outfitter. If an outfitter is used, a guided licence is required.
- Canadian resident hunters with a draw white-tailed deer licence have the option to hunt with or without an outfitter and do not require a guided licence.
- **A guided wolf licence is only valid when the holder of the guided wolf licence also holds a primary guided big game licence (moose or white-tailed deer) that is valid (unused) and the hunting season for the primary licence is open. Once the primary guided licence has been filled, the guided wolf licence becomes invalid.**

Note: To purchase a guided licence, your outfitter must first purchase a resource allocation licence (RAL) and link it to your HAL account.

Residency and veteran definitions

Saskatchewan resident: A Canadian resident whose principal residence is in Saskatchewan, has lived in the province for three months immediately prior to applying for a licence and possesses a valid Saskatchewan health services card (including RCMP members). This includes a person who is a regular member of the Canadian Armed Forces – stationed and residing in the province or a Saskatchewan resident when recruited or deployed from the province.

Canadian resident: A person whose principal residence is in Canada and is a Canadian citizen or has lived in Canada for 12 months immediately preceding the application for a licence.

Non-resident: A person who is not a Saskatchewan or Canadian resident.

Canadian Armed Forces Veteran: A Saskatchewan or Canadian resident who is a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces, has successfully undergone basic training and has been honourably discharged. For further information on eligibility, please visit saskatchewan.ca/hunting.

Reminder to hunters

Check with authorities before importing wildlife to your home province or state. Other jurisdictions may have additional requirements or restrictions for importing game animals from Saskatchewan.

Firearm safety/hunter education training

It is unlawful to apply for a licence without recognized training.

People born after January 1, 1971 must hold a certificate from a recognized firearm safety/hunter education course to apply for and hold a Saskatchewan game or fur licence. This includes applying for the Big Game Draw. All first-time purchasers of hunting or trapping licences, or persons submitting a Big Game Draw application for the first time, will be asked to confirm that they hold a firearm safety/hunter education certificate. You may be asked to provide proof of training.

Contact the Saskatchewan Association for Firearm Education (SAFE) to check your status or obtain documentation of successful completion at 306-352-6730 or saskhunter.ca.

If you have received training outside of Canada or the United States, contact SAFE or a field office with front counter service to confirm the training is recognized in Saskatchewan.

Licence issuers

You can find your nearest licence issuers on the SK Hunt & Fish mobile app, or, for a list of locations by community, go to saskatchewanhal.ca.

Notice of hunter inspections

Conservation officers check for compliance with hunting regulations throughout the province and at border crossings during hunting seasons. Hunting or trapping violations may result in a fine and/or the loss of hunting privileges.

Youth hunting requirements

A Saskatchewan resident youth game bird licence and a Saskatchewan resident youth white-tailed deer licence are available to youth 12 to 18 years of age. Youth planning to hunt waterfowl must also obtain a federal migratory game bird permit.

While hunting, youth aged 12 to 15 must be under the direct supervision of an adult who is at least 18 years old. Subject to federal firearms legislation, youth aged 16 to 17 may hunt unsupervised.

Note: Firearm safety/hunter education training differs from the Canadian Firearms Safety Course. The federally sponsored Canadian Firearms Safety Course allows successful students to apply for a Possession and Acquisition Licence, which authorizes a person to possess or purchase a rifle or shotgun and purchase ammunition. The Canadian Firearms Safety Course does not authorize a person to purchase a Saskatchewan hunting or trapping licence.

Federal firearms legislation states:

- any person who does not hold a federal Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) or federal Minors' Permit must be under the supervision of someone who holds a PAL; and
- a youth hunter 16 years of age or older can hunt without supervision if that individual possesses a federal Minors' Permit.

Youth aged 12 to 15 must have a parent or guardian complete the consent portion of the Saskatchewan hunting licence. Each subsequent licence will require completion of the consent section.

A free Saskatchewan resident youth fur licence is also available with the purchase of a wildlife habitat licence. First-time trappers must successfully complete a recognized humane trapper education course or pass an equivalency test from the Ministry of Environment.

Please confirm your account information

If you are ordering your hunting licence by phone or online and require seals by mail, please order at least two weeks in advance. Leaving on your trip without your pre-ordered licence and seals may result in a delay in obtaining replacement seals. To receive program information and notifications, be sure to:

- Check the accuracy of the email address on your HAL account;
- Make sure you subscribe for notifications; and
- Ensure you do not filter notifications to your email account's junk/spam folder.

Summary of Saskatchewan hunting REGULATIONS

The following is a summary of some applicable regulations. Always consult the original statutes for interpretation and application of the law. Regulations that apply to hunting and trapping in Saskatchewan are *The Wildlife Act, 1998; The Wildlife Regulations, 1981; The Open Seasons Game Regulations, 2009; The Wildlife Management Zones and Special Areas Boundaries Regulations, 1990; The Fur Animals Open Seasons Regulations; The Firearm Safety/Hunter Education Regulations, 2009; The Dog Training Regulations, 1982; The Outfitter and Guide Regulations, 2004; The Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994; and The Migratory Birds Regulations*. You can obtain copies of these documents at publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/freelaw.

General

It is unlawful to:

- Enter land without consent from the owner or occupant.
- Hunt at night. Hunting is not permitted from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise.
- Shoot across or along a provincial highway, provincial road or municipal road.
- Use any artificial light, infrared device, night vision scopes or goggles for hunting.
- Hunt while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Carry a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle or while on horseback:
 - > A rifle or shotgun is considered loaded when shells are in the magazine or a loaded clip is attached to a hinge plate or in contact with the firearm.
 - > A muzzleloader is considered loaded when it is charged and the ignition system is in place on the firearm.
- Hunt within 500 metres of a building, stockade or corral occupied by people or livestock without the consent of the owner or occupant.
- Hunt contrary to posted instructions without consent.
 - > If you wound an animal and it runs onto land where you do not have permission to enter, you must contact the owner or occupant of the land for permission before entering.
- Injure or kill a game bird or animal without making every reasonable attempt to retrieve it.
- Retrieve a wounded animal after legal hunting hours without approval from a conservation officer.
- Shoot an animal of the incorrect species or sex.
 - > If you shoot any wildlife of the wrong species or sex, immediately field dress the animal and then call the local conservation officer to report it.
- **Note:** To contact a conservation officer, call the Turn in Poachers and Polluters (TIPP) line at 1-800-667-7561.
- Transport any game, including pheasants, not accompanied by evidence of its sex and age, except when you can hunt all ages and sexes of game.
- Waste, destroy, allow to spoil or abandon the edible flesh of a game bird or big game animal, except black bear and wolf, unless authorized.
 - > If you harvest a big game animal that appears unhealthy, contact a conservation officer.
- **Note:** The ministry does not provide compensation, such as replacement licences or financial refunds, for big game meat that is inedible.
- Use any vehicle (including a power boat) to chase wildlife.
- Operate an aircraft (including a drone) or have a person operating an aircraft or drone assist you for any purpose

connected with searching for, hunting or killing wildlife.

- Use the following devices for hunting or killing wildlife:
 - > Spears, darts, spear throwers, blowguns or any similar devices; and
 - > Barbed or poisoned arrows, or arrows with explosive heads.

Licences

It is unlawful to:

- Use more than one HAL number to obtain or apply for a licence.
- Hold a regular and a draw big game licence for the same species.
- Hold two licences of the same licence type in any one year (e.g. either-sex mule deer).
- Hold or apply for any hunting or fur licence while suspended.
- Use or carry another person's game licence, seal or certificate while hunting.
- Hunt with detached seals or seals that have not been associated with a big game licence through HAL.
- Fail to produce a licence upon the request of an officer (digital or paper).
- Tamper, alter or mutilate any licence or seal (the licence or seal is deemed void).
- **Note:** HAL accounts are audited for irregular account activity.

Big game

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt big game with a rifle, hunt in a designated rifle-only season or accompany a rifle hunter without wearing:
 - > A vest (an outer garment that covers the torso) of scarlet, bright yellow, blaze orange or white or any combination of these colours. The vest may include a label or crest not exceeding 100 sq. cm. (15 sq. in.); or
 - > A high-visibility garment carrying a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) label stating CAN/CSA Z96.

This designation includes Z96-02, Z96-09 or Z96-15 (indicates the year the standard was updated).

Both class 2 (vest) or class 3 (coveralls) garments are lawful hunting apparel; and

- > Scarlet, bright yellow or blaze orange headwear (not white). The headwear may include a small label or crest not exceeding 50 sq. cm. (7.8 sq. in.).

- Hunt big game with:
 - > Any firearm cartridge with an empty cartridge case length of less than 32 mm (this includes most handgun cartridges and all rimfire cartridges);
 - > Any centrefire rifle cartridge of .17 calibre or less;
 - > Any of the following cartridges: .22 Hornet, .22 K-Hornet, .218 Bee, .25-20 Winchester, .30 Carbine, .32-20 Winchester, .357 Magnum, .41 Remington Magnum, .44-40 Winchester or .45 Colt;
 - > Full metal-jacketed, hardpoint, non-expanding bullets;
 - > A shotgun or muzzle-loading rifle that uses a metal projectile of .23 calibre or less;
 - > A large calibre air rifle, pneumatic firearm or similar device that uses compressed air, nitrogen, carbon dioxide or any other gas;
 - > Any firearm or device that uses hydrogen, helium, propane, butane or any other flammable gas;
 - > Any firearm or device that uses blank ammunition or a nail gun charge;
 - > A slingshot or similar elastic-powered devices;
 - > A pistol or revolver;
 - > A bow with a draw weight of less than 18.2 kilograms (40 pounds) and arrowheads of less than 2.2 centimetres (7/8 inch) in diameter;
 - > A crossbow with a draw weight of less than 68 kilograms (150 pounds); or

- > A crossbow other than in an open muzzleloader or rifle season.
- **Note:** Crossbows are permitted in the Regina/Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Prince Albert WMZs during all open seasons.
- Hunt wildlife with a rifle, other than a muzzleloader, during a big game season in Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs.
- **Note:** Licensed trappers may carry and use a .22 (or less) calibre rimfire rifle in these areas during a big game season, provided they are performing normal trapping operations.
- Fail to properly attach a seal (tag) to a harvested big game animal. The proper steps are:
 - > Confirm the animal is safe to handle;
 - > Select the seal that matches the big game species harvested;
 - > Separate the three-part seal (marked as meat, hide and antler/head);
 - > Cut out or notch the year, month and day of harvest on each seal;
 - > Fold in half, aligning the pre-cut holes;
 - > Insert a plastic tie, wire or string through the pre-cut holes;
 - > Secure the seal to the antler/head of the animal (ear);
 - > Secure the meat seal to the carcass (rib cage or tendon on hind leg); and
 - > Secure the hide seal through the hide.
- Fail to properly separate the seals as above, notch the date and immediately attach the seals upon harvesting a big game animal.
- Possess an unprocessed big game carcass or unprocessed hide without a seal.
- Possess the head or antlers of a deer, moose, elk or pronghorn without the seal attached to the head or antlers until March 31 of the year following the harvest date.
- Leave a big game hide in the field, except moose and elk in WMZs 56-76.
- Place a tree stand or blind on provincial forest land, unoccupied Crown land or land within a provincial park or recreation site without clearly and permanently marking (in a visible location) with either the person's name and address or HAL number, and the date the tree stand or blind was erected.
- Leave a tree stand, blind or any other structure on provincial forest land, unoccupied Crown land or land within a provincial park or recreation site after July 7, if placed between April 7 and June 30 of the same year, or after Dec. 31, if placed between Aug. 15 and Dec. 19 of the same year.
- Kill female black bears with young of the year cubs at heel.
- Carry or transport a firearm through a game preserve, wildlife refuge, wildlife management unit, regional park, provincial park, protected area or recreation site that is closed to hunting unless the firearm is encased and in a vehicle.

Game birds

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt upland game birds with a centrefire rifle.
- Hunt game birds with a shotgun unless the magazine is plugged so it cannot hold more than two shells.
- For Canadian and non-resident hunters to:
 - > Exceed the season limit for sharp-tailed grouse or gray (Hungarian) partridge;
 - > Fail to record the date of kill on a harvest ledger upon taking a sharp-tailed grouse or gray (Hungarian) partridge;
 - > Hunt game birds without possessing the harvest ledger that is registered with a game bird licence; or
 - > Hold more than one game bird licence.
- Hunt migratory game birds with a rifle

or possess more than one shotgun while hunting migratory game birds, unless each shotgun other than the one being used is unloaded and disassembled or unloaded and cased.

- Hunt game birds within 500 metres of a waterfowl feeding station or enter any lands posted with lure crop signs contrary to posted instructions.
- Dig a pit or excavation, or leave a pit or excavation open, without the consent of the land owner or occupant.
- Use recorded electronic calls other than snow and Ross's geese vocalizations while hunting waterfowl.

Assisting hunters

It is unlawful to:

- Accompany, hunt with, aid or assist a person hunting big game while hunting coyotes or wild boar; and
- Aid, assist or hunt with people who are exercising their Aboriginal hunting rights, unless you possess Aboriginal rights or carry a permit to assist a Treaty Indian subsistence hunter who is a family member.
- **Note:** Permits to assist a Treaty Indian subsistence hunter who is a family member are available at field offices with front counter service.

Baiting regulations

- Bait means any food, including salt and salt products intended to attract big game, but does not include fields of crop or forage – whether standing or harvested crops, forage or hay stacked in the field where it is grown – or grain that is scattered or piled because of farming operations.
- On private land or occupied Crown land, no person shall:
 - > Place bait, including salt and salt products, for hunting big game or feeding or attracting other wildlife, without the permission of the owner or occupant; and
 - > Salt or salt products used for hunting should be placed in a leak-proof container.

- In the provincial forest, provincial parks, recreation sites and on unoccupied Crown land, no person shall:
 - > Store bait at or near any bait location;
 - > Hunt at a bait site placed by another person without that person's consent;
 - > Other than the owner, tear down, remove, damage, deface or cover any bait or sign;
 - > Use salt or salt products for bait unless placed in a leak-proof container that is secured to prevent the contents from spilling;
 - > Use as bait any noxious weed or noxious weed seed as described in *The Weed Control Act*, any exotic plant as described in *The Forest Resources Management Regulations* or any carcass or part of a domestic animal other than domestic animal trimmings received from a licensed butcher shop or abattoir;
 - > Feed wild ungulates (e.g. deer, elk, moose) between January 1 and July 31; and
 - > Place bait for the hunting of wild boar or a wolf with a firearm.
- In the provincial forest, provincial parks, recreation sites and on unoccupied Crown land, no person shall place bait, including salt and salt products, for hunting big game:
 - > Without erecting a sign at the site made of durable material no less than 600 sq. cm. (96 sq. in.) clearly marking your full name and address or HAL number, or by clearly marking their full name and address or HAL number on any container used for holding the bait.
 - > Within 500 metres of any campground, dwelling or other place used by people.
 - > Within 200 metres of any numbered provincial highway,

- provincial road or municipal road.
 - > Within 200 metres of any maintained forest access road, snowmobile trail or cross-country ski trail prior to April 1.
 - > Prior to August 1, except for hunting black bear during the spring black bear season when you may place bait on or after March 1.
 - For the purpose of hunting black bear, no person shall:
 - > Use bait that is not placed in a container;
 - > Use a container with a volume exceeding 210 litres (45-gallon drum);
 - > Use a container that would allow a bear to become trapped inside; and
 - > Use a container that a bear can remove from the bait site.
 - For the purpose of hunting big game other than black bear, no person shall:
 - > Use bait, other than bales, which exceeds 40 litres in volume (nine gallons); and
 - > In the case of bales, use more than two bales with a combined total weight exceeding 90 kilograms (198 pounds).
 - At the end of the hunting season it was used for, any remaining bait, the container, the sign marking the bait and any items brought to the bait site shall be removed.
 - In provincial parks and recreation sites, no person shall place bait for hunting big game without the authorization of the park manager.
 - **Note:** Baiting is not allowed on any Fish and Wildlife Development Fund lands for hunting big game or wild boar.
- landowner, except by using the most direct route to retrieve legally killed big game animals. Permission from the owner or occupant of the land is required to retrieve legally killed big game on private land.
- In Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs, no person hunting big game is allowed to drive off roads or road allowances with trails, except to retrieve legally killed big game animals using the most direct route. Permission from the owner or occupant of the land is required to retrieve legally killed big game on private land.
 - **Note:** You may operate a vehicle off roads and trails with landowner permission to place or remove bait, stands or trail cameras if a firearm is not present in the vehicle.
 - The use of vehicles in Moose Mountain Provincial Park is restricted to park roads, except when using the most direct route to retrieve legally killed big game animals.
 - **Note:** Between Dec. 1 and April 15, no person shall operate a motor vehicle other than a snowmobile on a designated snowmobile trail.
 - Vehicles are restricted to designated roads within Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park and may not leave the road for any purpose.

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs)

Farmland areas of Saskatchewan

- ATVs (including snowmobiles) and passenger vehicles may not be used on wildlife lands for any purpose at any time except for retrieving legally killed big game animals using the shortest and/or least impacting route or under permit for specific authorized purposes.
- In WMZs 1-47, 52, 54, Moose Mountain Provincial Park, Regina/Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Prince Albert WMZs and Fort à la Corne wildlife management unit (WMU), you cannot carry a firearm (including a bow or crossbow) on an ATV (including a

Vehicle controls

Roads and road allowances with trails only

- During an open big game season in WMZs 15-18 and 30-34, no person hunting big game can drive off roads or road allowances with trails without written permission from the

snowmobile) during an open big game season with the following exceptions:

- > You may carry encased firearms on ATVs in the Fort à la Corne WMU during the spring black bear season only; and
- > A licensed trapper may carry a rimfire rifle of .22 calibre or less on an ATV during normal trapping operations. Permission from the owner or occupant of the land is required to trap on private land.
- ATVs cannot be used in any national wildlife area.
- **Note:** ATVs may be used on private land with landowner permission for activities related to hunting if no firearms are carried on the vehicle.

Provincial forest and forest fringe areas of Saskatchewan

- In WMZs 48-50 (excluding Fort à la Corne WMU), 53 and 55-76, and in Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (West Block), you cannot carry a firearm on an ATV during an open big game season unless it is encased.

Provincial park and recreation sites

- ATVs may not be used in Saskatchewan Landing and Douglas provincial parks.

Designated trails – Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (West Block)

- You cannot drive a vehicle off a designated trail or provincial highway except to retrieve legally killed big game animals using the most direct route.
- Firearms must be encased in vehicles when driving off designated trails to retrieve game.
- Parking more than 10 metres from a designated trail or provincial highway is not permitted. Trails are marked at the start and end with designated trail signs.

Forest road closures

- Road closures may be identified with earth berms, gates and/or signs to protect forest resources and roads.

- Passenger vehicles are not allowed beyond forest road closures – you can use ATVs, snowmobiles, horses and bicycles to hunt at your own risk.
- Breaking or cutting trees, or mowing/damaging other vegetation where a road closure is in place is prohibited.

Transporting big game or game birds within the province

- Hunters transporting big game animals during an antlerless or bull-only season must keep evidence of species and sex. During seasons where only bull elk or bull moose may be taken, the antlers must accompany the animal.
- Big game carcasses transported separately from hides must have the tail or the lower hind leg from the hock joint down attached with the hide still in place as proof of species.
- Big game carcasses must be properly tagged when delivered to a butcher for cooling, cutting and packaging. The hides can be kept or sold to hide dealers provided the hides are properly tagged and the species identification parts are attached to the carcass.
- Hunters may share an unprocessed big game carcass with their hunting partners. You do not require a permit to transport an untagged portion of the carcass if you have documentation that includes the successful hunter's name, signature, licence number, species of game and date of harvest. The individual possessing the unprocessed meat must have this information available to provide to a conservation officer.
- When transporting pheasants, evidence of sex must accompany the bird. If the bird is plucked and dressed in the field, leave the head attached to the carcass.
- No person can possess or transport a migratory game bird unless at least one fully feathered wing or the fully feathered head remains attached to

the bird until the bird is preserved.

- **Note:** Refer to the *Migratory Bird Regulations, 2022* for the definition of “preserved”. Preserved birds do not count towards the possession limit.
- No person shall possess, transport or ship any game bird unless the game birds are packed in a manner that will allow a wildlife officer to determine the number and species of game birds.

Exporting big game or game birds

- You can take legally tagged big game out of the province without an export permit if the licence holder travels with the game.
- Hunters may take the cape of a big game animal out of the province without a hide seal attached if the cape and antlers (attached to the skull plate with attached seal) travel with the licence holder.
- You can export legally tagged raw big game hides if a hide seal is attached.
- Any wildlife or wildlife parts not accompanying the licensed hunter – or wildlife not taken under authority of a hunting licence, including antlers (other than shed antlers), claws or skulls – require an export permit to be taken out of the province. Permits are available at field offices with front counter service.
- You must mark packages for shipping wildlife within or outside the province with the sender's name, address, hunting licence or permit number and contents.
- No person, other than a Saskatchewan resident, shall import wildlife into Saskatchewan from another province or country under the authority of a game licence without first obtaining an import permit from a field office with front counter service. An export permit from another province or country provides Saskatchewan residents with the authority to import hunted wildlife.
- A Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Permit is required to export black bears out of Canada. Hunters from the United States (U.S.) accompanying their tagged black bear (raw and untanned) are exempt; however, you require a CITES permit for tanned or processed pelts.
- Sandhill crane hunters do not require a CITES permit if they are a U.S. resident returning home after their hunt, provided the cranes are part of their personal baggage and are in a fresh, frozen or salted condition. You must present a Saskatchewan game bird licence, habitat licence and the federal Migratory Game Bird Permit at customs, as required.
- A game bird licence and associated ledger is also a permit to export legal limits of game birds if the hunter accompanies them in transit.
- You cannot transport or ship migratory birds belonging to another person into the U.S.
- No person can possess or transport a migratory game bird unless at least one fully feathered wing or the fully feathered head remains attached to the bird until the bird is preserved.
- No person shall possess, transport or ship any upland game birds unless they are packed in a manner that will permit a conservation officer to determine the number and species.
- Labelling is not required if the legal limit of migratory birds taken accompanies the hunter in a private vehicle.
- Labelling is not required if packages containing upland game birds accompany the licensed hunter in transit.
- All game birds must be packaged in a manner that will permit the number and species to be determined. Bulk packaging or bulk freezing is not allowed.

Private land considerations

- Approximately 85 per cent of the land in southern Saskatchewan is privately owned or controlled.
- Consent from the owner or occupant is mandatory prior to entering/hunting on any private land.
- To assist landowners, signs indicating: "Hunt on Foot Only," "Vehicles Restricted to Roads and Trail Only," "Please Close this Gate," "Seeded Field" and "Occupied Building within 500 Metres" are available by contacting a Ministry of Environment field office with front counter service.
- Hunters failing to obtain consent from the owner or occupant of the land could face charges.

Special lands provisions

Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF), Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and the Nature Conservancy of Canada Lands (NCC)

- You require consent prior to entering/hunting on these lands.
- Hunting may be permitted on lands as per posted instructions.
- Hunters must follow all instructions (such as hunt on foot only).
- Contact the responsible agency for further information.

Fish and Wildlife Development Fund (FWDF) Lands - wildlife lands

- Open to hunting on foot only.
- Operation of any vehicle, including a passenger vehicle, ATV or snowmobile, is not allowed for any purpose except:
 - > To retrieve legally killed big game or wild boar on wildlife lands, using the shortest and/or least impacting route; and
 - > Under the authority of a vehicle use permit for agriculture or other approved purposes.
- If a passenger vehicle is being used to retrieve legally killed big game or wild boar, all firearms must be encased.
- Walk-in camping is allowed if vehicles

are left off wildlife lands.

- Open fires are prohibited.
- You cannot bait for the purposes of hunting.
- Hunting stands and tree stands are allowed on wildlife lands under the following conditions:
 - > You must mark stands with your name and address or HAL number and date on which you placed the stand on wildlife lands; and
 - > Stands must be removed at the end of legal hunting time on the day it was placed.
- **Note:** Stand means any stand, blind, platform, tree seat or other similar structure.
- Wildlife lands that are managed or co-owned with SWF, DUC or NCC may have additional signage regarding access.

National Wildlife Areas (NWA)

- Open to hunting unless otherwise posted.
- Last Mountain Lake, Stalwart, Webb, Prairie, Bradwell and Tway NWAs are open to all hunting.
- Hunt on foot only.
- Vehicles may not be driven off or beyond roads and designated trails and may not leave the road for any purpose.
- For information on these areas and any restrictions, contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at 306-975-4087.

Canadian Forces Base Dundurn, national parks, wildlife refuges, migratory bird sanctuaries, Cold Lake Air Weapons Range, game preserves and road corridor game preserves

- Closed to all hunting.
- Provincial parks, regional parks and recreation sites
 - Closed to all hunting unless otherwise specified in the open season tables.
 - Specific vehicle regulations may apply. See ATV regulations on page 13.

Wildlife Management Units (WMU)

- Many WMUs are community pastures and are subject to conditions. See the community pasture section on page 17.

- Fort à la Corne WMU is closed to hunting unless otherwise specified.
- All remaining WMUs are included in the WMZs that surround them. They are open for hunting during the times specified in the open season tables.

Road corridor game preserve (RCGP)

- All RCGPs are shown on the WMZ map and identified with signage.
- Hunting is prohibited within 400 metres of the centerline of a road within a RCGP.
- Firearms must be encased when travelling in a RCGP.
- Licensed hunters may carry unloaded firearms from a vehicle to the edge of the game preserve by the most direct route and return in the same manner.

Northern communities

- Excluding any privately owned land, only residents of the following communities may hunt big game within a 16-kilometre radius of their communities: Beauval, Black Lake, Buffalo Narrows, Camsell Portage, Cree Lake, Deschambault Lake, Dillon, Fond du Lac, Ile-à-la-Crosse, Kinoosao, La Loche, La Ronge, Patuanak, Pelican Narrows, Pinehouse, Primeau Lake, Sandy Bay, Southend, Stanley Mission, Stony Rapids, Turnor Lake and Wollaston.

First Nation reserves

- Closed to licensed hunting unless the Chief or Band Council grants permission.

Community pastures

- All community pastures in Saskatchewan are now patron operated.
- Patron operated pastures (POP) are former Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) and Saskatchewan Pasture Program pastures leased to

patron groups.

- POP differ from pastures associated with grazing cooperatives. These pastures are privately owned and often referred to as co-op pastures.
- For hunting on POP, the rules remain unchanged. Generally, all POP are open to hunting as follows:
 - > WMZs 1-47 – Nov. 1;
 - > WMZ 54 – Nov. 10; and
 - > WMZs 48-50, 52, 53, 55 and 68N – Nov. 15.
- Some pastures may remain closed beyond these dates if livestock is still at large, field operations are occurring or fire hazards exist.
- Some pastures may open to hunting prior to these dates, but hunters must contact the pasture manager or designated patron group member to confirm prior to entering.
- No baiting in community pastures without the permission of the pasture manager or designated patron group member.
- Vehicles are restricted to roads and trails; however, special access conditions may be in place for select pastures.
- Contact the pasture manager or designated patron group member for trail information.
- Fires are not allowed.
- For all other recreational use, contact the pasture manager or designated patron group member for access information.
- Visit saskatchewan.ca and search for information on the Saskatchewan Patron Operated Pasture Program.

Saskatchewan resident draw seasons

Hunting is permitted in WMUs and national wildlife areas within a WMZ that is listed as open for big game. The exception is Fort à la Corne WMU and the St. Denis National Wildlife Research Area. Only the provincial parks and recreation sites listed below are open to hunting. See **Special lands provisions** (page 16) for more information. For information on the 2023 draw quotas, see the online Big Game Draw Supplement. When a series of WMZs is listed, it includes all zones within the series (e.g. WMZ 1-10 includes zones 1, 2E, 2W, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7E, 7W, 8, 9 and 10). **New information is indicated in bold and red.**

Saskatchewan resident draw seasons

Draw moose – Saskatchewan residents only		
Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 1, 2E, 2W, 4 and 5 Combined WMZs 6 and 7E (Designate WMZ 6) Combined WMZs 8 and 11 (Designate WMZ 8) WMZs 9, 10, 12 WMZ 13 including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River WMZs 14W, 15, 16-19, 21 and 22 WMZ 23 including that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) WMZs 24-32 WMZ 33 including Moose Mountain Provincial Park WMZs 34-36 WMZ 37 excluding Duck Mountain Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 37) WMZs 38-41, 42E, 42W and 43 not including Fort à la Corne WMU WMZs 44, 45E, 45W, 46-50, 52-54 Greenwater Lake Provincial Park (Designate WMZ GP) Fort à la Corne WMU (Designate WMZ FLC)	Oct. 1 – 14 and Nov. 1 – 14 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one moose, either-sex
Saskatoon WMZ (Designate WMZ SMZ) Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate WMZ RMZ)	Oct. 1 – 14 and Nov. 1 – 14 archery, crossbow, muzzleloader, shotgun	one moose, either-sex
Prince Albert WMZ (Designate WMZ PMZ)	Oct. 1 – 14 and Nov. 1 – 14 archery and crossbow	one moose, either-sex

..... Draw moose – Saskatchewan residents only (continued)

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZ 56 including Round Lake Recreation Site and that portion of Porcupine Hills Provincial Park (West Block) within WMZ 56 WMZ 57 including those portions of Porcupine Hills Provincial Park (East and West Blocks) within WMZ 57 WMZ 58 WMZ 59 including Wildcat Hill Provincial Park WMZ 60-62 WMZ 63 including the southern portion of Narrow Hills Provincial Park WMZ 64 including Great Blue Heron, the southern portion of Clarence-Steepbank Lakes and a portion of Narrow Hills provincial parks WMZ 65 including the northern portion of both Clarence-Steepbank Lakes and Narrow Hills provincial parks WMZs 66 and 67 WMZs 68S and 68N (combined) including Bronson Forest Recreation Site WMZ 69 including Meadow Lake Provincial Park	Oct. 1 – 14 and Nov. 1 – 14 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one bull moose
Saskatoon WMZ (Designate WMZ SMZA) Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate WMZ RMZA)	Oct. 15 – Nov. 14 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow and shotgun	one antlerless moose
Prince Albert WMZ (Designate WMZ PMZA)	Oct. 15 – Nov. 14 archery and crossbow	one antlerless moose

**Additional information (draw moose)**

- Rifle hunting is not permitted in the Saskatoon and Regina/Moose Jaw WMZs.
- Archery and crossbow hunting only in Prince Albert WMZ.
- Antlerless moose is a cow or 2023 calf.
- Zone selections with an A are for antlerless moose licences (example RMZA).

Landowner permission

Landowner permission is mandatory prior to accessing or hunting on private land, including setting out trail cameras, tree stands or blinds.

Non-toxic shot

The use of non-toxic shot is required for hunting migratory game birds in Canada. By weight non-toxic shot is comprised of the following: (a) up to 100 per cent iron, tungsten, tin or bismuth, alone or in any combination of those substances; (b) not more than 45 per cent copper; (c) not more than 40 per cent nickel; (d) not more than 7 per cent Nylon 6, Nylon 11 or ethylene methacrylic acid copolymer, alone or any combination of those substances; and (e) not more than 1 per cent all other substances combined.

Draw elk – Saskatchewan residents only		
Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZ 1, 2E, 2W and 5 Combined WMZs 6 and 7E (Designate WMZ 6) Combined WMZs 8 and 11 (Designate WMZ 8) Combined WMZs 9 and 10 (Designate WMZ 9) WMZ 13 including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River WMZs 19 and 21 Combined WMZs 22 and 30 (Designate WMZ 22) WMZ 24 Combined WMZs 28 and 45E (Designate WMZ 28) WMZ 29, 34 and 35 WMZ 37 including Duck Mountain Provincial Park WMZs 39-41, 42E, 42W, 43 not including Fort à la Corne WMU WMZs 44, 45W, 46, 47, 52 and 54 Note: Beginning Sept. 10, elk hunting is permitted in Moose Mountain, Duck Mountain, the portion of Douglas located west of Diefenbaker Lake and Saskatchewan Landing provincial parks only.	Sept. 15 – 30 and Dec. 10 – 19 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one elk, either-sex
Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate WMZ RMZ)	Sept. 15 – 30 and Dec. 10 – 19 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow and shotgun	one elk, either-sex
WMZ 33 including Moose Mountain Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 33) Fort à la Corne WMU (Designate WMZ FLC) Greenwater Lake Provincial Park (Designate WMZ GP)	Sept. 10 – 30 and Dec. 10 – 19 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one elk, either-sex
WMZ 7W including Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (West Block)	Oct. 20 – 31 and Dec. 10 – 19 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one elk, either-sex
WMZ 1 (Designate WMZ 1A) WMZ 2E (Designate WMZ 2EA) WMZ 2W (Designate WMZ 2WA) WMZ 5 (Designate WMZ 5A) Combined WMZs 8 and 11 (Designate WMZ 8A) Combined WMZs 9 and 10 (Designate WMZ 9A) WMZ 13 including the portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River (Designate WMZ 13A) WMZ 14E including the portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River (Designate WMZ 14EA) WMZ 19 (Designate WMZ 19A) WMZ 21 (Designate WMZ 21A) Combined WMZs 22 and 30 (Designate WMZ 22A) WMZ 24 (Designate WMZ 24A) Combined WMZs 28 and 45E (Designate WMZ 28A) WMZ 29 (Designate WMZ 29A) WMZ 34 (Designate WMZ 34A) WMZ 35 (Designate WMZ 35A) WMZ 40 (Designate WMZ 40A) WMZ 44 (Designate WMZ 44A) WMZ 45W (Designate WMZ 45WA) WMZ 52 (Designate WMZ 52A) Greenwater Lake Provincial Park (Designate WMZ GPA)	Oct. 15 – 31 and Nov. 10 – 19 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one antlerless elk

..... Draw elk – Saskatchewan residents only (continued)

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate WMZ RMZA)	Oct. 15 – 31 and Nov. 10 – 19 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow and shotgun	one antlerless elk
Combined WMZs 6 and 7E (Designate WMZ 6A)	Oct. 15 – 31, Nov. 10 – 19 and Dec. 30 – Jan. 14, 2024 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one antlerless elk
WMZ 7W including Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (West Block) (Designate WMZ 7WA)	Nov. 10 – 19, Dec. 10 – 19 and Dec. 30 – Jan. 14, 2024 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one antlerless elk
WMZ 37 including Duck Mountain Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 37A) WMZ 39 (Designate WMZ 39A) WMZ 41 (Designate WMZ 41A) WMZ 42E (Designate WMZ 42EA) WMZ 42W (Designate WMZ 42WA) WMZ 43 (Designate WMZ 43A) WMZ 46 (Designate WMZ 46A) WMZ 54 (Designate WMZ 54A)	Oct. 15 – 31, Nov. 10 – 19 and Dec. 30 – Jan. 14, 2024 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one antlerless elk
Combined WMZs 47, 67, 68 South and 68 North including Bronson Forest Recreation Site (Designate WMZ 47A) Combined WMZs 48, 56 and 57 including Porcupine Hills Provincial Park and Round Lake Recreation Site (Designate WMZ 48A) Combined WMZs 49, 58 and 59 including Wildcat Hill Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 49A) WMZ 50 not including Fort à la Corne WMU (Designate WMZ 50A) WMZ 53 (Designate 53A) WMZ 55 (Designate WMZ 55A)	Aug. 25 – Sept.9 archery Oct. 10 – 31 and Dec. 10 – 19 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one antlerless elk
WMZ 33 including Moose Mountain Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 33A)	Oct. 10 – 31, Nov. 10 – 19 and Dec. 30 – Jan. 14, 2024 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	two antlerless elk

**Additional information (draw elk)**

- Elk requires only one draw application. When applying for elk, select antlerless and/or either-sex elk by using the appropriate zones.
- In provincial parks with a September elk season, hunting for elk is permitted beginning Sept. 10.
- Antlerless elk is a cow or 2023 calf. The head of an antlerless elk must accompany the carcass.
- Zone selections with an A are for antlerless elk licences (example 6A).
- Rifle hunting is not permitted in the Saskatoon and Regina/Moose Jaw WMZs.

Draw pronghorn – Saskatchewan residents only

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
Combined WMZs 1, 15 and 18 (Designate WMZ 1) Combined WMZs 2E, 2W, 4 and 5 (Designate WMZ 2) Combined WMZs 3, 6, 7E and 7W including Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (West Block) (Designate WMZ 3) Combined WMZs 8-11 (Designate WMZ 8) Combined WMZs 12 and 13 (Designate WMZ 12) Combined WMZs 14E including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River and 24 (Designate 14E) Combined WMZs 14W, 25-27 (Designate 14W) Combined WMZs 19 and 23 (Designate WMZ 19)	Sept. 1 – 19 archery Oct. 1 – 19 archery, muzzleloader and crossbow Oct. 20 – Nov. 9 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one pronghorn, either-sex

Additional Information (pronghorn)

- The draw for pronghorn will be in mid-July.
- In provincial parks with a September pronghorn season, hunting for pronghorn is permitted beginning Sept. 10.

Draw mule deer – Saskatchewan residents only

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 1, 2E, 2W, 3-6 and 7E WMZ 7W, including Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (West Block) WMZs 8-12 WMZ 13 including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River WMZs 14W, 15-19, 21 and 22 WMZ 23 including that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) WMZs 24-28 WMZ 29E (east of the South Saskatchewan River including islands) WMZ 29W (west of the South Saskatchewan River) WMZs 30-32 WMZ 33, including Moose Mountain Provincial Park WMZs 34-41, 42E, 42W, 43, 44, 45E, 45W and 46-49 WMZ 50 including Fort à la Corne WMU WMZs 52-55	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery Oct. 1 – 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Nov. 1 – 14 rifle	one mule deer, either-sex
Saskatoon WMZ (Designate WMZ SMZ) Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate WMZ RMZ)	Sept. 1 – Dec. 7 archery and crossbow Oct. 1 – Dec. 7 muzzleloader Nov. 1 – Dec. 7 shotgun	one mule deer, either-sex
Prince Albert WMZ (Designate WMZ PMZ)	Sept. 1 – Dec. 7 archery and crossbow	one mule deer, either-sex

Additional information (mule deer)

- In provincial parks with a September mule deer season, hunting for mule deer is permitted beginning Sept. 10.
- Rifle hunting is not permitted in the Saskatoon and Regina/Moose Jaw WMZs.
- Archery and crossbow hunting only in the Prince Albert WMZ.

Draw antlerless mule deer – Saskatchewan residents only (one licence option)

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 16-18, 21 and 22 WMZ 23 including the portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) WMZ 29E (east of the South Saskatchewan River including islands) WMZ 29W (west of the South Saskatchewan River) WMZs 31-40, 42E, 42W, 43, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54 and 55 Note: Applicants drawn for these WMZs will be able to purchase a first antlerless mule deer licence only.	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery Oct. 1 – 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Nov. 10 – Dec. 7 rifle	one antlerless mule deer
Additional information (antlerless mule deer)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antlerless mule deer is a doe or 2023 fawn. In provincial parks with a September mule deer season, hunting for mule deer is permitted beginning Sept. 10. Hunters holding both a draw either-sex and a draw antlerless mule deer licence may hunt antlerless mule deer during the either-sex season dates if the antlerless mule deer is harvested in the zone in which their antlerless licence is valid. Rifle hunting is not permitted in the Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ. 		

Fish and Wildlife Development Fund

The Fish and Wildlife Development Fund directs 30 per cent of the revenue from the sale of hunting, angling and trapping licences to secure and protect wildlife habitat, support research and data collection and promote public awareness of our wildlife resources. Through partnerships with Ducks Unlimited Canada, Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, 641 hectares (1,583 acres) of land were purchased and 157 hectares (387 acres) were protected through conservation easements in the last year. Consider making a tax-deductible donation to the fund through HAL.

Permit to retain wildlife

Saskatchewan residents may request a permit to retain an animal that is found dead. To possess found dead wildlife, you must contact the nearest field office with front counter service within seven days, produce the animal for inspection and pay the required permit fee.

Draw antlerless mule deer – Saskatchewan residents only (two licence option)

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 1, 2E, 2W, 4-6, 9, 10 WMZ 13, including the portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E, including the portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River WMZs 15, 19, 24-28, 30, 41, 44, 45E, 45W, 46 and 47 Note: Applicants drawn for these WMZs can purchase both a first antlerless mule deer licence and a second antlerless mule deer licence.	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery Oct. 1 – 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Nov. 10 – Dec. 7 rifle	two antlerless mule deer
Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate WMZ RMZ) Saskatoon WMZ (Designate WMZ SMZ) Note: Applicants drawn for these WMZs can purchase both a first antlerless mule deer licence and a second antlerless mule deer licence.	Sept. 1 – Dec. 7 archery and crossbow Oct. 1 – Dec. 7 muzzleloader Nov. 1 – Dec. 7 shotgun	two antlerless mule deer

Additional information (antlerless mule deer)

- Antlerless mule deer is a doe or 2023 fawn.
- Hunters holding both a draw either-sex and a draw antlerless mule deer licence may hunt antlerless mule deer during the either-sex season dates if the antlerless mule deer is harvested in the zone in which their antlerless licence is valid.
- In provincial parks with a September mule deer season, hunting for mule deer is permitted beginning Sept. 10.
- Rifle hunting is not permitted in the Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs.

Quota-limited antlerless mule deer – Saskatchewan residents only

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 3, 7E, 7W including Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (West Block), 8, 11, 12 and 14W Note: A quota-limited antlerless mule deer licence is valid for one of the specified WMZs above.	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery Oct. 1 – 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Nov. 10 – Dec. 7 rifle	one antlerless mule deer

Additional information (antlerless mule deer)

- Quota-limited antlerless mule deer licence - antlerless mule deer licences in these zones will be available until the quota is gone. Purchases will be available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 9 a.m. on Aug. 15, 2023. Licences will be available at field offices with front counter service, all licence issuers, online through your HAL account or by phone at 1-855-848-4773.
- Antlerless mule deer is a doe or 2023 fawn.
- Quota-limited antlerless mule deer licences are zone-specific and hunters may only purchase one quota-limited licence.
- Hunters may hold a draw either-sex mule deer licence, a draw antlerless mule deer licence and a quota-limited antlerless mule deer licence.
- Hunters holding both a draw either-sex and a quota-limited antlerless mule deer licence may hunt antlerless mule deer during the either-sex season dates if the antlerless mule deer is harvested in the zone in which their antlerless licence is valid.
- In provincial parks with a September mule deer season, hunting for mule deer is permitted beginning Sept. 10.
- For information, please call the Ministry of Environment Inquiry Centre at 1-800-567-4224.

Canadian resident draw seasons

Hunting is permitted in WMUs and national wildlife areas within a WMZ that is listed as open for big game. The exception is Fort à la Corne WMU and the St. Denis National Wildlife Research Area. Only the provincial parks and recreation sites listed below are open to hunting. See **Special lands provisions** (page 16) for more information. For information on 2023 draw quotas, see the online Canadian Resident White-tailed Deer Draw Supplement. When a series of WMZs is listed, it includes all zones within the series (e.g. WMZ 1-10 includes zones 1, 2E, 2W, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7E, 7W, 8, 9 and 10). **New information is indicated in bold and red.**

Draw white-tailed deer – Canadian residents only		
Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 1, 2E, 2W, 3-6 and 7E WMZ 7W including Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (West Block) WMZs 8-12 WMZ 13 including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River WMZs 14W, 15-19, 21 and 22 WMZ 23 including that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) WMZs 24-32 WMZ 33 including Moose Mountain Provincial Park WMZs 34-36 WMZ 37 including Duck Mountain Provincial Park WMZs 38-41, 42E, 42W, 43 (not including Fort à la Corne WMU) WMZs 44, 45E, 45W, 46, 47, 52 and 54	Nov. 20 – Dec. 2 rifle	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
Saskatoon WMZ (Designate WMZ SMZ) Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate WMZ RMZ)	Sept. 15 – Dec. 2 archery and crossbow Oct. 15 – Dec. 2 muzzleloader Nov. 20 – Dec. 2 shotgun	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
Fort à la Corne WMU (Designate FLC)	Nov. 20 – Dec. 2 rifle	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
Prince Albert WMZ (Designate WMZ PMZ) Note: Archery and crossbow hunting only in Prince Albert WMZ.	Sept. 15 – Dec. 2 archery and crossbow	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 48, 49, 50 (not including Fort à la Corne WMU), 53 and 55	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery Oct. 1 – 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Nov. 20 – Dec. 2 rifle	one white-tailed deer, either-sex

..... Draw white-tailed deer – Canadian residents only (continued)

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZ 56 including Round Lake Recreation Site and that portion of Porcupine Hills Provincial Park (West Block) within WMZ 56 Greenwater Lake Provincial Park WMZ 57 including those portions of Porcupine Hills Provincial Park (East and West Blocks) within WMZ 57 WMZ 58 WMZ 59 including Wildcat Hill Provincial Park WMZs 60-62 WMZ 63 including the southern portion of Narrow Hills Provincial Park WMZ 64 including Great Blue Heron, the southern portion of Clarence-Steepbank Lakes and a portion of Narrow Hills provincial parks WMZ 65 including the northern portion of both Clarence-Steepbank Lakes and Narrow Hills provincial parks WMZs 66 including Nesslin Lake Recreation Site WMZ 67 WMZ 68S including Bronson Forest Recreation Site WMZ 68N WMZ 69 including Meadow Lake Provincial Park	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery, muzzleloader and crossbow Nov. 1 – Dec. 2 rifle	one white-tailed deer, either-sex

**Additional information (white-tailed deer)**

- Rifle hunting is not permitted in the Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs.
- Shotguns cannot be used during the muzzleloader season.
- In provincial parks and recreation sites with a September white-tailed deer season, hunting for white-tailed deer is permitted beginning Sept. 10.

Our licence system is automated

You can purchase your hunting, angling or trapping licences:

- Online any time at saskatchewanhal.ca (big game licences require a previously acquired blank seal for immediate purchase, or allow 10 business days for delivery by mail);
- Through Saskatchewan licence issuers; or
- By phone using a credit card at 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m. CST).

Remember: You purchase licences by accessing your existing online account using your HAL Identification Number (HAL ID) or your previously registered secondary identification number. Do not create a second account, as it is a violation of *The Wildlife Regulations* to use more than one HAL account. If you require assistance with your identification, call 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m. CST).

Regular seasons

Hunting is permitted in WMUs and national wildlife areas within a WMZ that is listed as open for big game. The exception is Fort à la Corne WMU and the St. Denis National Wildlife Research Area. Only the provincial parks and recreation sites listed below are open to hunting. See **Special lands provisions** (page 16) for more information. When a series of WMZs is listed, it includes all zones within the series (e.g. WMZ 1-10 includes zones 1, 2E, 2W, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7E, 7W, 8, 9 and 10).

New information is indicated in bold and red.

Regular seasons

White-tailed deer – Saskatchewan residents only		
Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 1-47, 52 and 54, including Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (West Block), in Saskatchewan Landing, Duck Mountain and Moose Mountain provincial parks, and in that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm)	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery Oct. 1 – 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Nov. 15 – Dec. 2 rifle	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs	Sept. 1 – Dec. 2 archery and crossbow Oct. 1 – Dec. 2 muzzleloader Nov. 1 – Dec. 2 shotgun	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
Prince Albert WMZ	Sept. 1 – Dec. 2 archery and crossbow	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 48-50, 53 and 55 and Fort à la Corne WMU	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery Oct. 1 – 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Nov. 1 – Dec. 7 rifle	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 56-69 and Great Blue Heron, Greenwater Lake, Meadow Lake, Narrow Hills, Porcupine Hills, Wildcat Hill and Clarence-Steepbank Lakes provincial parks and in Bronson Forest, Nesslin Lake and Round Lake recreation sites	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery, muzzleloader and crossbow Oct. 1 – Dec. 7 rifle	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 70-73 including Lac La Ronge Provincial Park and that portion of Clearwater River Provincial Park located south of 57 degrees north latitude	Sept. 1 – Dec. 7 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow and rifle	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
Additional information (white-tailed deer)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rifle hunting is not permitted in the Saskatoon and Regina/Moose Jaw WMZs. Shotguns cannot be used during the muzzleloader season. Archery and crossbow hunting only in the Prince Albert WMZ. In provincial parks and recreation sites with a September white-tailed deer season, hunting for white-tailed deer is permitted beginning Sept. 10. 		

First antlerless white-tailed deer – Saskatchewan residents only

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs	Sept. 1 – Dec. 2 archery and crossbow Oct. 1 – Dec. 2 muzzleloader Nov. 1 – Dec. 2 shotgun	one antlerless white-tailed deer
Prince Albert WMZ	Sept. 1 – Dec. 2 archery and crossbow	one antlerless white-tailed deer



Additional information (white-tailed deer)

- First antlerless white-tailed deer licences are valid in the Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Regina/Moose Jaw WMZs only, and will be available Aug. 15, 2023.
- Hunters can hold a first and a second antlerless white-tailed deer licence.
- Rifle hunting is not permitted in the Saskatoon and Regina/Moose Jaw WMZs.
- Shotguns cannot be used during the muzzleloader season.
- Archery and crossbow hunting only in the Prince Albert WMZ.
- Antlerless white-tailed deer is a doe or 2023 fawn.

Quota-limited antlerless white-tailed deer (second licence)

– Saskatchewan
Residents Only

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 1, 2E, 2W, 3-6, 7E, 7W including Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (West Block), 8-13, 14E, 14W and 19 (Designate WMZ SW)	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery Oct. 1 – 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Nov. 15 – Dec. 7 rifle	one antlerless white-tailed deer



Additional information (white-tailed deer)

- Continued for 2023: Quota-limited antlerless white-tailed deer licence (second licence) - the number of antlerless white-tailed deer licences available in these combined zones will be limited. Licences will be available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 9 a.m. on Aug. 15, 2023. Licences will be available at field offices with front counter service, all licence issuers, online through any customer HAL account or by phone at 1-855-848-4773. Licences will be available until the quota is gone.
- Second antlerless white-tailed deer licences are valid for combined WMZs 1, 2E, 2W, 3-6, 7E, 7W, 8-13, 14E, 14W and 19 (SW).
- Hunters can only purchase one second antlerless white-tailed deer licence.
- Hunters can hold a first antlerless white-tailed deer licence and a quota-limited antlerless white-tailed deer licence or can hold either licence without purchasing both.
- For information, please call 1-800-567-4224.

Moose – Saskatchewan residents only

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 55-59 and 63-69, including Great Blue Heron, Narrow Hills, Meadow Lake, Porcupine Hills, Wildcat Hill and Clarence-Steepbank Lakes provincial parks, and Bronson Forest, Nesslin Lake, and Round Lake recreation sites	Sept. 15 – 24 archery Oct. 15 – 19 and Nov. 20 – 24 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one bull moose
WMZs 70-76 including Lac La Ronge, Athabasca Sand Dunes and Clearwater River provincial parks	Sept. 1 – Nov. 30 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one bull moose

**Additional information (moose)**

- Bull moose is a male moose that is at least one year old.
- The antlers of bull moose must accompany the carcass.
- In Lac La Ronge, Athabasca Sand Dunes and Clearwater River provincial parks, hunting for moose will begin Sept. 10, all other provincial parks and recreation sites open Sept. 15.

Archery mule deer – Saskatchewan residents only

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 1 - 12 WMZ 13 including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River WMZs 14W, 15-19, 21 and 22 WMZ 23 including that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) WMZs 24-41, 42E, 42W, 43-50 and 52-55	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery	one mule deer, either-sex
Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ and Saskatoon WMZ	Sept. 1 – Dec. 2 archery and crossbow	one mule deer, either-sex

**Additional information (archery mule deer)**

- Hunters who are successful in the either-sex mule deer draw cannot purchase an archery mule deer licence.
- Confirm that your hunting area has an open archery mule deer season.
- In provincial parks and recreation sites with a September mule deer season, hunting for mule deer is permitted beginning Sept. 10.

Elk – Saskatchewan residents only

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 48, 49 and 56-59, including Porcupine Hills and Wildcat Hill provincial parks and Round Lake Recreation Site	Aug. 25 – Sept. 9 archery Sept. 15 – 30 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one elk, either-sex
WMZs 50, 53, 55, 60-69 , including Great Blue Heron, Narrow Hills, Meadow Lake and Clarence-Steepbank Lakes provincial parks and Bronson Forest and Nesslin Lake recreation sites and that portion of zone 47 located north of Highway 3	Aug. 25 – Sept. 9 archery Sept. 15 – 30 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one bull elk

**Additional information (elk)**

- A bull elk is a male elk with an antler at least 15 centimetres in length as measured on the outside of the curve from the skull to the tip.
- An antlerless elk is a cow or 2023 calf.
- The antlers of bull elk must accompany the carcass in the bull elk season.
- In provincial parks and recreation sites with a September elk season, hunting for elk is permitted beginning Sept. 10.
- No regular elk hunting in Fort à la Corne WMU.

Areas closed to hunting

Fort à la Corne WMU and all provincial parks, regional parks and recreation sites are closed to all hunting unless otherwise specified. You must encase firearms unless you have a valid hunting licence for that area.

Contribute to wildlife management

We want to hear from you! Did you know a quick survey can contribute significantly to wildlife management in the province? There are several opportunities every year, including the Hunter Harvest Survey (mandatory) and the Annual Status of Furbearers Survey. We use the information to set season dates, quotas and bag limits. Your contribution has a direct impact on hunting opportunities in Saskatchewan! To learn more about how to get involved, visit saskatchewan.ca/hunting.

Black bear – all hunters (regular and guided seasons)		
Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 17, 30, 32-50 and 52-76 and Porcupine Hills Provincial Park	Apr. 15 – June 30 Aug. 25 – Oct. 31 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one black bear, either-sex
Duck Mountain, Greenwater Lake, Great Blue Heron, Lac La Ronge, Clarence-Steepbank Lakes, Narrow Hills and Meadow Lake provincial parks, and Bronson Forest, Nesslin Lake and Round Lake recreation sites	Apr. 15 – May 31 Sept. 10 – Oct. 31 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one black bear, either-sex
Wildcat Hill, Clearwater River and Athabasca Sand Dunes provincial parks and Fort à la Corne WMU	Apr. 15 – June 30 Sept. 10 – Oct. 31 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one black bear, either-sex
Prince Albert WMZ	Apr. 15 – May 31 Sept. 10 – Oct. 31 archery and crossbow	one black bear, either-sex
Additional information (black bear)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All non-resident hunters must use the services of a licensed outfitter and possess a guided black bear licence. • Canadian residents have the option of using the services of an outfitter by purchasing a guided bear licence. • There are no colour dress requirements for archery, crossbow, muzzleloader and shotgun hunters. • No hunting of female bears with young of the year cubs at heel. • Archery and crossbow hunting only in the Prince Albert WMZ. • An unused 2023 black bear licence purchased for the spring season is valid for the 2023 fall seasons. 		

Have a question?

Call the Ministry of Environment Inquiry Centre
at **1-800-567-4224** (in North America) or
email [**centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca**](mailto:centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca)

Black bear – Saskatchewan residents only (second licence)

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 17, 30, 32-50 and 52-55	Apr. 15 – June 30 Aug. 25 – Oct. 31 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one black bear, either-sex
Duck Mountain and Greenwater Lake provincial parks and in that portion of Round Lake Recreation Site lying within WMZ 48	Apr. 15 – May 31 Sept. 10 – Oct. 31 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one black bear, either-sex
Fort à la Corne WMU	Apr. 15 – June 30 Sept. 10 – Oct. 31 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one black bear, either-sex

**Additional information (black bear)**

- Saskatchewan residents can hold a first and second black bear licence.

Guided moose – all hunters

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 60-62	Oct. 1 – 14 and Nov. 1 – 14 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one bull moose
WMZ 69	Sept. 15 – 24 archery Oct. 15 – 19 and Nov. 20 – 24 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one bull moose
WMZs 70-76 including Lac La Ronge, Athabasca Sand Dunes and Clearwater River provincial parks	Sept. 1 – Nov. 30 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one bull moose

**Additional information (guided moose)**

- A bull moose is a male moose that is at least one year old.
- In provincial parks with a September bull moose season, moose hunting is permitted beginning Sept. 10.
- All Canadian and non-resident moose hunters must use the services of a licensed outfitter and possess a guided moose licence.
- Saskatchewan resident hunters wishing to hunt in the guided moose season must also use an outfitter and possess a guided moose licence.
- The antlers of bull moose must accompany the carcass.

Guided white-tailed deer – (Canadian and non-resident hunters)

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
WMZs 56-66, 69 and Great Blue Heron, Greenwater Lake, Meadow Lake, Narrow Hills, Porcupine Hills, Wildcat Hill and Clarence-Steepbank Lakes provincial parks and Nesslin Lake and Round Lake recreation sites	Sept. 1 – 30 archery, muzzleloader and crossbow Oct. 1 – Dec. 7 rifle	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 67, 68S and 68N including Bronson Forest Recreation Site	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 archery, muzzleloader and crossbow Nov. 1 – Dec. 7 rifle	one white-tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 70-73 including Lac La Ronge Provincial Park and that portion of Clearwater River Provincial Park located south of 57 degrees north latitude	Sept. 1 – Dec. 7 archery, muzzleloader and crossbow Sept. 1 – Dec. 7 rifle	one white-tailed deer, either-sex



Additional information (guided white-tailed deer)

- In provincial parks and recreation sites with a September either-sex white-tailed deer season, hunting is permitted beginning Sept. 10.
- Non-residents of Canada must use the services of a licensed outfitter while hunting white-tailed deer.
- Canadian residents who were not successful in the white-tailed deer draw can hunt white-tailed deer by using the services of an outfitter and possessing a guided white-tailed deer licence.
- Guided white-tailed deer archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle seasons are in place in portions of some forest fringe zones. For additional information please contact a field office with front counter service.

Wolf

Wildlife management zones open	Season dates	Bag limit
Wolf - (Saskatchewan residents only) WMZs 43, 47-50, 53-76 and Athabasca Sand Dunes, Clearwater River, Great Blue Heron, Greenwater Lake, Lac la Ronge, Meadow Lake, Narrow Hills, Porcupine Hills, Wildcat Hill and Clarence-Steepbank Lakes provincial parks, in Bronson Forest, Nesslin Lake and Round Lake recreation sites and in Fort a la Corne Wildlife Management Unit	Oct. 15 – Dec. 7 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one wolf, either-sex
Guided wolf - (Canadian and non-resident hunters) WMZs 56-76 and Athabasca Sand Dunes, Clearwater River, Great Blue Heron, Greenwater Lake, Lac la Ronge, Meadow Lake, Narrow Hills, Porcupine Hills, Wildcat Hill and Clarence-Steepbank Lakes provincial parks and in Nesslin Lake, Round Lake and Bronson Forest recreation sites	Oct. 15 – Dec. 7 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one wolf, either-sex



Additional information (wolf)

- Wolves are classified as a big game animal and wolf hunters are required to follow all big game regulatory requirements.
- **A guided wolf licence is only valid when the holder of the guided wolf licence also holds a primary guided big game licence (moose or white-tailed deer) that is valid (unused) and the hunting season for the primary licence is open. Once the primary guided licence has been filled, the guided wolf licence becomes invalid.**

Migratory game birds

(All hunters)

Regular seasons

Open game bird districts	Season dates	Bag limit
Dark geese (Canada, cackling and white-fronted geese)		
North and South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 1 – Dec. 16	Daily limit: 8 Possession limit: three times daily limit
White geese (white and blue phase snow geese and Ross's geese)		
North and South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 1 – Dec. 16	Daily limit: 20 Possession limit: no possession limit
Sandhill cranes		
North and South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 1 – Dec. 16	Daily limit: 5 Possession limit: three times daily limit
Ducks		
North and South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 1 – Dec. 16	Daily limit: 8 Possession limit: three times daily limit
Coots and snipe		
North and South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 1 – Dec. 16	Daily limit: 10 (each species) Possession limit: three times daily limit
Additional information (migratory game birds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters must have a valid Saskatchewan game bird licence as well as a 2023 federal Migratory Game Bird Permit in their possession while hunting migratory birds. See the Saskatchewan Resident Upland Game Bird section for the definition of the North and South Game Bird Districts on page 35 and 36. Before Oct. 15, hunting for dark geese is permitted in the morning only (one-half hour before sunrise to 12 p.m.) in the South Game Bird District and Zones 43, 47-50, 52-59 and 67-69. You can hunt white geese all day (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) in the North and South Game Bird Districts. You can use electronic calls using white geese vocalizations (snow and/or Ross's geese) to hunt white geese. The Prince Albert WMZ is closed to all game bird hunting. 		



Changes to migratory bird regulations

The federal Migratory Birds Regulations have been modernized. For a complete overview of the changes, visit canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-game-bird-hunting/status-update-modernization-regulations

Upland game birds

(Saskatchewan residents only)

Note: If you only plan on hunting upland game birds, you do not require a Migratory Game Bird Permit.

Regular seasons

Open game bird districts	Season dates	Bag limit
Ring-necked pheasants		
South Game Bird District Game Bird Management Units 1-4	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	Daily limit: 3 (cocks only) Possession limit: 6
Sharp-tailed grouse		
South Game Bird District Game Bird Management Unit 1-4	Sept. 15 – Nov. 14	Daily limit: 3 ; Possession limit: 6
North Game Bird District Game Bird Management Units 5-6	Sept. 15 – Dec. 7	Daily limit: 3 ; Possession limit: 6
Gray (Hungarian) partridge		
South Game Bird District Game Bird Management Units 1-4	Sept. 15 – Dec. 31	Daily limit: 8; Possession limit: 16
North Game Bird District Game Bird Management Units 5-6	Sept. 15 – Dec. 31	Daily limit: 4; Possession limit: 8
Ruffed grouse		
South and North Game Bird Districts Game Bird Management Units 1-6	Sept. 15 – Dec. 31	Daily limit: 10; Possession limit: 20
Spruce grouse		
North Game Bird District Game Bird Management Units 5-6	Sept. 15 – Dec. 31	Daily limit: 10; Possession limit: 20
Ptarmigan (willow and rock)		
North Game Bird District Game Bird Management Units 5-6	Nov. 1, 2023 – Mar. 31, 2024	Daily limit: 10; Possession limit: 20
Additional information (upland game birds)		
<p>South Game Bird District includes:</p> <p><u>Game Bird Management Unit 1</u> WMZs 1-14 and 19 including Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park and Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (West Block), Webb and any prairie national wildlife areas.</p> <p><u>Game Bird Management Unit 2</u> WMZs 15-18, 31-36, Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ including Moose Mountain Provincial Park and any prairie national wildlife areas.</p> <p><u>Game Bird Management Unit 3</u> WMZs 23-30, 44, 45E, 45W, 46, Saskatoon WMZ including that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm), Bradwell and any prairie national wildlife areas.</p> <p><u>Game Bird Management Unit 4</u> WMZs 21, 22, 37-42 including Duck Mountain Provincial Park, Last Mountain Lake, Stalwart and Tway national wildlife areas.</p>		

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Additional information (upland game birds continued)

North Game Bird District includes:

Game Bird Management Unit 5

WMZs 43, 47-50, 52-57, 67, 68N and 68S including Fort à la Corne WMU, Greenwater Lake and Porcupine Hills provincial parks, Bronson Forest and Round Lake recreation sites and any prairie national wildlife areas.

Game Bird Management Unit 6

WMZs 58-66 and 69-76 including Athabasca Sand Dunes, Clarence-Steepbank Lakes, Clearwater River, Great Blue Heron, Lac La Ronge, Meadow Lake, Narrow Hills and Wildcat Hill provincial parks and Nesslin Lake Recreation Site.

The Prince Albert WMZ is closed to all game bird hunting.

For additional information about game bird management units and how upland game birds are managed in the province, please refer to the Upland Game Bird Management Plan at saskatchewan.ca/hunting.

Upland game birds (Canadian and non-residents)

Regular seasons

Open game bird districts	Season dates	Bag limit
Sharp-tailed grouse		
South Game Bird District Game Bird Management Unit 1-4	Sept. 15 – Nov. 14	Daily limit: 3 ; Season limit: 6
North Game Bird District Game Bird Management Units 5-6	Sept. 15 – Dec. 7	Daily limit: 3 ; Season limit: 6 Note: Use of harvest ledger to track season limit is required
Gray (Hungarian) partridge		
South Game Bird District Game Bird Management Units 1-4	Sept. 15 – Nov. 14	Daily limit: 8; Season limit: 16
North Game Bird District Game Bird Management Units 5-6	Sept. 15 – Dec. 7	Daily limit: 4; Season limit: 8 Note: Use of harvest ledger to track season limit is required

Open game bird districts	Season dates	Bag limit
Ruffed grouse		
South Game Bird Districts Game Bird Management Units 1-4	Sept. 15 – Nov. 14	Daily limit: 10; Possession limit: 20
North Game Bird Districts Game Bird Management Units 5-6	Sept. 15 – Dec. 7	Daily limit: 10; Possession limit: 20
Spruce grouse		
North Game Bird District Game Bird Management Units 5-6	Sept. 15 – Dec. 7	Daily limit: 10; Possession limit: 20
Additional information (upland game birds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the Saskatchewan resident upland game bird section for the definition of the North and South Game Bird Districts and Game Bird Management Units for upland game bird hunting on page 35 and 36. • The Prince Albert WMZ is closed to all game bird hunting. 		



2024 spring white geese (All hunters)

White geese (white and blue phase snow geese and Ross's geese)		
Open game bird districts	Season dates	Bag limit
North and South Game Bird Districts	March 15 – June 15, 2024	Daily limit: 20; Possession limit: no possession limit
Additional information (spring white geese) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunters are required to have a valid Saskatchewan game bird licence as well as a 2023 federal Migratory Game Bird Permit in their possession while hunting white geese. • Canadian and non-resident game bird hunters must possess a harvest ledger that is registered with a valid game bird licence and carried with them while hunting. • 2023 game bird licences (and wildlife habitat certificates) are valid until March 31, 2024. • The 2024 game bird licence will be available April 1, 2024, and will be valid until March 31, 2025. Blank harvest ledgers can be ordered ahead of time or obtained from a field office with front counter service and select provincial park offices and can be registered when you purchase the game bird licence. • You can hunt white geese all day (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) in the North and South Game Bird Districts. 		



Game bird restrictions

Game bird hunting is not permitted on all waterbodies. Some are also temporarily closed to game bird hunting in, on or within 500 metres of the water's edge from June 16 to November 9. For a complete list of restrictions, please visit saskatchewan.ca/hunting.

Summary of trapping regulations and information

General information

The province is divided into two trapping areas:

Northern Fur Conservation Area (NFCA) – Northern Saskatchewan

Trapping Blocks

- Constitutes all Crown non-leased lands north of Highways 3, 35 and 49 and includes most of the provincial forest in central and northern Saskatchewan, Duck Mountain and Greenwater Lake provincial parks and Fort à la Corne WMU (portions of WMZ 40, 42W, 43, 45W, 47-50, 52, 53, 55, 68N and WMZs 56-76).
- This area is partitioned into 89 community-based trapping blocks, which are managed by individual trappers through an orderly membership system.
- Eligible trappers holding a valid NFCA fur licence or a Saskatchewan resident youth fur licence may only trap in the fur block in which they are a member.
- Trapping in the NFCA is by application only through field offices with front counter service.

Southern Fur Conservation Area (SFCA) (South Saskatchewan open trapping area)

- Constitutes that portion of Saskatchewan outside of the NFCA and encompasses the agricultural portion of the province south of the provincial forest, including leased or private land and Crown land within WMZs 1-50, 52-55 and 68N.
- A SFCA licence is available to any Saskatchewan resident who has:
 - > Completed a trapper education course;
 - > Successfully completed the trapper education exam; or
 - > Lawfully held a fur licence

previously in any jurisdiction.

- Eligible trappers holding a valid SFCA or Saskatchewan resident youth fur licence may trap anywhere in the SFCA if they have consent from the owner or occupant (if private land or leased Crown land), or applicable government agency (vacant Crown land, community pastures, rural municipality right-of-ways, etc.).

Trapping regulations

It is unlawful to:

- Hold a fur licence unless you have previously held a fur licence or successfully completed a recognized trapping course or examination and a firearm safety/hunter education course.
- Take furbearing animals without a fur licence, except beavers (in select rural municipalities), coyotes, rabbits, raccoons and skunks. These species may be hunted year-round without a licence by Saskatchewan residents in WMZs 1-50 and 52-55 (in the SFCA).
- Hold or apply for a fur licence while suspended.
- Sell any raw or unprocessed furs without possessing a valid fur licence or fur dealer's licence.
- Purchase any furs for resale without possessing a fur dealer's licence.
- Send or take fur out of the province without obtaining an export permit.
- Use foot-hold traps for beaver, muskrat, otter or mink unless the trap is set so the animal drowns when caught.
- Use a foot-hold trap on land for the restraint of any fur animal unless the trap is a certified restraining trap or has been modified to improve humaneness (see page 41).
- Use or set a body-gripping trap that is

not certified for beaver, bobcat, otter, lynx, marten, fisher, ermine, least weasel, long-tailed weasel, muskrat or raccoon.

- Use foot-hold traps with an inside jaw opening more than 24 centimetres (9.5 inches).
- Trap bears except with mechanically activated foot snares.
- Shoot a bear under the authority of a SFCA fur licence unless the bear is restrained in a mechanically activated leg snare.
- Shoot a cougar under the authority of a fur licence unless the cougar is restrained in a trap or snare.
- Use traps with serrated jaws or teeth to take furbearing animals.
- Use hooks or sharp devices to snag or spear furbearing animals.
- Use neck snares without a special permit except to take beaver under the ice or to take squirrels and rabbits.
- Use power snares (steel, spring-activated power neck snares) without a special permit.
- Tamper or interfere with legally placed traps unless authorized.
- Trap on any land without the permission of the landowner or occupant.
- Use or set a trap or snare on any land within 500 metres of a building, stockade or corral occupied by people or livestock without the consent of the owner or occupant in charge.

- Fail to check traps or snares:
 - > Within one day when set within five kilometres of urban limits;
 - > Within one day when setting a mechanically activated leg snare for bears in the SFCA;
 - > Within three days when set on other lands in the southern zones; and
 - > Within five days when set on lands within the Northern Fur Conservation Area.

Licensed trappers may:

- Hunt fur animals (except bears in the SFCA and cougars) with any firearm during an open fur season if you are not accompanying a big game hunter. However, during open big game seasons in the Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs, licensed trappers are restricted to using a .22 (or less) calibre rimfire rifle and must be conducting normal trapping operations.
- Carry a firearm of .22 (or less) calibre rimfire rifle on an ATV during a big game season in WMZs 1 to 47, 52, 54, Duck Mountain and Moose Mountain provincial parks, Regina/Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Prince Albert WMZs and Fort à la Corne WMU while conducting normal trapping operations.

Trapping seasons

(Saskatchewan residents only)

Species	Season dates	Additional information
Arctic fox	Oct. 15, 2023 – Mar. 15, 2024	Province wide (NFCA and SFCA)
Badger	Nov. 1, 2023 – Apr. 15, 2024	Province wide
Black bear	Sept. 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	NFCA, excluding provincial parks and recreations sites
	Sept. 10, 2023 – May 31, 2024	WMZs 30 and 34-50, 52-55 and 68N within SFCA and the following provincial parks and recreation sites; Athabasca Sand Dunes, Clarence-Steepbank Lakes, Clearwater River, Duck Mountain, Greenwater Lake, Great Blue Heron, Lac La Ronge, Meadow Lake, Narrow Hills, Porcupine Hills and Wildcat Hill provincial parks, and Bronson Forest, Nesslin Lake and Round Lake recreation sites
Beaver	Oct. 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024	NFCA
	Oct. 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024	SFCA except in RMs with open season bylaw*
Bobcat	Oct. 15, 2023 – Mar. 15, 2024	Province wide
Coyotes	Oct. 15, 2023 – Mar. 15, 2024	NFCA
Coyotes	Open Season	SFCA
Cougar **	Oct. 15, 2023 – Mar. 15, 2024	Province wide
Fisher	Nov. 1, 2023 – Mar. 1, 2024	Province wide
Fox (red, silver, cross)	Oct. 15, 2023 – Mar. 15, 2024	Province wide
Lynx	Nov. 1, 2023 – Mar. 1, 2024	Province wide
Marten	Nov. 1, 2023 – Mar. 1, 2024	Province wide
Mink	Nov. 1, 2023 – Mar. 1, 2024	Province wide
Muskrat	Oct. 15, 2023 – May 31, 2024	Province wide
Otter	Nov. 1, 2023 – Apr. 30, 2024	Province wide
Raccoon	Open season	Province wide
Skunk	Open season	Province wide
Squirrel	Nov. 1, 2023 – Mar. 15, 2024	Province wide
Weasel	Nov. 1, 2023 – Mar. 1, 2024	Province wide
Wolf	Oct. 15, 2023 – Mar. 15, 2024	Province wide
Wolverine	Oct. 15, 2023 – Feb. 15, 2024	Province wide

*See saskatchewan.ca/hunting for the list of RMs with open season status for beaver.

** There is a mandatory reporting requirement for the possession of a dead cougar. A person capturing a cougar must immediately advise a conservation officer, provide the cougar for inspection and apply for a possession permit.

Wild boar

Wild boar is an invasive species in Saskatchewan. Current control efforts include the Feral Wild Boar Control Program where residents can report sightings for investigation and removal by calling 1-888-935-0000. Saskatchewan residents may shoot wild boar without a licence to protect their property. Hunting for trophies or meat is not a recommended control method because it scatters individuals and teaches them to avoid people and roads, making them more difficult to eradicate. During a big game season, a person can hunt wild boar (without a valid big game licence) if they are not accompanying a licensed big game hunter. Permission is required before pursuing wild boar on private land.

The Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards

Canada is a signatory to the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS). This agreement states that only certified traps, where listed, can legally be used for trapping furbearers. In accordance with AIHTS, Saskatchewan regulations state it is unlawful to use or set a body-gripping (killing) trap that is not a certified trap for the applicable species. Trappers are allowed to use existing traps if a certified device for that species has not been identified. Following the agreement, restraining (foothold) traps can be used on land for the restraint and live capture of a fur animal if the trap has been certified or modified to improve humaneness or is set in a manner that will kill the animal with reasonable dispatch. Visit saskatchewan.ca/hunting for more information on modifying conventional steel-jawed foot-hold traps.

The current listing of certified traps and humane trapping information is available at the Fur Institute of Canada website at fur.ca, by phone at 613-231-7099 or by email at info@fur.ca.

Trapper education

First-time trappers must take a trapper education course or pass an equivalency exam before they can obtain a fur licence. Take the trapper education exam by making an appointment at a field office with front counter service or by calling the Ministry of Environment Inquiry Centre at 1-800-567-4224.

The Saskatchewan Trappers Association (STA) and Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association Co-operative (NSTAC) offer recognized trapping education courses. For information, please contact:

Saskatchewan Trappers Association

Email: sta@saskatchewantrappers.com

Website: saskatchewantrappers.com

Northern Saskatchewan

Trappers Association

Email: northsasktrappers@gmail.com

Neck snares

The Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards does not currently address neck snares. In Saskatchewan, neck snares may only be used with a special permit subject to provincial regulations and policy. Check with your nearest conservation officer for more information.

Annual Status of Furbearers Survey

Complete your Annual Status on Furbearers Survey through your HAL account or calling 1-888-773-8450 between March 1 and April 30, 2024.

Hunters and trappers extras

Find all your hunting information at saskatchewan.ca/hunting.

An online guide, tools and tips are available for your Saskatchewan hunting adventures.



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- If you suspect wildlife, fisheries, forestry or environmental violations, call the Turn in Poachers and Polluters (TIPP) number or submit your report online.
- Environmental violations include illegal dumping and burning of plastics, tires and other waste.
- All reports are investigated and calls are confidential. You may be eligible for a cash reward.

Call toll-free 1-800-667-7561.

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