

2010-2011 HUNTING HOURS TABLE



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

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

1) During the **regular** antlered or antlered/antlerless deer seasons, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take other wild birds or mammals, except game birds on regulated hunting grounds, migratory waterfowl, coyote* and furbearers listed in item number 2.

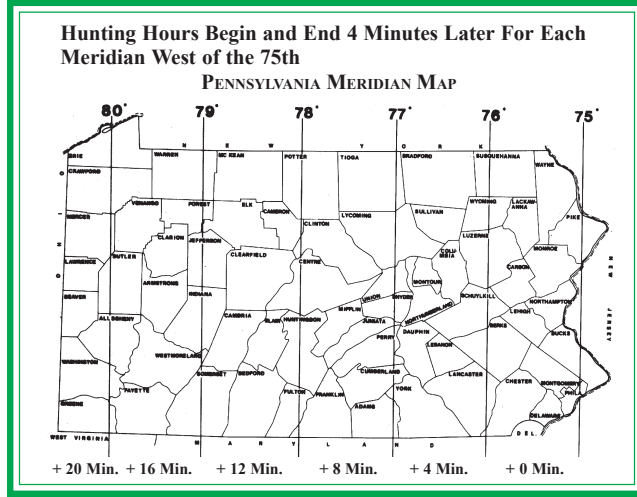
* **Note: Coyotes** may be taken with a hunting or furtakers license, and without wearing orange, outside of any deer or bear season. During any archery deer season, coyotes may be taken while lawfully hunting deer or with a furtakers license. During the regular firearms deer season and any bear season,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

2) Raccoon, fox, skunk, opossum, coyote, bobcat and weasel may be hunted any hour, day or night, but groundhogs, opossums, skunks and weasels may not be hunted during spring gobbler season legal hunting hours.

3) Spring Gobbler Season: One-half hour before sunrise until noon from the opening day through the third Saturday, and then from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset for the remainder of the season.

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

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



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

DATES	BEGIN A.M.	END P.M.	DATES	BEGIN A.M.	END P.M.
June 27 - July 3	5:07	9:03	Jan. 2 - 8	6:52	5:17
July 4 - 10	5:11	9:01	Jan. 9 - 15	6:52	5:23
July 11 - 17	5:16	8:57	Jan. 16 - 22	6:50	5:33
July 18 - 24	5:22	8:52	Jan. 23 - 29	6:46	5:39
July 25 - 31	5:28	8:45	Jan. 30 - Feb. 5	6:41	5:47
Aug. 1 - 7	5:35	8:37	Feb. 6 - 12	6:34	5:56
Aug. 8 - 14	5:42	8:29	Feb. 13 - 19	6:26	6:04
Aug. 15 - 21	5:52	8:19	Feb. 20 - 26	6:17	6:08
Aug. 22 - 28	5:55	8:08	Feb. 27 - Mar. 5	6:07	6:20
Aug. 29 - Sept. 4	6:01	7:57	Mar. 6 - 12	5:57	6:28
Sept. 5 - 11	6:08	7:46	Mar. 13 - 19 * Begins	6:46	7:35
Sept. 12 - 18	6:14	7:34	Mar. 20 - 26	6:34	7:42
Sept. 19 - 25	6:21	7:23	Mar. 27 - Apr. 2	6:23	7:50
Sept. 26 - Oct. 2	6:28	7:11	Apr. 3 - 9	6:12	7:57
Oct. 3 - 9	6:35	7:00	Apr. 10 - 16	6:01	8:04
Oct. 10 - 16	6:42	6:50	Apr. 17 - 23	5:50	8:09
Oct. 17- 23	6:50	6:40	Apr. 24 - 30	5:40	8:18
Oct. 24 - 30	6:57	6:31	May 1 - 7	5:30	8:25
Oct. 31 - Nov. 6	6:58	6:29	May 8 - 14	5:25	8:32
Nov. 7 - 13 * Ends	6:13	5:14	May 15 - 21	5:15	8:39
Nov. 14 - 20	6:21	5:09	May 22 - 28	5:10	8:45
Nov. 21 - 27	6:29	5:07	May 29 - June 4	5:05	8:51
Nov. 28 - Dec. 4	6:36	5:06	June 5 - 11	5:03	8:56
Dec. 5 - 11	6:42	5:06	June 12 - 18	5:02	9:00
Dec. 12 - 18	6:47	5:07	June 19- 25	5:03	9:03
Dec. 19 - 25	6:49	5:09	June 26- July 2	5:06	9:03
Dec. 26 - Jan. 1	6:52	5:12			

* Daylight Saving Time