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Information contained in this guide reflects the seasons and bag limits for the licence year beginning April 1, 2012 and ending March 31, 2013.

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This guide is a summary of the wildlife regulations. It is neither a legal document nor a complete collection of the wildlife regulations. It is meant to be a convenient reference only. While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, some errors or omissions may have occurred. For additional information consult the nearest Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship Office or telephone 204-945-6784 in Winnipeg or 1-800-214-6497.

For general information on wildlife programs and legislation visit us at [www.manitoba.ca/conservation/wildlife/index.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/conservation/wildlife/index.html)
In Manitoba, hunting is a time-honoured tradition that is practised by Manitobans and visitors. Our wildlife provides tremendous opportunities for both hunters and people who enjoy wildlife viewing. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship is committed to ensuring the sustainability of our wildlife. We recognize the economic benefits that hunting brings to the province and we want to ensure hunting will continue for future generations. This is reflected in our current efforts to maintain healthy populations of game animals. For example, we closed certain areas of Manitoba to all moose hunters to help moose populations recover. We are also introducing measures to help restore deer populations that were severely affected by the winter of 2010/2011.

As of January 2012, everyone applying for a hunting licence in Manitoba must have a valid, hunter education card or certificate. This regulatory requirement was introduced in 2008. We are pleased that so many hunters took advantage of this four-year advance notice and obtained proper certification by taking a hunter education course or by using the declaration process.

The Manitoba government is always looking for ways to develop or expand hunting opportunities. This year, we are establishing a woodcock season and increasing bag limits on canvasbacks and redheads. Other regulation changes for 2012 include:

- changing the Oak Hammock and Grants Lake Managed Hunting Area
- prohibiting antler traps for collecting deer sheds
- introducing baiting restrictions for wolf hunting
- improving party hunting for conservation moose licence holders
- standardizing moose bag limits in certain GHAs
- removing restrictions on decoy type for white goose hunting with electronic calls

Hunters play an important role in managing our game species. The co-operation of all hunters is vital to maintain our wildlife and hunting heritage. Please enjoy the opportunities the 2012 hunting season provides and remember to stay safe out in the field.

Gord Mackintosh
Conservation and Water Stewardship Minister
This guide summarizes information dealing with licences and hunting laws. The guide is neither a legal document nor a complete collection of the current regulations. It is meant to be a convenient reference only. For detailed information, please see:

- *The Wildlife Act*, and the regulations made under this Act; and
- *The Endangered Species Act* and the regulations made under this Act.


For laws related to hunting migratory birds in Canada, please see the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* – Canada and the *Migratory Birds Regulations*, which can be viewed at: [www.laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/](http://www.laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/)

Each wildlife species or group of species has a section in this summary. Each section deals with basic regulations on hunting that species, including the season tables (showing the dates and areas where you can hunt that species). The Game Hunting Areas (GHAs) map appears in the middle of this guide. You can obtain specific details on the regulations (including more accurate descriptions of GHAs) from the appropriate Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship offices.

*The Wildlife Act* defines “hunting” as chasing, driving, flushing, attracting, pursuing, worrying, following after or on the trail of, searching for, shooting at, stalking or lying in wait for wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently captured, killed, taken or wounded, but does not include trapping or such activity by an unarmed person solely for the purpose of watching or photographing wildlife.

You need a hunting licence to perform any of these things, except where *The Wildlife Act* states otherwise.

This publication is also available on the Internet at: [www.manitoba.ca/conservation/wildlife/hunting](http://www.manitoba.ca/conservation/wildlife/hunting)

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**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship (Toll-free)**

1-800-214-6497

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**Canadian Firearms Program**

1-800-731-4000


**Canadian Food Inspection Agency**

1-204-983-2219 or 1-800-442-2342

[www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca)

**CITES Permits**

1-800-668-6767

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**Environment Canada (Canadian Wildlife Service)**

1-204-983-5263


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**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Dunseith, North Dakota**

1-701-263-4462

[www.fws.gov/](http://www.fws.gov/)
Big Game

White-tailed Deer Seasons
All resident and non-resident deer hunters will only be allowed to purchase one general deer licence that is valid in all appropriate deer seasons. The bag limit for the General Licence will be one deer. Foreign resident hunters will only be able to harvest one deer, but will have to purchase the appropriate licence for the season they intend to hunt. If they are not successful then they must turn in the unused tag and licence and purchase the appropriate licence if they wish to continue to hunt during another season. See page 26 and 27 for more information.

Moose Seasons
Moose hunters purchasing a Conservation Moose Licence will be allowed to party hunt with other moose hunters who purchased a Conservation Moose Licence up to a maximum party of four hunters. See page 20 and 34.

In GHAs 2A, 4, 6A, 7, 9A, 11 and 21A the archery moose bag limit has been changed to one bull moose. See page 35.

The foreign resident moose hunting season in GHA 20 has been cancelled.

Game Birds

Beginning in 2013, the Conservation Snow Goose Season will be extended to June 15 in GBHZ 1. See page 52.

The restriction on canvasbacks and redheads in GBHZ 4 has been removed for residents and non-residents and changed for foreign resident hunters. See page 53.

The decoy restrictions for use with electronic calls while snow goose hunting have been removed. See page 45.

Managed Hunting Areas

Oak Hammock Managed Hunting Area (see page 51)
The restriction on the maximum number of days individuals can hunt in the Oak Hammock Managed Hunting Area has been removed.
A maximum of 6 hunters are now permitted per ¼ section of land.
A maximum of 4 hunters are now permitted on land less than a ¼ section in size.

Grants Lake Managed Hunting Area (see page 51)
The number of crown land posts has been reduced to 20.
A maximum of 6 hunters are now permitted per ¼ section of land.
A maximum of 4 hunters are now permitted on land less than a ¼ section in size.

NEW FOR 2012

Wolf Baiting Restrictions
Baiting restrictions for wolf hunting, similar to bear hunting have been implemented. See page 42.

Antler Traps
The use of antler traps as a means to collect shed antlers has been prohibited.

Woodcock Season
A new season for woodcock has been implemented in GBHZ 3 and 4. See page 52.

Big Game and Landowner Elk Draw Program
All hunters applying for the draw must include payment for licence fees and the non-refundable application fee. Unsuccessful applicants will be refunded for the licence fee. See page 16.

NEW LICENCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Hunter Education

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, in 2007, introduced new licence eligibility requirements. Effective January 1, 2012 the same mandatory hunter education requirements that apply to all first-time hunters and everyone under the age of 19 will apply to everybody when purchasing a hunting licence. All hunters wishing to purchase any Manitoba hunting licence must possess a valid Hunter Education Certificate or equivalent from another jurisdiction or a card issue under subsection 4(4) of the Hunter Education Regulation MR 128/2007.

In addition, when in the field or at any time, hunters must be able to produce their valid Hunter Education Certificate or equivalent when requested by a Natural Resource Officer.
**LICENCE FEES**

**RESIDENT**
- a Canadian citizen who has his/her home and is ordinarily present in the province immediately preceding the time that he/she purchases a licence, or
- a person who is not a Canadian citizen but has his/her home and is ordinarily present in the province for a period of six months immediately preceding the time that he/she purchases a licence, but does not include a tourist, transient or visitor.

**NON-RESIDENT**
- a person who is a Canadian citizen but is not a Manitoba resident.

**FOREIGN RESIDENT**
- a person who is neither a Canadian citizen nor a resident of Manitoba.

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Provincial licence fees listed below include the federal goods and services tax (5% GST)

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* These Non-resident and Foreign resident licences are available only through outfitters. Each outfitter is assessed a $100 resource allocation fee for the use of each licence sold.

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**CANADA MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING PERMIT AND WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION STAMP**

$17.00 (plus GST)

To hunt migratory birds in Canada, a Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Conservation Stamp are required. This federal permit and associated conservation stamp are used by the Canadian Wildlife Service to select hunters for national game bird surveys to determine hunter activity and species harvest. Revenue from permit sales is used across Canada for wildlife conservation projects.

The permit and stamp are available at most Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship offices, regular licence vendors and most post offices.
Licence Requirements

To be eligible for a Manitoba hunting licence you must be 12 years of age or older.

Licences are required for all big game and most game bird hunting. If you wish to hunt, you must have a valid licence for the species you are hunting, and you must carry the licence, and any associated game tags with you while hunting. You are required to show the licence to a Natural Resource Officer if asked to do so.

A licence and any associated game tags provide a hunter with the authority to possess big game or game birds, as well as the authority to harvest them.

Once purchased, licences cannot be exchanged or returned.

It is the hunter’s responsibility to ensure that the vendor has issued the correct licence.

It is illegal to purchase more than one licence of the same type for the same hunting year.

Contact the Canadian Firearms Program at 1-800-731-4000 (or www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/) for information about the requirements for firearms ownership, firearms licensing, and transportation of firearms.

Hunter Qualifications

Any person born on or after January 1, 1951 and any first-time hunter wanting to purchase a hunting licence, must be a graduate of the Manitoba Hunter Education course or a similar hunter education course from another jurisdiction.

Starting January 1, 2012, all hunters will be required to possess a valid Hunter Education Certificate or card in order to purchase any type of hunting licence. See pages 58 and 59 for details.

Anyone wanting to take the Hunter Education course should contact the Manitoba Wildlife Federation at 1-877-633-4868 or www.mwf.mb.ca

The Canadian Firearms Safety Course does not meet the above requirement.

Bowhunter safety training courses are also available and recommended. For more information, contact the Archers and Bowhunters Association of Manitoba at 204-925-5697 or visit their website at www.abam.ca

Licence Outlets

Resident Deer, General Moose (non-draw), Black Bear, Wild Turkey and Game Bird Licences are available from the cashier, 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, most Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship offices and regular vendor outlets.

Archery Moose and Caribou Licences are available from the cashier, 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, and most Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship regional and district offices located within areas with these hunting seasons.

Non-resident and Foreign resident Game Bird Licences are available from the cashier, 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, most Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship regional and district offices, most regular vendor outlets and some outfitters. Foreign resident deer, moose, bear and Non-resident/Foreign resident caribou licences are available only through approved outfitters. Additional information for non-resident and foreign resident hunting can be found under each species.

Licences By Mail

Hunters may purchase licences through the mail. Please call 1-800-214-6497 (Winnipeg residents call 945-6784) or write to Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Box 42-200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3J 3W3 for details or an application form. Please allow 3 to 4 weeks for mailing.
Lost Licences

A person who has lost a hunting licence may obtain a replacement on satisfactory proof of loss and payment of a $10.50 (includes GST) fee per licence, excluding the Canada Migratory Game Bird Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp.

A person applying for a replacement licence must sign a declaration. Replacement licences are available from most Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship regional and district offices and the cashier at 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg.

There is no refund for a lost licence.

Two Licence/One Tag System

Some elk and moose licences are issued on the basis of one tag for two hunters. Each hunter must observe party hunting regulations and must sign the other’s hunting licence prior to hunting. If hunting alone, the licensee must be in possession of the game tag. Licensees may not sign up for another party.

Transfer of Licence

The rights and privileges of any hunting licence cannot be transferred to another person.

No person shall attempt to use the licence of another person.

Small Game Hunting

Licences are not required to hunt small mammals such as hares, rabbits and gray squirrels.

These species may be hunted on any day. Hunting is permitted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Hunters are subject to the same closures and restrictions listed on page 15, and to all general safety regulations, including Restricted Vehicle Use Areas listed on pages 24, 25, 46 and 47.

Foxes and red squirrel are examples of furbearing animals which may be taken only in season and under a trapping licence.

There are no restrictions on the type of firearms used while hunting small game. Hunters should check with the municipalities where they plan to hunt regarding firearm discharge restrictions.

Senior Citizens

Residents who are 65 years of age or older do not require a provincial Game Bird Licence if they carry proof of age and residency while hunting. Senior Citizens must purchase appropriate licences to hunt wild turkey or big game and a Canada Migratory Game Bird Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp to hunt waterfowl, cranes, woodcocks, snipe or coots.

Disabled Hunters

A person with a permanent disability who is unable to walk more than 50 metres due to the nature of the disability, or to inordinate pain, harm to health or risk to safety caused by the disability, may be eligible for a permit. This will authorize the use of a vehicle in a GHA in which such vehicle use connected with big game hunting is normally restricted or prohibited.

A permit holder must hunt within 50 metres of the vehicle and may not travel more than three kilometres off a designated route except to retrieve an animal.

A permit holder who is paraplegic or otherwise permanently confined to a wheelchair may also be authorized to discharge a firearm from a vehicle.

A person with a permanent physical condition involving upper limb paralysis may be eligible for a crossbow permit. This will authorize the use of a crossbow or a mechanical device capable of holding a bow at full draw for use in all archery seasons.
Application forms may be obtained from any Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship regional or district office or the Wildlife Branch. A medical doctor must certify the permanent disability meets the criteria.

Applications should be submitted well in advance of the time the applicant intends to hunt.

Please allow 3 to 4 weeks for processing your application.

A Disabled Hunter Permit is valid for the five-year period following the date of issue. They are renewed upon written request to the Director of Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch.

Resident Youth Hunting Opportunities

Youth of any age may accompany parents or other mentors who wish to introduce them to hunting. However, no one under the age of 12 may hunt game birds or big game animals. Youth hunters 12 to 17 years of age, who have successfully completed the Manitoba Hunter Education course or a similar course from another jurisdiction (note: the Canadian Firearms Safety Course does not qualify), are eligible to participate in any of the following options:

OPTION 1 - SHARED BAG LIMITS
Residents 12 to 17 years of age may hunt all big game species (during both draw and non-draw seasons), migratory game birds*, upland game birds or wild turkey, without a licence provided:

- they carry proof of age
- they carry a valid Hunter Education Certificate or card
- they are under direct supervision (within reach) of an adult supervisor who is a resident of Manitoba and who possesses a valid licence for that species and season. Adult mentors must comply with the hunter dress requirements.

An adult supervisor/mentor may be held accountable for the actions of a youth hunter.

Any game harvested is included in the bag limit of their licensed adult supervisor.

* If they wish to hunt waterfowl outside of the Waterfowler Heritage Days (September 1 to 7), they must purchase the Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp.

Party hunting privileges of the adult supervisor apply to the youth.

OPTION 2 - SEPARATE BAG LIMITS
If the youth wishes their own bag limit, they must purchase the regular licence for that species being hunted. If they wish to hunt waterfowl, they must also purchase the Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp.

To hunt without an adult supervisor, a youth must comply with the Canadian Firearms Act and regulations. This legislation controls the carrying and use of firearms by youth 12 to 17 years of age. For details, please contact the Canadian Firearms Program at 1-800-731-4000 (or www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/).

OPTION 3 - SPECIAL YOUTH HUNTING LICENCES
There are two special types of resident youth hunting licences available (see below). Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult supervisor who is a resident of Manitoba and who possesses any valid current year hunting licence or carries a valid Hunter Education Certificate or card. Adult mentors must comply with the hunter dress requirements.

An adult supervisor/mentor may be held accountable for the actions of a youth hunter.

Deer and Game Bird Licence (Youth)
A qualifying youth hunter can only purchase one Deer and Game Bird Licence (Youth) at a reduced cost of $10.00. This licence entitles a youth to hunt one deer in any deer season (archery, muzzleloader, shotgun/muzzleloader, rifle) until the tag is filled, and to harvest and possess upland game birds in accordance with current bag limits and season restrictions.

Once this deer tag has been filled, the youth can continue to hunt deer by exercising either Option 1 or 2 as stated previously. If the youth wants to continue to hunt in the Youth Muzzleloader Deer Season the youth must exercise Option 2 and purchase a regular General Deer Licence.

If the youth wants to hunt migratory game birds with a Deer and Game Bird Licence (Youth), a Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp are required.

This licence may be used to form a party during any season for which the licence is valid (see page 20 for more details). Youth hunters cannot purchase a Second Deer or Third Deer licence unless they are in possession of a General Deer Licence.

Wild Turkey Licence (Youth)
Youth may purchase a Wild Turkey Licence (Youth), at a reduced cost of $5.00, which is valid during the youth spring and fall wild turkey hunting seasons.

Youth hunters must abide by all other regulations and bag limits set for the wild turkey season.

This licence may be used to form a party during any season for which the licence is valid (see page 50 for more details). A youth who purchases a Youth Wild Turkey Licence may not purchase a regular Wild Turkey Licence.
Mentored Hunting

Mentored hunts introduce Manitoba youth to the concepts of ethical utilization and stewardship of wildlife resources. They provide an educational opportunity and help to ensure a high quality learning experience for youth interested in hunting.

An adult supervisor/mentor may be held accountable for the actions of a youth hunter.

Deer Hunts  Youth and first-time hunters can participate in a mentored hunting program at various times and locations during the deer hunting seasons. Participating youth and first-time hunters are required to purchase the appropriate hunting licence. For more information see page 30.

Waterfowler Heritage Days  A qualifying youth can hunt ducks and geese during Waterfowler Heritage Days (September 1 to 7) without purchasing a provincial Game Bird Licence, or a Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp. For more information see page 52.

Waterfowl Hunts  Youth and first-time hunters can participate in a mentored hunting program at various times and locations throughout the season. Participating youth and first-time hunters are required to purchase the appropriate hunting licences. For more information see page 52.

Wild Turkey Seminars  Youth and first-time turkey hunters can attend an evening seminar that discusses ethical and safe practices for hunting wild turkeys. For more information, contact the Manitoba Wildlife Federation at 204-633-5967 or www.mwf.mb.ca

Non-resident and Foreign Resident Youth Hunting

Non-resident and foreign resident youth hunters are not eligible for any of the resident youth hunting options. All non-resident and foreign resident youth must purchase the appropriate hunting licence. However, no one under the age of 12 may hunt game birds or big game.

The youth must carry proof that they have successfully completed a hunter education training course from another jurisdiction.

Guides

A person, who receives or expects payment or compensation for assisting another individual in hunting a big game animal, upland game bird or migratory game bird, must possess a valid Manitoba Guide Licence.

A guide may not push bush or attempt to drive or flush game to a hunter. A person who is guiding may not hunt while acting in that capacity.

All licensed waterfowl guides require a valid Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp to carry out all activities that fall within the definition of “hunt” (under the Migratory Birds Regulation) while guiding a group of waterfowl hunters. The guide must not exercise any privilege under the hunting licence as per Manitoba’s Hunting Guides Regulation which prohibits a guide from hunting.

For more information on obtaining a Manitoba Guide Licence, contact your local Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office.

Hunt Safely. Hunt Smart

Mentored Hunting Opportunities for Manitobans

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, in co-operation with the Manitoba Wildlife Federation, Delta Waterfowl Foundation, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the National Wild Turkey Federation Canada is offering young and first-time hunters the opportunity to take part in:

• Mentored Waterfowl Hunts  • Mentored Deer Hunts  • Wild Turkey Seminars

These mentored hunts are a safe and effective method of introducing young and first-time hunters to hunting.

Hunting with a mentor

Our mentors are experienced hunters who put their years of hunting experience to good use by helping to teach new hunters safe and ethical hunting practices. This way, Manitobans who are new to hunting learn the right way to hunt in our province’s great outdoors.

If you are interested in learning more about taking part in a mentored hunt, please call the Manitoba Wildlife Federation at 1-877-633-4868, Delta Waterfowl Foundation at 204-956-7766 or Ducks Unlimited Canada at 204-467-3249.
**Federal Firearm Regulations**

There are federal firearm regulations regarding ammunition, ownership, transporting or bringing firearms into Canada.

For more information, please contact the Canadian Firearms Program at 1-800-731-4000 or visit their website at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/

**All Non-resident and Foreign Resident Hunters**

General information and regulations applicable to Non-resident and foreign resident hunters are:

- Non-residents and foreign resident hunters may not possess found dead or road-killed wild animals, shed antlers or parts of other dead wild animals not killed or taken under the authority of a licence or permit and are not eligible to obtain such a licence or permit.

- A U.S. Customs Declaration Form is required for all game entering the United States. Hunters should obtain these at U.S. Customs and complete them in the presence of a Customs Official upon re-entry to the United States.

- For information on possible restrictions on the importation of hunter harvested big game, please review the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service guidelines (PDF) at www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/index.shtml

- To bring firearms into Canada, contact the Canadian Firearms Program at 1-800-731-4000, or visit their website at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/

- For information on Canada Border Services Agency regulations, contact the Canada Border Services Agency at www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca or 1-800-461-9999; in Winnipeg 204-983-3500. You may also visit the Canadian Tourism Commission at www.travelcanada.ca

Other non-resident and foreign resident hunter restrictions are found within the species sections in this guide.

For further information, call Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship at 1-800-214-6497.

**Late Season Grazing**

Hunters should be aware that cattle may still be on pasture during the fall hunting season.

**Routine Precautions When Handling Game**

As a precaution, hunters are advised to avoid contact with any wild animal that appears to be sick. As well, it is recommended that hunters:

- wear protective gloves while processing wild meat
- thoroughly clean knives with soap and warm water,
- wash hands with soap and warm water.

Cooking food harvested through hunting should also be done at appropriate high temperatures to ensure game meat is safe to eat (until juices run clear).

Should a hunter encounter obvious signs of disease while processing their game, they should report it to the nearest Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship staff may want to collect samples for analysis. Under certain circumstances, you may be eligible for a replacement licence.

**Hunter Compliance Inspections**

In addition to regular field checks conducted on public and private lands, Natural Resource Officers will be checking for compliance with regulations at periodic roadside check stations during the hunting seasons. Wildlife decoys will also be used to assist in enforcement efforts.

**Hunter Survival Kit**

Hunters should be aware that there is always a risk of becoming disoriented or lost, even in a familiar area. It is advisable to inform someone where you are going and when you are expected back. Always carry basic survival gear including a dependable compass or GPS unit, and means to start a fire.

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**Turn in Poachers**

1-800-782-0076

**Report Forest Fires**
CITES

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) regulates international trade in certain species and their parts or products to protect them from over exploitation.

In addition to any other permit, federal CITES permits are required to export out of Canada or import into Canada a black bear, gray wolf, and sandhill cranes. Black bear and sandhill crane hunting trophies that are fresh, frozen, or salted, and that are in the personal possession of the Canadian or American hunter while being exported or imported to their respective residence, are exempt from CITES permit requirements. Black bear paws and claws that are detached from the hide must be accompanied by a CITES permit.

Mounted or otherwise preserved specimens of listed species, and specimens in any condition that are being transported by another person, will continue to require a CITES permit.

For information regarding CITES permits, call 1-800-668-6767 or visit www.cites.ec.gc.ca.

Remembrance Day

It is important that Manitobans continue to remember our veterans and the sacrifices of those who risked or gave their lives for our freedom. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship encourages all hunters to refrain from hunting from 10:30 a.m. until noon on November 11.

Provincial Roads and Provincial Trunk Highways

Provincial Roads (PR) and Provincial Trunk Highways (PTH) are closed to hunting. This means that no person may discharge a firearm or bow from, across or along any provincial road or provincial trunk highway including the road allowance (ditch).

CAUTION

Be especially alert for children on rural roads in the morning and evening hours. Be aware of children waiting for school buses or walking home. Always be sure of your target. It is illegal to hunt in a dangerous manner or in a manner that endangers public safety, causes damage to crops, livestock or other property.

The Manitoba Wildlife Federation is proud to be a forerunner in offering hunters the opportunity to be successful in the field. MWF sponsored programs such as Junior Rifle, Junior Shotgun, Shooting Skills Day and Mentored Youth Hunts are available to all Manitobans. The Manitoba Wildlife Federation is committed to promoting safe hunting and to ensure our children and all new hunters have the opportunity to carry on this great tradition.

Information on projects, programs or membership is available from the Manitoba Wildlife Federation at:
70 Stevenson Road, Winnipeg MB R3H 0W7 • Phone: 204-633-5967 or visit our website at www.mwf.mb.ca
Municipal and Local Government District Roads

Centrefire rifles, or muzzleloading firearms and shotguns with slugs may not be discharged from, across or along a public road within a municipality or local government district. This restriction includes the adjacent road allowance (ditch).

Hunters should exercise discretion when travelling on wet, unmaintained roads. Excessive damage to roads may cause additional expense to municipalities for maintenance and repair.

Hunting Hours

Hunting or the discharge of a firearm is prohibited from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

Buying, Selling or Serving Meat of Wild Animals

It is illegal to buy, sell, trade, barter or offer to buy, sell, trade or barter the meat or internal organs of a wild animal.

A permit is required by anyone who wishes to possess or serve the meat of a wild animal in any place where meals are served for money or any other form of remuneration.

This includes events such as (but not limited to) fairs, fundraising dinners, sportsman dinners and other social gatherings if the meat of the wild animal is going to be served, prepared or possessed in a location described above. The meat can only be obtained from a legal source such as donated by a hunter who lawfully harvested the animal under the authority of a licence.

For further information regarding this or to obtain an application for a permit to serve the meat of a wild animal please contact your local Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship district office.

Possession of Wildlife or Parts of Wildlife

It is illegal to possess any wildlife, or parts of any wildlife, including antlers attached to the skull plate, not taken under the authority of a hunting licence, unless they have a permit to do so. Any person finding wildlife, or parts of wildlife, and wanting to retain these, must apply for a possession permit at a Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office. A permit is not required for a resident to collect (pick) and possess shed antlers from deer, moose or elk. Non-residents and foreign residents cannot collect (pick) shed antlers. Caribou shed antlers cannot be collected or possessed (picked) by anyone other than treaty or aboriginal rights holders.

Land for Wildlife and People - Manitoba’s Wildlife Management Areas

Manitoba celebrated the 50th Anniversary of its Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in 2011. The first was named Watson P. Davidson, and was designated in 1961 in southeastern Manitoba.

WMAs are Crown lands designated under Manitoba’s Wildlife Act for the better management, conservation and enhancement of the wildlife of the province. From the smallest WMAs (Wellington and Wakopa, each just 64 hectares [158 acres] in size) to the largest (Churchill, at 848,813 hectares [just over 2 million acres]), all have a role to play in conserving biodiversity and providing habitat for wildlife.

Today, more than 80 WMAs have been established. The system has grown to encompass almost 2 million hectares (5 million acres) of valuable wildlife habitat throughout Manitoba. Many WMAs are protected from commercial forestry, mining, and hydroelectric development, contributing to the province’s Protected Areas Initiative.

Manitoba’s WMAs provide opportunities for many outdoor recreational activities. Delta Marsh, Whitewater Lake, Tom Lamb and Saskeram WMAs are world renowned for waterfowl hunting. The Sleeve Lake, Broad Valley, and Manitago Lake WMAs in the Interlake are well known for deer, elk, moose and bear hunting. Other WMAs like Churchill, Oak Hammock Marsh and Whitewater Lake, are international birding destinations.

Manitoba’s best-known watchable wildlife sites are also in WMAs – the polar bears at Churchill, snakes of Narcisse and the geese and other birds of Oak Hammock Marsh attract thousands of visitors each year.
Hunting on Public Land

Manitoba hunters are fortunate to have hunting opportunities available on millions of hectares of wildlife management areas (WMAs), provincial forests, some provincial parks, and other undesignated Crown lands.

Maps, including land ownership maps, are available that provide valuable information to hunters.

For more information or to purchase maps, please contact CanadaMapSales toll-free at 1-877-627-7226, or visit their website at www.canadamapsales.com

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (WMAS)

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are Crown lands designated by the Province of Manitoba for the protection of wildlife habitat and for wildlife-related forms of outdoor recreation, such as hunting. There are now over 80 WMAs in Manitoba, encompassing more than 2 million hectares (5 million acres) of land. Some restrictions on hunting vehicle use and other matters of interest to hunters can be found on pages 15, 24, 25, 46 and 47.

LEASED CROWN LAND

Most leased Crown land is open for hunting. However, there may be limited areas of leased Crown lands, which are intensively used, such as livestock corrals, feeding areas and building sites, where hunting is prohibited. These areas will be identified by approved signs provided by Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives. Permission is not required to hunt on leased provincial Crown land, which is not posted in this manner. It is recommended that hunters notify leaseholders before entry. Please do not damage trails, drive across fields, or leave gates open.

PROVINCIAL PARKS

Hunting in provincial parks is subject to specific regulations as these are multiple-use areas where a variety of outdoor recreation occurs. The use of off-road vehicles are restricted. **Persons may not hunt, possess a loaded firearm, or discharge a firearm within 300 metres of recreation areas, cottages, dumps, roads and prescribed trails.** Please contact the Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship district office for information on the regulations in the park you wish to hunt.

For your convenience, selected provincial park campgrounds remain open into the fall. Services may be reduced and the fees (if applicable) are based on the level of service provided. For more information, contact the local Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship district office.

The Whiteshell Provincial Park has areas where no hunting of certain species is allowed. For more information, including a map, contact one of the Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship district offices in Whiteshell Provincial Park. The map is also available at www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/wildlife/hunting/pdfs/map_whiteshell.pdf

PROVINCIAL FORESTS, TIMBER CUTTING AREAS AND FOREST ACCESS ROADS

Provincial Forests are multiple-use areas that allow for hunting, as well as a variety of other uses, particularly commercial forest harvest. Hunters are advised to use discretion when hunting in the vicinity of a resource road, timber operation, forest-harvested area or quarry mineral mine. Signs may be posted to prohibit hunting on or within 300 metres of such areas for safety or conservation purposes.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN, COMMUNITY PASTURES, P.F.R.A., DYKES AND OTHER FEDERAL LANDS

Before entering these lands, hunters must obtain permission from the management authority. Not all federal lands are open to hunting. For more information, please contact the appropriate management authority.

Hunting on Private Land

Prior to hunting on private land, hunters are required to obtain permission from the owner or lawful occupant. This applies whether or not the land is posted. Private land maps are available from private companies and from some municipal offices. Municipal addresses and telephone numbers can be obtained by calling Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship toll-free at 1-800-214-6497 or in Winnipeg at 204-945-6784.
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS LAND
Lands owned by Conservation Districts are considered private property and are subject to the same permission requirements as any other private land.

FIRST NATIONS LAND
Lands owned by First Nations are considered private property and are subject to the same permission requirements as any other private land.

DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA LAND
Lands owned by Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) are considered private property and are subject to the same permission requirements as any other private land. Permission may be obtained by phoning 204-729-3500.

MANITOBA HABITAT HERITAGE CORPORATION LAND
Lands owned by the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (MHHC) are considered private property. MHHC’s policy is that its lands are open for hunting on foot (no vehicle use), unless otherwise posted. For more information, contact the MHHC office in Winnipeg at 204-784-4350.

MANITOBA WILDLIFE FEDERATION HABITAT FOUNDATION LANDS
Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF) Habitat Foundation Lands are posted with hunting/no hunting access information. For more information, please contact the MWF at 204-633-5967.

NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA LAND
Lands owned by Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) are considered private property and are subject to the same permission requirements as any other private land. Permission may be obtained by phoning 204-942-4845.

MUNICIPALITIES
Permission must be obtained before entering lands owned by a municipality. As well, written landowner permission to hunt may be a requirement in some municipalities. Please note some municipalities have by-laws prohibiting or restricting the discharge of firearms or bows, particularly those near urban areas. Hunters are advised to check with the municipality in which they plan to hunt. Municipal office addresses and telephone numbers can be obtained by calling Winnipeg 204-945-6784. Municipal maps are available through CanadaMapSales website at www.canadamapsales.com or call toll-free at 1-877-627-7226.

Land Closed to Hunting

AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING
- Beaudry Provincial Park
- Birds Hill Provincial Park
- Pembina Valley Provincial Park
- Hecla Island and Deer Island are closed to all big game hunting
- Riding Mountain National Park
- Wapusk National Park (except for licensed caribou hunters with a Parks Canada permit)
- Oak Hammock Marsh Wildlife Management Area
- Grant’s Lake Wildlife Management Area
- Holmfield Wildlife Management Area
- Delta Game Bird Refuge
- All wildlife refuges (for species being protected)
- All Ecological Reserves
- City of Winnipeg and parts of GHA 38
- Mantario Wilderness Zone in Whiteshell Provincial Park
- the “No Hunting” portion of the Whiteshell Provincial Park identified on the Director of Survey Plan #20150
- Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Shilo
- Parks Creek Drain - Highway 67 extending 1.6 km south

RAILWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY
Railway rights-of-way are equivalent to privately owned land. Hunting is generally not permitted.

RIDING MOUNTAIN AND WAPUSK NATIONAL PARKS
National parks have special regulations and guidelines for transporting firearms, using off-road vehicles (ORVs), hunting, and retrieving wounded animals. For more information, contact the local federal park office.

REFUGES
These are areas where hunting or trapping of certain wildlife species is prohibited. In GHAs 17A, 18, 21A, and 35, wildlife refuges have been established along some roads and trails. The refuges extend 300 metres from each side of the centre line of the road or trail and are closed to all hunting. These, and all other refuges, are usually posted with signs.

RALLS ISLAND
In GHA 6A, no person may hunt with a rifle using a centrefire cartridge in those portions of Township 56 lying to the east of the Hudson Bay Railway line.
RESIDENT BIG GAME DRAW AND LANDOWNER ELK DRAW PROGRAMS

General

The Big Game Draw program has operated in various forms since the 1970s. In 1996, the Multi-Level Draw system was implemented with five priority levels to ensure a clear, transparent program with equal opportunity for all Manitoba hunters desiring to hunt those species where demand exceeded supply. To enhance the draw system, the number of priority levels has increased to 10 levels in 2012.

There are two separate draw programs:

- The Big Game Draw program is for resident moose and elk hunting licences.
- The Landowner Elk Draw program is for resident landowners only.

New in 2012

- **Increased Priority Levels**: Starting this year, the draw priority levels have increased from five to ten levels. This change will distribute applicants between ten levels, thereby decreasing the number of hunters in the top level, and increasing the chance of hunters in Level 1 to be successful in their hunting season choice.
- **Hunter Education Requirements**: Each applicant must indicate that they possess a valid Hunter Education Certificate. Further information about Hunter Education requirements is available in the Hunting Guide, or online at www.manitoba.ca/conservation/wildlife/index.html
- **Applications for the Landowner Elk Draw** must have a complete and valid Declaration of Lands Owned form that is included in the application.
- **Total Payment Plan**: Applicants must make one total payment upon application. The total payment must be $59.00 per applicant (application fee of $7.00 and licence fee of $52.00). Two applicants applying on one application form must pay $118.00. When the Draw is completed, applicants who have been unsuccessful or rejected will have their licence fee payment returned. There are no refunds for application fees.

Separate applications must be completed for the Landowner Elk Draw (dependent on landowner eligibility) or the Big Game Draw.

Only one application is allowed for each draw. All applicants are provided a personal priority level in the Multi-Level Draw system. Personal priority levels for the Landowner Elk and Big Game Draws are independent of each other.

The Landowner Elk Draw is held first. Applicants who apply for both the Landowner Elk and Big Game Draws are advised that, if they are successful in the Landowner Elk Draw, they will lose their opportunity to be drawn for the Big Game Draw. An applicant who has applied to the Big Game Draw with a partner who is a successful applicant in the Landowner Elk Draw will lose the opportunity to be drawn for the Big Game Draw.

A Draw licence is valid only in the area(s) and hunting season(s) for which it is issued and, in the case of a Landowner Elk licence, only on land owned by the landowner.

In 2012, residents of Manitoba may hold only one of the following licences: Draw Moose, Draw Moose Archery, Draw Elk, Draw Elk Archery, or Draw Elk Landowner. Draw Moose and Draw Moose Archery licence holders are not eligible to purchase a non-draw (General) Moose licence, a non-draw (General) Conservation Moose licence or a non-draw Archery Moose licence.

A GHA 23 or 23A Draw Elk or Landowner Elk licence with a one elk or moose bag limit is not considered a moose licence.

Youth hunting provisions for a shared bag (see Resident Youth Hunting Opportunities - Option 1 on page 9) are extended to include all draw licences and the same qualifications and privileges apply. Youth can apply for a licence, or, a youth may hunt with a person who has obtained a draw licence under the shared bag option.

The draw application deadline is Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. Applications must be at Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Licensing Section, 66-200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3J 3W3 by this date and time.

If you have any questions about the application procedures, contact Licensing Section, 66-200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3J 3W3; phone 204-945-1396, in Winnipeg.

Hunting Season Choices

Every year, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship establishes the hunting season choices for the Big Game and Landowner Elk Draws based on Game Hunting Area, season date, bag limit (per tag) and number of licences/tags available. The number of hunting licences/tags available for draw hunting seasons may change at any time should conditions warrant. Applications must be completed by hunters either as individuals or in pairs dependent upon the hunting season choice. Licences are awarded in licence and game tag combinations as described for each hunting season choice in the application package.

Priority Levels

The 2012 Draw Program will be based on 10 priority levels. In the Multi-Level Draw system, Level 1 is the most favourable level and Level 10 is the least favourable level. A personal priority level is assigned to each individual. An application with two applicants is entered into the draw system at the least favourable personal priority level for the applicants. First-time applicants (an applicant who has not applied for a Draw licence since 1996) will be assigned a personal priority level of Level 8 in the 2012 Draw program.
Applications are processed randomly and sequentially in the Draw system according to priority level and hunting season choices. All Level 1 applications are processed first. Application forms will be processed as follows:

- Level 1 applications will be sorted according to their first hunting season choice. Separate draws will be made for each of the hunting season choices.
- If any licences remain after these draws, all unsuccessful Level 1 applications will be sorted as to their second hunting season choice. Separate draws will be made for those areas which have licences available.
- If any licences remain after these draws, the process will continue for applications at priority Levels 2 to 10 until all of the available licences are awarded.

Personal priority levels will improve one level in the following year for each draw year that an applicant is not successful in being awarded a draw licence. Unsuccessful applicants already at Level 1 will remain at Level 1. Successful applicants awarded a licence will be assigned to Level 10 next year. Hunters who have applied in the Draw in 1996 or later do not need to apply every year in order to advance their priority level for that draw. The Multi-Level Draw system will automatically advance their personal priority level each year if their account is not in penalty; however, in order to be awarded a licence, an application and payment must be submitted to the Draw in that year. Applicants who are excluded from draw participation due to an unpaid debt will have their personal priority level frozen and will be excluded from all licence draws regardless of the origin of the debt.

**Notification of Licence Award**

Following the completion of the Draws, a Notice of Success and a licence will be mailed out to each successful applicant.

Unsuccessful and rejected applicants will be advised in writing by Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship. A refund of their licence fee will follow. Results of the draw will be mailed by July 23, 2012. Phone calls regarding the results of the draw will not be answered until after this date.

**Application Packages**

Annual program information and hunting season choices are available to the public in early April by contacting Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship either by phone, in person, or by reviewing the information on the Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship website. The annual deadline for applications is the first Thursday in May. Draw results are available in mid-July. Phone inquiries will be answered after mid-July on the date specified on the application package.

Applications must be submitted on the official application forms. These are only accepted at Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Licensing Section, 66 - 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3J 3W3, by the deadline date and time. Applications can be mailed or submitted in person.

For further information visit: www.manitoba.ca/conservation/wildlife/index.html

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST MANITOBA CONSERVATION AND WATER STEWARDSHIP**

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship would appreciate hunter’s assistance with the following programs:

**Big Game Hunter Questionnaire Program**

Hunter information can now be submitted by telephone, mail, fax or online. For more information, see pages 60 and 61. To complete the questionnaire online, please go to www.manitoba.ca/huntsurvey

**Biological Samples – Compulsory**

By law, hunters are required to submit biological samples of elk and deer taken in Game Hunting Areas (GHAs) 5, 6, 6A, 11, 12, 13, 13A, part of 18 and 18B west of PR 366, 18A, 18C, part of 22 west of PTH 83, 23 and 23A. These samples are assessed for disease as part of ongoing monitoring efforts. Please ensure you submit your sample. For more information, see pages 30, 37, 55 and 56.

**Biological Samples – Non-compulsory**

Hunters who harvest a wolf in GHAs 18 - 18C and 26 are requested to submit: the lower jaw, with teeth attached; a 2.5 sq. cm (1” x 1”) sample of hide with at least 50 guard hairs from the groin or upper hind leg; and a 5 cm (2”) piece of tongue to any Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office. When submitting your sample, you will be expected to provide the date of kill, exact location of the kill, sex and contact information. See page 43.
The maps in this guide are intended only to show the boundaries of Game Hunting Areas. These maps should be used in conjunction with an Official Highways Map and National Topographic System maps.

National Topographic System Crown Lands maps are available at the following departmental outlets:

- Western Region Office, 1129 Queens Avenue, Brandon, R7A 1L9 (Tel. 204-726-6441)
- Canada Map Sales, 1007 Century Street Winnipeg, R3H 0W4 (Tel. 204-945-6666)

You can contact CanadaMapSales at www.canadamapsales.com or call (toll free) 1-877-627-7226.

Maps are also available at some sporting goods stores in rural locations.
BIG GAME HUNTING GENERAL REGULATIONS

Hunting Hours
Hunting and the discharge of any firearms is permitted only from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Sunday Hunting
Sunday hunting is permitted during all big game seasons in all provincial GHAs.
Hunters are advised to check with the municipality in which they plan to hunt, as some municipalities have by-laws prohibiting or restricting the discharge of firearms or bows on Sunday.

Firearms

PELLET GUNS AND RIMFIRE RIFLES
A pellet gun or rimfire rifle (e.g., .17 or .22 calibre) cannot be used to hunt big game.

CENTREFIRE RIFLES
A centrefire rifle may be used to hunt big game only during general (rifle) seasons. A centrefire rifle of .23 calibre or less is not recommended.

SHOTGUNS
A shotgun may be used to hunt big game only during shotgun/muzzleloader and general (rifle) seasons. A shotgun must be a minimum of 20 gauge and shoot a single projectile (slug). The magazine of a shotgun is not required to be plugged thereby restricting the number of shells.

MUZZLELOADERS
A muzzleloader may be used to hunt big game only during muzzleloader, shotgun/muzzleloader and general (rifle) seasons. The bore diameter must be a minimum .50 calibre for moose, elk and black bear and a minimum .44 calibre for deer, caribou and wolf, and shoot a single metal projectile, which may include a sabot. While hunting during the muzzleloader deer season, a hunter may not possess any other device (except a crossbow) that may be used to kill big game. A shotgun with slugs may not be used during the muzzleloader deer season.

BOWS
A bow may be used to hunt big game only during archery and general (rifle) seasons. A bowhunter hunting big game must not be in possession of a long bow or recurved bow requiring less than 18.1 kg (40 lbs.) draw weight at 71 cm (28 in.) draw; or a compound bow set at less than 18.1 kg (40 lbs.) peak draw weight; or an arrow using a broadhead point less than 2.2 cm (7/8 in.) in width. While hunting big game during an archery only season, a hunter must not possess any other device capable of killing big game.

CROSSBOWS
Crossbows may be used only during muzzleloader and general (rifle) seasons. A hunter must not be in possession of a crossbow while hunting during archery or shotgun/muzzleloader seasons.

CARTRIDGES
Cartridges having a full metal cased hard point bullet (including military-type cartridges such as FMC, FMJ and TMC) cannot be used by or be in the possession of a big game hunter.

GENERAL (RIFLE) SEASONS
During a big game general (rifle) season, a hunter may use a centrefire rifle, a shotgun (minimum 20 gauge) firing a single projectile, a muzzleloading firearm of appropriate calibre firing a single projectile, a crossbow, archery equipment or any combination of the above.

LOADED FIREARMS
A person may not have or carry a loaded firearm in or on any vehicle or discharge a firearm from any vehicle. A rifle or shotgun is considered loaded if it has a live shell or cartridge in the chamber, attached magazine or loading mechanism. A muzzleloader, with a charge in the barrel, may be transported between hunting sites only if the firing cap is removed or, in the case of a flintlock, the flint is removed.
Retrieval and Wastage of Game

A hunter who kills or injures a big game animal must make every reasonable effort to retrieve it. It is illegal to abandon or spoil the meat of a deer, elk, moose or caribou. If a wounded animal enters an area where hunter access is restricted, contact the local authority (landowner, federal Park Warden) or a Natural Resource Officer before entry into the area.

Hunter Dress

A hunter orange garment and hat must be worn by any person who is hunting, dressing or retrieving a big game animal or coyote or by any person accompanying or assisting a person hunting big game or coyote.

The hat must be solid hunter orange except that it may have a crest or logo not exceeding 78 sq. cm (12 sq. in.) provided that it does not completely cover the hunter orange on the side where the crest or logo is affixed.

The outer garment must consist of not less than 2,580 sq. cm (400 sq. in.) of hunter orange material, above the waist and visible from all sides. Hunter orange body camouflage is legal if the hunter orange portion meets the above requirement. The remaining outer clothing colour is optional.

Bowhunters are exempt during archery seasons, but are encouraged to wear hunter orange when hunting in an area where there is a concurrent general (rifle) season. Wolf and coyote hunters are exempt in hunting areas while no other big game season is on. Black bear hunters are exempt during the spring season.

Field Dress of Game for Evidence of Sex

During a season with a bag limit restricted to male animals only, the antlers or reproductive tract must accompany any big game animal taken.

During a season with a bag limit restricted to antlerless animals only, this includes animals with antlers that are 10 cm (4 in.) or less, the following must accompany any big game animal taken:

- the head or reproductive organs, in the case of a female animal
- the antlers, in the case of a male animal

Party Hunting

Hunters may hunt big game in a party of two persons, as long as they possess the same kind and type of licence (e.g., elk hunters cannot form a party with moose hunters; a hunter with a Second Deer Licence can only form a party with other hunters that have a valid Second Deer Licence). However, deer hunters may hunt in a party of up to four persons. Each member of the party must have a valid hunting licence for the same game species, GHA, season and residency except that resident and non-resident deer hunters may form parties. A foreign resident can only form a party with another foreign resident. Moose hunters purchasing a Conservation Moose Licence will be allowed to party hunt with other moose hunters who purchased a Conservation Moose Licence up to a maximum party of four hunters.

When one hunter bags an animal and uses their game tag, all party members may continue to hunt as a party until all tags have been used, provided that each party member has signed and indicated their hunting licence number in ink on the back of the hunting licence of the other party member(s). Hunters must remain in a position to be readily identified as party hunters searching for the same species (verbal hailing distance without the aid of electronic devices, such as but not limited to cell phones or walkie talks). The hunter with the unused tag must be present. A licensee may form only one party for any game species during any one season.

A youth who is hunting under an adult supervisor’s licence, shares the party hunting privileges of the adult supervisor, but is not counted as a party member. The youth must remain within reach of the adult supervisor at all times.

Big Game and Landowner Elk Draws

In order to incorporate results of annual big game aerial surveys, the Big Game and Landowner Elk Draw applications are now available in April. Completed applications, with the payment of $52.00 per licence for licence fees and the non-refundable application fee of $7.00 per applicant, must be received by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, 2012. Unsuccessful applicants will have their licence fee payment returned. Send your application to:

Licensing Section,
Box 66 - 200 Saulteaux Crescent
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3J 3W3
A Deer and Game Bird Licence (Youth) is valid for party hunting in the season in which the tag is used and counts as one of the party members.

Hunters who are hunting under the Two Licence/One Tag System automatically form a party.

**Tree Stands and Blinds**

Any tree stand or blind on Crown land must be clearly identified with the name and address of the person who placed it. Tree stands or blinds can only be left **overnight** on Crown lands for the purpose of hunting deer, moose, elk, caribou, black bear and wild turkey. Tree stands and blinds being used to hunt deer, moose, elk, caribou, black bear and wild turkey can be placed up to two weeks before the season they are intended to be used for and all parts of tree stands and blinds on Crown land must be removed within two weeks of the close of the hunting season for which they are used. Tree stands and blinds can be used to hunt any other legally hunted wildlife as long as they are removed from Crown lands and taken with the hunter when they are finished hunting for the day.

**Feeding**

The feeding of wildlife in Manitoba is not recommended as it can have serious consequences to the health of wildlife.

It is illegal to feed, or place attractants for deer, moose and elk in the following GHAs:

- 5, 6, 6A, 11, 12, 13, 13A, 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, part of 22 (west of PTH 83), 23, 23A and 27.

**Baiting**

Bait is any thing that is placed for luring or attracting big game, but does not include decoys, scents or chemical attractants.

It is illegal to:

- Place bait for the purposes of hunting a big game animal, excluding black bear or wolf.
- Hunt within 800 metres of bait placed for the purposes of hunting in all areas of Manitoba.
- Hunt any cervids (members of the deer family) within 800 metres of anything posted by a Natural Resource Officer as a “baited area.”

**Decoys, Electronic Calls, Scents and Chemical Attractants**

Decoys may be used for big game hunting.

Electronic game calls are prohibited when hunting big game, except for wolf.

It is illegal to use or possess scents, chemical attractants and other substances that contain urine, faeces, saliva or scent glands of cervids.

**Wild Boar**

Wild boar is not considered a big game animal. Manitoba has been declared a wild boar control area, which means that a resident may take wild boar any time of the year. A hunting licence is not required to hunt wild boar, but the hunter must comply with other general hunting regulations, including the use of hunter orange during a big game season where normally required. If hunting on private land, permission of the land owner is required. There is no bag limit, possession limit or tagging requirements for wild boar.

Hunters are requested to report the taking of a wild boar within seven days to the Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office nearest the location where the wild boar was taken. It is important to provide particulars including the location where the animal was killed, the number of other wild boars observed, etc.

For more information regarding wild boar at large, please contact the Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office nearest the location you wish to hunt or visit our website at: www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/wildlife/problem_wildlife

**Dogs**

Dogs may not be used for any purpose connected with big game hunting.

**Game Tags**

Hunters are reminded that while hunting they are required to be in possession of all parts of the game tag.

Only animals legally harvested, under the authority of a hunting licence during the corresponding season for that licence can be tagged. A tag cannot be used for animals killed illegally, road-killed or found dead.

When a big game kill is made, the hunter must immediately cut out the month and date of kill on the game tag. If the hunter maintains actual possession of the animal, affixing the cut out game tag may be delayed until the animal has been taken to a means of transportation. Immediately upon reaching such transportation, the cut out tag must be securely attached to the big game animal.
The game tag must remain attached and readily visible until the animal is processed. Hunters should note that hide, head/antler and meat tags must accompany the appropriate parts of the animal when separated from the carcass. The head tag must remain with the head or antlers after processing, in order to prove the animal was legally taken. In cases where two hunters are sharing the meat from one harvested big game animal and traveling to different destinations, the game tag must accompany the portion of the meat that is in the possession of one hunter, and the meat tag must accompany the portion of the meat that is in the possession of the second hunter. The head/antler tag must accompany the antlers and cape, even after being prepared into a mount by a taxidermist. The tag can be affixed to the back of the mount.

Tagging requirements do not apply to wolf or coyote hunters.

**Neck Collars and Ear Tags**

Animals observed with neck collars and ear tags should be reported to any Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office for tracking purposes. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship would prefer that hunters select non-collared animals while hunting big game. If you have harvested a big game animal with a neck collar or ear tag, please return the collar and/or tag to the Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch, Box 24-200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, MB R3J 3W3 or the nearest Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship district office.

If you harvest a big game animal wearing an ear tag that contains phone number 1-204-945-7771, this animal was chemically immobilized in the past using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for the consumption of meat from immobilized animals. Please call the number identified on the ear tag for specific details on the recommended consumption of meat from your animal.

**Possession and Transportation of Big Game**

A big game carcass taken by one person cannot be possessed, transported, or shipped by another person unless the declaration on the back of the Game Tag has been completed and signed by the licensee who killed the game. When transporting or shipping portions (meat, head/antler or hide) of a big game animal separately, the meat, head/antler and hide tags must be attached to those portions of the big game animal. If a tag is not available, a Possession or Transportation Permit must be obtained from a Natural Resource Officer.

**Importing Deer, Elk, Moose or Caribou Carcasses**

The importation of deer, elk, moose or caribou into Manitoba, is not permitted unless certain precautions are followed. See page 57 for details.

**Shipping**

The contents of any package containing wild animals or parts of wild animals must be marked with a complete description of the contents and licence number or permit on the outside of the package.

**Exporting Big Game from Manitoba**

All big game licences with the accompanying cut out tag, are valid to export from Manitoba the animal taken under authority of the licence during the 30-day period immediately after the date of kill. Export may be made only while the animal is in the personal possession of the licence holder.

If export is made later than 30 days after the date of kill, or by a person other than the licence holder who wishes to export the animal or a part of the animal, an export permit must first be obtained.

A tag is not required to export a wolf or coyote taken under the authority of a big game licence during the 30-day period following the kill date. Only the big game licence, which authorizes the taking of the wolf or coyote, is required to possess or export the wolf or coyote. During the 30-day period, the wolf or coyote can only be exported by the licence holder. After the 30-day time period, or if another person is exporting on behalf of the licence holder, an export permit will be required. A CITES Permit is required to export a wolf outside of Canada.

For information on possible restrictions on the importation of hunter harvested big game into the United States, please review the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service guidelines (PDF) at www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/index.shtml

**EXPORT PERMIT ELIGIBILITY AND AVAILABILITY**

Export permit application forms are available through all Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship offices and may be issued only to a person who lawfully possesses an animal or part. This means that the applicant must have a hunting licence, game tag or other acceptable written proof that the animal or part was lawfully acquired.

Please allow 28 working days for permit processing.
Vehicle Regulations

Restrictions on the use of vehicles have been established for several major reasons - to increase the quality of the hunting experience, to reduce illegal hunting from vehicles and to provide undisturbed areas for big game animals.

It is illegal to hunt from a vehicle. For example, a vehicle may not be used to search for, locate, “push bush” or to flush out game under any circumstances. Vehicles may only be used to transport hunters, supplies or equipment to or from a hunting area. In most, but not all areas, vehicles may be used to retrieve a big game kill by the most direct route.

Persons using vehicles for any purpose associated with hunting are reminded that hazards may exist on some of the roads and trails. The safe operation of any vehicle is the responsibility of the operator.

See Vehicle Regulations map on the bottom left.

A vehicle is any mechanical device propelled or driven by any means other than human power and includes cars, trucks, power boats, aircraft and off-road vehicles (ORVs).

A wagon, cart or sled is considered a vehicle if it is pulled by a horse or other animal.

A horse is not considered a vehicle if it carries a hunter or equipment on its back.

A power boat is not a vehicle if the motor is not in operation and all progress caused by the motor has stopped.

The following restrictions apply to deer, elk and moose hunters:

VEHICLE USE

Vehicles may not be used while hunting deer, elk or moose except to travel to or from a hunting area or to retrieve a kill by the most direct route. Hunters should be careful when traveling by vehicle as damage to habitat (terrestrial and aquatic) is illegal.

NORTHERN ZONE

In the Northern Zone, there are fewer roads and travel by ORVs is often the only way to access many areas. The number of deer, elk or moose hunters tends to be low and spread over a wide area. Therefore, ORVs may be used in these areas as a means of getting hunters to and from their hunting area. It is illegal to hunt or search for game with the use of a vehicle anywhere in the province, including the Northern Zone.

ROADS, TRAILS AND WATERWAYS ZONE

In the Roads, Trails and Waterways Zone, all vehicles operated by deer, elk or moose hunters are restricted to roads, established trails and waterways.

For example, an ORV may be used to access a hunting area along an established trail that winds through the forest or grassland, but hunters may not establish their own trails or venture off existing trails. In agricultural areas, hunters with landowner permission may use a vehicle to cross a cultivated field by the most direct route to access the continuation of the established trail or the hunting area.

In an area where bluffs of trees are interspersed with cultivated land, a hunter may use a vehicle to travel from bluff to bluff by the most direct route. However, if hunting activities cause a big game animal to travel to another bluff, a vehicle may not be used to follow, chase after, or pursue that big game animal. It is illegal to hunt, including searching for and following game, from a vehicle.
Deer, elk and moose hunters are restricted to roads, trails and waterways from August 20 to December 23.

- In GHAs 13A and 18A, deer, elk and moose hunters are restricted to roads, trails and waterways from August 20 to January 20.
- In GHAs 23 and 23A, deer, elk and moose hunters are restricted to roads, trails and waterways from August 20 to February 3.

**DESIGNATED ROUTE ZONE**

In the Designated Route Zone, deer, elk and moose hunters may only use vehicles on built-up provincial and municipal roads, and those trails or lakes that are specifically identified on Designated Route Maps. These designated routes are usually identified with signs as Designated Route “A”, “B”, and so on.

**In GHA 17A, designated routes apply to bear hunters during the fall moose season.**

Routes may not always be passable and hunters travel them at their own risk. If a hunter were to operate a vehicle off a designated route for any reason other than to retrieve a big game kill by the most direct route, the hunter would be liable to prosecution.

It is also illegal to search for game or hunt from a vehicle along a designated route. The designated routes exist only to allow hunters access to an area from which to begin their hunt. A vehicle may not be used by hunters to set up a camp off a designated route, or to take supplies in or out of an area off a route.

A hunter may use a vehicle to remove their hunting camp on the day following the close of the season in which they have hunted. Use of a vehicle for this purpose must first be approved in writing by a Natural Resource Officer. ORVs may be used on designated routes, but not on provincial or municipal roads. Aircraft may land only on designated routes or designated lakes.

Designated route GHAs and current map numbers are listed below. Maps are available from 200 Saulteaux Crescent in Winnipeg and from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship offices near designated route areas.

Please ensure you have a current map for:

- GHA 18 - map number 18918L - Note: Designated Route T has been closed for purposes connected with hunting.
- parts of GHAs 17A, 26 - map number 17882J
- Turtle Mountain Park - map number 19513

In GHA 26, designated routes do not apply to deer hunters. However, hunters are required to follow the Roads, Trails, and Waterways Zones restrictions.

Designated routes are in effect from August 20 to December 23 for deer, elk and moose hunters.

**RESTRICTED VEHICLE USE AREAS**

Hunters should note a number of vehicle restrictions exist for big game hunters in some Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and other designated areas. They are as follows:

- **Brandon Hills WMA (in GHA 30):** Vehicles are prohibited.
- **Broomhill WMA (in GHA 27):** Vehicles may not be used for any purpose during the upland game bird season (coincides with big game seasons).
- **Delta Marsh (in GHA 25B, as shown on Director of Survey Plan No. 20226):** Power boats may not be used.
- **Dog Lake WMA (in GHA 25):** Vehicles and power boats may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting.
- **Grant’s Lake WMA (in GHA 25B):** All vehicles must use built-up roads.

**NEW LICENCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Hunter Education

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, in 2007, introduced new licence eligibility requirements. Effective January 1, 2012 the same mandatory hunter education requirements that apply to all first-time hunters and everyone under the age of 19 will apply to everybody when purchasing a hunting licence. **All hunters** wishing to purchase any Manitoba hunting licence must possess a valid Hunter Education Certificate or equivalent from another jurisdiction or a card issue under subsection 4(4) of the Hunter Education Regulation MR 128/2007.

In addition, when in the field or at any time, hunters must be able to produce their valid Hunter Education Certificate or equivalent when requested by a Natural Resource Officer.
• Inwood WMA (in GHA 25B): Vehicles may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting, except to retrieve a big game kill by the most direct route.

• Lake Francis WMA (in GHA 25B): Power boats may not be used.

• Lauder Sandhills WMA (in GHA 28): Vehicles are restricted to designated trails between April 1 and November 30.

• Marshy Point WMA (in GHA 25A): Vehicles may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting, except to retrieve a big game kill by the most direct route.

• Pierson WMA Frank W. Boyd Unit (in GHA 27): Vehicles may not be used in the Frank W. Boyd Unit during the big game seasons.

• Portage Sandhills WMA (in GHA 32): Vehicles are prohibited between March 1 and November 30.

• St. Malo WMA (in GHA 35A): Vehicles may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting, except to retrieve a big game kill by the most direct route.

• Souris River Bend WMA (in GHA 28): Vehicles are restricted to designated trails between April 1 and November 30.

• Watson P. Davidson WMA (in GHA 35): Vehicles may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting, except to retrieve a big game kill by the most direct route.

• Whitewater Lake WMA (in GHA 28): Power boats may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting.

Vehicle restrictions exist in most provincial parks. Contact the nearest Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office for more information.

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**SUMMARY OF BIG GAME LICENCE SALES 2009-2012**

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*a* as of March 31, 2010  
*b* as of February 28, 2011  
*c* as of February 29, 2012

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**IT IS ILLEGAL TO HUNT MULE DEER**

**MULE DEER**
- Forked antlers
- Large ears
- Black-tipped ropey tail that stays down while running
- White rump visible when tail is down
- Stiff-legged bouncing gait, while running appears to spring

**WHITE-TAILED DEER**
- Antlers with points off a main beam
- Long, wide, flat tail held up while running
- Little, if any, white showing when tail is down
- Loping, running gait, typical run

REPORT SIGHTINGS OF MULE DEER TO YOUR LOCAL MANITOBA CONSERVATION AND WATER STEWARDSHIP OFFICE OR CALL 1-800-214-6497.
WHITE-TAILED DEER SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

Licences
Note: All fees listed below include the federal goods and services tax (GST).

- Deer and Game Bird Licence (Youth) Resident: $10.00
- Resident: $36.00
- Second Deer (resident): $21.00
- Third Deer (resident): $21.00
- Non-resident: $155.00
- Foreign resident: $217.00

Resident Deer Hunting
A resident may purchase only one General Deer Hunting Licence that is valid during the Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun/Muzzleloader and General (Rifle) Deer Seasons and where offered, second, and third deer licences. The bag limit for the General Licence is one deer per year.

Non-Resident Deer Hunting
A non-resident may purchase only one General Deer Hunting Licence that is valid during the Archery, Muzzleloader and General (Rifle) Deer Seasons. A non-resident cannot hunt in the Shotgun/Muzzleloader season or purchase a second or third deer licence. The bag limit for the General Licence is one deer per year.

Foreign Resident Deer Hunting
A foreign resident deer hunter must book their hunt through a licenced lodge or outfitter, authorized to outfit foreign resident deer hunters and must only use the services of the outfitter specified on the licence. Foreign resident deer hunters must be accompanied by a licensed Manitoba guide. No more than three hunters may use the services of a guide at the same time. A foreign resident may only harvest one deer. However, a foreign resident hunter may return their unused licence and tag into the outfitter in order to purchase another licence and tag for a different season. A foreign resident hunter can only hunt during certain archery, muzzleloader and general (rifle) seasons. A foreign resident hunter cannot hunt in the shotgun muzzleloader season or purchase a second or third deer licence. The bag limit for a foreign resident hunter is one deer per year.

Definitions
- “Antlered” means a deer with antlers more than 10 cm. (4 in.) in length.
- “Antlerless” means a deer that is not “antlered.”
**WHITE-TAILED DEER SEASONS**

Due to the severe winter of 2010 – 2011, it is estimated the provincial deer herd has been reduced significantly (by at least 40 per cent). As a result season lengths have been reduced and hunters can only purchase one General Deer Licence that can be used in the Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun/Muzzleloader and General (rifle) Deer Seasons. The bag limit for the General Licence is one deer for the year, unless you purchase a Second or Third Deer Licence that can be used only in the specified GHAs for deer management purposes as outlined on page 28. A resident youth hunter will still be allowed to purchase a Deer and Game Bird (Youth) Licence that can be used in any season. In addition, a resident youth hunter will be able to purchase a General Licence. A foreign resident must turn in his unused licence and tag and purchase a new licence in order to hunt a different season.

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**Exception:**

**GHA 17A**

| Archery | Aug. 27 – Sept. 16 | Resident, Non-resident and Foreign Resident |
|         | Oct. 15 – Nov. 11  | Resident, Non-resident and Foreign Resident |
| **Youth Muzzleloader** | Oct. 15 – Nov. 11 | Resident only |
| Muzzleloader | Oct. 22 – Nov. 11 | Resident, Non-resident and Foreign Resident |
| General (rifle) | Nov. 12 – Dec. 2 | Resident, Non-resident and Foreign Resident |

**NOTE:**

GHA 17A – Deer Management Zone please see page 36 on Moose Management Initiatives

**NOTE:**

Bowhunters who hunt deer in GHA 13 or 18 between September 3 and September 16 must also possess a valid elk archery tag for the area in which they are hunting.

**NOTE:**

Hecla and Deer Islands are closed to deer hunting.

| **ZONE C** | Archery | Sept. 3 – Nov. 11 | Resident, Non-resident and Foreign Resident |
| **ZONE D** | Archery | Sept. 3 – Sept. 16 | Resident, Non-resident and Foreign Resident |
|           |         | Oct. 15 – Nov. 11  | Resident, Non-resident and Foreign Resident |
| **Youth Muzzleloader** | Oct. 22 – Nov. 11 | Resident only |
| Muzzleloader | Oct. 29 – Nov. 11 | Resident, Non-resident and Foreign Resident |
| General (rifle) | Nov. 12 – Nov. 25 | Resident, Non-resident and Foreign Resident |

**NOTE:**

Bowhunters may hunt in GHAs 19, 19B and 23A between September 3 and November 11.
## WHITE-TAILED DEER SEASONS continued

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**NOTE:** The Delta Game Bird Refuge is closed to deer hunting.

### ZONE F

| Archery | Sept. 3 – Dec. 2 | Resident, Non-resident and Foreign Resident |

**Exceptions:**

#### Portion of GHA 38 Deer Management Zone

| Archery | Aug. 27 – Dec. 2 | Resident only |
| Shotgun/Muzzleloader (GHA 33) | Oct. 24 – Oct. 7 | Resident only |
| Dec. 3 – Dec. 23 | Resident only |

#### GHA 34A and 34B Deer Management Zone

| Archery | Aug. 27 – Dec. 2 | Resident, Non-resident and Foreign Resident |

**NOTE:** A hunter must have written landowner permission during the shotgun/muzzleloader season in GHA 33 and portion of 38.

**NOTE:** ▲ All hunters must submit biological samples from deer harvested in the following GHAs - 5, 6, 6A, 11, 12, 13, 13A, part of 18 and 18B west of PR 366, 18A, 18C, part of 22 west of PTH 83, 23 and 23A. See page 30 for more information.

**NOTE:** ** The Youth Deer and Game Bird Licence is valid during the Archery, Youth Muzzleloader, Muzzleloader, Shotgun/Muzzleloader and General (rifle) Deer Seasons.

### SECOND WHITE-TAILED DEER SEASONS

The Second Deer Licence may be used only in the GHAs and seasons specified below provided that a General Licence has been purchased and is in the hunter's possession. Only one Second Deer Licence may be purchased per year. The Second Deer Licence/tag may be used prior to the General Licence/tag if an antlerless deer is harvested.

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**NOTE:** A hunter must have written landowner permission during the shotgun/muzzleloader season in GHA 33 and portion of 38.
THIRD WHITE-TAILED DEER SEASONS

The Third Deer Licence may be used only in GHAs 26, 34A, a portion of 38, and only in the seasons specified below provided that a General Licence and a Second Deer Licence has been purchased and are in the hunter’s possession. Only one Third Deer Licence may be purchased per year. The Third Deer Licence/tag may be used prior to the General Licence if an antlerless deer is harvested.

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NOTE: A hunter must have written landowner permission during the shotgun/muzzleloader season in the portion of 38.

SPECIAL DEER MANAGEMENT SEASON

Free-of-charge licences may be made available to residents of Manitoba in the Killarney Deer Management Zone. Detailed information on this special deer management season will be available at 200 Saulteaux Crescent in Winnipeg, by calling 204-945-6784 or toll free 1-800-214-6497, or online at www.manitoba.ca/conservation/wildlife/hunting/index.html, after December 1, 2012.
MANDATORY
Submission of Biological Samples

BOVINE TB TESTING IN WHITE-TAILED DEER

▲ It is mandatory for all deer hunters who harvest a deer in GHAs 23 and 23A (Riding Mountain area) to submit the complete head, upper neck, lungs and trachea (windpipe), to a Drop-off Depot (see pages 55 and 56) within 48 hours from the time of kill. These samples cannot be frozen.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) SURVEILLANCE IN WHITE-TAILED DEER

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship remains vigilant in ensuring the province’s wild elk and deer populations remain free of CWD. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship will continue monitoring efforts for this disease by testing selected elk and deer samples submitted under the Bovine TB Surveillance Program.

▲ It is mandatory for all deer hunters who harvest a deer in GHAs 5, 6, 6A, 11, 12, 13, 13A, part of 18 and 18B west of PR 366, 18A, 18C, and part of 22 west of PTH 83, to submit the head and upper neck to a Drop-Off Depot (see pages 55 and 56) within 48 hours from the time of the kill.

Mentored Deer Hunts

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, in co-operation with the Manitoba Wildlife Federation and the Archers and Bowhunters Association of Manitoba offers youth and first-time hunters mentored deer hunts during the deer seasons.

Youth and first-time hunters must register and participate in an education and training session prior to the actual hunt and are accompanied in the field by an experienced mentor. For more information, please contact the Manitoba Wildlife Federation at 204-633-5967 or the Archers and Bowhunters Association of Manitoba at 204-925-5697.

WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTERS!
Help manage your deer populations by completing the Big Game Hunter Questionnaire!
See pages 60 and 61 for details.

NEW LICENCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Hunter Education

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, in 2007, introduced new licence eligibility requirements. Effective January 1, 2012 the same mandatory hunter education requirements that apply to all first-time hunters and everyone under the age of 19 will apply to everybody when purchasing a hunting licence. All hunters wishing to purchase any Manitoba hunting licence must possess a valid Hunter Education Certificate or equivalent from another jurisdiction or a card issue under subsection 4(4) of the Hunter Education Regulation MR 128/2007.

In addition, when in the field or at any time, hunters must be able to produce their valid Hunter Education Certificate or equivalent when requested by a Natural Resource Officer.
NEAR-URBAN WILDLIFE STRATEGY

The concept of a Near Urban Wildlife Strategy was initiated in part, by safety concerns related to the use of centrefire (high powered) firearms during the general deer season, and expanding wildlife populations and related human/wildlife conflicts in and around Winnipeg.

In 2005, a provincially regulated prohibition of centrefire rifles for big game hunting was implemented in a portion of the Near Urban Wildlife Zone (NUWZ). This prohibition was introduced in all or portions of the Rural Municipalites (RM) of Headlingly, Rosser, Rockwood, St. Andrews, West St. Paul, East St. Paul and St. Clements as shown on the map. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship will continue to consult with all RMs in the NUWZ to address wildlife issues.

Resident white-tailed deer hunters should note that hunting inside GHA 38 is only allowed on private land with written landowner permission.

Please note there are restricted firearm discharge areas within the RM of MacDonald (see Director of Surveys Plan No. 2003193).

Information, detailed maps on GHA 38 resident deer hunting opportunities and municipal telephone numbers are available at 200 Saulteaux Crescent in Winnipeg (945-6784) or 1-800-214-6497 or on our website at www.manitoba.ca/conservation/wildlife/hunting/maps/index.html

Hunters should note that the use of centrefire (high powered) rifles in the general deer season is prohibited in the identified area of the NUWZ. However, hunters may still use any other legal equipment type (shotgun, muzzleloader, archery, crossbow) during the general deer season where this season is offered, except where municipal restrictions apply. A separate licence is not required to hunt in the NUWZ.

Hunters should be aware that some municipalities in the NUWZ prohibit or further restrict the use of firearms or bows. For more information hunters should contact the municipal office in the area they wish to hunt.
*THIS MAP SHOULD BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN OFFICIAL HIGHWAYS MAP.

Consult your Natural Resource Officer for exact locations and boundaries.
Big Game Hunting

Licences

Note: All fees listed below include the federal goods and services tax (GST).

- Resident (archery, general) $52.00
- Resident Conservation Moose Licence Package $83.00
- Non-resident $299.00
- Foreign resident $360.00
- Big Game Draw licence application fee $7.00

*It is illegal to purchase more than one licence of the same type for the same hunting year.*

A GHA 23 or 23A Draw Elk or Landowner Elk licence with a one elk or moose bag limit is not considered a moose licence.

Conservation Moose Licence Resident

Moose hunters may voluntarily participate in a conservation initiative by purchasing a Conservation Moose Licence instead of a General (rifle) Moose Licence. The General (rifle) Moose Licence for the non-draw rifle season is issued on a one-licence/one tag basis and costs $52.00. The Conservation Moose Licence Package consists of two licences and one tag allowing for a shared harvest of one moose. When the tag is filled, the hunters can form a party with holders of a Conservation Moose Licence, up to a maximum of 4. The package cost is $83.00 ($41.50 for each licence). Conservation Moose Licences are available at all hunting licence vendor locations. Both hunters must appear in person to purchase a Conservation Moose Licence. If both hunters cannot be present, the purchase must be made at a Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office. Proof that the absent hunter qualifies for the licence must be presented at the time of purchase (see page 7, Licence Requirements).

Foreign Resident

- Foreign resident moose hunters must book their hunt through a registered lodge or outfitter, authorized to outfit foreign resident moose hunters.

Definitions

- “Bull” means a moose with antlers more than 10 cm (4 in.) in length.
- “Calf” is a moose that is less than one year old.

Additional Information

Parts of GHAs 2A, 4, 7A and 17A are closed to moose hunting. See map on pages 32 and 33.

GHA 20 is closed to non-resident and foreign resident hunters.

Hunters should consult the Big Game Draw applications on a yearly basis, as some non-draw seasons may be added to the big game draw.

Moose Hunters!

Help manage your moose populations by completing the Big Game Hunter Questionnaire! See pages 60 and 61 for details.
## MOOSE SEASONS

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Moose Season Closures
GHAs 13, 13A, 14, 14A, 18, 18A, 18B, 18C and GHA 26 - ALL MOOSE SEASONS REMAIN CLOSED.
Aerial surveys have determined that moose populations in GHAs 14 and 14A; GHAs 18, 18B, 18C (Duck Mountain); and GHA 26 have significantly declined, as well as the cow/calf and bull/cow ratios are a concern in GHAs 13 and 13A (Porcupine Mountain). As a conservation measure, the cancellation of all licensed moose hunting seasons in these areas remain in effect. These management actions are necessary to assist with the recovery of these populations. The success of the recovery is dependent on co-operative efforts of all Manitobans.

Special Moose Management Initiatives
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship is concerned about rapidly declining moose populations in certain areas and is taking action.
These actions include:
- Moose hunting: All licensed moose hunting seasons have been suspended. Moose seasons in the Duck Mountain, GHA 26, GHA 14, 14A, and GHA 13, 13A will be reinstated when populations have recovered.
- Wolf management: Wolf hunting and trapping seasons have been extended province-wide. The bag limit in the Duck Mountain and GHA 26 is two wolves. This will result in the harvest of more wolves in areas where moose populations are depressed. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship will undertake regular aerial surveys of wolf populations and assess diet of wolves.
- Disease and parasite management: Parasites (brain worm, liver fluke) carried by deer in the southeast part of the province have negatively affected moose. Deer muzzleloader and general seasons in GHAs 26 and 36 have been extended to reduce deer numbers. As well, a second deer licence will continue to be available in GHAs 17A, 26 and 36. A third deer licence is available in GHA 26.
- Access control: Selected roads and trails are being closed by removing culverts, digging trenches and berms and placing barricades at river crossings (see Figure 1). This is being done in high moose-density areas to restrict truck travel, reduce ORV traffic and decrease harvest of moose.
- Moose population assessment: $190,000 is being used from the Wildlife Enhancement Initiative for aerial moose surveys. Populations of concern will be monitored regularly to evaluate the effectiveness of management actions.
- Consultation with rights-based communities: First Nations and Métis communities are being consulted about initiatives to increase moose populations in areas where they are depressed.

These consultation efforts have resulted in moose conservation hunting closures for all people in the Duck Mountain, Porcupine Mountain and GHAs 13 and 13A. A partial area closure for all people has been implemented in GHA 26.
- Moose management strategies: Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship will establish moose advisory committees consisting of local groups, Aboriginal organizations and government to help develop moose recovery strategies. These strategies will guide the management actions.
- Increased enforcement efforts: Two natural resource officers have been hired for the Duck Mountain area and one for GHA 26.
- Wildlife biologists: Two wildlife biologists, located in Swan River and Lac Du Bonnet, have been hired to implement moose recovery programs.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship is working with all users, stakeholders and rights-based harvesters to recover moose populations. Hunters can help by:
- harvesting wolves and submitting samples for analysis (see page 43 for details)
- taking advantage of increased deer hunting opportunities in GHAs 17A, 26 and 36 (see page 28 and 29)
- participating in public meetings about area-specific moose management strategies

FIGURE 1
ELK SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

Licences

Note: All fees listed below include the federal goods and services tax (GST).

Elk (Resident only)* $52.00
Big Game Draw licence application fee $7.00

* Available only through the Landowner and Big Game Draws.

Landowner Draw

Licences are valid only on property owned by the licence holder.

Definitions

- “Antlered” or “bull” means an elk with antlers more than 10 cm (4 in.) in length.
- “Antlerless” means an elk that is not “antlered.”

MANDATORY
Submission of Biological Samples

BOVINE TB TESTING IN ELK

▲ It is mandatory for all elk hunters who harvest an elk in GHAs 23 and 23A (Riding Mountain area) to submit the head, upper neck, lungs and trachea (windpipe) to a Drop-Off Depot (see pages 55 and 56) within 48 hours from the time of the kill. These samples cannot be frozen.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) SURVEILLANCE IN ELK

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship remains vigilant in ensuring the province’s wild elk and deer populations remain free of CWD. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship will continue monitoring efforts for this disease by testing selected elk and deer samples submitted under the Bovine TB Surveillance Program.

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ELK HUNTERS!
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**NOTE:** **excludes Swan-Pelican Provincial Forest.**

| **General (rifle) Landowner draw, Resident Only** |                    |                          |
| 13A ▲              | Oct. 1 – Oct. 14  | One Antlerless Elk       |
|                   | Dec. 3 – Dec. 16  | One Antlerless Elk       |
|                   | Jan. 7 – Jan. 13  | One Antlerless Elk       |
| 18A ▲             | Oct. 1 – Oct. 14  | One Antlerless Elk       |
|                   | Dec. 3 – Dec. 16  | One Antlerless Elk       |
|                   | Jan. 7 – Jan. 13  | One Antlerless Elk       |
| 18B ▲             | Oct. 1 – Oct. 14  | One Antlerless Elk       |
|                   | Dec. 10 – Dec. 16 | One Antlerless Elk       |
| 18C ▲             | Oct. 1 – Oct. 14  | One Antlerless Elk       |
|                   | Dec. 10 – Dec. 16 | One Antlerless Elk       |
| 19, 19A           | Oct. 1 – Oct. 14  | One Antlerless Elk       |
|                   | Dec. 10 – Dec. 16 | One Antlerless Elk       |
| 20                | Dec. 3 – Dec. 16  | One Antlerless Elk       |
| 21, 25            | Dec. 3 – Dec. 16  | One Antlerless Elk       |
| 23, 23A ▲         | Aug. 27 – Nov. 11 | One Elk or One Moose     |
|                   | Dec. 17 – Dec. 23 | One Elk or One Moose     |
|                   | Dec. 31 – Jan. 6  | One Elk or One Moose     |
| 25A               | Dec. 3 – Dec. 16  | One Antlerless Elk       |
| 30                | Oct. 1 – Oct. 28  | One Elk                  |

**NOTE:** ▲ All hunters must submit biological samples from elk harvested in the following GHAs - 13, 13A, part of 18 and 18B west of PR 366, 18A, 18C, part of 22 west of PTH 83, 23 and 23A.
**BLACK BEAR SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS**

**Licences**

Note: All fees listed below include the federal goods and services tax (GST).

- Resident: $31.00
- Non-resident: $103.00
- Foreign resident: $217.00

NOTE: The black bear licence is valid in both spring and fall seasons. Only one black bear may be harvested per year.  
*It is illegal to purchase more than one licence of the same type for the same hunting year.*

**Bear Hunting**

- It is illegal to kill a cub (young of the year) or a female bear with cubs.
- Hunting black bears within 100 metres of any man-made clearing surrounding any garbage dump is prohibited. However, in a provincial park, black bears may not be hunted within 300 metres of a garbage dump.
- Baits must be clearly identified with the name and address of the hunter, guide or outfitter.
- Baits may not be placed within:
  - 200 metres of a road or dwelling
  - 500 metres of a cottage subdivision or a Crown land picnic site or campground
  - 100 metres of Riding Mountain National Park
- Baits on Crown land may not exceed 100 kilograms of meat and/or fish.
- Baits shall not contain the head, hooves, hide, mammary glands or internal organs of livestock.
- In GHAs 23 and 23A:
  - baits may not be placed between June 17 and August 13, 2012 and between October 14, 2012 and April 8, 2013
  - baiting equipment on Crown land must be removed from the bait site within 5 days after the closure of both spring and fall seasons.
- If you harvest a big game animal wearing an ear-tag that contains phone number 1-204-945-7771, this animal was chemically immobilized in the past using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for the consumption of meat from immobilized animals. Please call the number identified on the ear tag for specific details on the recommended consumption of meat from your animal.

NOTE: It is illegal to possess bear gall bladders in Manitoba.

**Foreign Resident**

- Foreign resident black bear hunters must book their hunt through a registered lodge or outfitter authorized to outfit foreign resident black bear hunters.
- Foreign resident black bear hunters must be accompanied by a licensed Manitoba guide. No more than three hunters may use the services of a guide at the same time.
- Foreign resident bear hunters must only use the services of the outfitter specified on their hunting licence.
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) export permits are required before transporting a black bear out of Canada. A CITES export permit is not required if the hunter is personally transporting his/her fresh, frozen or salted black bear hide, the black bear hide with paws and claws attached, the skull or the meat of a black bear into the United States. Black bear paws and claws that are detached from the hide must be accompanied by a CITES permit. See page 12 for more information.

**BLACK BEAR BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES ARE NO LONGER BEING COLLECTED**

**BEAR HUNTERS!**

Help manage your bear populations by completing the Big Game Hunter Questionnaire! See pages 60 and 61 for details.
IDENTIFYING FEMALE BLACK BEARS

On average, in the spring, an adult male will typically weigh about 80-90 kg (175-200 lbs.), while an adult female will be 55-70 kg (125-150 lbs.) and a yearling, 15-30 kg (35-60 lbs.). Large males, 115+ kg (250+lbs.), will measure a foot taller than a 170 litre (45 gallon) bait barrel that’s lying on its side. To assist hunters to differentiate between a female and male black bear, the following characteristics are presented:

Adult females tend to:
• be smaller and leaner looking
• appear as long as they are tall
• have elongated muzzles, flatter looking foreheads and bigger looking ears
• have a tuft of gathered hair angling down and outward from the vulva, which is immediately below the tail
• urinate toward the rear
• be more cautious entering a bait site
• have enlarged mammaries when nursing
• have a visible vulva when “in heat” – peak being June

Adult males tend to:
• have blockier, more rectangular bodies
• have big-looking front feet
• have wider, rounder and muscular heads, necks and shoulders, and ears that look smaller and farther apart
• have a crease or furrow running down the centre of the forehead
• have a penis sheath hanging down in front of the hind legs
• have testicles between the hind legs
• urinate toward the front
• be less cautious entering a bait site

BLACK BEAR SEASONS

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NOTE: GHAs 13 and 18 are open for the spring season only.
GHA 34A is an archery only season and is open for residents only.
GHA 34B is an archery only season for residents, non-residents and foreign residents.
In GHA 17A, Designated Route restrictions will apply to fall black bear hunters from September 17 to October 14.

NOTE: Black bear hunters are exempt from wearing hunter orange during the spring season but are required to do so during the fall season.
CARIBOU SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

Licences

Note: All fees listed below include the federal goods and services tax (GST).

- Resident $47.00
- Second Caribou Licence (resident) $103.00
- Non-resident $360.00
- Foreign resident $360.00
- Second Caribou Licence (non-resident and foreign resident) $360.00

It is illegal to purchase more than one licence of the same type for the same hunting year.

Resident

- Resident caribou licences are offered for GHAs 1, 2 and 3, and are available beginning the first Thursday of June.
- These licences are limited in quantity and are sold on a first-come/first-served basis.
- All GHA 1 resident caribou licences (first and second) will be pooled for sale on a first-come/first-served basis until all available licences are sold. If you want a second licence you must purchase one when you purchase your first licence. There will be a total of 350 resident caribou licences available for the fall season and a total of 450 resident caribou licences for the winter season.

- Licences are available at the following Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship offices: Winnipeg, The Pas, Thompson, Leaf Rapids, Gillam, Churchill and Lynn Lake, or by mail (see page 7, Licences By Mail). Note: The Pas is not a vendor for GHA 3 caribou licences.

Non-resident and Foreign Resident

- Non-resident and foreign resident caribou hunters must book their hunt through a registered lodge or outfitter, authorized to outfit non-resident and foreign resident caribou hunters.
- Non-resident and foreign resident caribou hunters must be accompanied by a licensed Manitoba guide. No more than three hunters may use the services of a guide at the same time.
- Non-resident and foreign resident caribou hunters must only use the services of the outfitter specified on their hunting licence.

Attention: The date for purchasing caribou licences in Game Hunting Area 1, 2, and 3 is the 1st Thursday of June. For the licence year of 2012 the date will be June 7.

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**NOTE:** Kaskatamagan WMA, in GHA 3, is closed to caribou hunting from August 27 to September 30.

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**NOTE:** The Second Caribou Licence is valid only in GHA 1 and only for the season specified on the GHA 1 First Caribou Licence. The GHA 1 First Caribou Licence must be in the hunter’s possession. Only one Second Caribou Licence may be purchased per year. The Second Caribou Licence may be used first.

CARIBOU HUNTERS!
Help manage your caribou populations by completing the Big Game Hunter Questionnaire! See pages 60 and 61 for details.
GRAY WOLF AND COYOTE SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

Licences

Gray wolves and coyotes can be hunted under the authority of any big game licence, and as such, there are no tagging requirements. The hunter’s big game licence number is all that is required to possess a wolf or coyote taken under the authority of that licence. Hunters are reminded that the tag affixed to a big game licence (bear, deer, moose, elk, or caribou) must be used for that big game species (bear, deer, moose, elk or caribou).

Resident

A resident may hunt gray wolves and coyotes in any valid GHA during the wolf and coyote season if they possess any big game hunting licence for the current licence year. However, if hunting in a GHA while the area is open to deer, elk, moose, black bear or caribou hunting, the wolf or coyote hunter must have an unused deer, elk, moose, black bear or caribou game tag (personal or party), which is valid for that area, species and time period. Where the deer, elk, moose, black bear or caribou hunting seasons are closed, a resident may hunt wolves or coyotes provided he/she is in possession of a used or unused deer, elk, moose, black bear or caribou licence.

Wolf Baiting Restrictions

Baits must be clearly identified with the name and address of the hunter, guide or outfitter.

• Baits may not be placed within:
  – 200 metres of a road or dwelling
  – 500 metres of a cottage subdivision or a Crown land picnic site or campground
• Baits on Crown land may not exceed 100 kilograms of meat and/or fish.
• Baits shall not contain the head, hooves, hide, mammary glands or internal organs of livestock.

Non-resident and Foreign Resident

• A non-resident and a foreign resident may hunt gray wolves and coyotes during the wolf and coyote season only if they possess an unused deer, moose, black bear or caribou game tag (personal or party), which is valid for that area, species and time period.
• Foreign resident gray wolf and coyote hunters must be accompanied by a licensed Manitoba guide. No more than three hunters may use the services of a guide at the same time.
• Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) export permits are required before transporting a gray wolf out of Canada. See page 12 for more details.
**Gray Wolf Seasons**

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**New Licence Eligibility Requirements**

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*The bag limit in GHAs 18 - 18C and 26 is two wolves. Hunters who harvest a wolf in these GHAs are requested to submit: the lower jaw, with teeth attached; a 2.5 sq. cm (1” x 1”) sample of hide with at least 50 guard hairs from the groin or upper hind leg; and a 5 cm (2”) cube of muscle to any Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office. When submitting your sample, you will be expected to provide the date of kill, exact location of the kill, sex and contact information. **Note:** The gray wolf hunting season is closed in GHAs 23 and 23A and there is no season in GHA 38.

**Coyote Season**

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GAME BIRD HUNTING GENERAL REGULATIONS

Hunting Hours
Hunting and the discharge of any firearm is permitted only from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Sunday Hunting
Sunday hunting is permitted during all game bird seasons in all provincial GHAs.

Hunters are advised to check with the municipality in which they plan to hunt, as some municipalities have by-laws prohibiting or restricting the discharge of firearms or bows on Sunday.

Firearms

PELLET GUNS AND RIMFIRE RIFLES
A pellet gun or rimfire rifle (e.g., .17 or .22 calibre) may be used to hunt upland game birds. They cannot be used to hunt wild turkey or migratory game birds.

CENTREFIRE RIFLES
A centrefire rifle cannot be used to hunt upland game birds, wild turkey or migratory game birds.

SHOTGUNS
A shotgun may be used to hunt upland game birds, wild turkey or migratory game birds.

For upland game bird, wild turkey or migratory game bird hunting, the magazine of a shotgun must be plugged or altered to carry no more than two shells.

The following additional restrictions apply to migratory game bird hunters:

- Non-toxic shot is mandatory.
- A shotgun larger than ten gauge cannot be used.
- No more than one shotgun may be possessed in the field at one time unless each additional shotgun is unloaded and disassembled or cased.

MUZZLELOADERS
A muzzleloading shotgun may be used to hunt upland game birds, wild turkey or migratory game birds.

A muzzleloader firing a single projectile (including a sabot) cannot be used to hunt upland game birds, wild turkey or migratory game birds.

BOWS
Bows may be used during the upland game bird, wild turkey or migratory game bird seasons. A bowhunter hunting wild turkey must not be in possession of a long bow or recurved bow requiring less than 18.1 kg (40 lbs.) draw weight at 71 cm (28 in.) draw; or a compound bow set at less than 18.1 kg (40 lbs.) peak draw weight; or an arrow using a broadhead point less than 2.2 cm (7/8 in.) in width.

CROSSBOWS
A hunter cannot be in possession of a crossbow while hunting migratory game birds. A hunter may use a crossbow to hunt wild turkey or upland game birds. A person hunting wild turkey or upland game birds shall not be in possession of a crossbow requiring less than 68 kg (150 lbs.) draw weight or an arrow using a broadhead point less than 2.2 cm (7/8 in.) in width.

LOADED FIREARMS
A person may not have or carry a loaded firearm in or on any vehicle or discharge a firearm from any vehicle. A rifle or shotgun is considered loaded if it has a live shell or cartridge in the chamber, attached magazine or loading mechanism. A muzzleloader, with a charge in the barrel, may be transported between hunting sites only if the firing cap is removed or, in the case of a flintlock, the flint is removed.

Retrieval and Wastage of Game
A hunter who kills or injures a game bird must make every reasonable effort to immediately retrieve it. Injured game birds must be immediately killed upon retrieval. It is illegal to abandon or spoil the meat of a game bird. If a wounded game bird enters an area where hunter access is restricted, contact the local authority (landowner, Park Warden) or a Natural Resource Officer before entry into the area.

Decoys, Electronic Calls and Bait
Migratory game birds may not be baited with grain or artificial food nor may live decoys be used. Electronic calls may be used during the Conservation Snow Goose Season (April 1 to May 31 in all GBHZs and August 15 to 31 in GBHZ 1) and during the fall general Migratory Game Bird Hunting Season with the condition only snow goose recordings may be used. There are no longer any restrictions on the type of decoys that may be used with electronic snow goose recordings.

Hunters may take any migratory game bird for which there is an open season while using electronic snow goose calls.

Electronic calls are prohibited when hunting wild turkey.
**Hunter Dress**

During the general (rifle) deer season, upland game bird hunters must meet the hunter dress requirements, which include a hunter orange garment and hat.

The hat must be solid hunter orange except that it may have a crest or logo not exceeding 78 sq. cm (12 sq. in.) provided that it does not completely cover the hunter orange on the side where the crest or logo is affixed.

The outer garment must consist of not less than 2,580 sq. cm (400 sq. in.) of hunter orange material, above the waist and visible from all sides. Hunter orange body camouflage is legal if the hunter orange portion meets the above requirement. The remaining outer clothing colour is optional.

Upland game bird hunters are encouraged to wear hunter orange at all times.

**Shot Requirements**

The possession or use of lead shot while hunting migratory game birds, except for woodcock, is prohibited. For further information, hunters may contact Environment Canada at 204-983-5263, or visit their website at www.ec.gc.ca/alef-ewe/

The use of lead shot is permitted for hunting upland game birds, woodcock and wild turkey.

**Dogs**

Dogs may be used to hunt upland game birds and migratory game birds. Foreign residents wanting to bring their hunting dogs into Canada should contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at www.inspection.gc.ca/english/toce.shtml for information on permits. Dogs may not be used by or accompany wild turkey hunters.

Dog handlers should be aware that trappers, private landowners and pasture managers may be legally using lethal trapping devices to harvest furbearers or protect their property. Contact the owner or management authority of the lands on which you plan to hunt to inquire if such devices are present.

**Leg Bands and Tags**

Leg bands, neck collars, plastic leg bands, and wing tags should be reported to the telephone number/address on the band or to any Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office.

Information from bands or tags found on wild turkeys should be reported to:

- Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship’s Wild Turkey Band Hotline, toll-free 1-877-231-7787
- the Wildlife Branch, Box 24 – 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3J 3W3.

Migratory game bird bands should be reported to the Bird Band Laboratory, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 1-800-327-2263 or through their website at www.reportband.gov.

Please provide your name, address, date found, location (distance from the nearest town), how obtained (shot bird, found dead) and the bird species. You will receive a certificate detailing the banding information.

**Bait Stations and Lure Crops**

The department operates bait stations and lure crops to prevent wildlife damage to agricultural crops. These sites are active and are identified by signs. It is illegal to hunt migratory game birds or possess a firearm within 400 metres of such a site during the time that it is posted.

Unloaded firearms may be transported through the area on a public road.

**Tree Stands and Blinds**

Any tree stand or blind on Crown land must be clearly identified with the name and address of the person who placed it. Tree stands or blinds can only be left overnight on Crown lands for the purpose of hunting deer, moose, elk, caribou, black bear and wild turkey. Tree stands and blinds being used to hunt deer, moose, elk, caribou, black bear and wild turkey can be placed up to two weeks before the season they are intended to be used for and all parts of tree stands and blinds on Crown land must be removed within two weeks of the close of the hunting season for which they are used. Tree stands and blinds can be used to hunt any other legally hunted wildlife as long as they are removed from Crown lands and taken with the hunter when they are finished hunting for the day.

**Vehicle Regulations**

It is illegal to hunt from a vehicle. Persons using vehicles for any purpose associated with hunting are reminded that hazards may exist on some of the roads and trails. The safe operation of any vehicle is the responsibility of the operator.

A vehicle is any mechanical device propelled or driven by any means other than human power and includes cars, trucks, power boats, aircraft and off-road vehicles (ORVs).

A wagon, cart or sled is considered a vehicle if it is pulled by a horse or other animal.

A horse is not considered a vehicle if it carries a hunter or equipment on its back.

A power boat is not a vehicle if the motor is not in operation and all progress caused by the motor has stopped.
RESTRICTED VEHICLE USE AREAS

Hunters should note a number of vehicle restrictions exist for game bird hunters in some Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and other designated areas. They are as follows:

- **Brandon Hills WMA (in GHA 30):** Vehicles are prohibited.
- **Broomhill WMA (in GHA 27):** Vehicles may not be used for any purpose during the upland game bird season.
- **Delta Marsh (in GHA 25B, as shown on Director of Survey Plan No. 20226):** Power boats may not be used.
- **Dog Lake WMA (in GHA 25):** Vehicles and power boats may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting.
- **Grant’s Lake WMA (in GHA 25B):** All vehicles must use built-up roads.
- **Inwood WMA (in GHA 25B):** Vehicles may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting.
- **Lake Francis WMA (in GHA 25B):** Power boats may not be used.
- **Lauder Sandhills WMA (in GHA 28):** Vehicles are restricted to designated trails between April 1 and November 30.
- **Marshy Point WMA (in GHA 25A):** Vehicles may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting.
- **Pierson WMA Frank W. Boyd Unit (in GHA 27):** Vehicles may not be used in the Frank W. Boyd unit during the upland game bird seasons.
- **Portage Sandhills WMA (in GHA 32):** Vehicles are prohibited between March 1 and November 30.
- **St. Malo WMA (in GHA 35A):** Vehicles may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting.

- **Souris River Bend WMA (in GHA 28):** Vehicles are restricted to designated trails between April 1 and November 30.
- **Watson P. Davidson WMA (in GHA 35):** Vehicles may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting.
- **Whitewater Lake WMA (in GHA 28):** Power boats may not be used for any purpose connected with hunting.

Vehicle restrictions exist in most provincial parks. Contact the nearest Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office for more information.

Possession and Transportation of Game Birds

**UPLAND GAME BIRDS**

Upland game birds taken by one person cannot be possessed or transported or shipped by another person unless the birds are accompanied by a statement signed by the person who killed them showing the licensee’s name, address, licence number and date of kill.

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

Migratory game birds taken by one person cannot be possessed or transported or shipped by another person unless a tag signed by the licensee is attached to the carcass indicating the licensee’s name and address, migratory game bird hunting permit number and date of kill.

Migratory game birds may be possessed and transported or shipped only if one fully feathered wing is attached to each bird.
and may only be shipped during the open season or within five days of its close. After five days, an export permit is required. For more information contact Environment Canada at 204-983-5263.

**SHIPPING**

The contents of any package containing wild animals or parts of wild animals must be marked with a complete description of the contents on the outside of the package. Packages containing migratory game birds must also be marked with the hunter’s name, address and migratory game bird hunting permit number.

**Exporting Game Birds from Manitoba**

All game bird hunting licences are valid to export game birds from Manitoba subject to the information described above in Possession and Transportation of Game Birds and the following conditions:

- A possession limit of upland game birds belonging to the licence holder may be exported up to thirty days after the season closes (five days for migratory game birds), while the birds are in the personal possession of the licence holder.
- If a person other than the licence holder wishes to export the birds, an export permit must first be obtained.

Foreign resident hunters should note that in order to import birds into the United States, the birds must be in the possession of the licence holder.

**Summary of Game Bird Licence Sales 2009-2011**

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* Note data for 2011 is valid to Feb 29, 2012

**Export Permit Eligibility and Availability**

Export permit application forms are available through all Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship offices and may be issued only to a person who lawfully possesses a bird or part. This means that the applicant must have a hunting licence, any associated game tag or other acceptable written proof that the game bird or part was lawfully acquired.

Please allow 28 working days for permit processing.

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**ATTENTION HUNTERS**

Starting January 1, 2012, all hunters in Manitoba will require a Hunter Education card or certificate when purchasing any type of Manitoba hunting licence.

[www.HUNTERcourse.com](http://www.HUNTERcourse.com)
UPLAND GAME BIRD SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

Licences

Note: All fees listed below include the federal goods and services tax (GST).

- Deer and Game Bird Licence (Youth) Resident: $10.00
- Resident Game Bird: $22.00
- Non-resident Game Bird: $83.00
- Foreign resident Game Bird: $155.00

*It is illegal to purchase more than one licence of the same type for the same hunting year.*

Senior Citizens Game Bird Hunting

Residents who are 65 years of age or older do not require a provincial Game Bird Licence if they carry proof of age and residency while hunting. This does not include wild turkey.

All regulations and bag limits for the GHA in which they are hunting remain in effect.

Landowners

The owner or occupier of private land and immediate family members (spouse and children) may hunt upland game birds in season (excluding wild turkey) on that land without a provincial Game Bird Licence. All regulations and bag limits for the GHA in which they are hunting remain in effect. If hunting elsewhere, a provincial Game Bird Licence must be purchased.

Non-resident and Foreign Resident

Non-residents and foreign residents, hunting upland game birds, are not required to use the services of an outfitter or guide.

UPLAND GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

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* In GHAs 19, 19B, 22 - 24, 27 - 33 the sharp-tailed grouse bag limit is 4 daily or 8 in possession.
**WILD TURKEY SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS**

**Licences**

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Note: The wild turkey licence is valid in both spring and fall seasons. Only one wild turkey may be harvested per year.

*It is illegal to purchase more than one licence of the same type for the same hunting year.*

**Non-resident and Foreign Resident**

There is no wild turkey hunting season for non-residents and foreign residents.

**Landowners**

A landowner must purchase a wild turkey licence to hunt wild turkey.

**Game Tags**

When a wild turkey kill is made, the hunter must immediately cut out the month and date of kill on the game tag. If the hunter maintains actual possession of the wild turkey, affixing the cut out game tag may be delayed until the wild turkey has been taken to a means of transportation. Immediately upon reaching such transportation, the cut out tag must be securely attached to the wild turkey.

Game tags should be affixed in a manner that allows them to be seen and inspected at any time.

**Party Hunting**

Wild turkey hunters may hunt in a party of two persons.

A youth hunter who holds a Wild Turkey Youth Licence can only form a party with the licensed adult supervisor.

When one hunter bags a wild turkey and uses their game tag, both party members may continue to hunt as a party until both tags have been used, provided that each party member has signed and indicated their hunting licence number in ink on the back of the hunting licence of the other party member. Hunters must remain in a position to be readily identified as party hunters searching for the same species (verbal hailing distance without the aid of electronic devices, such as but not limited to cell phones or walkie talkies). The hunter with the unused tag must be present. A licensee may form only one party.

**WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS**

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*NOTE: * Both wild turkey licences are valid in both spring and fall seasons. Only one wild turkey may be taken for the year.

*NOTE: ** The Youth Wild Turkey Licence is valid for all wild turkey seasons. A youth who purchases a Youth Wild Turkey Licence cannot purchase a Regular Wild Turkey Licence.
Migratory Game Bird Licensing Requirements

A Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp is required by all migratory game bird hunters. Hunters (excluding residents 65 years of age or older) hunting migratory game birds must also possess a provincial Game Bird Licence or Deer and Game Bird Licence (Youth). The federal permit and stamp are available at most Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship offices and regular vendor outlets, in addition to most Canada Post offices. This federal permit and associated conservation stamp are used by the Canadian Wildlife Service to select hunters for national migratory game bird surveys to determine hunter activity and species harvest. Revenue from permit sales is used across Canada for wildlife conservation projects.

Licences

Note: All fees listed below include the federal goods and services tax (GST).

- Deer and Game Bird Licence (Youth) Resident: $10.00
- Resident Game Bird: $22.00
- Non-resident Game Bird: $83.00
- Foreign resident Game Bird: $155.00
- Canada Migratory Game Bird Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp: $17.00 (plus GST)

*It is illegal to purchase more than one licence of the same type for the same hunting year.*

Landowners

When hunting migratory game birds, a landowner or occupier must have a provincial Game Bird Licence and the Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp.

Non-resident and Foreign Resident

Non-residents and foreign residents, hunting migratory game birds, do not require the services of an outfitter or guide.

Managed Hunting Areas for Waterfowl

Printed information on the Oak Hammock and Grant’s Lake MHAs, outlining regulations and procedures, is available at 200 Saulteaux Crescent in Winnipeg (204-945-6784 or 1-800-214-6497) or on our website at www.manitoba.ca/conservation/wildlife/hunting/index.html

Please note, the below regulation changes have been made in Managed Hunting Areas.

**Oak Hammock Managed Hunting Area (OHMHA)**
- The restriction on the maximum number of days individuals can hunt in the OHMHA has been removed
- A maximum of 6 hunters are now permitted per ¼ section of land
- A maximum of 4 hunters are now permitted on land less than a ¼ section in size

**Grants Lake Managed Hunting Area (GLMHA)**
- The number of crown land posts has been reduced to 20
- A maximum of 6 hunters are now permitted per ¼ section of land
- A maximum of 4 hunters are now permitted on land less than a ¼ section in size
**Woodcock Season**

Beginning in 2012, woodcock may be hunted in GBHZ 3 and 4. Please note this season and bag and possession limits are pending approval from Environment Canada and is expected after the publication of this guide. Please check the Migratory Game Bird hunting regulation summaries to confirm season dates and bag limits; these are available when you purchase your Canada Migratory Game Bird Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp.

Woodcock are migratory birds that are slightly larger than snipe. They are a mottled brown color, with a long bill, large eyes, and rounded wings. Woodcock prefer moist, young forests and thickets where they forage on earthworms and a variety of insects. Like ruffed grouse, they are also found along edges of mature woodlands. Woodcock are particularly abundant in Southeastern Manitoba and parts of the Interlake.

**Spring 2013 Conservation Snow Goose Season**

Hunters should note the Conservation Snow Goose Season opens on April 1. To participate in this season, hunters require the 2013 provincial Game Bird Licence and the 2012 Canada Migratory Game Bird Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp. The 2013 Spring Conservation Snow Goose Season will be extended to June 15 in GBHZ 1.

**Waterfowler Heritage Days**

Waterfowler Heritage Days provide qualifying resident youth 12 to 17 years of age with the opportunity to hunt ducks and geese during a special season.

Waterfowler Heritage Days provide an educational opportunity during a special season and helps to ensure a high quality learning experience for youth interested in hunting.

Waterfowler Heritage Days **commence on September 1 and close on September 7** in GBHZ’s 2, 3 and 4. During this season, youth **do not require** a provincial Game Bird Licence or a Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit or Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp. Youth hunters 12 to 17 years of age, who have passed the Manitoba Hunter Education course, may hunt ducks and geese during this special season.

Youth must be accompanied by an adult mentor who may supervise up to two youth hunters at one time. Youth hunters must abide by all other regulations and bag limits set for the waterfowl season in the GBHZ in which they are hunting. Adult mentors require a hunter education certificate or any valid hunting licence and must possess a Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp. Adults mentoring youth during Waterfowler Heritage Days may not carry a firearm in the field or hunt migratory game birds.

**Mentored Waterfowl Hunts**

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, in co-operation with several non-government organizations and groups, offers Manitoba youth and first-time hunters the opportunity to participate in an organized mentored waterfowl hunt at several locations in the province.

Youth and first-time hunters must register and participate in an education and training session prior to the actual hunt and are accompanied in the field by an experienced mentor.

For more information on participation in this outdoor experience, please contact the Manitoba Wildlife Federation at 204-633-5967, Delta Waterfowl Foundation at 204-956-7766, or Ducks Unlimited Canada at 204-467-3249.

**CITES**

- The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) export permits are required before transporting sandhill cranes out of Canada.
- A CITES export permit is not required if the hunter is transporting sandhill cranes (or any part) into the United States. The sandhill crane (or any part) must be in the hunter’s possession and must be fresh, frozen or salted.
- For information regarding CITES, call 1-800-668-6767 or visit www.cites.ec.gc.ca
### Game Bird Regulations

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#### Resident Youth Hunting

**Waterfowler Heritage Days (see page 52)** GBHZ 2, 3 & 4 Sept. 1 – Sept. 7 Duck and goose bag limits are the same as the Resident season for that particular GBHZ.

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* In GBHZ 4 not more than 4 daily or 12 in possession may be canvasbacks or redheads or a combination of the two species.

Morning-only goose hunting for foreign resident hunters: In GBHZ 4 and GHAs 13A, 14, 14A, part 16, 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 19, 19A, 19B, 20, 21A, 23A, and 25 goose hunting is restricted to morning only (1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon) up to and including Sunday, October 14. Beginning Monday, October 15, geese may be hunted all day. During the first week of the foreign resident white goose season (Sept. 17 - Sept. 23) hunters may hunt white geese all day.

** Please note this season and bag and possession limits are pending approval from Environment Canada and are expected after the publication of this guide. Please check the Migratory Game Bird hunting regulation summaries to confirm season dates and bag limits; these are available when you purchase your Canada Migratory Game Bird Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp.
## 2013 – 2015 Future Hunting Season Opening Dates

Opening dates for the 2013-2015 Hunting Seasons will generally be as follows:

- These dates will only be changed if wildlife populations experience a significant and unexpected decline.
- Each year most seasons open one day earlier than the previous year to allow the season to open on the same day of the week. After five or six years, a roll-back is required to prevent much earlier opening dates.
- In GBHZs 3 & 4, the foreign resident general waterfowl season will commence each year on September 24.

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Legend:
- **GBHZ** Game Bird Hunting Zone
- **BHZ** Bear Hunting Zone
- **GHA** Game Hunting Area
- **DHZ** Deer Hunting Zone
- **WHZ** Wolf Hunting Zone
Handling and Preparing Wild Meat

Hunters can be assured that any wild game they harvest is safe to eat by following a few simple precautions:

- Avoid contact with any wild animal that appears to be sick.
- During field dressing:
  - Wear disposable rubber or latex gloves.
  - Thoroughly wash hands and tools afterwards with soap and warm water.
  - Alcohol-based hand-cleaner can be used if hands are not visibly dirty.
  - Dispose of bird remains after field dressing in a way that will prevent scavengers from contacting them.
  - Avoid handling and consuming brain, eye, lymphatic or spinal cord tissue.
- Cool meat immediately to a temperature of 4°C or lower.
- When preparing and cooking wild game use common food handling techniques:
  - Thaw and marinate meats in the refrigerator.
  - Never refreeze thawed meat.
  - Use a meat thermometer to ensure wild game is properly cooked, as a general rule, cook wild game until the juices run clear.

Wildlife Health and Disease

The vast majority of Manitoba’s wildlife is very healthy. Natural selection, through predation, ensures that only the healthiest of wild animals survive. Sick, diseased, or injured wild animals are quickly killed and eaten by a wide variety of predators, including wolves and coyotes. This natural process ensures the overall health of Manitoba’s wildlife.

Diseases can significantly affect wildlife populations in situations where natural habitat and environmental conditions have been altered. An example is the loss of natural habitat for elk through land clearing and agricultural activities. The situation becomes worse when elk, while searching for browse, encounter rich food sources such as hay bales left in fields over the winter. Elk may crowd together to feed on this forage, thereby increasing the chance of disease transmission.

Monitoring Disease Occurrences in Wildlife

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship will continue to monitor the occurrence of diseases in wildlife so that steps can be taken to reduce their impact. Hunters are encouraged to report any die-offs of animals encountered, including birds, to the nearest Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office.

BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES - COMPULSORY

By law, hunters are required to submit biological samples of elk and deer taken in certain Game Hunting Areas (GHAs) to Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship (see page 57). Samples are assessed for disease as part of the monitoring efforts. Hunters who fail to submit these samples will be prosecuted. Please note that if the necessary sample targets are not achieved through hunter submissions, the removal of elk and deer by Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship after the hunting seasons may be required.

Samples are required from elk and deer taken in GHAs 5, 6, 6A, 11, 12, 13, 13A, part of 18 and 18B west of PR 366, 18A, 18C, part of 22 west of PTH 83, 23 and 23A.

Provisions have been made so hunters may retain their antlers attached to bone plate and cape and still fulfill legal requirements to submit samples. The head, lungs and windpipe are not needed for a mount. Before submitting the required biological sample, the animal should be caped, and the antlers and bone plate removed from the remainder of the head. The remaining head, lungs and windpipe may then be submitted to a Drop-off Depot. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship allows hunters 48 hours from the time of the kill to submit samples to accommodate these actions.

When removing antlers a shallow v-notch cut should be made through the skull. This cut should be no deeper than the midpoint of the eye socket. Please ensure that any tissues, for example brain matter, that may become detached using this method, are included with the remainder of the sample. Hunters should note tagging requirements stipulate that the head and antlers be labelled with a single tag provided with the hunting licence. Therefore, hunters should take care to keep the antlers with the head until the sample is submitted, or contact Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship for clarification.

Samples may be submitted to any of the following Drop-off Depots during regular business hours in the hunting seasons:

- Benito Meats – Benito
- Twin Valley Co-op – Birtle
- Westmore Corner Store – Dauphin
- Burdeniuk’s Service – Ethelbert
- Plains Convenience & Gas Bar – Gilbert Plains
- J & D Corner Store – Grandview
- H.L. & K. Enterprises Ltd. – Grandview
- Mafeking Gas & Grocery – Mafeking
- Five & Fifty Sales & Service – McCreary
- Miniota C-Store – Miniota
- Olha General Store – Olha
- The No. 5 Store – Riding Mountain
- 3-Way Service – Roblin

Notice to Hunters
When a hunter submits a sample they will be issued an official receipt. It is the hunters’ responsibility to ensure that all relevant information is recorded accurately on the receipt. A copy of the receipt (white) must be retained by the hunter (or partner) as proof that the sample has been submitted.

MANITOBA CONSERVATION AND WATER STEWARDSHIP APPRECIATES HUNTER CO-OPERATION

Hunters who submit elk and deer samples under the bovine tuberculosis and chronic wasting disease program will receive a token of appreciation when samples are submitted and will have their name entered into a draw for a prize.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS (TB) IN ELK AND DEER

The bovine TB surveillance program in elk and deer will continue in 2012. In order to detect changes in the prevalence rate for this disease in these species, the number of samples needed for testing has increased. Failure to meet sample targets through hunter submissions may result in actions to collect additional samples. Therefore, it is important that all hunters who harvest a deer or an elk in these GHAs submit samples as required by regulation. Hunters are required to submit the following samples within 48 hours:

- The complete head, upper neck, lungs and trachea (windpipe) of elk and deer shot during the hunting seasons in the Riding Mountain area (GHAs 23 and 23A)
- Samples must be delivered to a Drop-Off Depot (listed on pages 55 and 56).
- Hunters should immediately report any small, pea-sized lumps in the rib cage or lungs of elk and deer.

All hunters are required by regulation to submit samples to Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship through a Drop-off Depot (listed on pages 55 and 56). Hunters are requested to avoid taking elk and deer that have been fitted with radio-collars. These marked animals are important to the success of the ecological studies of elk and deer.
GENERAL INFORMATION

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)
CWD has not been detected in Manitoba. It has been found in Saskatchewan and Alberta, and in many of the mid-western United States. The disease seems to be spreading in many jurisdictions, including Saskatchewan and Alberta, and remains a significant problem in wild deer in those provinces. An ongoing risk assessment of the disease in adjacent jurisdictions is continuing.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, in co-operation with Parks Canada and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, is again actively collecting and testing the following elk and deer samples for the presence of this disease;

• The complete head and upper neck of elk and deer harvested during the hunting seasons in GHAs 5, 6, 6A, 11, 12, 13, 13A, part of 18 and 18B west of PR 366, 18A, and part of 22 west of PTH 83.
• Elk and deer submitted for testing under the Bovine TB surveillance program will also be tested for CWD.

If you see a deer or elk with CWD symptoms, including extreme weight loss, repetitive behaviour, drooping head and ears, and drooling, you should note the precise location and contact the nearest Manitoba Conservation office.

All hunters are required by regulation to submit samples to Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship through a Drop-off Depot (see pages 55 and 56).

Please visit our website manitoba.ca/conservation/wildlife/disease/index.html for further details.

WHAT ELSE IS BEING DONE BY MANITOBA CONSERVATION?

• The importation into Manitoba of native and exotic cervids is prohibited.
• The possession of scents and other substances that contain urine, faeces, saliva or scent glands of cervids, is prohibited.
• It is illegal to bring into Manitoba a cervid (deer, elk, moose or caribou) that has been killed in another province or state without first removing the head, hide, hooves, mammary glands, entrails, internal organs, and spinal column. These parts must remain in the place of origin. Antlers and connecting bone plate that have been detached from the remainder of the skull and has had all hide and other tissue removed, may be brought into the province, provided the bone plate and antler bases are treated with a solution of not less than two per cent (2%) chlorine. Raw capes and hides that have been detached from the animals must be placed in a sealed waterproof container to ensure that no fluids, tissue or hair can escape. Once this process has been done, they may be brought into the province provided that they are delivered, within five (5) days of entry, to a taxidermist or a licensed facility for chemical processing into a tanned product.
• Feeding and attracting cervids in the Bovine TB and CWD Surveillance Zones is prohibited. Baiting of cervids for the purpose of hunting is illegal in Manitoba.
• These restrictions apply to everyone, including First Nations and Metis people.

Trichinosis
Trichinosis is a serious human disease caused by a parasite found in some wildlife species in Manitoba, including black bears. Wild animals rarely show signs of infection with the parasite causing the disease. Hunters are advised to ensure that all bear meat being prepared for consumption is well cooked.

Avian Influenza Information for Hunters
Avian influenza (bird flu), is a general term for a number of “flu-like” diseases caused by viruses that primarily infect domestic poultry and certain wild birds including various species of waterfowl. Avian influenza viruses of many types are commonly found in healthy migratory birds and cause no ill effects to wild bird populations. However, some forms of avian influenza (bird flu), such as the Asian H5N1 type are more virulent and are of more concern from a human health standpoint.

The risk to humans from avian influenza is extremely low and hunters should follow some simple, common sense precautions when handling wild birds. Please refer to Handling and Preparing Wild Meat on page 51.

If sick or dead waterfowl (ducks, geese, swans), or shorebirds (plovers, sandpipers) are found, especially in groups of three (3) or more, contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at 204-984-6203 or Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship at 1-800-214-6497 or 945-6784 in Winnipeg.
In 2007, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship introduced new licence eligibility requirements found in the *Hunter Education Regulation MR 128/2007*.

Effective January 1, 2012 the same mandatory hunter education requirements that apply to all first-time hunters and everyone under the age of 19 will apply to everybody when purchasing a hunting licence. Therefore, all hunters wishing to purchase any Manitoba hunting licence must possess one of the following:

1) a valid certificate or card that certifies the successful completion of the Manitoba Hunter Education Course or the old Hunter & Firearm Safety Training Course;

OR

2) a valid equivalent Hunter Education certificate or card from any other jurisdiction; OR

3) a valid certificate issued under the authority of subsection 4(4) of the *Hunter Education Regulation, MR 128/2007* to a person who makes a written declaration that he or she has lawfully held a hunting licence in Manitoba or in another jurisdiction before January 1, 1975. If you believe you qualify for this exemption, please complete the declaration form found on page 59 of the Hunting Guide and mail it to the Wildlife Permits Clerk at the address noted on the form. If you qualify, a certificate will be mailed out. Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for processing.

If you have previously taken either the Manitoba Hunter Education Course or the old Hunter & Firearm Safety Training Course and you no longer have your card, your first step is to contact the Manitoba Wildlife Federation to obtain a replacement. If you are not on file, you may still qualify for the Hunter Education certificate under MR 128/2007 (see point 3 above).

Many jurisdictions in Canada and the United States have client cards that state the bearer is eligible to obtain a hunting licence in that province or state. If the card provides evidence that you have graduated from a hunter training course, then it could be considered a Hunter Education Certificate.

Please note that the Canadian Firearms Safety Course and the Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) do not meet the Hunter Education requirement.

Check with your local wildlife department to access a course or obtain a replacement certificate or card if a course was previously taken. In Manitoba, please contact:

Manitoba Wildlife Federation
70 Stevenson Road
Winnipeg MB R3H 0W7
(204) 633-5967, or toll free at (877) 633-4868.

In addition, when in the field or at any time, hunters must be able to produce their valid Hunter Education Certificate or equivalent when requested to do so by a Natural Resource Officer.

The regulation also contains a requirement intended to highlight the principles of safe and ethical hunting. Should you as a hunter choose to ignore the laws and regulations associated with hunting and are convicted of an offence in Manitoba, your eligibility to hold a hunting licence, in addition to any other penalties, will be suspended until you successfully take or retake a hunter education course.
# Manitoba Hunter Education Declaration Form

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS FORM:**
The Hunter Education Regulation provides that if you **lawfully** held a hunting licence before January 1, 1975, you are eligible to receive a hunter education certificate without having to take a hunter education course.

By regulation, in 1969, hunter education graduation became mandatory for anyone under 19 years of age wishing to obtain a hunting licence. Therefore, you may have held a hunting licence before 1975, but, based on your age, you may have held that licence unlawfully as it was obtained at a time when you were required to hold a hunter education certificate. If this is the case, the declaration form will not apply and you must take the hunter education course. Remember that when you sign your hunting licence, you are declaring that you hold all of the legal qualifications for it to be valid!

This declaration is not to be used to receive a replacement certificate if you have misplaced or lost your original one. Contact the Manitoba Wildlife Federation (204-633-4868) for a replacement certificate.

**DECLARATION**
This form will not be processed if full information is not provided. Please print clearly. Allow 6 to 8 weeks for processing.

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1) YEAR FIRST LICENCE PURCHASED ____________
2) YEAR FIRST STARTED HUNTING ____________
3) TYPE OF LICENCE PURCHASED (E.G., DEER, ETC.) ____________________________
4) LOCATION(S) HUNTED (E.G., GHA, PROVINCE, STATE, COUNTRY) ____________________________
5) ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHICH MAY ASSIST IN DETERMINING YOUR ELIGIBILITY (PLEASE INCLUDE ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER AND ATTACH IT TO THIS FORM).

I declare that the information I have provided is true and that I qualify for a hunter education certificate under the provisions of subsection 4(4) of the Hunter Education Regulation, Manitoba Regulation 128/2007. By making this declaration I am hereby applying for a Hunter Education Certificate.

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SIGNATURE                  DATE

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**Note:** This information is being collected under the authority of The Wildlife Act and will be used within the Hunter Education Program to administer and regulate the program, as well as for statistical analysis. Your information is protected by the Protection of Privacy provisions of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions about the collection, contact: Access and Privacy Co-ordinator, 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3J 3W3, phone 204-945-4170.
BIG GAME HUNTER QUESTIONNAIRE (PART 1)

Every year, the Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch mails to selected big game hunters a short questionnaire to evaluate hunter effort and success. The questionnaire is vital to the management of Manitoba’s big game species (white-tailed deer, elk, moose, barren-ground caribou, black bear and wolf). Without hunters’ input, it is impossible to know how many animals are harvested each year. This information is essential in determining the number of licences available, setting bag limits and maintaining future hunting opportunities.

If you did not receive a questionnaire in the mail, there are four (4) options for hunters to complete the questionnaire: online, by phone, in writing or by fax.

1. Online at www.manitoba.ca/huntsurvey
   Online responses will help Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship to conserve paper, reduce mailing costs, and ensure accurate analysis of results.

2. Call 1-877-892-7627 (toll free), leave your name and phone number and someone will return your call to collect your hunting information.

3. Complete the questionnaire on the following page and mail it to:
   Population Ecologist,
   Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch
   Box 24 - 200 Saulteaux Crescent
   Winnipeg, Manitoba R3J 3W3

4. You can also fax your completed questionnaires to 204-945-3077.
   Please complete only one questionnaire for each big game licence purchased in 2012/2013. Please photocopy the blank questionnaire if you purchased more than one big game licence.

Landowner’s Permission Form

Permission to hunt on the land designated below which is under my ownership or control is hereby given to: (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME ___________________________________________ LICENCE # ______________________________

ADDRESS __________________________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE # _______________________

In return, the permittee agrees to respect the rights and properties of the landowner and to conduct himself in a sportsman-like manner.

DESIGNATED LAND:

¼ SEC. _______ TWP. _______ RGE. _______

LANDOWNER’S SIGNATURE: ___________________________________________

FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

________________________________________

DATE SIGNED: ___________________________

SPECIES OF ANIMAL:

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**BIG GAME HUNTER QUESTIONNAIRE (PART 2)**

Please fill out only one questionnaire for each big game licence that you purchased in 2012/2013. (One questionnaire per licence.)

NAME: __________________________________________ PHONE (optional): __________

1. Are you a:
   - [□] Manitoba resident
   - [□] Non-resident Canadian

2. Licence Type:
   - [□] Draw Lic.# __________
   - [□] Non-Draw

3. Equipment Type/Season:
   - [□] rifle
   - [□] second deer
   - [□] third deer
   - [□] archery
   - [□] muzzleloader
   - [□] shotgun/muzzleloader
   - [□] landowner
   - [□] youth

4. Species:
   - [□] deer
   - [□] moose
   - [□] caribou
   - [□] black bear
   - [□] elk (resident draw only)

5. Is there a particular season associated with this licence?
   - [□] spring (April – June)
   - [□] fall (August – November)
   - [□] winter (December – January)

   OR

   Draw Season Code: __________

6. How many days did you hunt, and where?
   - GHA Hunted
   - # Days
   - _______ _______
   - _______ _______
   - _______ _______

7. Did you tag an animal?
   - [□] no
   - [□] yes GHA tagged in: ______

8. Type of animal tagged:
   - [□] adult male (buck/bull)
   - [□] adult female (doe/cow)
   - [□] young of year (fawn/calf)
   - [□] other (e.g., moose in GHA 23/23A elk draw season). Please describe:
     __________________________________________
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9. What was the abundance of this hunted species compared to last year?
   - [□] much more
   - [□] slightly more
   - [□] about the same
   - [□] slightly less
   - [□] much less
   - [□] Did not hunt this area last year

10. Did you harvest a wolf or coyote under the authority of your big game licence?
    - [□] neither
    - [□] wolf GHA: ______
    - [□] Second wolf GHA: ______
    - [□] coyote GHA: ______

**COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS:**

NOTE: This information is being collected and will be used within the Big Game Questionnaire Program for statistical analysis. Your information is protected by the Protection of Privacy provisions of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions about the collection, contact: Access and Privacy Coordinator, 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3J 3W3. Phone 204-945-4170
The Rights and Responsibilities of First Nations People

The Natural Resources Transfer Agreement (1930), which forms part of The Constitution Act (1982), provides that Indian people have the right to hunt.

This includes harvesting for food or traditional ceremonial purposes for personal or family use, or for other First Nations persons. Meat may be shared with non-status family members living in the same home.

Non-Indian people may accompany Indian people that are hunting, but may not help them to exercise their hunting rights. For example, a non-Indian person may not assist an Indian hunter by shooting his game, carrying a gun, searching for or flushing game, or be in possession of any meat, or animal parts taken under status Indian hunting rights. They can, however, assist in retrieval of game or transporting of game while accompanying an Indian person. Similarly, licensed hunters can be accompanied by status Indians, but each may only exercise the rights accorded to them individually.

Recognizing the Treaty and Constitutional rights of Indian people, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship considers that status Indian hunters:

- do not require licences;
- are not restricted to specific seasons;
- are not restricted to bag limits; and
- are not subject to equipment restrictions such as the use of off-road vehicles.

Status Indians generally have right to access to hunt for food within:

- Indian Reserves, Wildlife Management Areas, Provincial Forests, areas of Provincial Parks where licensed hunting is permitted, unoccupied Crown lands, and other Crown lands where licensed hunting or trapping is permitted;
- Private land with the permission of the landowner or occupant; and
- Federal lands, such as community pastures are opened to the public for hunting, or with the permission of the Pasture Manager.

No person (status or non-status) may hunt within:

- Areas of provincial parks closed to all hunting;
- Refuges (for the species protected) and most Ecological Reserves; and
- Areas closed to all persons for specific conservation reasons.

Restrictions that are intended for conservation and safety purposes apply to both status Indians and licensed hunters.

Status Indians may not:

- hunt protected wildlife for which all hunting is prohibited, such as eagles, hawks, owls and polar bears;
- waste or abandon wildlife;
- use or possess lead shot while hunting waterfowl;
- sell, trade, barter or give away the meat or any part (e.g. antlers) of a wild animal taken under status Indian hunting rights, except that food may be given to another Indian person;
- use hunting methods that are careless, unsafe or dangerous;
- discharge a rifle or shotgun at night where it is dangerous to do so;
- hunt from a Provincial Road or Provincial Trunk Highway, or discharge a bow or firearm from such a road or highway, or shoot along or across such a road or highway (including the road allowance);
- discharge a centrefire rifle, muzzle-loading firearm or shotgun using a slug from a public road within a municipality or local government district, or shoot along or across such a road; and
- carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle or discharge a firearm from a vehicle.

It is also recommended that First Nation hunters:

- wear hunter orange clothes when hunting;
- carry the federally issued Certificate of Indian Status to help a Natural Resource Officer determine that they are entitled to exercise the right to hunt for food; and
- take the Hunter Education Course.

For more detailed information, please contact the nearest Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office, or telephone 204-945-6784 in Winnipeg, 1-800-214-6497 outside Winnipeg or visit the First Nations Rights and Responsibilities website at www.manitoba.ca/conservation/firstnations
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