

MOOSE SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

Licences

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

Resident (archery, general)	\$57.25
Resident Conservation Moose Licence Package	\$88.25
Non-resident	\$314.75
Foreign resident	\$375.75
Big Game Draw licence application fee	\$7.00

It is illegal to purchase more than one moose licence in the same hunting year. Licence exchanges are not allowed for unsuccessful hunters.

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.

RESIDENT CONSERVATION MOOSE LICENCE AND CONSERVATION MOOSE LICENCE SEASONS

Moose hunters may voluntarily participate in a conservation initiative by purchasing a Conservation Moose Licence instead of a General (rifle) Moose Licence for use in the General (rifle) non-draw Moose Season. **The Conservation Moose Licence is the only licence that can be utilized in the non-draw Moose Conservation Licence Seasons.** 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 four. Conservation Moose Licences are available at some vendor locations and all Manitoba Sustainable Development district offices. Both hunters should appear in person to purchase a Conservation Moose Licence. If both hunters cannot be present, the purchase can still be made at any vendor that sells the Conservation Moose Licence. Proof that the absent hunter qualifies for the licence must be presented at the time of purchase (see page 7, Licence Requirements).



Save the Date - Provincial Hunting Day

Saturday, September 24, 2016

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The Conservation Moose Licence Season has been expanded to include GHAs **6A, 9A, 10, 11, 15, 15A, and 21A**. In these GHAs, a Conservation Moose Licence is the only licence that is valid in that area. A General (rifle) Moose licence cannot be used to hunt in these GHAs.

Foreign Resident

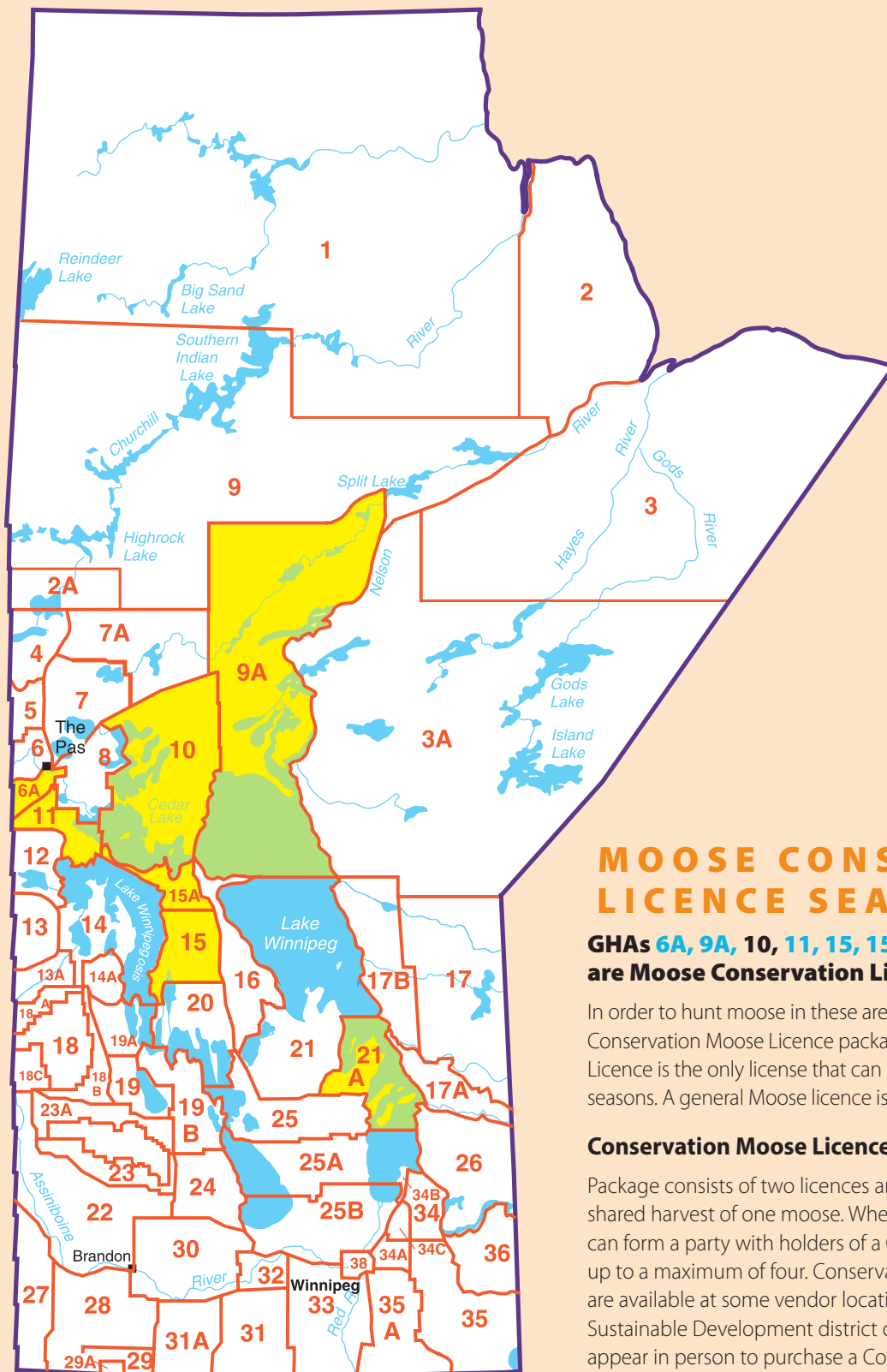
- Foreign resident moose hunters must book their hunt through a licensed lodge or outfitter, authorized to outfit foreign resident moose hunters.
- Foreign resident moose hunters must be accompanied by a licensed Manitoba guide. No more than three hunters may use the services of a guide at the same time.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

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 and 7A are closed to moose hunting. See map on page 32.



MOOSE CONSERVATION LICENCE SEASONS MAP

GHAs 6A, 9A, 10, 11, 15, 15A and 21A are Moose Conservation Licence Seasons

In order to hunt moose in these areas, hunters must purchase a Conservation Moose Licence package. The Conservation Moose Licence is the only license that can be utilized in these non-draw seasons. A general Moose licence is not valid in these GHAs.

Conservation Moose Licence

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MOOSE SEASONS

	Game Hunting Area	Season Dates	Bag Limit
General (rifle) non-draw, Resident Only	1, 2, 3, 3A	Aug. 29 – Dec. 24	One Bull or Calf Moose
	2A, 4, 7, 7A, 17, 17A, 17B	Sept. 19 – Oct. 16 Dec. 5 – Dec. 18	One Bull Moose One Bull Moose
	9	Sept. 19 – Oct. 16 Dec. 5 – Dec. 24	One Bull Moose One Bull Moose
Archery non-draw, Resident Only	2A, 4, 6A, 7, 11	Aug. 29 – Sept. 18	One Bull Moose
	9	Aug. 29 – Sept. 18	One Bull Moose
	9A, 21A (Excl. Hecla and Deer Islands)	Aug. 29 – Sept. 18	One Bull Moose
General (rifle) Non-resident and Foreign resident	1, 2, 3, 3A	Aug. 29 – Oct. 16	One Bull Moose
	9, 17, 17B	Sept. 19 – Oct. 16	One Bull Moose
General (rifle) draw, Resident Only	5	Sept. 19 – Oct. 16	One Bull Moose
	6	Sept. 19 – Oct. 16	One Bull Moose
	8	Sept. 19 – Oct. 16	One Bull Moose
	20	Sept. 19 – Oct. 16	One Bull Moose
	21	Sept. 19 – Oct. 16	One Bull Moose
	21	Dec. 5 – Dec. 18	One Bull Moose
	27, 28, 31A	Dec. 5 – Dec. 11	One Bull Moose
Archery draw Resident Only	27, 28, 31A	Sept. 19 – Oct. 16	One Bull Moose
Conservation Moose Licence Season non-draw, Resident Only	9A, 10, 11, 15, 15A, 21A (Excl. Hecla and Deer Islands)	Sept. 19 – Oct. 16 Dec. 5 – Dec. 18	One Bull Moose One Bull Moose
	6A	Sept. 19 – Oct. 16	One Bull Moose
	NOTE: To be eligible to hunt during this Conservation Moose Licence Season hunters must be in possession of a Conservation Moose Licence.		

MOOSE HUNTERS!

Help manage your moose populations by completing the Big Game Hunter Questionnaire!
See page 65 for details.



Moose Season Closures

GHAS 12, 13, 13A, 14, 14A, 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 19A, 26, 29 AND 29A - ALL MOOSE SEASONS ARE CLOSED.

As a conservation measure, the cancellation of all licensed moose hunting seasons in these areas remain in effect. Moose populations in these GHAs are at lower than desired levels. 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 Sustainable Development is concerned about declining moose populations in certain areas and is taking action. These actions include:

- **Research:** Undertaking a study in eastern Manitoba to determine the prevalence of *Parelaphostrongylus tenuis* (the parasite which causes brain worm) in white-tailed deer to further understand its effects on the local moose population. The parasite is normally found in its natural host, white-tailed deer. However, it is fatal to other members of the deer family, such as moose. Manitoba Sustainable Development will be looking at the presence of the parasite in white-tailed deer heads harvested in parts of the eastern region (GHA 17A, 26 and 36). Hunters are requested to submit white-tailed deer heads for examination. White-tailed deer heads can be dropped off at the Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls or Seven Sisters Manitoba Sustainable Development offices. A research study using GPS collars on moose and wolves is being undertaken in GHA 26.
- **Moose hunting:** All licensed moose hunting seasons have been suspended in the Duck Mountain, Porcupine Mountain, Turtle Mountain, GHAs 12, 14, 14A, 19A and 26. These seasons 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 Sustainable Development will undertake regular aerial surveys of wolf populations and assess diet of wolves.
- **Disease and parasite management:** Parasites (brain worm, liver fluke) carried by white-tailed deer in the southeast part of the province have negatively affected moose. Deer Muzzleloader and General Deer Seasons in GHAs 26 and 36 have been extended to reduce white-tailed 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 have been closed by removing culverts, digging trenches and berms and placing barricades at river crossings. This is being done in high moose-density areas to restrict truck travel, reduce ORV traffic and decrease harvest of moose.
- **Moose population assessment:** Funding from the Wildlife Enhancement Initiative is supporting aerial surveys for moose. Populations of concern will be monitored regularly to evaluate the effectiveness of management actions.
- **Consultation with Indigenous communities:** Indigenous 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, Turtle Mountain, and GHAs 12, 14 and 14A. A partial area closure for all people has been implemented in GHA 26.
- **Moose management strategies:** Manitoba Sustainable Development established moose advisory committees consisting of local groups, Indigenous organizations and government to help develop moose recovery strategies.
- **Increased enforcement efforts:** Additional coverage by Conservation Officers has been provided for the Duck Mountain area and 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 Sustainable Development is working with all users, stakeholders and Indigenous harvesters to recover moose populations. Hunters can help by:

- harvesting wolves and submitting samples for analysis (see page 46 for details)
- taking advantage of increased white-tailed deer hunting opportunities in GHAs 17A, 26 and 36 and submitting samples for analysis (see page 27 and 29)
- participating in public meetings about area-specific moose management strategies

