

2023-2024 White-tailed Deer Seasons and Bag Limits Antlered Deer – Statewide

Definition: An antlered white-tailed deer is a deer with two or more points to one antler, or a deer with at least one antler three or more inches long, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life.

Antler Point Restriction: Deer hunters may harvest one antlered deer during a license year within the established statewide bag limit (including bonus antlered deer) that does not meet the requirement of having at least three points on one antler. Any remaining antlered deer taken within the established bag limit must have at least three points on one antler. Antlered deer can be taken in any order. Junior hunters (16 years old or younger) and apprentice license holders are exempt from the three antler point requirement.

Season	Dates	Weapon Bag Limit	Total Combined Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Sep 8 – Oct 18 Oct 22 (Sunday, see Notes) Oct 23 – Nov 24 Dec 11 – Dec 15 Dec 31 (Sunday, see Notes) Jan 1 – Jan 4 Jan 5 – Jan 7 (Region A only, see Notes) Jan 8 – Jan 31	1 Antlered ¹	2 Antlered ¹	<p>Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Black Bear Season is open.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting: Archery season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See chart.</p>
Muzzleloader	Oct 19 – Oct 21 Dec 16 – Dec 30	1 Antlered ¹		<p>The Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp may not be used during the Oct. 19 – 21, 2023 muzzleloader season.</p> <p>Region A muzzleloader bag limit: Only 1 deer total (antlered or antlerless) may be taken in Region A during the October 19 – 21, 2023 muzzleloader season.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting: Muzzleloader season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See chart.</p>
Firearm	Nov 25 – Dec 9 Jan 5 – Jan 6 (Region B only, see Notes) Jan 7 (Sunday, see Notes)	1 Antlered ¹		<p>Deer Firearm Season is open during the January 2024 dates in Region B only. Deer Archery Season is open these dates in Region A only. Deer hunters may use archery equipment on these days in Region B but any deer harvested must count towards the Deer Firearm Season bag limit.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting: Firearm season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See chart.</p>
Primitive Hunt Days (See Notes)	Feb 1 – 3	See Notes		<p>Primitive Hunt Days: Hunters may use long bows, recurve bows, flintlock, or sidelock percussion muzzleloaders during these days. The use of telescopic or modern optics is prohibited. Antlered deer taken with long bows and recurve bows will count towards the regular archery bag limit. Antlered deer taken with flintlock or sidelock percussion muzzleloaders will count towards the regular muzzleloader bag limit.</p> <p>Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: All Primitive Days hunters must wear fluorescent orange or pink.</p>

¹The statewide antlered white-tailed deer regular bag limit is two deer total, no more than one in any weapon season. A third antlered whitetail may be taken in Region B only with the purchase of a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp. In Region B, hunters must use a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp in order to take a second antlered whitetail in one weapon season or, if the hunter has already taken an antlered

whitetail in two weapon seasons under the regular bag limit, they may use the bonus stamp to take an antlered whitetail in the remaining weapon season.

If a hunter harvests an antlered whitetail in Region B first, they may use the Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp in Region A to take another antlered deer in the same weapon season. Hunters may not take more than two antlered whitetails total, or more than one antlered whitetail in any weapon season, while hunting in Region A.

The Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp cannot be used the same day that a hunter harvests an antlered whitetail under the regular statewide bag limit (daily antlered bag limit of one).

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Antlerless Deer – Region A

Allegheny, Garrett & Washington (Zone 2) counties

Definition: An antlerless white-tailed deer is a female deer or male deer with no antlers or spike antlers less than three inches in length, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life.

Season	Dates	Weapon Bag Limit	Total Combined Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Sep 8 – Oct 18	1 Antlerless	2 Antlerless ¹	<p>Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Allegheny, Garrett, and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Black Bear Season is open.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting: Archery season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See chart.</p>
	Oct 22 – Nov 24			
	Dec 11 – Dec 15			
	Dec 31 – Jan 31			
Muzzleloader DNR Public Lands ²	Oct 19 – Oct 21 Dec 30	1 Antlerless		<p>Region A muzzleloader bag limit: Only 1 deer total (antlered or antlerless) may be taken in Region A during the October 19 – 21, 2023 muzzleloader season.</p>
Muzzleloader All Other Lands	Oct 19 – Oct 21 Dec 28 – Dec 30			
Firearm DNR Public Lands ²	Dec 2 Dec 9	1 Antlerless		
Firearm All Other Lands	Dec 2 Dec 8 – Dec 9			
Primitive Hunt Days (See Notes)	Feb 1 – 3	1 Antlerless	1 Antlerless ¹	<p>Primitive Hunt Days: Hunters may use long bows, recurve bows, flintlock, or sidelock percussion muzzleloaders during these days. The use of telescopic or modern optics is prohibited. An antlerless deer taken during these days does not count against the hunter’s regular Region A antlerless bag limit.</p> <p>Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: All Primitive Days hunters must wear fluorescent orange or pink.</p>

¹No more than two antlerless deer total can be taken in Region A per license year during the Archery, Muzzleloader, and Firearm seasons combined. A third antlerless deer may be harvested during the designated Primitive Season.

²Region A DNR public lands include: Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Cunningham Swamp WMA, Dan’s Mountain WMA, Deep Creek Lake State Park (Designated Areas Only), Garrett State Forest, Green Ridge State Forest, Indian Springs WMA, McCoolle FMA, Mount Nebo WMA, Potomac State Forest, Prather’s Neck WMA, Rocky Gap State Park (Designated Areas Only), Savage River State Forest, Sideling Hill WMA, Warrior Mountain WMA, Wolf Den Run State Park, Woodmont NRMA, Youghiogheny Reservoir CWMA and Youghiogheny Scenic Wild River NEA.

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Antlerless Deer – Region B

Anne Arundel¹, Baltimore¹, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard¹, Kent, Montgomery¹, Prince George’s¹, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Washington (Zone 1), Wicomico & Worcester counties

Definition: An antlerless white-tailed deer is a female deer or male deer with no antlers or spike antlers less than three inches in length, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life.

Season	Dates	Total Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Sep 8 – Oct 18 Oct 22 (Sunday, see Notes) Oct 23 – Nov 24 Dec 11 – Dec 15 Dec 31 (Sunday, see Notes) Jan 1 – Jan 4 Jan 8 – Jan 31	15 Antlerless (Unlimited antlerless in the Suburban Deer Management Zone, see Notes)	<p>Suburban Deer Management Zone: During the designated Archery season, hunters in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties may use vertical bows or crossbows to take an unlimited number of antlerless deer.</p> <p>Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Archery hunters in Frederick and Washington counties are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Black Bear Season is open.</p> <p>Sunday deer hunting: Archery season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See chart.</p>
Muzzleloader	Oct 19 – Oct 28 Dec 16 – Dec 30	10 Antlerless	<p>Sunday deer hunting: Muzzleloader season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See chart.</p>
Firearm	Nov 25 – Dec 9 Jan 5 – Jan 6 Jan 7 (Sunday, see Notes)	10 Antlerless	<p>Sunday Deer Hunting: Firearm season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See chart.</p>
Primitive Hunt Days (See Notes)	Feb 1 – 3	See notes	<p>Primitive Hunt Days: Hunters may use long bows, recurve bows, flintlock, or sidelock percussion muzzleloaders during these days. The use of telescopic or modern optics is prohibited. Antlerless deer taken with long bows and recurve bows will count towards the Region B archery bag limit. Antlerless deer taken with flintlock or sidelock percussion muzzleloaders will count towards the Region B muzzleloader bag limit.</p> <p>Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: All Primitive Days hunters must wear fluorescent orange or pink.</p>

¹Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties comprise the Suburban Deer Management Zone. This zone has an unlimited bag limit for antlerless deer harvested during the designated archery season.

2023-2024 Junior Deer Hunt Antlered & Antlerless Deer

The Junior Deer Hunt is for hunters age 16 or younger only. Junior hunters must be accompanied by a licensed (or exempt from license requirement) unarmed adult age 21 or older. Junior hunters are not required to comply with the antler point restrictions.

Region	Description	Total Bag Limit	Dates	Notes
Region A	White-tailed Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	1 deer	Nov 11 Nov 12 (Sunday, see Notes)	<p>Separate Bag Limit: Deer taken by Junior hunters during the Junior Deer Hunt do not count towards the regular archery, muzzleloader, or firearm season bag limits.</p> <p>Sunday Deer Hunting: The Junior Deer Hunt is open on Sunday November 12, 2023 in all counties except Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George's. See chart.</p>
Region B	White-tailed Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	3 deer, no more than 1 may be antlered		
Where present	Sika Deer, Antlered or Antlerless	1 deer		

2023-2024 Sika Deer Seasons and Bag Limits
Antlered & Antlerless Deer

Definition: An antlered sika deer is a deer with at least one antler visible above the hairline.

Season	Description	Dates	Total Bag Limit	Notes
Archery	Antlered or Antlerless	Sep 8 – Oct 18 Oct 22 (Sunday, see Notes) Oct 23 – Nov 24 Dec 11 – Dec 15 Dec 31 (Sunday, see Notes) Jan 1 – Jan 4 Jan 8 – 31	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: Archery hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange or pink when the Deer Muzzleloader Season, Deer Firearm Season or Junior Deer Hunt is open in the deer management region where they are hunting. Sunday deer hunting: Archery season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See chart.
Muzzleloader	Antlered or Antlerless	Oct 19 – Oct 21	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	October 23 – 28: Deer muzzleloader season is open during these dates in Region B only. Sunday deer hunting: Muzzleloader season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See chart.
	Antlerless Only	Oct 23 – 28 (Region B only)		
	Antlered or Antlerless	Dec 16 – Dec 30		
Firearm	Antlered or Antlerless	Nov 25 – Dec 9 Jan 5 – Jan 6 Jan 7 (Sunday, see Notes)	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered	Sunday deer hunting: Firearm season dates include certain Sundays in select counties. See chart.
Primitive Hunt Days (See Notes)	Antlered or Antlerless	Feb 1 – 3	See Notes	Primitive Hunt Days: Hunters may use long bows, recurve bows, flintlock, or sidelock percussion muzzleloaders during these days. The use of telescopic or modern optics is prohibited. Sika deer taken with long bows and recurve bows will count towards the sika deer archery bag limit. Sika deer taken with flintlock or sidelock percussion muzzleloaders will count towards the sika deer muzzleloader bag limit. Fluorescent orange or pink requirement: All Primitive Days hunters must wear fluorescent orange or pink.