



2011 New York Big Game Seasons



Note: These dates are tentative. Final dates will be published in the 2011-2012 New York Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide

Northern Zone

Deer

Bowhunting Season*:	Sept. 27 - Oct. 21
Muzzleloading Season:	Oct. 15 - Oct. 21
	Dec. 5 - Dec. 11 (certain WMUs)
Regular Season:	Oct. 22 - Dec. 4

Bear

Early Season*:	Sept. 17 - Oct. 14
Bowhunting Season*:	Sept. 27 - Oct. 21
Muzzleloading Season:	Oct. 15 - Oct. 21
Regular Season:	Oct. 22 - Dec. 4

Southern Zone

Deer

Bowhunting Season:	Oct. 15 - Nov. 18, Dec. 12 - Dec. 20
Regular Season:	Nov. 19 - Dec. 11
Muzzleloading Season:	Dec. 12 - Dec. 20

Suffolk County – Deer

Regular Season (bowhunting only, either sex):	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
Special Firearms Season** (special permit, weekdays):	Jan. 9 - Jan. 31, 2012

Westchester County – Deer

Regular Season (bowhunting only, either sex):	Oct. 15 - Dec. 31
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Bear (see season maps for Bear Hunting Area boundaries)

Central - Western Bear Hunting Area

Bowhunting Season:	Oct. 15 - Nov. 18, Dec. 12 - Dec. 20
Regular Season:	Nov. 26 - Dec. 11
Muzzleloading Season:	Dec. 12 - Dec. 20

Southeastern Bear Hunting Area

Bowhunting Season:	Oct. 15 - Nov. 18, Dec. 12 - Dec. 20
Regular Season:	Nov. 19 - Dec. 11
Muzzleloading Season:	Dec. 12 - Dec. 20

* 2010 - 2011 hunting licenses and tags are required when hunting prior to Oct. 1, 2011.

** The Special Firearms Season in parts of Suffolk County is open for deer of either sex, Monday thru Friday only, using shotgun and muzzleloader, and requires a special landowner endorsement and Town Permit.