

2017 Vermont Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Seasons (dates inclusive)*

Fishing

Trout & Landlocked Salmon.....	April 8 – Oct. 31
Trout & Landlocked Salmon (Lake Champlain).....	No Closed Season
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass.....	June 10– Nov. 30
Catch & Release – Lakes and Ponds.....	April 8 – June 9
Catch & Release –Lake Champlain only.....	December 1, 2016 -- June 9, 2017
Pickereel, N. Pike, Yellow Perch.....	No Closed Season
Walleye (all waters except Chittenden Reservoir and the Connecticut River.).....	May 7, 2016-March 15, 2017 & May 6, 2017-March 15, 2018
Walleye (Chittenden reservoir and Connecticut River).....	See Guide to Laws
Sauger.....	No Open Season
Smelt.....	No Closed Season
Free Fishing Days.....	January 28 and June 10, 2017

Hunting

Deer (Bow & Arrow).....	Oct. 7-Nov. 3 & Dec. 2-10
Youth Deer Weekend.....	Nov. 4-5
Deer (16 Day Regular Season).....	Nov. 11-26
Deer (Muzzleloader).....	Dec. 2-10
Black Bear.....	Early Season Sept. 1-- Nov. 10 // Late Season Nov. 11-19
Youth Turkey Weekend.....	April 29-30
Turkey Spring Season.....	May 1 – May 31
Turkey Fall Seasons: Bow & arrow only: Oct. 7-20 in all WMUs statewide	
Shotgun or bow & arrow: Oct. 21-29- in WMUs B, D, G, H, I, J, L, M, O, P, and Q	
Shotgun or bow & arrow: Oct. 21-Nov. 5 in WMUs F, K, and N	
Moose.....	Archery Oct. 1-7 // Reg. season Oct. 21-26
Hare, Rabbit.....	Sept. 24, 2016-March 12, 2017 & Sept. 30, 2017-March 11, 2018 WMUs D&E remain open through March 31
Gray Squirrel.....	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31
Ruffed Grouse (Partridge).....	Sept. 30– Dec. 31
Woodcock.....	To be announced
Crow.....	Friday-Monday Jan. 15-April 11 & Aug. 19-Dec. 19
Snow Goose.....	To be announced

Furbearer Hunting

Bobcat.....	Jan. 10 – Feb. 7
Red & Gray Fox.....	Oct. 22, 2016-Feb. 12, 2017 & Oct. 28, 2017-Feb. 11, 2018
Raccoon.....	Oct. 14 – Dec. 31
Muskrat.....	March 20 – April 19
Coyote.....	Open Year Around
Fisher, Otter, Beaver.....	No Open Season
Marten, Lynx, Wolf.....	No Open Season

Furbearer Trapping

Mink, Skunk, Red & Gray Fox, Raccoon, Coyote, Opossum, Weasel.....	Oct. 28 – Dec. 31
Otter.....	Oct. 22, 2016-Feb. 28, 2017 & Oct. 28, 2017-Feb. 28, 2018
Muskrat.....	Oct. 22, 2016-March 31, 2017 & Oct. 28, 2017-March 31, 2018
Fisher.....	Dec. 1-31
Bobcat.....	Dec. 1 – 16
Beaver.....	Oct. 22, 2016-March 31, 2017 & Oct. 28, 2017-March 31, 2018
Marten, Lynx, Wolf.....	No Open Season

*Read the 2017 Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Laws for more information and exceptions to these dates. (2-04-16)