

Hunting seasons

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2026-2027 hunting seasons for moose

Maintaining restrictions in zone 17

Based on the results of the 2021 [aerial surveys](#) and in compliance with obligations under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA), moose hunting activities in zone 17 will be limited to harvesting by Indigenous people for subsistence hunting, until further notice. The decline in the population of moose observed in this area implies a decrease in harvesting.

Hunting dates are established based on the zone where hunting is permitted and the type of weapon used.

Modifications may be made to authorized periods at any time if required by circumstances. It is your responsibility to comply with the rules in effect before engaging in your activity.

Starting in 2026, in several zones, moose hunting will no longer operate under a system of alternating permissive and restrictive years.

In zones 1 to 12, 14 to 16, 22, 26 and 27, as well as in wildlife reserves and certain ZECs, the hunter must now have obtained, through the draw, a moose without antlers hunting licence (any moose with antlers less than 10 cm) in order to harvest a moose without antlers.

In zones 13, 18 and 28, the alternating-year system will remain in effect. Moose without antlers hunting will therefore be closed in 2026 (restrictive year) and open in 2027 (permissive year). However, in zone 13, it will also be open during the bow and crossbow hunting season in 2026.

Lastly, in zones 19 south and 29, hunting will be open every year for all segments, with no requirement to hold a special licence for moose without antlers hunting.

Specifications on the hunting zones

[Hunting may be prohibited](#) in certain territories within a given zone. If it is permitted, the conditions may differ from those of the hunting zone in which those territories are located. You will need to communicate with the person or group responsible for the territories in question to find out the rules.

To find out [what to do before, during and after hunting](#) moose, refer to the rules for this species.

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Crossbow and bow hunting seasons

During the bow and crossbow hunting seasons, the moose without antlers hunting licence is not

required in the following zones:

- **In 2026 and 2027:** in zone 13, the parts of the zone included in zone 19 south and in zone 29.
- **In 2027 only:** in zones 18 and 28.

Zone where hunting is permitted	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
1, 2, 10 West, 11 West, 13, 15	From September 26 to October 4, 2026	From September 25 to October 3, 2027
3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9	From October 3 to October 9, 2026	From October 2 to October 8, 2027
7	From October 3 to October 16, 2026	From October 2 to October 15, 2027
10 East, 11 East	From September 26 to October 12, 2026	From September 25 to October 11, 2027
12, 14, 26, 27	From September 19 to October 4, 2026	From September 18 to October 3, 2027
16, 18, 28	From September 12 to September 20, 2026	From September 11 to September 19, 2027
Northwest part of 19 South	From August 29 to September 6, 2026	From August 28 to September 5, 2027
East part and west part of 19 South (except the northwest part), 29	From September 5 to September 13, 2026	From September 4 to September 12, 2027

Bow hunting seasons

Zone where hunting is permitted	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
22	From September 5 to September 13, 2026	From September 4 to September 12, 2027

Firearms, crossbow and bow hunting seasons

During the firearm, bow and crossbow hunting seasons, the moose without antlers hunting licence is not required in the following zones:

- **In 2026 and 2027:** in the parts of the zones included in zone 19 south and in zone 29.
- **In 2027 only:** in zones 13, 18 and 28.

Note: The use of crossbows is prohibited in zones 22, 23 and 24.

Zone where hunting is permitted	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
1, 2 (except the Macpès and Duquesne townships), 3, 4	From October 17 to October 25, 2026	From October 16 to October 24, 2027
10 West, 11 West, 15	From October 10 to October 18, 2026	From October 9 to October 17, 2027
12, 13, 14, 26, 27	From October 10 to October 25, 2026	From October 9 to October 24, 2027
16, 28	From September 26 to October 16, 2026	From September 25 to October 15, 2027
18	From September 26 to October 12, 2026	From September 25 to October 11, 2027
East part of 19 South	From September 19 to November 1, 2026	From September 18 to October 31, 2027
West part of 19 South (except the northwest part), 29	From September 19 to October 18, 2026	From September 18 to October 17, 2027
Northwest part of 19 South	From September 12 to October 12, 2026	From September 11 to October 11, 2027
22	From September 19 to October 12, 2026	From September 18 to October 11, 2027

2026-2027 hunting seasons for white-tailed deer

Hunting dates are established based on the zone where hunting is permitted, the type of weapon used, the sex of the animal and its maturity.

Changes to the authorized periods and segments may be made at any time as required. It is your responsibility to abide by the terms and conditions in effect before you practice your activity. You can contact the Ministère's customer service department for confirmation.

Specifications on white-tailed deer hunting zones

In wildlife reserves, some ZECs, and some outfitters with exclusive rights, the hunting rules for white-tailed deer may differ from those in the hunting zone in which they are located. Consult the [specific rules for these territories](#) and contact the person or group responsible for the territory in question to find out which rules apply.

In the Macpès territory (zone 2), white-tailed deer hunting with crossbow and bow only is permitted from October 3 to 16 in 2026, and from October 2 to 15 in 2027.

If you hunt in zones 6 North and 6 South, you must comply with the [antler restriction \(AR\)](#) standard for deer with antlers (7 cm or more).

Zone 13 Southwest is defined as the portion of zone 13 located south of the following boundary: route 101, chemin Kipawa and the R0819 forest road. The harvesting rules for white-tailed deer in zone 13 Southwest apply to the Dumoine, Maganasipi and Restigo ZECs.

For hunting white-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more), hunting zones do not include islands and islets of the St. Lawrence River downstream of the pont Pierre-Laporte included in these zones.

Hunting of deer with or without antlers is permitted on the islands in the following zones:

- Zone 2 East: île du Bic, île Saint-Barnabé;
- Zone 2 West: île aux Lièvres, île Verte;
- Zone 3 East: île aux Grues, île aux Oies, île Patience, île de la Sottise, île Brothers, île Longue, île du Cheval, île Ronde, île au Canot, île à Deux Têtes, île Sainte-Marguerite, battures aux Loups Marins;
- Zone 27 East: île aux Coudres;
- Zone 27 West: île d'Orléans, île au Ruau, île Madame.

To find out [what to do before, during and after hunting](#) white-tailed deer, refer to the rules for this species.

Crossbow and bow hunting seasons

Zone where hunting is permitted	Age and sex	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
1 North, 1 South, 2 East, 2 West, 3 East, 9 East, 9 West, 10 East, 11 East, 11 West, 15 West, 27 West (except all islands and islets of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent downstream from the Pont Pierre-Laporte included in these zones)	White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	October 3 to October 16, 2026	October 2 to October 15, 2027
15 East, 18, 26 East, 26 West, 27 East (except all islands and islets of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent downstream from the Pont Pierre-Laporte included in these zones), 28	White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	November 7 to November 12, 2026	November 6 to November 11, 2027
3 West (except all islands and islets of the St. Lawrence River downstream of the pont Pierre-Laporte included in this zone), 4, 5 East, 5 West, 7 North, 7 South, 8 East, 8 North, 8 South, 10 West, 12, 13 Southwest	White-tailed deer with or without antlers	October 3 to October 16, 2026	October 2 to October 15, 2027
6 North, 6 South	White-tailed deer with antlers (antler restriction standard) or without antlers	October 3 to October 16, 2026	October 2 to October 15, 2027
All islands and islets of the St. Lawrence River downstream of the pont Pierre-Laporte included in zones 2 East, 2 West, 3 East, 3 West, 27 West, 27 West	White-tailed deer with or without antlers	November 7 to November 12, 2026	November 6 to November 11, 2027
Territory of the	White-tailed deer with	October 17 to October	October 16 to October

montagne de Rigaud in or without antlers zone 8 North		21, 2026	20, 2027
Territory of the montagne de Rigaud in zone 8 North	White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	November 10 to November 22, 2026	November 9 to November 21, 2027

Shotgun, muzzle loading firearm, crossbow and bow hunting seasons

Zone where hunting is permitted	Age and sex	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
3 West (except all islands and islets of the St. Lawrence River downstream of the pont Pierre-Laporte included in this zone), 4, 5 East, 7 North, 7 South, 10 East, 10 West	White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	October 17 to October 21, 2026	October 16 to October 20, 2027
15 East, 18, 26 East, 26 West, 27 East, 28	White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	November 13 to November 15, 2026	November 12 to November 14, 2027
8 East, 8 North excluding the territory of the montagne de Rigaud	White-tailed deer with or without antlers	October 17 to October 21, 2026	October 16 to October 20, 2027
6 North, 6 South	White-tailed deer with antlers (antler restriction standard) or without antlers	October 17 to October 21, 2026	October 16 to October 20, 2027
All islands and islets of the St. Lawrence River downstream of the pont Pierre-Laporte included in zones 2 East, 2 West, 3 East, 3 West, 27 East, 27 West	White-tailed deer with or without antlers	November 13 to November 15, 2026	November 12 to November 14, 2027
5 West, 8 South	Antlerless white-tailed deer or with antlers of 7.21 cm or less	October 17 to October 21, 2026	October 16 to October 20, 2027

Firearms (rifle, shotgun, muzzle loading firearm), crossbow and bow

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Zone where hunting is permitted	Age and sex	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
1 North, 1 South, 2 East (except the Macpès and Duquesne townships and all islands and islets of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent downstream from the Pont Pierre-Laporte included in this zone), 27 West (except all islands and islets of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent downstream from the Pont Pierre-Laporte included in this zone)	White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	November 7 to November 15, 2026	November 6 to November 14, 2027
2 West, 3 East, 3 West (except all islands and islets of the St. Lawrence River downstream of pont Pierre-Laporte included in this zone), 4, 5 East, 5 West, 7 North, 7 South, 8 East, 8 North excluding the territory of the montagne de Rigaud, 8 South, 9 East, 9 West, 10 East, 10 West, 11 East, 11 West, 12, 13 Southwest, 15 West	White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	November 7 to November 22, 2026	November 6 to November 21, 2027
6 North, 6 South	White-tailed deer with antlers (antler restriction standard)	November 7 to November 22, 2026	November 6 to November 21, 2027
20 (except western part of zone 20)	White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	August 1 to August 31, 2026	August 1 to August 31, 2027
20 (except western part of zone 20)	White-tailed deer with or without antlers	September 1 to December 24, 2026	September 1 to December 24, 2027

Hunting periods for novice hunters only

These dates are for participants to [the deer hunting initiation weekend](#).

Gear: Crossbow and bow

Zone where hunting is permitted	Age and sex	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
All islands and islets of the St. Lawrence River downstream of the pont Pierre-Laporte included in zones 2 East, 2 West, 3 East, 3 West, 27 East, 27 West	White-tailed deer with or without antlers	From October 31 to November 1, 2026	From October 30 to October 31, 2027
Territory of Montagne de Rigaud in zone 8 North, 15 East, 18, 26 East, 26 West, 27 East (except all islands and islets of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent downstream from the Pont Pierre-Laporte included in these zones), 28	White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	November 2 to November 3, 2026	November 1 to November 2, 2027

Gear: Firearms, crossbow and bow

Zone where hunting is permitted	Age and sex	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
1 North, 1 South, 2 East (except the Macpès and Duquesne townships), 2 West, 3 East, 3 West (except all islands and islets of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent downstream from the Pont Pierre-Laporte included in these zones), 4, 5 East, 5 West, 7 North,	White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	From October 31 to November 1, 2026	From October 30 to October 31, 2027

7 South, 8 East, 8 North
(excluding the territory
of Montagne de
Rigaud), 8 South,
9 East, 9 West, 10 East,
10 West, 11 East,
11 West, 12,
13 Southwest, 15 West,
27 West (except all
islands and islets of the
Fleuve Saint-Laurent
downstream from the
Pont Pierre-Laporte
included in this zone)

6 North, 6 South	White-tailed deer with antlers (antler restriction standard)	From October 31 to November 1, 2026	From October 30 to October 31, 2027
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2026-2027 hunting seasons for black bear

Hunting dates are established based on the zone where hunting is permitted and the type of weapon used.

Changes to the authorized periods and segments may be made at any time as required. It is your responsibility to abide by the terms and conditions in effect before you practice your activity.

Specifications on the hunting zones

[Hunting may be prohibited](#) in certain territories within a given zone. If it is permitted, the conditions may differ from those of the hunting zone in which those territories are located. You will need to communicate with the person or group responsible for the territories in question to find out the rules.

In the Macpès territory (zone 2), black bear hunting with a crossbow or bow is permitted, but hunting with a firearm is prohibited.

An organization managing a ZEC may, in a hunting area, prohibit the hunting of black bear during a part of the season or during the entire season in the zone where the ZEC is located.

To find out [what to do before, during and after hunting](#) black bear, refer to the rules for this species.

Crossbow and bow hunting seasons

Zone where hunting is permitted	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
1, 11 West, 15	September 26 to October 4, 2026	September 25 to October 3, 2027
4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10	October 3 to October 16, 2026	October 2 to October 15, 2027
11 East	September 26 to October 12, 2026	September 25 to October 11, 2027
Eastern and western parts of 19 South (except northwestern part), 29	September 5 to September 13, 2026	September 4 to September 12, 2027
Northwestern part of 19 South	August 29 to September 6, 2026	August 28 to September 5, 2027
12, 26, 27 West	September 19 to October 4, 2026	September 18 to October 3, 2027

Shotgun, muzzle loading firearm, crossbow and bow hunting seasons

Zone where hunting is permitted	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
10	October 17 to October 21, 2026	October 16 to October 20, 2027

Firearms, crossbow and bow hunting seasons

The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zones 17, 22, 23 and 24.

Bear hunting with a firearm is prohibited in the townships of Macpès and Duquesne (zone 2).

Zone where hunting is permitted	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 27 East, 28	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
4, 5, 6, 8, 10	May 15 to June 30, 2026 And November 7 to November 22, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027 And November 6 to November 21, 2027
West part of 19 South (except the northwest part), 29	From May 15 to June 30, 2026 From September 19 to October 18, 2026	From May 15 to June 30, 2027 From September 18 to October 17, 2027
East part of 19 South	From May 15 to June 30, 2026 From September 19 to November 1, 2026	From May 15 to June 30, 2027 From September 18 to October 31, 2027
Northwest part of 19 South	From May 15 to June 30, 2026 From September 12 to October 12, 2026	From May 15 to June 30, 2027 From September 11 to October 11, 2027
23, 24	From May 15 to June 30 From August 1 to October 15, 2026	From May 15 to June 30, 2027 From August 1 to October 15, 2027
26, 27 West	From May 15 to June 30 From October 10 to October 25, 2026	From May 15 to June 30, 2027 From October 9 to October 24, 2027

2026-2027 hunting seasons for wild turkey

Hunting dates are established based on the zone where hunting is permitted, the type of weapon used, the sex of the animal and its maturity.

Changes to the authorized periods and segments may be made at any time as required. It is your responsibility to abide by the terms and conditions in effect before you practice your activity.

Specifications on the hunting zones

In some zones, hunting may be [prohibited in some territories](#).

Hunting is permitted from half an hour before sunrise until midday.

To find out [what to do before, during and after hunting](#) wild turkey, refer to the rules for this species.

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Shotguns, muzzle-loading and breech-loading firearms, crossbow and bow

Zone where hunting is permitted	Age and sex	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 26 and 27	Bearded wild turkey	April 24 to May 18, 2026	April 30 to May 24, 2027
2, 12, 13, 15	Bearded wild turkey	April 24 to May 5, 2026	April 30 to May 11, 2027
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Bearded or unbearded wild turkey	October 24 to October 30, 2026	October 23 to October 29, 2027

2026-2028 hunting seasons for small game

Hunting dates are established based on the zone where hunting is permitted, the type of weapon used, the sex of the animal and its maturity.

Changes to the authorized periods and segments may be made at any time as required. It is your responsibility to abide by the terms and conditions in effect before you practice your activity.

[Hunting may be prohibited](#) in certain territories within a given zone. If it is permitted, the conditions may differ from those of the hunting zone in which those territories are located. You will need to communicate with the person or group responsible for the territories in question to find out the rules.

In the Macpès territory (zone 2), small game hunting with a crossbow or bow, hare and eastern cottontail snaring, small game hunting with a bird of prey are permitted, but hunting with a firearm is prohibited.

To find out [what to do before, during and after hunting](#) small game, refer to the rules for this species.

To find out the rules applicable from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2026, consult the [regulations \(PDF 265 Kb\)](#) in force for that period.

Eastern cottontail, Arctic hare and snowshoe hare

In the Îles-de-la-Madeleine (zone 21), hunting for snowshoe hares is prohibited. However, on Île Havre Tobert, a short hunting season takes place from November 14 to December 6, 2026, and from November 20 to December 12, 2027. For more information, please [contact the regional office](#) (in French only).

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 (except the Îles-de-la-Madeleine), 26, 27, 28	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zone 17.	From September 19, 2026 to March 31, 2027	From September 18, 2027 to March 31, 2028
19 South, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	From September 12, 2026 to March 31, 2027	From September 11, 2027 to March 31, 2028
22, 23, 24	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	From September 12, 2026 to April 30, 2027	From September 11, 2027 to April 30, 2028

Île-du-Havre-Aubert	Firearms, air rifles and bow	From November 14 to December 6, 2026	From November 20 to December 12, 2027
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 (except the Îles-de-la-Madeleine), 26, 27 (except Île d'Orléans), 28	Snare In zone 17, the use of snares to harvest snowshoe hare is permitted only in non-Indigenous establishments and in the vicinity of those establishments.	From September 19, 2026 to March 31, 2027	From September 18, 2027 to March 31, 2028
19 South, 29	Snare	From September 12, 2026 to March 31, 2027	From September 11, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Coyote and wolf

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 26, 27	Firearms, crossbow and bow	From October 25, 2026 to March 31, 2027	From October 25, 2027 to March 31, 2028
12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 21, 28	Firearms, crossbow and bow	From October 18, 2026 to March 31, 2027	From October 18, 2027 to March 31, 2028
19 South, 29	Firearms, crossbow and bow	From October 18, 2026 to April 15, 2027	From October 18, 2027 to April 15, 2028

Woodchuck

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 south, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29	Firearms, crossbow and bow	All year	All year

Raccoon

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
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permitted		season	season
4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Firearms, crossbow and bow	From October 25, 2026 to March 1, 2027	From October 25, 2027 to March 1, 2028
4, 5, 6, 7, 8	.22 rifle with rimfire cartridges, at night, with dogs	From October 25, 2026 to December 15, 2026	From October 25, 2027 to December 15, 2027

Red foxes, silver foxes, cross foxes

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Firearms, crossbow and bow	From October 25, 2026 to March 1, 2027	From October 25, 2027 to March 1, 2028

Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and sharp-tailed grouse

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
1, 2 (except Île Verte), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zone 17.	From September 19, 2026 to January 15, 2027	From September 18, 2027 to January 15, 2028
19 South, 22, 23, 24, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow. The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zones 22, 23 and 24.	From September 12, 2026 to January 15, 2027	From September 11, 2027 to January 15, 2028

Grey partridge

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 South, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow The use of a crossbow	From September 19, 2026 to November 15, 2026	From September 18, 2027 to November 15, 2027

is prohibited in zones
17, 22, 23 and 24.

Rock ptarmigan and willow ptarmigan

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zone 17.	From September 19, 2026 to March 31, 2027	From September 18, 2027 to March 31, 2028
19 South, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	From September 12, 2026 to March 31, 2027	From September 11, 2027 to March 31, 2028
22, 23, 24	Firearms, air rifles and bow	From September 12, 2026 to April 30, 2027	From September 11, 2027 to April 30, 2028

Red-winged blackbird, American crow, European starling, house sparrow, common grackle, brown-headed cowbird

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 South, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zones 17, 22, 23 and 24.	July 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027	July 1, 2027 to April 30, 2028

Quail, northern bobwhite, pheasant, francolin, rock partridge, chukar partridge, red-legged partridge and guinea fowl

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	August 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026	August 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027

17, 18, 19 South, 20, 21, The use of a crossbow
22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29 is prohibited in zones
17, 22, 23 and 24.

Training and competition activities for hunting dogs, using quail, northern bobwhite, pheasant, francolin, rock partridge, chukar partridge, red-legged partridge, rock dove, and guinea fowl

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 South, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zones 17, 22, 23 and 24.	All year	All year

Rock dove

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season	2027-2028 hunting season
1, 2 (except île Verte), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 South, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zones 17, 22, 23 and 24.	All year	All year

Migratory birds

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026-2027 hunting season
In zones, ZECs and wildlife reserves	Firearms, crossbow and bow	Refer to the Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations brochure from Environment and Climate Change Canada.

2026-2027 hunting season for frogs

Hunting dates are established based on the zone where hunting is permitted, the type of weapon used, the sex of the animal and its maturity.

Changes to the authorized periods and segments may be made at any time as required. It is your responsibility to abide by the terms and conditions in effect before you practice your activity.

Specifications on the hunting zones

In some zones, hunting may be prohibited in [some territories](#).

To find out [what to do before, during and after hunting](#) small game, refer to the rules for this species.

Hunting seasons

Leopard frog, green frog and bullfrog

A specific frog permit, for residents only, is required to hunt these amphibians. A hunter's certificate is not required to obtain this permit.

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 South, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29	Deadfall, barrier, stinger, dip net, pit, hook and hand	July 15 to November 15, 2026	July 15 to November 15, 2027

2026-2028 hunting seasons in wildlife reserves

Hunting dates are established based on the zone where hunting is permitted, the type of weapon used, the sex of the animal and its maturity.

Changes to the authorized periods and segments may be made at any time as required. It is your responsibility to abide by the terms and conditions in effect before you practice your activity.

See [2024-2026 hunting seasons \(PDF 296 Kb\)](#)

Specifications on the hunting zones

A wildlife reserve may choose not to offer a daily access right for small game hunting on certain days during a given period. For more information or to find out the opening dates for small game hunting, visit the [Sépaq website](#). Migratory bird hunting seasons in wildlife reserves are the same as those in the federal migratory bird hunting districts in which they are located. Refer to the summary of Environment Canada's migratory birds hunting regulations.

During a season of antlered deer hunting, the holder of an [antlerless deer hunting licence \(random draw\)](#) may hunt antlerless deer in the location indicated on their licence. When antlerless deer licences (random draw) are issued for a wildlife reserve or ZEC, the licences for the zone are not valid in these territories and the licences issued for these territories cannot be used in the zone.

If you hold a moose without antlers hunting licence (draw), you must comply with the conditions associated with obtaining it. When moose without antlers hunting licences (draw) are issued for a wildlife reserve or a zec, the zone licences are not valid on these territories, and the licences issued for these territories cannot be used in the zone.

Ashuapmushuan (zone 28)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 12 to September 25, 2026	September 11 to September 24, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 12 to September 25, 2026	September 11 to September 24, 2027

		This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 25 to November 15, 2026	September 24 to November 15, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 26 to November 2, 2026	September 25 to November 1, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	September 12 to September 25, 2026	September 11 to September 24, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.
		And	And
		September 26, 2026 to March 31, 2027	September 25, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Chic-Chocs, des (zone 1)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 8 to November 7, 2026	September 7 to November 6, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Coyote	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 18 to November 7, 2026	October 18 to November 6, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.

		And	And
		October 31 to November 23, 2026	October 30 to November 22, 2027
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 3 to November 23, 2026	October 2 to November 22, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	October 3 to November 23, 2026	October 2 to November 22, 2027

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Duchénier (zone 2 est)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 8 to October 15, 2026	September 7 to October 14, 2027
		And	And
		October 27 to November 15, 2026	October 26 to November 14, 2027
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 27 to November 15, 2026	October 26 to November 14, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
		And	And
		October 31 to November 15, 2026	October 30 to November 14, 2027
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a	This period is reserved for participants in a

Coyote	Firearms, crossbow and bow	quota hunt. October 25 to November 15, 2026	quota hunt. October 25 to November 14, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 16 to November 29, 2026	October 15 to November 28, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
		And	And
		October 16 to November 29, 2026	October 15 to November 28, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 18, 2026 to March 31, 2027	November 17, 2027 to March 31, 2028
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 16, 2026 to March 31, 2027	November 15, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Dunière, de (zone 1)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 8 to November 11, 2026	September 7 to November 10, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a	This period is reserved for participants in a

		quota hunt.	quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	November 12 to November 15, 2026	November 11 to November 14, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 12, 2026 to March 31, 2027	November 11, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Laurentides (including the Tourilli sector) (zone 27 West)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	August 31 to October 16, 2026	August 31 to October 16, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		And	And
		August 31 to October 16, 2026	August 31 to October 16, 2027
		These period are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These period are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 19 to September 30, 2026	September 18 to September 30, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 17 to November 8, 2026	October 17 to November 7, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	October 24, 2026 to March 31, 2027	October 23, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Laurentides (Tourilli sector) (zone 27 West)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Crossbow and bow	October 31 to November 22, 2026	October 30 to November 21, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

La Vérendrye (zones 12 and 13)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 31 to November 22, 2026	October 30 to November 21, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a hunt that is subject to quotas.	This period is reserved for participants in a hunt that is subject to quotas.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 14 to October 14, 2026	September 13 to October 13, 2027
		And	And
		October 31 to November 15, 2026	October 30 to November 14, 2027
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a	This period is reserved for participants in a

		quota hunt.	quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 15, 2026 to January 15, 2027	October 14, 2027 to January 15, 2028
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 16, 2026 to March 31, 2027	November 15, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Mastigouche (zone 26)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 8 to October 9, 2026	September 7 to October 8, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 3 to December 31, 2026	October 2 to December 31, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	October 3, 2026 to March 31, 2027	October 2, 2027 to March 31, 2028
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Crossbow and bow	November 7 to November 12, 2026	November 6 to November 11, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Shotguns, muzzle-loading firearms, crossbow and bow	November 13 to November 15, 2026	November 12 to November 14, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Matane, de (zone 1)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 8 to November 10, 2026	September 7 to November 10, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Coyote	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 18 to December 21, 2026	October 18 to December 21, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		And	And
		September 8 to October 4, 2026	September 7 to October 3, 2027
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 27 to December 1, 2026	October 26 to December 1, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	October 27, 2026 to March 31, 2027	October 26, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Papineau-Labelle, de (zone 10 East)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 21 to October 8, 2026	September 20 to October 7, 2027

		And	And
		October 9 to October 15, 2026	October 8 to October 14, 2027
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 9 to October 15, 2026	October 8 to October 14, 2027
		And	And
		October 31 to November 22, 2026	October 30 to November 21, 2027
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, snowshoe hare and eastern cottontail	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 9 to October 15, 2026	October 8 to October 14, 2027
		And	And
		November 2 to November 21, 2026	November 1 to November 20, 2027
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		And	And
		October 9 to October 15, 2026	October 8 to October 14, 2027
		And	And
		October 31 to November 22, 2026	October 30 to November 21, 2027

		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, snowshoe hare and eastern cottontail	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 7 to September 20, 2026	September 6 to September 19, 2027
		And	And
		October 16 to November 1, 2026	October 15 to October 31, 2027
		And	And
		November 22, 2026 to January 15, 2027	November 21, 2027 to January 15, 2028
Snowshoe hare and eastern cottontail	Snare	November 22, 2026 to January 15, 2027	November 21, 2027 to January 15, 2028
Wild turkey with a beard	Firearm, muzzle-loading firearm, crossbow and bow	From April 24 to May 18, 2026	From April 30 to May 24, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a controlled hunt	This period is reserved for participants in a controlled hunt
		And	And
		From April 24 to May 18, 2026	From April 30 to May 24, 2027
Wild turkey with or without a beard	Firearm, muzzle-loading firearm, crossbow and bow	October 24 to October 30, 2026	October 23 to October 29, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a controlled hunt	This period is reserved for participants in a controlled hunt
		And	And
		October 24 to October 30, 2026	October 23 to October 29, 2027

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Port-Cartier–Sept-Îles, de (zone 19 South)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 11 to October 11, 2026	September 10 to October 10, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 11 to October 11, 2026	September 10 to October 10, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
		May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 11 to October 11, 2026	September 10 to October 10, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 10, 2026 to January 15, 2027	October 9, 2027 to January 15, 2028
Rock ptarmigan, willow ptarmigan	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 10, 2026 to April 30, 2027	October 9, 2027 to April 30, 2028
Snowshoe hare	Snare	September 11 to October 11, 2026	September 10 to October 10, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
		October 10, 2026 to April 30, 2027	October 9, 2027 to April 30, 2028

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Port-Daniel, de (zone 1)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 8 to October 4, 2026	September 7 to October 3, 2027

		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	November 12 to November 22, 2026	November 11 to November 21, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 1 to June 30, 2026	May 1 to June 30, 2027
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 5 to October 18, 2026	October 4 to October 17, 2027
Coyote	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 5 to October 18, 2026	October 4 to October 17, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	October 5, 2026 to March 31, 2027	October 4, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Portneuf, de (zone 27 West)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 8 to October 9, 2026	September 7 to October 8, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Crossbow and bow	October 31 to November 22, 2026	October 30 to November 21, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		And	And
		September 8 to October 9, 2026	September 7 to October 8, 2027

		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 10 to December 20, 2026	October 9 to December 19, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	October 10, 2026 to March 31, 2027	October 9, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Rimouski, de (zone 2 East)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 1 to November 15, 2026	September 1 to November 15, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 9 to October 15, 2026	October 8 to October 14, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 7 to December 1, 2026	October 7 to December 1, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Coyote	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 16 to December 1, 2026	October 15 to December 1, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 5 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a	This period is reserved

		quota hunt.	for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 15 to December 1, 2026	October 15 to December 1, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 9, 2026 to March 31, 2027	November 8, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Rouge-Matawin (zone 15 West)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 19 to October 15, 2026	September 18 to October 14, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 9 to October 15, 2026	October 8 to October 14, 2027
		And	And
		October 31 to November 22, 2026	October 30 to November 21, 2027
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 18 to November 22, 2026	October 17 to November 21, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 5 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		And	And
		September 19 to October 15, 2026	September 18 to

		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	October 14, 2027 These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 8 to November 9, 2026	September 7 to November 8, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 10, 2026 to March 31, 2027	November 9, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).

Saint-Maurice, du (zone 26)

Species	Gear	2026 hunting season	2027 hunting season
Moose	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 7 to October 9, 2026	September 6 to October 8, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30, 2026	May 15 to June 30, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms and air rifles, crossbow and bow	October 3 to December 31, 2026	October 2 to December 31, 2027
Snowshoe hare	Snare	October 3, 2026 to March 31, 2027	October 2, 2027 to March 31, 2028
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Crossbow and bow	November 7 to November 12, 2026	November 6 to November 11, 2027
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Shotguns, muzzle-loading firearms, crossbow and bow	November 13 to November 15, 2026	November 12 to November 14, 2027

This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt. This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.

Migratory birds : Refer to the [Migratory Birds Regulations](#).