

# Mark your calendars for the 2022 hunting season!



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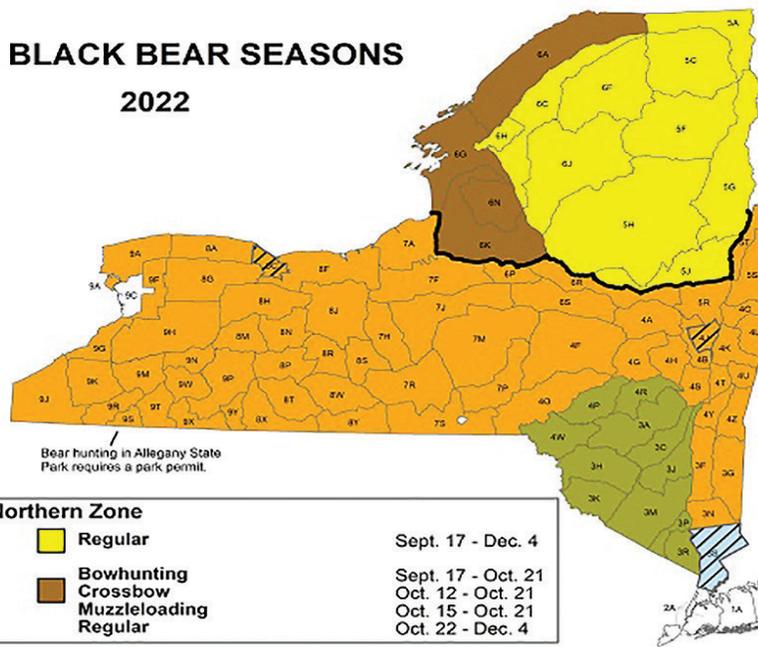
## Safety Tips for Hunting:

- ☛ ALWAYS be aware of the effective range of your gun/bow.
- ☛ Positively identify your target as well as what is behind it before shooting.
- ☛ Before crossing a fence, unload firearms or place any arrows in the quiver, then place them on the ground under the fence or hand them to someone across the fence.
- ☛ In the event a firearm is dropped, make sure it is unloaded, then remove dirt or other obstructions from inside and outside the barrel.
- ☛ Do not substitute a scope mounted to a rifle for binoculars.
- ☛ For more information, please visit [dec.ny.gov](https://dec.ny.gov).

The Mohawk Valley and North Country are well-known for having some of the best hunting grounds in the country. I want to make sure all of our hunters know of these important dates for the upcoming 2022 season:

	DEER	BEAR
<b>Bowhunting</b>	Sept. 27 – Oct. 21 Dec. 5 – Dec. 11	Sept. 17 – Oct. 21 (brown shaded portion of map)
<b>Crossbow</b>	Oct. 12- Oct. 21	Oct. 12- Oct. 21 (brown shaded portion of map)
<b>Regular Season</b>	Oct. 22-Dec. 4	Sept. 17- Dec. 4 (yellow shaded portion of map) Oct. 22 – Dec. 4 (brown shaded portion of map)
<b>Muzzleloading</b>	Oct. 15-Oct. 21	Oct. 15-Oct. 21 (brown shaded portion of map)

### BLACK BEAR SEASONS 2022



**Hunting Hours**  
30 minutes before Sunrise  
to 30 minutes after Sunset

Northern - Southern  
Zone Line

**Youth Firearms Season**  
**Season Dates**  
Oct. 8 - 10, 2022  
**Area Open**  
Northern and Southern Zone,  
except bowhunting only WMUs  
**Eligible Hunters**  
Youth 14-15 years of age

**Northern Zone**

<span style="display:inline-block; width:10px; height:10px; background-color:yellow; border:1px solid black;"></span> Regular	Sept. 17 - Dec. 4
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<span style="display:inline-block; width:10px; height:10px; background-color:brown; border:1px solid black;"></span> Crossbow	Oct. 12 - Oct. 21
<span style="display:inline-block; width:10px; height:10px; background-color:brown; border:1px solid black;"></span> Muzzleloading	Oct. 15 - Oct. 21
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**Southern Zone**

<span style="display:inline-block; width:10px; height:10px; background-color:lightgreen; border:1px solid black;"></span> Early Bear	Sept. 10 - Sept. 25
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<span style="display:inline-block; width:10px; height:10px; background-color:lightgreen; border:1px solid black;"></span> Late Bowhunting	Dec. 12 - Dec. 20
<span style="display:inline-block; width:10px; height:10px; background-color:lightgreen; border:1px solid black;"></span> Late Muzzleloading	Dec. 12 - Dec. 20
<span style="display:inline-block; width:10px; height:10px; border:1px solid black; border-style:dashed;"></span> Westchester County (3S) Regular--Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

Bowhunting Only WMUs  
 No Bear Hunting

**Crossbows**  
- May be used to hunt bear during the early bear seasons, muzzleloader seasons, and the regular firearms seasons.  
- May not be used to hunt bear anytime in WMUs 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

All dates listed are in the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation 'Northern Zone'. To see the Northern-Southern zone line please follow this link: [dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28605.html#deer](https://dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28605.html#deer)

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