

**Vermont Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Dates
2012 Season (All Dates Inclusive)***

Fishing

Trout & Landlocked Salmon.....	April 14 – Oct. 31
Trout & Landlocked Salmon (Lake Champlain).....	No Closed Season
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass.....	June 9 – Nov. 30
Catch & Release – Lakes and Ponds.....	April 14 – June 8
Pickereel, N. Pike, Yellow Perch.....	No Closed Season
Walleye (all waters except Chittenden Reservoir and the Connecticut River.)	May 7, 2011 – March 15, 2012 & May 5, 2012 – March 15, 2013
Walleye (Chittenden reservoir and Connecticut River).....	See Guide to Laws
Smelt.....	No Closed Season
Free Fishing Day	June 9, 2012

Big Game Hunting

Deer (Bow & Arrow).....	Oct. 6-28 & Dec. 1-9
Youth Deer Weekend.....	Nov. 3 – Nov. 4
Deer (16 Day Regular Season).....	Nov. 10 – Nov. 25
Deer (Muzzleloader).....	Dec. 1-9
Black Bear.....	Sept. 1 – Nov. 14
Snow Goose.....	March 11-April 27
Youth Turkey Weekend.....	April 28-29
Turkey Spring Season.....	May 1 – May 31
Turkey Fall Seasons	
Bow & arrow only: October 6-19 in all WMUs statewide	
Shotgun or bow & arrow: October 20-28 in WMUs B, D1, D2, G, H1, H2, I, J1, J2, L, M1, M2, O1, O2, P, and Q	
Shotgun or bow & arrow: October 20-November 4 in WMUs F1, F2, K1, K2, and N	

Moose.....Archery Oct. 1-7, Regular Season Oct. 20-25

Small Game Hunting

Hare, Rabbit.....	Sept. 24, 2011 – March 11, 2012 & Sept. 29, 2012- March 10, 2013
Gray Squirrel.....	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31
Ruffed Grouse (Partridge).....	Sept. 29 – Dec. 31
Woodcock.....	To be announced
Crow.....	March 14 – April 30 & Aug. 16 – October 29

Furbearer Hunting

Bobcat.....	Jan. 10 – Feb. 7
Red & Gray Fox.....	Oct. 22, 2011 – Feb. 12, 2012 & Oct. 27, 2012-Feb. 10, 2013
Raccoon.....	Oct. 13 – Dec. 31
Muskrat.....	March 20 – April 19
Coyote.....	Open Year Around
Fisher, Otter, Beaver.....	No Open Season

Furbearer Trapping

Mink, Skunk, Red & Gray Fox, Raccoon, Coyote, Opossum, Weasel.....	Oct. 27 – Dec. 31
Otter.....	Oct. 22, 2011 – Feb 29, 2012 & Oct. 27, 2012-Feb. 28, 2013
Muskrat.....	Oct. 22, 2011 – March 31, 2012 & Oct. 27, 2012-March 31, 2013
Fisher.....	Dec.1-31
Bobcat.....	Dec. 1 – 16
Beaver.....	Nov. 15 – March 31

Furbearers-Closed Season

Marten, Lynx, Wolf	No Open Season
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*These are general season dates. Read the 2012 Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Laws & Guide for more information and exceptions.