



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Maine Turkey Hunting



ABOUT MAINE TURKEY HUNTING

- **Spring and fall seasons**
- **High success rate**
- **All-day hunting**
- **Vast accessible land**

Explore our woods, waters and wildlife

HUNT MAINE

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AMPLE OPPORTUNITY

When it comes to turkey hunting, Maine just might be the best kept secret in the northeast.

Thanks to years of restoration efforts, the Pine Tree State has a thriving turkey population, estimated at 60,000 birds and growing every year.

Outside of more urban and suburban areas, these birds receive relatively little hunting pressure, affording ample opportunity for a quality hunt.



SPRING HUNTING

A spring turkey permit, available over the counter or online, allows hunters to take two bearded birds in many WMDs, and a generous five week season affords the time to do so. Furthermore, Maine is the only state in the northeast that allows all-day spring hunting. Electronic calling devices are legal.

FALL HUNTING

Maine also has a four-week fall turkey season, open all day to hunting with bow and arrow or shotgun. Properly licensed hunters may take two birds of either sex in some of our 27 Wildlife Management Districts, and one bird of either sex in others.

HIGH SUCCESS RATE

The Maine woods are home to a healthy population of Eastern wild turkeys.

Hunters take around 6,000 birds during the spring season, and success rates often approach 40 percent.



RECORDS

The National Wild Turkey Federation's Wild Turkey Records list the following superlatives for Maine:

Heaviest Weight:	24.5625 pounds
Longest Beard:	12.375 inches
Most Beards:	4
Longest Spurs:	1.625 inches
Highest Score:	102.625

Plan a hunt in Maine to find your record turkey!

FALL BOW HUNTING



The fall turkey season coincides with the fall bowhunting season for deer, and turkeys represent a bonus opportunity for bow-hunters.

FALL DOG HUNTING

Maine is among a select few states where the use of dogs and electronic devices are legal.

Pursue wild turkey with your loyal bird dog.



MANAGEMENT

The Department began their turkey restoration program in 1977, bringing in wild birds from out of state. As populations grew, birds were trapped and transferred within the state.

The first modern spring hunt occurred in 1986. Since then, the Department has gradually expanded hunting opportunities with no detrimental effects on the population. As a result, huntable populations now occur in most areas, and the Department continues relocating birds into suitable habitats statewide.

MAINE PROFESSIONAL GUIDES

Hiring a Guide

Non-resident and resident hunters alike opt to hire a registered Maine guide for their hunt.

Registered Maine Guides have a long and colorful history and are recognized around the world as the gold standard in outdoor skills and knowledge. Rigorous testing and compliance standards ensure that guides are professionals dedicated to quality, ethical and legal outdoor experience for all.

For more information including tips on how to hire a guide, and a searchable list of guides by region and specialty, visit the Maine Professional Guides Association website at:



www.maineguides.org

MAINE SPORTING CAMPS

Maine Sporting Camps offer a traditional experience unique to the Maine Woods. Association members provide a high quality recreational opportunity for individuals and their families, one you'll remember long after you return home.

A Maine Sporting Camp provides hearty meals and comfortable lodging in the wild Maine Woods, giving you more time afield.



www.mainesportingcamps.com

MAINE HUNTING LAWS

Maine hunting laws and regulations are produced by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. They are available online or at more than 800 licensing agents statewide.

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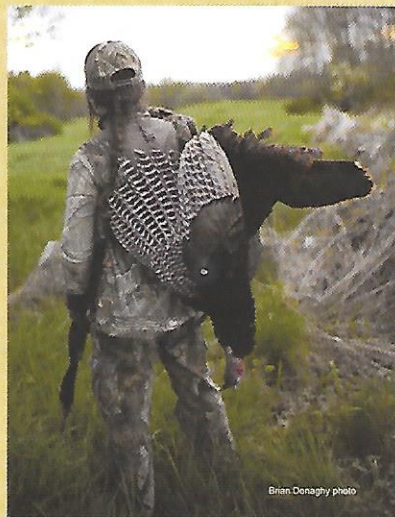
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MAPS

The Maine Hunting and Fishing Map details all the Wildlife Management Areas, Public Lands and National Wildlife Refuges open to hunting. Request your copy by calling: 207-287-8000.

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