

2018 Season Dates



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2018 Game Animal Seasons

Antelope	
900 series	Aug 15–Nov 11
archery	Sept 1–Oct 5
general	Oct 6–Nov 11
Bighorn Sheep	
archery	Sept 1–Sept 14
general	Sept 15–Nov 25
Bison	Nov 15–Feb 15, 2019
Black Bear	
spring	Apr 15–May 31/June 15
archery	Sept 1–Sept 14
fall	Sept 15–Nov 25
Deer & Elk	
archery	Sept 1–Oct 14
youth, deer only	Oct 18–Oct 19
general	Oct 20–Nov 25
backcountry – HD's 150, 151, 280, 316*	
archery	Sept 1–Sept 14
general	Sept 15–Nov 25
Elk Shoulder Seasons	Check website
Moose	Sept 15–Nov 25
Mountain Goat	Sept 15–Nov 25
Mountain Lion	
archery	Sept 1–Oct 14
fall	Oct 20–Nov 25
winter	Dec 1–Apr 14, 2019

Wolf Season

archery	Sept 1–Sept 14
general	Sept 15–Mar 15, 2019
trapping	Dec 15–Feb 28, 2019

* HD 316 does not have an Archery Only Season

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2018 Upland Game Birds Seasons

Mountain Grouse	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2019
Partridge	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2019
Pheasant	Oct 6–Jan 1, 2019
Sage Grouse	Sept 1–Sept 30
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2019
Turkey	
spring	Apr 14–May 20
fall	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2019

2018 Montana Fishing Seasons

Lakes	Open entire year
Rivers** and streams	
3rd Saturday in May - Nov. 30	
**some rivers are open entire year	
	– check the fishing regulations

2018 Montana Furbearer Seasons

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2018 dates adopted in August, 2018.*

Trapping Districts 1, 2 & 3	
Beaver	Nov 1–April 15, 2019
Bobcat	Dec 1–Feb 15, 2019*
Trapping Districts 4, 5, 6 & 7	
Beaver	Sept 1–May 31, 2019
Bobcat	Dec 1–Mar 1, 2019*
Portion of Trapping District 6	
Swift Fox	Nov 1–Mar 1, 2019*
Fisher, Marten, Wolverine	
(where open)	Dec 1–Feb 15, 2019*
Mink, Muskrat, Otter	Nov 1–April 15, 2019*

* May close earlier when the quota is reached.

2018 Application/Purchase Deadlines

Antelope	June 1
Bighorn Sheep	May 1
Bison	May 1
Black Bear	
spring	Apr 14*
fall	Aug 31*
Crane	July 26
Deer & Elk	
special permits	Mar 15
special drawings	June 1
Moose	May 1
Mountain Goat	May 1
Mountain Lion	
general license	Aug 31*
special limited entry	Aug 9
Paddlefish	Mar 29
Super Tags	
Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison,	
Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat	
and Mountain Lion	June 28
Swan	Aug 30
Turkey	
spring	Mar 1
fall	July 26

*see species-specific regulations for license purchase restrictions.

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