Regulations for season dates, structures, and restrictions were adopted by the F&W Commission on February 13, 2019, under the authority granted in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Statutes and other information, including other agencies’ restrictions, are provided as a courtesy and do not fall under commission authority. Martha Williams, Director.

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### Licenses and Limits

The following licenses are available at all FWP offices, FWP website, and FWP license providers throughout the state. Exception: special licenses may only be applied for online, at an FWP office or by mailed-in application.

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* some 10 and 11 year olds, certified as an apprentice are also eligible.

**Limit** – A turkey hunter may hold up to 12 wild turkey licenses per year. This may include:
- 1 General Turkey License valid statewide (except for a portion of Region 4) for male turkey in the spring and either-sex turkey in the fall;
- 1 Regional Turkey License in each of Regions 1, 2, 5 & 7 valid for male turkey in the spring and either-sex turkey in the fall (Region 5 license only valid in the spring);
- 1 Female or Bearded Turkey License in Region 1;
- 4 Female or Bearded Turkey License valid in Missoula and Ravalli Counties;
- 1 Female or Bearded Turkey License valid in Missoula, Ravalli and Mineral Counties;
- 1 Spring Special Drawing Turkey License in Region 4.

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Recorded Animal Sounds – It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, wolves, and those birds not protected by State or Federal law.

General Regulations

Check Stations – All hunters are required by law to stop at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting areas, even if they have no game to be checked.

Evidence of Sex – No person shall transport within the state any turkey taken during the spring (male) season unless one leg and foot are left naturally attached for evidence of sex. The leg and foot shall remain attached at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the permanent residence of the possessor.

Hunting Hours for Turkey – Authorized hunting hours for the taking of game birds begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed on page 4.

Wanton Waste – It is unlawful to waste any part of a game bird suitable for food. Following are turkey parts suitable for food: breasts, thighs and wings.

Hunter Access

Private Land Access – Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land.

- Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the land owner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property, regardless of whether the land is posted or not.
- Access to public land through private land requires permission of the private land owner, lessee, or their agent. Retrieval of all wildlife through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.

Railroad Access – Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

State School Trust Lands – The Conservation License allows hunters access to all lawfully accessible State School Trust lands. Contact a DNRC office for regulations.

- Overnight (2 night) camping is allowed within 200 feet of a lawful access point.
- Horses may not be kept on state land overnight.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open.
- Game retrieval is by foot or horse only.
- No open fires are allowed except in designated campgrounds.
- Firearms may not be discharged within one-quarter mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant.
- Additional information is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

Reservation Land – Contact the appropriate Tribal Government for information.

License Validation and Tagging

Tagging –

- A hunter must cut out the proper month and day of the kill from the appropriate license and attach it to the animal before the carcass is removed from the site of the kill, or before the hunter leaves the site of the kill.
- To properly validate a license (sometimes referred to as a tag):
  - The triangles denoting the month and day the animal was killed must be completely cut out and removed.
  - The properly validated license must remain with the meat (including cold storage) until consumed.

Turkey Hunting Areas
**General Hunting Area License - Over-the-Counter**

General Hunting Area Turkey License — valid in General Hunting Areas (see map).

**Turkey License: One per hunter.**
- April 13 - May 19 - Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.
- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Wild Turkey.

**Regional Turkey Area Licenses - Over-the-Counter**

R 1 Turkey Area — valid in Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders and Lake Counties and those portions of Sanders and Missoula Counties within Region 1. Not valid on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

NOTE: Turkeys in Region 1 are mostly on private land. Hunters must get permission.

199-00: Regional Turkey license. One per hunter.
- April 13 - May 19 - Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.
- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Wild Turkey.

199-01: Regional Female or Beardless Turkey license. One per hunter.
- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Female or beardless Wild Turkey.

299-00: Regional Turkey license. One per hunter.
- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Female or beardless Wild Turkey.

299-02: Regional Female or Beardless Turkey license. One per hunter. Valid in Missoula, Ravalli and Mineral Counties.
- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Female or beardless Wild Turkey.

R 2 Turkey Area — valid in Missoula and Ravalli Counties. 299-02 license is also valid in Mineral County. Note: Rifles are not allowed in Deer & Elk.

299-00: Regional Turkey license. One per hunter.
- April 13 - May 19 - Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.
- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Wild Turkey.

299-01: Regional Female or Beardless Turkey license. Up to 4 per hunter. Valid in Missoula and Ravalli Counties.
- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Female or beardless Wild Turkey.

299-02: Regional Female or Beardless Turkey license. One per hunter. Valid in Missoula, Ravalli and Mineral Counties.
- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Female or beardless Wild Turkey.

R 5 Turkey Area — valid in Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Yellowstone, and Big Horn Counties.

599-00: Regional Turkey license. One per hunter.
- April 13 - May 19 - Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.

R 7 Turkey Area — valid in Garfield, Rosebud, Treasure, Prairie, Custer, Powder River, Richland, Dawson, Wibaux, Fallon and Carter Counties.

799-00: Regional Turkey license. One per hunter.
- April 13 - May 19 - Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.
- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Wild Turkey.

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**Special Drawing Turkey License Area**

**Special Drawing Turkey License Application Process:**

- Resident applicants must hold a 2019 Conservation License, a Base Hunting License and an Upland Game Bird License at the time of applying for a Special Spring Turkey License.
- Nonresident applicants must hold a 2019 Conservation License and a Base Hunting License.
- The Special Spring Turkey License allows the hunter to hunt in the described area during the time period specified on the license.
- Hunters may apply for a Special Spring Turkey License in any of the following ways. The application deadline is March 8 for spring licenses by the specified time:
  - Online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) - no later than 11:45 p.m. MST.
  - Over-the-counter at any FWP regional office, FWP area office, and/or the Helena Headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m. MST.
- By mail, applications must include the $5 nonrefundable drawing fee and must be postmarked on or before March 8. Applications are available at all FWP regional and FWP area offices or may be downloaded from the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).
- Successful Special Spring Turkey License applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to purchase the license before hunting.

**Spring License. Drawing Only. Apply by Mar 8.**

400-20: 5 licenses. Valid in Liberty, Pondera, Teton and Toole counties and that portion of Chouteau County south of the Missouri and west of the Marias Rivers.
- Apr 13 - May 19 - Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.

445-20: 15 licenses. Valid in Cascade County.
- Apr 13 - May 19 - Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.

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**Defensive Turkey Hunting Tactics**

- Eliminate the colors white, red, black and blue from your hunting outfit.
- Select your calling spot in open timber.
- It’s a good idea to wear hunter orange when carrying a bird out of the field.
- When songbirds, crows or your turkey shuts up—look out; there’s a good chance another hunter is moving in on your bird.
- Never move, walk or make turkey sounds to alert another hunter of your presence; remain still, cough or holler.

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**Contacts**

**State Headquarters**
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks
1420 E 6th Avenue
PO Box 200701
Helena, MT 59601
406-444-2535

**Region 3**
1400 South 19th Ave
Bozeman, MT 59718
406-994-4042

**Region 4**
4600 Giant Springs Rd
Great Falls, MT 59405
406-454-5840

**Region 6**
1 Airport Rd
Glasgow, MT 59230
406-228-3700

**Region 5**
2300 Lake Elmo Dr
Billings, MT 59105
406-247-2940

**Region 7**
3521-94 Business Loop
PO Box 1630
Miles City, MT 59301
406-234-0900

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