

2016 Vermont Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Seasons (dates inclusive)*

Fishing

Trout & Landlocked Salmon.....	April 9 – Oct. 31
Trout & Landlocked Salmon (Lake Champlain).....	No Closed Season
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass.....	June 11– Nov. 30
Catch & Release – Lakes and Ponds.....	April 9 – June 10
Catch & Release –Lake Champlain only.....	December 1, 2015 -- June 10, 2016
Pickereel, N. Pike, Yellow Perch.....	No Closed Season
Walleye (all waters except Chittenden Reservoir and the Connecticut River.)	May 2, 2015 – March 15, 2016 & May 7, 2016-March 15, 2017
Walleye (Chittenden reservoir and Connecticut River).....	See Guide to Laws
Sauger.....	No Open Season
Smelt.....	No Closed Season
Free Fishing Days	January 30 and June 11, 2016

Hunting

Deer (Bow & Arrow).....	Oct. 1-28 & Dec. 3-11
Youth Deer Weekend.....	Nov. 5-6
Deer (16 Day Regular Season).....	Nov. 12-27
Deer (Muzzleloader).....	Dec. 3-11
Black Bear.....	Early Season Sept. 1-- Nov. 11 // Late Season Nov. 12-20
Youth Turkey Weekend.....	April 23-24
Turkey Spring Season.....	May 1 – May 31
Turkey Fall Seasons: Bow & arrow only: Oct. 1-21 in all WMUs statewide	
Shotgun or bow & arrow: Oct. 22-30- in WMUs B, D, G, H, I, J, L, M, O, P, and Q	
Shotgun or bow & arrow: Oct. 22-Nov. 6 in WMUs F, K, and N	
Moose.....	Archery Oct. 1-7 // Reg. season Oct. 15-20
Hare, Rabbit.....	Sept. 26, 2015-March 13, 2016 & Sept. 24, 2016-March 12, 2017 WMUs D&E remain open through March 31
Gray Squirrel.....	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31
Ruffed Grouse (Partridge).....	Sept. 24 – Dec. 31
Woodcock.....	To be announced
Crow.....	Friday-Monday Jan. 15-April 11 & Aug. 19-Dec. 19
Snow Goose.....	<i>To be announced</i>

Furbearer Hunting

Bobcat.....	Jan. 10 – Feb. 7
Red & Gray Fox.....	Oct. 24, 2015-Feb. 14, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016-Feb. 12, 2017
Raccoon.....	Oct. 8 – Dec. 31
Muskrat.....	March 20 – April 19
Coyote.....	Open Year Around
Fisher, Otter, Beaver.....	No Open Season
Marten, Lynx, Wolf	No Open Season

Furbearer Trapping

Mink, Skunk, Red & Gray Fox, Raccoon, Coyote, Opossum, Weasel.....	Oct. 22 – Dec. 31
Otter.....	Oct. 24, 2015-Feb. 29, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016-Feb. 28, 2017
Muskrat.....	Oct. 24, 2015-March 31, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016-March 31, 2017
Fisher.....	Dec.1-31
Bobcat.....	Dec. 1 – 16
Beaver.....	Oct. 24, 2015-March 31, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016-March 31, 2017
Marten, Lynx, Wolf	No Open Season

*Read the 2016 Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Laws & Guide for more information and exceptions to these dates. (4-27-15)