

REGISTRATION STATIONS *

BELKNAP COUNTY

Laconia Paugus Bay Sport Shop, Rt. 3 524-4319

CARROLL COUNTY

Conway Forest Service Saco Ranger Station, Rt. 16 447-5448
 Freedom The Freedom Market, Rt. 25 539-7774
 Jackson Wildcat Service Station, Rt. 16 383-6691
 Tamworth So. Tamworth Country Store, Rt. 25 323-7253
 Tufftonboro General Store, Rt. 109A 569-9859
 Wakefield Sanbornville-Longmeadow Hardware, Meadow St. 522-3604

COOS COUNTY

Errol LL Cote Sport Shop, Main St. 482-7777
 Gorham Gorham Hardware, Rt. 2/Rt. 16 466-2312
 Groveton Emerson & Son Store, Rt. 3 636-1220
 Jefferson Old Corner Store, Rt. 2 586-7722
 Milan Yesterday's Country Store 449-2236
 Whitefield Lufkin's Service Center, off Rt. 3 837-2088

CHESHIRE COUNTY

Dublin Carr's Country Store, Rt. 101/Rt. 137 563-8478
 Fitzwilliam State Line Grocery, Rt. 12/Rt. 119 585-9451
 Keene Moore's Taxidermy, South St. 352-7348
 Marlow Marlow Grocery, Rt. 10/Rt. 123 446-3301
 Walpole Drewsville Store, Rt. 123 445-5120
 Westmoreland Westmoreland Village Store, Rt. 63 399-0082
 Winchester Trader John's, Rt. 10 239-4032

GRAFTON COUNTY

Bristol Newfound Trading Post, Lake St. 744-8658
 Haverhill Pike Station Store, Rt. 25 989-5611
 Lebanon Welch's Gun Shop, 103 Bank St. 448-3644
 Lincoln Vindico Sports, Rt. 193/Rt. 112 745-8525
 Littleton Corey's Gun Shop, Meadow St. 444-6261
 Orford Patterson's Grocery and Deli, Rt. 10 353-4703
 Plymouth Fire Station, Highland St. 536-1253
 Woodsville Otter Outfitters, 4752 Dartmouth College Hwy. 747-2529

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Antrim Place in the Woods, Rt. 202 588-2446
 Hillsborough Morse's Sport Shop, off Rt. 9 464-3444
 Manchester Wildlife Taxidermy, Rt. 28 625-9958
 Milford Fish Hatchery, River Rd. 673-1416
 New Boston New Boston Sports, Rt. 13 487-3432
 New Ipswich Hoppy's Country Store, Rt. 124 878-1700
 Weare Dave's Taxidermy, Flanders Memorial Dr. 529-7318

MERRIMACK COUNTY

Danbury Smith River Trading Post, Rt. 4 768-3413
 Franklin Fire Station, West Bow St. 934-2205
 Hooksett Steve's Sportsmen's Den, Rt. 3 485-5085
 Newbury Dickie's Bait Shop, Rt. 103 938-5393
 Salisbury Barn Store of New England, Rt. 4 648-2888

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

East Kingston Jewett's General Store, Rt. 107 642-3311
 Greenland Suds & Soda, Rt. 101 431-6320
 Nottingham Demmon's Store, Rt. 152 942-8840

STAFFORD COUNTY

Barrington Brian's Archery Shop, Rt. 125 332-1041
 Madbury Taylor's Trading Post, Rt. 9 742-5931
 New Durham Hot Spots, Rt. 11/Depot Rd. 859-3300

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Claremont Stearn's Archery & Taxidermy, Dartmouth St. 542-4973
 Plainfield Meriden Deli Mart 464-3253
 Newport Fire Station, Rt. 10/Rt. 11 863-1416

**Hunters should contact registration stations for hours of operation.*

NOTE: Turkey Harvest Data is available in the annual Wildlife Harvest Summary; download from www.wildlife.state.nh.us

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Turkey Hunting



ERIC ALDRICH PHOTO

- 2005 Spring and Fall Seasons
- Regulations
- Gobbler/Hen Identification
- Hunting Safety Tips
- Registration Stations



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SPRING GOBBLER SEASON:

Season Dates: **May 3 to May 31:** WMU D¹, D², E, F, G, H¹, H², I¹, I², J¹, J², K, L, M
May 3 to May 17: WMU B, C¹, C²
CLOSED: WMU A

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12 noon.

Bag Limit: One bearded or male turkey per hunter. Hunters are encouraged to pass on bearded hens.

Rules: In the spring, a bearded or male turkey may be taken by archery or shotguns between 10 and 20 gauge, inclusively, using 2, 4, 5 or 6 size shot. Registration required within 12 hours of taking.

FALL ARCHERY SEASON:

Season Dates: **September 15 to December 15:** WMU D¹, D², E, F, G, H¹, H², I¹, I², J¹, J², K, L, M
CLOSED: WMU A, B, C¹, C²

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Bag Limit: One turkey of either sex per hunter.

Rules: Archery is the only legal method of hunting turkey in the fall. Registration required within 12 hours of taking.

NOTE:

WMU locations: See page 38 of the 2004-2005 New Hampshire Hunting Digest for wildlife management units.

LICENSES:

Turkey hunters must obtain a \$6 wild turkey permit. Residents must have a N.H. hunting or archery license. Nonresidents must have a big game hunting or archery license. Permits are available from Fish and Game's Concord office and license agents. If applying by mail, print out a license application from our website. Make sure to include your current license type and number and mail it along with a check for the \$6.00 fee. Licenses and permits can also be purchased online at www.wildlife.state.nh.us.

OTHER RULES:

- **It is unlawful to take a turkey with a rifle, dogs, bait, electronic calling devices, live decoys, or while it is perched in a tree.** Cooperative drives are illegal. If using a bow, it must be at least a 40-pound-pull bow.
- **The name and address of the archer shall be plainly printed on each arrow.** Fixed blade broadheads shall not be less than $\frac{7}{8}$ inch or more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. Retractable blade broadheads may be smaller than $\frac{7}{8}$ inch wide in flight, but not less than $\frac{7}{8}$ inch wide when open.
- **The turkey must be tagged immediately upon killing.** Registration is required, and the bird must be fully feathered and intact, but may be gutted. A \$2 registration fee is required.
- **Companion hunting:** A person who has taken a turkey may assist another properly licensed turkey hunter by calling only. The person assisting by calling shall not possess a firearm or bow and arrow.

NOTE: Turkey Regulations and Season Dates are also listed in the current N.H. Hunting Digest.

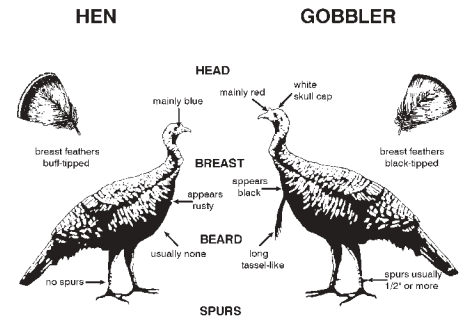
FACTS ABOUT THE YOUTH HUNT WEEKEND

1. The first weekend prior to May 3 is designated as youth turkey hunting weekend in wildlife management units B through M. **The 2005 youth hunt weekend is Sat., April 30 and Sun., May 1.**
2. Youths must be under 16 years of age and must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older who is licensed to take turkeys.
3. Youths must purchase and possess a current turkey permit.
4. Each adult who accompanies youth hunters must possess a current hunting license and turkey permit, but may not carry a firearm.
5. Each adult shall not be accompanied by more than 2 youths.
6. Youths are subject to the same regulations as those in effect during the regular spring season, and must register their turkeys at a registration station.

KNOW HENS FROM GOBBLERS

It is against the law to kill hen turkeys (except for bearded hens) during the spring season. Therefore, hunters are legally and ethically obligated to know how to differentiate hens and gobblers. The turkey "beard" is not a reliable indicator of sex. Beards may be broken or obscured, short beards may be difficult to see, and up to 10% of females may have thin 6 to 10 inch beards. Bearded hens are a valuable segment of the nesting population and should never be taken purposefully!

Gobblers have a pronounced red, white and blue head during the spring. The white skull cap of a gobbler is very distinct, as are red neck wattles and leg spurs. Gobblers are black in appearance. Hens have a blue-gray head, lack spurs and prominent wattles, and appear brown. Finally, hens seldom strut or fan, and do not gobble. In hand, gobblers have black-tipped breast feathers while hen breast feathers are tipped with brown.



TURKEY HUNTING SAFETY TIPS

Don't become a statistic. Avoid all circumstances that enhance the likelihood of you being "mistaken for game."

1. **Never stalk a turkey.** It rarely works and increases the risk of an accident.
2. **Never wear red, white, blue or black over or under-clothing,** as these are prominent colors of displaying gobblers.
3. **Never call from a tree that is thinner than the width of your shoulders.**
4. **Never jump or turn suddenly in response to a suspected turkey.**
5. **Never call from a site where you can't see at least 40 yards in all directions.**
6. **Never imitate a gobbler call while concealed in a stand.**
7. **Never presume that what you hear or what responds to your call is a turkey.**
8. **Never think that your camouflage makes you totally invisible. To ID yourself to other hunters, wrap an orange band around a tree.**
9. **Never hide so well that you can't see what's happening around you.**
10. **Never move or wave to alert approaching hunters, shout "stop" instead.**