

2020 N.H. TURKEY SEASON

The combined spring and fall bag limits is two (2) turkeys.

SPRING SEASON

Shooting Hours - ½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon

Bag Limit - One (1) or two (2) bearded or male turkeys

INCLUSIVE DATES	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS
SPRING SEASON	COMBINED LIMIT OF 2 BIRDS: One turkey may be taken statewide, the other turkey shall only be taken in WMUs H1, H2, J2, K, L, or M.
Fri. May 1- Sun. May 31, 2020	
YOUTH HUNT	
Sat & Sun., April 25-26, 2020	

FALL SEASON

Shooting Hours - ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset

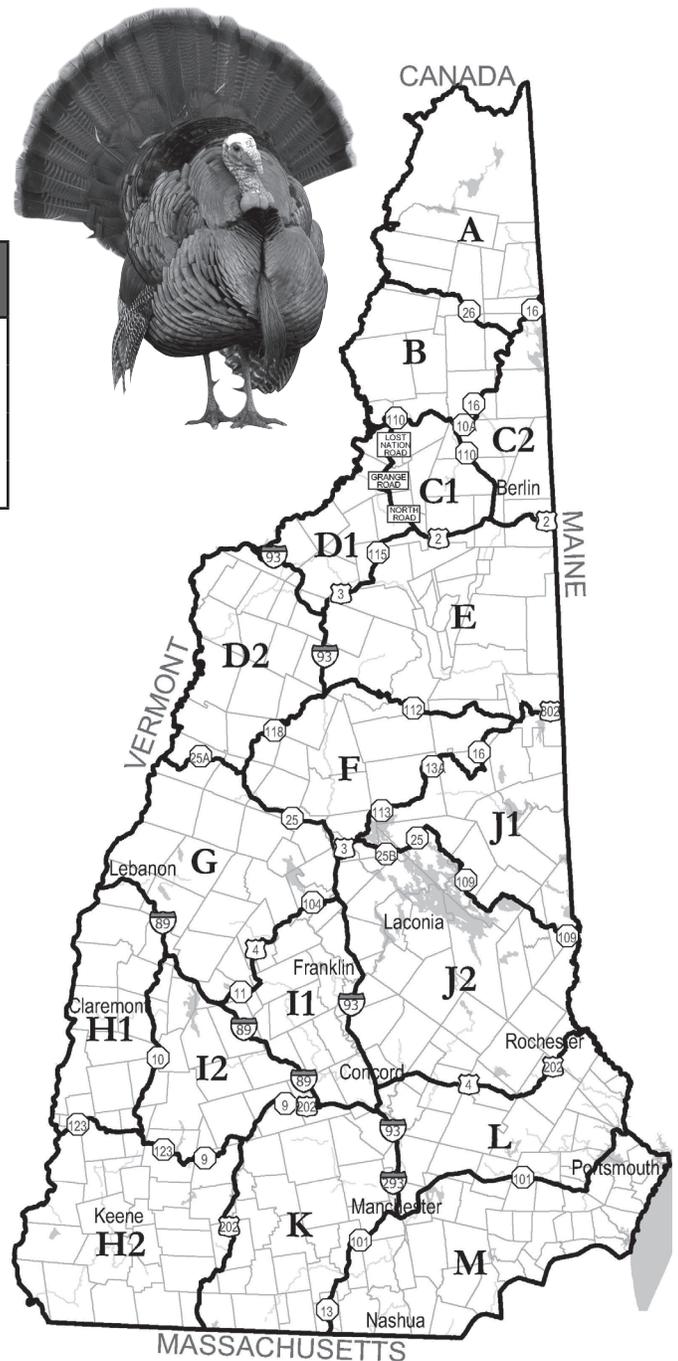
Bag Limit - One (1) turkey of either sex provided that no more than one turkey was taken during the spring season.

INCLUSIVE DATES	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS
FALL ARCHERY SEASON	
Tues. Sept. 15 - Tues. Dec. 8	A
Tues. Sept. 15 - Tues. Dec. 15	B-M
SHOTGUN SEASON	
Consult the 2020-21 N.H. Hunting Digest for Fall 2020 shotgun season dates, WMU information and rules.	

Licenses:

All turkey hunters, including those under 16 years of age, must purchase a turkey license. All hunters, 16 years of age or older, must also possess a valid hunting or archery license. The fee for a resident turkey license is \$16. The fee for a nonresident turkey license is \$31. A turkey license comes with 2 tags.

Turkey hunters may take one (1) male or bearded turkey during the spring season and a second turkey of either sex during the fall seasons. Or, hunters may take two (2) male or bearded turkeys during the spring season. One turkey may be taken statewide, the other turkey shall only be taken in WMUs H1, H2, J2, K, L, or M. The first spring turkey shall be legally registered before the second spring turkey can be taken.



Refer to our website, huntnh.com for a list of turkey registration stations and more information on turkey hunting in New Hampshire.



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TURKEY HUNTING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – 2020 SPRING AND FALL SEASONS

2020 SPRING GOBBLER SEASON:

Season Dates: Fri., May 1 – Sun., May 31: STATEWIDE

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise to 12 noon.

Bag Limit: One (1) or two (2) bearded or male turkeys per hunter. One turkey may be taken statewide, the other turkey shall only be taken in WMUs H1, H2, J2, K, L, or M. The first spring turkey shall be legally registered before the second spring turkey can be taken.

Rules: Turkeys may be taken by shotgun, crossbow or by archery. See “Other Rules” on right.

YOUTH HUNT WEEKEND:

- The 2020 youth hunt weekend is Sat. April 25 & Sun. April 26.
- Youths must purchase and possess a current N.H. turkey license.
- Youths may take one (1) or two (2) bearded or male turkeys. One turkey may be taken statewide, the other turkey shall only be taken in WMUs H1, H2, J2, K, L, or M. The first spring turkey shall be legally registered before the second spring turkey can be taken.
- 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.
- Adults who accompany youth hunters shall not carry a firearm, crossbow or bow.
- Each adult can accompany a maximum of 2 youths.
- Youths are subject to the same regulations as those in effect during the regular spring season, and shall register their turkey within 24 hours at a registration station.

2020 FALL TURKEY SEASONS:

Shotgun: Consult the 2020-21 N.H. Hunting Digest for Fall 2020 shotgun season dates, WMU information, and rules.

Archery: Tues., Sept. 15 – Tues., Dec. 8: WMU A.
Tues., Sept. 15 – Tues., Dec. 15: WMU B-M.

The combined spring and fall bag limit is two (2) turkeys per year. If only one (1) bearded or male turkey was taken during the spring season, one (1) fall turkey of either sex may be taken during the fall archery turkey season or during the fall shotgun turkey season, where permitted.

KNOW HENS FROM GOBBLERS:

It is against the law to kill hen turkeys (except for bearded hens) during the spring season. 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!

The white skullcap of a gobbler is very distinct, as are the red neck wattles and leg spurs. Gobblers are black in overall appearance. Hens have a blue-gray head and lack prominent wattles and leg spurs. Hens are brown in overall appearance. Finally, hens seldom strut or fan, and do not gobble. See the Turkey Wildlife Profile at: huntnh.com for more information.

OTHER RULES:

- It is unlawful to take a turkey with a rifle, dogs (during spring season), 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 30-pound-draw weight at 28 inches or less draw length. Shotguns must be between 10 and 20 gauge. Shot size must be #2 or smaller (for example, #4, 5, 6), or duplex loads with #7½ shot.
- The name and address of the archer shall be plainly printed on each arrow. Fixed blade broadheads shall not be less than 7/8 inch wide. Retractable blade broadheads may be smaller than 7/8 inch wide in flight, but not less than 7/8 inch wide when open. There is no maximum size restriction on fixed blade or retractable blade broadheads used for turkey hunting.
- Turkeys must be tagged immediately upon killing. Registration is required within 24 hours of taking. The bird must be fully feathered and intact, but may be gutted. Agents may collect up to a \$2 registration fee.
- 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.

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.



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