

2026 SPRING SUPPLEMENT HUNTING GUIDE



MINISTER'S MESSAGE



As the Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures, it's my pleasure to share the 2026 Spring Supplement of the Manitoba Hunting Guide with you.

Spring in Manitoba is a season many of us look forward to all year. The longer days, the return of birds, and the chance to get back on the land bring a sense of renewal that's hard to match. For so many Manitobans, spring hunting is part of that feeling—an opportunity to reconnect with nature, spend meaningful time with family and friends, and continue traditions that run deep in our communities.

Thanks to wildlife populations, such as white and Canada geese, this year's opportunities look especially promising. Inside this supplement, you'll find the updates you need to plan a safe and successful season, whether you're heading out for the first time or returning to a familiar spot you've visited for years.

As you prepare for the season ahead, I hope your time outdoors brings connection, good memories, and the simple enjoyment of being on the land.

Wishing you a safe and fulfilling spring hunting season.

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Honourable Ian Bushie
Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures

WHAT'S NEW IN 2026

Manitoba E-Licensing

A new online licensing system will launch this year. Hunters can still purchase their Manitoba hunting licence online or at participating retailers. For more information, please visit manitobaelicensing.ca or call **1-877-880-1203**.

New hunting licence fees are in effect.

*Changes in 2026 will be appear in blue throughout the guide.

We recognize that Manitoba is on the treaty territories and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Anishinewuk, Dakota Oyate, Denesuline and Nehethowuk peoples.

We acknowledge Manitoba is located on the Homeland of the Red River Métis.

We acknowledge northern Manitoba includes lands that were and are the ancestral lands of the Inuit.

We respect the spirit and intent of treaties and treaty making and remain committed to working in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in the spirit of truth, reconciliation and collaboration.



Front Cover Photo Submission

Congratulations to 11 year old Hudson for being selected cover photo winner for the 2026 Spring Supplement!

This photo was taken on a warm evening at Delta Marsh, near our hunting cabin. I was with my dad and our beautiful labrador retriever, Indy. Snow geese were coming off the lake to feed. You can always hear them before you see them, and I hoped they would fly low enough. When they appeared over the reeds I hit one and Indy was instantly on the hunt. You can always tell if the dog has the bird as it comes back to the boat, because you can hear them breathing heavily. As our dog climbed back into the boat, I took from her mouth this beautiful white-phase snow goose.

The best part of hunting is being with friends and family in the beautiful marshes and fields of Manitoba. The 2025 waterfowl hunting season was my first and I was hunting on a shared bag limit with my dad. Waterfowl hunters are so lucky to hunt on the amazing lands of Manitoba. That night we slept soundly, dreaming of the next amazing hunt that would follow.

Hudson Baldwin, Youth Hunter, Winnipeg



Share Your Hunting Photos!

Are you an avid hunter and enjoy Manitoba's great outdoors? We are looking for your photos!

Submit your best photo by May 15, 2026 to wildlife@gov.mb.ca for a chance to be included in Manitoba's Hunting Guides.

Photo Submission Requirements:

- High quality at least 300 DPI
- In good taste; respectful to hunters and harvested wildlife
- In appropriate hunter dress and in compliance with hunting regulations where appropriate

Please note: If your photo is selected to be used in the spring or fall guides, you will be contacted to fill out a consent form.

The Wildlife Branch will not compensate individuals for voluntary photo submissions. Those selected will be contacted in May 2026.



BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

Licences

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Manitoba resident | \$46.20 |
| Manitoba resident (youth) | \$14.75 |
| Canadian resident | \$133.00 |
| Non-Canadian resident | \$252.00 |

Fees are subject to change. For more information on licence fees, visit manitobaelicensing.ca



BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

| | Black Bear Hunting Zone | Season Dates | Bag Limit (All Zones) |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Manitoba resident (youth), Manitoba resident, Canadian resident and non-Canadian resident | A | Apr. 27 – June 30 Aug. 15 - Nov. 1 | One Adult Black Bear (Female bears with cubs may not be taken) |
| | B | Apr. 27 – June 21 Aug. 15 - Nov. 1 | |
| | C | Apr. 27 – June 14 Aug. 15 - Nov. 1 | |

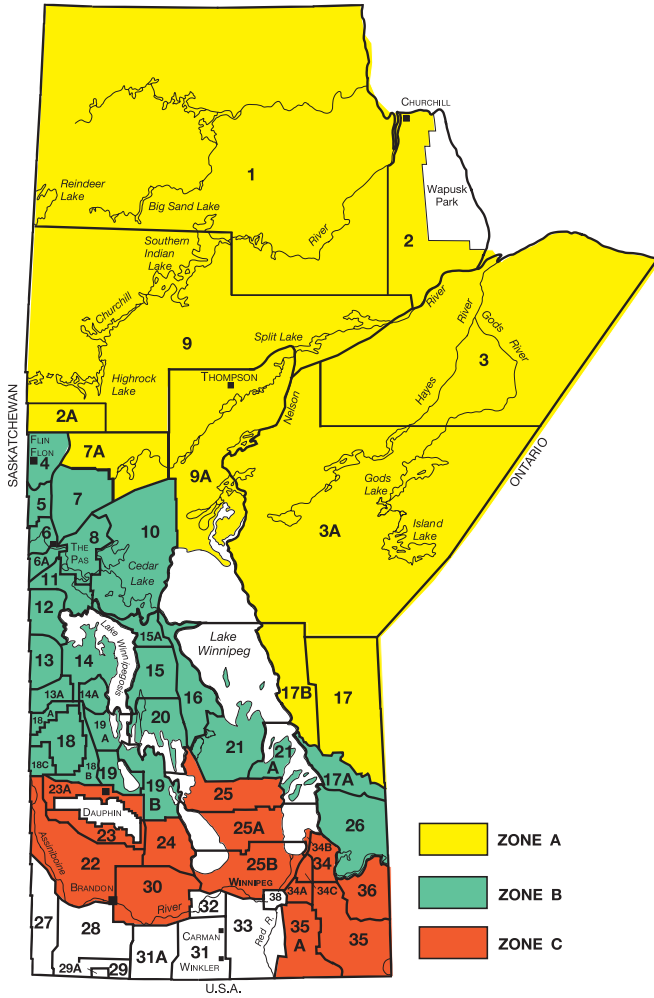
NOTES:

- GHAs 13 and 18 fall bear season dates are August 15 to September 20. Fall bear hunters in GHA 18 are restricted to designated routes. GHA 34A is an archery only season and is open for Manitoba residents only. GHA 34B is an archery only season for Manitoba residents, Canadian and non-Canadian residents. In GHA 17A, Designated Route restrictions will apply to fall black bear hunters from September 21 to October 18. In GHA 21A, Hecla Island is closed to black bear hunting. GHAs 2, 30 (excluding CFB Shilo) and 34C are Manitoba resident and Canadian resident only season areas.
- Black bear hunters are exempt from wearing hunter orange during the spring season but are required to do so during the fall season.

Attention bear hunters! Tell us how you did by completing your Hunter Harvest Survey. Visit manitobaelicensing.ca



BLACK BEAR HUNTING ZONES



Black Bear Hunting

- It is illegal to kill a cub (approximately 20.5 kg or 45 lbs) or a female bear with cubs.
- Hunting black bears is prohibited within:
 - 100 metres of any man-made clearing surrounding any garbage dump
 - 300 metres of any garbage dump in a provincial park
- No person shall hunt, discharge a firearm, or possess a loaded firearm within 300 metres of a development or improvement in a provincial park unless it is exempt (check with the Conservation Officer Service for individual parks).
- Baits must be clearly identified with the name and address of the hunter, guide or outfitter.
- Baits may not be placed within:
 - 200 metres of a road or dwelling
 - 500 metres of a cottage subdivision or a Crown land picnic site or campground
- Baits on Crown land may not exceed 100 kilograms of meat and/or fish.
- Baits must not contain the head, hooves, hide, mammary glands or internal organs of livestock.
- In GHAs 23 and 23A:
 - baits may not be placed until 14 days prior to the spring season and 14 days prior to the fall season
 - baiting equipment on Crown land must be removed from the bait site within 5 days after the closure of both spring and fall seasons
 - baits may not be placed within 100 metres of Riding Mountain National Park
- If you harvest a big game animal wearing an ear tag, this animal may have been chemically immobilized using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has recommended guidelines for the consumption of meat from immobilized animals. Please call the TIP Line at 1-800-782-0076 for specific details and direction on what to do with your animal.

NOTE: It is illegal to possess bear gall bladders in Manitoba.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO HUNT GRIZZLY BEARS

Black bear hunters, please be advised that grizzly bears have been sighted in the northern regions of Manitoba, in particular, GHA 1 and GHA 2. Grizzly bears are protected and cannot be killed or possessed. It is your responsibility to be able to differentiate between the two species. Primary differences:

| | Black Bear | Grizzly Bear |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Shoulder Hump | Absent | Prominent |
| Ears | Large & Pointed | Small & Rounded |
| Facial Profile | Straight / Elongated | Concave / Dish-shaped |
| Front Claws | ≤ 50 mm. (2 in.), sharply curved | ≥ 50 mm. (2 in.), gently curved |

Report sightings of grizzly bears to your local Manitoba Conservation Officer Service district office. For locations and contact information see page 10.

WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

Licences

Manitoba resident Wild Turkey \$34.00
 Manitoba resident (youth) Wild Turkey..... \$14.75

Fees are subject to change. For more information on licence fees, visit manitobaelicensing.ca

Information from bands or tags found on wild turkeys should be reported to manitoba.ca/nrnd/fish-wildlife/wildlife/wild-turkeys/index.html. Please see the 2025 Hunting Guide for more information.



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WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

| | Game Hunting Areas (GHAs) | Season Dates | Bag Limit (All Zones) |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Manitoba resident Wild Turkey | GHAs 22, 23, 24, 25B, 27-35A and 36 | Apr. 18 – May 17 | One wild turkey with visible beard |
| | | Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 | One wild turkey |
| Manitoba resident (youth) Wild Turkey | GHAs 22, 23, 24, 25B, 27-35A and 36 | Apr. 11 – May 17 | One wild turkey with visible beard |
| | | Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 | One wild turkey |

NOTES:

- Both Manitoba resident and Manitoba resident (youth) Wild Turkey Licences are valid in both spring and fall seasons. Only one wild turkey may be taken for the year.
- A youth who purchases a Manitoba resident (youth) Wild Turkey Licence cannot purchase a Regular Wild Turkey Licence.



SPRING CONSERVATION GOOSE HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

The giant Canada goose population in southern Manitoba has grown substantially since 1990. The breeding population was estimated at a peak of 234,600 in 2019, the highest recorded since 1955. Environment and Climate Change Canada declared the breeding population of Canada geese in southern Manitoba (GBHZ 3 & 4) as overabundant. This declaration has enabled Manitoba to implement a Spring Conservation Canada Goose Season. Hunting is considered the most efficient means to reduce the population size of an overabundant population.

To participate in these seasons, hunters require the previous year's (2025) Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp licences which are available online at permits.ec.gc.ca and a Manitoba no charge 2026 Spring Conservation Goose Licence also available online at manitobaelicensing.ca.

Migratory game bird bands should be reported to the Bird Band Laboratory, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through their website at reportband.gov. Please see the 2025 Hunting Guide for more information.



SPRING CONSERVATION GOOSE HUNTING SEASONS

| Manitoba resident, Canadian resident and non-Canadian resident | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Goose Species | Game Bird Hunting Zone (GBHZ) | Season Dates | Bag Limit (All Zones) | |
| | | | Daily | Possession |
| Snow, Blue and Ross's | GBHZ 1 | Apr. 1 – June 15 | 50 | No limit |
| | GBHZ 2, 3 & 4 | Mar. 15 – May 31 | 50 | No limit |
| Canada Goose | GBHZ 3 & 4 | Mar. 1 – Apr. 10 | 8 | 24 |

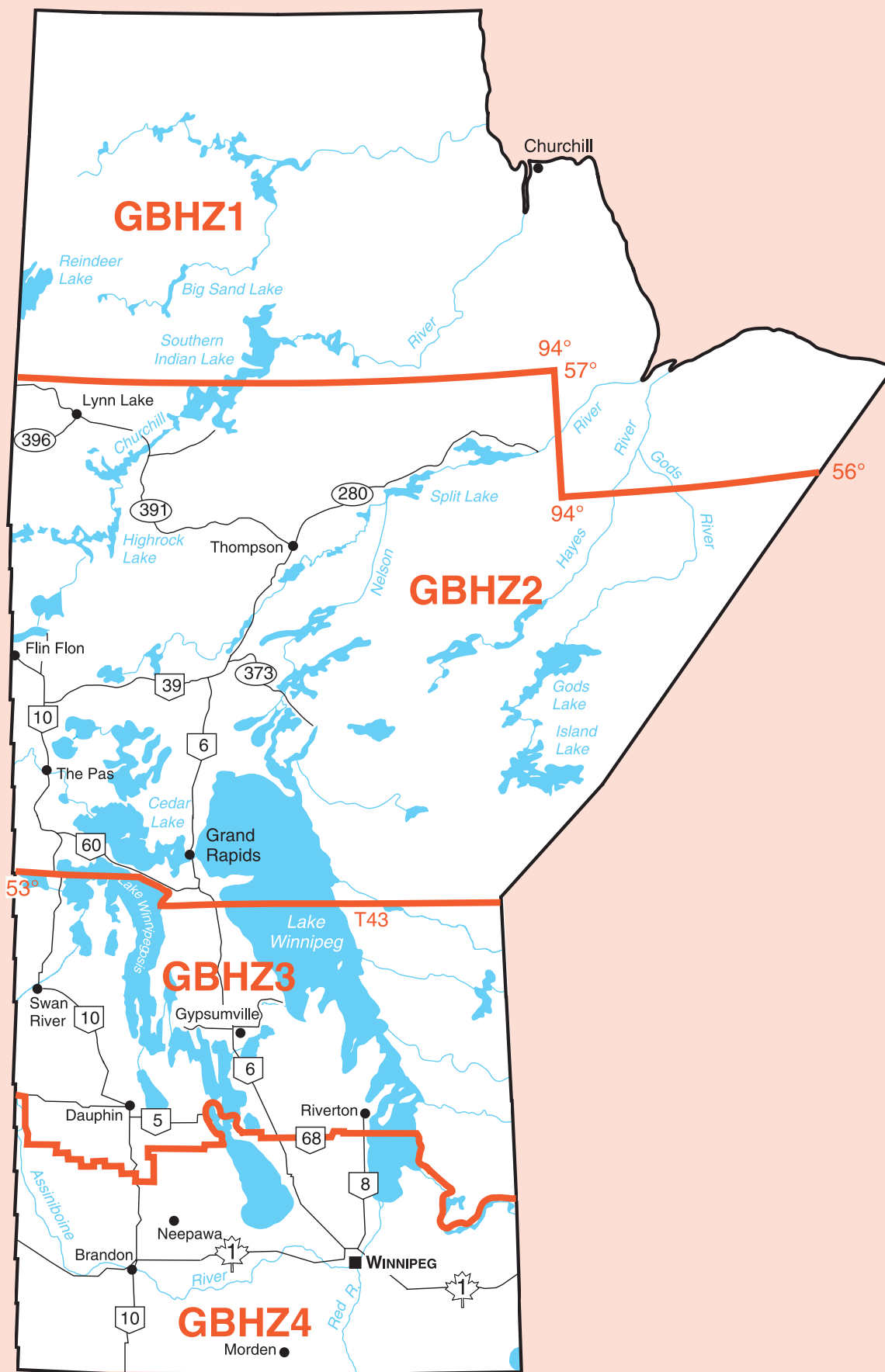
NOTES:

- Electronic calls are allowed in both spring seasons.
- Non-Canadian resident requirements can be found at manitoba.ca/nrnd/fish-wildlife/wildlife/mbwaterfowl.html.

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GAME BIRD HUNTING ZONES (GBHZs)



CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE

EASTERN REGION

Regional Office:

Lac du Bonnet - Box 4000, R0E 1A0 (204-345-1444)

District Offices:

Ashern - Box 410, ROC 0E0 (204-768-2368)

Beausejour - Box 50, 20 First St. South, R0E 0C0 (204-268-6184)

Falcon Lake - Box 40, R0E 0N0 (204-349-2201)

Gypsumville - Box 9, ROC 1J0 (204-659-5208)

Hodgson - Box 119, ROC 1N0 (204-372-6296)

Lac du Bonnet - Box 850, R0E 1A0 (204-345-1400)

Lake Winnipeg East - Box 850, Lac du Bonnet, R0E 1A0 (204-345-1400)

Lundar - Box 10, ROC 1Y0 (204-762-5229)

Manitou - Box 10, ROG 1G0 (204-242-2950)

Pine Falls - Box 389, R0E 1M0 (204-367-6130)

Portage la Prairie - Rm 309, 25 Tupper St. N., R1N 3K1 (204-239-3204)

Rennie - Box 130, R0E 1R0 (204-369-3153)

Riverton/Lake Winnipeg - Box 70, ROC 2R0 (204-378-2261)

Selkirk - #1 Keystone Dr., R1A 2H5 (204-785-5080)

Seven Sisters - Box 9, R0E 1Y0 (204-369-3153)

Sprague - Box 70, R0A 1Z0 (204-437-2348)

Steinbach - Unit B - 284 Reimer Ave., R5G 0R5 (204-346-6110)

Winnipeg - 14 Fultz Blvd., R3Y 0L6 (204-945-7273)

WESTERN REGION

Regional Office:

Brandon - 1129 Queens Ave., R7A 1L9 (204-726-6441)

District Offices:

Boissevain - Box 820, R0K 0E0 (204-534-2028)

Carberry - Box 900, R0K 0H0 (204-834-8800)

Cranberry Portage - Box 130, R0B 0H0 (204-472-3331)

Dauphin - Box 10, 27 - 2nd Ave., SW., R7N 3E5 (204-622-2106)

Neepawa - Box 1089, R0J 1H0 (204-476-2076)

Roblin - Box 849, Roblin, R0L 1P0 (204-937-6452)

Shoal Lake - Box 416, R0J 1Z0 (204-759-4080)

Snow Lake - Box 339, R0B 1M0 (204-358-2521)

Swan River - Box 640, R0L 1Z0 (204-734-3429)

The Pas - Box 2550, R9A 1M4 (204-627-8287)

Virden - Box 1360, R0M 2C0 (204-748-4240)

Winnipegosis - Box 366, R0L 2G0 (204-656-7030)

NORTHERN REGION

Regional Office:

Thompson - Box 28, 59 Elizabeth Dr. R8N 1X4 (204-677-6648)

District Offices:

Churchill - Box 760, R0B 0E0 (204-675-8897)

Gillam - Box 429, R0B 0L0 (204-652-2273)

Gods Lake Narrows - R0B 0M0 (204-335-2366)

Island Lake - Box 69, Stevenson Island, R0B 2H0 (204-335-2366)

Lynn Lake - Box 239, 681 Halstead Ave., R0B 0W0 (204-356-2413)

Norway House - Box 100, R0B 1B0 (204-689-2688)

Thompson - Box 28, 59 Elizabeth Dr. R8N 1X4 (204-677-6640)

Wabowden - Box 40, R0B 1S0 (204-689-2688)

For more information call:
204-945-6784 (in Winnipeg)
1-800-214-6497 (toll free)

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