



2016 Saskatchewan Spring Black Bear and White Geese Hunting Supplement

The Ministry of Environment is pleased to offer the 2016 edition of *The Spring Bear and White Geese Hunting Supplement*. This online document lists open season dates, licence fees and bag limit information for both the spring white geese season and the spring black bear season.

Black bear hunting prospects are excellent again this spring with populations expected to be at or above normal levels. The open season dates for white geese (both Snow and Ross' geese) were extended last year and as such will allow hunters to capitalize on the peak spring migration.

There have been no changes to either bear or white geese hunting season dates, bag limits or regulations.

For a summary of regulations, a listing of programs and the current wildlife management zones (WMZs) map, see the [2015 Hunters' and Trappers' Guide](#). If you retained your copy from last fall, please refer to it or pick up a copy from provincial licence issuers, Ministry of Environment or select provincial park offices.

Licence Fees

Prices include GST

Wildlife Habitat Licence: (all hunters)	\$10.79
Black Bear: Saskatchewan Resident	\$16.68
Black Bear: Canadian Resident (hunting without an outfitter)	\$53.97
Black Bear: Guided (all non-resident hunters and Canadian residents using an outfitter)	\$161.92
White Geese: (all hunters) No provincial licence required for the.....	\$17.85
spring season. (A 2015 Federal Migratory Permit is required and is available from any post office, select licence issuers or ordered online at permis-permits.ec.gc.ca/en)	
Duplicate Seals (replacement of lost, detached or destroyed	\$5.40
seals are available from ministry or select provincial park offices)	

Note: Your hunting licence and seals (when applicable) must be carried with you at all times while hunting.

Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence (HAL) System

Hunting, angling and trapping licences are available through HAL.

Licence purchases can be made by accessing your existing account using your HAL identification number or your previously registered secondary identification number. Do not create a second account. For assistance with your account, call 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.).

Please be mindful that your HAL Id is a one-time, permanent and personal number.

Licences and seal packs* are available online anytime at environment.gov.sk.ca/licences, through private issuers, Ministry of Environment and select provincial park offices, or by phone using a credit card at 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.). Please allow 10 business days for delivery.

**Big game hunters require a seal to complete an online purchase on a home computer. Unregistered seals are free and can be obtained in a seal pack. Unregistered seals can be used by any person and do not expire until 2020.*

2016 Sunrise/Sunset Times

Week ending Saturday			Week ending Saturday		
	sunrise	sunset		sunrise	sunset
March 12	7:25	7:03	May 7	5:23	8:38
March 19	7:09	7:15	May 14	5:11	8:49
March 26	6:53	7:27	May 21	5:01	9:00
April 2	6:36	7:39	May 28	4:53	9:09
April 9	6:20	7:51	June 4	4:48	9:17
April 16	6:05	8:03	June 11	4:44	9:23
April 23	5:50	8:15	June 18	4:43	9:27
April 30	5:36	8:26	June 25	4:45	9:28

No hunting of wildlife permitted between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise. To manually calculate times for your hunting area, subtract one minute for every 16 kilometres (10 miles) east of 106 degrees longitude or add one minute for every 16 kilometres west of 106 degrees longitude. Times were captured at 52.000 Latitude, 106.000 Longitude near Colonsay, SK from sunrisesunset.com

Hunters

If you are ordering your hunting licence by phone or online and require seals by mail, please confirm your mailing address is correct and ensure you do so at least two weeks in advance. Leaving on your trip without your pre-ordered licence and seals may mean a long delay in obtaining replacement seals.

Summary of Regulations

A summary of hunting regulations can be found in the [2015 Hunters' and Trappers' Guide](#). The 2016 Hunters' and Trappers' Guide will be published online by early July and available in print by early August.

The Big Game Draw Supplement will be available online May 1

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Attention Bear Hunters

All hunters who purchase a 2016 black bear licence will be able to participate in the hunter harvest survey. Reporting your hunting experience provides valuable information on hunter effort, success and population trends. This survey will be available on your personal online HAL account on May 1, 2016; if you have an email address registered in HAL, you will receive a reminder message. Hunters can also visit any ministry office for assistance in completing their survey. Please do your part in the management of Saskatchewan's black bears by tracking and reporting your hunting activities.

BLACK BEAR - ALL HUNTERS

Black Bear (both regular and guided seasons)

Open Wildlife Management Zones

Zones 30, 34 to 40, 42 to 50, 52 to 76, Wildcat Hill, Clearwater River and Athabasca Sand Dunes provincial parks and Fort a la Corne Wildlife Management Unit

When a series of WMZs are listed, it includes all zones within the series (e.g. WMZ 42 to 50 includes zones 42E, 42W, 43, 44, 45E, 45W, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50)

Duck Mountain, Greenwater Lake, Great Blue Heron, Lac La Ronge, Clarence-Steepbank Lakes, Narrow Hills and Meadow Lake provincial parks, Bronson Forest, Woody River and Round Lake recreation sites

Prince Albert Wildlife Management Zone

Season Dates

archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle
Apr. 15 - June 30, 2016

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Apr. 15 - May 31, 2016

archery and crossbow
Apr. 15 - May 31, 2016

Bag Limit

one black bear, either sex

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Additional Information

- All non-resident hunters must use the services of a licensed outfitter and hold a guided black bear licence.
- Canadian resident hunters using the services of a licensed outfitter must hold a guided licence while hunting black bears.
- No colour dress requirements for archery, crossbow, muzzleloader and shotgun hunters.
- No hunting of female bears with young of the year cubs at heel.
- Archery and crossbow hunting only in Prince Albert Wildlife Management Zone.
- Big game hunting is lawful between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.

SPRING WHITE GEESE - ALL HUNTERS

White Geese (includes white and blue phase snow geese and Ross' geese)

Open Game Bird Districts

North and South Game Bird Districts

Season Dates

Mar. 15 - June 15, 2016

Bag Limit

Daily limit: 20
Possession limit: no possession limit

Additional Information

- Hunters are required to have a 2015 Federal Migratory Game Bird Permit and stamp in their possession while hunting white geese.
- A game bird licence or a wildlife habitat licence is not required.
- White geese may be hunted all day (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) in both game bird districts.

• Electronic calls using snow geese vocalizations may be used to hunt white geese with no restrictions on the type or colour of the decoys used.
• The use of non-toxic shot is required for hunting migratory game birds in Canada. Non-toxic shot means bismuth shot, steel shot, tin shot, tungsten-bronze-iron shot, tungsten-iron shot, tungsten-iron-nickel-copper shot, tungsten-matrix shot, tungsten-nickel-iron shot or tungsten-polymer shot.