

2020

# M I C H I G A N BLACK BEAR DIGEST

Application Period: May 1 - June 1, 2020

## **Reminders**

- **NEW** Season date changes for hunt periods 1 and 2; see pages 8-9.
- Barrels allowed on DNR managed lands under certain conditions; see pages 15-18.
- Maximum 1-inch hole diameter for all bait barrels.

**Drawing results posted July 6**

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**Do not use chocolate or cocoa in bear bait.  
See page 15 for details.**

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## History and Status

Bears likely have been in Michigan since the melting of the last glacier. Until European settlement, bears existed throughout the state in areas with forested habitat. Bears typically were treated as pests by early European settlers arriving in Michigan and were unprotected in the state until 1925. Since 1925, hunting has been part of the bear management program, with many different season structures. The majority of the bear population resides in the Upper Peninsula, where large tracts of state, federal, and private commercial forest lands contain good to excellent bear habitat.

## Bear Management Plan Strategic Goals

The statewide bear management plan is summarized below to promote an understanding of the overall bear management vision of the state of Michigan.

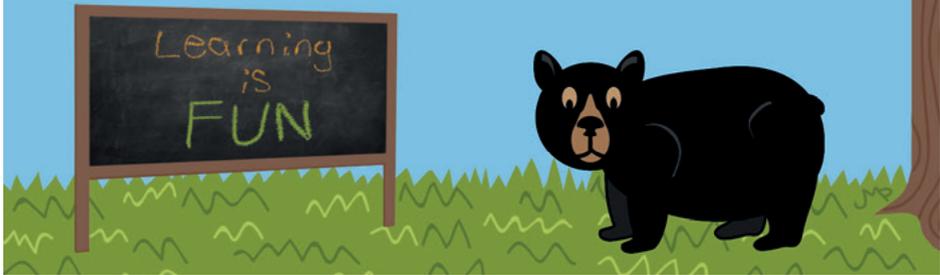
- 1. Use hunting as the primary tool for managing bears*
- 2. Manage bear recreation to reduce user conflicts and maintain recreational opportunities*
- 3. Increase public awareness and understanding of bears and bear-related issues*
- 4. Maintain an active bear research and monitoring program*
- 5. Provide bears with appropriate habitat*
- 6. Achieve a balance between bear distribution and abundance and social carrying capacity*
- 7. Prevent and resolve negative bear-human interactions*



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A composite image with a brown burlap background. On the left is a large orange ticket with a jagged edge. The ticket has "PURE MICHIGAN HUNT" at the top, a black bear silhouette in the center, and "ENTER TODAY TO WIN THE HUNT OF A LIFETIME" on the right. The year "2020" is written vertically on both sides of the ticket, and "Michigan.gov/PMH" is at the bottom. On the right is a photograph of a man in camouflage gear and an orange cap kneeling next to a black bear in a wooded area. At the bottom right is the "PURE MICHIGAN HUNT" logo.

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## 2020 Black Bear Drawing and Preference Point System



Hunters are selected for a bear license using a preference point drawing system that began in 2000. In the license drawing, applicants with the greatest number of preference points in each hunt period are selected first (see first bullet below). Those who are not selected earn one additional point for future drawings.

Only one point will be awarded in a given year. Points are reset to zero for all successful applicants, including those who choose not to purchase their license.

Each year, hunters may apply for any Bear Management Unit (BMU) and hunt period they choose, and their total preference points (earned in previous drawings) will be considered. Applicants may apply for a bear license, or apply for a point only for future drawings.

- Point requirements for each hunt period vary from year to year depending on license availability and demand for licenses. To view the number of points needed in last year's drawing, see the table on page 10 or go to [Michigan.gov/Bear](https://Michigan.gov/Bear) for detailed drawing statistics.
- **First hunt choices have priority.** When applying, hunters choose a first hunt choice (primary) and an optional second hunt choice. **If a hunter chooses a second hunt choice, it will be considered only if licenses remain after all first hunt choices have been awarded for all applicants.** Hunt periods that have required zero preference points in the past are more likely to have licenses available for second hunt choices, but there is no guarantee that licenses will be available for second hunt choices in any hunt period.
- **Preference points are tracked by customer ID.** To ensure that all your points are considered in the drawing, you should apply with the same ID used to apply in previous years. If your ID changes, call 517-284-WILD (9453) before the application deadline to ensure your points are combined under your current ID.
- **You must apply at least once every five years to retain your points.** Points are reset to zero for applicants who do not apply for five consecutive years. Points reset under the previous three year rule will not be restored.
- Nonresidents may apply; however, no more than 5% of licenses in any hunt period will be issued to nonresidents.
- **Check your preference points at [Michigan.gov/Bear](https://Michigan.gov/Bear).**



## How to Apply

### Eligibility

You must meet all of the following qualifications to be eligible to apply for a license or preference point:

1. Be eligible to purchase a bear hunting license for the current season.
2. Be licensed under the Mentored Youth Hunting Program OR be 10 years of age or older during the hunt period for which you are applying.
3. Be hunter safety-certified or an apprentice hunter (see page 13).
4. Have one of the following forms of customer identification:
  - Valid Michigan driver's license or valid nonresident driver's license.
  - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State).
  - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or at [Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses](https://www.michigan.gov/DNRLicenses)).

**Applying for a Bear License or Preference Point Only–**

1. If applying for a 2020 bear license, see map on page 8 and choose the BMU you wish to hunt. If applying for a preference point only for future drawings, skip to step 3.
2. Choose your desired season dates from the table on page 9 and note the corresponding **hunt number**. Be sure to select this hunt number when purchasing your application.
3. Purchase your application for a license or point only at a license agent, DNR Customer Service Center, or online at [Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses](https://Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses). It costs \$5 to apply\*. A base license is not required to apply. Hunters who are 9 years of age or younger must be licensed under the Mentored Youth Hunting Program prior to applying for a bear license or point.
4. Check your receipt for accuracy and retain as proof of purchase. It is unlawful to apply more than once.

*\*Application fee is waived for comprehensive lifetime license holders.*

**Applying for a Hunt with Other Hunters**

- You may apply in a hunt party with up to four applicants. All applicants in a hunt party will receive a license if the party is selected, except for those who submit an invalid application.
- The preference point total for the party will equal that of the partner with the fewest number of points.
- The first applicant of each hunt party chooses a hunt unit(s) and receives a “party ID” number, which is printed on his or her receipt. A new party ID number is issued each year. **Remaining partners must provide this party ID number when applying and should verify the party ID number is identical on their receipt.**
- A party is considered nonresident if any partner is a nonresident.

**IMPORTANT:**

You are responsible for submitting a valid application and obtaining a DNR application receipt that states your customer ID and hunt choice. Do not accept a receipt that is not legible. Check this receipt for accuracy and retain as proof that you applied. **Ensure any application errors are corrected prior to the application deadline.** Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.

- For application assistance, call 517-284-WILD (9453).
- You are responsible for obtaining your drawing results online.

**Drawings results will be posted at [Michigan.gov/Bear](https://Michigan.gov/Bear) on July 6.  
Transfer requests must be received by Sept. 1.  
See Bear Hunt Transfer Program on page 13.**

## 2020 Bear Management Units (BMU)

For detailed descriptions of bear hunt unit boundaries, go online to [Michigan.gov/DNRLaws](http://Michigan.gov/DNRLaws) or contact a DNR Customer Service Center.



### Lower Peninsula Season Structure

- The first day of the Red Oak, Baldwin and Gladwin season (Sept. 13) is for bait-only hunting.
- The last two days of the Red Oak, Baldwin and Gladwin firearm season (Sept. 20-21) are for bear hunting with dogs only.
- The Red Oak archery-only season (Oct. 2-8) is for bait-only hunting.

## 2020 Bear Hunts

BMU	HUNT PERIOD	SEASON DATES	LICENSE QUOTA	MAXIMUM NONRESIDENT LICENSES	HUNT NUMBER
<b>Preference Point only</b>	Do not want to be included in the current license drawing, but want a point for future use.				
<b>Bergland</b>	1	Sept. 9 - Oct. 21	180	9	01
	2	Sept. 14 - Oct. 26	280	14	02
	3	Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	735	36	03
<b>Baraga</b>	1	Sept. 9 - Oct. 21	250	12	04
	2	Sept. 14 - Oct. 26	440	22	05
	3	Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	860	43	06
<b>Amasa</b>	1	Sept. 9 - Oct. 21	100	5	07
	2	Sept. 14 - Oct. 26	130	6	08
	3	Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	260	13	09
<b>Carney</b>	1	Sept. 9 - Oct. 21	100	5	10
	2	Sept. 14 - Oct. 26	150	7	11
	3	Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	350	17	12
<b>Gwinn</b>	1	Sept. 9 - Oct. 21	140	7	13
	2	Sept. 14 - Oct. 26	270	13	14
	3	Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	650	32	15
<b>Newberry</b>	1	Sept. 9 - Oct. 21	210	10	16
	2	Sept. 14 - Oct. 26	240	12	17
	3	Sept. 25 - Oct. 26	660	33	18
<b>Drummond Island</b>	1	Sept. 9 - Oct. 21	5	0	19
<b>Red Oak</b>	1	Sept. 13 - Sept. 21 Oct. 2-8 archery only	700	35	20
<b>Baldwin</b>	1	Sept. 13 - Sept. 21	260	13	21
<b>Gladwin</b>	1	Sept. 13 - Sept. 21	110	5	22

## Upper Peninsula Season Structure

- The first five days of the first hunt period (Sept. 9-13) are bait-only hunting.
- During hunt periods 2 and 3, as well as the remainder of the first hunt period, both bait and dogs are permitted.

## Bear Management Unit Information

For drawing details see [Michigan.gov/Bear](http://Michigan.gov/Bear).

		Applicants		License Quotas			Bears Registered		Preference Points Required
BMU	Hunt Period	*	*				**		***
		2018	2019	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2019
Amasa	1	757	736	90	100	100	52	48	7 - 8
	2	524	579	160	130	130	71	55	3 - 4
	3	548	584	280	260	260	44	69	0 - 1
Baldwin	1	3,307	3478	155	260	260	73	127	12 - 13
Baraga	1	1,311	1216	270	250	250	104	70	3 - 4
	2	946	883	430	440	440	84	101	1 - 2
	3	878	892	790	860	860	90	103	0 - 1
Bergland	1	801	754	190	180	180	74	59	3 - 4
	2	630	672	285	280	280	67	60	0 - 1
	3	301	289	735	735	735	69	82	0
Carney	1	943	935	95	100	100	35	45	5 - 6
	2	541	538	170	150	150	44	55	2 - 3
	3	463	462	350	350	350	27	36	0 - 1
Drummond Island	1	204	242	5	5	5	5	4	17 - 18
Gladwin	1	1,298	1333	100	110	110	18	22	6 - 7
Gwin	1	1,185	1179	180	140	140	69	51	5 - 6
	2	622	605	275	270	270	54	54	1 - 2
	3	614	616	750	650	650	52	60	0
Newberry	1	2,670	2551	220	210	210	82	81	8 - 9
	2	1,466	1349	245	240	240	76	78	4 - 5
	3	1,382	1254	665	660	660	64	84	0 - 1
Red Oak	1	10,022	10368	700	700	700	224	318	8 - 9
Preference Point Applicants		22,962	23,904						
Statewide		54,375	55,419	7,140	7,080	7,080	1,478	1,662	

**Includes both eligible and ineligible applicants.**

**Point requirements may vary in future drawings.**

\* Number of applicants who selected each hunt as their first hunt choice.

\*\* Preliminary 2019 bear registration data.

\*\*\* Residents needed at least this number of points to be selected for a license in the 2019 bear drawing.



## License Purchase

- If you are selected in the drawing or wish to purchase a leftover license, you may purchase your hunting license online at [Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses](https://Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses) or from any license agent.
- Make sure the information on your license is accurate.
- Licenses may not be altered or transferred; however, successful applicants may transfer their drawing success to an unsuccessful youth applicant or any person with an advanced illness by **Sept. 1**. See “Bear Hunt Transfer Program” on page 13 for more information.

When hunting, you must carry your bear license and the identification used to purchase that license and present them upon demand of a Michigan conservation officer, a tribal conservation officer or any law enforcement officer. Hunters are encouraged to carry their base license at all times when hunting.

A base license is required for every resident and nonresident who hunts in Michigan. Hunters must have a base license to purchase a bear or no-kill-tag bear license. **An application may be purchased prior to obtaining a base license.**

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Required Licenses by Title and Age	Cost			
	Application for License Drawing	Base License	Bear License	No-Kill-Tag Bear License**
<b>Mentored Youth</b> Age: Up to 9	\$5.00	N/A Mentored Youth License \$7.50	\$25.00	\$15.00
<b>Junior</b> Age: 10-16	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
<b>Resident</b> Age: 17+	\$5.00	\$11.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
<b>Resident Senior</b> Age: 65+	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
<b>Nonresident*</b> Age: 17+	\$5.00	\$151.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
<b>Lifetime Comprehensive License-holder</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00

\* Nonresidents under 17 years of age may purchase a resident base license.

\*\* An individual (without a bear hunting license) accompanying a licensed bear hunter on a bear hunt, and in possession of a firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow, must have a no-kill-tag bear license. The owner (without a bear hunting license) of any dog chasing or locating bear on a hunt also must have a no-kill-tag bear license.

**Active-Duty U.S. Military Personnel and Michigan Veterans with Disabilities**

Resident active-duty military personnel and resident veterans with a 100% disability rating may obtain a leftover bear license free of charge beginning July 27. Licenses are full-price for those who apply for a license and are selected in the drawing.

If you have any license questions, please call 517-284-6057.

**Mentored Youth Hunting Program**

The Mentored Youth Hunting Program allows youth hunters 9 years of age and younger to hunt with a mentor who is at least 21 years of age, has hunting experience and possesses a valid Michigan license to hunt other than an apprentice license. The mentored youth license is a “package” license to hunt small game, waterfowl, turkey (spring and fall) and deer, trap furbearers, and fish for all species. It also allows the ability to apply for or purchase additional licenses including antlerless deer, bear, elk and fall turkey. Additional restrictions apply; complete program details can be found in the Michigan Hunting Digest or online at [Michigan.gov/MentoredHunting](http://Michigan.gov/MentoredHunting).

## Apprentice Hunting License

A person who does not have a hunter safety certificate and is 10 years of age or older may purchase an apprentice hunting license. An apprentice hunter may purchase this license for two license years before he or she must successfully complete a hunter safety course. The apprentice hunting license is available to residents and nonresidents.

When afield, an apprentice hunter must be accompanied by someone 21 years of age or older who possesses a regular, current-year hunting license for the same game as the apprentice. For apprentices 10-16 years of age, the accompanying hunter must be the apprentice's parent, guardian, or someone designated by the parent or guardian. "Accompanied by" requires the accompanying hunter to be able to come to the immediate aid of the apprentice and stay within a distance that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact.

For hunting bear, the accompanying hunter needs a 2020 bear hunting license, but it does not have to be for the same management unit or season dates as the apprentice. A person may accompany no more than two apprentice hunters while hunting.

## Leftover Licenses

There is no guarantee that leftover licenses will be available for any hunt unit. Resident hunters who have not obtained a license through the drawing process may obtain one leftover license on a first-come, first-served basis until the quota is met in each hunt period, as follows:

- Beginning July 13 - Available to Lifetime Comprehensive License-holders only.
- Beginning July 20 - Available to unsuccessful bear drawing applicants.
- Beginning July 27 - Available to any hunter, including those who did not apply.

Sales on these dates will begin at 10 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Leftover licenses are available for residents only. Preference points will be reset to zero for purchasers of a leftover bear license, except for Lifetime Comprehensive License-holders.

## Bear Hunt Transfer Program

Successful bear drawing applicants may transfer their drawing success to an eligible person they know, or donate anonymously to individuals on the DNR transfer waiting list. Eligible individuals include:

- Youth hunters, ages 16 and younger, who applied for a bear license and were unsuccessful in the current-year license drawing.
- Any person who has been diagnosed with an advanced illness\*. An application for a license in the current-year drawing is not required. Individuals with an advanced illness must complete the Physician Certification of Advanced Illness form to certify their eligibility for a transfer. The form is available at [Michigan.gov/HuntTransfers](https://www.michigan.gov/HuntTransfers).

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Eligible individuals also can register for the DNR transfer waiting list to receive a donated bear hunt. Visit [Michigan.gov/HuntTransfers](https://Michigan.gov/HuntTransfers) for details and registration. Those interested must register online by **July 10**.

Transfer recipients will retain their preference points.

### **How to Request a Hunt Transfer**

Successful applicants who wish to transfer their drawing success must submit a transfer request form by **Sept. 1**. Forms are available at [Michigan.gov/HuntTransfers](https://Michigan.gov/HuntTransfers). If a hunt recipient is not named on the form, the hunt will be offered to the next person on the DNR hunt waiting list.

Preference points are reset to zero for all successful applicants, even if drawing success is transferred.

It is unlawful for an individual to receive a fee, other consideration or service of value, either directly or indirectly, for transferring drawing success to another person or assisting and/or guiding that person in the hunt which has been transferred.

\* Advanced Illness is a medical condition that must be diagnosed and certified by a physician. Advanced Illness is defined by the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978 [MCL - 333.5653]. See [Legislature.michigan.gov](https://Legislature.michigan.gov).

### **License Usage To Prevent Crop Damage**

If you are interested in using your license to harvest a bear that has caused crop damage on private property, please e-mail DNR Large Carnivore Specialist Cody Norton at [NortonC3@michigan.gov](mailto:NortonC3@michigan.gov). These permits are only valid outside of the regular bear season in the BMU where the damage is occurring, and the bear cannot be taken over bait or with hounds.

### **Hunting Methods**

Bear hunters may use a bow and arrow, a crossbow, a firearm or a muzzleloader. For taking a bear, crossbow hunters may only use arrows, bolts and quarrels at least 14 inches in length, tipped with a broadhead point at least 7/8 inch wide.

You may not hunt bear with a firearm during the archery-only bear season in the Red Oak Management Unit.

Nonresidents must own and have in their possession either a concealed pistol license or a license to purchase, carry, or transport issued by their home state in order to legally carry or transport a handgun in Michigan.

## Baiting

A bait station is a site where food or lure is placed that may attract bear, including a barrel used on private or DNR managed lands and all materials used to establish the bait station. Barrels are **NOT** allowed on Commercial Forest lands or U.S. Forest Service lands. For all other managed lands, check with your local government office.

Baiting bear is legal from the start of the bear baiting period (31 days before the open season in that Bear Management Unit) through the end of the bear hunting season.

**It is illegal to use chocolate or cocoa derivatives in bear bait.**

### LEGAL BAITS THAT MAY BE USED AT ANY LOCATION IN UNLIMITED QUANTITIES:

- ★ **Meat** and meat products, including dog food;
- ★ **Fish** and fish products, including cat food; and
- ★ **Bakery/confectionery** products, including jams, jellies, sweeteners, candies, and other cooked or commercially processed products such as pie filling, yogurts or granola.

Hunters should consult the 2020 Michigan Hunting Digest, which is available each year in mid-August, or contact a DNR customer service center for deer and elk feeding and deer baiting regulations, including closed counties.

### BAITS THAT ATTRACT OR ENTICE DEER AND ELK, INCLUDING GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, SALTS, AND MINERALS

In areas where deer or elk feeding, or deer baiting is **LEGAL**:

- ◇ Baits that attract or entice deer and elk that are placed **on the ground**:
  - Prior to Sept. 15: Only grains may be used but must be inaccessible to deer and elk and are limited to 2 gallons per bait station.
  - After Sept. 15: Grains, fruits, vegetables, salts and minerals may be used but are limited to 2 gallons per bait station.
- ◇ Baits that attract or entice deer and elk that are placed **in a barrel**:
  - No quantity limit if the bait is placed in a barrel that is inaccessible to deer and elk.

In areas where deer or elk feeding, or deer baiting is **ILLEGAL**:

- ◇ Baits that attract or entice deer and elk that are placed **on the ground**:
  - Baits that attract or entice deer and elk are illegal to use unless in a barrel that is inaccessible to deer and elk.
- ◇ Baits that attract or entice deer and elk that are placed **in a barrel**:
  - No quantity limit if the bait is placed in a barrel that is inaccessible to deer and elk.

### Bait Barrel Requirements

- Private Lands
  - ◇ Barrels are LEGAL on private lands.
    - The maximum hole diameter in the barrel shall be 1 inch.

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- Commercial Forest Lands or U.S. Forest Service lands
  - ◊ **Barrels are ILLEGAL on Commercial Forest lands and U.S. Forest Service lands.**
- DNR Managed Lands
  - ◊ Barrels are **LEGAL** on DNR managed lands **ONLY IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:**
    - ▣ Barrel is at least 33 gallons in size.
    - ▣ Barrel is steel.
    - ▣ Barrel must have a mechanically attached, securely affixed lid and no more than three open holes, each hole no greater than 1 inch in diameter.
    - ▣ Barrel is securely anchored to a post or stake in the ground with a chain or cable no greater than 8 feet in length.
    - ▣ The users or individuals possessing the barrel must permanently affix their complete Michigan driver's license number, valid nonresident driver's license number or DNR Sportscard number on a tag to the outside of the barrel.
    - ▣ There is a maximum of one barrel per bait station.
    - ▣ Barrel is placed no more than 100 yards from a state forest road or a roadway.
    - ▣ Bait inside the barrel must be removed at the close of the bear season in that Bear Management Unit.
    - ▣ Barrels must be removed no later than five days after the close of the bear season.

For all other managed lands (county, tribal, etc.), please check with your local government office.

**1. It is unlawful to tend or establish a bait station that attracts bear in:**

- Amasa, Bergland, Baraga, Carney, Gwinn and Newberry BMUs **prior** to Aug. 9 and **after** Oct. 26.
- Drummond Island **prior** to Aug. 9 and **after** Oct. 21.
- Baldwin and Gladwin BMUs **prior** to Aug. 13 and **after** Sept. 21.
- Red Oak BMU **prior** to Aug. 13 and **after** Oct. 8.

**2. It is unlawful to hunt over bait that attracts bear that was established prior to:**

- Aug. 9 in Amasa, Bergland, Baraga, Carney, Drummond, Gwinn, and Newberry BMUs.
- Aug. 13 in Baldwin, Gladwin, and Red Oak BMUs.

**3. It is unlawful to use metal containers, plastic, wood, concrete, glass, fabric, cloth or paper** at a bait station on commercial forest lands, or any public lands except if using a steel barrel on DNR managed lands. Barrels are NOT

allowed on Commercial Forest lands or U.S. Forest Service lands. For all other managed lands, check with your local government office.

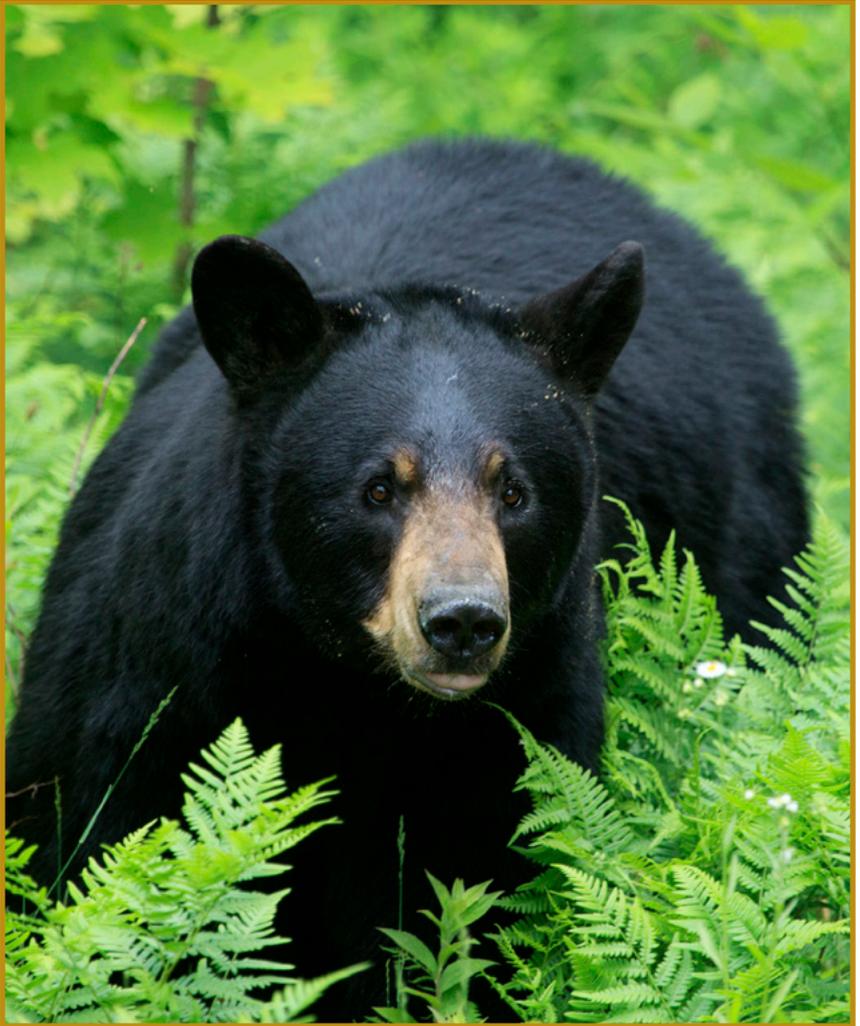
4. It shall be unlawful to hunt over bait that has within 100 yards of the bait site any containers used to transport bait to the baiting site. Dead and downed trees may be used. It is also illegal to use a tire at a bait station on public or Commercial Forest lands.
5. At bait stations on Commercial Forest lands or public lands except if using a steel barrel on DNR managed lands, it is unlawful to place bait anywhere but on the ground. Any containers used to transport bait to bait stations on public lands and Commercial Forest lands must be removed and disposed of properly. Also see “Commercial Forest Lands” on page. 23. Barrels are NOT allowed on Commercial Forest lands or U.S. Forest Service lands. For all other managed lands, check with your local government office.
6. It is unlawful for any licensed bear hunter or his/her designee to establish or tend more than three bait stations per hunter. In addition, it is unlawful for any person to establish or tend more than a total of 12 bait stations.

## Dogs

- For the purpose of hunting bear, no more than eight dogs shall be run as a pack. Relaying of packs is prohibited. It is legal to replace individual dogs, provided eight or fewer dogs are used at one time. All dogs must be immunized and licensed, and must have a license or other form of identification affixed to their collars.
- Nonresidents must have in their possession a special permit to use dogs while hunting bear. No more than 10 dogs may be registered on one permit. The free permits are available by calling 517-284-6210.
- Nonresidents may not chase bear with dogs outside the open season, unless training dogs on bear within Amasa, Bergland or Carney BMUs **or** special dog training areas. No permit needed.
- Those pursuing bear with dogs during an open season shall have in their possession either a valid Michigan bear hunting license or a no-kill-tag license if in possession of a firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow, or if they are the owner of any dog used for chasing or locating bear during the hunt. If running bears with dogs after harvest, retain the top portion of license and tag harvested bear using lower portion.
- Michigan residents may train their dogs on bears from July 8 through April 15 of the following year.
- It is unlawful to train dogs or hunt bear with dogs:
  - Sept. 4-13 in the Upper Peninsula
  - Sept. 8-13 in the rest of the Lower Peninsula. It also is unlawful to chase bears with dogs during the Oct. 2-8 archery-only season in the Red Oak BMU.

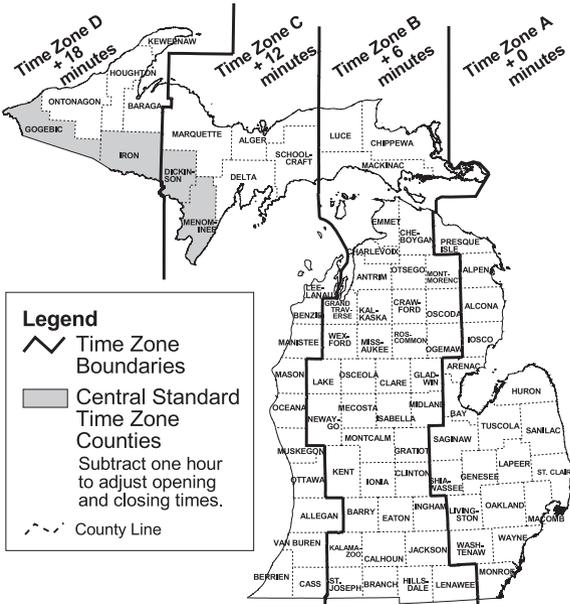
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- For purposes of training, no more than eight dogs may be used to chase bear during a single day.
- It is unlawful to train a dog on a captive, tethered or caged bear.
- For purposes of training or hunting bear, it is unlawful to begin to chase bear with dogs between one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- It is unlawful to train dogs on bear or other wild animals from April 16 – July 7.
- It is unlawful to train dogs on bear or hunt bear in the Gladwin Field Trial Area.



## Hunting Hours

Actual legal hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) for Zone A are printed in the table. To determine the opening (a.m.) or closing (p.m.) time in another zone, add the minutes shown on the map for the zone to the time from the Zone A Hunting Hours Table. The hunting hour listed in the table reflects EST adjusted for daylight-saving time where appropriate. If you are hunting in Gogebic, Iron, Dickinson or Menominee counties (Central Standard Time), you must make an additional adjustment to the printed time by subtracting one hour.



## Zone A Hunting Hours Table

One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset (adjusted for daylight-saving time)

2020	Sept.		Oct.	
Date	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
1			7:00	7:45
2			7:01	7:43
3			7:02	7:41
4			7:03	7:39
5			7:04	7:38
6			7:05	7:36
7			7:06	7:34
8			7:07	7:33
9	6:36	8:23	7:08	7:31
10	6:37	8:22	7:10	7:29
11	6:38	8:20	7:11	7:28
12	6:39	8:18	7:12	7:26
13	6:40	8:16	7:13	7:24
14	6:41	8:15	7:14	7:23
15	6:42	8:13	7:15	7:21
16	6:43	8:11	7:16	7:19
17	6:44	8:09	7:18	7:18
18	6:46	8:08	7:19	7:16
19	6:47	8:06	7:20	7:15
20	6:48	8:04	7:21	7:13
21	6:49	8:02	7:22	7:12
22	6:50	8:00	7:24	7:10
23	6:51	7:59	7:25	7:09
24	6:52	7:57	7:26	7:07
25	6:53	7:55	7:27	7:06
26	6:54	7:53	7:28	7:04
27	6:55	7:52	7:30	7:03
28	6:56	7:50	7:31	7:01
29	6:57	7:48	7:32	7:00
30	6:58	7:46	7:33	6:59
31			7:35	6:57

## Elevated Platforms and Ground Blinds

It is legal to hunt bear from a raised platform or tree stand when using a firearm, bow or crossbow.

Bear hunters may use ground blinds on state lands in the Bear Management Unit for which they are licensed. Blinds may be placed from Aug. 10 (Upper Peninsula) or Aug. 17 (Lower Peninsula) through five days after the close of the bear season, or if successful, five days after harvesting a bear.

The name and address, Michigan driver's license number, valid nonresident driver's license number, or DNR Sportcard number of the licensed bear hunter must be permanently affixed to the ground blind or tree stand in legible English.

## General Rules

- A person shall not kill or attempt to kill a bear unless the person has an unused bear harvest license issued in his or her name for the BMU in which he or she is hunting.
- A person accompanying a hunter lawfully engaged in treaty-authorized hunting may not harvest a game animal unless also lawfully licensed as a treaty-authorized hunter or as a state-licensed hunter for the applicable species and season.
- It is unlawful for any nonresident to assist and/or guide another person in any manner in the taking of bear for a fee, other consideration, or service of value, either directly or indirectly.
- On land owned or under control of the DNR, it is unlawful to drag a state forest road with any device that disturbs the surface of the roadbed at a depth greater than 2 inches.
- It is unlawful to disturb a bear den or disturb, harm, or molest a bear in its den.
- It is unlawful to take a cub bear (a bear less than one year of age), or a female bear accompanied by a cub bear.
- It is unlawful to chase, pursue, shoot, or kill a bear when it is swimming in a stream, river, pond, lake or other body of water.
- It is unlawful to use chocolate or cocoa derivatives in bear bait.

## Learn How to Avoid Cubs

Generally, cubs younger than a year of age are accompanying sows and appear smaller than the sow. In general, avoiding a bear that is less than 42 inches in length, from nose to tail, will avoid most bears under one year of age. Marking a stick or other item and placing it near your bait site may help in determining the size of the bear. **WHEN IN DOUBT, LET IT PASS.**

## Hunter Orange Required

When bear hunting with a firearm, hunters must wear a cap, hat, vest, jacket, or rain gear of hunter orange. Hunter orange includes camouflage that is not less than 50 percent hunter orange. The garments that are hunter orange shall be the hunter's outermost garment and shall be visible from all sides of the hunter. Crossbow and archery bear hunters are exempt from the hunter orange requirement.

## Validating Kills and Registration

Immediately after killing a bear, a person shall validate the license by cutting out the appropriate information as instructed on the license. **If running bears with dogs after harvest, retain the top portion of license and tag harvested bear using lower portion.** The entire license or lower portion of the license must then be attached to the bear's lower jaw. You may wish to fold the kill tag in half directly over a piece of wire or cord (after removing backing) before attaching the license to the lower jaw of the bear in a secure and permanent manner. Within 72 hours of harvest, the bear head and pelt (unfrozen), or the entire animal shall be presented by the licensee who killed the bear, to the DNR for examination, sealing and registration. The licensee shall provide the identification used to acquire the license. After the pelt is sealed, the DNR reserves the right to collect additional bear parts, such as a tooth, for research or management purposes (see pages 25-27 for registration stations). The seal shall remain attached to the bear until:

- The carcass is processed or butchered for consumption by an individual for his or her use.
- The carcass is accepted for processing and recorded by a commercial processor. If the head or hide is returned to the person submitting the animal to the commercial processor, the seal shall accompany the head or hide.
- The carcass is accepted for processing and recorded by a licensed taxidermist.

## Report Sightings of Diseased Wildlife

In an effort to maintain healthy wildlife populations, the DNR encourages people to report any sightings of sick or dead wildlife at [Michigan.gov/WildlifeDisease](https://www.michigan.gov/WildlifeDisease).

## Report Bear Hunting Results Online

Accurate and complete information on hunting activity is vital for sound wildlife management. All bear hunters are encouraged to report their hunting activity after their season has ended at [Michigan.gov/Bear](https://www.michigan.gov/Bear). These surveys are the same as those traditionally mailed to randomly selected hunters. Mail surveys will continue; however, the online reporting option allows all hunters to participate. Mandatory registration for all successful bear hunters is required within 72 hours of bear harvest.

## Bear Cooperator Patch

Michigan's bear cooperator patch program is coordinated by the Michigan Bear Hunters Association, in partnership with the DNR. Young hunters, 17 years of age and younger, who have a valid bear hunting license may receive a free patch. To receive a patch, please send name and complete address, along with a legible copy of the youth's valid bear hunting license, to MBHA, Bear Patch Program, 10510 Fairgrieve Rd, Johannesburg, MI 49751.

Adult hunters, collectors, and other interested individuals may purchase the patch for \$5, including postage and handling. You do not have to harvest a bear to purchase a patch. Send orders to the address above, and please make your check or money order payable to the Michigan Bear Hunters Association. Bear patches will be available while supplies last. For further information and current availability of past patches, write to the address provided or email [cowboys1971@yahoo.com](mailto:cowboys1971@yahoo.com).



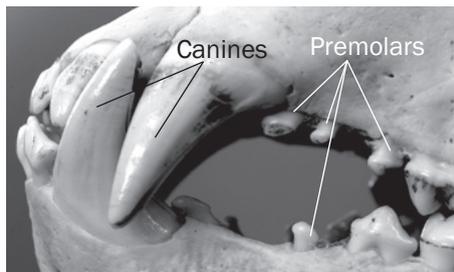
## Carcass Care

**DON'T LET YOUR BEAR MEAT SPOIL!** It is imperative to field-dress your bear immediately and place ice in the cavity to cool the meat. Skin and process the animal in a timely manner, and enjoy the appealing taste of black bear! For meat of good quality, follow these important steps:

- Cool meat quickly (minimum 32-40° F) and age properly.
- Prevent dampness (any waterproof covering must allow full air circulation).
- Keep meat clean, and keep flies off.
- Keep carcass out of direct sunlight when transporting.

## Tooth Collection

The DNR collects a tooth from all bears during registration, and the tooth is used to determine the age of the bear. Ages are determined using a microscope to count the number of cementum layers in cross-sections of premolar teeth from either the upper or lower jaw. The cementum layers look much like rings in a cross-section of a tree; each layer represents one year.



The premolars are small, single-rooted, peg-like teeth located between the canines and the molars. A premolar can be removed by cutting with a knife in front of and behind the tooth and pulling gently with pliers. It is okay if some of the gum adheres to the tooth. The aging technique actually works better if the tooth is not scraped clean. The age cannot be determined from the tooth crown; therefore, it is very important that the premolar be removed with the root as intact as possible. The tooth can be wrapped in paper (not plastic or foil) or placed in an envelope and can be dried or frozen. Turn in the tooth when you have your bear sealed and registered. The age of your bear can be checked at [Michigan.gov/DNRLab](https://www.michigan.gov/DNRLab) after June 1.

## Precaution about Lead in Bear Meat

Bear that are shot with rifle bullets containing lead, particularly copper-jacketed and hollow-point bullets or that are shot with shotguns using lead slugs or buckshot, can have particles of lead remaining in the meat, some too small to be seen or felt. Lead can be harmful to humans and wildlife, even in very low amounts. If you have questions about the health effects of lead exposure from lead fragments or lead shot, call the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab at 517-336-5030 and/or look through the information on the DNR website at [Michigan.gov/WDM](https://www.michigan.gov/WDM). You may also contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-648-6942 or visit [Michigan.gov/MDHHS](https://www.michigan.gov/MDHHS).

## Commercial Hunting Guides on State Public Land

All commercial hunting guides using state-owned land must receive written authorization. Guides are required to meet the conditions of the written authorization. If you are a guide who utilizes state-owned lands, please visit [Michigan.gov/StateLandPermission](https://www.michigan.gov/StateLandPermission) or contact Casey Reitz at [ReitzC@Michigan.gov](mailto:ReitzC@Michigan.gov) or 517-284-6210 for more information. Commercial guiding on National Forest (NF) lands requires a federal special use permit. Applications can be obtained through any NF office or by calling - Hiawatha NF: 906-428-5800; Huron-Manistee NF: 877-444-6777; or Ottawa NF: 906-932-1330.

## Commercial Forest (CF) Lands

Over 2.2 million acres of privately owned forests enrolled in the CF program are accessible to the public by foot for fishing, hunting, and trapping. Use of motorized vehicles for fishing and hunting access is at the landowner's discretion. The CF lands are not posted or signed as commercial forests and may be fenced and/or gated. The presence of a fence or gate does not prohibit public access to CF lands for fishing or hunting. The owner may restrict public access during periods of active commercial logging to ensure public safety. Other than foot access for the acts of hunting or fishing, activities such as (but not limited to) camping, leaving anything unattended (e.g. bait, blinds, etc.), and damaging or injuring vegetation (e.g. cutting/nauling) require the landowner's permission. Commercial activity on CF lands is not allowed for any purpose other

than forestry or oil and gas extraction. Legal land descriptions of lands listed in this program are available on the DNR website at [Michigan.gov/CommercialForest](http://Michigan.gov/CommercialForest) under “Where Can I Hunt?” If you have questions about this program or specific CF lands, contact the nearest DNR Customer Service Center or DNR Forest Resources Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909, or call 517-284-5900.

### Bear Hunting Clinics

The DNR is offering bear hunting clinics. For \$30, students will learn the ins and outs of bear hunting with experienced hunters and DNR educators. The class will cover habitat, gear, stand placement, baiting, rules and regulations, carcass care, and hide care. Participants will spend about four hours in the classroom, then hit the trail to learn how to place a stand and bait in the woods. For details visit the website or call the phone number listed below:

Bear Hunting Clinics	
Jul. 26 Aug. 2 Aug. 8	Carl T. Johnson Hunt and Fish Center, Cadillac Mitchell State Park, 6087 East Highway M-115 (Recreation Passport is required for entry into park) <b>231-779-1321</b> or visit <a href="http://Michigan.gov/OutdoorSkills">Michigan.gov/OutdoorSkills</a>

### Wolf-Dog Conflicts

Wolves will defend their territories and may attack other wolves, coyotes and domestic dogs that are in their territory. Most wolf-dog conflicts occur where dogs are trained or used for bear hunting, which overlaps with the time wolf pups are using rendezvous sites. These sites are areas where wolf pups are taken when they are old enough to leave the birth den.

Dogs used for hunting are at risk of being attacked by wolves because they: (1) traverse large areas, which increases their chance of encountering wolves; (2) may be released at bear bait sites that also may be used by wolves; (3) bark while tracking, which may be viewed as a territorial challenge by wolves; and (4) are some distance from hunters and therefore not protected by the presence of humans.

### Avoid Potential Problem Areas

To minimize the conflict between wolves and dogs, it is best to avoid areas of recent wolf activity. Wolves will concentrate much of their activity around the den and rendezvous sites. These sites may vary year to year and can change throughout the summer. Rendezvous sites usually are forest openings or edge areas and often are near water. They can be identified by the concentration of wolf tracks, droppings and matted vegetation. It is best to do some scouting beforehand and look for wolf signs before releasing dogs. Be especially vigilant when starting dogs from a bear bait site, and make sure wolves have not been using the bait. If wolf sign, particularly the sign of wolf pups, is evident, move to another area before releasing dogs.

**What You Can Do:**

- Report all suspected wolf-dog conflicts to the DNR immediately to allow a timely investigation. *Your reports help other bear hunters by allowing the DNR to provide updated dog depredation locations.*
- Become familiar with coyote and dog tracks, so they can be correctly distinguished from wolf tracks.
- Consider adding bells or beepers to dog collars - some hunters have reported this can reduce wolf attacks.

For a map of location information on known dog predation visit [Michigan.gov/Wolves](http://Michigan.gov/Wolves).

**For information on hunting dog conflicts with wolves, contact the Marquette Customer Service Center at 906-228-6561 or visit [Michigan.gov/Wolves](http://Michigan.gov/Wolves).**

**To report a dog predation, call the Report All Poaching hotline at 1-800-292-7800.**

At this time the use of lethal control of wolves in the act of depredation is not authorized. Because the federal listing status of wolves has changed and may continue to change, please contact a DNR office to inquire about current rules regarding lethal take of wolves if in the act of preying upon a dog.

**Bear Registration Stations by County**

At the registration station, an official seal shall be attached to the bear and information shall be obtained from the hunter. An asterisk \* next to the check station indicates limited staff and/or limited office hours. **Hunters must call the DNR office or private cooperator before arriving to schedule an appointment.**

Map of Locations, Visit [Michigan.gov/Bear](http://Michigan.gov/Bear)

<p><b>ALCONA</b>  <b>Lincoln DNR Office*</b>                      408 Main St.  <i>Lincoln</i>                      989-736-8336</p> <p><b>ALGER</b>  <b>Bayshore Market</b>                      Lake Ave.  <i>Grand Marais</i>                      906-494-2581</p> <p><b>Bear Trap Inn</b>                      N7294 County Road H15  <i>Shingleton</i>                      906-452-6364</p> <p><b>Cusino DNR Office*</b>                      M-28  <i>Shingleton</i>                      906-452-6236</p>	<p><b>ALLEGAN</b>  <b>DNR Plainwell Customer Service Center*</b>                      621 N. 10th St.  <i>Plainwell</i>                      269-685-6851</p> <p><b>Allegan State Game Area*</b>                      118th Ave.  <i>Allegan</i>                      269-673-2430</p> <p><b>ALPENA</b>  <b>Advanced Wildlife Designs</b>                      3361 US-23 S.  <i>Alpena</i>                      989-356-3600</p>	<p><b>BARAGA</b>  <b>DNR Baraga Customer Service Center</b>                      427 US-41 N.  <i>Baraga</i>                      906-353-6651</p> <p><b>Indian Country Sports</b>                      17 South Front Street  <i>L'Anse</i>                      906-524-6518</p> <p><b>Woodland Firearms &amp; Supply</b>                      513 Michigan Ave.  <i>Baraga</i>                      906-353-1911</p> <p><b>BARRY</b>  <b>Barry State Game Area*</b>                      1805 S. Yankee Springs Road  <i>Middleville</i>                      989-684-9141</p>
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**BAY**

**DNR Bay City Customer Service Center**

3580 State Park Drive  
Bay City  
989-684-9141

**CASS**

**Crane Pond State Game Area**

60887 M-40  
Jones  
269-244-5928

**CHEBOYGAN**

**Cheboygan DNR Office**

120 A St.  
Cheboygan  
231-627-9011

**CHIPPEWA**

**Johnson's Sport Shop**

29129 E. Channel Road  
Drummond Island  
906-493-6300

**Sault Ste. Marie Customer Service Center**

4131 S. M-129 Highway  
Sault Ste. Marie  
906-635-5281

**Strongs Motel & Tavern**

28952 W M-28  
Strongs  
906-274-5548

**Wilderness Treasures**

101 S. M-129  
Pickford  
906-647-4002

**CLARE**

**Harrison DNR Office\***

2115 Sullivan Drive  
Harrison  
989-539-6411

**Jay's Sporting Goods**

8800 S. Clare Ave.  
Clare  
989-386-3475

**CLINTON**

**Rose Lake Field Office\***

8903 Stoll Road,  
East Lansing  
517-641-4092

**DELTA**

**Escanaba DNR Office\***

6833 US-2, US-41 & M-35  
Gladstone  
906-786-2351

**Soderman's Meats**

6207 Days River 24.5 Road  
Gladstone  
906-428-2487

**DICKINSON**

**Midtown Bait & Tackle**

613 Railroad Ave.  
Channing  
906-542-7080

**Norway DNR Office\***

520 W. US-2  
Norway  
906-563-9042

**Whispering Pines Outpost**

N-4200 M-95  
Iron Mountain  
906-774-1277

**GLADWIN**

**Gladwin DNR Office\***

801 N. Silverleaf  
Gladwin  
989-426-9205 ext. 7631

**GOGEBIC**

**West Shore Resort**

N10960 Highway M-64  
Marenisco  
906-842-3336

**GRAND TRAVERSE**

**Traverse City Customer Service Center\***

2122 M-37  
Traverse City  
231-922-5280

**HOUGHTON**

**Fred's East Branch Outfitters**

3881 East M-28  
Trout Creek  
906-287-0060

**McLain State Park**

18350 Highway M-203  
Hancock  
906-482-0278

**Krupps Resort**

32170 Emily Lake Rd  
Toivola  
906-288-3404

**Kurt's Korner**

17510 East Askel Road  
Pelkie  
906-334-3333

**INGHAM**

**Lansing Customer Service Center\***

4166 Legacy Parkway  
Lansing  
517-284-4720

**IONIA**

**Flat River DNR Office\***

6640 Long Lake Road  
Belding  
616-794-2658

**IOSCO**

**Tawas Point State Park**

686 Tawas Beach Road  
East Tawas  
989-362-5041

**IRON**

**Crystal Falls DNR Office\***

1420 W. US-2  
Crystal Falls  
906-875-6622

**Luckey's Sport Shop**

3237 US-2  
Iron River  
906-265-0151

**JACKSON**

**Waterloo Field Office**

13578 Seymour Road,  
Grass Lake  
517-522-4097

**KEWEENAW**

**Fort Wilkins State Park**

15223 US Highway 41,  
Copper Harbor  
906-289-4215

**LAKE**

**Baldwin DNR Office\***

2468 W. 24th St.  
Baldwin  
231-745-4651

**LUCE**

**DNR Newberry Customer Service Center**

5100 S. M-123  
Newberry  
906-293-5131

**Muskallonge Lake****State Park\***

29705 County Road 407

*Newberry*

906-658-3338

**MACKINAC****McNeil's Bar**

6154 Gould City Road

*Gould City*

906-477-9915

**Naubinway DNR Office\***

US-2

*Naubinway*

906-477-6048

**MACOMB****Mt. Clemens Fisheries Station\***

33135 S. River Road

*Harrison Twp.*

586-465-4771

**MARQUETTE****Cram's General Store**

100 Bensingler

*Big Bay*

906-345-0075

**LaPalme's Country Corner**

County Highway 557 &amp; 426

*Arnold*

906-238-4231

**DNR Marquette Customer Service Center**

1990 US-41 S.

*Marquette*

906-228-6561

**Van Riper State Park**

851 County Road AKE

*Champion*

906-339-4461

**MECOSTA****DNR Paris Field Office at****Mecosta County Parks****DNR Office\***

22250 Northland Drive

*Paris*

231-465-4188

**MENOMINEE****B&J Taxidermy**

N9590 P-1 Road

*Daggett*

906-753-4090

**Gary's Quality Foods****Venison Processing**

N5977 US-41

*Wallace*

906-788-4330

**Powers-Spalding Locker Plant**

W3765 US-2 &amp; US-41

*Spalding*

906-497-5248

**MONTMORENCY****Atlanta DNR Office\***

13501 M-33

*Atlanta*

989-785-4251 ext. 5233

**MUSKEGON****Muskegon State Game Area\***

7600 E. Messinger Road

*Twin Lake*

231-788-5055

**OAKLAND****Holly Recreation Area\***

8100 Grange Hall Road

*Holly*

248-634-0240

**ONTONAGON****Greig's Taxidermy & Tackle**

35742 US-45

*Ontonagon*

906-884-2770

**Maple Ridge Bait Shop**

35802 Highway M-28

*Merriweather*

906-365-5050

**Porcupine Mtns. State Park**

M-107 &amp; South Boundary Road

*Ontonagon*

906-885-5275

**Settler's Cooperative**

M-28 at US-45

*Bruce Crossing*

906-827-3515

**OSCODA****Mio DNR Office\***

191 S. Mount Tom Road

*Mio*

989-275-5151

**OTSEGO****DNR Gaylord Customer Service Center**

1732 W. M-32

*Gaylord*

989-732-3541

**PRESQUE ISLE****Adrian's Sport Shop**

335 N. Bradley Highway

*Rogers City*

989-734-2303

**ROSCOMMON****Houghton Lake DNR Office\***

180 S. Harrison Road

*Houghton Lake*

989-422-6572

**DNR Roscommon Customer Service Center\***

8717 N. Roscommon Road

*Roscommon*

989-275-5151

**SCHOOLCRAFT****Forest Glen Store**

7445 N. Federal Forest Highway

13

*Wetmore*

906-573-2655

**Jack Pine Lodge**

5350N State Hwy M-94

*Manistique*

906-573-2414

**Mater's Stop N Go**

1545 West State Highway M-28

*Seney*

906-499-3015

**WAYNE****DNR Detroit Metro**

1801 Atwater St.

*Detroit*

313-396-6890

**Pte. Mouillee State Game Area\***

37205 Mouillee Road

*Rockwood*

734-379-9692

**WEXFORD****DNR Cadillac Customer Service Center\***

8015 Mackinaw Trail

*Cadillac*

231-775-9727

## Need information?

Contact a DNR office listed below or visit us online.

Customer Service Centers (CSC) are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Baraga CSC

427 US-41 North  
Baraga, MI 49908  
906-353-6651

### Bay City CSC

3580 State Park Dr.  
Bay City, MI 48706  
989-684-9141

### Cadillac CSC

8015 Mackinaw Trail  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-775-9727

### Crystal Falls Field Office

1420 W. US-2  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920  
906-875-6622

### Detroit Metro CSC

1801 Atwater St.  
Detroit, MI 48207  
313-396-6890

### Escanaba CSC

6833 US-2 41 & M-35  
Gladstone, MI 49837  
906-786-2351

### Gaylord CSC

1732 W. M-32  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
989-732-3541

### Lansing CSC

4166 Legacy Parkway  
Lansing, MI 48911  
517-284-4720

### Marquette CSC

1990 US-41 South  
Marquette, MI 49855  
906-228-6561

### Naubinway Field Office

PO Box 287  
W11569 US-2E.  
Naubinway, MI 49762  
906-477-6048

### Newberry CSC

5100 M-123  
Newberry, MI 49868  
906-293-5131

### Norway Field Office

520 W. U.S. Highway 2  
Norway, MI 49870  
906-563-9247

### Plainwell CSC

621 N. 10th St.  
Plainwell, MI 49080  
269-685-6851

### Roscommon CSC

I-75 & M-18 South,  
8717 N. Roscommon Road  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
989-275-5151

### Sault Ste. Marie CSC

PO Box 798  
4131 S. M-129 Highway  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
906-635-5281

### Traverse City CSC

2122 South M-37  
Traverse City, MI 49685  
231-922-5280

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