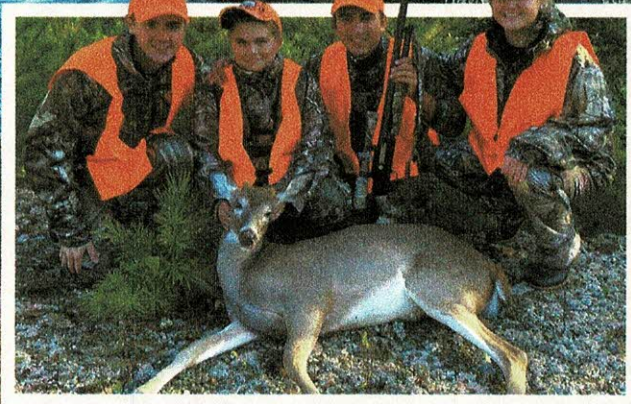


MASSACHUSETTS

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# BOBCAT HUNTING

## 2021 HUNTING SEASON DATES

Zones 1-8: Jan. 1 – March 8, 2021 and Dec. 20, 2021 – March 8, 2022

All dates inclusive. Hunting is prohibited on Sundays. Bobcat hunting season closed during the shotgun deer season. See WMZ map on pages 22-23.

## HUNTING HOURS

Hunting hours begin 1/2 hour before sunrise and end 1/2 hour after sunset.

## REQUIRED LICENSES AND PERMITS

You must have a license to hunt bobcat, which you can buy through MassFish-Hunt, [mass.gov/massfishhunt](http://mass.gov/massfishhunt). No permits are required.

### MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS

- Hunting or sporting license

### NON-RESIDENTS

- Small game or big game license

### BAG LIMITS

None

### HUNTING IMPLEMENTS

**Shotguns:** Only shot size up to #1 birdshot can be used.

**Archery:** Archery equipment is legal, with no minimum pull. Crossbows may only be used by permit. Poisoned arrows, explosive tips, and bows drawn by mechanical means are prohibited.

**Rifles and handguns:** No restrictions on caliber size for rifles or handguns.

**Muzzleloaders:** Smooth bore muzzleloaders: Only shot size up to #1 birdshot can be used. Rifled bore muzzleloaders: no restrictions on caliber size.

### HUNTING METHODS

Electronic and manual calls, decoys, and bait are legal.

Use of dogs is prohibited.

### BLAZE ORANGE

When hunting on a pheasant or quail stocked WMA during the pheasant/quail season, a blaze orange cap is required.

### TAGGING, TRANSPORTING, AND REPORTING

Bobcat cannot be reported online. You must take your bobcat to an official furbearer check station at MassWildlife facilities only (see page 46), where you will be issued a federally-required seal.

You must report your bobcat harvest within 4 working days of the end of the season.

Seals must remain attached to the pelt/carcass until the pelt/carcass is prepared for sale, taxidermy, tanning or other use.

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