

MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN



2025-2028 HUNTING & TRAPPING RULES AND REGULATIONS



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2025-2027 MITW HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations have been developed by the Menominee Conservation Commission and through final approval by the Menominee Tribal Legislature in accordance with Chapter 287, Menominee Conservation Code.

TRIBAL RULES

Permittees shall follow all Tribal Rules and Laws. State Laws regarding hunting shall not apply within the exterior boundaries of the Menominee Indian Reservation, or any land owned by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

DEFINITIONS

LICENSE

An identification card and license that is issued by the Menominee Tribal License and Permits Department for the purpose of allowing an individual to legally hunt, fish, gather, and trap on the reservation. *Also see Ch. 287 Definitions*

LICENSEE

Any person who is eligible for and obtains a license specified in Chapter 287 Code. *Also see Ch. 287 Definitions.*

QUALIFIED DESCENDANT:

An individual biologically descended from an enrolled tribal member possessing at least 1/8 degree Menominee blood and who appears on the Menominee Indian Tribe's descendent register per Ordinance No. 09-18. *Editor's Note: See Ch. [46](#), Descendant Register. Also see Ch. 287 Definitions*

SPOUSE:

Any male or female lawfully married to a Menominee tribal member. *Also see Ch. 287 Definitions*

PERMITTEES:

Where Permittees are listed, it refers to qualified descendants and spouse combined who are licensees.

TAG

An identification tag that is issued to a hunter, fisherman or trapper by the Menominee Conservation Department, which is authorized for use on killed deer, bear, turkey, sturgeon, bobcat, fisher or otter. When used as a verb, "tag" means the act of attaching a tag to a deer, bear, turkey, sturgeon, bobcat, fisher or otter.

REGULATION OF LARGE GAME

**** DEER HUNTING ****

No individual may hunt or kill Whitetail Deer, (hereafter referred to as Deer), except as provided below.

Season for Tribal Members: Tribal members may hunt Deer from August 1 to December 31 in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. No tags will be issued to any person under the age of 10 years. Buck only season from August 1 to September 1.

Bucks and doe season will run from September 1 to December 31.

Shining: Closed.

Season for Descendants: Descendants may hunt deer from November 1 to November 30. In accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. Bow hunting is prohibited unless done within the season of November 1 to November 30. Permit required for all persons 10 years or older, individuals younger than 10 years will not be eligible for any tags.

Permittees: are allowed to pursue deer with a tribal member during the deer season outside of the descendant season. Permittees are not allowed to take deer outside of the descendent season. Permittees cannot be in possession of a firearm or bow or crossbow. Permittees participating in the pursuit of deer must possess a hunting license.

Shining: Closed.

Permittees are prohibited from using dogs while deer hunting unless accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) Tribal member within hunting party or group during the permitted season.

Season for Spouses: Spouses may hunt deer from the Saturday before Thanksgiving to the following Sunday, totaling (9)-days. In accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. Bow hunting is prohibited except within the (9)-day period listed above and bow must have a minimum 35-LB pull.

Elder Tags and Group Hunting: It is illegal to kill game for another person except during a firearm deer season (Tribal Members August 1st to December 31st, Descendants November 1st to November 30th, and Spouses the Saturday before Thanksgiving to the following Sunday, totaling (9)-days) and the mechanism used to kill the deer is either Group Hunting or Elder Tags. Both Group Hunting rules and Elder Tags rules are provided in the section below.

Elder Tags: Enrolled Tribal Members 62 or Older and Disabled Enrolled Tribal Members may designate a tribal member to fill their allotted deer tags. The elder or disabled person (designator) must contact the Conservation Department to indicate the designated tribal member. A Tribal Member can only be designated to only one (1) designator at any given point of time during the deer season.

Group Hunting: The purpose of Group Hunting is to allow Tribal Members, Descendants, Spouses to group hunt within their valid season:

- Tribal Members may participate from August 1st through December 31st.
- Descendants may participate from November 1st through November 30th.
- Spouses may participate from the Saturday before Thanksgiving to the following Sunday, totaling (9)-days.

Group hunting allows more opportunities to hunt deer and it helps other hunters fulfill their tags. A hunter can participate in Group Hunting as long as it is within their valid season stated above regardless if they have fulfilled all their tags. As long as a hunter has a valid tag either their own or from another hunter, a.k.a. Group Hunting, then they are allowed to hunt.

A special requirement for participants is that they must have received their initial tag allotment for deer from the Menominee Conservation Department before being allowed to participate in Group Hunting. For Descendants and Spouses they also need their Hunting License which is purchased from License and Permit (Member Services Department).

With Group Hunting, a member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party. Members of a group deer hunting party shall also agree in advance that a tag holder is willing to use their tag to register a deer killed by another member of the party.

A group deer hunting party must be two or more hunters who are hunting together within a common hunting area of one (1) square mile. Hunters may not kill deer for persons who are not out actively hunting with the party.

Hunters in a group hunting may use cellular phones and common radio communications, or other mechanical or electronic amplifying devices to establish contact with the person for whom the deer is killed.

Permittees participating in Group Hunting must possess a hunting license.

Hunters must have received their initial tag allotment for deer from the Menominee Conservation Department.

Hunters can participate regardless if they have fulfilled all their tags for deer.

Conditions Regarding Deer Hunting

Any type of baiting for white-tailed deer is prohibited, including but not limited to salt and mineral blocks.

Shooting hours for deer are 30 minutes before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset. A table of these hours can be found at the following link on the WI DNR hunting hours page (<https://widnr.widen.net/s/vdrwqf2d8/northernshootinghours>).

After shooting hours, all firearms must be cased and unloaded.

Cannot be in possession of any shining equipment after shooting hours.

BAG LIMITS FOR DEER

Tribal Members will be allowed to harvest 5 deer in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Permittees will be allowed to harvest 1 deer total, (buck or doe) either by gun or bow (35 pound pull minimum) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

All persons are required to process their Deer in a timely manner as not to allow the animal to hang until spoiled. This will result in a wanton waste violation in accordance with Chapter 287 Conservation Code. Deer will not be allowed to hang longer than 10 days.

TAGGING

All deer must be tagged immediately upon kill.

Tags are not transferable and must be in possession of person when hunting.

REGISTRATION

Deer must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site, by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116, or online at <http://es.menominee-nsn.gov>

Registration must be completed within 24 hours from time of harvest.

**** BEAR HUNTING ****

The act of killing bear is not allowed except by enrolled Tribal Members.

No individual may hunt or kill or pursue bear, except as provided below.

Season for Tribal Members: Tribal members may hunt bear from August 1 to November 30 in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. Bow hunting is allowed with a 35-pound pull minimum and shall be consistent with the season length identified herein.

Permittees are allowed to pursue bear with tribal members during the bear season and the dog training season. Permittees are not allowed to kill bear. Permittees cannot be in a possession of a firearm or bow or crossbow. Permittees participating in the pursuit of bear must possess a hunting license.

A Permittee is allowed to pursue bear with tribal members which means they take part in a hunting group/crew. This in fact means Permittees are allowed to bait alone, allowed to drive alone in their own vehicle, allowed to watch, allowed to go to the kill site of a bear, allowed to do hand drives, allowed to put up cameras to track bear alone, they can haul a tagged bear out in their vehicle, allowed to field dress a bear, allowed to quarter and debone a bear, allowed to take bear meat etc., just as long as the action is not killing a bear. The non-killing actions are participation with a hunting group/crew.

Conditions Regarding Bear Hunting

Dog Training Season: Shall be allowed from July 1 to August 1.

Bear cannot be killed until their second season.

Spring traps are strictly prohibited. Barrel traps will be allowed.

All bait stations and barrel trap locations must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department. Only Tribal Members can register bait stations.

Bear cannot be shined from a motorized/electric vehicle.

Night Training/Hunting (at point of kill) is allowed. A flashlight can be used while pursuing on foot with dogs only for Night Training/Hunting.

There will be no hour restriction on hunting bear with dogs only.

Bear accompanied by cubs cannot be killed.

Bear cannot be hunted, molested or taken from dens by any means.

Permittees allowed to bait registered bait stations alone for their hunting group

Permittees allowed to drive their own vehicle alone

Permittees allowed to put up cameras alone for their hunting group

Permittees are allowed to do hand drives for their hunting group

Permittees must possess a valid Hunters License

When a tribal member has fulfilled their tags, they may still pursue bear as a dog handler for another hunter with a valid tag.

There is no limit on the number of dogs in a pack used to hunt bear.

All firearms will be fully unloaded when on any paved road unless going from dirt road to dirt road within a ¼ mile. As long as the paved road is away from any residential or business area.

No Hunting will be allowed within 300 yards of any home or occupied residence, facility or business.

No Hunting will be allowed within 300 feet of any paved road.

For nuisance bear please call Menominee Conservation (715-799-5116) or Menominee Dispatch (715-799-5070). Refer to Menominee Indian Tribe 'Nuisance Wildlife Plan' for further information.

All tribal members are required to process their Bear in a timely manner as not to allow the animal to hang until spoiled. This will result in a wanton waste violation in accordance with Chapter 287 Conservation Code. Bear will not be allowed to hang longer than 24 hrs.

BAG LIMITS FOR BEAR

Tribal members will be allowed to harvest 2 Bear total during the fall season with gun or bow (*35-pound* pull), in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

TAGGING

All Bear must be tagged immediately upon kill.

Tags must be in possession of tribal member when hunting.

REGISTRATION

All Bear Must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site, by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116 or online at <http://es.menominee-nsn.gov/>

Registration must be completed within 24 hours from time of harvest.

**** SMALL GAME****

No individual may hunt or kill small game, as defined in Chapter 287 Conservation Code, except as provided below.

Season for Tribal Members: Tribal Members will be allowed to hunt small game from September 1 to January 31 with the exception of Rabbit, which will be open year-round.

Season for Permittees: Permittees will be allowed to hunt small game, with the exception of Fox, from September 15 to November 30. Permittees will be allowed to hunt rabbit from January 1 to February 28. Permits are required for all persons 12 years or older. All night hunting is prohibited.

BAG LIMITS

Tribal Members: will have no set bag limit.

Permittees: bag limits will be 5 squirrel and 3 Rabbit per day pertaining to the given year.

CONDITIONS FOR SMALL GAME

Small game will be hunted by shotgun and rimfire only.

**** GAME BIRDS ****

No individual may hunt or kill game birds as defined in Chapter 287 Conservation Code except as provided below.

Season for Tribal Members: Tribal Members may hunt Ruffed Grouse (Partridge), Hungarian Partridge Bobwhite Quail, Pheasant, and Woodcock from September 1 to December 31 in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Season for Permittees: Permittees will be allowed to hunt only Ruffed Grouse from September 15 to November 30 and Woodcock from September 15 to November 4 in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. Permit required for all persons 12 years or older.

Wild Turkey Season for Tribal Members: Tribal Members may hunt turkey in the fall from September 1 to November 30 and in the spring from the 1st Saturday in April to the Sunday prior to Memorial Day in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Wild Turkey Season for Descendants: Descendants will be allowed to hunt for wild turkey beginning on the 4th Saturday of April and running to the Sunday prior to Memorial Day.

BAG LIMITS FOR GAME BIRDS

Tribal Members will not have bag limits for Ruffed Grouse (Partridge), Hungarian Partridge Bobwhite Quail, Pheasant, and Woodcock.

Wild Turkey: 5 turkey of either sex for each Tribal Member in the fall season. Tribal Members will be allowed 4 male turkeys in the spring season.

Permittees: will be allowed 5 Ruffed Grouse per day and 3 Woodcock per day.

Descendants: will be allowed 2 turkeys.

TAGGING

Tags will be issued initially and an additional tag will not be given until current tag is registered. All turkey must be tagged immediately upon kill.

Tags are not transferable and must be in possession of person when hunting. Individuals younger than 10 years will not be eligible for any tags.

REGISTRATION

All turkey must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site, by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116 or online at <http://es.menominee-nsn.gov/>

Registration must be completed within 24 hours from time of harvest.

CONDITIONS REGARDING WILD TURKEY HUNTING:

Only male turkey can be harvested in the spring.

Tag must be placed on one leg and secured so that it may not be removed.

No night hunting for turkey is allowed.

No taking of roosting turkeys is allowed.

The following safety tips are recommended to protect everyone. Hunt safely and respect mother earth-

- Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
- Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey not a decoy or another hunter.
- Do not wear blue, red or white colors when hunting turkey, these are the colors of the gobbler.
- When still hunting and another hunter approaches use your voice to identify that you are there. Never wave your arms or stand up quickly when other hunters approach.
- Never use your turkey call when there are hunters around or near you.
- Never hunt with a decoy closer than 200 yards from any paved, county, BIA or town road.

****DEFINITIONS****

Roost: A perch where fowl or other birds rest or sleep.

Night hunting: One-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.

**** WATERFOWL ****

No individual may hunt or kill Waterfowl, as defined in Chapter 287 Conservation Code, except as provided below.

Season for Tribal Members: Tribal Members may hunt from September 1 to December 31 in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Season for Permittees: Permittees will hunt from **October 1 to November 30** pertaining to Waterfowl season length provided that this does not allow Permittees to harvest more waterfowl or hunt a longer season than that of the Tribal Members. Permit required for all persons 12 years or older.

BAG LIMITS FOR WATERFOWL

Tribal Members: may harvest 10 ducks and 10 geese per day provided the species being hunted is not on the protected species list and in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Permittees will harvest in accordance with all Tribal Laws pertaining to hunting, firearms and Waterfowl. Permittees will be allowed a daily bag limit of six (6) ducks to include no more than 4 mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 1 pintail, and 2 canvasback. 5 mergansers to include not more than two (2) hooded mergansers. The daily bag limit for Canada Goose is 2 geese per day.

CONDITIONS REGARDING WATERFOWL HUNTING

When hunting waterfowl it is only permissible to use non-toxic or steel shot designated and legal for waterfowl hunting. No lead shot will be allowed.
All night hunting is prohibited

**** FUR-BEARING ANIMALS & TRAPPING ****

No individual may hunt or kill Fur-Bearing animals as defined in Chapter 287 Conservation Code except as provided below.

Trapping of Fur-bearing animals, as defined in Chapter 287 Conservation Code, is not allowed except by enrolled Tribal Members and in accordance with rules as follows:

Tribal: No set season length will be imposed at this time with the exception of fisher, otter and bobcat (See below). Fur-bearing animals may be trapped or hunted in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Season for Tribal Members: Fisher and bobcat season will run from September 1 to February 28.
Otter season will run from November 7 to April 30.

Season for Descendants: the coyote season will run from November 1- May 1 with or without the aid of dogs.

CONDITIONS FOR DESCENDANTS

Descendants: will only be allowed to hunt coyote with the following restrictions:
Coyotes will be hunted with .30 Caliber center fire or less.

- Shotgun, excluding slugs and
- No larger than .30 Caliber Center fire
- All night hunting is prohibited.

BAG LIMITS FOR FUR-BEARERS

The allowable harvest for Fisher will be (4) per year.
The allowable Bobcat harvest will be (2) per year.
The allowable Otter harvest will be (3) per year.

It is strictly prohibited to molest or take traps, snares, or trapped animals that belong to someone else.

TAGGING

Tribal Members are required to place identification tags on all traps, one of the following manners:

- Trap tag with name, address, and contact phone number or ID number obtained from the Menominee Conservation Department.

Fisher, Bobcat and Otter must be tagged immediately and registered with the Conservation Department or any designated registration site within 24 hours.

REGISTRATION

All fisher, otter and bobcat must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site, by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116, .or online at <http://es.menominee-nsn.gov/> Registration must be completed within 24 hours from time of harvest.

All otter and bobcat will be required to be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department and an issued CITES tag must be attached to the carcass before transporting the animal, animal parts or hide off Reservation

Incidental catches of any protected species or any animal beyond the bag limit will be immediately reported to the Menominee Conservation Department and the trapped animal will be handled or taken into possession by a Tribal Warden.

PROHIBITED ACTS

It shall be illegal to: hunt, harvest or harass any of the following protected species, Wolverine, Badger, Flying-Squirrel, Timber Wolf, Canada Lynx, Moose, Elk, Buffalo, Cougar, Pine Marten, all raptors including all species of eagles and hawks, Swans, Cranes, Kingfisher, great Blue Heron, Bitterns, Plovers, Sand Pipers, Loons and Grebes or any other species found to be protected in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. In additions all species found to be protected through accordance with the Federal Threatened and Endangered Species Act shall also be included herein.

No person shall harass another person as defined in the *Menominee Tribal Criminal Code, Ch.290 Article VI*. Harassment. Harassment means any of the following: Striking, shoving, kicking or otherwise subjecting another person to physical contact or attempting or threatening to do the same or engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts which harass or intimidate another person and which serve no legitimate purpose.

No person shall have open intoxicants or be under the influence of alcohol while hunting.

No individual may block any tribal roads by gates, cables or any other objects. Exceptions can be made for approved MITW management activities/ emergencies.

No person is allowed to target practice or sight in firearms by shooting down a road or any body of water.

No minor child shall be allowed to hunt on the Menominee Indian Reservation except as provided below:

- Eligible persons between the ages of 10 to 17 that have not passed a certified hunter education course are permitted to hunt with a parent or responsible person over the age of 18 years
- Persons between the age of 14 to 18 can hunt alone if they have passed a certified hunter education course.
- Persons aged 10-13 must be within arms grasp of a responsible adult while in the act of hunting.

All persons must comply with any other restrictions required in the *Menominee Firearms Code, Ch. 321* and all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all other applicable laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

No tags shall be issued for children under the age of 10 years.

All permittees over the age of 12 years must have a valid tribal hunting permit.

No hunting will be allowed from any paved roads.

All firearms will be fully unloaded when on any paved road.

No hunting will be allowed within 300 feet of any paved road

No hunting will be allowed within 300 yards any home or occupied residence, facility or business.

It is strictly prohibited to molest or take traps, snares, or trapped animals that belong to someone else.

Baiting for white-tailed deer is prohibited. All bait types are including but not limited to salt and mineral blocks.

CONDITIONS REGARDING HUNTING

Youth 10- years of age and older, will be eligible to hunt, provided they are within grasp (arm's reach) of an adult. The mentoring adult must be a licensed hunter and have completed a Hunter Education/Firearm safety course, unless born before January 1, 1973. Only one firearm may be present.

Persons between the age of 14 to 18 can hunt alone if they have passed a certified hunters safety course.

When and where the nine(9) day Wisconsin State gun deer season is in progress, no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of their outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange or fluorescent pink. A hat or other head covering, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Faded or stained blaze orange or fluorescent pink clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Although not as visible, camo-blaze is legal if 50% of the material is blaze orange or fluorescent pink. The Menominee Conservation Commission recommends 100% solid blaze orange or fluorescent pink.

When and where a firearm gun deer season other than the nine (9) day Wisconsin State gun deer season is in progress, hunters are required to wear an outer article of visible blaze orange when traveling to a runway or stand. Once at a stand location, the hunter can shed or take off the blaze orange article.

Any equipment used during the act of shining will be subject to forfeiture (see MITW Code Ch. 287)

Tree stands made of constructed material utilizing spikes or nails within, against or utilizing trees as bracing with nails and spikes driven into the tree, are prohibited.

****ALWAYS REMEMBER THE MAIN RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY****

- 1. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded**
- 2. Always control the muzzle direction**
- 3. Be sure of your target, what is in front and behind it.**
- 4. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot**

**MITW 2025-2028 HUNTING & TRAPPING
QUICK REFERENCE TABLE FOR USE WITH HUNTING & TRAPPING GAME RULES**

Species/Game	Bag Limit	SEASONS			Restrictions/comments
		Regular	Shining	Bow	
Deer (any sex)	T = Up to 5 P = 1	T = Sept 1 – Dec 31 PED = Saturday prior to Thanksgiving and ending the Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving. D = Nov 1 – Nov 30	Closed	T = Sept 1 – Dec 31 P = same as regular	<p>All deer must be tagged immediately upon kill and registered with the Conservation Department within 24 hours.</p> <p>Permittees are allowed to pursue deer with a tribal member. Permittees cannot take deer outside of descendant season. Can't be in possession of firearm or crossbow. Permittees pursuing deer must possess hunting license.</p> <p>All hunters must have received their initial tag allotment for deer from MITW Conservation Department. Hunters can participate regardless if they have fulfilled all their tags for deer.</p> <p>Elder Tags. Enrolled Tribal members 62 or older and disabled Tribal members may designate a tribal member to fill allotted deer tags. Can only designate one designator at any given point of time during deer season.</p> <p>The use of any trap, snare, set gun, or swivel gun to hunt deer is prohibited.</p> <p>No hunting will be allowed from any paved roads.</p> <p>Hunting within 300 feet of a paved road and within 300 yards of any residence or occupied building is prohibited.</p> <p>All firearms will be fully unloaded when on any paved road.</p> <p>Shooting hours for deer are 30 minutes before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset. After shooting hours all firearms must be cased and unloaded.</p> <p>Cannot be in possession of any shining equipment after shooting hours.</p> <p>After shooting hours all firearms must be cased and unloaded.</p> <p>No individual may block any tribal roads by gates, cables or any other objects. Exceptions for MITW management activities/emergencies.</p> <p>No person is allowed to target practice or sight in firearms by shooting down a road or any body of water.</p> <p>No person shall have open intoxicants or be under the influence while hunting.</p> <p>No person shall harass another person as defined in Menominee Tribal Criminal Code, Chapter 290 Article VI Harassment.</p>
Buck Only		T = Aug 1 – Sept 1	Closed	T = Aug 1- Sept 1	See above
Bear	T = 2	T = Sept 1 – Nov 30	Unauthorized	T = Same as regular	<p>Dog training season July 1 – August 1. No limit on number of dogs in pack used to hunt bear.</p> <p>Permittee is allowed to pursue bear with tribal members to include Baiting, driving, go to kill site, hand drives, put up cameras, to track, haul out a tagged bear, field dress, quarter and debone, take bear meat, cannot kill a bear. The non-killing actions are participation with a hunting group/crew. Permittee must possess hunting license. Cannot be in possession of firearm bow or crossbow.</p> <p>Bear must be in their 2nd season (no cubs)</p> <p>Bear shall not be disturbed or molested while in their den.</p> <p>Shining bear from a motorized vehicle is prohibited.</p> <p>Night training/hunting (at point of kill) is allowed. A flashlight can be used while pursuing on foot with dogs only for night training/ hunting.</p> <p>All firearms will be fully unloaded when on any paved road unless going from dirt road to dirt road within ¼ mile, as long as a paved road is away from any residential or business area.</p> <p>No hunting allowed 300 yards of any home or occupied residence facility or business.</p> <p>No hunting within 300 feet of any paved road.</p> <p>Spring traps is strictly prohibited. Barrel traps may be used if registered with the Conservation Department prior to their use.</p> <p>All bait stations shall be registered with the Conservation Department.</p> <p>Bows used in hunting must have a minimum of 35 pounds pull.</p> <p>Bear that are killed must be tagged immediately and registered with the Conservation Department or any designated registration site within 24 hours.</p> <p>Bear may not be hunted with the aid of a set gun, swivel gun, drugged or medicated bait, poison, or other harmful substances.</p>
SMALL GAME					
Rabbit	T = no limit P = 3 per day	T = year round P = Jan 1 – February 28	Unauthorized	T = Permitted P = Prohibited	<p>Rabbit season will also apply to Snowshoe Hare.</p> <p>Tribal Members Season, with the exception of rabbit will run from September 1 to January 31</p>
Squirrels	T = no limit P = 5 per day	T = Sept 1- Jan 31	Unauthorized	Same as above	

Fox	See Fur Bearing Animals	See Fur Bearing Animals	See Fur Bearing Animals	See Fur Bearing Animals	See Fur Bearing Animals
Raccoon					
MENOMINEE CONSERVATIONCOMMISSION QUICK REFERENCE TABLE FOR USE WITH GAME RULES					
Species/Game	Bag Limit	SEASONS			Restrictions/comments
		Regular	Shining	Bow	
FUR BEARING ANIMALS					
Bobcat	T = 4 fisher, 3 otter and 2 Bobcat P = no limit for Coyote P = All other species closed	T = Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 for Fisher and bobcat	Unauthorized	T = permitted P = Prohibited	Coyote shall not be hunted with any center fire rifle larger than .30 caliber. All night hunting is prohibited.
Beaver					Coyote season for Descendants Nov 1 – May 1 with or without aid of dogs.
Coyote		T = Nov 7- April 30 for Otter			Trapping is allowed by Tribal Members only.
Fisher					Fisher, Bobcat and Otter must be tagged immediately and registered with the Conservation Department or any designated registration site within 72 hours.
Fox		P = Nov 1 to May 1 for Coyote			Any Otter or Bobcat transported off Reservation must have a valid CITES Tag attached. CITES tags will be issued by the Menominee Conservation Department.
Mink					
Muskrat					
Opossum					
Otter					
Raccoon					
Skunk					
WATERFOWL					
Wild Geese	T = 10 per day P = Set annually by MCC	T = Sept. 1 – Dec 31 P = Oct 1 – Nov 30		T = Permitted P = Prohibited	When hunting waterfowl it is only permissible to use non-toxic or steel shot. No lead shot will be allowed. All night hunting is prohibited.
Wild Ducks	T = 10 per day P = Set annually by MCC	T = Sept 1 – Dec 15 P = Oct 1 – Nov 30		T = Permitted P = Prohibited	By October 1 of each year the Wildlife Biologist will make recommendation to the MCC for setting the annual waterfowl bag limits for Permittees. Permittees allowed 6 ducks to include no more than 4 mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 5 mergansers to include not more than 2 hooded mergansers. Daily bag limit for Canada Goose is 2 geese per day.
GAME BIRDS (UPLAND)					
Ruffed Grouse	T = no bag limits P = 5 per day	T = Sept 1 – Dec 31 P = Sept 15 – Nov 30		T = Permitted P =Prohibited	
Pheasants	T = no bag limits P = prohibited	T = same as above P = closed		T = Permitted P = prohibited	
Hungarian Partridge	T = no bag limits P = prohibited	T = same as above P = closed		T = Permitted P = Prohibited	
Bobwhite Quail	T = no bag limit P = prohibited	T = same as above P = closed		T = Permitted P = Prohibited	
Woodcock	T= no bag limits P = 3 per day	T = Sept 1-Dec 31 P = Sept 15-Nov 4		T = Permitted P = Prohibited	
Wild Turkey	T = 5 per season (fall) T= 4 per season (spring) D = 2 per season (spring only)	T = Oct 10- Nov 30 T= 1 st Saturday in April to Sunday prior to Memorial Day D = 4 th Sat. in April to Sunday prior to Memorial Day		T = Permitted D = Prohibited	Fall hunting limited to tribal members only No night hunting of wild turkey is permitted. No taking birds form the roost. When hunting with decoys, hunters must be at least 200 yards from all roads
This table is a quick reference guide only and is intended to be used in conjunction with the Menominee Conservation Commissions Game Rules, Rule No. 9701. If there are any discrepancies between the contents of this table and Rule No. 9701, Rule No. 9701 shall prevail.				***LEGEND*** T – Tribal members P – Permittees (All) PED – Permittees, excluding descendants D – Descendants	

MENOMINEE TRIBAL LEGISLATURE – REGULAR
JANUARY 16, 2025

A MOTION

JOEY AWONOHOPAY: I move to approve summary of changes MITW Conservation Approval Request for 2025-2027 Hunting and Trapping Regulations only language clarification in pursuit of deer and bear, language clarifications for group hunting extension of descendant's water fowl season, extension of turkey season, shooting hours and extension of descendant's coyote.

DAYNELL GRIGNON: I second the motion.

CHAIRMAN: All those in favor of the motion signify by saying Aye. Opposed. The Motion is carried: 7 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent.

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DELABREAU clarifies her opposition: the tribal members voted me in. Our wildlife and fish and other resources are not infinite. Also, that the rights of our Tribal members to exercise their rights to hunt and fish; they must be conserved for as long as possible.



GENA KAKKAK, Tribal Chairwoman
MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN