



HUNTING & TRAPPING RULES AND REGULATIONS 2016-2019

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin



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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

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 descendants and spouse combined.

Permit: an identification card or license that is issued by the Menominee Tribal License and Permits Department for the purpose of allowing an individual to legally pursue game.

Tag: an identification tag that is issued by the Menominee Conservation Department, which is required to be attached to or accompanied with game.

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. Additionally they must have completed a hunter education course.

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.

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.

Conditions Regarding Deer 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.

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

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 or by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116

Registration must be completed within 72 hours from time of harvest.

**** BEAR HUNTING ****

Bear hunting is not allowed except by enrolled Tribal Members and in accordance with rules as follows:

Season for Tribal Members: Bear Season shall be from September 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.

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

Bear cannot be shined from a motorized vehicle.

Bear accompanied by cubs cannot be killed.

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

Bear cannot be hunted with more than 8 dogs in a pack at any one time.

Nuisance bears will be controlled by Menominee Conservation Department and a list will be provided for the distribution of meat, fur and claws.

Menominee Enrolled Tribal members may run nuisance bear outside of the dog training season. The Menominee Conservation Department will determine who will be eligible prior to granting permission. This activity will be supervised by the Conservation Department staff when possible. Notification must be given to Conservation (715) 799-5116 and/or Menominee Telecommunications Dispatch Center at (715) 799-5070. Approved Enrolled Menominee members will be required to sign a liability waiver.

All persons 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 24hrs.

BAG LIMITS FOR BEAR

Tribal members will be allowed to harvest 1 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 person when hunting.

REGISTRATION

All Bear Must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site or by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116.

Registration must be completed within 72 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

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 October 10 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 for 9 days.

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 1 turkey.

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 12 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 or by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116.

Registration must be completed within 72 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 15 to November 15 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; Annual recommendations for bag limits will be made to the Conservation Commission by the Tribal Biologist prior to October 1.

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.

Permittees, will contact Menominee Conservation Department for Tribal bag limits.

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-November 30

CONDITIONS FOR DESCENDENTS

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 72 hours.

REGISTRATION

All fisher, otter and bobcat must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site or by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116.

Registration must be completed within 72 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*.

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 12 to 18 can hunt alone if they have passed a certified hunter education course.

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 cased and 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

While hunting deer with a firearm, “During (9) day State gun deer season” all hunters will be required to wear an outer article (gloves, shirt, hat, etc.) of visible blaze orange clothing at all times.

When hunting deer, 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 MAINRULES 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**

**MENOMINEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
QUICK REFERENCE TABLE FOR USE WITH GAME RULES**

Species/Game	Bag Limit	SEASONS			Restrictions/comments
		Regular	Shining	Bow	
Deer (any sex deer)	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	All deer must be tagged and registered with the Conservation Department within 72 hours at any designated registration site. Phone ins will be accepted, but age of deer should be determined if possible. Permittees shall hunt deer in accordance with applicable Federal, and Tribal Laws. The use of any trap, snare, set gun, or swivel gun to hunt deer is prohibited. Hunting within 300 feet of a paved road and within 300 yards of any residence or occupied building is prohibited. All firearms will be fully cased and unloaded when on any paved road.
Buck Only		T = Aug 1 – Sept 1	Closed	T = Aug 1- Sept 1	See above
Bear	T = 1	T = Sept 1 – Nov 30	Unauthorized	T = Same as regular	Bear must be in their 2 nd season (no cubs) A firearm may be in possession of the person or individuals during dog training season and shall be used only for protection. If a bear is injured or killed while training dogs, a game warden must be notified immediately. The use of spring traps is strictly prohibited. However barrel traps may be used if registered with the Conservation Department prior to their use. Bows used in hunting must have a minimum of 35 pounds pull. Bear that are killed must be tagged immediately and registered with the Conservation Department or any designated registration site within 72 hours. Bear ay not be hunted with the aid of a set gun, swivel gun, drugged or medicated bait, poison, or other harmful substances. Bear shall not be disturbed or molested while in their den. Shining bear from a motorized vehicle is prohibited. All bait stations shall be registered with the Conservation Department.
SMALL GAME					
Rabbit	T = no limit P = 3 per day	T = year round P = Jan 1 – February 28	Unauthorized	T = Permitted P = Prohibited	Rabbit season will also apply to Snowshoe Hare. Tribal Members Season, with the exception of rabbit will run from September 1 to January 31
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					

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		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 = September 1 to February 28 for Fisher and bobcat T = Nov 7 to April 30 for Otter P = Nov 1 to Nov 30 for Coyote	Unauthorized	T = permitted P = Prohibited	Coyote shall not be hunted with any center fire rifle larger than .30 caliber. All night hunting is prohibited. Trapping is allowed by Tribal Members only. Fisher, Bobcat and Otter must be tagged immediately and registered with the Conservation Department or any designated registration site within 72 hours. Any Otter or Bobcat transported off Reservation must have a valid CITES Tag attached. CITES tags will be issued by the Menominee Conservation Department.
Beaver					
Coyote					
Fisher					
Fox					
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 15 – Nov 15		T = Permitted P = Prohibited	Use only non-toxic steel shot when hunting waterfowl
Wild Ducks	T = 10 per day P = Set annually by MCC	T = Sept 1 – Dec 15 P = Oct 15 – Nov 15		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.
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 = 1 per season (spring only)	T = Oct 10- Nov 30 T = 1 st Saturday in April to Sunday prior to Memorial Day D = 4 th Saturday in April for 9 days		T = Permitted D = Prohibited	Fall hunting limited to tribal members only No night hunting of wild turkey is permitted. No taking birds from 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	