

SUMMARY OF THE FUR MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

This summary is neither a legal document nor complete collection of the current trapping and fur dealing regulations. It is prepared for purposes of convenience only. Specific details of the regulations may be obtained from offices of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources or by referring to the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*.

Summary of Regulations

It is contrary to the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* and Regulations:

1. To obstruct, hinder, delay or interfere with a conservation officer in the discharge of his duty.
2. To refuse to produce and show any licence to a conservation officer when requested to do so.
3. To trap furbearing mammals except under the authority of a licence (farmer's may trap on their own land without a licence, but require a licence to sell pelts).
4. To hold a licence to trap furbearing mammals unless you are a resident of Ontario or a Canadian citizen.
5. To trap furbearing mammals under the authority of a trapping licence on Crown lands included in any trapline area for which another trapping licence has been issued.
6. To trap or possess or attempt to trap any furbearing mammals within the limits of a Provincial Park or a Crown Game Preserve, except as provided by regulations.
7. (a) To trap furbearing mammals in excess of the quotas specified on the licence.
(b) To trap less than 75 percent of the quota of beaver fixed by the licence.
8. To trap furbearing mammals on lands other than those designated on the licence.
9. (a) To buy, sell or deal in the pelts of furbearing mammals, except under the authority of a licence.
(b) To sell, trade or barter the pelts of furbearing mammals, or to be concerned therein, except to, or with, a person licensed therefor.
(c) To possess pelts without the authority of a licence.
10. To tan, dress or treat furbearing mammals or their pelts except under the authority of a licence. A trapper may, without a fur dealer's licence, tan, pluck or treat a pelt harvested under his/her licence, and sell the pelt.
11. (a) To buy, sell or barter any game wildlife (including furbearing mammals) or their parts, except under the authority of a licence and as permitted by the regulations.
(Note: A licence to hunt or trap furbearing mammals or a farmer's licence to sell pelts or carcasses is authority to sell meat of furbearing mammals taken under the authority of the licence. Bear meat may not be sold.)
(b) To sell the meat of furbearing mammals for human consumption for a purpose other than consumption by the buyer or his/her immediate family.
(c) To sell the meat of furbearing mammals for human consumption without advising the purchaser in writing that it has not been inspected under the *Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001*.
12. To hunt or trap except under the authority of a trapping licence,
 - (a) a furbearing mammal in the wild state for the purpose of transfer to a farm on which furbearers are raised in captivity for the purpose of commercial propagation, or;
 - (b) for scientific or educational purposes, or
 - (c) for transfer and sale to the operator of a train and trial area.
13. To keep live game wildlife in captivity (e.g. a zoo operated by a municipality holding native game wildlife or game wildlife retained in an institution for scientific or educational purposes) except under the authority of a licence and in accordance with the regulations.
14. To buy, sell, exchange, transfer or assign any right, interest or privilege granted or conferred under any licence.
15. (a) To allow the flesh of any game mammal, game bird, game amphibian or game reptile suitable for food to be spoiled or abandoned.
(b) To allow the pelt of any furbearing mammal to be abandoned or allow it to be spoiled or destroyed. However, if the pelt is of no commercial value, this does not apply.
16. (a) To have in possession the pelts of any furbearing mammal taken in Ontario during the closed season except under the authority of a Licence to Possess a Pelt.
(b) To fail to record, within 24 hours of the close of the season, on the Mandatory Season-End Harvest Report issued with the licence, the quantity of furbearing mammals or black bear harvested under the licence.
(c) To fail to file a Mandatory Season-End Harvest Report by June 10th in respect of the quantity of furbearing mammals or black bear harvested under the licence.
17. To export from Ontario, any furbearing mammal or the pelt, without a licence authorizing such exportation without payment of royalty, except:
 - (a) The pelt of any furbearing mammal bred on a fur farm; or
 - (b) Pelts imported into Ontario, when proof of origin is produced when applying for a licence to export.
18. To use containers for the transportation, in or out of Ontario, of pelts of furbearing mammals unless there is plainly marked on the outside a description of the contents and the name and address of the consignee and consignor. A hunter or trapper who accompanies pelts taken under his or her licence is exempt.
19. To use poison or adhesive to take, kill or attempt to take or kill any furbearing mammal.

20. To use suspended snares on land for any purpose in:

- (a) The counties of Brant, Bruce, Dufferin, Dundas, Elgin, Essex, Frontenac (except the townships of Barrie, Bedford, Clarendon and Miller, Hinchinbrooke, Kennebec, Olden, Oso and Palmerston and North and South Canonto), Glengarry, Grenville, Grey, Haldimand, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Lanark (except the townships of Darling, Lavant and Pakenham), Leeds, Lennox and Addington (except the township of Sheffield and that part of the township of Kaladar lying south of that part of the King's highway known as No. 7 and those parts of the said county lying north of that part of the King's highway known as No. 7), Middlesex, Norfolk, Northumberland, Oxford, Perth, Peterborough (except the townships of Anstruther, Burleigh, Cavendish, Chandos, Galway, Harvey and Methuen), Prescott, Prince Edward, Russell, Simcoe, Stormont and Wellington.
- (b) The regional municipalities of Durham, Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York
- (c) The Cities of Hamilton, Kawartha Lakes (except the townships of Carden, Dalton, Digby, Laxton, Longford and Somerville), Ottawa and Toronto.

21. To use suspended snares on land for any purpose during the open season for deer, except where no dogs are permitted during the season for deer in:

- (a) The counties of Haliburton, Hastings and Renfrew.
- (b) Those parts of the county of Lennox and Addington lying north of that part of the King's highway known as No. 7.
- (c) The townships of Barrie, Bedford, Clarendon and Miller, Hinchinbrooke, Kennebec, Olden, Oso and Palmerston and North and South Canonto in the county of Frontenac; Darling, Lavant and Pakenham in the county of Lanark; Sheffield and that part of the township of Kaladar in the county of Lennox and Addington lying south of that part of the King's highway known as No. 7; and Anstruther, Burleigh, Cavendish, Chandos, Galway, Harvey and Methuen in the county of Peterborough.
- (d) Carden, Dalton, Digby, Laxton, Longford and Somerville in the city of Kawartha Lakes.
- (e) The District Municipality of Muskoka.
- (f) The territorial districts of Manitoulin, Nipissing and Parry Sound.
- (g) Those parts of the territorial districts of Algoma, Sudbury and Timiskaming lying south of a line described in paragraph 6(iv) of Schedule 2 of Reg. 522 of R.R.O. 1990 which runs approximately from Haileybury westward through Westree to the shore of Agawa Bay on Lake Superior.

22. (a) To discharge a firearm from or across a right of way for public vehicular traffic in any county city or regional municipality designated in the regulations:

- (i) at any time of year in Brant, Bruce, Dufferin, Dundas, Durham, Elgin, Essex (except the township of Pelee), Frontenac (except the townships of Barrie, Clarendon, Hinchinbrooke, Kennebec, Miller, North Canonto, Olden, Oso, Palmerston and South Canonto), Glengarry, Grenville, Grey, Haldimand, Halton, Hamilton, the townships of Hungerford, Huntingdon, Rawdon, Sidney, Thurlow and Tyendinaga in Hastings, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Lanark, Leeds, Lennox and Addington (except the townships of Abinger, Anglesea, Ashby, Denbigh, Effingham, Kaladar and Sheffield), Middlesex, Niagara, Norfolk, Northumberland, Ottawa, Oxford, Peel, Perth, Peterborough (except the townships of Anstruther, Burleigh, Cavendish, Chandos, Galway, Harvey and Methuen), Prescott, Prince Edward, Russell, Simcoe, Stormont, Waterloo, Wellington and York.
- (ii) during deer season, other than bows only seasons, in those parts of Frontenac, Hastings, Kawartha Lakes, Lennox and Addington and Peterborough excluded above, as well as the counties of Haliburton and Renfrew and the District Municipality of Muskoka.
- (iii) To discharge a firearm from or across the traveled portion of a right of way for public vehicular traffic in any part of Ontario not designated in the regulations.

23. To have a loaded firearm in or on, or discharge a firearm from an aircraft, vehicle or motor boat (including a snowmobile or all terrain vehicle).

24. It is illegal for any person to possess or use an operable body-gripping trap* except a licensed trapper or a person who has been licensed as a trapper in the past five years or a farmer on his property. However, any person may take varying hare using snares made of 22 to 24 gauge copper or brass wire with a loop no bigger than 10 centimetres in diameter, in the area north of the French and Mattawa Rivers, under the authority of a resident small game licence.

* (leghold traps, Conibears, snares or any similar traps, except the common box live-trap.)

25. It is illegal for any person to:

- (a) use hooks or traps with teeth or sharpened devices, spring pole sets (except with killing traps), dead falls or to set leghold traps in trees or on poles.
- (b) Set leghold traps for beaver, otter, mink or muskrat unless the trap is set under ice, or it is attached to a sliding lock or a heavy object and set in such a manner that the captured animal would be immediately submerged and drowned. This does not apply to a leghold trap set for mink or muskrat if the trap will submerge the animal in water immediately upon springing the trap or the trap is heavy enough to prevent it from resurfacing.
- (c) Use a leghold trap on land with a jaw spread of 18 centimetres (7.09 inches) when set on land and 21 centimetres (8.27 inches) when set in water, except for trapping wolves where written permission may be obtained from the District Manager to use traps with jaw spread not exceeding 23 centimetres (9.06 inches).
- (d) To use a body-gripping trap that is not a certified trap, where the use of such a certified trap is required by the Regulations.
- (e) Use a body-gripping trap on land in Part 4b with an opening greater than 22 centimetres (8.66 inches).
- (f) Use a Conibear 110 or similar body-gripping trap of equivalent or less killing power, except when the trap is set for muskrat (provided the trap is a certified trap), or the trap is set for mink in a manner that the cap-

- tured animal will be drowned immediately upon springing of the trap.
- (g) Trap an animal, except a rabbit or a red squirrel, using a suspended snare unless the noose is prevented from expanding.
 - (h) Use a leghold that has two planar steel jaws less than 9 mm in thickness which come into contact with one another over their full length when the trap is sprung, for trapping wolf, coyote, bobcat and fox. However, a person may trap a species of fox using a leghold trap smaller than a Number 3 (#3) that has two planar steel jaws less than 9 mm in thickness which come into contact with one another over their full length when the trap is sprung. Lynx may be trapped with certified leghold traps.
 - (i) Trap black bears except with foot snares, box or culvert traps.
 - (j) Attach a leghold trap with a chain, wire or cable, or a combination thereof whose total length exceeds 31 centimetres (12.2 inches) for free play from the leghold trap to the object it is attached to, or in the case where the object to which it is attached is below ground, the 31 centimetres shall be measured from ground level to the leghold trap (there is no restriction on chain length when drags are used).
26. A person may use a leghold trap to catch red squirrels or weasels provided the trap is enclosed and set so as to kill the captured animal upon springing of the trap.
27. A person shall inspect at least once daily every live-holding trap set by him or her in that part of Ontario south of the most northerly east-west line of the Canadian National Railway Company.
28. A trapping licence is valid for hunting raccoon at night in the area designated on the licence as long as the trapper is accompanied by a dog licensed for the purpose and the trapper uses a firearm known as a .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle. You may shine a light for hunting raccoon at night if the light is not attached to or shone from a vehicle or motor boat.

Open season zones for furbearing mammals

For the purpose of ensuring that furbearing mammals are adequately prime when harvested, the province of Ontario is divided into the following parts.

Part 1

That part of Ontario north of the northern most east-west line of the Canadian National Railway and the centre line of the forest access road constructed on the site of what was formerly the east-west line of the Canadian National Railway Company between the villages of Calstock and Nakina.

Part 2

That part of Ontario (i) south of Part 1, (ii) west of the line running northerly from the intersection of the International Boundary and longitude 85° 30' to the Algoma Central Railway in the dispersed rural community of Michipicoten, then in the northeasterly direction along the said railway to the intersection with the most northerly east-west line of the Canadian National Railway and the centre line of the forest access road constructed on the site of what was formerly the east-west line of the Canadian National Railway Company between the villages of Calstock and Nakina.

Part 3a

That part of Ontario (i) east of Part 2, (ii) south of Part 1, (iii) west of the Interprovincial boundary between Ontario and Quebec, (iv) and north of a line running westerly beginning from the southeast corner of the township of Casey and along the south boundary of the townships of Casey, Harley and Kerns to the intersection with Hwy. No. 65, then along Hwy. No. 65 to Hwy. No. 560, then along Hwy. No. 560 to right of way of the Ontario Hydro power transmission line in the township of Tyrell, then in a southeasterly direction along the said right of way to its intersection with the south boundary of the township of Cotton, thence westerly along the southerly boundary of the townships of Cotton, McNamara, Frechette, Scotia, Onaping, Dublin, Battersby and Breadner to the intersection with the right of way of the Canadian Pacific Railway, then in a northwesterly direction to the intersection with the eastern boundary of the geographic Township of Chapleau, then in a southerly and westerly direction along the eastern and southern boundaries of the said geographic township to the intersection with Hwy. 101, then southwestwardly and westerly to the intersection with the Michipicoten River, then in a generally westerly direction along the centre line of the main channel of the Michipicoten River to the water's edge in Michipicoten Bay, then northerly and westerly along the water's edge to the right-of-way of the Algoma Central Railway Company in the Dispersed Rural Community of Michipicoten.

Part 3b

That part of Ontario (i) south of Part 3a, (ii) east of Part 2, (iii) west of the Interprovincial boundary between Ontario and Quebec, (iv) and north of a line running westerly along the centre line of the main channel of the Mattawa River, Lake Nipissing and the main channel of the French River to the intersection with the easterly boundary of the township of Humboldt, then southerly along the southerly production of the boundary extending due south 40 miles in the waters of Georgian Bay and continuing due west to the International boundary, and then in a northwesterly direction along that International boundary.

Part 4a

That part of Ontario (i) south and east of Part 3b, (ii) south and west of the Interprovincial boundary between



Ontario and Quebec, (iii) north of a line running westerly from Arnprior along Hwy. Nos. 17, 132, 41, 500, 28, 121, 503 (also known as county road 503), Simcoe country roads 45 and 169 to the centre line of the Severn River, then west along that centre line to the waters of Georgian Bay.

Part 4b

The remainder of the Province.

Licence fees (GST included in all fees)

Trapping Licence \$39.55

2nd Trapping Licence (issued as helper on a registered line ONLY) \$16.95

Secondary Trapping Licence (YOUTH) \$16.95

Farmer's Licence to Sell Pelts or Carcasses N/C

Fur Dealer's Licence to Buy or Sell Pelts \$40.00

Fur Dealer's Licence to Tan Pelts \$40.00

Raccoon Night Hunters Licence \$ 18.01

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Code of conduct for trappers

1. Live holding land sets should be inspected daily.
2. Raccoon, marten and fisher should be trapped only with approved killing traps, or live traps.
3. Up-to-date Conibear or similar killing traps should be used in trapping to ensure that captured animals are trapped as efficiently and humanely as possible.
4. Traps should never be set where cats and dogs or other unwanted animals may get caught.
5. The landowner's permission must be obtained in writing before trapping on any private land.
6. Feeding stations for birds and other animals such as marten and fisher should be maintained on your trapline.
7. Trappers should make notes about furbearer harvests and conditions on their trapping areas to assist in harvest reporting and in monitoring populations of furbearers and prey/food species.
8. Muskrats from overpopulated marshes and beaver from ponds with inadequate food supplies should be trapped heavily.
9. Each trapper should assist farmers, cottagers and other landowners within his area who have problems with nuisance animals.
10. Diseased animals should be reported or submitted to the local district/area office of the Ministry of Natural Resources.
11. The meat from beaver, muskrat, raccoon and lynx can be eaten. Carcasses not used for human consumption or bait should be fed to birds or other wild mammals.
12. Your provincial and local trapper's councils deserve your support.
13. Trappers should teach their children or other interested young people to trap, care for pelts and take care of themselves outdoors.
14. It is recommended that animals which are found alive in traps be shot, provided that there are not laws prohibiting the possession and discharge of firearms in the area.

Applying for a trapping licence

Persons applying for their first trapping licence, or those who have not held a trapping licence the past five years, are required to complete the Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course. These courses are given by Ministry licensed instructors, and students are required to purchase the Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course manuals. Following the course, each student will be subjected to a written and practical field examination. Individuals wishing to take the course should contact the Ontario Fur Managers Federation or local MNR district/area office. Individuals who are already licensed as trappers but have not taken the course are encouraged to do so as are persons who for various reasons are interested in furbearing mammals and their management but do not intend to apply for a trapping licence.

Open seasons (all dates are inclusive)

Beaver

1. October 5 - May 15 in the year next following. Part 1 and 2.
2. October 5 - April 30 in the year next following. Part 3a.
3. October 15 - April 30 in the year next following. Part 3b.
4. October 25 - April 30 in the year next following. Part 4a and 4b.

Otter

1. October 5 - May 15 in the year next following. Part 1 and 2.
2. October 5 - March 31 in the year next following. Part 3a.
3. October 15 - March 31 in the year next following. Part 3b.
4. October 25 - March 31 in the year next following. Part 4a and 4b.

Bobcat, Lynx

October 25 - the last day of February in the year next following. *Throughout Ontario.*

Mink

1. October 15 - last day of February in the year next following. *Part 1,2 and 3a.*
2. October 25 - last day of February in the next year following. *Part 3b.*
3. October 25 - January 15 in the year next following. *Part 4a and 4b.*

Muskrat

1. October 5 - May 31 in the year next following. *Part 1.*
2. October 5 - May 21 in the year next following. *Part 2 and 3a.*
3. October 15 - May 21 in the year next following. *Part 3b.*
4. October 15 - May 10 in the year next following. *Part 4a.*
5. October 25 - April 30 in the year next following. *Part 4b.*

Fisher and Marten

1. October 25 - last day of February in the year next following. *Part 1, 2, 3a and 3b.*
2. October 25 - January 15 in the year next following. *Part 4a and 4b.*

Coloured Fox (All phases of the "RED" fox.)

1. September 15 - the last day of February in the year next following. *Part 1,2,3a and 3b.*
2. No closed season. *Part 4a and 4b.*

Opossum

1. October 25 - January 15 in the next year following. *All Parts.*

Raccoon

1. October 15-January 15 in the year next following. *All Parts.*

Arctic Fox

1. October 25 - March 31 in the year next following. *Throughout Ontario.*

Red Squirrel, Weasel

1. October 25 - the last day of February in the year next following. *Throughout Ontario.*

Coyote, Wolf

1. See the Hunting Summary for open seasons.

Skunk

1. No closed season throughout Ontario.

Black Bear

1. See the Hunting Summary for open seasons.

Please Note:

The setting of quotas is licence specific. Depending on local conditions, quotas may be set at the time a licence is issued for any furbearing mammal.

Obtaining trapping licences and registered traplines

Applications for new trapping licences are authorized by the Ministry as vacancies occur, and according to set



procedures.

The successful completion of the Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course does not guarantee a person a trapping licence. For information, please contact the Ontario Fur Managers Federation or a District/Area office of the Ministry of Natural Resources located in the area where you wish to trap.