Leech Lake Reservation’s 2022-2023
Hunting & Trapping Season Dates & Seasonal Limits

Big Game Season & Seasonal Limits

- White Tailed Deer
  Bucks or Does
  September 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
  One (1) Deer Tag
  Resident, Tribal, Non-Leech Lake Member

- White Tailed Deer
  One (1*) Deer Tag
  Leech Lake Enrolled Band Members
  *A Second “Special” Deer Tag may be issued to Leech Lake Enrolled Band Members.

Note: The DRM will be testing deer for Chronic Wasting Disease this fall due to the finding of the disease near the reservation. Details of this sampling will be available in a separate document.

The Leech Lake D.R.M. and the Minnesota D.N.R. are in the process of rebuilding the deer population. You can help speed this process by avoid harvesting adult does this year. Adult does are the most important deer in a population because they will usually have twins, and the survival rate of their fawns is higher. The faster we recover the deer population the sooner we can start issuing additional tags again. Thank you.

- Black Bear
  August 27, 2022 to October 31, 2022 (One (1) per permittee)

Small Game Season & Seasonal Limits

- Rabbits, Hare, and Squirrels
  Continuous season – No limit

- Ruffed Grouse, Woodcock
  Common Snipe & Sora Rail
  September 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
  Daily Bag Limit: Six (6)
  Possession Limit: Twelve (12)

Hunters are encouraged to use bullets that do not contain lead to prevent poisoning in humans and wildlife, like eagles that feed on gut piles.

Trapping Season Dates & Seasonal Limits

- Beaver
  October 1, 2022 to May 9, 2023
  No Limit

- Coyote
  Continuous Season
  No Limit

- Fox
  October 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023
  No Limit

- Mink/Muskrat
  October 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023
  No Limit

- Raccoon
  October 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023
  No Limit

The furbearers listed below require LLR trappers to obtain state export tags from the DRM office in Cass Lake. There will be a three (3) day grace period for tagging furs after the end of the season date listed.

- Bobcat
  November 5, 2022 to January 31, 2023
  Limit: Five (5)

- Fisher
  November 5, 2022 to January 31, 2023
  Limit: Three (3)

- Pine Marten
  November 5, 2022 to January 31, 2023
  Limit: One (1)

- River Otter
  October 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023
  Limit: Four (4)

- Canada Lynx and Gray Wolf
  NO SEASON. Federally protected animals, please report Lynx sightings to the Leech Lake DRM Biologist at 218-335-7428.

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2022 Leech Lake Reservation
Tribal Migratory Waterfowl Season Dates/Limits

DUCKS, COOTS, MERGANSER

Season Date: September 17, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Daily Bag Limit: Ten (10) in any sex or combination with the exception of the following restrictions:

Daily Limit may not contain more than Five (5) Pintails, Five (5) Canvasbacks, and Five (5) Blackducks.

Possession/Transportation Limit: Twenty (20) in any sex or combination with the exception of the following restrictions - possession/transportation limit may not contain more than Ten (10) Pintails, Ten (10) Canvasbacks and Ten (10) Blackducks.

GEESE – For Hunting Over Land or Water

Season Dates: August 27, 2022 to December 31, 2022 Note exception below.

Daily Bag Limit: Ten (10). All species, in any sex or combination.

Transportation Limit: Twenty (20) All species, in any sex or combination.

Leech Lake Reservation Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days
September 10-11, 2022

General Regulations for the taking of migratory waterfowl

- Open water hunting of waterfowl is CLOSED on or near rice beds that are being actively harvested.
- The use/possession of lead shot loads when taking migratory game birds within the Leech Lake Reservation is prohibited.
- Shooting Hours – One half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.
- The use of live decoys or baiting is prohibited.
- The commercial use of migratory game birds is prohibited.
- Waterfowl may not be taken from a watercraft while it is under motorized power.
- Hole in the Bog Lake and Drumbeater Lake are designated Wildlife Refuges and are restricted from any migratory game bird hunting.
- It is advised that all persons have a coast guard approved life saving device (PFD) on board while waterfowl hunting.

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