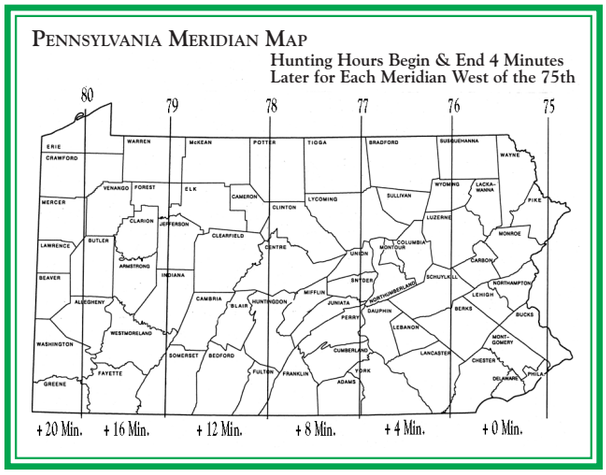
2012-2013 Hunting Hours Table

Hunting hours are set up by the Commission by the week for the hunting license year. However, in the interest of safety, hunters must consider the effects weather and field conditions may have on positive target identification and a clear shot path. Obviously, taking a risky shot under poor visibility conditions during legal hunting hours is a safety concern.

Legal hunting hours for all small and big game in Pennsylvania are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
Note the following exceptions:

1) During the **regular** antlered or antlered/antlerless deer seasons, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take other wild birds or mammals, except game birds on regulated hunting grounds, migratory waterfowl and coyotes*.



* **Note:** Outside of any big game season (deer, bear, elk or turkey), coyotes may be taken with a hunting or furtakers license, and without wearing orange. During any big game season, coyotes may be taken while lawfully hunting big game or with a furtakers license.

2) Raccoon, fox, coyote* and bobcat may be hunted any hour, day or night, except during restricted periods in paragraph 1 (see furtaking section).

3) Skunk, opossum and weasel may be hunted any hour, day or night.

4) Spring Gobbler Season: One-half hour before sunrise until noon on the youth hunt day, and from the opening day of the **regular season** through the third Saturday, and then from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset for the remainder of the season.

5) Migratory birds (waterfowl, doves, woodcock, snipe, rails, moorhens and gallinules) may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except during the September resident Canada goose season, when Canada geese may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

6) The September segment of dove season hunting hours are 12 noon to sunset (tentative depending on the USFWS).

Following are the hunting hours for small and big game, except for migratory game birds, which are set by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and that hunting hours table can be found in the "Waterfowl/Migratory Game Birds" section in this Digest. Don't forget to add the minutes from the Meridian Map to your starting and ending times.

Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
July 1 - 7	5:09	9:02
July 8 - 14	5:14	8:59
July 15 - 21	5:20	8:54
July 22 - 28	5:26	8:48
July 29 - Aug. 4	5:32	8:40
Aug. 5- 11	5:39	8:32
Aug. 12 - 18	5:46	8:22
Aug. 19 - 25	5:52	8:12
Aug. 26 - Sept. 1	5:59	8:01
Sept. 2 - 8	6:05	8:00
Sept. 9 - 15	6:12	7:39
Sept. 16 - 22	6:19	7:27
Sept. 23 - 29	6:25	7:15
Sept. 30 - Oct. 6	6:32	7:04
Oct. 7 - 13	6:39	6:53
Oct. 14 - 20	6:47	6:43
Oct. 21 - 27	6:54	6:34
Oct. 28- Nov. 3	7:02	6:25
Nov. 4 - Nov. 10 * Ends	6:10	5:18
Nov. 11 - 17	6:18	5:12
Nov. 18 - 24	6:26	5:08
Nov. 25 - Dec. 1	6:34	5:06
Dec. 2 - 8	6:40	5:05
Dec. 9 - 15	6:45	5:05
Dec. 16 - 22	6:49	5:07
Dec. 23 - 29	6:52	5:10
Dec. 30 - Jan. 5	6:53	5:09

Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
Jan. 6 - 12	6:52	5:21
Jan. 13 - 19	6:51	5:28
Jan. 20 - 26	6:48	5:36
Jan. 27 - Feb. 2	6:43	5:44
Feb. 3 - 9	6:37	5:53
Feb. 10 - 16	6:29	6:01
Feb. 17 - 23	6:21	6:09
Feb. 24 - Mar. 2	6:11	6:17
Mar. 3 - 9	6:01	6:25
Mar. 10 - 16 * Begins	6:50	7:32
Mar. 17 - 23	6:39	7:40
Mar. 24 - 30	6:27	7:47
Mar. 31 - Apr. 6	6:16	7:54
Apr. 7 - 13	6:05	8:01
Apr. 14 - 20	5:54	8:08
Apr. 21 - 27	5:44	8:15
Apr. 28 - May 4	5:34	8:22
May. 5 - 11	5:26	8:29
May 12 - 18	5:18	8:36
May 19 - 25	5:12	8:43
May 26 - June 1	5:07	8:49
June 2 - 8	5:04	8:54
June 9 - 15	5:02	8:58
June 16 - 22	5:02	9:01
June 23 - 30	5:05	9:03

* Daylight Saving Time