

BGSL Hunting 2020-2021 Seasons

Statewide season dates are listed below: CLUB RESTRICTED DATES ARE LISTED IN BOLD!

Deer

Archery:	Sept. 5, 2020 – Jan. 18, 2021
Crossbow:	Sept. 19, 2020 – Jan. 18, 2021
Modern Gun:	Nov. 14, 2020 – Nov. 29, 2020

BGSL EITHER SEX DEER hunters – in exchange for an increased fee structure, will have exclusive hunting privileges from NOV. 14, 2020 (Sat.) – NOV. 17, 2020 (Tues.)

Muzzleloader:	Oct. 17, 2020 – Oct. 18, 2020 Dec. 12, 2020 – Dec. 20, 2020
Youth Only Deer:	Oct. 10, 2020 – Oct. 11, 2020 (Archery hunters- priority going to youth hunters)
Youth Free:	Dec. 26, 2020 – Dec 27, 2020

Turkey

Archery:	Sept. 5, 2020 – Jan. 18, 2020
Crossbow:	Oct. 1, 2020 – Oct. 18, 2020 Nov 14, 2020 – Dec 31, 2020
Shotgun:	Oct. 24, 2020 – Oct. 30, 2020 Dec. 5, 2018 – Dec. 11, 2020

Small Game

Dove	Sept. 1, 2020 – Oct. 26, 2020 Nov. 26, 2020 – Dec. 6, 2020 Dec. 19, 2020 – Jan. 10, 2020
Rabbit	Nov. 1, 2020 – Nov. 13, 2020 Nov. 16, 2020 – Jan. 31, 2021
Squirrel	Aug. 15, 2020 – Nov. 13, 2020 Nov. 16, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021
Crow	Sep. 1, 2020 – Nov. 7, 2020 Jan. 4 2021 – Feb. 28, 2021

CLOSED SMALL GAME /TURKEY/ WATERFOWL HUNTING DATES

Oct. 10 and Oct. 11, 2020	(youth only deer)
Oct. 17 and Oct. 18, 2020	(Muzzleloader deer)
Nov. 14, 2020 - through Nov. 29, 2020	(Deer; modern gun)

Waterfowl

Canada goose	Sept. 16, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2020 Nov. 26, 2020 – Feb. 15, 2021
Wood Duck & Teal	Sept. 19, 2020– Sept. 23, 2020

Qualified member waterfowl fee = \$0/season

Furbearer Trapping on the BGSL

Special orientation is required; please contact the operations manager for details and scheduling.

Small Game at BGSL

Small Game at the club is considered: Rabbit, Squirrel, Dove, Crow, and Coyote.

State rules & regulations are ALWAYS enforced.

State legal archery equipment may be used.

Firearms must be shotguns (#6 shot or smaller) or air guns of adequate power as defined by the state of Kentucky.

Rifles may **NOT** be used for small game on the club property.

Small Game Fee

The BGSL hunting permit fee is \$50, no additional fees for hunting small game. You must be a member in good standing and meet the state minimums for hunter education.

Youth Mentor Incentive

The BGSL encourages you to “take a kid hunting”; qualified BGSL small game hunters may take their family hunting in a mentor scenario at no additional fee/qualification.

Hunter Logbook

Hunters **MUST** check-in and check-out EACH and every time they go afield. This book will be maintained in the main clubhouse foyer for easy access.

Hunter Observation Forms

Hunters may be required to fill out a brief, confidential hunter observation survey as they check-out. This information will be used to help track population trends, etc. and will be valuable in making quality hunts for future years. Failure/refusal to do so may result in loss of hunting privileges.

BGSL DEER REGULATIONS

The BGSL has worked hard to grow and maintain a healthy deer herd with trophy individuals present. A variety of food and cover crops have been planted and managed in an effort to increase forage quality and concealment cover for our deer. With over 1400 acres (of which several hundred are wooded) available to our qualified hunters, you have the recipe for a truly quality deer hunting experience. There are no guarantees; but, qualified hunters have the opportunity to hunt in an area where trophy whitetails live and breathe.

Season dates: Please refer to the dates/seasons listed on the previous page.

Youth Weekends: These weekends are open to dependent youth and grandchildren of BGSL members in good standing. These hunt opportunities are mentor hunts and a competent adult must accompany the youth while afield. Youth may hunt BGSL fee exempt during youth weekend(s). However, they are still subject to follow antler restriction guidelines and general qualifications for the BGSL property. Only one BGSL-legal, antlered deer may be harvested during the BGSL youth weekend.

ALL STATE GAME & WILDLIFE REGULATIONS ARE ALWAYS ENFORCED. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW AND FOLLOW EXISTING WILDLIFE GUIDELINES.

General Qualifications:

Meeting the general qualification minimum(s) for gun and archery is required prior to final approval to hunt on BGSL property. Interested members must meet the appropriate qualification standards.

IN ORDER TO HUNT YOU MUST:

1) BE A CURRENT MEMBER IN THE BGSL

You must be a member in good standing in order to apply to hunt. Please ensure that you have a current membership card at the time of orientation.

2) PASS GUN/ARCHERY QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

You may "shoot-to-qualify" anytime the ranges are open. RSO's on duty (at the GP Range) will have deer qualification targets available for those interested in qualifying with a gun. Once the standard is shot and met, the on-duty RSO will sign the target. Please ensure that the target (staff signed and dated) is turned into the office or given to the operations manager.

The qualification requirements for are:

- Open sight guns 2 out of 3 bullets within a 7" circle at 50 yards.
- Scoped guns 2 out of 3 bullets within a 7" circle at 100 yards.
- Archery requirements (crossbow included) 2 out of 3 arrows within a 7" circle at an unknown distance between 20 – 30 yards.

Hunters may attempt to qualify twice a day for a maximum of four days.

3) PRESENT EVIDENCE OF COMPLETING A RECOGNIZED HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

Interested members will need to produce proof of successful completion of a state-recognized education course.

4) PAY THE ASSOCIATED FEES

Associated fees must be paid prior to hunting on the BGSL property. The current fee structure is as follows:

Either Sex Deer: \$50 BGSL Hunting permit + \$250 fee either sex deer = \$300 Either Sex Deer

Antlerless Deer: \$50 BGSL Hunting permit + \$50 fee antlerless deer = \$100 Antlerless Deer

Small Game: \$50 BGSL Hunting permit

5) COMPLETE A SCHEDULED BGSL HUNTER ORIENTATION COURSE

Participants must attend and complete a BGSL hunter orientation course (led by the BGSL Operations Manager or designated substitute) prior to going afield. This course must be attended/renewed yearly.

For the 2020-2021 seasons:

- Thursday August 6th @ 7:00 PM
- Saturday, August 22nd @ 9:00 AM
- Thursday, September 3rd @ 7:00 PM
- Saturday, September 12th @ 10:00 AM
- Saturday, October 3rd @ 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, October 14th @ 7:00 PM
- Saturday, November 7th @ 10:00 AM Wild-game brunch afterwards

Deer Harvest Limits

A total of four deer per hunter may be taken on BGSL property, including one antlered deer for hunters purchasing the either sex option. Only three deer may be taken with firearms of any type.

Harvest Quota

The maximum harvest quota is set at 30 antlerless deer. In the event that this harvest number is achieved, antlerless hunting will cease until a herd assessment can be done to determine if additional animals should be taken.

Deer Harvest Tags

A hunter must use his/her own state-legal tag for all deer harvested on the BGSL property. NO special harvest or cull tags will be issued.

Antlerless Deer

“Antlerless Deer” on the BGSL are considered by the same definition as those outlined in the Kentucky state hunting regulations. However, WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE HARVEST OF ADULT, MATURE DOES!

Antlered Deer

Qualified either sex deer hunters have the option of harvesting an antlered deer on the property. The League has a minimum standard that applies when harvesting antlered animals. Legal antlered deer must have a minimum antler spread of 15”. Please be certain that your deer meets this standard before you shoot! Failure to observe this standard may result in disciplinary action from the BGSL Board of Directors. Shooting a marginal buck is not worth your membership!

Lawful Hunting Equipment

Archery equipment must meet state minimums. Crossbows are considered lawful equipment during the Kentucky statewide crossbow season. The use of modern firearms on the BGSL are restricted to shotguns and muzzleloaders (those meeting the state minimums for deer). Additionally, certain handguns and long guns may be used. Handguns must fire legal cartridges that are straight walled and up to a .44 Mag. caliber. Examples of legal handgun calibers are .41 Long Colt, .357, .44, and 41 Magnum. Modern long guns may be used ONLY if they shoot straight walled pistol cartridges up to a .44 caliber or straight walled rifle cartridges not to exceed .45 caliber (350 Legend, 444 Marlin, 450 Bushmaster, and 45-70).

Checking / Tagging Harvested Deer

ALL deer must meet state telecheck standards. The BGSL must have your issued confirmation number recorded in the hunter logbook prior to the deer being transported off the property. BGSL staff must also be notified and the deer inspected (by BGSL employee, Wildlife Committee member, or designate) prior to leaving the property.

Hunter Check-in / Check-out Procedure

All approved BGSL hunters must check in at the start of each hunt and check-out at the conclusion of each hunt. This process needs to be observed every time for every hunt. The hunter logbook serves as the record of checking in and checking out. Please fill out this information correctly and completely. Further details will be covered in the scheduled BGSL hunter orientation classes.

Zone / Hunter Maximum

There is a maximum number of deer hunters allowed in a hunt zone at any given time. That number is 6 deer hunters in a zone.

Baiting

Baiting deer and wildlife on BGSL property is prohibited. Salt, sweet syrups, and other common deer attractants are considered bait. Gland lure and other scent-type attractants are allowed. Please clean up any wicks or scent delivery devices after your hunt.

Tree Stands / Ground Blinds

Permanent tree stands are not allowed. Tree stands that damage trees are not permitted. (i.e. screw-in types, etc.) ALL stands, blinds must be labeled with the owner/hunter's name and phone number. They may be erected 4 weeks prior to the season opener and they must be removed within 4 weeks of the BGSL season closure. Stands improperly labeled/marked or found in the woods outside the specified times/locations are subject to immediate confiscation and the owner (if known) may be assessed a fine. Additionally, they may have their hunting privileges revoked. Pop-up style blinds are subject to the same labeling and date restrictions as are tree stands and must be marked in accordance with Kentucky regulations.

Driving off Roadways

Hunters may drive off the road only to erect or retrieve a stand/blind or to retrieve a harvested deer. In all cases, requests should be made to BGSL staff prior to leaving the roadways. Please be mindful of the time and location of other hunters when you do leave the maintained roads to help preserve the hunt quality for others. Mobility impaired hunters may see BGSL staff for special dispensation.

Restricted Areas

Due to the nature of League activities, certain areas may be closed to hunting for safety and or event conflicts, etc. Closings may vary and often come with short notice. Please keep yourself informed by faithfully checking the information board located by the hunter logbook in the foyer. Some of the general locations that will be closed to hunting are:

1. All ranges and the area(s) immediately around such ranges. Please observe a 100yd. buffer around these areas. Primitive campsites may also be included in this category.
2. Hunting from buildings (including barns) is prohibited.
3. The Gun Dog training fields are off-limits & hunting is restricted.
4. The entire area inside the paved loop of the main road.
5. The pasture/hay fields around the main clubhouse.
6. RV Camping Areas.

This is NOT a full list of restricted areas. Please be attentive in orientation class and observe all temporary closures posted and/or communicated.

Game Survey(s)

In order to help us better manage BGS� resources, qualified hunters may be required to fill out hunter observation surveys that will be reviewed by BGS� staff and or KDFWR professionals.

No Guarantees - No Refunds

This is NOT a “no kill – no pay” hunt situation. Meeting all qualification standards does not guarantee you a filled tag at season’s end. All hunts are 100% fair chase with 100% wild white-tailed deer. Hunts may be restricted as events evolve (i.e. harvest quotas met, disease in herd, etc.) There will be NO REFUNDS.

Violations

Again state game laws are always enforced. Additional rules may be applied by the BGS� Board of Directors. Failure to follow said rules may result in, but not necessarily be limited to the items below.

1. Loss of wild game harvested. (game will be donated to Hunters for the Hungry)
2. Loss of hunting privileges for the remainder of the year and following year.
3. BGS� community service.
4. Possible expulsion from BGS� for 6 months or longer.

The wildlife committee will evaluate and provide Board of Direction recommendations of any and all violations for final penalties

Please educate yourself on the rules and regulations. If in doubt – ask! It is a privilege to hunt on private, League lands. Be a good sport and live out the ideals that the club extols. Don’t break the rules and insist that others do the same!