

Black Bear Seasons 2021–22

Both a valid Firearm, Bow & Arrow hunting license and bear hunting permit are required to hunt black bears. Bear permits are specific to a bear management zone. See page X for more information. **State lands remain closed to bear hunting.**

Season Segment	Regulations
Segment A	its held. harvest.
Segment B	its held. harvest.
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Black Bear Regulations

See General

All state lands, recreation, wildlife management areas, and state parks are closed to bear hunting.

Baiting

While bear hunting is permitted in a man-made structure, possession of bait is prohibited.

Bag Limit

One bear per permit regardless of sex and age. If no permit(s) is held, a hunter may purchase a permit during Segment A.

- A hunter may purchase a permit during Segment A.
- The use of bait is prohibited.
- Youth hunting is permitted only if supervised by a parent or guardian (21 or older) who is also hunting.
- Apprentices may hunt black bears.

Hunter Orientation

- Firearm hunters must complete a three-day hunter orientation course.

2021 BEAR HUNT UPDATE

The black bear season is closed.

On June 21, 2021, New Jersey's Comprehensive Black Bear Management Policy (CBBMP) expired, and as such, there is no black bear hunt in 2021. In accordance with the N.J. Supreme Court ruling on September 27, 2007, no black bear hunt may occur without a properly-proulgated CBBMP proposed by the New Jersey Fish and Game Council and approved by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

State lands were closed to hunting of black bears as of August 30, 2018 and will remain closed for the 2021 season.