

2009 Fall / 2010 Spring Black Bear Hunting Seasons

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Black Bear

Straight Face Profile No Hump



Round Front Track



Grizzly Bear

Dish Face Profile Hump



Straight Front Track



General Rules

- Apply for spring controlled hunts Jan 15-Feb 15.
- Apply for fall controlled hunts May 1-June 5.

Bag Limit: No person may take more black bears than he or she has legal tags for.

Female Black Bear With Young: No female black bear accompanied by young may be taken.

Evidence of Sex: For black bear, external evidence of sex (either scrotum, penis, or testicles for males or vulva for females) must be left naturally attached to the hide until the mandatory check requirement has been satisfied.

Capturing Black Bears: No person may trap, snare or otherwise capture or hold black bears.

Mandatory Check and Report: Any hunter killing a black bear must, *within 10 days of kill:*

- Present the skull and hide to an Idaho Fish and Game regional office, official check point, or a Fish and Game conservation officer for removal and retention of a premolar tooth and to have the hide tagged with an official state export tag. No person shall have, **except** during the open season and for 10 days after the close of the season, any raw black bear pelt that does not have an official state export tag attached (either Idaho's or another state's official export tag).
- A hunter may authorize another person to comply with the above requirements if that person possesses enough information to accurately complete the necessary form.
- Please thaw your black bear hide and skull before bringing it in for tagging or staff may not be able to complete check-in.

Fish and Game's headquarters office is not equipped to check in bears. In the Boise area, these animals can be checked at the Fish and Game regional office in Nampa, (3101 S. Powerline Road, 208-465-8465) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or by appointment at the Garden City facility, 109 W. 44th St., 208-327-7099.

Dump Grounds: No person may hunt or pursue a black bear at any time within 200 yards of the perimeter of any designated dump ground or sanitary landfill.

Special Tags

Second tags

Second tags issued for black bear may be used only in that portion of Unit 16 north of the Selway River and all of Units 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, and 27. Nonresident black bear tags used in these units are available for \$31.75.

Nonresident Deer Tag Used for Black Bear or Mountain Lion

(Please see page 74.)

Nonresident Reduced Bear Tags

(Please see page 74.)

Bait

Bait is any substance placed to attract game animals. Bait may be used to hunt black bear and only under the following conditions:

Time: No bait or bait containers may be placed for the purpose of attracting or taking black bear before the opening of black bear take season. Except in Units 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, and 27, where bait may be placed up to 7 days before the take season.

- All bait containers and materials must be removed, and all excavations refilled no later than 7 days after the close of each season; spring, fall, or dog training.

Location: No bait site may be located within 200 feet of any water (lake, pond, reservoir, year-round free-flowing spring, or year-round free-flowing stream), or within 200 yards of any maintained trail or any road.

- No bait site may be located within 1/2 mile of any designated campground or picnic area, administrative site, or dwelling.

Bait: No parts of domestic or wild origin game animals, game birds, game fish or protected nongame wildlife may be used as bait.

- The skin must be removed from any mammal parts or carcasses used as bait.

Containers: No bait may be contained within paper, plastic, glass, metal, wood, or other nonbiodegradable materials, **except** that a single metal container with a maximum size of 55 gallons may be used if securely attached at the bait site.

- No bait may be contained in any excavated hole greater than 4 feet in diameter.

Establishment of Bait Sites: Any structures constructed at bait sites and all materials must be removed by the permit holder within 7 days after the close of each take season; spring or fall.

- All bait sites must be visibly marked at the nearest tree or on the bait container using a tag supplied by Fish and Game.

Baiting Permit: Baiting permits are issued by mail or in person from Fish and Game regional and sub-regional offices beginning March 1 of each year.

- Baiting permits will be valid in the calendar year for which they are issued.

Use of Baiting Permit: All persons placing bait must possess a baiting permit issued by Fish and Game.

- A hunter may possess only 1 Fish and Game baiting permit each year and may maintain up to 3 bait sites, except the number of bait sites maintained by outfitters may be specified by the land management agency in the outfitter's operating plan.
- Bait site tags are valid for spring and fall seasons in the calendar year for which they are issued.
- No person may hunt over an unlawful bait site.
- Guides and clients of outfitters are not required to obtain a baiting permit, but they must have a copy of the outfitter's permit in their possession while hunting over a bait site.
- Possession of a Fish and Game baiting permit does not exempt the permit holder from any restrictions placed on users of federal, state, or private lands.



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Hound Hunting

Anyone hunting with hounds, unless hunting with an outfitter, must have a hound hunter permit. (Please see section on hound hunting rules on page 66)

Bear Identification

To prevent mistaken identity, bear hunters are encouraged to learn to identify black bears and tell them from grizzly bears in the wild. The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks bear identification training program is available at: <http://fwp.mt.gov/bearid/default.html>.

This link is provided for educational purposes only. Idaho hunters are not required to pass the test to buy a black bear tag.



Grizzly bears may be found in 3 areas of Idaho: the Panhandle in big game units 1, 2, 4, 7 and 9; the Bitterroot Mountains along the Idaho/Montana border in big game units 10, 12 and 17; and Southeast Idaho in the Yellowstone Ecosystem in big game units 60, 61, 62, 62A, 65, and 67.


For safety tips while hunting in grizzly bear country, taking the bear identification training program, and reporting grizzly bear observations, please visit the Fish and Game grizzly bear webpage at: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/wildlife/grizzlies/>.




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(Females with young are protected!)

Units	Take Season	Dogs Prohibited	Dog Training	Notes
1	Aug 30 - Sep 14 (Archery only) Sep 15 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Jan 1 - Dec 31	None	Bait prohibited, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered
2, 3, 5	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 15	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	
4, 4A, 6	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - April 30	Jun 1 - Jul 31	
7, 9	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Jul 31	
8	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 15	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	
8A, 10A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	Jun 1 - Jul 31	Bait prohibited
10, 12	Aug 30 - Nov 3 Apr 1 - Jun 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Jul 31	2 bear bag limit Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered
11	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 15	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 15	None	
11A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 15	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	
13	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 15	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	
14, 18	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	Jun 1 - Jul 31	
15	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	Jun 1 - Jul 31	
16	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	Jul 1 - Jul 31	North of Selway River: 2 bear bag limit Remainder of unit: 1 bear bag limit
16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A	Aug 30 - Nov 18 Apr 1 - Jun 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	None	2 bear bag limit Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered in Unit 17
19A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 15	Oct 1 - Oct 31	Jun 16 - Jul 31	
21, 21A, 28, 36B	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Jul 31	
22, 31, 32, 32A	None		May 23 - Jul 31	Bait prohibited, Motorized Vehicle Restriction in Units 32 & 32A, See note 2, Page 58
23	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Oct 1 - Oct 31	Jun 1 - Jul 31	
24, 25	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Oct 5 - Oct 31	Jun 1 - Jul 31	

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Units	Take Season	Dogs Prohibited	Dog Training	Notes
26, 27	Aug 30 - Nov 18 Apr 1 - Jun 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Jul 31	2 bear bag limit
29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Jul 31	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 2, Page 58
33	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 15	Oct 5 - Oct 31	Jun 16 - Jul 31	That portion of Unit 33 within the Middle Fork of the Payette River drainage downstream from but excluding Powder House Gulch drainage is closed during dog training season.
34, 35, 36	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 30	Oct 5 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Jul 31	
39	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 15	Oct 5 - Oct 31	Jun 16 - Jul 31	
43, 44, 45, 48, 49	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 15	Oct 1 - Oct 31	Jun 16 - Jul 31	Motorized Vehicle Restriction in Units 45, 48 & 49, See note 2, Page 58
50, 51, 58, 59, 59A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 15	Oct 1 - Oct 31	Jun 16 - Jul 31	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 2, Page 58
60	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	None	Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered
60A, 63, 63A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Jul 31	
61	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	Jun 16 - Jul 31 west of Howard Creek in Clark County only .	Bait and dogs prohibited in Fremont County and east of Howard Creek in Clark County , Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered
62, 62A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Jun 30	Jan 1 - Dec 31	None	Bait and dogs prohibited, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered
64, 65, 66, 66A, 67, 69, 76	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Oct 1 - Oct 31	Jun 1 - Jul 31	Motorized Vehicle Restriction in Units 66 & 69, See note 2, Page 58, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered in Units 65 & 67

 Fall 2009 Black Bear Controlled Hunts (165 Permits) (Females with young are protected!)				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Permits	Season Dates	Notes
8501	1	15	Sep 15 - Oct 9	Bait prohibited. See note 1, Page 58
8502	22* (see pg 58)	75	Sep 1 - Oct 31	Bait prohibited, Dogs prohibited Oct 1 - Oct 31, See note 1, Page 58
8503	32* (see pg 58)	75	Sep 1 - Oct 31	Bait prohibited, Dogs prohibited Oct 1 - Oct 31, See note 1, Page 58 Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 2, Page 58

* See controlled hunt area descriptions. This hunt includes other units or parts of other units.
 For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 70-73.



Spring 2010 Black Bear Controlled Hunts
(150 Permits) (Females with young are protected!)

Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Permits	Season Dates	Notes
8001	22* (see pg 58)	75	Apr 1 - May 22	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited</i>
8002	32* (see pg 58)	75	Apr 1 - May 22	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited, Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 2, Page 58</i>

Notes:

1. Controlled hunt permittees must have a hound-hunter permit to use dogs in this hunt. Any dogs used must be under the control of the permittee.
2. Motorized vehicle use as an aid to hunting for wildlife is restricted to established roadways open to motorized vehicle traffic capable of travel by full-sized automobiles – any motorized vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 1,500 pounds. See Page 68.

* See controlled hunt area descriptions. This hunt includes other units or parts of other units.

Black Bear Controlled Hunt Area Descriptions

Hunt Area 1 – That portion of Unit 1 within the following boundary: Beginning at the Idaho/Washington state line where it intersects the Pend Oreille River, then northward along the Idaho/Washington state line to the Lamb Creek drainage, then southeasterly along the northern edge of the Lamb Creek divide to Priest Lake, then along the southern shore of Priest Lake to the Soldier Creek drainage, then easterly along the northern edge of the Soldier Creek drainage to the Selkirk Divide, then southerly along the Selkirk Divide to Baldy Mountain, then easterly along Little Sand Creek to the Pend Oreille River, then westerly along the northern shore of the Pend Oreille River to the point of beginning and that portion of Unit 1 within the following boundary: Beginning at the confluence of the Moyie River and the Kootenai River, then west and north on the Kootenai River to the Copeland Bridge, then east on County Road 45 to the junction with State Highway 1, then south on State Highway 1 to the intersection with State Highway 95, then north and east on State Highway 95 to where State Highway 95 crosses the Moyie River, then south on the Moyie River to the point of beginning.

Hunt Area 22 — All of Units 22 and 31.

Hunt Area 32 — All of Units 32 and 32A.



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