



2024 Spring Black Bear Hunting Supplement

Black bear hunting prospects are excellent for spring 2024. Populations will be at or above normal levels in the southern portions of the provincial forest, forest fringe and in the central wildlife management zones (WMZs). Black bear populations in select WMZs can support more harvest opportunities and we encourage Saskatchewan resident hunters to take advantage of a second black bear licence in those areas. For a summary of regulations, programs and WMZs, see the 2023-24 Hunters and Trappers Guide at saskatchewan.ca/hunting. The most up-to-date version of the guide is available online. Paper copies may still be available at provincial licence issuers, Ministry of Environment field offices and select provincial park offices.

Licence fees (available April 1, 2024)

Prices include GST

Wildlife habitat: (all hunters, excluding Canadian Armed Forces veterans)	\$20
Veteran wildlife habitat: (Saskatchewan and Canadian resident veterans)	Free
First black bear: Saskatchewan resident.....	\$30
Second black bear: Saskatchewan resident	\$25
First Saskatchewan resident veteran black bear:	Free
Second Saskatchewan resident veteran black bear:	Free
Black bear: Canadian resident (hunting without an outfitter).....	\$120
Canadian resident veteran black bear:	Free
Black bear: Guided (Canadian residents using an outfitter and all non-resident hunters)	\$240
Duplicate seals: (replacement of lost, detached or destroyed bear seals are available from ministry field offices or select provincial park offices)	\$5.40

Note: Hunting licences, whether paper or electronic, and any required seals must always be carried with you when hunting.

Note: An unused black bear licence purchased in the spring season is also valid for the fall black bear hunting seasons.

Reprints of lost/destroyed licences

Valid licences may be reprinted online on your personal computer, at a Ministry of Environment field office (no charge) or from a private licence issuer.

Our licence system is automated

Visit our hunting, angling and trapping licence (HAL) system or the SK Hunt & Fish app to purchase a licence.

Black Bear (all hunters) (regular and guided seasons)

Hunting is allowed in wildlife management units (WMUs) and national wildlife areas within a WMZ listed as open for big game. The exceptions are the Fort à La Corne WMU and the St. Denis National Wildlife Research Area. Only provincial parks and recreation sites listed below are open to hunting.

When a series of WMZs is listed, it includes all zones within the series (e.g. WMZ 1-10 includes zones 1, 2E, 2W, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7E, 7W, 8, 9 and 10).

Open Wildlife Management Zones	Season dates	Bag limit	Additional information
Zones 17, 30, 32-50 and 52-76, Porcupine Hills, Wildcat Hill, Clearwater River and Athabasca Sand Dunes provincial parks and Fort à La Corne WMU	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle April 15 - June 30, 2024	one black bear, either sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All non-resident hunters must use the services of a licensed outfitter and hold a guided black bear licence. Canadian resident black bear hunters may hunt with or without the services of a licensed outfitter; however, if an outfitter is used, a guided black bear licence is required. No colour dress requirements for archery, crossbow, muzzleloader and shotgun hunters. No hunting of female bears with young of the year cubs at heel.
Duck Mountain, Greenwater Lake, Great Blue Heron, Lac La Ronge, Clarence-Steepbank Lakes, Narrow Hills and Meadow Lake provincial parks, Bronson Forest, Nesslin Lake and Round Lake recreation sites	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle April 15 - May 31, 2024	one black bear, either sex	
Prince Albert WMZ	archery and crossbow April 15 - May 31, 2024	one black bear, either sex	

Black Bear (Saskatchewan residents only) (second licence)

Open Wildlife Management Zones	Season dates	Bag limit	Additional information
Zones 17, 30, 32-50 and 52-55 and Fort à la Corne WMU	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle April 15 - June 30, 2024	one black bear, either sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No colour dress requirements for archery, crossbow, muzzleloader and shotgun hunters. No hunting of female bears with young of the year cubs at heel. Saskatchewan residents can hold a first and second black bear licence.
Duck Mountain and Greenwater Lake provincial parks and the portion of Round Lake Recreation Site lying within WMZ 48	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle April 15 - May 31, 2024	one black bear, either sex	

Important information: big game seals

Hunters can purchase their black bear licences online if they have a blank, unregistered seal. The seals are free and can be obtained in a seal pack from any Saskatchewan licence issuer, Ministry of Environment field office, select provincial parks, ordered online or by phone (allow 10 business days for delivery). Unregistered seals can be used by anyone, and are valid for future years.

When a big game licence is purchased online using an unregistered seal, the applicant must enter the number from a new, unregistered seal to complete the purchase. The hunter records the big game species, licence number and year on the seal.

Once the seal is registered, the seal number is printed on the associated licence and the seal cannot be used for another licence or in another year. If the seal is inadvertently detached, it must be replaced by visiting a Ministry of Environment field office with front counter service or select provincial park office.

Big game hunters must have their licences and associated seals (intact) in their possession for lawful hunting.

Hunter harvest surveys

Hunter harvest surveys are mandatory as a condition of your hunting licence. Following your bear hunt, please complete your hunter harvest survey through your HAL account, the SK Hunt & Fish app or by calling 1-888-773-8450.

2024 guide and supplement availability

- Spring White Geese: April
- Saskatchewan Resident Big Game Draw Supplement: April
- Canadian Resident White-tailed Deer Draw Supplement: April
- Hunters and Trappers Guide: July (online); August (print)

Reminder: landowner permission is mandatory when accessing land and bait may not be placed without landowner permission. Make sure to avoid any activities that may damage property (e.g. causing ruts by driving on wet fields).

Black bear baiting regulations

On Crown land, for the purpose of hunting black bear, no person shall:

- Place bait for hunting spring black bear before March 1.
- Fail to post a sign marked with the person's full name and address on the bait container.
- Use prohibited materials as bait (see the 2023-24 Hunters and Trappers Guide for details).
- Place any salt or salt products unless they are in a leak-proof, spill-proof container.
- Place any bait that contains noxious weeds or exotic plants.
- Use any carcass or parts of a domestic animal except trimmings received from a butcher.
- Use bait that is not placed in a container.
- Use a container with a volume exceeding 210 litres (45-gallon drum).
- Use a container unless it is constructed to prevent a bear from becoming trapped.
- Fail to remove bait and container at the end of the spring hunting season.
- Use a container that can be removed from the bait site by a bear.

Requirements may differ in provincial parks. Please check with park managers before establishing bait sites.

