



2017 Saskatchewan Spring Black Bear Hunting Supplement

Welcome hunters! This supplement contains information for your spring black bear season hunt, including open season dates, licence fees and bag limit information.

Black bear populations are expected to be at or above normal levels, which should mean excellent hunting prospects. Hunters are reminded that black bear hunting opportunities exist outside of the provincial forest. Open bear seasons extend south of the provincial forest boundary, and include wildlife management zones bordering Highway 16 across western and central Saskatchewan. Seasons are also in place in zones along the eastern edge of the province extending south of the Trans-Canada Highway. See the open season date tables for a complete list of open wildlife management zones. In farmland Saskatchewan, black bears are most often found along river valleys and other areas with significant tree cover.

For a summary of regulations, programs and wildlife management zones, see the [2016 Hunters' and Trappers' Guide](#). If you retained your copy from last fall, please refer to it, or get a copy from provincial licence issuers, Ministry of Environment and select provincial park offices.

Our licence system is automated!

You can purchase your hunting, angling or trapping licences:

- online anytime [here](#) (bear licences require a previously acquired blank seal for immediate purchase, or allow 10 business days for delivery by mail);
- through Saskatchewan licence issuers, Ministry of Environment and select provincial park offices; or
- by phone using a credit card at 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.) Please allow 10 business days for delivery by mail.

Remember: Licence purchases can be made simply by accessing your existing account using your HAL Identification Number (HAL ID) or your previously registered secondary identification number. Do not create a second account. If you require assistance with your identification, call 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.).

Licence Fees

Prices include GST

Wildlife Habitat Licence: (all hunters)	\$ 15.00
Black Bear: Saskatchewan Resident	\$ 25.00
Black Bear: Canadian Resident (hunting without an outfitter)	\$ 100.00
Black Bear: Guided (all non-resident hunters and Canadian residents using an outfitter)	\$ 200.00
Duplicate Seals (replacement of lost, detached or destroyed seals are available from ministry or select provincial park offices)	\$ 5.40

Note: Your hunting licence and seals (when applicable) must be carried with you at all times while hunting.

Black Bear Season Dates (All Hunters)

(both regular and guided seasons)

Open Wildlife Management Zones	Season Dates	Bag Limit	Additional Information
Zones 30, 34 to 40 and 42 to 76, Wildcat Hill, Clearwater River and Athabasca Sand Dunes provincial parks and Fort a la Corne Wildlife Management Unit	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle April 15 - June 30, 2017	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, Woody River and Round Lake recreation sites	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle April 15 - May 31, 2017	one black bear, either sex	
Prince Albert Wildlife Management Zone	archery and crossbow April 15 - May 31, 2017	one black bear, either sex	

Black bear hunters: important information about big game seals

Hunters can purchase their black bear licence via computer if they have a blank, unregistered seal. Unregistered seals are free of charge and can be obtained in a seal pack. Seal packs are available from any Saskatchewan licence issuer, Ministry of Environment office and select provincial parks, ordered online or by phone. Please allow 10 business days for delivery. Unregistered seals can be used by any person and in 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 in order to complete the purchase. The hunter records the big game species, the 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 office or a select provincial park office.

Remember, big game hunters must have their licence and associated intact seal in their possession before hunting is lawful.

Black Bear Baiting Regulations

On private land, for the purpose of hunting, black bear bait may not be placed without landowner permission. 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 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 in such a way that prevents a bear from becoming trapped;
- fail to remove bait and container at the end of the spring hunting season; or
- use a container that can be removed from the bait site by a bear.

Hunters

Following your bear hunt, please remember to fill out your Hunter Harvest Survey by signing on to your HAL account, visiting a ministry office or phoning 1-888-773-8450.

2017 Guide and Supplement Availability

Big Game Draw Supplements (Saskatchewan resident and Canadian resident) - April
 Hunters' and Trappers' Guide (online) - July
 Hunters' and Trappers' Guide (print) - August