



# 2018 Saskatchewan Spring Black Bear Hunting Supplement

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

Black bear hunting opportunities are promising for 2018, with good to excellent populations in and near the provincial forest, and within areas of suitable habitat across the central wildlife management zones.

For a summary of regulations, programs and wildlife management zones, see the [2017 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 at 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.) or order online (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

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

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

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

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

## Black Bear (All Hunters) (both regular and guided seasons)

Hunting is allowed in wildlife management units (WMU) and national wildlife areas within a wildlife management zone (WMZ) that is listed as being open for big game. The exception is 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 are listed, it includes all zones within the series (eg. 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 30, 34 to 40, 41, 42 to 50 and 52 to 76, Wildcat Hill, Clearwater River and Athabasca Sand Dunes provincial parks and Fort à La Corne Wildlife Management Unit	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Apr. 15 - June 30, 2018	one black bear, either sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All non-resident hunters must use the services of a licensed outfitter and hold a guided black bear licence.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>No colour dress requirements for archery, crossbow, muzzleloader and shotgun hunters.</li> <li>No hunting of female bears with young of the year cubs at heel.</li> </ul>
Duck Mountain, Greenwater Lake, Great Blue Heron, Lac La Ronge, Clarence-Steepbank Lakes, Narrow Hills and Meadow Lake provincial parks, Bronson Forest, Nesslin Lake, Woody River and Round Lake recreation sites	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Apr. 15 - May 31, 2018	one black bear, either sex	
Prince Albert Wildlife Management Zone	archery and crossbow Apr. 15 - May 31, 2018	one black bear, either sex	

### Black bear hunters: important information about big game seals

Hunters can purchase their black bear licence online if they have a blank, unregistered seal. Unregistered seals are free and can be obtained in a seal pack. Seal packs are available from any Saskatchewan licence issuer, Ministry of Environment office, select provincial parks, ordered online or by phone (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 or 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 as bait (see the [2017 Hunters' and Trappers' guide](#) for details)
  - ~ any salt or salt products unless they are in a leak-proof, spill-proof container
  - ~ any bait that contains noxious weeds or exotic plants
  - ~ 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 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; and
- use a container that can be removed from the bait site by a bear.

Requirements may differ in provincial parks. Please check with the applicable park manager before establishing bait sites.

### 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 calling 1-888-773-8450.

### 2018 Guide and Supplement Availability

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