

OHIO REVISED CODE: HUNTING

The Ohio Revised code contains legislation passed by the Ohio General Assembly. Title XV of the Code includes legislation to conserve and protect Ohio's natural resources. Title XV, Chapter 1533, contains laws to regulate hunting, including deer hunting.

Title XV, Chapter 1533, Section 1533.10.

Hunting license; education and conservation course. (selected passages)

No person shall hunt any wild bird or wild quadruped without a hunting license. Each day that any person hunts within the state without procuring such a license constitutes a separate offense.

The owner of lands in the state and the owner's children of any age and grandchildren under eighteen years of age may hunt on the lands without a hunting license. The tenant and children of the tenant, residing on lands in the state, may hunt on them without a hunting license.

This section does not authorize the taking and possessing of deer or wild turkeys without first having obtained, in addition to the hunting license required by this section, a special deer or wild turkey permit as provided in section 1533.11 of the Revised Code.

The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, shall adopt rules prescribing a hunter education and conservation course for first-time hunting license buyers and for volunteer instructors. The course shall consist of subjects including but not limited to, hunter safety and health, use of hunting implements, hunting tradition and ethics, the hunter and conservation, the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code along with the penalty for its violation.

Title XV, Chapter 1533, Section 1533.11.

Special deer or turkey hunting permits. (selected passages)

Except as provided in this section, no person shall hunt deer on lands of another without first obtaining an annual special deer permit. Except as provided in this section, no person shall hunt wild turkeys on lands of another without first obtaining an annual special wild turkey permit. The money received shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund, created in section 1531.17 of the Revised Code, exclusively for the use of the division of wildlife in the acquisition and development of land for deer or wild turkey management, for investigating deer or wild turkey problems, and for the stocking, management, and protection of deer or wild turkey.

The owner and the children of the owner of lands in this state may hunt deer or wild turkey thereon without a special deer or wild turkey permit. The tenant and children of the tenant may hunt deer or wild turkey on lands where they reside without a special deer or wild turkey permit.

Title XV, Chapter 1533, Section 1533.12.1.

Deer killed by motor vehicle.

Except as otherwise provided by division rule, the driver of every motor vehicle that has caused the death of a deer by striking the deer on a highway may take possession of the deer, provided that within twenty-four hours thereafter, the driver reports the accident to a wildlife officer or other law enforcement officer. The officer shall investigate, and, if the officer finds the death has been caused as alleged, the officer shall give a certificate for legal ownership of the deer to the driver. If the deer is unclaimed, the certificate for legal ownership may be given to a private or public institution or charity or to another person.

Title XV, Chapter 1533, Section 1533.16.

Weapons for taking game birds and wild quadrupeds.

Game birds and wild quadrupeds shall be taken only by hunting with a gun, with a gun and dog, with a bow and arrow, or with a bow and arrow and dog unless otherwise provided by the Revised Code or division rule. Fur-bearing animals may be taken by trapping according to the Revised Code or division rule. No gun larger than ten gauge shall be used in taking game birds or wild quadrupeds.

Title XV, Chapter 1533, Section 1533.17

Hunting without permission

(A) No person shall hunt or trap upon any lands, pond, lake, or private waters of another, except water claimed by riparian right of ownership in adjacent lands, or shoot, shoot at, catch, kill, injure, or pursue a wild bird, wild waterfowl, or wild animal thereon without obtaining written permission from the owner or the owner's authorized agent.