

Simcoe County Forest Tracts – Fall Hunting Seasons

All Simcoe County Forest user groups should be aware that they may encounter licensed hunters this fall season. All participating hunters **must** be a current member of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). This ensures that they carry the appropriate and required liability insurance for that activity. Anyone not compliant to this rule could be charged by the Simcoe County Forestry By-Law Enforcement Officer. I do not expect that you will encounter any issues with licensed hunters that you may meet in any Simcoe County Forest tract.

There is **no hunting** permitted in the following Simcoe County Forest tracts:

Martin's Valley

Charlebois

Thompson

Midhurst

Museum

Hickling

Dyer

Bloxham

Rippon

Webb

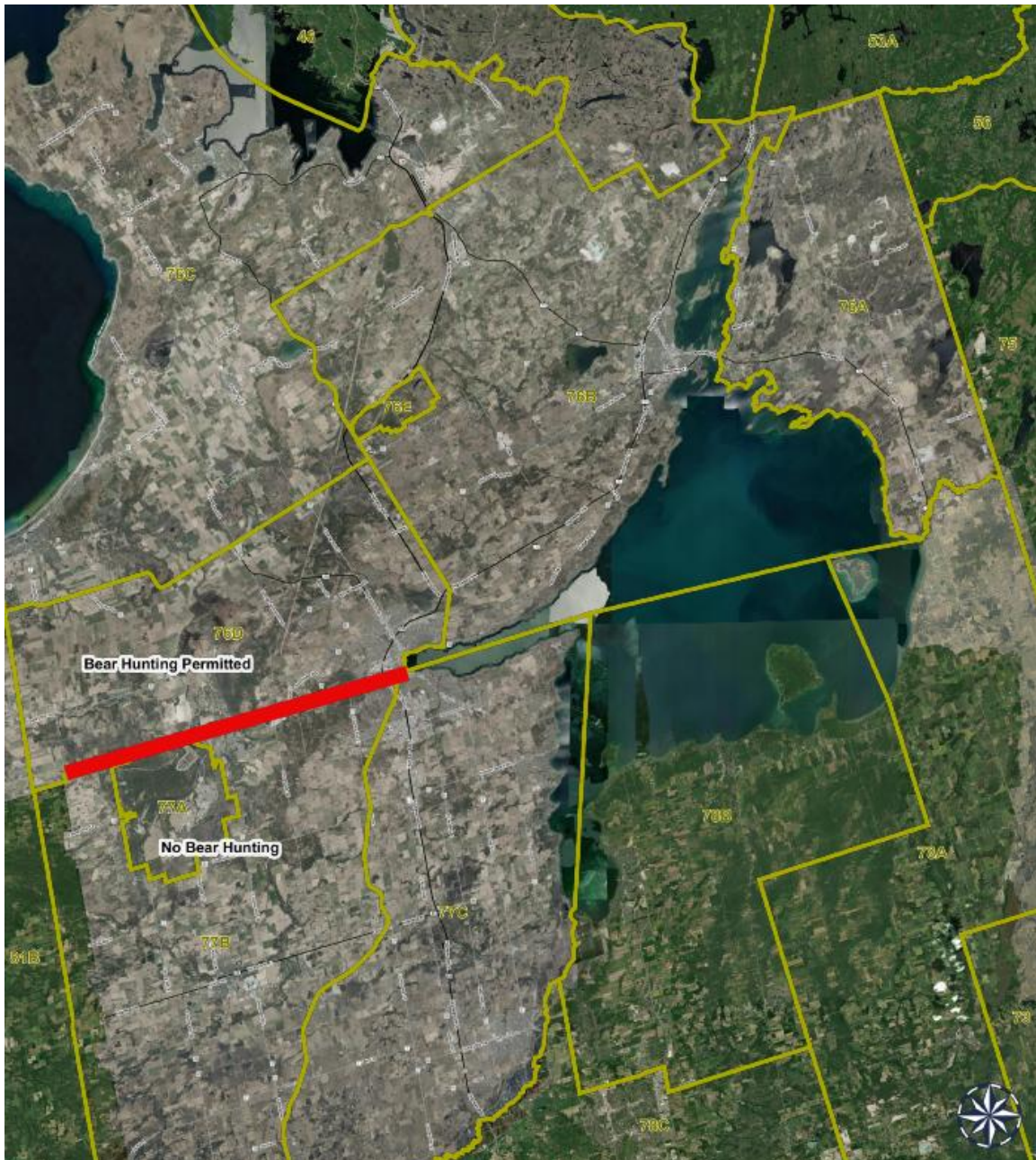
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Wildlife Species and Season Dates

Black Bear

Open Season dates: September 08 to November 30, 2026

This includes any Simcoe County Forest tract north of Barrie and Angus (**see map below**) that permits hunting. This is in Wild life Management Unit (WMU) 76.
(There is **no** open black bear season in WMU 77 – South Simcoe, south of Barrie and Angus).



As a reminder to all - you can use the interactive map to see what Wildlife Management Unit you are in here: [Public](#)

Small Game Hunting

Note: Small game hunting is permitted in any Simcoe County Forest tract that permits hunting.

Wild Turkey

Open Season dates: October 01 to 31, 2026 - Archery/Bow Hunting

October 13 to 25, 2026 - Shotgun and Archery/Bow Hunting

Ruffed Grouse

Open Season dates: September 25 to December 31, 2026

Cottontail and European Hare, Snowshoe (Varying) Hare

Open Season dates: September 25, 2026 to the last day of February 2027

Gray (black) and Fox Squirrels

Open season dates: September 25 to December 31, 2026

White-tailed Deer

Note: White-tailed deer hunting is permitted in any Simcoe County Forest tract that permits hunting.

White-tailed Deer (Archery/Bows only)

Open Season dates: October 01 to November 01, 2026

November 07 to November 29, 2026

December 05 to December 31, 2026

White-tailed Deer (Controlled Hunt)

Open Season dates: November 02 to November 06, 2026

November 30 to December 04, 2026

I would invite anyone who has specific questions to email me directly at (d_evers@rogers.com) or contact me by telephone at one of the following numbers; Cell Phone 705-305-7786 or Residence Telephone 705-436-4521.

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