



'Tis the Season to Watch for Deer

By Rep Joe Emrick

With deer becoming increasingly active, and daylight-saving time soon to put more vehicles on the road between dawn and dusk, when deer move most, the Pennsylvania Game Commission is reminding motorists to slow down and stay alert.

Data from around the country indicates Pennsylvania drivers face some of the highest risks of a vehicle collision with a deer or other large animal. A recent report shows Pennsylvania led the country in animal-collision insurance claims in fiscal year 2023-24. The same report indicates Pennsylvania drivers have a 1-in-61 chance of a vehicular accident involving a big game animal, one of the highest rates nationwide.



Drivers can reduce their chances of collisions with deer by staying alert and better understanding deer behavior. Be especially alert in "Deer Crossing" areas, and remember deer tend to travel in family groups, so if you see one deer, more are likely coming. For more information about what to do if you hit a deer, click [here](#).

To report a dead deer for removal from state roads, motorists can call the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at 1-800-FIX-ROAD. If the deer is on a locally owned road, contact the appropriate municipality.



Fall turkey season begins Saturday, November 2.

Season lengths vary by WMU, and the fall season is closed in WMUs 5C and 5D. Hunters may harvest one bird (bearded or unbearded) with a shotgun or archery gear only. Check p. 35 of the Hunting & Trapping Digest for more details on regulations.



As The Rut Approaches, Now Is An Incredible Time To Be A Pennsylvania Deer Hunter!

Sunday hunting is open to deer archery hunters statewide on November 17 and in WMUs 2B, 5C, and 5D only on November 24.

Find more information on Sunday hunting on p. 4 of the Hunting & Trapping Digest.



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