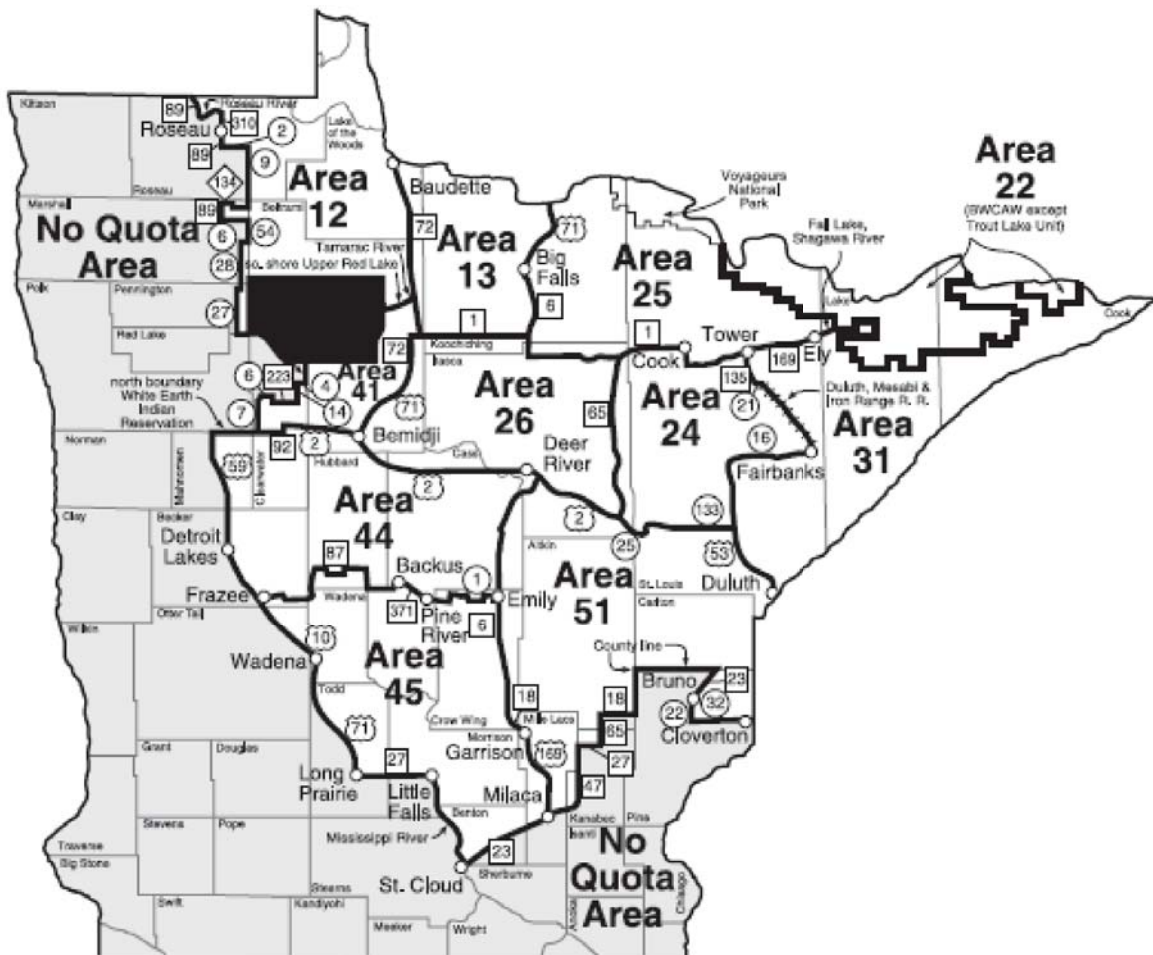


2010 BEAR HUNT PERMIT AND NO-QUOTA AREAS

Season Dates: September 1 - October 17

Baiting may not begin prior to August 13, 2010. The establishment of bear bait stations is prohibited in Area 22 (Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness), but hunters may use baits or attractants that are attended at all times by the hunter (removed when not hunting).



Areas Open to Hunting

- The **No-Quota Areas** outside of the Permit Areas are opened only to bear hunters licensed under the No-Quota licensing provision. A hunter with such a license is restricted to the No-Quota Area for which the license is issued.

Note: Most No-Quota Areas are private land and hunters are responsible for locating a place prior to buying a license. Bear numbers are very low in most of the No-Quota Areas.

- The **Permit Areas** are open only to hunters who have been issued a license through the preference drawing system. A hunter with such a license is restricted to the Bear Permit Area for which the license is issued.

2010 BEAR HUNTING REGULATIONS

Please read the following regulations carefully. In addition, general hunting regulations and legal firearms and bows and arrows for big game hunting are described in the 2010 Hunting and Trapping Regulations, which will be available in August.

LICENSE TYPES, ELIGIBILITY, AND COSTS

Licensing: Two types of hunting licenses are available: 1) Permit Areas: A total of 9,500 permits were offered through a lottery drawing in 11 permit areas (see map). Hunters with licenses for permit areas are allowed to hunt for bears only in the permit area listed on their license. 2) No-Quota Areas: An unlimited number of permits are available for purchase over-the-counter to take bears in the No-Quota Area, which is the part of the state outside of the 11 Permit Areas.

Eligible Hunters: Both license types require that individuals be at least 10 years of age for residents, 12 for nonresidents, prior to hunting, and have not had their big game hunting privileges suspended pursuant to M.S. Section 97A.421. In addition, anyone born on or after January 1, 1980, must have a Firearm Safety Certificate (or equivalent), or other evidence of successfully completing a hunter safety course to obtain a bear hunting license.

No-Quota License Purchase: No-Quota licenses may be purchased by any eligible person. Licenses are available after June 1. No-Quota licenses are allowed only outside of the 11 permit areas. Obtaining a No-Quota bear hunting license has no effect upon eligibility or preference in drawings for Permit Areas.

License Fees: \$39.00 resident age 12 and over. Ages 10 and 11 must obtain a license, but will pay no fee. \$201.00 nonresident. Price includes issuing fee.

SEASON DATES, SHOOTING HOURS, AND BAG LIMITS

Season Dates: The 2010 bear hunting season is September 1 - October 17, in all Permit Areas and in the No-Quota Areas.

Bag Limit: Bag limit is one bear in quota zones and two bears in no-quota zones during any calendar year whether by firearm or archery. Bears taken may be either sex or any age except bear cubs. Cub bears are defined as bears less than one year old. No party hunting for bears is allowed. This means no hunter may kill a bear for another hunter, and hunters may only tag a bear they, themselves, have killed.

Shooting Hours: Legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

BAIT STATIONS AND GARBAGE DUMPS

Definitions: "Bait" is any material placed for the purpose of attracting or attempting to attract bears. A bear "bait station" is any location where bait is placed for the purpose of hunting. Materials that are at all times attended by the hunter are not considered a bait station.

The following materials may not be used as baits for bear.

- A carcass from a mammal containing more than 25 percent of the intact carcass.
- Meat from mammals that contains bones.
- Bones of mammals.
- Solid waste containing bottles, cans, plastic, paper, or metal.
- Materials that are not readily biodegradable.
- Any part of a swine, except cured pork.

Note: 55-gallon drums, pails, plastic garbage bags, or other containers may not be left unattended at bait stations.

Establishing Bait Stations: A person may not hunt bears within 100 yards of a bait station, unless it is registered and marked with a sign in accordance with the following regulations:

- **Requirement for Placing Bait:** A person may not place bait for bears on or after August 13 unless the person has a 2010 bear license or is operating under the direction of a person with a 2010 bear license. If you are baiting for someone else, you must have their MN DNR number in your possession.
- **Date:** A person may not establish, service, maintain or place a sign for any bait station prior to August 13. A person may not establish a bait station within 100 yards of any site where bait has been placed before August 13.
- **Bait Station Registration:** A person may not establish a bait station without registering it with the DNR. The name, address, MN DNR number, and telephone number of the person who established the bait station and the county, township, range, and section for which the bait station is established must be mailed, no later than the next postal service day after establishing the bait station. Bait station registration forms should be mailed to the appropriate address as per the instructions on the forms.
- **Bait Station Signs:** A person who establishes a bait station must display a sign at the site. The sign must be made of plastic, wood, or metal and be at least 6-by-10 inches in size. The sign must contain the full name and MN DNR number or MN driver's license number, or the full name, address, and telephone number of the person placing the bait. The letters and numbers must be legibly printed and either painted or impressed on the sign material. Bait station signs must be prominently displayed between 6 and 10 feet above the natural ground level, and within 20 feet of the bait. Signs must be removed within 48 hours after the close of the bear season.
- **Other Baiting Provisions:** A person may establish and maintain a bait station for someone else, without payment, if the station is registered and displays a sign containing the name and driver's license number of the person who is actually doing the baiting and the name and MN DNR number of the person for which the bait is placed. A person may not establish a bait station within 150 yards of an established campsite. A person may not establish a bait station in Bear Permit Area 22 (Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the portion of the BWCAW outside of Bear Permit Area 22). A person may not establish a bait station or take a bear within one-half mile of a garbage dump.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

White Bears: May not take a white bear. A white bear was present in parts of Northern MN in 1998, and hunters in all areas should be aware of this regulation.

Dens: May not take or disturb any bear in a den.

Dogs: May not take or attempt to take bears with the aid of dogs.

Archery-Firearms Restriction: May take bears by archery while in possession of a firearm.

Sale of Meat, Organs, and Parts: May not sell meat or organs (including gall bladders) of a bear. May sell teeth, skulls, bones, hides, or claws of a lawfully taken bear. May not sell bear paws, unless attached to the hide.

TAGGING AND REGISTRATION

Site-Tagging: A person who takes a bear must tag it using the site tag that comes with the person's bear hunting license. The site tag must be fastened around the bears sternum (breast bone), through an ear, or around a leg bone or tendon, in such a way that the tag cannot be removed. See the deer tagging section of the 2010 Hunting and Trapping Handbook for tagging instructions.

Validation: You are required to validate the site tag by punching out or marking with a pen the date of the kill, the sex of the bear, and whether taken by firearm or archery. This tag must remain in the hunter's possession and must be attached before putting the bear in a vehicle or hanging it in camp.

Registration: A person who takes a bear must present it for registration at a bear registration station within 48 hours after taking and obtain a Big Game Possession Tag. Registration stations have large, orange "Big Game Registration" signs. A complete list of all stations is on the DNR's website at mndnr.gov. The possession tag must be affixed to the bear in the same manner as the site tag before the animal may be transported from the registration station.

Sub-dividing Bears Prior to Registration: Bears may be skinned, quartered, or further divided prior to transportation and registration, but all edible meat and all other parts of the bear retained by the hunter must be presented for registration at the same time.

Mandatory Tooth Collection: DNR researchers use the information from bear teeth to monitor bear populations. Every person who kills a bear must submit a tooth sample to the DNR (see instructions). Postage-paid envelopes for mailing the bear teeth to DNR are provided at registration stations. Each person who kills a bear is responsible for mailing the envelope to the DNR unless the registration station is collecting the materials. If you do not obtain an envelope at the registration station, put the samples and relevant information in an ordinary envelope and mail to: DNR Wildlife Research, Minnesota DNR, 1201 E. Highway 2, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. All individuals who submit a tooth sample will be sent information on the age of their bear and a bear cooperation patch.

NUISANCE BEARS

Nuisance bears may be taken by licensed hunters before the season in the area where the license is valid if authorized by a DNR Area Wildlife Manager or Conservation Officer. Nuisance bear taken by authorized licensed hunters before the season must be registered with the authorizing Area Wildlife Manager or Conservation Officer within 48 hours after taking.

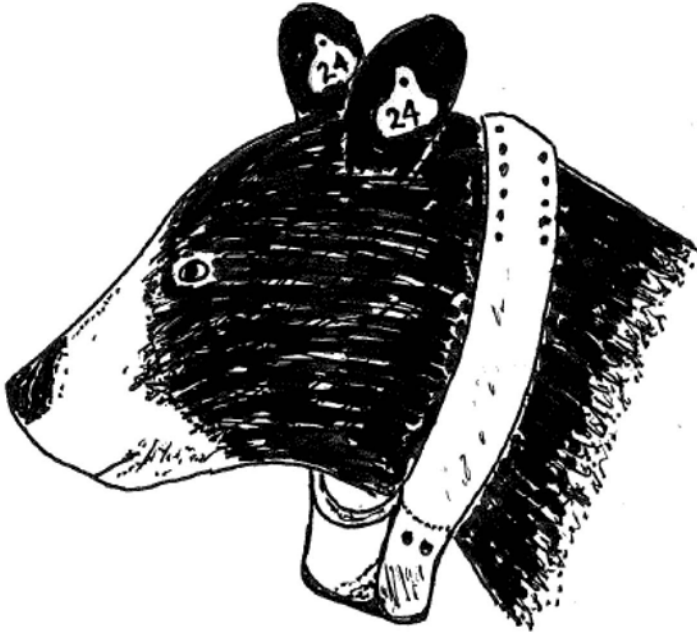
BEAR GUIDES

A person may not place bait or guide bear hunters for compensation without first obtaining a Bear Outfitters License (\$82.50, resident only) or Master Bear Outfitters License (\$165.00, resident only).

CITES EXPORT PERMITS

International trade in black bear hides (pelts), claws, skulls, or teeth is regulated by federal law and international treaty.

HUNTERS ARE ASKED NOT TO SHOOT EARTAGGED or RADIOCOLLARED BEARS



THESE BEARS ARE PART OF A STUDY.

THE INDIVIDUAL BEARS ARE VALUABLE, AS ARE THE COLLARS.

However, if you happen to shoot one, it is NOT illegal

(unless the bear is accompanied by a researcher who has identified it as a research bear).

Please:

- **Leave the radio-collar at a registration station, along with your name.**
- **Mail the ear tags in the tooth envelope.**
- **Call DNR Wildlife Research in Grand Rapids:**

Office – 218-327-4146 or 4133

After hours (home) – 218-328-5172 or 218-492-4504

LAW LIMITS CROSS-COUNTRY OHV USE IN STATE FORESTS THAT AFFECTS BEAR HUNTERS

Currently, state forests in Minnesota are classified as “closed”, “limited”, and “managed” for purposes of OHV use.

No OHV use is allowed in “closed” forests.

In forests classified as “limited”, OHV use is allowed only on trails that are posted open, or on roads that are not posted closed to vehicle travel.

In forests classified as “managed”, OHVs are allowed to be used, unless a trail or area is posted closed.

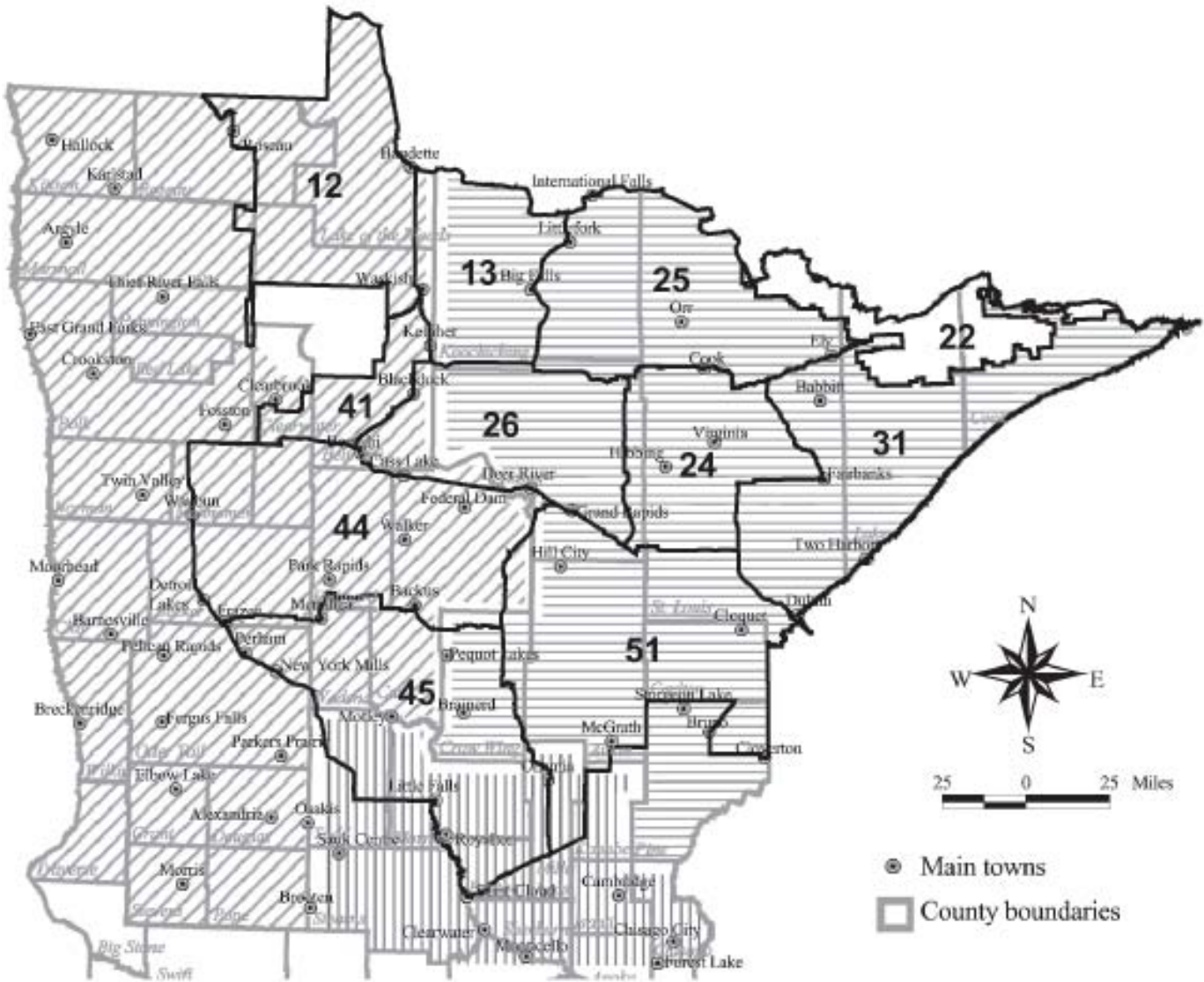
Under law, cross-country travel is prohibited, with a few exceptions. Cross-country travel is travel off of roads or trails, essentially breaking new trail. Exceptions to the cross-country travel ban (for both limited and managed forests) that will pertain to bear hunters are:

- Hunting or constructing hunting stands during October is allowed.
- Retrieving harvested bears during September and October is allowed.

These exceptions apply only to All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) less than 800cc engine displacement and 800 pounds total weight motorcycles. Trucks are not allowed cross-country travel. ATV use is regulated in state and national forests. See rules on using public lands in hunting regulations.

Note: These exceptions do not allow bear hunters to travel cross-country to place bait prior to October 1.

BEAR BAIT REGISTRATION AREAS



NW Region

DNR Division of Enforcement
 2115 Birchmont Beach Rd, NE
 Bemidji, MN 56601
 (218) 308-2635



Central Region

DNR Division of Enforcement
 1200 Warner Rd
 St. Paul, MN 55106
 (651) 259-5882



NE Region

DNR Division of Enforcement
 1201 E Highway 2
 Grand Rapids, MN 55744
 (218) 327-4424

BEAR BAIT STATION REGISTRATION

DIRECTIONS: Please clearly PRINT all information. Provide information below for each bait station you establish. You must use Township/Range/Section to register your baits. GPS coordinates may also be added to further identify locations, but you must use T/R/S to comply with the law.

Definitions: Township=North/South coordinates; Range=East/West coordinates; Section=#1-36. Township, Range, and Section information is available on a county highway map available from the MN Bookstore at 651-297-3000, or the Dept. of Transportation at 651-296-2216 (fee).

This form **must be mailed no later** than the next postal day following establishment of the bait station. Refer to the Bear Bait Registration Areas map to find the location of your bait station within the appropriate cross-hatched area. Mail your form to the address listed below that area.

PLEASE PRINT

Name (Last, First, MI)	Telephone (include area code)
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	
MN DNR Number (9 digit #)	

County	
Closet Town	
Township #	T-
Range #	R-
Section #	
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TOTAL number of bait stations established _____ **BEAR PERMIT AREA** _____

Signature _____ Date _____