

Information for Non-resident Black Bear Hunters

Requirement for a Licence Validation Certificate

A non-resident who wishes to hunt a black bear in Ontario must have a Non-Resident Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate (white copy) to validate their non-resident black bear hunting licence. This certificate can be obtained from a bear operator (operator of a tourist establishment, guide or air carrier) licensed in Ontario to provide black bear hunting services to non-residents.

The following non-residents are not required to use a licensed bear operator:

- A non-resident hunting with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt a black bear in a Wildlife Management Unit that has an open season for non-residents. An immediate relative is a person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, sibling or grandchild.
- A non-resident who is the owner of property in a WMU that has an open black bear season for non-residents.

A non-resident who qualifies under either of these two exceptions **MUST** contact a ministry office in the area of the hunt to apply for the validation certificate. A non-resident black bear hunting licence is not valid unless a validation certificate accompanies it. Where a property is owned by more than one person or by a corporation, only one validation certificate will be issued. The non-resident landowner may hunt only in the WMU where the property is located. See also Licence Information, page 14.

A non-resident hunter using the bear hunting services of an operator licensed to provide black bear hunting services must hunt only in the areas designated on the Non-Resident

Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate received from the operator. These areas can include Crown or private land located within a Bear Management Area (BMA) and private land located within a WMU designated on the operator's licence. The operator's licence does not permit the operator to provide bear hunting services on private land located within a BMA licensed to another operator. The operator must have the landowner's permission in order to provide bear hunting services to clients on private land.

Submitting Teeth From Your Harvested Black Bear

To receive an Ontario Bear Hunter Crest and information about the age of your harvested bear, submit its teeth to the issuer of your validation certificate along with your hunter mandatory report:

- (1) if you are hunting with a licenced bear operator, the operator will submit the teeth to the ministry on your behalf;
- (2) if you are a non-resident who is the owner of property or a non-resident hunting with an Ontario immediate relative, take the teeth to the ministry office that issued your validation certificate.

Mandatory Reporting

Non-resident hunters are required to report their black bear hunting activity and harvest by November 30 of the year of the hunt. To report, the hunter must complete, sign and date the hunter mandatory report on the pink copy of the Non-Resident Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate held by the issuer of the certificate (operator licensed to provide bear hunting services or ministry office). It is the responsibility of the issuer to return the hunter's completed mandatory report to the ministry.

2013 Black Bear Seasons Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loading guns

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	*Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
1A, 1C, 1D, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34**, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	** No hunting of black bear in Lake Superior Provincial Park portion of WMU 34.
7A	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only
46, 47, 49, 50, 53A, 53B, 64, 66, 67, 69A, 69B, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 83, the geographic townships of Keppel and Sarawak in 82A and the geographic township of Amabel in 84	Sept. 3 to Nov. 30	Sept. 3 to Nov. 30	
48, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 68	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	

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