



Ohio Revised Code

Section 1533.11 Special deer or wild turkey permits; fees; wildlife refunds fund.

Effective: September 30, 2025

Legislation: House Bill 96 (GA 136), House Bill 64 (GA 136)

(A)(1) Except as provided in this section or section 1533.731 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt deer on lands of another without first obtaining an annual deer permit. Except as provided in this section, no person shall hunt wild turkeys on lands of another without first obtaining an annual wild turkey permit. A deer or wild turkey permit is valid during the hunting license year in which the permit is purchased. Except as provided in rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, each applicant for a deer or wild turkey permit shall pay an annual fee for each permit in accordance with the following schedule:

<cp-base>Deer permit - resident</cp-base>	<cp-base>\$30.00</cp-base>
<cp-base>Deer permit - nonresident</cp-base>	<cp-base>\$210.00</cp-base>
<cp-base>Youth deer permit - resident and nonresident</cp-base>	<cp-base>\$15.00</cp-base>
<cp-base>Senior deer permit - resident</cp-base>	<cp-base>\$11.00</cp-base>
<cp-base>Wild turkey permit - resident</cp-base>	<cp-base>\$30.00</cp-base>
<cp-base>Wild turkey permit - nonresident</cp-base>	<cp-base>\$37.00</cp-base>
<cp-base>Youth wild turkey permit - resident and nonresident</cp-base>	<cp-base>\$15.00</cp-base>
<cp-base>Senior wild turkey permit - resident</cp-base>	<cp-base>\$11.00</cp-base>

(2) As used in division (A)(1) of this section:

- (a) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the age of eighteen years at the time of application for a permit.
- (b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-five years of age or older at the time of application for a permit.



(3) 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.

(4) Every person, while hunting deer or wild turkey on lands of another, shall carry the person's deer or wild turkey permit and exhibit it to any enforcement officer so requesting. Failure to so carry and exhibit such a permit constitutes an offense under this section.

(5) The chief of the division of wildlife shall adopt any additional rules the chief considers necessary to carry out this section and section 1533.10 of the Revised Code.

(6) An owner who is a resident of this state or an owner who is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 1533.10 of the Revised Code and the spouse, parents, children of any age, and grandchildren under eighteen years of age of the owner of lands in this state may hunt deer or wild turkey thereon without a deer or wild turkey permit. If the owner of land in this state is a limited liability company or a limited liability partnership that consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, as applicable, an individual member or partner who is a resident of this state and the member's or partner's parents, children of any age, and grandchildren under eighteen years of age may hunt deer or wild turkey on the land owned by the limited liability company or limited liability partnership without a deer or wild turkey permit. In addition, if the owner of land in this state is a trust that has a total of three or fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the individual's parents, children of any age, and grandchildren under eighteen years of age may hunt deer or wild turkey on the land owned by the trust without a 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 deer or wild turkey permit.

(B) A deer or wild turkey permit is not transferable. No person shall carry a deer or wild turkey permit issued in the name of another person.

(C) The wildlife refunds fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of money received from application fees for deer permits that are not issued. Money in the fund shall be used



to make refunds of such application fees.

(D) If the division establishes a system for the electronic submission of information regarding deer or wild turkey that are taken, the division shall allow the owner and the children of the owner of lands in this state to use the owner's name or address for purposes of submitting that information electronically via that system.

The Legislative Service Commission presents the text of this section as a composite of the section as amended by multiple acts of the General Assembly. This presentation recognizes the principle stated in R.C. 1.52(B) that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation.