

TRIGGER TIMES

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May 2025

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BOD Meeting

Thursday, May 1

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 15



NH Turkey Season

Opens May 1

Additional information is available online at
www.cpfgc.com

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- Ice Fishing Derby: Jim Nishina**..... (603) 793-0038 icefish@cpfgc.com
- Open House: Sharon Theobald** (978) 457-3821 openhouse@cpfgc.com
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- Turkey Shoot: *VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT***..... president@cpfgc.com

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**“SPRING CLEANING”
WORK PARTY**

Saturday, May 3 — 08:00-16:00

Free lunch is provided, and 10 hours of service in a year will earn you a 20% discount on next year’s membership dues!

For more information, contact:
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*Remember to volunteer
and help YOUR club!*

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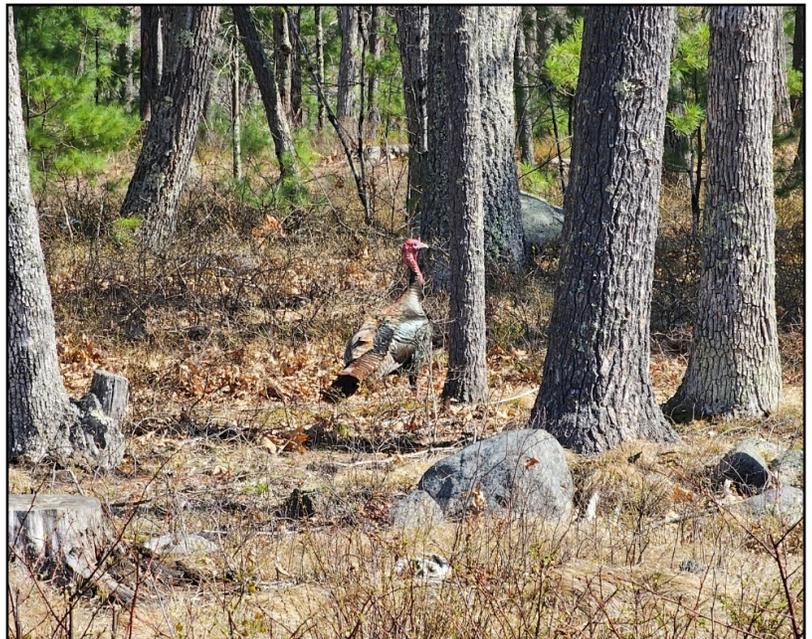
Wild Turkeys, New Hampshire's Conservation Success Story

Spring turkey season is upon us, but hunting these large birds would have been unthinkable in New Hampshire just a few decades ago. In the 1960's, when the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department was publishing data on game availability, it was reported that there were no wild turkeys anywhere in the state. In fact, the last wild turkey had been spotted in the Granite State more than 100 years ago in 1857 (Yankee Magazine, 2014). Habitat loss and a lack of hunting regulations throughout the 18th and 19th centuries had destroyed the native turkey population. But now, the turkey population in New Hampshire is well over 50,000 throughout the state, and these flocks seem to grow each year.

Attempts to reintroduce turkeys to New England were first made in the 1960's, but it was not until 1975 that the practice began to yield positive results. Wild turkeys that had been trapped in New York and Pennsylvania were released into the Connecticut River Valley and, as this first flock grew, the turkeys were relocated throughout the state (New Hampshire Magazine, 2012). With judicious management, habitat re-growth, and monumental efforts from wildlife biologists across the state, the wild turkey population exploded.

In 1985, just ten years after the first successful reintroduction of turkeys to the state, New Hampshire opened its first permitted turkey hunting season. Even with hunting, the population continues to grow year over year prompting the addition of a second turkey tag available in the spring season, as well as a second hunting season in the fall. Even with the success of our turkey population, the NH Fish and Game department continues their efforts to manage both habitat and hunter success to ensure continued growth.

Current regulations specify that only turkeys with a beard may be hunted in the spring (usually these are toms and jakes, though occasionally a hen may have a beard). Turkey hunting also ends at noon every day, as hens usually only leave their nests in the warmer afternoon. Both of these regulations help to prevent the accidental targeting of breeding hens and ensure a healthy new generation of turkeys will hatch later in the spring. Efforts are also being made to diversify New Hampshire's habitat, as turkeys require old-growth and successional forests, as well as open fields, to thrive (New Hampshire Fish and Game Department). When you are hunting this year and you feel like you can't find a single tom in the whole state, remember that just 50 years ago there actually weren't any turkeys at all!



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY TRAP LEAGUE

First shoot is May 7!

May-July

Wednesdays at 17:00

To join, email the trap committee at

trap-lg@cpfgc.com



RANGE SAFETY OFFICER COURSE

**Interested in becoming an RSO?
Contact Paul Gilberti to arrange the
next course offerings!**

training@cpfgc.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 2025		Range closures are 1/2-hour before to 1/2-hour after the event, unless noted	**NOTE: Practice Plates: Outdoor Range closed 4:30-5PM			
TRAP: 9:00--	4 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY Indoor Range Closed 17:00-19:00	6	7 Rock'ham Ctry TRAP League: 5PM-	1 BOD MEETING 19:00 - Merrimack PD Qualls Outdoor Range 9-noon	2	3 OUTDOOR WORKPARTY 8:00 - 16:00 CLUB IS CLOSED
TRAP: 9:00--	5 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY Indoor Range Closed 17:00-19:00	13 Salisbury PD Qualls Outdoor Range 9am-4pm Practice PLATES 25yd - 5PM **	14 Rock'ham Ctry TRAP League: 5PM- Salisbury PD Qualls Outdoor Range 9am-4pm	8 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	9	10 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 13:00--
PLATES-Centerfire 9:00-14:00 Outdoor Range Closed TRAP: 9:00-- ORIENTATION 10:00-13:00 Indoor Range AIRGUN ONLY	12 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY Indoor Range Closed 17:00-19:00	20 Salisbury PD Qualls Outdoor Range 9am-4pm ARRL VE Exam 7PM	21 Rock'ham Ctry TRAP League: 5PM-	15 MONTHLY MEETING 19:00-- Indoor Range Closed	16 Salisbury PD Qualls Outdoor Range 9am-4pm	17 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 13:00--
PLATES-Rimfire 9:00-13:00 Outdoor Range Closed TRAP: 9:00-- Rifle Instructor Class Main Hall 8am-4 pm	19 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY Indoor Range Closed 17:00-19:00 BoyScouts Main Hall 6-8 PM Indoor Range closed	27 Practice PLATES 25yd - 5PM ** CPARG 18:30 - 21:00 Indoor range AIRGUN ONLY	28 Rock'ham Ctry TRAP League: 5PM-	22 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	23	24 TRAP: 13:00-- Rifle Instructor Class Main Hall 8am-4 pm
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