Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Annual Black Bear Regulation Booklet

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Black Bear Hunting Regulations

The regulations in this handbook are for black bear hunting. Hunters must abide by all other Tribal regulations. In the event of a conflict, these regulations control.

Applying for Bear Permits

Tribal Members interested in harvesting bear must apply for a harvest tag from the LRBOI Natural Resources Department. The application must include the top three management unit the Tribal Member is interested in.

Bag limits are one bear per year.

Black Bear Open Season:	**DATES: Sept 9—Oct 26, 2020**
Bear Management Units	2020 Tribal Tags Available
Baraga	54
Gwinn	45
Newberry	54
Baldwin	33
Gladwin	6
Red Oak	27

Possession and Transportation

A legal and current Tribal License and harvest/transport tag is required to take, transport and possess black bear. The tags are only valid in the specified bear management unit. The hunter must immediately fill out the harvest / transport tag and attach it to the lower jaw of the bear.

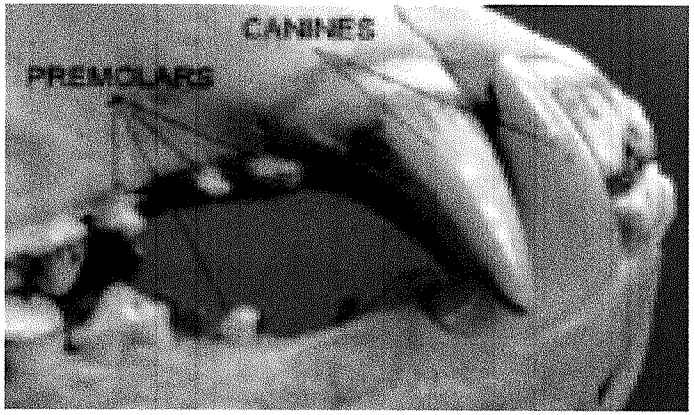
Lawfully taken black bear may be transported within or outside of the Ceded Territory providing the Tribal member has a valid and current Tribal license in their possession and the carcass has been properly sealed.

The harvest/transport tag must remain attached to the bear for transportation and until harvest seal is attached at a designated registration station.

Registration and Collection

The bear must be registered within three business days of the kill at a Tribally-certified or Michigan DNR station. Registration is mandatory. If checked at a state-run or other tribal facility, **Tribal Members must notify the LRBOI Natural Resources Department of the harvest and location of registration**. Hunters may present the entire carcass or just the hide with claws, head and teeth still attached. The sealed registration tag must be retained until all the meat is consumed or disposed of.

A premolar tooth will be collected when the bear is registered and used to determine the age of the bear and genetic information.



Baiting

Hunters may bait black bear subject to the following:

- Hunters may bait black bears with unlimited amounts of meat and meat products, fish and fish products, dog food, cat food, bakery or confectionary items such as jams, jellies, sweeteners, candies and other cooked or processed bakery items, including pie fillings and yogurts. **Products that contain chocolate or cocoa derivatives may not be used.**
- Hunters may use five gallons of grain per bait station, provided it is inaccessible to deer and elk. **Hunters cannot use grain in counties closed to deer and elk feeding or baiting unless it is placed in a barrel and is inaccessible to deer and elk.**
- All other materials, including fruits, vegetables, salt and minerals may be used in 100 lb. quantities starting September 15, except in counties closed to deer and elk feeding or baiting.
- All containers used to bait black bears on Tribal and public lands must be removed and disposed of properly.
- Hunters may not use bait that has been poisoned or medicated or that will harm or stupefy the bear.
- Bait stations may not be established or tended in the Ceded Territory before August 9 or after October 26.

Barrel Baiting

Hunters who want to barrel bait are responsible for ensuring that they are on private, tribal, or state owned lands. Barrels are **NOT allowed on Commercial Forest Lands or U.S. Forest Service lands.**

Hunters using may use barrel baiting subject to the following on Tribally owned lands:

- Bait barrels used must be a minimum of 33 gallons securely anchored to a post in the ground with a chain or cable no more than eight feet in length; (note that this is different from state law)
- Bait barrels must have a secure lid and no more than three (3) open holes no greater than six (6) inch in diameter (note this is different from state law);
- Bait barrels that can utilize grains as bait can only have holes no greater than one (1) inch in diameter;
- Only one (1) barrel per bait station;
- Hunters are required to affix a tag with LRBOI and the hunter's tribal identification number or bear harvest tag number to the barrel; and

- Limit bait barrel locations within 400 yards of a road (note that this is different from state law).
- Bait inside the barrel must be removed at the close of the bear season.
- Barrels must be removed no later than five days after the close of the bear season.

Dogs

Hunters may use dogs subject to the following:

- Dogs may be trained by pursuing black bear from July 1 through August 30.
- All dogs must be immunized and licensed with the license or owner's identifying information on their collars.
- No more than six dogs may run as a pack, regardless of the number of hunters or the ownership of the dogs.
- Packs may not be relayed.
- Individual dogs may not be replaced during a hunt.
- Dogs may not be trained on a captive, tethered or caged bear.
- Dogs may not be trained or used to hunt black bear in the Upper Peninsula from September 4 through September 13, in the Lower Peninsula from September 8 through September 13 or in the Red Oak Management Unit from October 2 through October 8.
- Dogs must be owned by a tribal member (with Article 13 rights) when used outside of the designated state permitted periods.

Weapons and Ammunition Allowed

Tribal Members may use any of the following weapons and ammunition for a black bear hunt:

- Soft point or expanding bullets
- Center-fire rifles of .243 caliber or larger
- Rifled muzzle-loader of .40 caliber or larger (including rifled muzzle-loading handguns)
- Smooth bore muzzle-loader of .45 caliber or larger (including smooth bore muzzle-loading handguns)
- 12-gauge shotgun or larger, using slugs
- Bows with a pull of at least 30 pounds
- Crossbows with a pull of at least 100 pounds

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- Arrows with broad heads having a cutting surface a minimum of one inch in diameter
- Conventional (smokeless powder) handguns of .357 caliber or larger, with straight walled cartridges only (single or multiple shot, but cannot exceed maximum capacity of 9 rounds in the magazine and barrel combined)
- Conventional (smokeless powder) handguns of .243 center-fire caliber or larger bottleneck cartridges (single or multiple shot, but cannot exceed maximum capacity of 9 rounds in the

Concealed Weapons

Hunters may not carry concealed weapons on Tribal lands. Tribal Members may carry handguns with a valid concealed pistol license (CPL). Handguns must be carried in plain view while in the field. Transportation of handguns carried under a CPL must be in accordance with the terms of the CPL.

Weapons and Ammunition Prohibited

Tribal Members **may not** use:

- Fully automatic firearms (possession during bear hunt also prohibited)
- Semi-automatic or center-fired rifles capable of holding more than 6 shells in both the chamber and magazine combined
- Cartridges containing either tracer or exploding bullets
- Devices known or used to silence firearms unless the hunter meets all federal compliance requirements for use of a suppressor
- Firearms not specifically listed on page 5 of this booklet
- Explosives, live decoys, pitfalls, traps, poisons, medicated bait or harmful or stupefying substances

Shooting Hours

Shooting hours are half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset, local time. Tribal Members hunting black bear may not shoot a firearm, crossbow or bow outside of these hours.

Miscellaneous Restrictions

Tribal Members may not engage in any of the following during a black bear hunt:

- The use of explosives, live decoys, pitfalls, traps, poisons, medicated bait or harmful or stupefying substances
- Shooting bears in dens or landfills
- Shooting cubs or sows with cubs

Tribal Members may not sell black bear parts, hides, meat or internal organs.

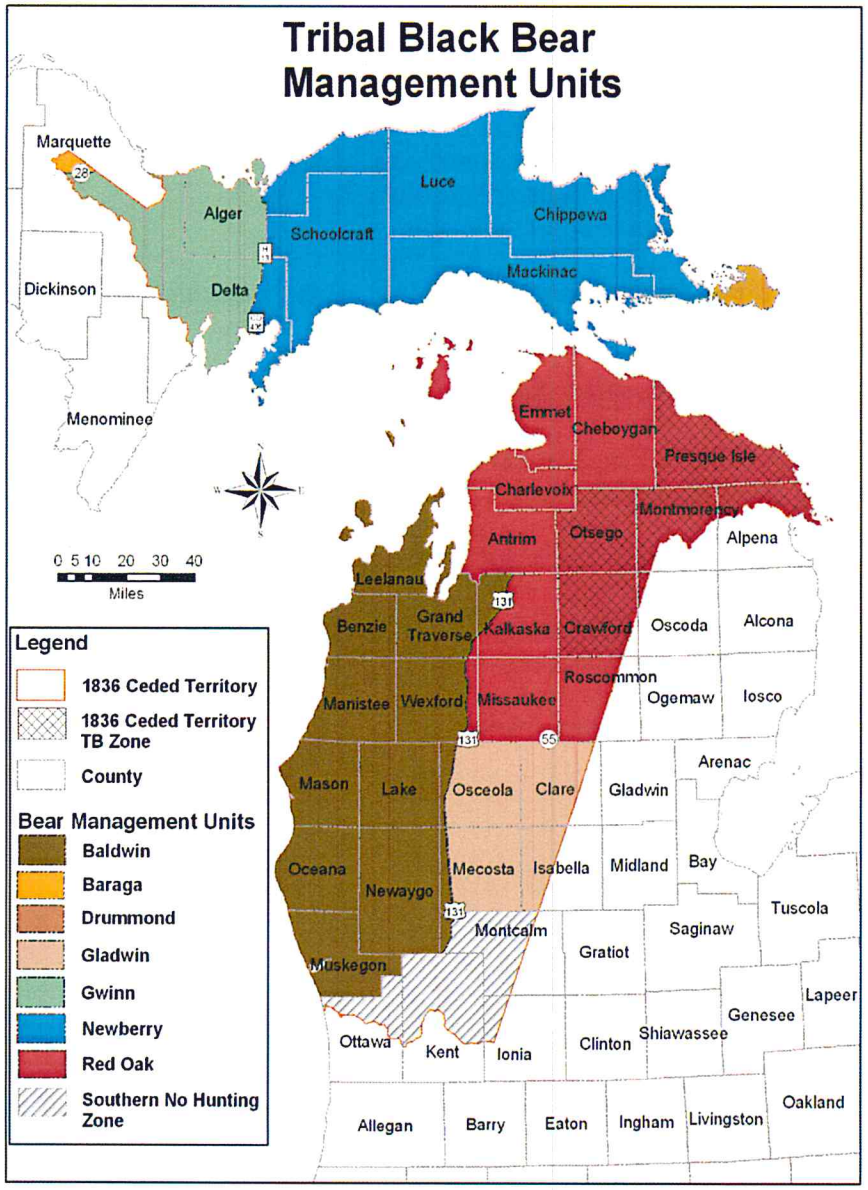
Black Bear Hunting Season

The 2020 Black Bear hunting season is September 9 — October 26 in all Bear Management units.

For more information contact:

Natural Resource Department: 231-723-1594
Conservation Law Enforcement: 231-723-6241

Weekends/After hours: Contact
Central Dispatch: 231-723-6241


Tribal Black Bear Management Units
Marquette
Alger
Luce
Chippewa
Schoolcraft
Mackinac
Dickinson
Delta
Menominee
Emmet
Cheboygan
Presque Isle
Charlevoix
Montmorency
Antrim
Otsego
Alpena
Leelanau
Benzie
Grand Traverse
Kalkaska
Crawford
Oscoda
Alcona
Roscommon
Manistee
Wexford
Missaukee
Ogemaw
Iosco
Arenac
Mason
Lake
Osceola
Clare
Gladwin
Oceana
Newaygo
Mecosta
Isabella
Midland
Bay
Tuscola
Montcalm
Saginaw
Muskegon
Gratiot
Lapeer
Genesee
Ottawa
Kent
Ionia
Clinton
Shiawassee
Oakland
Allegan
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1836 Ceded Territory
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County
Bear Management Units
Baldwin
Baraga
Drummond
Gladwin
Gwinn
Newberry
Red Oak
Southern No Hunting Zone