

Youth Trapping in Ontario

Trapping is an activity of significant historical, social and cultural value and one that results in economic benefits to communities and individuals throughout Ontario.

Trapping is the oldest industry in Canada, representing an important heritage activity and is also an important tool for managing furbearer populations.

Why allow youth to trap?

A youth trapping program will provide recreational and outdoor benefits to young people, pass along family traditions and promote succession planning in the trapping industry through the recruitment of new trappers.



Photo: A. Chartrand

Qualifications required for youth trappers.

Youth will be permitted to obtain a trapping licence if they meet the following qualifications:

- Between the age of 12 and 15 years
- Resident of Ontario or Canadian citizen.
- Successful completion of the 40 hour Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course.
- Written parental/guardian consent.

Upon successful completion of the course, youth will be eligible to apply for a trapping licence. Licenced youth will be permitted to participate in most aspects of trapping including; setting traps and preparing and selling the pelts of furbearing mammals. Licenced youth will only be permitted to trap under the direct supervision of an experienced mentor trapper who is at least 18 years of age.

Can youth trappers use firearms?

Youth who wish to use a firearm may do so if:

1. They hold a Class A1 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card (for firearms); or
2. They hold a Class H1 (hunting) outdoors card.
3. Youth may only use a single firearm which is shared with the mentor trapper.

How can you apply?

Contact your local Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Office at www.mnr.gov.on.ca.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your local MNR or one of these trapping licence issuing authorities:

Ontario Fur Managers Federation
www.furmanagers.com

Union of Ontario Indians (UOI)
www.anishinabek.ca

Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN)
www.nan.on.ca

Grand Council Treaty #3
www.gct3.net

According to Ontario Regulation 667/98 (Trapping), made under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, a trapping licence may be issued to an applicant who is at least 12 years of age and under 16 years of age, if the applicant files with the application a consent. The consent must be signed by both parents, if the applicant resides with them or by one parent or guardian in all other cases. The *Letter of Consent* must be signed and submitted annually along with an *Ontario Trapping Licence – Application for Renewal* to obtain a Secondary Trapping Licence (Youth). Youth trappers will also be required to submit a *Mandatory Season-End Harvest Report* by June 10th of each licence year, which indicates the quantity of fur harvested, sold and kept on hand.

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Youth Trapper Information

Last Name	First Name
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Parent or Guardian Consent

We/I grant permission to allow the youth named above to acquire a Secondary Trapping Licence (Youth) and consent to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, or other trapping licence issuing authority, collecting this child's personal information on the *Ontario Trapping Licence – Application for Renewal and Mandatory Season-End Harvest Report* for the purposes of licencing, identification and enforcement.

Name of Parent/Guardian (First Last)	Signature	Date (yyyy/mm/dd)
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Mentor Information

I am at least 18 years of age, have an Ontario Trapping Licence, will provide direct supervision to the youth trapper named above, and consent to the indirect collection of my personal information by the MNR or other trapping licence issuing authority.

Name of Mentor (First Last)	Ontario Trapping Licence Number
Signature of Mentor	Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Personal information on this form is collected pursuant to regulations made under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, Statutes of Ontario, 1997, and will be used for the purpose of licensing, identification and enforcement. Please direct further enquiries to the District Manager of the MNR issuing district.