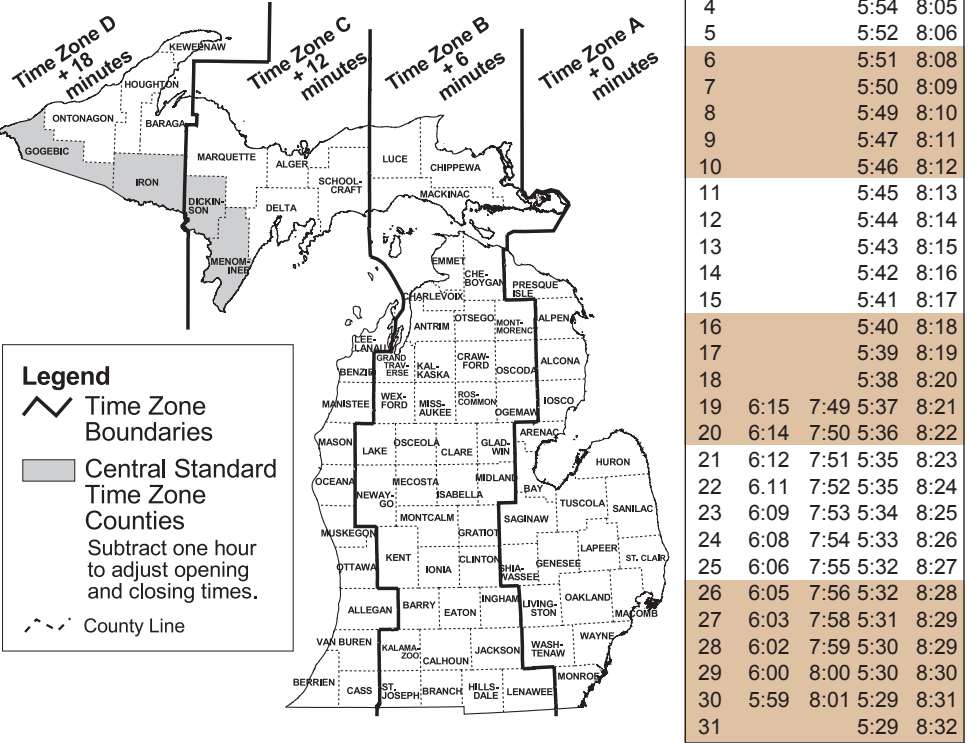


Spring Turkey Hunting Hours

Below is a map of the 2010 hunting hour zones. Actual legal hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset) for Zone A are printed below. To determine the opening (a.m.) or closing (p.m.) time in another zone, add the minutes shown on the map for the zone to the time from the Zone A Hunting Hours Table. The hunting hour listed in the table reflects Eastern Standard Time adjusted for daylight-saving time where appropriate. If you are hunting in Gogebic, Iron, Dickinson or Menominee counties (Central Standard Time), you must make an additional adjustment to the printed time by subtracting one hour.



Report January Sightings of Wild Turkey

Hunters can assist the DNR by reporting any sightings of wild turkeys during January. This information, which is kept confidential, is used to better manage the turkey resource. You can make your report online at www.michigan.gov/dnr, or you can contact a DNR office listed in this guide.

2010 Spring Turkey Workshops

The DNR, Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association (MWTHA), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) and other groups are cooperating to offer wild turkey hunter orientation courses. A fee may be charged and space may be limited. For details, contact:

Jan. 16	Comfort Inn, Big Rapids Michigan State Chapter, NWTF Steve Sharp (517) 566-8599	Mar. 27	D & R Sports, Kalamazoo SW MI Longbeards Chapter, NWTF Gary VanDyke (269) 649-0384
Mar. 6	Jay's Sporting Goods, Clare MI State Turkey Call Contest & Workshop Chad Stearns (989) 386-3475, ext. 523 cstearns@jaysportinggoods.com	Mar. 27	Charlotte Fairgrounds, Charlotte Eaton County Strutting Toms Theo Savage (517) 649-8580
		Apr. 3	Northland Sportsmen's Club, Gaylord Traverse Bay Chapter, MWTF Rick Riley (231) 549-2705
Mar. 9	Romulus-Wayne County Sportsman's Club Huron Valley Chapter, NWTF Mike Orzol (734) 283-5169 mjorzol@yahoo.com	Apr. 11	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress, Utica Hunting and Patterning Workshop Oakland Co. Beard & Spurs Chapter, NWTF Ted Hundich (586) 979-9128
Mar. 20	DeVos Place, Grand Rapids Ultimate Sports Show Grand Valley Chapter, NWTF Joe Macomber (616) 538-2862	Apr. 15	Cabela's, Dundee River Raisin Chapter, NWTF Chad Andrus (734) 529-4700 Chad.andrus@cabelas.com
Mar. 27	Baldwin High School, Baldwin Pere Marquette Chapter, MWTHA Jim Maturen (231) 832-2575	Apr. 17	Cabela's, Dundee River Raisin Chapter, NWTF Chad Andrus (734) 529-4700 Chad.andrus@cabelas.com
Mar. 27	Williams Gun Sight Co., Davison Flint River Chapter, NWTF Jim Miller (810) 736-1570 jmmturkey@att.net	Apr. 17	Cornwells Turkeyville USA, Marshall Turkeyville Tom's Workshop Sam Giese (269) 968-0066 fourhunts@aol.com

Using Spur Length to Age a Turkey

Spur Length (in.)	Curvature	Sharpness	Age of Gobbler
Less than 1/2	None	Rounded	Less than 1 year
1/2 to 1	Straight	Blunt	1 to 2 years
1 to 1-1/4	Slightly Curved	Pointed	2 to 3 years
Over 1-1/4	Curved	Sharp	Older than 3 years

Special Hunting Opportunities for Youth and Hunters with Disabilities

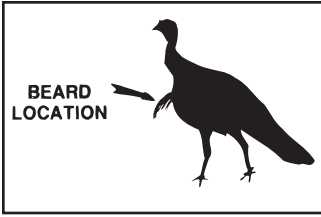
There will be a youth hunting opportunity at the Muskegon County Wastewater System on April 24-25. Plans include a youth turkey hunting workshop on Saturday, Jan. 23 and a youth orientation field day on Saturday, April 3. All participants must attend both events to be eligible. Please contact David Farhat at (231)767-0222 or Jon Gale at (231) 578-8154 or e-mail: MuskegonYouthHunt@gmail.com prior to the workshop. The Fort Custer Training Center near Battle Creek offers turkey hunting opportunities for properly licensed youth in late April (Hunt No. 301). A mentor is available for each participant, and the program includes a workshop the day before the hunt. Special hunting opportunities also are available for properly licensed hunters with a disability during May (Hunt No. 234). For more information, please call (269) 731-6570 or e-mail: jonathan.edgerly@us.army.mil.

General Rules

Hunting Hours—It is unlawful to take or attempt to take a turkey except from 1/2 hour before local sunrise to 1/2 hour before local sunset. See the hunting hours in this guide.

Bag Limit—One bearded turkey per licensed hunter.

See diagram for beard location. It is unlawful to take or possess a turkey that does not have a beard, or tag a bird you did not kill. Turkeys may not be taken while they are in a tree.



Hunting Methods—Hunters may use a bow and arrow, crossbow, a firearm that fires a fixed shotgun shell, or a muzzleloading shotgun for turkey hunting. It is illegal to use or carry afield any other firearm. The prohibition on carrying any other type of firearm does not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license or properly carried under authority of a specific exception from the requirement of a concealed pistol license. It is unlawful to use or carry any ammunition except shotgun shells loaded with No. 4 or smaller shot, or to use or carry loose shot larger than No. 4 for muzzleloading hunting. You may hunt turkeys from an elevated stand or tree using only a crossbow or a bow and arrow. The use of dogs or the use or possession of electronic devices that imitate wild turkey calls is illegal.

Authority to Hunt—A person shall not hunt wild turkeys in any area or during any hunt period other than the area and hunt period designated on their license.

Validating Kills—Immediately upon killing a turkey, a person shall validate their license by notching out the appropriate information as instructed on the license and securely attaching the license around a leg of the bird. A person shall not have in their possession or transport a turkey unless the validated license is attached to a leg of the bird. Although not required, you are encouraged to report your harvest online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Baiting Prohibited—It is unlawful to make use of bait to aid in the taking of a wild turkey. For the purpose of this regulation, "bait" means a substance composed of grain, fruit, vegetables or other food placed to lure or entice wild turkeys. This does not apply to standing farm crops (normal agricultural practices) or other natural growing grains, fruits or vegetables.

License—The license is not valid unless signed by the licensee. Licenses cannot be altered or transferred. It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one spring turkey hunting license. When hunting, you must carry your license and the identification used to purchase that license and exhibit both upon demand of a Michigan Conservation Officer, a Tribal Conservation Officer or any law enforcement officer.

Decoys—Mechanical, electronic or live decoys are prohibited. Mechanical decoy means any device that by design or construction uses motion as a visual stimulus to attract a wild turkey, except a wind sock or similar decoy body anchored at a fixed point into the ground and whose only motion is derived exclusively by power of the natural wind.

Recreational Trespass

This law requires permission from the landowner or lease holder before you may enter any farmlands or connected woodlots or on any fenced or posted private lands and prohibits discharge of a firearm within the right-of-way of public roads adjacent to these lands without permission of the landowner.

Wild Turkey Cooperator Patch

Michigan's wild turkey patch program is coordinated by the Michigan chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, in partnership with the DNR. Young hunters, ages 10-17, who have a valid wild turkey hunting license may receive a free patch. To receive a patch, please send name and complete address, along with a legible copy of the youth's valid wild turkey hunting license, to National Wild Turkey Federation, Wild Turkey Patch Program, P.O. Box 8, Orleans, MI 48865.

Adult hunters, collectors and other interested individuals may purchase the patch for \$5, including postage and handling. Only the current year patch is available for purchase. You do not have to harvest a turkey to purchase a patch. Send orders to the address above, and please make your check or money order payable to the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The NWTF is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the American wild turkey and the preservation of the hunting tradition. Proceeds from patch sales are used to fund wild turkey-related projects in Michigan. Each year the NWTF, working cooperatively with the DNR, contributes more than \$300,000 to wild turkey and hunter-heritage programs in Michigan.

Turkey Hunting Reporting Option

Turkey hunters, we need your help. After your hunting season has ended, please report your hunting activity on the Internet by visiting the Hunting section or Wild Turkey page at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Participation in this program is important to the future of turkey hunting. Information you provide will improve management and ensure that decisions regarding hunting seasons are based on the best information available.

NOTICE: This brochure is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for hunters' convenience. Copies of wildlife conservation orders can be obtained from our Web site, www.michigan.gov/dnr

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The Natural Resources Commission is the governing body for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In providing a strategic framework for the DNR to effectively manage the state's resources, the NRC works closely with a broad cross-section of constituencies to establish and continuously improve natural resources management policy.

Department of Natural Resources Directory

WILDLIFE DIVISION • P.O. BOX 30444 • LANSING MI 48909 • 517-373-1263

www.michigan.gov/dnr

Report All Poaching: 800-292-7800

The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga 427 US-41 North Baraga, MI 49908 (906) 353-6651	Southfield 26000 W. Eight Mile Road Southfield, MI 48034 (248) 359-9040	Plainwell 621 N. 10th St. Plainwell, MI 49080 (269) 685-6851
Bay City 3580 State Park Drive Bay City, MI 48706 (989) 684-9141	Marquette 1990 US-41 South Marquette, MI 49855 (906) 228-6561	Roscommon 1-75 & M-18 South 8717 N. Roscommon Road Roscommon, MI 48653 (989) 275-5151
Cadillac 8015 Mackinaw Trail Cadillac, MI 49601 (231) 775-9727	Newberry 5100 M-123 Newberry, MI 49868 (906) 293-5131	Rose Lake* 8562 E. Stoll Road East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 641-4903 *This is a field office
Gaylord 1732 W. M-32 Gaylord, MI 49735 (989) 732-3541		

Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.



The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunities for employment and access to Michigan's natural resources. Both state and federal laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, sex, height, weight or marital status under the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 as amended (MI PA 453 and MI PA 220, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act). If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, or if you desire additional information, please write: Human Resources, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909-7528 or the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Cadillac Place, Suite 3-600, 3054 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202 or the Division of Federal Assistance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.

- For application assistance, call (517) 373-1263.
- You will no longer be notified by mail.
- You are responsible for obtaining your drawing results online. Applicants will no longer be notified by mail.
- Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.
- You are responsible for obtaining a DNR application receipt that states "and retain as proof that you applied. Check this receipt for accuracy" on their receipt. The other partner will need this party ID number when each partnership chooses a hunt area and receives a "party ID" number.
- You may apply in a partnership with one other person. The first applicant of each partnership chooses a hunt area and receives a "party ID" number on their receipt. The other partner will need this party ID number when applying to complete the partnership. Make sure the party ID numbers are identical. Applicants who apply with more than one partner will be ineligible for the drawing.
- You may submit a single application only.
- You must be at least 10 years old by the time a license is purchased.
- DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or DNR Web site).
- State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
- Valid Michigan driver license
- You will need one of the following forms of customer identification:
 - Service Center or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr. It costs \$4 to apply.
 - You may apply for the license drawing at a license agent, DNR Operations

Application Information

During the Jan. 1-Feb. 1 spring turkey application period, hunters may purchase a license for Hunt No. 234 (Guaranteed Hunt Period) OR apply for a specific spring turkey management unit (see map). Hunters also may wait to purchase a leftover limited-quota license after the drawing. Leftover licenses will be sold until the quota is met for each hunt unit and may not be available for some units. Those who purchase a Hunt No. 234 license during the application period will not be charged the \$4 application fee. After Feb 1, Hunt No. 234 will be available only to those who applied. It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one spring turkey hunting license.

How to Obtain a Spring Turkey License

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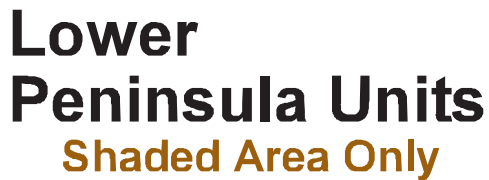
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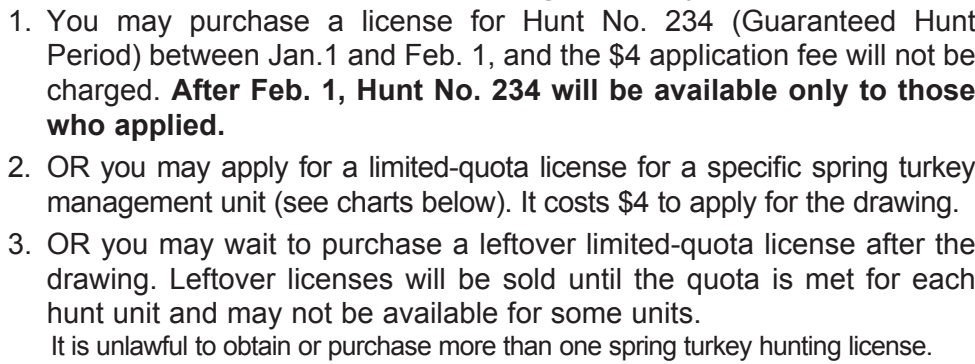
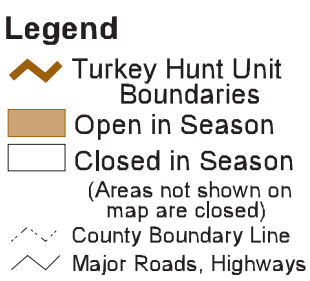
- No more than two applicants may apply as a party
- It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one spring turkey hunting license
- Report your hunting activity online

Upper Peninsula Units



Unit ZZ

(Unit is area below the black dotted line, and includes all units with letter "Z" prefix. See other section in this guide for details.)



Limited-Quota Hunt Units

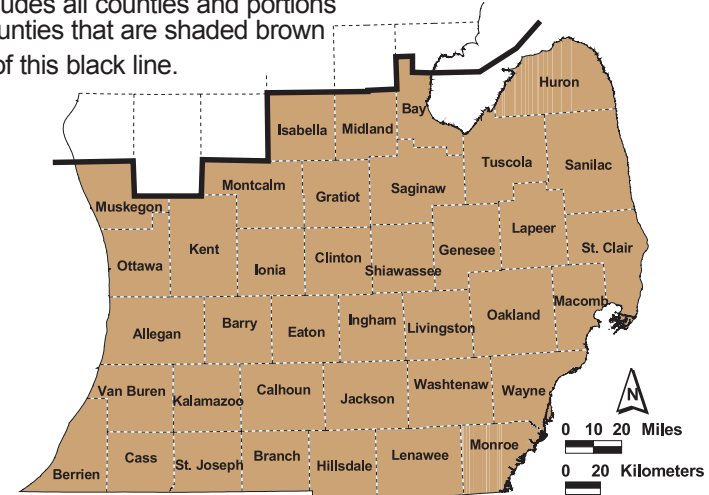
HUNT NUMBERS	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA**
0101	A	April 19-May 2	5,500
0102	E	April 19-April 25	850
0103	E	April 26-May 2	850
0104	F	April 19-April 25	2,500
0105	F	April 26-May 2	2,500
0106	J	April 19-April 25	2,000
0107	J	April 26-May 2	2,000
0108	K	April 19-April 25	4,000
0109	K	April 26-May 2	4,500
0110	M	April 19-May 31	8,000
0111	ZA	April 19-April 25	1,200
0112	ZA	April 26-May 2	1,200
0113	ZA	May 3-May 9	1,200
0114	ZA	May 10-May 31	1,200
0115	ZB	April 19-April 25	400
0116	ZB	April 26-May 2	450
0117	ZB	May 3-May 9	450
0118	ZB	May 10-May 31	450
0119	ZC	April 19-April 25	500
0120	ZC	April 26-May 2	500
0121	ZC	May 3-May 9	500
0122	ZC	May 10-May 31	500
0123	ZD	April 19-April 25	10
0124	ZD	April 26-May 2	10
0125	ZD	May 3-May 9	10
0126	ZD	May 10-May 31	10
0127	ZE	April 19-April 25	500
0128	ZE	April 26-May 2	500
0129	ZE	May 3-May 9	500
0130	ZE	May 10-May 31	500
0131	ZF	April 19-April 25	1,300
0132	ZF	April 26-May 2	1,300
0133	ZF	May 3-May 31	3,000

Private Land Only Licenses

HUNT NUMBER	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA
0301	ZZ	April 19-May 2	65,000***

*** Quota may be adjusted based on application rate.

Unit ZZ includes all counties and portions of those counties that are shaded brown and south of this black line.



The private land only licenses are not valid on county, state or federal lands, except Hunt No. 301 (Unit ZZ) may be used to hunt Fort Custer military lands with permission. You are encouraged to have permission to hunt private lands before applying for one of these licenses.

- 1 Look at the map and choose a hunt unit.
- 2 Find the hunt number for the hunt unit you chose. You may make two choices.
- 3 Complete worksheet.
- 4 Apply at a license agent, or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.
- 5 It is unlawful to apply more than once.
- 6 Check your receipt. Retain receipt as proof of application.

Note: You must get a new party ID number each year, even if you apply for the same hunt number and have the same partner.

Item No.	Name	Cost
165	Spring Turkey Application	\$4.00
166	Spring Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
167	Spring Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
168	Spring Turkey Nonresident License*	\$69.00
266	Leftover Spring Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
267	Leftover Spring Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
268	Leftover Spring Turkey Nonresident License	\$69.00
366	OTC Spring Turkey Resident License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$15.00
367	OTC Spring Turkey Senior License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$6.00
368	OTC Spring Turkey Nonresident License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$69.00
611	Apprentice Spring Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
612	Apprentice Spring Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
613	Apprentice Spring Turkey Nonresident License*	\$69.00
614	Apprentice OTC Spring Turkey Resident License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$15.00
615	Apprentice OTC Spring Turkey Senior License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$6.00
616	Apprentice OTC Spring Turkey Nonresident License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$69.00
617	Apprentice Leftover Spring Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
618	Apprentice Leftover Spring Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
619	Apprentice Leftover Spring Turkey Nonresident License	\$69.00

*Nonresidents under age 17 may purchase a resident license.

OTC = Over the counter. These licenses may not be purchased after Feb. 1.

If you have any questions, call (517) 373-1204

It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one spring turkey hunting license

Violations of turkey hunting regulations, including application violations, are misdemeanors. Misdemeanors shall be punishable by 5 to 90 days imprisonment, and \$200 to \$1,000 fines, and license revocation for up to three years. Reimbursement to the state for unlawful taking of a wild turkey is \$1,000 per animal.

The spring wild turkey season offers the perfect setting for experienced turkey hunters to share their knowledge and skills with other hunters, or introduce the sport to new hunters. Turkey hunting is a challenging, interactive activity, which is best shared with others. Learning the habits and behaviors of wild turkeys, scouting, practicing calling, etc., all can be more rewarding when two or more people work together as a team. Hunters who fill their tag can get that same enjoyment and satisfaction by helping a youngster with his or her first turkey hunting experience. A youth must be at least 10 years old by the time a license is purchased. Remember, if you plan to mentor an apprentice hunter, you also must possess a valid 2010 spring turkey hunting license. The license does not have to be for the same management unit or the same hunt dates.

- Be sure of your target.
- Know the capabilities of your gun or bow and use it safely.
- Make sure the bird is within range of the shotgun and shoot at only the neck and head area.
- Never presume that what you hear is a turkey. Many turkey hunters are very good and convincing callers.
- Do not move if you see another hunter — speak to other hunters encountered, but do not move until absolutely sure the hunter knows you are there.

REPORT ALL POACHING

Call: 800-292-7800