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WHAT'S NEW

FOR 2020 – 2021

There are several important changes for the 2020–2021 hunting and trapping seasons.

1. Tag Before You Drag - new requirement this year! Before moving your harvested big game, you must either check it in on your smartphone or physically tag the animal. All physically tagged animals must be checked in before midnight. See page 25.
2. The statewide bag limit for spring turkey has been reduced from 4 to 3. See page 39.
3. Five counties adjacent to the Mississippi River form a new spring turkey unit (Mississippi Alluvial Valley or MAV) with a two-week delayed spring turkey season opener and a reduced, unit-wide bag limit of 2. See page 39.
4. Southern Middle Tennessee counties of Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln and Wayne Counties have a two-week delayed spring turkey season opener. See page 39.
5. The fall turkey season has been closed in Lincoln County. See page 39.
6. Hunting dates have changed in Bear Hunt Zones 1, 2, and 3. See page 36.
7. Incidental take of one either sex elk by licensed deer hunters in non-elk restoration counties is allowed. This is only allowed outside of Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Morgan and Scott Counties. See page 35.
8. The definition for legal trapping devices has changed. See pages 13–14.
9. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, hand-held drawing procedures for issuing season-long waterfowl blind permits (page 43) and sandhill crane tags (page 20) may differ than described in this guide. Go to www.tnwildlife.org for updated information.
10. Crow season has changed this year. See page 16.
11. New Veterans and Active Military personnel waterfowl hunting days have been added. See page 18.
12. The deer hunting unit “Unit CWD” has expanded to include Lauderdale, Gibson and Crockett Counties. See deer hunting units on page 26.
13. Unit CWD hunters will be able to use archery, muzzleloader or guns during three-day August hunt. See page 27.
14. Unit CWD hunters can now earn an unlimited number of antlered deer. See “Earn-A-Buck Program” on page 29.
15. In Unit CWD, gun season (G/M/A) will begin Saturday, Nov. 7 when the rest of the state begins muzzleloader season (M/A). See page 27.
16. New regulations for the Mississippi River Flood Closure Zone for big game hunts. Only the Caruthersville gauge is used, and the zone has been reduced in Lake and Dyer counties to include only those lands east of Hwy. 78. See page 24.



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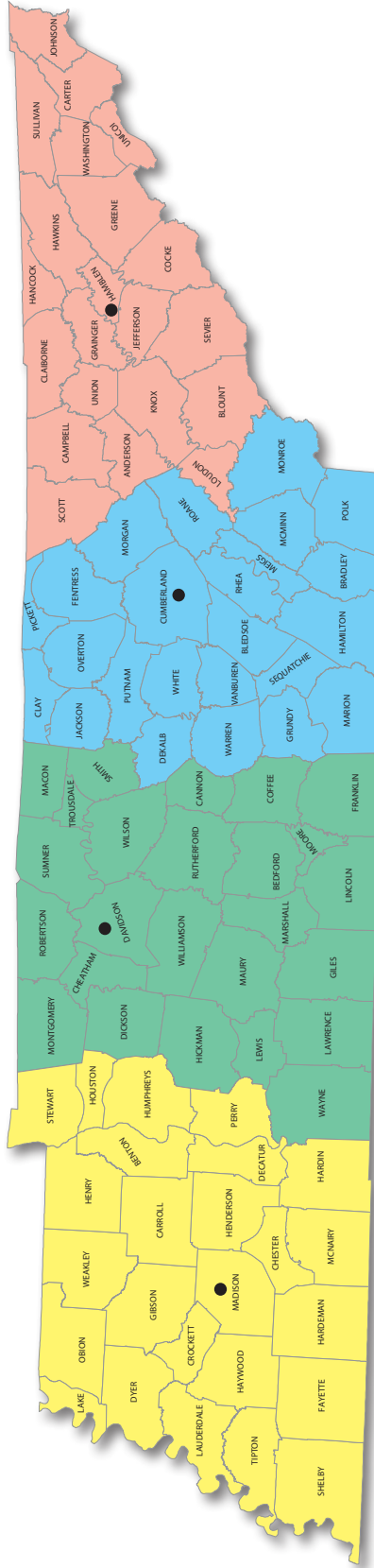
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& INFORMATION

General Information

Hunting and fishing licenses go on sale February 18 each year, the beginning of prime fishing, and are valid through the last day of February the following year.

Note: According to federal law, a Social Security Number is required to purchase a Tennessee hunting or fishing license.

Seasons are subject to change. License fees are subject to change. Migratory bird seasons are determined by federal regulations. Most licenses, except the Lifetime Sportsman License and specialty licenses, such as Wheelchair, Disabled Veteran, SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and Blind Fishing licenses, are available from most county clerks, sporting goods stores, hardware stores, marinas, the TWRA website (www.tnwildlife.org) and all TWRA regional offices.

Native Tennessean

Nonresidents who were born in Tennessee may apply for Native Tennessean annual licenses. These licenses provide nonresidents born in the state but

no longer residing in the state, the opportunity to purchase annual Tennessee hunting/fishing/trapping licenses at the same cost as resident first time applicants. Available by application only. Details and application available online at www.tnwildlife.org. Native non-residents who have previously applied can renew their licenses online at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com, through the TWRA OnTheGo app, or at any of our Tennessee license Agents.

Misplaced a License?

All hunting and fishing licenses including lifetime licenses may be replaced at no cost at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com any time 24/7/365. You can also replace your license at any license agent for a fee of \$8.00. Please verify your address at the time of purchase.

Resident License Purchase Information

Resident licenses can be purchased by:

- Persons who possess a valid Tennessee driver's license or Tennessee state ID issued by the

Department of Safety. Tennessee state law requires drivers to obtain a Tennessee driver's license within 30 days of residency. Out-of-state driver's license only accepted, for Military Personnel and Student meeting the criteria below.

- Persons who do not drive or do not possess a valid driver's license from another state, but who have lived in Tennessee for 90 consecutive days with the genuine intent of making Tennessee their permanent home, may prove residency by presenting to a TWRA license agent **any two** of the following documents:
 - » current Tennessee voter registration card;
 - » current Tennessee vehicle registration or title;
 - » Form I-94 issued by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service
 - » current rental/mortgage contract or receipt including deed of sale for property or receipt for payment of Tennessee real estate taxes within last year
- Military personnel on active duty in this state and children under 16 years of age who reside with them, regardless of Tennessee resident status.
- Students who are enrolled in a Tennessee school, college or university for at least six months, with an appropriate student ID.

Buy your license online at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com

Lifetime Sportsman

Age determines the cost.

An all-inclusive lifetime license is available only to Tennessee residents and valid for hunting, trapping and sport fishing without any TWRA supplemental licenses or permits (not including the Tennessee Guide License). It allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. This license is available via application only and must be sent in with the required documentation.

Applications must be submitted by email (lifetime.license@tn.gov), mail (address on application), fax (615-837-4262), or to TWRA regional offices.

LICENSE	FEE
Type 401 (Under 3 years)	\$200.00
Type 406 (Ages 3–6)	\$659.00
Type 402 (Ages 7–12)	\$988.00
Type 403 (Ages 13–50)	\$1,976.00
Type 404 (Ages 51–64)	\$1,153.00
Type 405 (Ages 65 & over)	\$329.00

Resident Licenses

LICENSE	FEE
Hunting and Fishing Combination (Type 001) Minimum license required to fish and/or hunt small game statewide	\$34.00
Supplemental Licenses (Types 005, 009, 010, 011, 015 or 019) are required and must be purchased, in addition to the Type 001 license, in order to hunt deer, elk, bear, turkey and waterfowl. The type of hunting equipment to be used determines which supplemental license is necessary.	
Waterfowl (Type 005)	\$38.00
Annual Big Game Gun (Type 009)	\$34.00
Annual Big Game Archery (Type 010)	\$34.00
Annual Big Game Muzzleloader (Type 011)	\$34.00
Resident Elk License (Type 015)	\$34.00
This permit is required after successfully being drawn for the annual elk quota hunt. Annual Sportsman and Lifetime License holders are exempt from having to purchase the Elk Permit.	
Trapping (Type 019)	\$34.00

Buy your license online at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com**Resident Licenses (continued)****LICENSE****FEE**

The licenses below are only available via application. Applications are available at regional offices or at www.tnwildlife.org

Annual Sportsman (Type 004)**\$166.00**

An all-inclusive license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any TWRA supplemental licenses or non-quota permits; allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. Annual Sportsman licenses can be purchased from all license agents.

Junior Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 002)**\$10.00**

Ages 13-15. Good for hunting all game, fishing and trapping. Must be purchased prior to 16th birthday. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as "left over" permits.

Permanent Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 166)**\$50.00**

Available at all license agents and can only be purchased on or after 65th birthday is reached. A valid Tennessee driver's license or proof of age and residency is required. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as "left over" permits.

Annual Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 164)**\$5.00**

Available at all license agents and can only be purchased on or after 65th birthday is reached. A valid Tennessee driver's license or proof of age and residency is required. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as "left over" permits.

Annual Senior Citizen Sportsman Permit (Type 167)**\$50.00**

An all-inclusive license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any TWRA supplemental licenses or non-quota permits and allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. Available at all license agents and can only be purchased on or after 65th birthday is reached.

Annual Resident Hunting & Fishing Disabled Under 18 (Type 168)**\$5.00**

Available to Tennessee residents under the age of 18 who meet the requirements of TCA 70-2-104 as amended. The certification of the total and permanent disability issued by a physician licensed to practice in Tennessee must accompany this application. Renewable annually with current fee. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.

Permanent Resident Hunting & Fishing Intellectually Disabled (Type 169)**\$10.00**

Tennessee residents over the age of 10 years may purchase by providing a certification by a physician licensed to practice in Tennessee as having an intellectual disability as described in TCA 33-1-101. Applicant will be required to complete the Hunter Education Course as provided in TCA 70-2-108. Additional restrictions are listed on the back of the license card. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.

Permanent Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing (Type 189)**\$10.00**

Available only by application to the TWRA Regional Offices. Application must be accompanied by a doctor's statement stating that the applicant is permanently confined to a wheelchair. Covers all license requirements to hunt and fish but holder must purchase any applicable permits. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.

Resident Licenses (continued)**LICENSE****FEE****Permanent DAV Hunting and Fishing (Type 198)****\$10.00**

Available only by application to the TWRA License Regional Offices for resident veterans certified by the VA as 30 percent disabled by reason of war service or 100 percent service connected. Covers all license requirements to hunt and fish but holder must purchase any applicable permits. Must provide DD214 form and Veterans Administration letter showing percent of disability. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.

Nonresident Licenses

These do not include WMA, special season permits, or quota hunt permits. See Type 094 on next page.

LICENSE**FEE****Junior Hunt/Fish (Type 070)****\$11.00**

Required for nonresidents ages 13-15 to fish or hunt small game. A Type 085 or 086 is required to hunt big game.

7-Day Junior ALL Game (Type 085)**\$26.50****Junior ALL Game Annual (Type 086)****\$42.00****7-Day Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl (Type 072)****\$61.50****Annual Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl (Type 071)****\$111.00****7-Day All Game (Type 074)****\$214.50****Annual All Game (Type 073)****\$306.00****Annual Trapping (Type 120)****\$201.00****Nonresident Elk License (Type 075)**

This permit is required after successfully being drawn for the annual elk quota hunt.

\$301.00**Apprentice Hunting License**

This is a supplemental license in lieu of a hunter education certificate. **All other applicable hunting licenses and/or permits are required.** This license is available to all hunters 10 years of age or older who have not completed the mandatory hunter education course. It exempts the hunter from the mandatory hunter education law for one year from the date of purchase, but may only be purchased for up to three consecutive years during the lifetime of the hunter. Hunters who possess this license must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must meet the hunter education requirements and be able to take immediate control of the hunting device.

LICENSE**FEE****Apprentice Hunting License (Type 012)****\$12.00****Guide License**

This license is required for anyone who accepts compensation for providing assistance to another in any act of hunting, fishing, and/or trapping and is only available via application

LICENSE**FEE****Resident Guide License (Type 450)****\$151.00****Nonresident Guide License (Type 455)****\$651.00**

Buy your license online at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com

Federal Duck Stamp

Federal law requires that each waterfowl hunter, age 16 and over, carry on his/her person, in addition to a hunting license and state migratory bird permit, a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) signed in ink across the face. These can be purchased at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com from July 1 to Jan. 17 or at the Post Office. You immediately get a temporary stamp and a physical stamp arrives in the mail within 30 days.

LICENSE	FEE
Federal Duck Stamp	\$25.00

Migratory Bird Permit Required

Resident and nonresident hunters must possess a Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit to hunt waterfowl and other migratory birds in Tennessee, available anywhere hunting and fishing licenses are sold. The following do not need but are **encouraged** to acquire this permit:

- Landowners hunting on their own land;
- Disabled veterans;
- Tennessee residents 65 years or older;
- Tennessee residents under 13 years of age;
- Lifetime Sportsman license holders; or
- Military personnel on leave or furlough (with leave papers)

LICENSE	FEE
Migratory Bird Permit (Type 006)	\$2.00
Migratory Bird Permit (Type 007)	no fee
Only available to Sportsman license holders.	

Hunter Education Replacement Card

To replace a Hunter Education card at a TWRA license agent location, first contact your TWRA Regional Office during normal business hours. Verify that your Hunter Education number has been updated in the TWRA license system. Then you may go to a TWRA license agent and purchase a Type 500 Hunter Education Card Replacement. See page 9 and online for Hunter Education requirements to hunt in Tennessee.

LICENSE	FEE
Hunter Education Replacement Card	\$8.00

Wildlife Management Area Permits

Everyone who hunts on Wildlife Management Areas is required to have a WMA permit except Sportsman License holders and youths under age 16 hunting small game and waterfowl. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult with a valid WMA small game permit. Youths under 6 may not hunt big game on a WMA. **All ages need a Type 094 for statewide antlerless deer gun season and Unit L antlerless private lands hunts.**

LICENSE	FEE
WMA Small Game and Waterfowl (Type 091)	\$62.00
1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl (Type 092)	\$12.50
WMA Small Game only (Type 093)	\$21.00
WMA Nonquota Big Game/Special Antlerless Seasons (Type 094)	\$25.00
Required for residents and non-residents to hunt the statewide antlerless deer gun season, unit L antlerless private lands hunt and WMA nonquota big game hunts, including Cherokee.	
Cherokee WMA Big Game Nonquota (Type 095)	\$19.00
Valid for Cherokee WMA nonquota big game hunts.	

Land Between the Lakes

All Hunters 16 years and older are required to purchase a Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit.

LICENSE	FEE
Annual Hunter Use Permit (type 060)	\$25.00
Basic/Hunter Use and Camping permit (type 061)	\$35.00

Federal Refuges

This permit is required for Cross Creeks and Tennessee National Refuge for all hunters including lifetime and annual sportsman license holders.

LICENSE	FEE
Federal Refuges (Type 064)	\$15.00

Reelfoot Preservation Permit

Required for all users of Reelfoot WMA except those under 16 years of age, residents 65 years or older and Sportsman license holders. Permit cost is the same for residents and nonresidents.

LICENSE	FEE
1-Day Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 090)	\$3.50
3-Day Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 088)	\$10.50
Annual Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 089)	\$17.00

High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit

A High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit is required for riding hooved animals, bicycling, and off-highway vehicle use on designated wildlife management areas. Persons holding a valid hunting license with an appropriate permit to hunt on a wildlife management area and youths under age thirteen (13) are exempt. At least one occupant of a Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) must possess the proper permit(s). No permit shall be required on roads/trails as designated. Off-Highway Vehicle is any vehicle capable of traveling off highways within the state. The term includes all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, dune buggies and other four-wheeled vehicles used for off-road activities.

This permit is required on the following WMAs (Note: not all activities are permitted on each WMA requiring this permit): Bear Hollow, Bridgestone Firestone - Big Bottom Unit, Catoosa, Cheatham, Forks of the River, Keyes-Harrison, Laurel Hill, Luper Mountain, Mt. Roosevelt, North Chickamauga Creek - Patton Unit, North Cumberland, Pea Ridge, Skinner Mountain, Williamsport, Yanahli. Refer to the individual listing for each WMA for more specific information on which activities are permitted.

LICENSE	FEE
Resident Annual Permit (Type 035)	\$74.00
Resident Daily Permit (Type 036)	\$15.50
Nonresident Annual Permit (Type 037)	\$233.00
Nonresident Daily Permit (Type 038)	\$37.50

Firing Range Permits

Required for anyone 16 years of age and older using a TWRA Firing Range. Refer to tnwildlife.org or page 40 for more details and specific range information. Tier 1 Permits not required for annual license holders.

LICENSE	FEE
Tier 1 Range 2hr (Type 220) \$5.00	\$5.00
Tier 1 Range Annual (Type 221) \$100.00	\$100.00
Tier 2 Range 2hr (Type 222) \$7.50	\$7.50
Tier 2 Range Annual (Type 223)	\$150.00
Tier 3 Range 1hr (Type 224)	\$9.50
Tier 3 Range Annual (Type 225)	\$300.00

LICENSE EXEMPTIONS

& HUNTER EDUCATION INFORMATION

License Exemptions

- Residents born before March 1, 1926 (with proof of age and residency).
- Military personnel on leave carrying leave papers.
- Landowners, their spouses and children who hunt on farmland which is owned by said landowners. **The aforementioned must be residents of Tennessee** but need not reside on the land. This license exemption does not apply if the farmland is owned jointly or in common by unrelated persons.
- Resident grandchildren (under the age of 16) and resident great-grandchildren (under the age of 16) who hunt on farmland which is owned by their resident grandparents or great-grandparents. (See below, Farmland Owner License Exemption.)
- Tenants, their spouses and their dependent children who hunt on farmland which is owned by an individual or a family. The aforementioned must be residents of Tennessee and must actually reside on the land and have permission of the landowner to hunt. A tenant is a person who, for money, free rent or other consideration, cares for farmland. The tenancy must be agricultural in nature.
- First cousins who own farmland jointly or in common may fish and hunt small game on the farmland. Their children may fish and hunt small game as well.

Persons hunting without a license under a resident farmland owner exemption must complete and sign a statement attesting where the property is located and how this land qualifies for a landowner exemption. Persons may complete the form in advance and carry it with them while hunting or they may complete the form when requested in the field by a TWRA official or when checking game. A form is provided on page 69 of this guide. Additional forms are available at TWRA offices and TWRA's website (www.tnwildlife.org). Landowners and their children hunting on their parent's land under this exemption are also exempt from Hunter Education Certification requirements and blaze orange requirements.

Mandatory Hunter Education

All hunters, resident or nonresident, born on or after Jan. 1, 1969, must possess proof that they have successfully completed a Hunter Education course. Hunter Education certification is accept-

ed from all other states. Those under 10 years of age do not need a Hunter Education certificate, but must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Call your local TWRA office or visit the TWRA's website at www.tnwildlife.org for a listing of scheduled Hunter Education classes.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Field Day Exemption

For anyone 21 years of age and older, you can complete all hunter education requirements online. To receive an exemption for the Tennessee Hunter Education Online Field Day and a Tennessee Hunter Education card and certificate, you must follow these steps.

Step 1: Complete one of the following online classes:

- Option 1 - Complete the following online class: www.Hunter-Ed.com this course costs \$28.95 or
- Option 2: Complete the following online class: www.HunterCourse.com this course costs \$29.00

Both options are interactive, narrated, and offers daily (including weekend) live customer service via email or telephone with a toll-free number.

Step 2: Complete the form found at TNWildlife.org and mail, fax, or email with required documentation and payment (check, money order or credit card only) to the address listed on the form. Payment (check, money order or credit card) to the addresses listed on the form. After submission, you can expect to receive your card within 3 to 5 business days. This purchase is not available through the TWRA On The Go App.



YOUNG SPORTSMAN HUNTS

& INFORMATION

Deer Hunts

**Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2020
Jan. 9 and 10, 2021**

Ages 6-16. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Youth 10 years of age or older must meet Hunter Education requirements. Multiple youth may be accompanied by a single non-hunting adult.

Bear Hunt

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2020

Ages 6-16. Limit one (1) per year, either sex. Bear Hunting Zones 1, 2, and 3 only. No dogs allowed. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Youth 10 years of age or older must meet Hunter Education requirements. Multiple youth may be accompanied by a single non-hunting adult.

Waterfowl Hunts

Feb. 6 and 13, 2021

Ages 6-16. Same as regular season daily bag limits. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Youth 10 years of age or older must meet Hunter Education requirements. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult; however, adults and other persons accompanying youths shall not hunt during these youth waterfowl hunts. Geese, coot, gallinules, moorhens, and ducks may be taken by youth during the Young Sportsman Waterfowl Hunts. WMAs with special closing times are open all day, each day of the Young Sportsman Waterfowl Hunts.

Wildlife Management Area Youth Hunts

Various TWRA Wildlife Management Areas offer young sportsman hunts. These hunts are for a range of different wildlife species like deer, turkeys and doves. Check the various WMA listings located in the back of this guide for information on these special hunts.

Spring Turkey Hunt

**Statewide (excluding The Mississippi Alluvial Valley (MAV) Unit (Dyer, Lake, Lauderdale, Shelby and Tipton Counties) and Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Wayne Counties
March 27 and 28, 2021**

**Mississippi Alluvial Valley (MAV) Unit and Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Wayne Counties
April 10 and 11, 2021**

Ages 6-16. One (1) bearded turkey per day, which counts toward the statewide bag. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Multiple youth may be accompanied by a single non-hunting adult, who is not required to have a license.

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

Possession of Live Animals

No person shall, at any time or by any means, possess or transport live animals taken under the authority of the hunting and trapping season proclamations. No native species may be taken out of the wild and kept as pets.

Protected Species

The taking, killing and/or illegal possession of hawks, owls, songbirds, endangered species or any other species (i.e. snakes) for which a season is not set is prohibited.

There is evidence cougars and alligators are expanding their territories into Tennessee. Species expanding their ranges into Tennessee are protected and may not be taken until a hunting season is proclaimed. Alligators and cougars are protected by state laws in Tennessee.

Roadkill Law

TCA 70-4-115 allows wild game animals, except for non-game and federally protected wildlife species, accidentally killed by a motor vehicle to be possessed for personal use and consumption. However, possession of a deer killed by a motor vehicle is permitted only if the person notifies the TWRA or any law enforcement officer and supplies his/her name within 48 hours. Personal possession of bear accidentally killed by a motor vehicle is only lawful once an TWRA enforcement officer issues a possession tag for it.

Hunting Hours

For all other game species except those listed below, legal hunting hours are one half-hour before legal sunrise to one half-hour after legal sunset.

Crows, doves, ducks, geese, gallinules, rails, turkey, woodcock, snipe: Shooting hours one-half hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset, except for dove hunting on opening day when shooting hours will begin at noon.

Hunting and Trapping on Private Land

In Tennessee, state wildlife laws have always required hunters and trappers to obtain permission from landowners to use private property. In fact, it is advisable to get written permission to hunt and is required to trap. With the passage of TCA 70-4-106 in 1990, a "Hunting By Written Permission" law went into effect. Simply, the law states that if private land has been properly posted by the owner with signs that include his or her name and address plus the wording "HUNTING BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY," a hunter or trapper must carry the owner's written permission. (Form available at www.tnwildlife.org) If a hunter or trapper is found without that written permission, that hunter or trapper is subject to prosecution.

Hunting From a Stationary Vehicle

On private property, hunting while in or on a vehicle that cannot be legally licensed to operate on public highways in Tennessee (ORV, OHV, ATV) is permitted providing that the vehicle is stationary (engine may be running). Hunting from any vehicle, stationary or otherwise, is prohibited from a public road, right-of-way or on public property, including WMAs.

Assisting Hunters

Hunters who have filled their seasonal or daily bag limit for any species may continue to accompany other hunters provided they are not in possession of any ammunition or any firearm or archery equipment. This person must also comply with all other legal requirements.

Handgun Carry General Regulations

Persons with a handgun carry permit pursuant to TCA 39-17-1351 may possess a handgun the entire year while on the premises of any TWRA refuge, public hunting area or wildlife management area, including the North and South Cherokee. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize a person to use any handgun to hunt unless such person is in full compliance with all wildlife laws, rules and regulations.

For all other Federally managed properties such as refuges and military installations (example: Oak Ridge WMA and Enterprise South Park WMA), contact that specific facility or location.

General Opening Dates

SPECIES	DATE
Free Hunting Day	Fourth Sat. in Aug.
Squirrel	Fourth Sat. in Aug.
Grouse	Second Sat. in Oct.
Quail	First Sat. in Nov.
Rabbit	First Sat. in Nov.
Deer (Aug. Hunt)	Fourth Fri. in Aug.
Deer/Archery	Fourth Sat. in Sept.
Deer/Muzzleloader (excluding Unit CWD)	Third Sat. before Thanksgiving
Deer/Gun (excluding Unit CWD)	Sat. before Thanksgiving
Deer/Young Sportsman	Last Sat. in Oct. First Sat. after the close of gun season
Spring Turkey	Sat. closest to April 1
Turkey/Young Sportman	Sat. before Spring Turkey opens

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Legal Hunting Devices

All firearms, hunting devices, and ammunition listed in the below table are legal for hunting purposes according to the individual species listed. If a firearm, hunting device, or ammunition is not listed in the below table it is illegal to hunt with within the State of Tennessee. Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) may have additional restrictions on some legal hunting devices.

FIREARM, HUNTING DEVICE AND AMMUNITION	Big Game				Small Game		
	DEER	BEAR	ELK	TURKEY	MIGRATORY BIRDS	FURBEARERS ⁴ AND CROW	ALL OTHER SMALL GAME
Shotguns (including muzzleloading shotguns) using ammunition loaded with Number Four (4) or smaller shot	No	No	No	Yes	Yes ³	Yes	Yes
Shotguns (including muzzleloading shotguns) using ammunition loaded with T shot (0.20 inch diameter) or smaller	No	No	No	No	Yes ^{3,6}	Yes	No
Shotguns (including muzzleloading shotguns) using ammunition loaded with single solid ball or slugs	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes ¹	No
Rifles and handguns using rimfire ammunition and air guns (.25 caliber or smaller)	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Rifles and handguns using centerfire ammunition (full metal jacketed ammunition prohibited)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes ^{1,5}	No
Muzzleloading firearms (rifles and handguns) .36 cal. or larger	Yes ⁷	Yes ⁷	Yes ⁷	No	No	Yes ^{1,7}	Yes ^{1,7}
Muzzleloading firearms (rifles and handguns) less than .36 cal.	No	No	No	No	No	Yes ⁷	Yes ⁷
Air guns .35 cal. or larger	Yes ⁸	Yes ⁸	Yes ⁸	No	No	Yes ^{1,8}	No
Pre-charged pneumatic gun which shoots an arrow (special conditions apply)	Yes ⁹	Yes ⁹	Yes ⁹	Yes ⁹	No	Yes ^{1,9}	No
Archery equipment (longbows, recurves, compounds, and crossbows)	Yes ²	Yes ²	Yes ²	Yes ²	Yes	Yes	Yes
Raptors that are legally possessed under a valid falconry permit	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

* Only muzzleloading firearms may be used during the muzzleloader season. There are no changes to the muzzleloader season.

1. If using this equipment while hunting during deer, elk or bear season you must be a legal big game hunter (See No. 9 in Miscellaneous section on page 14).
2. Hunting arrows and bolts must be equipped with sharpened broadheads.
3. Waterfowl may only be hunted with non-toxic shot of T size or smaller.
4. Furbearers are defined as beaver, bobcat, coyote, fox, groundhog, mink, muskrat, opossum, river otter, raccoon, skunk, and weasel.
5. It is illegal to use rifles and handguns using centerfire ammunition from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.
6. Migratory birds, except waterfowl, may only be hunted with ammunition loaded with No. 4 or smaller shot.
7. Muzzleloading firearms are defined as those firearms which are incapable of being loaded from the breech.
8. Must use a pre-charged pneumatic firing mechanism; in addition the air gun must be equipped with a built-in manometer (air pressure gauge).
9. (a) Persons possessing a permanent disabled license (Type 168,169,189 or 198) may use a pre-charged pneumatic gun which shoots an arrow during the archery, deer, bear and elk season as an accommodation for their disability.
(b) A pre-charged pneumatic gun which shoots an arrow is legal for all hunters to use during modern gun season for deer, bear, elk and turkey.

Prohibited Acts

1. Possession of ammunition except that as specifically authorized is prohibited while hunting.
2. The use or possession and/or the accompanying of anyone using or possessing raccoon calls, squallers, weapons, ammunition, or climbers while training dogs is prohibited during training season, except raccoon calls may be used during authorized field trials.
3. The use of dogs in taking or attempting to take deer or elk is prohibited. Taking or attempting to take deer being pursued by dog, or dogs, is prohibited.
4. Juveniles under the age of eighteen (18) are prohibited from using handguns for the purpose of hunting.
5. No person shall make use of bait to take wildlife unless the bait has been removed and any electronic feeder disabled at least 10 days prior to hunting.

6. Possession of firearms prohibited while chasing coyote, fox, and bobcat with dogs from the first Saturday in November through the end of the deer season.
7. Use or possession of the following equipment is prohibited:
 - » Predator calls while night hunting.
 - » Pod arrows (any pod-type device for holding drugs or chemicals on an arrow) or any drugs or chemicals used in pod arrows while archery hunting.
 - » Explosive arrowheads while archery hunting.
 - » Firearms capable of fully automatic fire.
 - » Firearms or archery equipment with any device utilizing an artificial light capable of locating wildlife.
 - » Any electronic light amplifying night vision scope, thermal imaging device, or device while in possession of a firearm or archery tackle between sunset and sunrise.
 - » Electronic calls or live decoys while hunting wild turkey, foxes, and waterfowl (except electronic calls are legal during the Light Goose Conservation Season).
 - » Rifles or handguns with full metal jacketed ammunition.
 - » Rifles or handguns with centerfire ammunition between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise.
 - » Any loose shot other than non-toxic (as approved by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- or any shotgun shell loaded with shot other than non-toxic while hunting waterfowl, coots, gallinules, Virginia rails, and sora rails.
- » Tracer ammunition
8. UAV (unmanned aerial vehicles) cannot be used to hunt any wildlife.
9. The use or possession of natural cervid urine while hunting is prohibited unless the product is clearly labeled bearing certification from the manufacturer that the urine was produced in a facility that:
 - » Complies with a federal or a federally approved chronic wasting disease herd certification program and any federal CWD protocols and record requirements;
 - » Does not allow importation of live cervids;
 - » Requires that all cervids exported from the facility be tested for CWD upon death and the results are reported to the facility;
 - » Is inspected annually by an accredited veterinarian, including inspection of the herd and applicable records; and
 - » Maintains a fence at least 8 feet high around the facility and, if the facility is located within 30 miles of a confirmed positive occurrence of CWD, is double fenced to prevent direct contact between captive and wild cervids.

Legal Trapping Devices and Definitions

1. Steel foothold traps used for water sets, must have an exterior jaw measurement of nine (9) inches or less measured at the hinge of the trap. Steel foothold traps used for ground sets must have an exterior jaw measurement of seven (7) inches or less measured at the hinge of the trap. Steel square instant-kill traps must have an exterior jaw measurement of sixteen (16) inches or less measured at the widest point, and steel circular instant-kill traps must have an exterior measurement of twelve (12) inches or less measured at the widest point.
2. Live traps are legal for taking any species of wildlife listed as having a trapping season. Live traps are defined as those traps that act as a cage after capture.
3. Steel cable snares having a minimum cable diameter of five sixty-fourths (5/64) of an inch and a maximum cable diameter of three thirty-seconds (3/32) of an inch are legal for all legal furbearer species during the legal trapping season. Spring activated snares other than Collarum snares are prohibited.
4. Commercially available dog-proof traps, also known as species-specific traps, are legal for trapping.

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5. For ground sets, a trapper may use cushion-hold traps, laminated jaw traps, offset wide jaw traps, offset laminated jaw traps, and wide jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of seven (7) inches or less measured at the hinge point and with a minimum jaw thickness of one-fourth (1/4) of an inch. For ground sets, a trapper may also use double-jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of seven (7) inches or less of the upper and lower jaws combined and a minimum jaw thickness of one-fourth (1/4) of an inch. For water sets, a trapper may use cushion-hold traps, laminated jaw traps, offset wide jaw traps, offset laminated jaw traps, and wide jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of nine (9) inches or less measured at the hinge point. For water sets, a trapper may also use double-jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of nine (9) inches or less of the upper and lower jaws combined.
6. For trapping purposes, "water set" is defined to mean traps set in water adjacent to and part of streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands, or other water courses and includes floating sets.
7. Trappers shall mark all traps and snares with their name or TWRA ID number.
8. Steel traps placed inside a hole, cave, den, hollow log, hollow stump, or any like place shall be placed at least twelve (12) inches inside the entrance of such place, and it is unlawful to place steel traps in the open, except for water sets and trap types listed in paragraph five (5) above.
9. Lethal sets such as instant kill traps and water set ("drowning") traps must be inspected every seventy-two (72) hours. All other traps must be inspected every thirty-six (36) hours and any wildlife caught in the traps shall be removed.
10. For ground sets adjacent to waterways and no more than fifty (50) feet from the shoreline, a trapper may use a 110 body grip trap, or its equivalent, with a maximum exterior jaw measurement of six (6) inches wide by six (6) inches tall. Such a trap shall be a single-spring trap with a factory spring designated for that trap. The lowest point of the trap closest to the ground shall be no more than one-half (1/2) inch above the surface of the ground. The trap shall be used as a non-baited or lured set unless it is set at a minimum of twelve (12) inches inside a hole, den, or cubby. For trapping seasons, see page 15.

Legal Hunting Hours

1. All big game and small game species (except bullfrogs, raccoons, opossums, migratory birds, and the chasing of foxes and rabbits) daylight hours only (30 minutes before official sunrise and until 30 minutes after official sunset) except turkey is open only until official sunset.
2. Hunting of bullfrogs, raccoons, opossums, the chasing of foxes and rabbits, and the trapping

of furbearers is permitted day or night unless restricted by Proclamation. No foxes or rabbits may be shot while chasing/training at night.

3. Hunting of migratory birds is to comply with federal regulations for migratory birds, unless restricted by proclamation.

Migratory Bird Regulations

1. Federal regulations relative to baiting, firearms, bag and possession limits, wanton waste, tagging, and methods of hunting are hereby adopted and will be applicable to hunting and/or taking of species listed.
2. No person shall hunt migratory game birds, except crows, with a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three (3) shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three (3) shells.
3. All persons who hunt migratory game birds are required to have in their possession a valid Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit in addition to other required Tennessee licenses and permits, with the following exceptions:
 - » disabled veterans
 - » landowners hunting on their own land
 - » lifetime license holders
 - » residents of Tennessee under 13 years of age
 - » residents of Tennessee who are 65 or older
 - » Military personnel on leave or furlough
4. Refer to federal regulations 50 CFR Ch. 1 (21.41 and 21.43) for conditions and restrictions applicable to the taking of crows in certain depredation or health hazard situations outside of the crow sport hunting season.
5. Pursuant to federal regulations, during the Light Goose Conservation Season, waterfowl hunters may use unplugged shotguns and electronic calls.

Miscellaneous

1. Where hunting is allowed from vessels, it is legal to hunt from any vessel, so long as the vessel is not under forward motion from any influence of mechanical means or sail. On private property, it is legal to hunt from any motorized vehicle (to include ATVs, golf carts, etc.), provided the vehicle is stationary. Nothing in this subsection (1) shall be construed as authorizing hunting from a vessel, automobile or other motor vehicle while under power.
2. Hunters who have filled their seasonal or daily bag limit for any species may continue to accompany other hunters provided they are not in possession of any ammunition or any weapon. This person must also comply with all other legal requirements. Access for hunters

accompanying may be limited on some WMAs. A bear hunter who has filled the daily or seasonal limit may continue to carry a firearm and take hogs where incidental taking is allowed.

3. Every game animal, wounded or unwounded by hunting and/or trapping and taken into possession by the hunter or trapper shall be immediately slain and become part of the daily bag limit. No person shall, at any time, or by any means, possess or transport live animals taken under the authority of hunting season proclamations.
4. Gigs, angling equipment, archery, rimfire and air firearms are legal for taking bullfrogs.
5. Archery equipment is permitted during the archery, muzzleloader and gun seasons. Muzzleloader equipment is permitted during the muzzleloader and gun seasons.
6. Pursuant to TCA 39-17-1351, persons with a valid handgun carry permit may possess a handgun the entire year while on the premises of any TWRA refuge, public hunting area, state owned wildlife management area or, to the extent permitted by federal law, national forest land maintained by the state, and private land. For other federally managed properties hunters should contact that specific facility or location. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize a person to use any handgun to hunt unless such person is in full compliance with all wildlife laws, rules and regulations.
7. During a deer archery only season, a fall turkey hunter may not be in possession of both archery equipment and shotguns and/or rifles.
8. During archery deer/bear seasons a properly licensed big game hunter may use air guns .25 caliber or smaller to hunt small game while archery hunting for deer/bear. During the muzzleloader and gun deer/bear season, a legal deer or bear hunter may use rimfire or airguns .25 caliber or smaller to hunt small game.
9. During an archery only or muzzleloader/archery only deer, bear or elk season, furbearers may not be taken with rifles and handguns using centerfire ammunition. During the gun/muzzleloader/archery seasons, furbearers may be taken by legal big game hunters licensed for the weapon they are using.
10. The use of suppressors/silencers is legal for persons possessing the required federal license from the United States Department of Treasury. Hunters using these devices must have proof of such license on their person.
11. A falconry permittee whose hunting raptor accidentally kills wildlife out of season, or the wrong species or sex, shall leave the dead wildlife where it lies; except that the raptor may feed upon the wildlife prior to leaving the site of the kill.

SMALL GAME

HUNTING REGULATIONS

Hunting Seasons

All hunting seasons are closed unless opened by specific Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission proclamations.

Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit, except for migratory game birds, and except on opening day. Dogs allowed for hunting all small game species, except on specific WMAs where indicated.

Armadillo, beaver, coyote, groundhog, striped skunk - Open year-round, no limit.

Fox, mink, muskrat, otter^a, spotted skunk, weasel - Open Nov. 20, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021, no limit.

Bobcat^b - Open Nov. 20, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021, Limit 1 per day.

- All river otters harvested must be tagged by harvester with Tennessee U.S. CITES tags. Contact your TWRA regional office for instructions.
- Bobcat pelts must be tagged with Tennessee U.S. CITES tags in order to be exported from the U.S. Contact your TWRA regional office for instructions.

Bullfrog Hunting

All waters of the state are open to bullfrog hunting except waters within state and federal wildlife refuges. Season is open year-round, except on TWRA managed lakes the season is June 1–30. Bag limit is 20 per person, per night. The use of firearms is prohibited for bullfrog hunting on wildlife management areas and TWRA lakes, except air guns may be used. Only domestically raised bullfrogs or parts thereof may be sold. A hunting license is required to take bullfrogs. No WMA permit is required.

Raccoon and Opossum Hunting

Opossum can be taken during the raccoon hunting season. No limit. Night is defined as one 24-hour period beginning at sunset.

Private Land Season - Open sunset July 1 through sunrise Sept. 18, 2021. Bag limit is 1 per person per night. WMAs and all other public lands are closed during this period. Closed in Scott, Morgan, Roane, Rhea, Hamilton counties and all other Tennessee counties east of those counties.



Small Game Species

MIGRATORY BIRDS	FURBEARERS	OTHER
Coot	Beaver	Armadillo
Crow	Bobcat	Bullfrog
Gallinule and Moorhen	Coyote	Collared Dove
Mourning Dove	Fox	Grouse
Waterfowl: Ducks & Geese	Groundhog	Quail
Snipe	Mink	Rabbit
Woodcock	Muskrat	Squirrel
Rails	Opossum	
	River Otter	
	Raccoon	
	Skunk	
	Weasel	

Statewide - Opens sunset Sept. 18, 2020 through sunrise Feb. 28, 2021. Bag limit 2 per person per night.

Dog Training

Training of bird dogs and squirrel dogs is permitted year-round on private lands, during daylight hours only. Training of rabbit dogs is permitted year-round on private lands day and night. The chasing of foxes with hounds is permitted year-round, day and night. A hunting license is required while training dogs except when a person is competing in recognized field trials. When training on a WMA, a small game permit (see page 8) is required. Refer to specific WMA listings for WMA dog training seasons. See page 36 for bear dog training.

Raccoon Dog Training (no taking)

Year-round except where regulated by Private Acts. The following counties are regulated by Private Acts: DeKalb County is open for year-round training except in the portion lying south and west of State Hwy. 96 and U. S. Hwy. 70 where the training season will open 30 days prior to the hunting season. Refer to specific WMA listings for WMA raccoon dog training seasons.

Trapping Seasons

Beaver, coyote, groundhog - Open year-round, no limit.

Bobcat^a, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, river otter^b, raccoon, spotted skunk, striped skunk, weasel - Open Nov. 20, 2020 through Feb. 28, 2021, no limit.

- Bobcat pelts must be tagged with Tennessee U. S. CITES tags in order to be exported from the U.S. Contact your TWRA regional office for instructions.
- All river otters harvested must be tagged by harvester with Tennessee U.S. CITES tags. Contact your TWRA regional office for instructions.

Small Game Season Dates

SPECIES	OPENS	CLOSES	DAILY BAG
Squirrel (fox, red, gray)	Aug. 22	Feb. 28	10
Spring squirrel (2021)	May 8	June 13	10
Grouse (closed W. of I-65)	Oct. 10	Feb. 28	3
Rabbit	Nov. 7	Feb. 28	5
Quail	Nov. 7	Feb. 28	6

Migratory Bird Seasons

Migratory bird seasons are subject to change by federal framework; check TWRA website for updates.

SPECIES	OPENS	CLOSES	DAILY BAG*
Dove ¹ (Opens at noon on Sept. 1)	Sept. 1	Sept. 28	15 ²
	Oct. 10	Nov. 1	15 ²
	Dec. 8	Jan. 15	15 ²
Woodcock ¹	Nov. 14	Dec. 6	3
	Jan. 10	Jan. 31	
Gallinule and Moorhen ¹	Sept. 1	Nov. 9	15
Crow	June 12	July 12 ³	no limit
	Sept. 4	Dec. 20 ³	
	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	
Rails (Virginia and Sora) ¹	Sept. 1	Nov. 9	25
Snipe ¹	Nov. 14	Feb. 28	8

1. Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit required (license type 006 or 007) (see page 8).
2. No limit on Eurasian collared doves; however, any doves not readily identifiable as Eurasian collared doves will be considered mourning doves and count towards the mourning dove daily bag and possession limits.
3. Hunting allowed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only.

* The possession limit is three (3) times the daily limit for all migratory game birds, except opening day when it shall be the same as the daily bag limit, and the second day of the season when it shall be twice the daily bag limit, and except for crows which have no limit.



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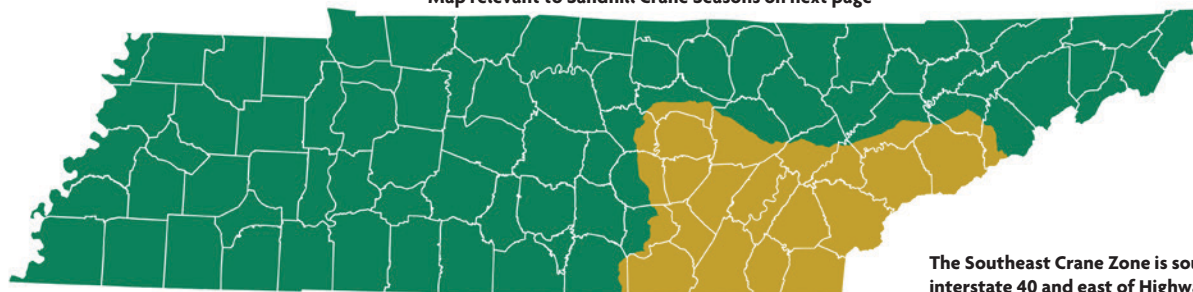
Duck Seasons and Bag Limits

SPECIES	REELFOOT DUCK ZONE (THE LANDS AND WATERS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF REELFOOT LAKE WMA ONLY)	STATEWIDE DUCK ZONE (THE REMAINDER OF THE STATE OUTSIDE THE REELFOOT DUCK ZONE)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Wood Duck & Teal	Sept. 12 - Sept. 16, 2020	Sept. 12 - Sept. 16, 2020	The Daily bag limit of ducks is 6, and may include no more than 2 wood ducks.	The possession limit is three (3) times the daily bag limit, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is one (1) and two (2) times the daily bag limit, respectively.
Teal	Sept. 17 - Sept. 20, 2020	Sept. 17 - Sept. 20, 2020	The Daily bag limit is 6 of any teal species.	
Ducks, Coot & Mergansers	Nov. 14 - 15, 2020 Dec. 5 - Jan. 31, 2021	Nov. 28 - 29, 2020 Dec. 5 - Jan. 31, 2021	Coot: 15 Ducks: The daily bag limit of ducks is 6 birds/day which may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be a female), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 2 black ducks, 1 pintail, and 1 mottled duck. The daily bag limit for scaups is 1 scaup on Nov. 14 and Nov. 15, Dec. 5 - Dec. 17 in the Reelfoot Zone, Nov. 28 and Nov. 29, Dec. 5 - Dec. 17 in the Statewide Zone then 2 scaups from Dec 18 - Jan 31 in all zones. Mergansers: 5 (only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers)	
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season*	Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, 2021	Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, 2021	Same as regular season daily bag limits.	
Veterans and Active Military Personnel**	Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, 2021	Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, 2021	Same as regular season daily bag limits.	

* Only youth hunters from 6-16 years of age may harvest coot, gallinule, moorhen, ducks, mergansers, and geese during the Youth Waterfowl hunt days. Youth aged 16 are still required to possess a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp). Non-hunting adults at least 21 years of age shall accompany the youth hunter(s) into the field during the youth waterfowl season and must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult; however, **adults and other persons accompanying youths shall not hunt** during these youth waterfowl hunts. Adults not accompanied by youths 6-16 may still harvest geese during those dates. Geese, coot, gallinule, moorhen, and ducks may be taken by youths during the Youth Waterfowl Season. WMAs with special closing times are open all day, each day of the Youth Waterfowl Season.

** Veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training), may participate and harvest coot, gallinule, moorhen, ducks, mergansers, and geese.

Map relevant to Sandhill Crane Seasons on next page



The Southeast Crane Zone is south of interstate 40 and east of Highway 56

Southeast Crane Zone

Sandhill Crane Seasons and Bag Limits

SPECIES	STATEWIDE	SOUTHEAST CRANE ZONE SOUTH OF INTERSTATE 40 AND EAST OF HIGHWAY 56	DAILY BAG LIMIT AND POSSESSION LIMIT*
Sandhill Crane	Dec. 5 – Jan. 31. Statewide tags are valid statewide, including the Southeast Crane Zone, except during the three day closure in that zone from Jan. 15 - 17.	Dec. 5, 2020 - Jan. 14, 2021 Jan. 18 - Jan. 31	The daily bag, season bag, and possession limit for sandhill cranes is based on the number of tags awarded to an individual.

* Each harvested crane must be accompanied by a completed kill tag (each tag allows harvest of 1 crane) and be checked in by the end of the calendar day of harvest by any Agency approved check-in method. Also, hunters issued sandhill crane tags MUST fill out and return a post-season survey at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com before February 10, regardless of whether they hunted or harvested a sandhill crane. Failure to return the post-season survey may result in hunters not being eligible to apply for a sandhill crane tag in future draws.

GEESE

HUNTING REGULATIONS

Goose Seasons and Bag Limits

SPECIES	STATEWIDE GOOSE ZONE THAT PORTION OF TENNESSEE OUTSIDE OF THE REELFOOT ZONE.	REELFOOT ZONE THE LANDS AND WATERS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF REELFOOT LAKE WMA ONLY.	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Canada Goose	Sept. 1 - Sept. 20 Oct. 10 - Oct. 20 Nov. 28 - Nov. 29 Dec. 5 - Feb. 14, 2021	Sept. 1 - Sept. 20 Oct. 10 - Oct. 20 Nov. 14 - Nov. 15 Dec. 5 - Feb. 14, 2021	5 in Sept. 3 in all other Seasons	The possession limit is three (3) times the daily bag limit, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is one (1) and two (2) times the daily bag limit, respectively.
White-Fronted Goose	Nov. 28 - Nov. 29 Dec. 5 - Feb. 14, 2021	Nov. 14 - Nov. 15 Dec. 5 - Feb. 14, 2021	3	The possession limit is three (3) times the daily bag limit, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is one (1) and two (2) times the daily bag limit, respectively.
Brant	Sept. 1 - Sept. 20 Oct. 10 - Oct. 20 Nov. 28 - Nov. 29 Dec. 5 - Feb. 14, 2021	Sept. 1 - Sept. 20 Oct. 10 - Oct. 20 Nov. 14 - Nov. 15 Dec. 5 - Feb. 14, 2021	1	The possession limit is three (3) times the daily bag limit, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is one (1) and two (2) times the daily bag limit, respectively.
Blue, Snow & Ross's Geese (Light Geese)	Standard federal regulations apply (unplugged shotguns and electronic calls NOT allowed) Sept. 1 - Sept. 20 Oct. 10 - Oct. 20 Nov. 28 - Nov. 29 Dec. 5 - Feb. 14, 2021	Standard federal regulations apply (unplugged shotguns and electronic calls NOT allowed) Sept. 1 - Sept. 20 Oct. 10 - Oct. 20 Nov. 14 - Nov. 15 Dec. 5 - Feb. 14, 2021	20	There is no possession limit for blue, snow and Ross's geese, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is the daily bag limit and two times the daily bag limit, respectively.
Light Goose Conservation Season* (Blue, Snow & Ross's Geese)	The following provisions apply during the Light Goose Conservation Season only: Unplugged shotguns, electronic calls, shooting from 30 minutes before official sunrise until 30 minutes after official sunset. Feb. 15 - March 22, 2021	The following provisions apply during the Light Goose Conservation Season only: Unplugged shotguns, electronic calls, shooting from 30 minutes before official sunrise until 30 minutes after official sunset. Feb. 15 - March 22, 2021	no limit	There is no possession limit for blue, snow and Ross's geese during the Light Goose Conservation Season.

* A free Light Goose Conservation Season Permit is required to hunt during the Conservation Season, available in late January at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com. Hunting is allowed from 30 minutes before official sunrise until 30 minutes after official sunset. There is no daily bag or possession limit. No Federal or state waterfowl stamps are required to hunt during the Conservation Season. Hunters must possess a TN Light Goose Conservation Season Permit and have a valid hunting license, but the license may be from any state.

SANDHILL CRANE

HUNTING

Be sure the bird you intend to shoot is a sandhill crane. Accidental or intentional shooting of a whooping crane is considered a dual violation and subject to state and federal laws. Don't shoot unless you're sure.

2020–21 Sandhill Crane Tag Drawings: Only individuals with a Tennessee Sandhill Crane Tag may hunt. Applicants must be at least thirteen (13) years of age to compete in the drawing. An Annual Hunting and Fishing License (Type 001), plus a Tennessee Waterfowl License (Type 005) or equivalent licenses (such as Lifetime or Annual Sportsman), are required in order to enter either drawing. Hunters receiving SE Crane Zone tags will not be eligible to apply for crane tags in the statewide draw. Tags are non-transferable.

SE Crane Zone Tags Hand-Held Draw: A total of 1,623 tags will be issued to 541 hunters (3 tags/hunter) by handheld draw. Individuals must be present at the draw to obtain the tags. These tags will be valid ONLY in the SE Crane Zone. All leftover tags will be included in the statewide tag drawing (2 tags/hunter). Date: Aug. 8, 2020 Location: Rhea County High School, 885 Eagle Lane, Evansville, TN 37332.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, hand-held drawing procedures may differ from how described in this guide. Go to www.tnwildlife.org for updated information.

Statewide Tags Computer Draw: A total of 1,078 tags (2 tags/hunter), plus any tags not issued at the handheld drawing, will be issued for statewide use through a computerized drawing. The application period for the statewide drawing is Sept. 2 - 23, 2020. These tags will be valid statewide, including the SE Crane Zone. Hunters can apply through any TWRA license agent or at www.GoOutdoorsTennessee.com.

Sandhill Crane Identification Test: All sandhill crane hunters must pass an internet-based crane identification test each year before hunting. All tags issued are invalid until the "Sandhill Crane Test" validation code is written on the tag. The purpose of this test is to improve hunter's awareness and ability to distinguish between sandhill cranes and other protected species which may be encountered while hunting. The test is available at twra.state.tn.us/SandhillCraneTest.

Harvest Reporting: Each harvested crane must be accompanied by a completed kill tag (each tag allows harvest of 1 crane) and be checked in by the end of the calendar day of harvest by any Agency approved check-in method.

Also, hunters issued sandhill crane tags MUST fill out and return a post-season survey at GoOutdoorsTN.com before Feb. 10, 2021, regardless of whether they hunted or harvested a sandhill crane. Failure to return the post-season survey may result in hunters not being eligible to apply for a sandhill crane tag in future draws.

Federal Regulations: No shotguns larger than 10-gauge or capable of holding over 3 shot shells. Federally approved non-toxic shot is required.

If you have information regarding any illegal activities concerning protected species, please call the TWRA Poacher Hotline:

West TN (Region I)..... 1-800-831-1173
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Cumberland Plateau (Region III)..... 1-833-402-4699
East TN (Region IV)..... 1-800-831-1174

SANDHILL CRANE

Gray and white red patch on forehead. Long neck and legs.

Wingspan: 77"

Length: 46"

Juveniles: Brown and gray, lacks red on forehead.



CANADA GOOSE

Gray and white body and wings. Black head and neck with white chin strap.

Wingspan: 60"

Length: 45"



SNOW GOOSE

White, with black wing tips. Short neck.

Wingspan: 53"

Length: 28"



TUNDRA SWAN

All-white plumage. Long neck.

Wingspan: 66"

Length: 52"

Juveniles: Gray-brown



TRUMPETER SWAN

All-white plumage. Long neck.

Wingspan: 80"

Length: 60"

Juveniles: Gray-brown



WHOOING CRANE

White body with black wing tips. Long neck. Long legs trailing body.

Wingspan: 87"

Length: 52"

Juveniles: White mixed with brown



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Wingspan: 60"

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FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS

In addition to state regulations, the following federal rules apply to taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. This is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult actual regulations, which may be found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

Restrictions

No person shall take migratory game birds:

- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
- From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven vehicle, or any aircraft, except that paraplegic and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.
- From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.
- By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.
- Using recordings of migratory bird sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in range of hunters.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), on or over any baited areas.
- Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

Closed Season

No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

Shooting or Falconry Hours

No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and falconry as prescribed.

Daily Bag Limit

No person shall take more than one daily bag limit per day.

Field Possession Limit

No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

Wanton Waste

All migratory game birds killed or crippled shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

Tagging

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information: The hunter's signature, address, the total number of birds involved by species and the dates such birds were killed. No person or business shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

Possession of Live Birds

Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

Dual Violation

Violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.

Dressing

No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and band-tailed

pigeons) and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

Shipment

No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

Importation

For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required above), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp

The law requires that each waterfowl hunter, 16 years of age and over, must carry on his or her person a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) signed in ink across the face.

Caution

More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact:

Special Agent-in-Charge,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
RM 132-C, U.S. Courthouse,
801 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203.
Telephone: 615-736-5532.

PLEASE REPORT BANDED BIRDS!

Reporting Banded Birds

As of July 2, 2017 the USGS Patuxent Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) no longer supports a call center to receive Federal bird band reports over its toll free line. Band reports must be submitted through the mobile-friendly website, www.reportband.gov, by persons in the US and other countries, aside from Canada. Those who call the toll free line will hear a message announcing the change and directing them to the website. Those who call from Canada will be routed to the Canadian Wildlife Service Bird Banding Office (BBO) where they will either report to BBO staff or asked to leave a voice message.

The BBL encourages everyone reporting a band to use www.reportband.gov. A report requires only around 5 minutes to complete online. After a report is submitted, the date and location where the bird was originally banded is provided and a Certificate of Appreciation along with additional banding details (date, location of banding) will be sent via email.

Capturing and banding birds requires considerable effort, and documenting recovery or re-sighting of banded birds is essential to profit from that effort. Band recovery data are the basis for improving the conservation and knowledge of bird populations in North America. Please help the BBL, its many partners, and the birds of North America by continuing to report your band recoveries.

To Report Recovered Duck and Goose Bands: www.reportband.gov



ATTENTION HUNTERS

Special Regulations

PLUGGED SHOTGUNS

No person shall hunt migratory game birds, except crows, with a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three (3) shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three (3) shells.

LEGAL SHOT

All federally approved non-toxic shot (bismuth-tin, steel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth or tungstentini- iron-nickel) are legal for waterfowl hunting. A complete list is available at www.FWS.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/hunting/nontoxic.php

Possession or use of any loose shot other than non-toxic shot or any shotgun shells other than non-toxic while hunting waterfowl, sandhill cranes, coots, gallinules, Virginia rails and sora rails is prohibited.

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BIG GAME

HUNTING REGULATIONS

Big Game: Big game animals include deer, turkey, bear, and elk

Fluorescent Orange: Hunters must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange (blaze orange), visible front and back while hunting big game except on archery-only and turkey hunts. A hat and vest fulfills requirements. Blaze orange camo is legal if it contains 500 square inches of fluorescent orange. In those areas where the archery-only deer season dates overlap with another big game gun season (i.e., bear) archers are required to wear 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange. Fluorescent orange is required during the August Hunt in Unit CWD.

Field Dressing Big Game: Evidence of species or sex of big game animals and antlered status (if applicable) must not be destroyed and remain with the animal while afield. Normal field dressing, quartering, and icing down of the meat is permitted. Turkeys must remain intact until tagging and check-in are complete.

Big Game Found Dead: All big game found dead should be left where found and do not need to

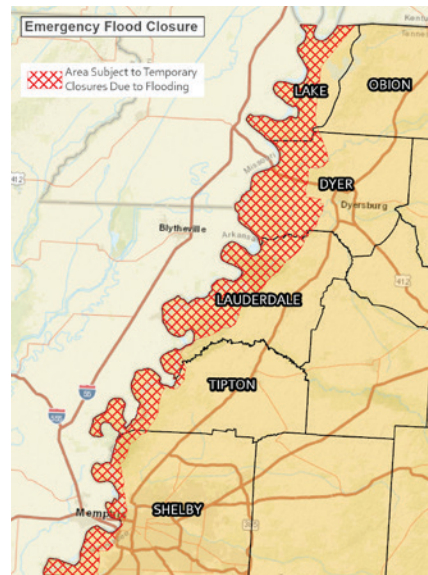
be reported unless someone wants the game for personal use or consumption. Persons wanting to possess big game, except bear, accidentally killed by a motor vehicle for personal use or consumption are required to notify TWRA or a local law enforcement agency within 48 hours. Personal possession of bear accidentally killed by a motor vehicle is only lawful once a TWRA enforcement officer issues a possession tag for it. Reporting of sick deer or deer behaving strangely is not required, but it is encouraged. Reports may be made at tn.gov/twra/sickdeer.

Any vehicle in which an illegally possessed big game animal is found is subject to confiscation.

Albino Deer: Hunting, trapping or possession of albino deer is prohibited as set forth in TCA 70-4-130. An albino deer is a deer with a lack, or significant deficiency, of pigment in the skin and hair, and has pink eyes.

Mississippi River Flood Closure: When the Mississippi River at Caruthersville gauge reaches 34 ft. all big game hunting will close in the Mississippi River Floodwaters Zone (on private and public land) and will remain closed until the Mississippi

River drops below 34 ft. at the Caruthersville gauge. **NOTE:** Flood Closure area has changed. Updated map below.



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BIG GAME CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

There is a new requirement this year! **Before moving** your harvested big game, you must either check it in on your smartphone or physically tag the animal and check it in before midnight. These procedures are a requirement for **everyone**, including landowners and those exempt from license requirements.

CHECK IN INSTRUCTIONS

Have the TWRA On the Go mobile app?

YES

NO


**Electronic Tag/
Mobile Check-In**
(The EASIEST way)

Tag your harvest in the field using your smartphone by checking it in on the TWRA On the Go app (works even without a signal). Once the app generates a harvest confirmation number, all tagging and check-in requirements are completed.

YOU ARE FINISHED!

Temporary Transportation Tag
(No phone? No problem!)

Fill out a pre-printed paper tag. They are at the bottom of your license and are available by logging in at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com. Cut out the tag and attach it to the animal. (Try using a zip-tie and a sealable plastic bag).



Then, Check In Your Harvest
Before midnight on the day of harvest, check it in one of three ways.

CHECK-IN STATION	ON THE INTERNET	MOBILE APP
1. Take your harvest to the local check-in station. 2. Provide your harvest info. 3. Keep a record of your confirmation number.	1. Visit GoOutdoorsTN.com . 2. Provide your harvest info. 3. Keep a record of your confirmation number.	1. Use TWRA On the Go mobile app on your smartphone or tablet. 2. Provide your harvest info. 3. Keep a record of your confirmation number.

YOU ARE FINISHED!

Where to get temporary transportation tags?

Tags can be found at the bottom of your license or they can be printed by logging into your account at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com.

The harvest confirmation number is important!

After check-in, it must be available for inspection by TWRA personnel until time of final processing. It must accompany an animal taken to a taxidermist, meat processor, or gifted to another person.

It is a violation of the law to provide false information during the check-in process. By completing the required check-in information, whether on paper or electronic form, the hunter is affirming that the information as it appears on the permanent record is valid and correct.

TWRA ON THE GO - Mobile App

Available in the Apple App store and on Google Play. It stores your license information and allows you to electronically tag/check-in your harvest in the field. You don't need to carry any paper while you're hunting!

It doesn't matter if you are out of range of a cell signal! Check in your harvest anyway, and a harvest confirmation number is still generated. When you get back in range of a signal, your information is automatically sent.



- Big game must be checked in by midnight on the day of harvest AND before being gifted to another person or leaving the state.
- Temporary Transportation Tag must remain affixed to the animal until it is checked in.
- Evidence of the animal's sex, species, and antlered status (if applicable) must remain with the animal while afield and until checked in.
 - » Additionally, turkeys must remain intact until checked in.
 - » Bears may be whole or field dressed but must weigh 75 lbs. or greater when possessed afield. If bears are quartered or boned out, the total of the meat, hide, etc., must equal or exceed 75lbs.
 - » For elk checking requirements see page 35.

DEER

HUNTING REGULATIONS

White-tailed Deer Hunting Units

Unit A

Unit A includes Bradley, Carter, Hamilton, Hawkins, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Rhea, Roane, and Sullivan counties.

Unit B

Unit B includes Anderson, Bledsoe, Campbell, Claiborne, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Grundy, Hancock, Jackson, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Scott, Sequatchie, Van Buren, Warren, and White counties.

Unit C

Unit C includes Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Jefferson, Unicoi, Union, and Washington counties.

Unit D

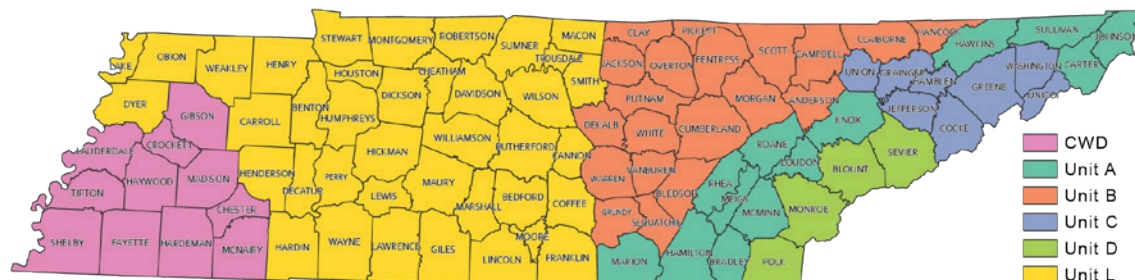
Unit D includes Blount, Monroe, Polk, and Sevier counties.

Unit L

Unit L includes Bedford, Benton, Cannon, Carroll, Cheatham, Coffee, Davidson, Decatur, Dickson, Dyer, Franklin, Giles, Hardin, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Lake, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Obion, Perry, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Wayne, Weakley, Williamson, and Wilson counties.

Unit CWD

Unit CWD includes Chester, Crockett, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Haywood, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Shelby, and Tipton counties.



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Deer Seasons and Bag Limits

Antlered Deer: Male or female deer with at least one (1) antler that is a minimum of three (3) inches in length.

Antlerless Deer: Male or female deer with no antlers or with antlers that are less than three (3) inches in length.

Antlerless deer hunters may harvest up to the unit antlerless bag limit in each unit. Moving to a different county within the same deer hunting unit does not increase the hunter's bag limit.

Archery equipment is legal during muzzleloader and gun seasons, muzzleloading equipment is legal during gun season.

Statewide Bag Limit: Two (2) antlered deer (one per day, not to exceed 2 for the license year). The statewide bag limit of two (2) antlered deer may be exceeded if taken as a bonus deer, if taken under the Earn-A-Buck Program in Unit CWD (see page 29), or if taken as a Replacement Buck (see page 29).

SEASON TYPE	SEASON DATES			ANTLERLESS BAG LIMITS					
	Units A, B, C and D	Unit L	Unit CWD	Unit A	Unit B	Unit C	Unit D	Unit L	Unit CWD
August ¹	Aug. 28 - 30			Closed					
Archery (A)	Sept. 26 - Oct. 30 and Nov. 2 - 6			4	4	4	4	3/day	
Young Sportsman ² (G/M/A)	Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Jan. 9 - 10			2	2	2	2	3/day	
Muzzleloader/Archery (M/A)	Nov. 7 - 20			2	2	1	1	3/day	
Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (G/M/A) ⁴	Nov. 21 - Jan. 3		Nov. 7 - Jan. 3	2	1	1 (Nov. 21 - Dec. 6 only)	1 (Nov. 21 - 27 only)	3/day	
Private Lands Only ⁵ (G/M/A) ⁴	Closed	Jan. 4 - 8		Closed				3/day	

- 1 Private lands only and archery only, except in Unit CWD where guns and muzzleloaders are allowed and select public lands are additionally open for hunting. See Region 1 WMA regulations starting on page 47 to see which public lands are open during this hunt. Fluorescent orange required in Unit CWD.
- 2 Youths 6-16 years of age may participate. Participating youth can use gun, muzzleloader, and archery equipment (G/M/A). Young sportsmen must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult. Antlerless bag limits for Units A, B, C and D are not to exceed a total of 2 antlerless deer for the four days combined.
- 3 Unit CWD begins gun season (G/M/A) on Nov. 7 and therefore does not have a muzzleloader only (M/A) season.
- 4 A Type 094 permit is required to hunt antlerless deer during this season except for landowners hunting under the landowner exemption (as described in T.C.A. 70-2-204) and Sportsman License holders. A Type 094 permit is required for all ages.
- 5 Hunting is allowed on all privately owned lands in Unit L and Unit CWD (including leased land and lands owned by individuals). It is the responsibility of all hunters to obtain verbal or written permission to hunt on privately owned lands. No public lands or WMAs are open during this period. No antlered deer may be taken during this period in Unit L. Antlered deer may be taken during this period in Unit CWD (statewide bag limit still applies).

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Positive CWD and High-risk CWD Counties

Positive CWD county: a county with a confirmed case of CWD.

High-risk CWD county: a county with a confirmed case of CWD within 10 miles of the county border.

Deer carcass transportation and wildlife feeding restrictions apply to positive CWD and high-risk CWD counties. Therefore, if a new county becomes positive or high-risk (based on CWD test results) these restrictions will automatically apply. Visit tn.gov/twra/cwdcounties for the most up-to-date map of positive and high-risk CWD counties. All other regulations (e.g., deer hunting unit, season dates, bag limits, etc.) remain the same unless changed by TWRA.

Carcass Transport Restrictions

Only approved parts (see graphic to the right) may be moved out of positive or high-risk CWD counties.

- Deer carcasses can move from one high-risk CWD county to another high-risk CWD county. Deer carcasses can move from a high-risk CWD county to a positive CWD county. Once brought into a positive CWD county, deer carcasses originating from a high-risk CWD

county cannot be moved to another high-risk CWD county.

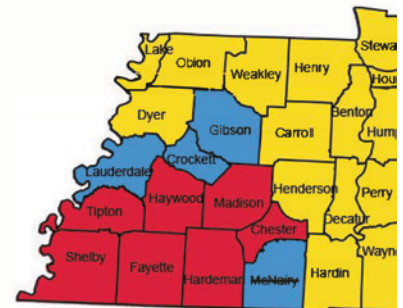
- A deer carcass cannot be moved outside of positive CWD counties but can move from one positive CWD county to another adjacent positive CWD county.
- Approved parts are free to be transported anywhere statewide.

Feeding Restrictions

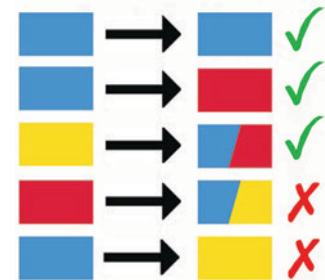
Within positive CWD counties and high-risk CWD counties, the placement of grain, salt products, minerals, and other consumable natural and manufactured products is prohibited.

Feeding restrictions do not apply if the feed or minerals are:

- placed within one hundred (100) feet of any residence or occupied building; or
- placed in such a manner to reasonably exclude access by deer; or
- placed as part of a wild hog management effort authorized by the agency; or
- present solely as a result of normal agricultural practices, normal forest management practices, or crop and wildlife food production practices.



Blue = High-risk
Red = CWD Positive
Yellow = Outside CWD Area



There are restrictions on moving whole or field-dressed deer carcasses. **The following approved parts may move freely throughout the state and out of the state:**

- Antlers (including ones attached to clean skull plates)
- De-boned meat / Cleaned skulls and Skull plates
- Hides & Tanned products / Finished Taxidermy
- Teeth (free of meat and tissues)

DEFINITION

Unit CWD Earn-A-Buck

To increase the number of deer harvested and sampled for CWD management, additional bucks may be earned.

- Tennessee's antlered deer bag limit (2) did not change; therefore it still applies to hunters hunting Unit CWD as well as the rest of the state.
- As of this year, Unit CWD hunters may earn an unlimited number of antlered deer for harvest in Unit CWD, in addition to the statewide antlered deer bag limit of two.
- An additional antlered deer is earned for every two antlerless deer harvested in Unit CWD and submitted for CWD testing.
- Earned antlered deer must be harvested in Unit CWD.
- Valid for 2020-21 hunting season only.

DEFINITION

Unit CWD Replacement Buck

To assist CWD management efforts, TWRA will encourage hunters to continue hunting, harvesting and be an added incentive for hunters to have their deer tested for CWD:

- Unit CWD hunters will receive a replacement buck if they harvest a CWD-positive antlered deer and the lab result is confirmed by TWRA.
- There is no limit on the number of replacement bucks.
- Replacement bucks must be harvested in Unit CWD or in the county where the qualifying CWD-positive antlered deer was harvested.
- Valid for 2020-21 hunting season only.



TN residents hunting out of state - Only approved parts (i.e., deboned meat, clean skulls, skull plates and teeth, antlers, finished taxidermy, hides, and tanned products) from deer, elk, moose, and caribou may be brought back into TN.

Nonresident hunters - Be aware of potential restrictions on taking your TN deer carcass back to your home state. Check your home state regulations and regulations of those states you travel through to return home.

CWD IN TENNESSEE



Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) was first discovered in two southwest Tennessee counties in December 2018. With the discovery of the disease in the state, we joined 25 other US states, four Canadian provinces, and four other countries in the management of CWD. CWD was first recognized in the late 1960s in mule deer in a research facility in northern Colorado and shortly thereafter, it was identified in free-ranging mule deer and elk in Colorado and Wyoming.

TWRA is committed to preventing the spread of CWD and to decreasing the prevalence (i.e., infection rate) of the disease in the affected area where possible. Since the discovery of CWD, TWRA has been able to do a comprehensive analysis of the extent of the outbreak. This work would not have been possible without the cooperation of Agency partners, taxidermists, processors, landowners, and most importantly, hunters. TWRA has used the information gained through these collaborative efforts to begin to combat the disease and plan for future efforts to try to successfully manage CWD which is only possible with the continued support and cooperation of hunters and other stakeholders.

Before getting into the ins and outs of CWD management in Tennessee, let us take a step back and review what the disease is. Chronic wasting disease is a progressive neurological disease in deer and elk species that is always fatal. There is no vaccine and no cure. CWD belongs to a

group of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs), which also includes mad cow disease in cattle, scrapie in sheep and Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease in humans. CWD has been found in wild deer, elk, moose, and caribou populations. There has never been a proven link between consuming meat from a CWD infected animal and disease in people, but there are other prion-related animal diseases that people can get. In areas known to have CWD, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that hunters strongly consider getting their deer tested and not consume meat from animals that test positive.

Prions

Prions are the causative agent for all TSEs, including CWD. Put simply, a prion is an abnormal form of a normal protein made in the body. Prions are not living organisms like bacteria, fungi or parasites. The body cannot break down prions. Therefore, they accumulate. This accumulation of prions leads to tissue damage. The clinical (i.e., visible) signs typically seen are the result of tissue damage in the brain and neurologic system. The buildup of these abnormal proteins leads to a slowly progressive, neurologic disease resulting in muscle wasting and ultimately death.

Depending on the stage of infection, infected animals will shed prions in saliva, feces, urine, blood, semen, and even antler velvet. CWD is transmitted orally (i.e., by mouth) and is most

likely passed by direct contact with infected animals or through contact with prions present in the environment (e.g., at shared feeding sites, salt licks, rubs, and scrapes in CWD areas).

There is no treatment for CWD, and normal environmental processes such as sunlight, freezing or drying out do not inactivate prions. Prions are nearly indestructible and are only rendered non-infectious by heating them to 1,832 degrees Fahrenheit or through chemical denaturing.

CWD Negatively Impacts Deer Populations

The biggest concerns surrounding CWD are the long-term impacts on deer populations in Tennessee. Wildlife biologists in states where CWD was detected several decades ago have documented overall population declines in mule deer, white-tailed deer and elk. In certain instances, the declines were well over 40% herd loss with no sign of recovery since. Other negative impacts have been shifts in the age structure to younger age classes (i.e., fewer older, mature deer on the landscape). Less obvious impacts include poor fawn survival and an increased susceptibility to predation because of CWD.

Information About CWD In Tennessee

Unfortunately, the disease is distributed across at least 4,500 square miles in seven counties (Chester, Fayette, Hardeman, Haywood, Madi-

son, Shelby, and Tipton). For perspective, the affected area is roughly 3.5 times the size of Rhode Island. Four additional counties (Crockett, Gibson, Lauderdale, and McNairy) are high-risk for CWD because the disease has been found in free ranging deer within 10 miles of these counties. Of the 678 animals that have tested positive to date, most have been adult bucks. However, positive animals have been identified in both sexes and in all ages. Prevalence is the highest in Fayette (13.5%) and Hardeman (7.8%) counties. Fortunately, the other five counties only have low prevalence of the disease at this time, and no CWD has been detected in the remaining 88 counties.

Although CWD has been detected in seven counties, there is a distinct core area where approximately 60% of the positive deer have been detected. This core area is located along the southern part of the Fayette and Hardeman county border and encompasses roughly 500 square miles. The core area has a much higher prevalence and based on current estimates the prevalence is likely 35% or higher. As you move farther out from the core, the prevalence decreases. The large geographic distribution of CWD in Tennessee, the high number of positive deer detected, and the high estimated prevalence rates in the core area indicate CWD has been in Tennessee for a while. Unfortunately, these numbers put the status of CWD in Tennessee on par with states that have been combating the disease for decades. Research from these states has shown population impacts are first noted once CWD is greater than 5% in the adult buck population. The prevalence documented this past hunting season for adult bucks in Fayette and Hardeman counties is greater than 16%. Therefore, CWD may already be negatively impacting deer populations in these counties.

Accomplishments

Despite the unfortunate outcomes above, thanks to the help from Agency partners, taxidermists, processors, landowners and hunters, TWRA has laid the foundation for a successful long-term CWD management program. Highlighted below are some of the major successes thus far.

Our CWD monitoring and service testing program provides testing free of charge for deer harvested within the affected area which enables TWRA to monitor changes in the prevalence and distribution of the disease. Developed before the discovery of CWD, our risk-based surveillance system is designed to detect CWD in other parts of the state if it were to occur there. Through these efforts, approximately 19,000 animals have been tested statewide since the fall of 2018. This success is due to dedicated agency staff and hunters, processors and taxidermists who assist in collection, sampling, and disposal of harvested deer.

Since hunting is the primary tool for effective CWD management on a large scale, TWRA has expanded harvest opportunities in Unit CWD. The agency has made it so hunters who harvest a CWD-positive antlered deer can receive

a replacement buck (page 29), and those who contribute to disease management by harvesting antlerless deer in Unit CWD can earn-a-buck to harvest additional antlered deer (page 29). In addition, method-of-take restrictions have been eased during some season segments in Unit CWD (page 27).

In cooperation with the University of Tennessee (UT) Extension, TWRA worked exhaustively to educate hunters, landowners and other stakeholders about CWD and how they can help. These efforts include, but are not limited to the following:

- dozens of public meetings (many of which were also live-streamed),
- extensive social media and digital educational efforts,
- staffed check stations in Unit CWD during opening weekends of the 2019 - 2020 deer season,
- informational campaign in traditional news outlets (e.g., billboards, newspaper, radio, broadcast TV, etc.), and
- direct outreach to local organizations and governments.

Finally, TWRA has partnered with UT to study how hunters and landowners have been impacted by CWD, their perceptions about CWD in general and TWRA's efforts to manage CWD, and how each of these change over time.

On The Horizon

The road ahead will be challenging, but effective management of CWD is possible and TWRA is fully committed to this issue. The Agency will continue the important efforts described above, but there is even more being developed as this is being written which you can expect to hear more about soon, including:



- Partnering with landowners in portions of the affected area to remove even more deer than are harvested during hunting season.
- Establishing in-state diagnostic labs to expand sampling capacity and improve turnaround time of results.
- Potentially developing a facility in the affected area dedicated to CWD and wildlife health.
- Research on wild deer in the affected area and the role the environment (e.g., prions in the soil) plays in CWD transmission.

CWD management is a partnership between TWRA, Agency partners, hunters, and landowners. We need your engagement and support. Please, harvest more deer in Unit CWD. Abide by carcass transportation and feeding restrictions in positive CWD and high-risk CWD counties. Read all of the CWD content in this hunting guide. Sign-up for email updates at CWDinTN.com. Together we can conserve a healthy deer population for the benefit of present and future generations.

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Why Should You Shoot More Deer in Unit CWD?



The short answer is an increased harvest will result in fewer deer in Unit CWD, meaning fewer CWD-positive deer, resulting in less deer interactions where disease transfer can occur.

TWRA's goal is to keep CWD from spreading and to keep the number of infected deer to a minimum, reducing infection rates where possible. Hunter harvest is the only feasible way to accomplish this.

An increase in both buck and doe harvest is needed in Unit CWD. Bucks are the most likely to spread this disease since they have larger home ranges than females and testing results show they are twice as likely to have CWD. Increased doe harvest is needed to decrease the deer population so social interactions between deer lessen, which will then decrease the risk of disease spread.

Fayette and Hardeman counties are the most heavily impacted. High disease rates there indicate the environment is a source of infection in addition to animal-to-animal contact. Left unchecked, infection rates will continue to grow, causing a population decline and a younger

overall deer population.

Population reduction is also needed in the remaining Unit CWD counties which are either positive with relatively low infection rates (i.e., Chester, Haywood, Madison, Shelby, and Tipton) or are not yet positive but CWD has been detected within 10 miles of the county border (i.e., Crockett, Gibson, Lauderdale, and McNairy). In fact, harvesting more deer in these counties is the best chance we have of containing the natural spread of the disease to other parts of the state.

Hunter harvest is the primary means to best manage CWD in Tennessee, especially at the large geographical scale at which the disease is known to exist in Tennessee.

If we are responsive as hunters and harvest more deer, we will continue to enjoy an overall healthy deer population. But if we don't, CWD will do its dirty work, leaving us and future generations with a mostly diseased, unhealthy deer population in the CWD area. Furthermore, the disease will spread more rapidly potentially affecting new areas of the state and the likelihood of harvested deer being CWD-positive will increase.

HOW CAN I HELP WITH CWD?

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a progressive, fatal disease of the nervous system in white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and moose. CWD was first discovered in Tennessee in December 2018. The damage done to portions of the brain – creating holes in the brain cells and causing a sponge-like appearance – is 100% fatal once contracted.

TWRA's disease management goals are keeping CWD from spreading, keeping the number of diseased deer in the affected area to a minimum, and reducing disease rates where possible. Here are some things you can do to help in Unit CWD.

FOR HUNTERS

- Keep hunting! Take advantage of the additional opportunities to harvest deer in Unit CWD.
- Harvest as many deer as bag limits allow.
- Honor carcass transportation restrictions for deer harvested in positive CWD or high-risk CWD counties (see page 29).
- Report anyone not abiding by transport laws to TWRA.
- Honor carcass import restrictions for Tennessee if hunting out of state. For more details, see page 29.
- Follow the regulation prohibiting the placement of grain, salt products, minerals and other consumable products for wildlife in positive and high-risk CWD counties.
- Have deer from positive and high-risk CWD counties and follow best practices for carcass disposal.
- Report sick or abnormal looking deer to TWRA at tn.gov/twra/sickdeer.
- Abide by regulations regarding the use of urine lures or products.

FOR LANDOWNERS

- Encourage hunters to harvest as many deer as their bag limits allow.
- For qualifying landowners, obtain a CWD Management Control Permit to take additional deer.
- Allow more hunting on your land.
- Follow the regulation prohibiting the placement of grain, salt products, minerals and other consumable products for wildlife in positive and high-risk CWD counties.
- Cover old mineral sites with twelve (12) inches of top soil/gravel.
- Avoid planting small food plots.
- Test deer harvested on your land for CWD.
- Sampling drop-off locations can be found at CWDinTN.com.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

While hunting in areas with CWD ...

- Strongly consider having deer tested for CWD before eating the meat.
- If your animal tests positive for CWD, do not eat meat from that animal.
- Wear latex or rubber gloves when dressing the animal or handling the meat.
- Minimize how much you handle the organs of the animal, particularly the brain and spinal cord.
- Do not use household knives or other kitchen utensils for field dressing.
- For more information, visit CDC.gov.

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ELK

HUNTING REGULATIONS

Elk Quota Hunts

Elk harvest is regulated by a quota permit system. The application period for the elk quota hunts is June 17 - July 22, 2020. Permits available at TWRA license agents and online. Fifteen (15) quota permits will be issued in 2020. Each permit holder will be allocated a separate Elk Hunt Zone (EHZs).

One (1) of fifteen (15) quota permits will be issued to a qualifying non-profit wildlife conservation organization with all proceeds benefiting the TWRA Elk Management Program. The permit will be available through an online raffle. To purchase tickets for the raffle, visit the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation website at www.twrf.net.

Another one (1) of the fifteen (15) quota permits will be issued to a resident Young Sportsman, who is able to hunt all open EHZs. A Young Sportsman quota permit holder may hunt any EHZ designated open by the TWRA and private lands in designated open counties.

Elk permits are valid for designated Elk Hunt Zones (EHZs) on North Cumberland WMA and on private lands in Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Morgan and Scott counties. All public land other than North Cumberland WMA is closed to elk hunting. It is the responsibility of elk permit holders to obtain verbal or written permission to hunt on private property. TWRA does not guarantee hunter access on private lands. Landowners are not exempted from this permit requirement and must be drawn for a quota permit to hunt. For legal hunting methods, see page 12.



Incidental Take of Elk

A legal deer hunter may harvest an elk (either sex) incidental to deer hunting on all private and public lands open to deer hunting except for public and private lands located in Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Scott, and Morgan counties and except for Big South Fork River and Recreation Area, Scott State Forest, and Obed National Scenic River Corridor. Only one elk per year may be harvested incidental to legal deer hunting. Elk harvested via incidental take must be reported to the TWRA on the day of harvest by calling 1-800-831-1174 to allow physical checking by TWRA personnel.

Special Regulations

1. All elk harvested by elk quota permit holders must be checked in at the North Cumberland WMA office on the day of harvest.
2. The location must be adequately marked so that TWRA employees can identify the harvest site, which can be accomplished by either providing GPS coordinates or accompanying a TWRA employee to the harvest site.
3. Use or possession of electronic radio-tracking equipment is prohibited.
4. Bugling or calling of elk is prohibited within the EHZs during all elk hunts except by permitted hunters and their assistants.

Elk Bag Limits, Season Dates, and Quotas

ARCHERY-ONLY SEASON	GUN/MUZZLELOADER/ARCHERY SEASON ^A	YOUNG SPORTSMAN ^B GUN/MUZZLELOADER/ARCHERY SEASON	HUNT AREA ^C	BAG LIMIT
Sept. 26 - Oct. 2 7 Quota Permits	Oct. 10 - 16 7 Quota Permits	Oct. 3 - 9 1 Quota Permit	EHZs and Counties designated open by TWRA	1 antlered elk per permit

a The season for the permit issued to non-profit conservation organization is Oct. 10 - 16, 2020 in EHZ one (1) and counties designated open by TWRA and Oct. 17 - 23, 2020 in all EHZs and counties designated open by TWRA.

b Resident youths 13-16 may apply for quota permit. Young sportsmen must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters.

c EHZs are located on North Cumberland WMA only; all other public land is CLOSED to elk hunting. Hunting on private lands within the following counties is allowed only with landowner permission: Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Morgan and Scott Counties.

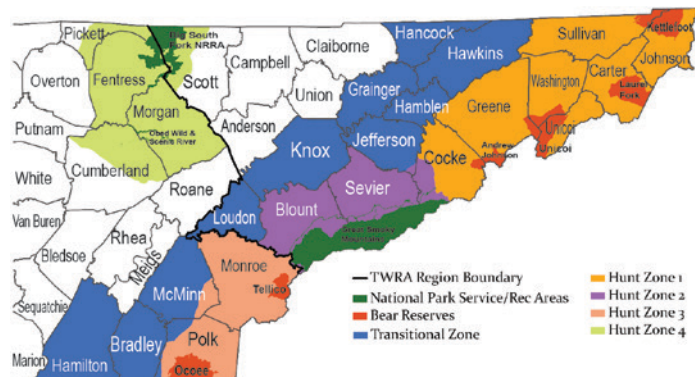
Out-of-State Hunters - Be aware of carcass importation restrictions for deer, elk, moose and caribou. CWDinTennessee.com

BEAR

HUNTING REGULATIONS

2020 Statewide Bear Season (See WMA Section for WMA Bear Seasons)

Five (5) bear hunt zones (BHZ's) have been established, as follows:



BHZ1:

Carter, Cocke (North of I-40), Greene, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, & Washington Counties.

BHZ2:

Blount, Cocke (South of I-40), Jefferson (East of Hwy 411), Sevier Counties.

BHZ3:

McMinn (East of Hwy 411), Monroe, Polk (East of Hwy 411 & North of Hwy 64) Counties, excluding South Cherokee WMA.

BHZ4:

Cumberland (North of I-40), Fentress, Morgan, Pickett (East of Hwy 111), & Scott (West of Hwy 27) Counties.

Transitional:

Bradley, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hawkins, Grainger, Jefferson (west of Hwy 411), Knox, Loudon, McMinn (West of Hwy 411), & Polk Counties (West of Hwy 411).

Bear Reserves, Catoosa WMA, Mt. Roosevelt WMA, State Parks, Scott State Forest, National Parks and Recreation Areas are closed to bear hunting.

Bear Hunt Zone (BHZ)

HUNT TYPE		BHZ 1	BHZ 2	BHZ 3	BHZ 4**	TRANSITIONAL
Young Sportsman* G/M/A (No Dogs Permitted)		Oct. 31 - Nov. 1	Oct. 31 - Nov. 1	Oct. 31 - Nov. 1	Closed	
Gun/Muzzleloader/ Archery (Dogs Allowed)	Segment 1	Oct. 3 - 5 Oct. 10 - 11	Oct. 10 - 13 Oct. 16 - 18	Oct. 3 - 4 Oct. 10 - 16	Closed	
	Segment 2	Nov. 9 - 16	Nov. 2 - 6	Nov. 2 - 6		
	Segment 3	Nov. 30 - Dec. 16	Nov. 30 - Dec. 24	Nov. 30 - Dec. 13		
	Segment 4	Closed	Closed	Dec. 31 - Jan. 3	Closed	Closed
Archery (No Dogs Permitted)		Sept. 26 - Oct. 23	Sept. 26 - Oct. 23	Sept. 26 - Oct. 23	Sept. 26 - Oct. 23	Sept. 26 - Oct. 23
Gun/Muzzleloader/ Archery (No Dogs Permitted)		Nov. 21-24	Nov. 21-24	Nov. 21-24	Closed	

* Youths 6-16 years of age may participate. Young sportsmen must be accompanied by a non-hunting, adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult.

** The following areas within BHZ4 are closed to bear hunting: Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Obed Wild and Scenic River Corridor, Scott State Forest, Catoosa WMA, Mt. Roosevelt WMA.

Bear Season Regulations

- **Bear limit:** One (1) bear either sex per license year.
- The bear bag limit for any person participating in the statewide or Bear Party-Dog hunt or both shall not exceed one bear per license year. This bear may be either sex.
- Cubs or female bears with cubs at side may not be taken at any time. A cub is defined as a bear weighing 75 pounds or less.
- Bears may be whole or field dressed but must weigh 75 pounds or greater when checked in.

- If bears are quartered or boned out, the total of the meat, hide, etc. must equal or exceed 75 pounds.

Legal Hunting Equipment

See page 12.

Taking Wild Hogs During Bear Dog Hunts: Individuals licensed to hunt bears may take wild hogs during any proclaimed bear dog hunt.

Bear Dog Training Season

The following bear hunt zones (BHZ's) are open for a bear dog training season during daylight hours only. No bears may be taken and no weapons may be possessed. (Bear reserves closed to dog training, refer to pages 63 and 72):

- **BHZ1 and BHZ2:** Aug. 22 - Sept. 27;
- **BHZ3:** Sept. 9 - 18;
- **BHZ 4 and Transitional:** Closed.
- **North Cherokee:** Sept. 8 - Oct. 3
- **South Cherokee:** Sept. 9 - 18

Restricted Bear Reserve Hunt

Open area: Private property located within the proclaimed boundaries of the Kettlefoot and Laurel Fork Bear Reserves.

Bag Limit and Season Dates

DATE	METHODS	QUOTA		BAG LIMIT
		Kettlefoot	Laurel Fork	
Only Sept. 19 - 21, 2020 ^a	Archery, Muzzleloader, Gun Dogs Allowed	20 Bears	20 Bears	1 Bear, Either Sex. **Does not count towards state-wide bag limit.

Special Regulations for Restricted Bear Hunt:

a. If the cumulative harvest at the end of a day meets or exceeds 75% (at least 15) of the quota (20) the hunt will conclude at the end of legal hunting hours on that day.

- » Kettlefoot: Intersection of Hwy 421 and Hwy 133, Shady Valley, TN (look for signs)
- » Laurel Fork: Hampton Bait Shop, 126 First Avenue, Hampton, TN

b. Hunters should call a (423) 522-2467 or check the Agency web site to verify the hunt is open the following day. A message will be posted by 9:00 pm local time each day.

ATTENTION BEAR HUNTERS

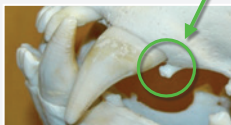
Help with bear population monitoring by submitting a pre-molar tooth and body measurements from your harvested bear.

WHY SHOULD I SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION?

Now that hunters can check harvested bears electronically, it will be difficult for Agency personnel to physically collect enough age and weight data for monitoring population and harvest trends.

HOW DO I COLLECT A TOOTH?

The upper premolar is the tooth behind the canine (see photo). Using a knife or screwdriver, push the gum line toward the top of the head exposing more of the tooth. Loosen the tooth with the knife or screwdriver using the canine for leverage. This is an important step, because trying to immediately pull with pliers usually results in a broken tooth. Once loose, use pliers to finish the job. Note: The entire tooth, roots included, is needed. View an instructional video on how to correctly remove and submit a bear tooth at <https://youtube/gbq3P2AIY6I>



HOW DO I TAKE THE BODY MEASUREMENTS?

See drawing to the right.



Chest Girth: Measure immediately behind the front legs, snug against the body. Measurement should include the entire circumference of the chest.



Total Length: Measure from the tip of the nose, down the spine, to the tip of the tail.

PRO TIP: Use a rope to obtain the length and girth and then measure the rope using a tape measure on a flat surface.

Hunter Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Complete data sheet and mail with tooth to:

TWRA Bear Data Collection
3030 Wildlife Way
Morristown, TN 37814

Harvest Biological Information

Hunter Name: _____
TWRA ID: _____
County of Harvest: _____
☐ Public or ☐ Private (check one)
Date of Harvest: _____
Sex of Bear: _____
Total Length (to nearest 1/4"): _____
Chest Girth (to nearest 1/4"): _____

NOTE: All hunters that submit a tooth will receive an Agency Bear Cooperators hat this spring. Be sure to provide an accurate and legible address on the data sheet.

WILD HOG

REGULATIONS

Status in Tennessee

Wild hogs cause extensive damage to crops, wildlife habitat, contribute to erosion and water pollution, and carry diseases harmful to livestock and other animals as well as humans. It is illegal to possess, transport, or release live wild hogs.

Control for Landowners

Landowners have more opportunity than ever before to control wild hogs on their properties. They can shoot wild hogs year-round during the day without limit and trap with bait outside of big game seasons. Furthermore, landowners may obtain an exemption from their TWRA regional office enabling them to kill wild hogs at night using a spotlight, trap year-round, etc. Once an exemption is obtained, family members and tenants that qualify under the Farmland Owner License Exemption (page 75) and up to ten additional designees may help private landowners with wild hog control efforts. For properties over 1,000 acres, an additional designee per 100 acres may be assigned. In order to renew each year, exemption holders are required to report the number of hogs killed on their property and the manner in which they were killed to TWRA. Landowners may also take advantage of technical assistance provided by TWRA to help with a trapping program or additional wild hog control techniques. USDA Wildlife Services personnel are also available to provide technical assistance for wild hog control by calling (615) 736-5506.

Control on Public Land

In Region I, wild hogs may be taken during deer season by licensed deer hunters on Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and Big Hill Pond State Park (the portion south of the railroad tracks).

In Region III, wild hogs may be taken incidental to deer hunts on the following WMAs: Alpine Mountain, Bridgestone-Firestone Centennial Wilderness, Catoosa, Skinner Mountain, Standing Stone State Forest, and Tellico Lake. Wild hogs may be taken on any deer or bear hunt on South Cherokee WMA. There are also the following wild hog control seasons in which the use of dogs is permitted: two five-day control seasons on Catoosa WMA and one three-day control season on Skinner Mountain WMA.

In Region IV, wild hogs may be taken on any big game hunt on the North Cherokee; any deer

or turkey hunt on Kyker Bottoms Refuge; and on any hunt, small game or big game, on the Foothills WMA and the entire North Cumberland WMA.

On the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, wild hogs may be taken with a special permit during any deer hunts and by small game hunters after the deer season.

Refer to the regulations for individual WMAs and public hunting areas to determine how and when hogs can be taken.

Individuals licensed to hunt bears may take wild hogs during any scheduled bear-dog hunt.

WANTED

Information leading to the conviction of persons dealing in the sale, illegal transportation and/or stocking of wild hogs.



A reward of up to \$3500

will be given to individuals that provide information that leads to the conviction of persons involved in the sale, illegal transportation and/or stocking of wild hogs.

Contact 629-255-6125

You may remain anonymous and collect reward money.

Reward made possible by contributions from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, and the Tennessee Ornithological Society.


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For more information regarding wild hogs see our website:
www.tnwildlife.org

TURKEY

HUNTING REGULATIONS

General Regulations

Hunting Hours

Thirty minutes before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

Legal Hunting Equipment

- Shotguns using ammunition with No. 4 shot or smaller. No restriction on number of rounds in the magazine.
- Archery equipment (longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows).
- Sighting devices including scopes are legal. Night vision, infrared, and other devices using artificial light to locate wildlife are illegal.
- A pre-charged pneumatic gun (Airbow) which shoots an arrow is legal for all hunters to use during Spring statewide turkey season.

Prohibited Acts

(see page 12 for more details)

Baiting, possessing rifles, using handguns, possessing or using electronic calls, using live decoys, and loaded ammunition larger than No. 4 shot are prohibited. Turkeys may not be shot or stalked from a boat in Dyer, Haywood, Lauderdale, Obion, Shelby or Tipton counties.

Special Regulations

- A licensed turkey hunter who has filled his/her bag limit or does not possess a valid permit for a quota hunt, may accompany another turkey hunter who has a valid permit (except on WMAs where prohibited) and assist them in calling, but may not have turkey hunting weapons in their possession.
- On a Young Sportsman Hunt, youths must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and is not required to have a license. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult.
- Turkeys must remain intact until tagged and checked in.
- All turkeys harvested on public land hunts count toward statewide bag limits (see WMA section for details).

Wildlife Management Areas

- Many WMAs are open with statewide seasons and bag limits, though some have restricted dates or quota hunts (see WMA section for details).
- Calling or attempting to call turkeys using any means to mimic the sounds made by turkeys is prohibited from March 1 to opening day of spring turkey hunts on all WMAs.
- WMA spring turkey quota hunt application period is from Dec. 9, 2020 - Jan. 13, 2021.

Fall Turkey

Open in all counties, **except** Bledsoe, Bradley, Crockett, Dyer, Giles, Haywood, Lake, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lincoln, Loudon, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Shelby, Tipton, Unicoi, and Wayne counties are closed to all fall turkey hunting. During the fall turkey seasons a turkey hunter may not be in possession of both archery equipment and shotguns and/or rifles. Any turkey harvested during these seasons counts toward the county bag limit. Hunters may move to a different county and hunt turkey after filling their bag limit in a county.

Archery

Sept. 26 - Oct. 30 and Nov. 2 - 6, 2020 (same as deer archery-only season)

Shotgun/Archery

Oct. 17 - 30, 2020

Fall Turkey Bag Limit

One (1) bearded turkey per county.

Spring Turkey

All counties are open to spring turkey seasons, however there are some exceptions on public land (see WMA section for details).

The new Mississippi Alluvial Valley (MAV) Unit consists of Dyer, Lake, Lauderdale, Shelby and Tipton Counties.

Statewide (excluding the MAV Unit and Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln and Wayne Counties)

Young Sportsman¹: March 27-28, 2021
Shotgun/Archery: April 3 - May 16, 2021

MAV Unit and Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln and Wayne Counties

Young Sportsman^{1,2}: April 10-11, 2021
Shotgun/Archery: April 17 - May 16, 2021

Spring Turkey Bag Limit

One (1) bearded turkey per day, not to exceed three (3) per season, except the season limit in the MAV Unit shall not exceed two (2) bearded turkeys, which count toward the statewide season limit.

¹Any turkey harvested during the Young Sportsman Hunt counts toward the statewide spring season limit of three (3).

²Any turkey harvested during the Young Sportsman Hunt in the MAV unit counts toward the Unit spring season limit of two (2).

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TWRA FIRING RANGES

REGIONAL INFORMATION

Region I

Chambers Creek Firing Range

Located on Campbell-Old Mill Road. Open for sighting in during the month of October. Daylight hours only.

Lake Graham Firing Range

(731) 423-5725

Open for sighting in during the three weeks prior to deer gun season 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Natchez Trace State Park Firing Range

Natchez Trace State Park office. (731) 968-3742.

TWRA Hunter Education and Range Facility

3200 Brother Blvd., Bartlett, TN.
Sam Murrey – (901) 213-3124.

- Fee required.
- **Hours:**
 - » **Tuesday:** 12:00 p.m. – 9 p.m.
 - » **Thursday:** 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
 - » **Saturday:** 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 - » **Sunday:** 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- All guns must be cased when in use.
- Check website for scheduled holiday closures.

Wolf River Firing Range

(901) 878-0855

- Firing range open for rifle sight-in during the whole month of October.

Region II

Cheatham WMA Firing Range and Archery Range (Tier 1 Range)

1299 Headquarters Rd., Ashland City, TN 37015.
Eric Tummins – (615) 792-4510.

- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited. Field points only for archery. Automatic firearms prohibited. Must purchase the range permit from a TWRA license agent. No permits available at range. Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): A Type 220, 221 or valid hunting license required.
- **Hours:**
 - » **Daily:** Open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Montgomery County Shooting Complex

4201 Southside Road, Southside, TN 37171.
(931) 387-3456. www.shoottn.org

- Permits must be purchased before entrance to range. Fee required.
- **Hours:**
 - » **Friday - Monday:** 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 - » **Closed Tuesday and Thursday.**

Stones River Hunter Education Center (Tier 2 Range)

2618 Hobson Pike, Antioch, TN.
Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday.
Call (615) 641-8896 for times.

- Fee required. Shotguns prohibited. Adult. (Type 222 or 223 required).
- **Hours:**
 - » **April–Oct.:** Fri.–Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. 1–6 p.m.
 - » **Nov.–March:** Fri.–Sat. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Sun. 1–4:30 p.m.
 - » Check website for scheduled holiday closures.

Yanahli Firing Range (Tier 1 Range)

(931) 840-4042.

- Days and hours as posted at the range.
 - Automatic firearms prohibited.
- Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): A Type 220, 221.. or a valid hunting license.

Region III

Catoosa WMA Genesis Checking Station (Tier 1 Range)

Open daily except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Tier 1 Range permit or Type 001 license or equivalent required; must be purchased from a TWRA license agent. No permits available at range. Adult (16 yrs.+): A Type 220, 221 or valid hunting license required.
Jim Lane – (931) 456-2479.

Catoosa WMA Peavine Campground (Tier 1 Range)

- **Open:**
 - » **Apr. 1–Jan. 31,** except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Tier 1 Range permit or Type 001 license or equivalent required; must be purchased from a TWRA license agent. No permits available at range. Adult (16 yrs.+): A Type 220, 221 or valid hunting license required.

Prentice Cooper WMA (Tier 1 Range)

Clint Smith – (423) 658-0298.

- Rifles and handguns only. No shotguns.
- A Type 220, 221 or valid hunting license required. No permits available at range. Adult (16 yrs.+)
- **Open:**
 - » Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday only, daylight hours only. Closed during WMA Big Game hunts.

South Cherokee WMA (Spring Creek Range)

(423) 338-3300

- U.S. Forest Service Fee (\$3 per vehicle) required. Annual pass available. Open daylight hours. Closed on Tuesday.

Region IV

John Sevier Hunter Education Center (Tier 2 Range)

2327 Rifle Range Road, Knoxville.
Joe Everett – (865) 594-6279.

- Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+).
- **(Type 222 or 223 required)**
- **Hours:** Closed 1st full weekend of each month.
 - » **Rifle/pistol/Archery ranges open:** Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
 - » **Shotgun ranges open:** Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
 - » **Standing pistol range open:** Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m.
 - » **All Ranges close:** 4:30 p.m. Nov. 3 – March 8

Chuck Swan WMA Firing Range (Tier 1 Range)

Dustin McCubbins – (865) 278-3248.

Closed during big game hunts. Range open Thursday and Friday from noon to sunset and Saturday and Sunday from sunrise to sunset. No buckshot allowed on range. A Type 220, 221 or valid hunting license required.

North Cumberland WMA Firing Range (Tier 1 Range)

Flatwoods Road.

Joe Elkins – (423) 566-8557. A Type 220, 221 or valid hunting license required.

North Cherokee WMA

(423) 735-1500.

- US Forest Service Fee (\$2 per vehicle) required and/or annual pass. Open daylight hours only.

Jacobs Creek

Denton Valley Road, Sullivan Co.

Pond Mountain

Hwy. 321, Carter Co.

Scioto

Scioto Road, Unicoi Co.

Bubbling Springs

Hwy. 107, Cocke Co. (423) 638-4109

PUBLIC HUNTING

INFORMATION

Other Hunting Lands

Other TWRA lands not proclaimed as a WMA or refuge are open with statewide seasons unless otherwise indicated.

Big Hill Pond State Park (McNairy Co.) Huntability Lands

The portion that is south of the railroad track is open to hunting during the statewide seasons. Wild hog may be taken during deer season by licensed deer hunters. Same as statewide. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See pages 26-27.

Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area

Not open to elk hunting. In addition to state hunting license, a Big South Fork Permit is required to take wild hogs. Hogs may only be taken during the deer season and the Jan.-Feb. small game season. All hogs must be taken with big game hunting devices. For information about obtaining a wild hog permit call Big South Fork NRRRA at (423) 569-9778 or the BSFNRRRA Brandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or www.nps.gov/biso.

Fort Campbell Outdoor Recreation

(270) 798-2175.

www.fortcampbellmwr.com/Recreation/hunting/index.html

Holston Army Ammunition Plant

(423) 578-6276

Long Hunter State Park (Davidson/Rutherford Counties)

(615) 885-2422

Deer Hunt. December 12-19. Hunter quota 50. Hand-held drawing at Long Hunter Group Camp on September 12th, registration from 9:00-11:00 A.M., drawing at 11:30 A.M. Archery only, including crossbow. Harvested deer must be checked in at designated check in station at park. Bag limit three deer, no more than one antlered. First deer harvested must be antlerless. Antlered deer count towards statewide bag. Hunter safety meeting required.

Milan Army Ammunition Plant

(731) 686-6682. website:

www.milansarsenalhunting.com

Tennessee State Forests

Operated by Tennessee Division of Forestry. State forests listed below are open to hunting during statewide seasons. For information concerning locations and state forest user regulations, consult website: www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/stateforests.html

Bledsoe State Forest, Cedars of Lebanon State Forest, Franklin State Forest, Lone Mountain State Forest, Stewart State Forest

Tims Ford State Park Huntability Lands

Permit required, available at the Park Office. Same seasons and regulations as Owl Hollow Mill WMA (see page 60). For more information call (931) 962-1183.

Federal Refuges

Federal refuge seasons and regulations may be different from the ones listed in this guide. Contact the individual refuge for their specific seasons and regulations.

Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 635-7621

Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge

(931) 232-7477 – All hunters must have type 064 permit, even lifetime and sportsmans license holders. Available at all TWRA license agents.

Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 635-7621

Same as statewide. In the portion of the refuge in Tipton County, deer seasons follow Unit CWD-dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.

Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 772-0501

Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges

(731) 538-2481

Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 642-2091 – All hunters must have type 064 permit, even lifetime and sportsmans license holders. Available at all TWRA license agents.

State Natural Areas

Open with statewide season, except as noted. For more information on these areas, see the Tennessee State Natural Areas (SNAs) website.

Big Cypress SNA, coincides with Obion River WMA regulations, **Duck River Complex SNA**, **Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade SNA**, **Fate Sanders Barrens SNA**, **Fall Creek Falls SNA**, **Hampton Creek Cove SNA** (Only turkey, grouse, rabbit, squirrel, and deer hunting (tree stands prohibited and archery only) allowed. Hunting dogs, dog training and motorized vehicles are prohibited), **Ghost River SNA** coincides with Wolf River WMA Unit 1 regulations, for deer, see page 55, **Hicks Gap SNA**, **Reelfoot SNA** coincides with Reelfoot WMA regulations, **Sunk Lane SNA** (northern unit only), **Twin Arches SNA**, **Honey Creek SNA** (No hunting in the No Hunt Zone around Chariot Lodge), **Walker Branch SNA**, **William R. Davenport Refuge SNA**

TWRA Public Hunting Areas (PHAs)

TWRA has established numerous PHAs; see list below. A PHA is not intensively managed that is established for the protection of wildlife species and public use by both consumptive and non-consumptive users. PHAs are generally small and isolated from other TWRA managed lands. General WMA Regulations (pg. 42-45) also apply to PHAs. However, WMA Permits are not required on these lands.

For information on these areas and exact locations, search the interactive map (go to www.tnwildlife.org and search for Wildlife Management Area Maps).

Open with statewide seasons: Cowan Swamp (Franklin Co.), Shady Park (Robertson Co.), Battle Creek (Marion Co.), Whites Creek (Rhea Co.), Mullins Island (Cocke Co.)

Open with statewide seasons except archery equipment only for deer hunting: Anderson Pond (White Co.), Hampton Crossroads (White Co.), Long Branch (DeKalb Co.)

Open with seasons same as North Cherokee WMA (see pg. 72): Big Springs (Sullivan Co.), Henderson Swamp (Washington Co.)

Hunting on TWRA Lakes

Hunting: Hunting is permitted during the regular hunting season on the following lakes and adjacent state lands, except on areas posted as safety zones: Garrett Lake, VFW Lake, Whiteville Lake, Coy Gaither Bedford Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Carroll Lake (no big game hunting allowed on Carroll Lake and State owned land adjacent thereto), and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. **Note:** On the Oak Dain Wetland portion of Whiteville Lake deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.

Trapping: Trapping is allowed on Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes as set out in statewide regulations.

Waterfowl Hunting: Waterfowl hunting is permitted from temporary or natural blinds only on Garrett Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. Blinds and decoys must be removed daily from Garrett Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. Boats may be used for waterfowl hunting on Garrett Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

GENERAL REGULATIONS

There are over 100 WMAs and refuges across Tennessee managed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Varying in size from 53 to 625,000 acres, all WMAs are available to the public for various outdoor activities, although certain regulations do apply.

On WMAs open with statewide seasons, the season dates, bag limits, weapon types, and ammunition types that pertain to the county where the WMA is located apply to that WMA except special regulations listed specifically for those WMAs still apply.

General Regulations

Prohibited Acts

Acts of disorderly, obnoxious or boisterous conduct, including acts which interfere with the orderly process of hunting, are prohibited. Violators shall be removed from the area and/or prosecuted.

Alcoholic beverages: Possession of any alcoholic beverage, narcotic drug, barbiturate or marijuana while hunting within the management area is prohibited. No individual may be under the influence of these substances at any time while within a management area. The use of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited on these areas year round: Catoosa, Cheatham, Chuck Swan, Forks of the River, Laurel Hill, Pea Ridge and Prentice Cooper, except in designated camping areas.

Bag limits: Statewide bag and possession limits apply unless special exception is indicated.

Baiting: The placement or depositing of any type of food to feed or attract wildlife on WMAs is prohibited.

Dog training: Year round unless otherwise indicated.

Firearms: Use, possession or transportation of firearms, bows and arrows or other arms and ammunition is expressly prohibited except when authorized. Firearms loaded with ammunition in either the chamber or magazine may not be transported in vehicles. A muzzleloader is considered to be unloaded if the cap or primer is removed. A crossbow is considered to be unloaded if the bolt/arrow is removed from the device. See page 12 for handgun carry regulations.

Horses permitted on roads and trails open to motorized traffic and other trails or routes established for their use, except as otherwise indicated. Riding off roads into fields, woods or on foot trails is prohibited unless otherwise provided.

Access Hours: Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, turkey, and waterfowl hunters) may not enter prior to one hour before sunrise, and they must be out of the area by one hour after sunset. Raccoon and opossum hunters must be out of the area by one hour after sunrise except on Cherokee WMA. Public access will be prohibited in the subimpoundments of Barkley Unit I, Cheatham Lake, Haynes Bottom, Old Hickory Units I and II, Camden Units I and II, Big Sandy, Gooch Unit A, Tigrett, and West Sandy from two hours after legal waterfowl shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s).

Hunting near private dwellings: It is unlawful to hunt, shoot at, chase or kill with or without dogs any wild animal, wild birds or waterfowl on **public lands and waters** within 100 yards of a visible dwelling house, without the owner's permission, whether or not such a dwelling is on public or private lands.

Litter: No litter or sewage may be deposited in the area.

Motorized vehicles: All motorized vehicles must be muffler equipped to suppress noise and be spark-arrestor equipped to prevent fires. Operation of motorized vehicles is confined to roads not designated as closed. Off-road vehicles are restricted to roads open to other motorized traffic (except where prohibited by state or federal statute) and designated trails only. ORVs may be operated during daylight hours and at other times when participating in authorized activities. Driving off roads into woods, fields or utility right-of-ways is prohibited for all motorized vehicles. Motorized vehicles may be prohibited on any agency-owned wildlife management area if deemed necessary to protect wildlife, vegetation and/or property. Some exceptions apply. See individual WMAs for specific restrictions.

No person shall damage or remove any trees or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod from any wildlife management area or other Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency-controlled lands without specific authorization.

No species of wildlife may be harassed except those authorized to be harvested and no animal killed shall be dismembered to the extent that its species and sex cannot be identified before checking out of the area.

Access to all caves on agency controlled lands is closed except to authorized personnel only, unless designated differently through signage or agency brochures.

Overnight camping may be permitted on designated areas by permission from area manager, park ranger, lake manager, park superintendent or national forest supervisor. Such camping is subject to the limitation prescribed in the permit, if required. Camping shall not exceed three (3) weeks in length from the beginning to the end of the camping stay. Owners contact information (name, phone number, address) or TWRA ID number and date of arrival must be displayed on camper, tent, vehicle, etc. at all times. On areas where overnight camping is allowed, firearms and archery equipment must remain in camp except during legal hunting hours.

Pen-raised game birds: The release of pen-raised game birds on WMAs is prohibited unless otherwise specified.

Safety zones: Hunting is prohibited in safety zones except where provided.

Target practice is prohibited except on designated ranges. See page 40 for a list of TWRA firing ranges.

Unauthorized persons are prohibited from being in the area during big game hunts except when indicated. Unauthorized persons are prohibited from being in the wildlife management area during managed turkey hunts, except on the Cherokee, North Cumberland, Tellico Lake and Land Between the Lakes wildlife management areas. Only persons having valid turkey hunt permits for the hunt date are authorized to be on the management area. *Exception: A licensed turkey hunter, who has filled his/her bag limit or does not possess a valid permit for a quota hunt, may accompany another turkey hunter (except on Oak Ridge WMA) and assist him/her in calling, but may not have a gun or bow in his/her possession.*

Calling or attempting to call wild turkeys using any sound that mimics those made by a wild turkey is prohibited from March 1 to the opening day of the spring turkey hunts on all WMAs.

Wanton waste: Hunters are required to retrieve all crippled or dead game if possible and are prohibited from disposing of dead wildlife on WMAs.

Wheelchair-bound hunts, zones, or blinds are open to hunters who are totally and permanently confined to a wheelchair as certified by a physician. On wheelchair-bound big game hunts, each wheelchair-bound hunter must be accompanied by a non-hunting assistant (age 16 years or older), except on Cordell Hull WMA where the assistant may also participate in hunting. On wheelchair-bound waterfowl hunts, each wheelchair-bound hunter must be accompanied by at least one, but

not more than three assistants (at least one of whom must be age 16 years or older), who may also participate in hunting.

Big Game Hunting on WMAs

Permits: WMAs with a “BG” after the name require a *Big Game WMA Permit* in order to hunt big game, in addition to the regular hunting and big game licenses. There are two types of big game WMA permits for all WMAs depending upon the hunt: *Quota and Annual Nonquota Special Season/WMA Big Game*. *Quota Permits* must be obtained by application to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and are allocated based upon a computer random drawing. *Annual Nonquota Special Season/WMA Big Game Permits* (Type 094), or Type 167 permits are available at all license agents and offices of the TWRA and are valid for all nonquota big game hunts, including the Cherokee WMA, for the entire license year. Lifetime Sportsman and Sportsman License holders do not need to purchase the nonquota permit, and may apply for quota permits at no charge.

On the Cherokee WMA, a Type 094, Type 095 or Type 167 is required to hunt big game and is valid for all nonquota Cherokee WMA big game hunts. Type 095 permits are not valid for any other WMA.

Cherokee party dog hunts: Applications are available from the TWRA Region III Office (931) 484-9571 beginning the first of June.

WMA permits are not transferable.

Youths hunting big game on a WMA: Proof of hunter education certificate is required for youths 10 years of age and older. An appropriate hunting license is also required for youths 13 years of age and older. All youths, age 6–16, are required to have a WMA permit (Type 094) or a quota permit where applicable, unless they are hunting with a Lifetime License. Youths age 6–16 may also apply for WMA quota hunts. Youths age 6–16 must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device, who is not required to have a license (if not hunting) but must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange.

Young Sportsman’s Hunts: Young Sportsman’s deer hunts are for youths age 6–16 unless otherwise noted. Proper licenses and permits required. Each youth must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult 21 years of age or older. Both adult and youth must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange.

WMA Big Game Quota Hunts: Deadline for applications is July 22, 2020.

Muzzleloading firearms are legal on all gun hunts except where indicated under the individual WMA listings.

Antlered and Antlerless Defined: Deer taken on antlered deer only hunts must be male or female with antler protruding three (3) inches above the hairline unless otherwise specified. Antlerless deer are defined as those deer with less than three (3) inches of antler protruding above the hairline.

Big Game Check-In Procedures: See page 25.

Treestands: The use of wire, nails or other metal material is prohibited in the building or attaching of climbing devices or hunting stands. Portable devices or stands that do not injure trees can be used. Hunting from permanent, attached stands is prohibited. Leaving any personal property, including treestands, unattended for more than 24 hours is prohibited without prior approval of the area manager. WMAs require that treestands must be marked with the hunter’s TWRA ID number.

August Deer (Archery) Season: This season is closed on WMAs that are open to statewide big game seasons, except for certain WMAs in Unit CWD. Check listings starting on page 47.

Small Game Hunting on WMAs

On WMAs open with statewide seasons, the season dates, bag limits, weapon types, and ammunition types that pertain to the county where the WMA is located apply to that WMA except special regulations listed specifically for those WMAs still apply. Small game hunters hunting on public lands must comply with blaze orange requirements during big game gun and Young Sportsman hunts.

Permits: In order to hunt or trap small game on WMAs with a “SG” after the name, individuals are required to have one of the following permits in addition to the regular hunting or trapping license: Annual Senior Citizen Permit (Type 167); Annual Small Game only (Type 093); 1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl (Type 092); or Annual Small Game and Waterfowl (Type 091). (Lifetime Sportsman, Sportsman License holders or youths age 6–15 who are accompanied by an adult with a valid permit are exempt from purchasing a permit.)

Closures during big game hunts: Closures may apply, see specific WMA listing for those closures.

Quail: On WMAs open with the statewide seasons, quail season runs from the 1st Saturday in November until January 15, unless otherwise noted.

Crow may be taken on small game hunt days that coincide with the statewide crow season (see page 16).

Falconry open with statewide falconry seasons.

Raccoon and opossum hunting is open on sunset of opening dates shown from sunset of the date shown to sunrise of the next day. Raccoon dog field trials permitted Sept. 1–Apr. 30 unless prohibited.

Field Trials: Small game (except raccoon) and retriever field trials permitted year-round with approval of the area manager unless otherwise specified.

Dogs are allowed for small game hunting unless special exception is indicated. A permit is required for dog training on areas which require a small game permit. On Cherokee and LBL management areas, dogs are allowed on improved roads and in permitted camping areas. All dogs must be detained by chain or leash if not being legally used for hunting.

Dogs are allowed during spring squirrel season except where noted.

Youth hunting small game on a WMA: Youths, ages 6–16, must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device except as otherwise noted.

Waterfowl Hunting on WMAs

Permits: WMAs with a “WF” after the name require either an Annual Small Game and Waterfowl permit (Type 091); or a *1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl permit* (Type 092) in addition to a *regular hunting license* (Type 001) and *Waterfowl license* (Type 005). There are three exceptions: Lifetime Sportsman, Sportsman License holders and youths age 6–15 who are accompanied by an adult with a valid permit, do not need a permit. Nonresidents, however, must have either a Type 091 or Type 092 in addition to their license.

Blind Site Drawings: A hand drawing will be held on the first Saturday in August for permanent waterfowl draw blind sites on *Barkley Unit I, Big Sandy (including Gin Creek Unit), Camden Units I and II, Cheatham Lake, Gooch Unit A, Harmon Creek, Haynes Bottom, Old Hickory Units I and II, Tigrett, AEDC (Woods Reservoir), West Sandy, and Reelfoot*. Individuals wishing to compete in the drawing must appear in person at the designated location, with the appropriate licenses and permits and submit an application between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The drawing will be held immediately after the last person signs up. One application is permitted per person and no one may apply for more than one area. Each applicant must be at least sixteen (16) years of age to compete in the drawing or sign-on.



On some WMAs, antlered bucks legal for harvest must have an outside antler spread of 15 inches or larger. When judging the size of antlers in the field, remember the general guideline that if the outside antler spread is wider than the buck’s ears, then the outside antler spread is at least 15 inches.

Permanent registered and permanent draw blinds: Waterfowl hunting on all the above WMAs (except *Big Sandy, Camden Unit II, Harmon Creek, Barkley Unit II, Reelfoot, and West Sandy*) permitted only from permanent blinds allocated by the hand-held drawing, unless otherwise specified. On *Big Sandy, Camden Unit II, Harmon's Creek, Barkley Unit II, Reelfoot, and West Sandy* hunting is permitted from registered blinds and from temporary blinds or hides. Blinds, blind materials, boats, hides, and decoys must be removed from temporary sites at the end of the shooting hours each day.

Blind permittee, the person to whom the TWRA issued the permit, must occupy his/her blind by the legal daily opening shooting time on days he/she wishes to hunt, and if the blind is unoccupied

at that time by the permittee, the first person or party occupying the blind shall be entitled to the privilege of its exclusive and uninterrupted use until the end of shooting hours that day. Exclusive and uninterrupted use entitles the person or party the right to exclude all others from the blind at the person's or party's option, except for law enforcement personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. The permittee has priority use (exclusive and uninterrupted) only if he/she is at the blind on or before the legal daily opening shooting time, regardless of whether or not the blind is occupied by another person or party, provided the permittee produces identification and his/her blind permit. No more than 8 individuals age 16 or older may occupy a permanent draw blind at any time. No restrictions on the number of youths under age 16.

Computerized Drawings: Blind/pool sites at Bogota, Chickamauga (Candies Creek, Johnson Bottoms, Rogers Creek, and Yellow Creek Units), Gooch (Unit E), Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park, Thorny Cypress, and White Oak (Lebanon Pond area) will be allocated by a computerized drawing. Hunters can apply through any TWRA license agent or at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com from Sept. 2-23, 2020.

Hunters that are successful in drawing a blind/pool site on Gooch (Unit E), Bogota and Thorny Cypress must, two weeks or more prior to their hunt date, return to TWRA a "Notice of Intent" which states they do intend to hunt their assigned blind/pool. Hunters that are successful in drawing a blind site on Chickamauga (Candies Creek, Johnson Bottoms, Rogers Creek and Yellow Creek), Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and White Oak must by Nov. 6, 2020 return to

QUOTA HUNTS

WHAT EXACTLY IS A QUOTA HUNT?

TWRA realizes that on some WMAs, the number of animals harvested must be restricted so there will not be a major impact on the wildlife. In these areas, the agency uses a quota hunt system. Wildlife biologists determine how many animals need to be harvested then determine how many permits need to be issued in order to reach their harvest goals. The permits are then allocated and the end result is a quota hunt.

WHAT TYPES OF QUOTA HUNTS ARE THERE?

Quota hunts are drawn hunts and these are for specific hunts on WMAs during the fall and spring big game hunting seasons. Hunters apply for individual hunts, and then a computer randomly selects hunters until all the permits are allocated.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A QUOTA HUNT?

All applications are electronically processed through GoOutdoorsTennessee.com, "TWRA On The Go" mobile app, or through any TWRA license agent. No mail-in applications are accepted.

WHAT IS "PRIORITY"?

Tennessee has a priority point system in place for several of its WMA quota hunts. An applicant is awarded one point for each year he/she applies and is not drawn for that quota drawing, i.e., WMA Big Game, Spring Turkey WMA, etc. Applicants with the highest priority are always drawn first.

PRIORITY FACTS:

- In order to be drawn with priority, applicants must apply either alone or in a party in which all applicants have the same priority status. If a party includes a member with a different priority, that party (and all its members) will be drawn at the lowest priority of the application.
- Each applicant's priority is individual; it is only in the drawing that an applicant's party priority is considered. When a party is unsuccessful, each applicant's actual current priority status will increase by one point up to the maximum.

- Each point system is unique and separate for the different quota drawings.
- When a person is drawn for a quota hunt his/her priority points will be reset to "0" the following year.
- Spring Turkey WMA: Maximum of five (5) priority points.
- WMA Big Game: No limit. Currently the maximum number of priority points any hunter will have going into the 2020 WMA drawing will be fourteen (14).
- WMA Young Sportsman hunts are given a maximum of three (3) priority points.
- Elk hunts: no priority. An applicant successfully drawn may not reapply for 10 years.
- No priority points are given to youths applying for Young Sportsman hunts.
- WMA Waterfowl: No limit. Currently the maximum number of priority points any hunter will have going into the 2020 drawing will be five (5).

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO APPLY?

Unless you are a Sportsman License holder the cost is \$12.00 non-refundable for each permit applied for. Example: The "Maximum Awarded Permits" for WMA Big Game is two, meaning two drawings are held for the same pool of applicants. You may choose to enter one drawing; you will only be eligible for one permit, and the cost will be \$12.00, plus any applicable fees. If you enter both drawings, you will be eligible for two permits, and the cost will be \$24.00, plus any fees. You must choose the number of drawings, party information and hunt choices on one application. Please see the application instruction sheet for the hunt you are interested in for additional information (GoOutdoorsTennessee.com).

WMA QUOTA HUNT APPLICATION PERIODS

- Big Game: June 17 - July 22, 2020
- Waterfowl: Sept. 2-23, 2020
- Spring Turkey: Dec. 9, 2020 - Jan. 13, 2021

Any questions regarding Quota Hunts, please call (615) 781-6621.

TWRA a "Notice of Intent" which states they do intend to hunt their assigned blind pool.

If the "Notice of Intent" is not received by TWRA by the specified deadline, the blind/pool will become vacant. Any vacant blinds/pools, will be reallocated by a hand-held drawing.

Candies Creek, Johnson Bottoms, Rogers Creek and Yellow Creek Units of Chickamauga hand-held drawings for vacant blind sites will be held Monday, Nov. 17, 2020 at 6 p.m. (EST) at the Birchwood Community Center 5623 Hwy. 60, Birchwood, TN 37308. Information concerning availability of vacant blind sites can be obtained by contacting the Region III Office at 1-833-402-4698.

Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park hand-held drawing for vacant blind sites will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and take place at 10 a.m. at the Park Recreation Lodge (for information contact Chris Park at (901) 876-5169).

Gooch (Unit E) hand-held drawings for vacant blind sites will occur each Monday from Nov. 23, 2020 - Jan. 25, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Kenton Gym, 206 West College St., Kenton, TN 38233. For more information contact Rob Lewis at (731) 749-5587.

White Oak (Lebanon Pond area) will conduct a hand-held drawing for vacant blind sites on Saturday Nov. 14, 2020. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the drawing will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Milledgeville City Park, behind the Milledgeville Fire Station, off of Highway 22A. For information contact Chad Harden at (731) 687-3444.

Bogota and Thorny Cypress, hand-held drawings for vacant blind sites will occur each Monday from Nov. 23, 2020 - Jan. 25, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Dyersburg TWRA Workbase (355 Menzies Rd. Dyersburg, TN 38024). Information concerning avail-

ability of vacant blinds/pools can be obtained by contacting Josh Emerson at (731) 285-6124.

All hunting on computer drawn areas is permitted only from designated temporary blind sites. A blind may not be hunted unless a hunter who was drawn for that blind site and hunt date is present and possesses a valid TWRA blind site confirmation number. If a drawn hunter is not present the blind site will not be hunted. A hunter drawn for a blind may bring up to four additional hunters. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out during the specified hunt period. **Due to Covid-19 restrictions, hand-held drawing procedures may differ than described in this guide. Go to www.tnwildlife.org for updated information.**

West Sandy (Springville Bottoms) and Reelfoot registered blinds West Sandy blind sites must be registered at the designated location on the first Saturday in August by 10:00 a.m. CDT. Reelfoot blinds must be registered with the TWRA manager prior to August 1. Lifetime Sportsman License or Sportsman License or an Annual Small Game and Waterfowl Permit (Type 091), or Type 167 is required at registration except Reelfoot where a Reelfoot Duck Blind Permit (Type 025) is required. Individuals claiming blind sites on these areas may not compete for blind site drawings on other areas.

All blind sites will be given a registration number, which must be displayed, using lettering 2 inches or larger inside the blind, or on a stake at floating blind sites. When floating blinds are moved to designated blind stakes, the number must be immediately transferred from the stake to the blind. No blind may be constructed, repaired or any floating blinds moved onto the area that

have not met the deadlines for registering the blind and displaying the registration number. Unregistered and/or unnumbered blinds are subject to removal.

No blind may be locked or barricaded to deny entrance to other hunters when the blind is not in use.

Wheelchair-bound blind sites - Certain WMAs have special blind sites established for wheelchair-bound hunters. See specific WMAs for regulations if applicable.

Temporary blinds and decoys must be removed at the end of shooting hours each day, unless otherwise indicated under the individual WMA listing.

All decoys must be removed by the owner of the blind within ten days after the close of waterfowl season, unless otherwise indicated under the individual WMA listing.

Youths hunting waterfowl on a WMA: Youths, ages 6 - 16, must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in position to take immediate control of the hunting device except as otherwise noted.

Trapping on WMAs

Other TWRA lands not proclaimed as a WMA or refuge are open with statewide seasons unless otherwise indicated.

Permits: A WMA small game permit is required to trap on all areas that require a small game hunt permit.

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Wildlife Management Area (WMA) — Icon Key

BIG GAME

 All Big Game	 Deer	 Spring Turkey	 Fall Turkey	 Bear	 Elk
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SMALL GAME

 All Small Game	 Spring Squirrel	 Squirrel	 Dove
 Rabbit	 Quail	 Grouse	 Woodcock
 Snipe	 Crow	 Waterfowl	 Raccoon
 Opossum	 Trapping	 Coyote	

OTHER ICONS

 Wheelchair	 Shooting Range	 WMA Dog Training Season Year-round except as otherwise indicated.
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PERMIT KEY

BG – Big Game quota permit or nonquota WMA annual permit.	SG – Small Game WMA permit or combination waterfowl and small game WMA permit.
WF – Combination waterfowl and small game WMA permit.	NP – No permit required.
HI – High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit	

HOW TO GUIDE

Using the WMA Icons:

Icons indicate that a season is open. If an icon is listed in a WMA, that season is open with possible restrictions that will be listed. If there is no icon listed in the WMA, the season is closed.

If the Big Game and/or Small Game icon is listed, then all Big Game and/or Small Game species are open with the statewide season unless otherwise noted.

The top line of each WMA is a quick reference guide to see what species are open to hunting during the statewide season.

The WMA summaries supply hunt dates, bag limits and special regulations. There are general regulations that may not be listed but apply to all WMAs (pages 40-45). **Read ALL regulations before visiting a WMA.**

If there are special managed hunts or seasons, these will be listed separately underneath each WMA. Specific dates, bag limits, and or restrictions will be listed here.



101-BARKLEY

STEWART COUNTY • 8,090 ACRES
HWY. 79 DOWNSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 85
(731) 593-0588

UNIT I • SG, WF, BG

All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before opening day of the statewide duck season.

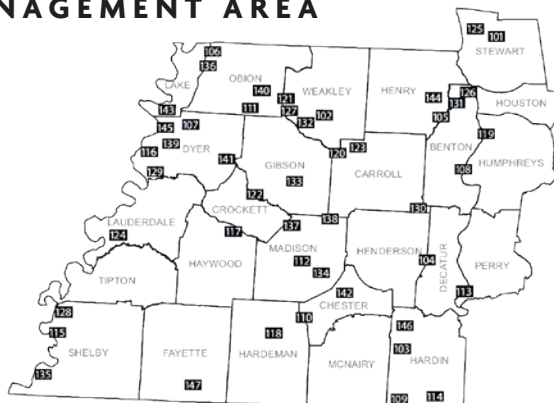
Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.



Same as statewide seasons except as noted. Deer and Small Game hunting is only allowed on days waterfowl hunting is closed during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.

REGION I

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA



101-BARKLEY

STEWART COUNTY • 8,090 ACRES
HWY. 79 DOWNSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 85
(731) 593-0588

UNIT I • SG, WF, BG

All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before opening day of the statewide duck season.

Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.

Big Game **Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons except as noted. Deer and Small Game hunting is only allowed on days waterfowl hunting is closed during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

During the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb., all activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments when waterfowl hunting is closed.

Hunting of waterfowl during the duck and goose seasons occurring in Nov. - Feb. permitted only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and last day of each segment of the duck and goose seasons occurring in Nov. - Feb.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15 except closed during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.

UNIT II • SG, WF, BG

ALL OF BARKLEY WMA EXCEPT THAT DEFINED AS UNIT I

Big Game **Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

102-BEAN SWITCH REFUGE

WEAKLEY COUNTY • 572 ACRES
OFF HWY. 54 NEAR GREENFIELD ON MIDDLE FORK OF THE OBION RIVER
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • **SG, BG**

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - the last day of Feb.

Big Game **Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to dove, waterfowl and fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

103-BEASON CREEK

HARDIN COUNTY - 460 ACRES
CHAD HARDEN (731) 687-3444 • **SG, WF, BG**

Big Game **Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season

104-BEECH RIVER

HENDERSON/DECATUR COUNTIES - 450 ACRES
SOUTH OF DARDEN OFF OF HWY 412
CHAD HARDEN (731) 687-3444 • **SG, WF, BG**

Big Game **Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m.(CST) each day of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb., except the last day of seasons when hunting closes at sunset. All water traffic prohibited after 5 p.m. (CST). No access by waterfowl hunters before 4 a.m. (CST).

105-BIG SANDY (GIN CREEK)

BENTON/HENRY COUNTIES • 2,370 ACRES
(731) 593-0588 • **SG, WF, BG**

All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before opening day of the statewide duck season.

Any temporary blinds, hides, and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blinds and be removed at the end of shooting hours each day.

During the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb., all activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments when waterfowl hunting is closed.

Fishing, trapping and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.

Big Game **Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. permitted only on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the duck and goose seasons occurring in Nov. - Feb.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15, except closed during duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.

106-BLACK BAYOU REFUGE

LAKE COUNTY • 1,350 ACRES
FIVE MILES NORTH OF TIPTONVILLE ON HWY. 78
JEFF MARTIN (731) 253-7343
REELFOOT PRESERVATION PERMIT REQUIRED

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - the last day of Feb. Designated observation areas will be open year-round.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. Closed to spring and fall turkey hunting.



Deer - Same as statewide season except archery only from the start of the 1st segment of the late Reelfoot Duck Zone waterfowl season until the end of the statewide deer season. Deer count toward statewide bag limit.



Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Nov. 14.

107-BOGOTA

DYER COUNTY • 2,293 ACRES
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, WF, BG

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Areas within 150 yards of draw waterfowl pools are closed during small game, trapping and statewide deer gun season(s).



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Special Dove (Youth) - Sept 5, noon until sunset. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Designated fields only.

Dove - Sept. 6 through the remainder of the 1st and 2nd segments of the statewide season. Designated fields only.



Waterfowl (Designated Pools Only) - Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. permitted only on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. and the youth waterfowl season. Goose seasons to coincide with statewide season after the youth waterfowl season, no pool restrictions or drawings.

All hunting shall cease at 3 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

Designated pools (except Pool 1) will be allocated by computer draw. Hunters are restricted to pools or number stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. All hunters in a party are required to hunt in the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out in draw pools over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the

hunt on the last day. Pool 1: No waterfowl hunters permitted in Pool 1 (non-draw pool) and no access allowed from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the duck season occurring in November, December, and January(s). No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed daily from Pool 1.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey counts towards MAV bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Oct. 31.

108-CAMDEN

BENTON COUNTY • 3,682 ACRES
HWY. 70, WEST OF NEW JOHNSONVILLE
(731) 584-7317

UNIT I • SG, WF, BG

All water traffic are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before the opening day(s) of the statewide duck season.

Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting shall close at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of each segment of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. and remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15 except closed during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.

UNIT II • SG, WF, BG

All water traffic is prohibited in the subimpoundments five (5) days before opening day of the statewide duck season.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Any temporary blinds, hides and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blind and removed at the end of the hunt day.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Deer - Deer hunting will be with archery equipment only during waterfowl seasons. Archers must comply with the legal blaze orange requirements during the deer gun season.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting shall close at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except for (a) Tuesdays and Thursdays, (b) the last day of each segment of the late duck season, (c) the remaining goose seasons, and (d) wheelchair-bound blind sites when hunting shall close at sunset.



Waterfowl (wheelchair-bound only blind sites) - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on the fourth Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchairbound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for that day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15 except closed during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.

109-CHAMBERS CREEK

HARDIN COUNTY - 400 ACRES
SOUTH OF HWY 57 OFF OF ROBINSON RD.
CHAD HARDEN (731) 687-3444 • SG, WF, BG

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season



Firing Range is on Campbell-Old Mill Road is open for sighting-in during the month of October, daylight hours only.

110-CHICKASAW STATE FOREST

HARDEMAN/CHESTER COUNTIES • 11,215 ACRES
CHICKASAW STATE PARK OFFICE (731) 989-5141 • NP

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except for deer. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.

111-C. M. GOOCH

OBION COUNTY • 7,000 ACRES
EAST OF HWY. 51 AND SOUTH OF OBION
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • SG, WF, BG

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except Units A and E are

closed during the waterfowl seasons and are closed to all activities five days before the first opening of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward the statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide season, except Gooch waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. on Units A and E. Waterfowl hunting on the last day of each segment of the duck and remaining goose seasons closes at sunset.

Fishing and trapping is prohibited in Units A and E during the waterfowl season. On Gooch Unit E, no waterfowl hunters permitted on the unit or access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day. Fishing resumes the day after the last youth waterfowl hunt.

No permanent blinds. All temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed from Unit E daily.

Gooch Unit E will be allocated by computer draw. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. Decoys may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Draw hunts will be Opening weekend(s), Monday - Thursday, and Friday-Sunday.

112-COLONEL FORREST V. DURAND

MADISON COUNTY - 374 ACRES
BEHIND THE JACKSON FAIRGROUNDS
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season

113-CYPRESS POND REFUGE

DECATUR COUNTY • 585 ACRES
EAST DECATUR, SOUTH OF WHITES CREEK ON
THE TENNESSEE RIVER
CHAD HARDEN (731) 687-3444 • SG, BG

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 until after the last youth/veterans waterfowl hunt.

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game seasons will be open on the Monday after the last youth waterfowl/veterans hunt through the remainder of the season. Closed to waterfowl hunting. Closed to dog training.



Dove - Sept. 1, noon - continuing with statewide season.

114-DRY CREEK

HARDIN COUNTY • 4,000 ACRES
EAST OF PICKWICK LAKE NEAR BRUTON BRANCH
CHAD HARDEN (731) 687-3444 • SG, BG

ATV/OHV use is prohibited. Loading or unloading of ATV/OHV on WMA is prohibited.

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

115-EAGLE LAKE REFUGE

SHELBY COUNTY • 3,253 ACRES
ADJACENT TO SHELBY FOREST WMA
CHRIS PARK (901) 876-5169 • SG, BG

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb., except Bompreszi Unit. Observation tower open only during Meeman Shelby Forest hunt dates that coincide with the hunting season. Dog training prohibited. Access to the south end of Shelby Forest WMA through Eagle Lake Refuge will be allowed during hunting seasons. Bompreszi Unit has a separate access.

EAGLE LAKE REFUGE UNIT



Same as statewide seasons and bag limits, except as noted. Hunting allowed Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday only. Closed to waterfowl hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Hunt days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts towards MAV bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.

BOMPRESZI UNIT



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Shotguns only for small game. Muzzleloaders and shotguns with rifled slugs are legal for deer. Centerfire rifles are prohibited. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward MAV bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

116-ERNEST RICE, SR.

DYER COUNTY • 2,900 ACRES
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, WF, BG

Dog training is closed.



Same as statewide season, except small game hunting is closed during the big game gun hunt and except as noted.



Waterfowl, Raccoon, Opossum - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl, raccoon and opossum seasons are not closed during the big game hunts.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.



Deer - Open with statewide season dates but restricted to Archery Equipment Only - no hunting with muzzleloaders or guns for deer except in 7 day gun season listed below. Archery season is closed during the young sportsman gun hunts. Antlered deer must have nine antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty (20) inches. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during regular statewide Muzzleloader and Gun Season dates.

Deer (Gun) - One hunt: Dec. 19 - 25. One deer, antlered only. Antlered deer must have nine antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty (20) inches.

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Open with statewide seasons. No antler restriction.

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman): One hunt Oct. 17-18. No antler requirement. Either sex.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward MAV bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

117-FORT RIDGE

NORTH HAYWOOD COUNTY – 1,570 ACRES
ALONG THE SOUTH FORK OF THE FORKED DEER
RIVER, OFF OF HWY 54
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • **SG, WF, BG**

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.



Turkey – One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit

Turkey (Young Sportsman) – Same as statewide season

118-GRAY'S CREEK

HARDEMAN COUNTY – 288 ACRES
NORTH OF BOLIVAR OFF OF HWY 18
BRANDON GILBERT (901) 878-0855 • **SG, WF, BG**

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.



Turkey – One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit

Turkey (Young Sportsman) – Same as statewide season

119-HARMON CREEK

BENTON COUNTY • 983 ACRES
(731) 584-7317 • **SG, WF, BG**

Any temporary blinds, hides, and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blinds and be removed at the end of shooting hours each day.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons.



Quail – Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

120-HART'S MILL

NORTHWEST CARROLL COUNTY AND SOUTHEAST
WEAKLEY COUNTY – 1,758 ACRES ALONG THE
SOUTH FORK OF OBION RIVER OFF OF HWY 190
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • **SG, WF, BG**

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Quail – Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Turkey – One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit

Turkey (Young Sportsman) – Same as statewide season

121-HOP-IN REFUGE

OBION COUNTY • 650 ACRES
ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE OBION RIVER,
HWY. 89 NEAR KENTON
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • **SG, BG**

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 1 - the last day of Feb.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to dove, quail, waterfowl and fall turkey hunting.



Turkey – One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) – Same as statewide season.

122-HORNS BLUFF REFUGE

CROCKETT/GIBSON COUNTIES • 1,890 ACRES
SIX MILES NORTHEAST OF ALAMO OFF HWY. 54
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • **SG, BG, WF**

Refuge closed Nov. 15 - Feb. 15. Observation areas closed sunset to sunrise.

Big Game

Small Game



Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27. Closed to quail hunting.



Turkey – One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward the statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) – Same as statewide season and bag limit.



Waterfowl – North unit (portion of refuge north of Middle Fork Forked Deer River Channel) open to waterfowl hunting on Saturday and Sunday during duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. Goose seasons to coincide with statewide seasons after the Youth Waterfowl Season on the portion of Horn's Bluff WMA that is North of the main river channel. Walk-in only. No blinds, decoys, materials may be left overnight. All hunting shall cease at 3 p.m. except the last day of the season when hunting closes at sunset.

No access before 4 a.m. or after 5 p.m. No access during refuge closure dates except for waterfowl hunters on open hunt days.

123-JARRELL SWITCH REFUGE

CARROLL COUNTY • 250 ACRES
NEAR MCKENZIE ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE
OBION RIVER
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • **SG, WF, BG**

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb.

Big Game

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to waterfowl hunting.

124-JOHN TULLY

LAUDERDALE COUNTY • 15,500 ACRES
HWY. 19 WEST OF RIPLEY AND HWY.
87 WEST OF HENNING
CHRIS PARK (731) 738-0233 • **SG, BG, WF**

Camping is permitted in designated camp sites only. Some roads may be posted as closed to motorized vehicles during the deer hunts.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Deer – Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27. Tree Stands must be marked with hunter's TWRA ID Number.



Turkey – One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward MAV bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) – Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.



Dove - Special Youth Dove – Open at noon Sept. 5 until sunset. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Designated fields only



Waterfowl – Same as statewide seasons, except waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset.

Waterfowl (Fig Field Unit/Fullen North and South Tracts) – Fig Field Unit is that land North of Grammer Road. Waterfowl Hunting will be allocated by hand-held weekly draw hunts for three-day hunts Friday-Sunday and opening weekend(s). The hand-held drawing will be held on the Monday prior to the hunt at 6 p.m. at the John Tully Field Office. Hunting will only be allowed from designated locations.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

125-LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES

STEWART COUNTY • 170,000 ACRES (60,000 IN TN) BETWEEN PARIS LANDING AND DOVER FOR INFORMATION CONTACT USDA FOREST SERVICE, LBL, 100 VAN MORGAN DRIVE, GOLDEN POND, KY 42211, (270) 924-2000 OR VISIT WWW.LANDBETWEENTHELAKES.US.

LBL Hunter Use Permit required.

All harvested deer and turkeys must be checked at an LBL check station before leaving LBL. All areas lying in Tennessee except: 1. Nature Watch Area, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and areas posted as closed. 2. The back half of Rushing Bay is closed to all activity Nov. 1 - Mar. 15.

Small Game

Small Game (Archery Only) - Squirrel, groundhog, and fox may be taken during deer archery season only by legally licensed and equipped deer archery hunters. Statewide limits apply. Arrows must be equipped with broad-heads according to deer regulations or small game points.

Fall Squirrel - Aug. 15 - Sept. 25, Oct. 1-14, Dec. 1 - Feb. 28, 2021

Spring Squirrel - May 15 - June 13

Dove, Snipe, Woodcock - same as statewide season.

Fox, Quail, Rabbit - Dec. 1 - Feb. 28, except quail season closes on Jan. 15.

Bobcat/Otter - Dec. 1 - Feb. 28.

Coyote, Armadillo, Ground Hog - May by taken during daylight hours only by legally licensed hunters during any open season with weapons specified for that season.

Also may be taken with centerfire rifles, handguns, and shotguns with shot size T or smaller during the month of Feb.

Opossum, Raccoon - Sunset Dec. 1 - sunrise Feb. 28. Two raccoons per person per night.

Crow - Open during any LBL small game season that coincides with the statewide crow season.

Fox Chasing - From sunset to sunrise, Aug. 15 - Sept. 19. LBL Hunter Use Permit required.

Bullfrog - May 15 - Aug. 31. Gigs only. Bag limit 15.

Big Game



Deer - During the September through January deer seasons, there is an LBL-wide one antlered deer limit per hunter, whether by gun, bow, quota, or non-quota, TN or KY hunt.

Deer/Turkey (Archery) - Sept. 26 through the end of the statewide season, except for quota hunt days and one day immediately before each quota hunt. Archery equipment to conform to state regulations. One turkey, either sex. Two whitetailed deer, no more than one antlered. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman) - One hunt. Oct. 17-18 Hunter quota 750. Two deer, either sex, only one deer may be antlered. Youths must be accompanied by an adult, and all youths must have received hunter safety certification (see LBL website at www.landbetweenthelakes.us).

Deer (Gun) - One hunt. Nov. 13-14. Hunter quota 750. Two deer, including only one antlered deer unless an antlered deer has already been harvested on Land Between the Lakes. Counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Gun) - One hunt. Nov. 28-29. Hunter quota 750. Two deer, including only one antlered deer unless an antlered deer has already been harvested on Land Between the Lakes. Counts toward statewide bag.



Turkey (Young-Sportsman) - One hunt. April 10-11. Hunter quota 200. One turkey.

Turkey - One hunt. April 13-14. Hunter quota 250. One turkey. Counts toward statewide bag.

Turkey - One hunt. April 17-18. Hunter Quota 200. One turkey. Counts toward statewide bag.

Turkey - Two hunts. April 19-25, April 26 - May 2. No quota. One turkey. Counts toward statewide bag.



Geese - Same as the statewide goose season, except closed on LBL deer quota hunt dates.

Early duck season - same as statewide season.

Waterfowl hunting will be permitted during the statewide season throughout the Tennessee portion of LBL, except on designated, signed, refuge areas, nature watch areas, and public use areas, and on deer quota hunt dates. Permanent blinds are not allowed on LBL.



Trapping - Jan. 11-24. LBL hunt areas as designated in LBL. Designated problem areas as assigned. All species equipment and methods to conform with statewide regulations.

Beaver trapping season: Feb. 1 - Feb. 28. All areas open, except Nature Watch Areas, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and other areas posted as closed to hunting.



Dog training - Quail, rabbit and raccoon chasing only. Oct. 1-31. Except closed from sunset Friday until sunrise Monday of the youth deer hunt weekend. LBL Hunter Use Permit required. Training permitted only in designated areas.

Field Trials:

Raccoon Field Trials, Bird Dogs, Beagles and Retriever Field Trials - July 1 - Mar. 31. Forest Service SPECIAL USE PERMIT required.

126-LICK CREEK

BENTON COUNTY • 198 ACRES
(731) 593-0588 • SG, WF, BG



Big Game



Small Game



Same as statewide seasons.



Waterfowl - hunting allowed from temporary blinds only which must be removed at the end of the day. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

127-MANESS SWAMP REFUGE

WEAKLEY AND GIBSON COUNTIES • 1,200 ACRES AT THE JUNCT. OF SOUTH & MIDDLE FORKS OF THE OBION RIVER
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • SG, BG

Closed Nov. 1 to the last day in February to all forms of use and trespass unless otherwise indicated. Designated observation areas will be open year-round.



Big Game



Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted (Gibson County portion follows Unit CWD dates and bag limits beginning with August G/M/A Hunt (pg. 27) through Oct. 31. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota turkey hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

128-MEEMAN-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK AND NATURAL AREA

SHELBY COUNTY • 13,000 ACRES
NEAR MILLINGTON, NORTH OF MEMPHIS
CHRIS PARK (901) 876-5169 • SG, WF, BG

All hunters are required to register and obtain a free permit at the park headquarters (901) 876-5215. Rimfire rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader and archery equipment only. Centerfire rifles and handguns are prohibited. Wild hogs may be taken during deer season by licensed deer hunters.



Big Game



Small Game

Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday within statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to spring squirrel hunting. Small game hunters must meet blaze orange requirements. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates, including August G/M/A hunt. See page 27. No antlerless deer may be taken during the G/M/A season.



Special Squirrel Hunt (Youth) - Aug 15.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl Hunting (Draw Zone) - Hunting during waterfowl season(s) occurring from Nov. - Feb. will be allocated by computer draw and is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters

are restricted to numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. Decoys may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Draw hunts will be Opening day(s) and Thursday-Saturday. Hunting will be limited to designated areas. Waterfowl Hunting (Non-Draw Zone) - Same as statewide seasons on opening days and Thursday - Saturday.

Waterfowl (Youth) - Saturday(s) of the Statewide Youth Waterfowl season.



Turkey (Young-Sportsman) - One hunt: April 10. One bearded turkey.

Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Hunt days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward MAV bag limit.



Trapping - Beaver trapping by special permit only. Trapping of all other species prohibited.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

Field Trials - Sept. 1 - Apr. 30.

129-MOSS ISLAND

DYER COUNTY • 5,119 ACRES
SIX MILES SOUTH OF HWY. 20 ON MISSISSIPPI
RIVER LEVEE, 23 MILES WEST OF DYERSBURG
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • **SG, WF, BG**

Closed to dog training.



Same as statewide season, except small game hunting is closed during the big game gun hunt and except as noted



Waterfowl, Raccoon, Opossum - Waterfowl, raccoon and opossum seasons are not closed during the big game hunts.



Deer - Open with statewide season dates but restricted to Archery Equipment Only - no hunting with muzzleloaders or guns for deer except in 7 day gun season listed below. Archery season is closed during the young sportsman gun hunts. Antlered deer must have nine (9) antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty (20) inches. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during regular statewide Muzzleloader and Gun Season dates.

Deer (Gun) - One hunt: Dec. 19 - 25. One deer, antlered only. Antlered deer must have nine (9) antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty (20) inches.

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Open with statewide seasons. No antler requirement on this hunt.

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - One hunt. Oct. 17-18. No antler requirement. Either sex.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts towards MAV bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.

130-NATCHEZ TRACE STATE FOREST

BENTON/CARROLL/HENDERSON COUNTIES
48,000 ACRES • OFF I-40, EXIT 116
(731) 584-7317 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Shooting Range - See page 40.

131-NEW HOPE

BENTON COUNTY • 88 ACRES
(731) 593-0588 • **SG, WF, BG**

Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

132-OBION RIVER

OBION/WEAKLEY/GIBSON COUNTIES • 8,500
ACRES ALONG THE OBION RIVER BETWEEN HWY.
45W AND HWY. 45E
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • **SG, WF, BG**

ALL UNITS

(Special regulations apply to Maness Swamp Hunting Unit) No permanent blinds. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight. Adjacent Big Cypress Tree State Natural Area is

open to hunting same as Obion River WMA. Hunting or access to hunt from the boardwalk structure is prohibited.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts towards statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide-season.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

MANESS SWAMP HUNTING UNIT

North of state hwy. 445, Bordered by the south fork and middle fork of the obion rivers as marked.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts towards statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl Hunting will be allocated by hand held weekly drawings for 3 day hunts (Friday - Sunday) and Opening weekend(s). The drawings will be held on the Monday prior to the hunt at 6:00 p.m. at the Kenton Gym, 206 West College St., Kenton, TN 38233. Hunting will only be allowed from designated locations. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 p.m. except that last day of the waterfowl season(s) occurring in Nov. - Feb. and youth season(s) when hunting ends at sunset.

Closed to all activities five days before each opening of the late duck season. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the late duck seasons. No waterfowl hunters permitted on Unit or Access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s).

133-PARKER BRANCH

GIBSON COUNTY • 263 ACRES
OFF HWY. 186 BETWEEN GIBSON AND TRENTON
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • **SG, BG, WF**

Farm pond closed to fishing sunset to sunrise.



Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27. Closed to quail hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward the statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season and bag limit.



Dog training - Nov. 1 - March 15.

134-PERRY SWITCH

MADISON COUNTY - 210 ACRES
SOUTHEAST OF JACKSON OFF OF DEEP GAP RD.
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • SG, WF, BG



Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

135-PRESIDENTS ISLAND

SHELBY COUNTY • 6,300 ACRES
CHRIS PARK (901) 876-5169 • BG

Hunters must check in at the hunter check station before hunting and check out at the completion of each day's hunt. Permit will be held while hunters hunt. Access allowed only to TWRA authorized personnel and permit holders, or as otherwise specified by rule or proclamation. Access permitted from Farm Road only. No access permitted from Mississippi River, McKellar Lake, or from the Causeway.

Youth permit holders must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.



Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Oct. 16 - 18. Hunter quota 30. Bag limit one antlered deer, which must have nine (9) antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty (20) inches. Scouting date Oct. 15 for the Oct. 16 - 18 permit holders only.

Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Dec. 4 - 6. Hunter quota 30. Bag limit one antlered deer, which must have nine (9) antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty (20) inches. Scouting date: Dec. 3 for the Dec. 4 - 6 permit holders only.

136-REELFOOT

LAKE/OBION COUNTIES • 24,000 ACRES
NORTH OF HWY. 22 AND EAST OF HWY. 78
JEFF MARTIN (731) 253-7343 • REELFOOT
PRESERVATION PERMIT

No WMA permits are required. However, in addition to regular hunting and fishing licenses, a Reelfoot Preservation Permit is required to hunt, trap, fish or boat on Reelfoot WMA, (including the washout and tailwaters downstream as marked, and that portion of Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge in Tennessee). The exceptions are Sportsman License holders, youth under 16 and residents over 65.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunters (except waterfowl) must wear blaze orange during big game hunts. Closed to Spring and Fall Turkey hunting.



Opossum - raccoon - Sunset, Aug. 25 - the last day of Feb. No limit.



Deer - Same as statewide season except archery only from Nov. 13 until the end of the statewide deer seasons and antlered deer only during muzzleloader season. Deer count toward statewide bag limit.



Turkey - Young Sportsman - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Waterfowl - Same as waterfowl zone seasons. Waterfowl hunting closed at 3 p.m. (CST), except for last day of each segment of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. and the remaining Reelfoot goose seasons when hunting ceases at sunset.



Waterfowl (wheelchair-bound only blind sites)

- Application must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on the fourth Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchairbound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for that day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds.



Youth Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound only blind sites)

- Application must be received by the fourth Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. Youths, age 6-15, must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in position to take immediate control of the hunting device except as otherwise noted. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchair-bound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for the day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds.

SHELBY FOREST

SEE MEEMAN-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK AND NATURAL AREA

137-SOUTH FORK WATERFOWL REFUGE

MADISON COUNTY • 778 ACRES • ON HWY. 412
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • SG, BG, WF



Same as statewide seasons, except closed to all activities five days before the first opening of the late duck season to Feb. 15. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. No access during refuge closure dates except for waterfowl hunters on open hunt days. Fall turkey season closed. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season and bag limit.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck season permitted on Saturday and Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. All hunting ceases at 3 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of the season when hunting closes at sunset. Walk-in only. No blinds, decoys, materials may be left overnight. No access before 4 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

138-SPRING CREEK

MADISON COUNTY - 439 ACRES
WEST OF SPRING CREEK OFF OF HWY 152
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season

139-THORNY CYPRESS

DYER COUNTY • 3,100 ACRES
TRACT I - BETWEEN HWY. 104 AND I-55
TRACT II - BETWEEN BOOTHSPPOINT RD. AND WHITE LAKE REFUGE
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Areas within 150 yards of draw waterfowl pools are closed during small game, trapping and statewide deer gun season(s).



Turkey - One non-quota hunt; April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts towards MAV bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Oct. 31



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. permitted only on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season and the youth waterfowl season. Goose season to coincide with statewide season after the youth waterfowl season, no pool restrictions or day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

Designated pools (except Pool 10, Pool 11 and Pool 12) will be allocated by computer draw pools. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to pools or number stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. All hunters in a party are required to hunt in the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day.

Pools 10, 11, and 12: No waterfowl hunters permitted in Pools 10, 11, and 12 (non-draw pools) and no access allowed from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the duck season occurring in November, December, and January (s). No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed daily from Pools 10, 11, and 12.

All waterfowl hunting shall cease at 3 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

140-THREE RIVERS

OBION COUNTY • 1,577 ACRES
ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Waterfowl - No waterfowl hunters permitted on unit or access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.

141-TIGRETT

DYER COUNTY • 7,419 ACRES
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting (excluding waterfowl hunting) closed on this area during the Young Sportsman hunts.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward MAV bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset. No access to WMA by waterfowl hunters before 4 a.m.

142-TULL BOTTOM

CHESTER COUNTY • 1,184 ACRES
EAST OF HENDERSON ALONG THE SOUTH FORK
OF THE FORKED DEER RIVER OFF OF HWY 200
CHAD HARDEN (731) 687-3444 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting. Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season

143-TUMBLEWEED

LAKE COUNTY • 5,770 ACRES
SOUTHWEST CORNER, ON HWY. 79
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, BG, WF



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Dove - Same as statewide season. Hunting permitted from designated fields only.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward MAV bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.



Waterfowl - Hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.

144-WEST SANDY (SPRINGVILLE BOTTOMS)

HENRY COUNTY • 4,319 ACRES
(731) 593-0588 • SG, WF, BG

Fishing, trapping and hunting all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the late duck season. All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before each opening day of the statewide duck season.



Same as statewide seasons,



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset. Any temporary blinds, hides and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blind and removed at the end of the hunt day.

Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound Only Blind Sites) - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on the fourth Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchairbound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for that day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15. Closed during the late duck season.

145-WHITE LAKE REFUGE

DYER COUNTY • 1,194 ACRES
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, BG

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - the last day of February. Closed to dog training.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to dove, fall turkey, and waterfowl hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward MAV bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.

146-WHITE OAK

HARDIN COUNTY • 7,000 ACRES
SOUTHEAST OF MILLEDGEVILLE, OFF OF HWY. 69
CHAD HARDEN (731) 687-3444 • **SG, WF, BG**

All small game hunting is closed during Young Sportsman deer hunts. All water traffic prohibited five days before the opening day(s) of the statewide duck season.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season and bag limit.



Dove - Sept. 1, noon-sunset. Continuing with statewide season.



Quail - Dec. 1-31



Deer - Same as statewide seasons, except archery-only deer hunting after Nov. 29. Archers must meet legal blaze orange requirements during this period. Closed to January Young Sportsman deer hunt.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset. All types of water traffic prohibited after 5 p.m.

No waterfowl hunters permitted on the area or access areas before 4 a.m. opening day(s), and from 5 p.m. to 4 a.m. the following days during the late duck season.

Waterfowl (Lebanon Pond) - Lebanon Pond waterfowl hunting area will be allocated by computer draw as specified in the waterfowl quota hunt computer drawing and allocation procedures. Draw hunts will be Opening weekend(s), Monday-Thursday, and

Friday-Sunday within the late waterfowl seasons. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary staked blind sites designated by GPS coordinates. Successful applicants and up to 4 guests will be required to hunt within 25 yards of staked blind sites and are required to hunt at the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out over the specified hunt period but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day of that period.

147-WOLF RIVER AND GHOST RIVER STATE NATURAL AREA

FAYETTE COUNTY • 11,200 ACRES
ON HWY. 57 EAST OF MEMPHIS, SOUTH OF
LAGRANGE
BRANDON GILBERT (901) 878-0855 • **SG, BG, WF**

Ghost River Natural Area is open same as Wolf River WMA. Hunting or access to hunt from the boardwalk structure is prohibited.

UNIT I (THAT PORTION SOUTH OF HWY. 57)



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting; dog training permitted. Closed to fall turkey season. All small game hunting is closed during Young Sportsman deer hunts.



Dove - Sept. 1 at noon and every day thereafter during the remainder of the statewide dove seasons.



Rabbit - Nov. 7 - Jan. 31, 2021



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season and bag limit.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset. Temporary blinds only.



Shooting range - Rifle Sight-In Range open in Oct.



Deer - Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.

UNIT II (THAT PORTION NORTH OF HWY. 57)



Same as statewide season, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season and bag limit.



Deer - Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset. Temporary blinds only.

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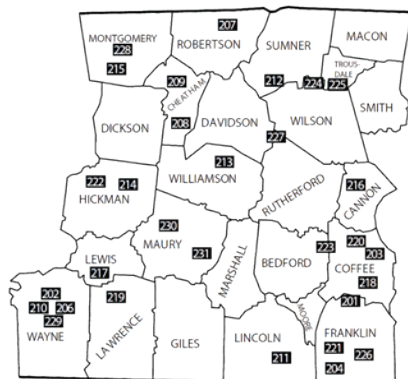
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REGION II

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS



201-AEDC AND WOODS RESERVOIR REFUGE

COFFEE/FRANKLIN COUNTIES
PART OF THE ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE • 32,000 ACRES
NEAR TULLAHOMA, I-24 EXIT #117
WES WINTON (931) 967-6101 • **SG, WF, BG**

All access is strictly controlled and all areas are subject to be closed by the military.

There are areas on AEDC that may contain unexploded ordnances (small ammunition, anti-personnel mines, mortars, and artillery rounds). There are also areas on AEDC where open holes (manholes, wells, and sinkholes) are present. Hunters are advised to use caution. If any unexploded ordnances or holes are found- **DO NOT TOUCH** and notify the AEDC Operations Center at (931) 454-7752.

The following are **PROHIBITED** on AEDC property:

- Handguns (regardless of carry permit)
- Rifles (rim-fire and center-fire)
- Camping and fires outside of designated campgrounds
- Metal detectors or digging
- ATVs
- Horseback riding

Big game and small game hunters are required to sign-in prior to hunting at one of three hunter sign-in stations. Sign-in stations are located at the western (next to Harton Blvd.) and eastern (on Dixie Rd) ends of Wattendorf Hwy. Hunters may also sign-in at the Hunter's Check Station on Old Brick Church Rd. Hunters should fill out a sign-in card and keep it on their person or visible in the windshield of their vehicle while hunting.

Small game hunting and dog training are closed during all deer hunts. Raccoon/Opossum hunting is closed the night before a deer hunt.

Deer-Turkey-Archery Zones may be hunted on any deer-turkey hunt by drawn hunters using archery equipment only. These areas are closed to small game hunting.

WOODS RESERVOIR WATERFOWL REFUGE

Dec. 1-Jan. 31- All forms of trespass are prohibited. (For specific boundary lines see the TWRA website- WMA maps- AEDC WMA)



Deer (Special Regulations) - All deer hunting dates are subject to coordination with military training.

Unit 1 may only be hunted when the Red entrance gate off of Rifle Range Road is open and signage lists Unit 1 as open.

Unit 2 may only be hunted when the red gate off of Wattendorf HWY is open and the signage lists Unit 2 as open.



Deer (archery) - Same as statewide seasons except closed one day prior to and during scheduled quota deer hunts. Statewide bag **limits** apply.

Deer (Young Sportsman-Shotgun-Muzzleloader) - Same as statewide season. No hunter quota, 2 deer, either sex only one may be antlered. Bonus deer.

Deer (Shotgun - Muzzleloader) - Two hunts: Nov. 13 - 15, Nov. 27-29. 900 quota. 2 deer either sex only one may be antlered. Bonus deer.



Turkey (Spring) - Same as statewide season.



Turkey (Fall) - Same as statewide season.



Same as statewide seasons.

Unit 1 is closed to small game hunting and trapping.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Feb. 28.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide season, except open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday of the late duck season. Hunting on Woods Reservoir is from registered blind sites only. During the early duck and goose seasons hunting is allowed outside of blind sites, except 150 yards from the bank starting at the pumping station going west to the Rowland's Creek causeway. Waterfowl hunting is allowed from registered blind sites during the scheduled deer hunts.

202-ARNOLD HOLLOW

WAYNE COUNTY • 7,844 ACRES
NORTH OF WAYNESBORO
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • **SG, BG**



Big Game



Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Turkey - April 17 - May 16

Turkey (Young Sportsman). April 10-11.

203-BARK CAMP BARRENS

COFFEE COUNTY • 2,800 ACRES
WES WINTON (931) 967-6101 • **SG, BG**



Big Game



Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Rabbit - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training (Rabbit and Quail) - Sept. 1 - Jan. 15. Dog training for the remainder of the year is open to all other species.



Quail - Closed to hunting.

204-BEAR HOLLOW MOUNTAIN

FRANKLIN COUNTY • 17,000 ACRES
STACY STEVENSON (931) 968-6215 • **SG, BG, HI**

Special Use - ATVs may be used only to retrieve harvested deer. Hooved animal riders must stay on the designated trail and park their vehicles in designated parking areas at all times. Hooved animal riding permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

No littering. Hunter camping allowed only at designated campground (Lakeview). Fires permitted only in designated campgrounds. Bear Hollow, Keith Springs (HWY 16), Keith Cove, Poplar Springs and Rock House Road will be opened for scouting on the 4th Saturday in Aug.

During daylight hours, all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or out of camp must wear blaze orange during the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.



Same as statewide seasons and bag limits, except as noted. Only one antlerless deer per day.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

205-BEAVER DAM CREEK

HICKMAN COUNTY • 7,619 ACRES
SOUTH OF CENTERVILLE
REGION II OFFICE (615) 781-6622 • SG, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

206-BROWNTOWN

WAYNE COUNTY • 6,336 ACRES
NORTH OF WAYNESBORO
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Turkey - April 17 - May 16

Turkey (Young Sportsman). April 10-11.

207-CEDAR HILL SWAMP

ROBERTSON COUNTY • 200 ACRES
ERIC TUMMINS (615) 792-4510 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

208-CHEATHAM

CHEATHAM COUNTY • 20,810 ACRES
SOUTH OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER, NEAR
ASHLAND CITY
ERIC TUMMINS (615) 792-4510 • SG, BG

Special Use - Hooved animal riding permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. Riding is allowed in designated areas only. Horses and other saddle and pack animals are prohibited during big game seasons.

Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Antlered deer only during muzzleloader and gun seasons. Antlered deer must have at least four antler points on one side or a fifteen (15) inch minimum outside spread except during the Young Sportsman hunt. All harvested deer count toward the statewide bag limit. Small game hunting closed one day prior and during all big game quota hunts.



Deer (Archery Hunt) - Sept 26 - Oct. 18. No quota. 1 deer antlered or antlerless. Antler restrictions apply.

Deer (Young Sportsman Hunt, Non Quota) - Oct. 24 - 25. No antler restrictions.

Deer (Muzzlerloader Hunt) - Two hunts: Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, Nov. 6 - 8. Hunter quota 450. 1 deer antlered or antlerless. Antler restrictions apply.

Deer (Gun Hunt) - Two hunts: Nov. 13-20, Nov. 30 - Dec. 6. Quota 450. 1 deer antlered or antlerless. Antler restrictions apply.

Deer (Gun Hunt, Non-quota) - Dec. 7-Jan. 3. One antlerless deer. Deer counts toward statewide bag.



Turkey - Same as statewide spring season.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Daylight hours only.



Shooting range - Open 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, 7 days a week. Automatic weapons prohibited.

Archery Range - Open daily. Field points only.

209-CHEATHAM LAKE

CHEATHAM COUNTY • 5,152 ACRES
OFF HWYS. 49 AND 12, WEST OF ASHLAND CITY
ERIC TUMMINS (615) 792-4510 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons on Sycamore Creek upstream from railroad trestle, Harpeth River upstream from Highway 49 and on Johnson Creek upstream from Johnson Creek Bridge.

Hunting on remainder of Cheatham Lake WMA same as statewide season, except during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. when hunting is open only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and the

first and the last day of each segment of the late statewide duck season.

Waterfowl hunting is permitted only from registered blind sites and from staked temporary blind sites during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.

Hunting on Harpeth Island, Marks Creek, and Bluff Creek wade-in areas is not restricted to registered or staked temporary sites.

Night hunting, trapping and fishing prohibited in waterfowl impoundments during the waterfowl season.

The sub-impoundment units as posted are closed to all types of activity five days before the opening of the first segment of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.



Waterfowl (wheelchair-bound only blind site) - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region II Office by noon on Oct. 27. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible.



Dove - Same as statewide. Hunting permitted from designated fields only.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15, except closed during duck seasons.

CHEATHAM LAKE - PARDUE POND REFUGE AND DYSON DITCH REFUGE

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - the last day of February. Designated observation areas will be open year round. Access by boat only.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer hunting. All seasons closed during refuge closure dates unless otherwise indicated. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Turkey - One hunt: Oct. 5 - 16. Hunter quota 50. Two bearded birds.

210-EAGLE CREEK

WAYNE COUNTY • 22,000 ACRES
NEAR WAYNESBORO
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Turkey - April 17 - May 16

Turkey (Young Sportsman). April 10-11.

211-FLINTVILLE HATCHERY

LINCOLN COUNTY • 750 ACRES
EAST OF FAYETTEVILLE ON HWY. 64
REGION II OFFICE (615) 781-6622 • NP

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer. Guns may be used on Young Sportsman hunts and during the fall turkey season. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Turkey - April 17 - May 16

Turkey (Young Sportsman). April 10-11.



Dog training - Daylight hours only.

213-HALEY-JAQUETH

WILLIAMSON COUNTY • 200 ACRES
COLLEGE GROVE
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • SG, BG

Big Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.



Dove - Sept. 5. Youth only (6-16) accompanied by a non-hunting adult, and shooting is from staked positions only. Sept. 7 and every Saturday thereafter of the 1st segment open to all ages. All hunting is on designated field only.



Dog training - Daylight hours only.

214-HAPPY HOLLOW

HICKMAN COUNTY - 1,800 ACRES
LOCATED OFF HWY 50 NEAR ONLY
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • SG, WF, BG

ATVs may only be used by hunters to retrieve deer. Leaving any personal property unattended for longer than 24 hours, without prior permission, may be impounded and may be disposed of according to state procedures. Treestands must be marked with the hunter's TWRA identification number. Camping in designated areas only, tent camping only. No motorized vehicle access to campground. Fires permitted only in fire pits.

Small Game



Same as statewide season, except as noted. No hunting the night before or during big game hunts. Closed to fall turkey season



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15



Deer (Archery, Muzzlerloader, Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

Deer (Gun) - Three hunts: Nov. 21 - 23, Dec. 12 - 14, Dec. 26 - 28. Hunter quota 80. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).



Turkey - Two hunts: April 3 - 6, April 24 - 27. Hunter Quota 50. One bearded bird.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide seasons.

215-HAYNES BOTTOM

MONTGOMERY COUNTY • 971 ACRES
NEAR DOTSONVILLE, ADJOINING THE CUMBERLAND RIVER
ERIC TUMMINS (615) 792-4510 • SG, WF, BG

Night hunting, trapping, dog training and fishing prohibited in the waterfowl impoundment from Oct. 15 - May 31.

Participating waterfowl hunters only in the bottoms from the beginning of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. through the conclusion of the youth waterfowl hunt.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. During the late duck season, waterfowl and small game hunting is open only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting permitted only from registered blind sites beginning with the first day of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - open all year-round. Daylight hours only.

216-HEADWATERS

CANNON COUNTY - 600 ACRES (IN 4 PARCELS)
NEAR WOODBURY
MICHAEL BOBEL (615) 444-6673 • SG, BG

No ATVs permitted. Parking in designated areas only. No parking at Blanton School Road gate (May 31 - Sept. 15). Use River Road Trail access/parking during Blanton School Gate closure.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.

Blaze orange required by all users during deer muzzleloader and gun hunts. Night hunting prohibited.



Dog training - Daylight hours only.

217-HICK HILL

LEWIS COUNTY • 3,608 ACRES
SOUTH OF HOHENWALD
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

218-HICKORY FLATS

COFFEE COUNTY • 623 ACRES
WES WINTON (931) 967-6101 • SG, BG

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

219-LAUREL HILL

LAWRENCE COUNTY • 14,952 ACRES
WEST OF LAWRENCEBURG OFF HWY. 64
CHECKING STATION: 74 VFW ROAD,
LAWRENCEBURG
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG, HI, WF

Special Use - ATVs allowed on roads open to motor vehicle traffic only. All hooved animals must be ridden on designated trails or roads open to motorized vehicles. Hooved animals and ATV riding on trails and roads is prohibited during all big game seasons.

Hooved animal riding and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Foot traffic only beyond cables/gates during spring turkey season.

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting is closed at sunset the day before and during big game hunts.

Coyote may be taken during daylight hours only during any open season with weapons specified for that season.

Bobcat may be taken on big game hunts that coincide with statewide season dates and may be taken with weapon legal for that hunt.

Fox Chasing - No fox chasing permitted.



Opossum - raccoon - Sept. 4 - Feb. 28.
Bag limit 2 raccoon per person per night. Opossum:
no limit.



Special Antlered Deer Regulations apply on
all deer hunts. Antlered deer must have at least
four antler points on one side or a 15-inch minimum
outside spread.

Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Sept. 19 - Oct. 4. Three
deer, antlered or antlerless, only one antlered
(bonus deer).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Oct. 17-18. One
deer antlered or antlerless, only one antlered. No
antler restrictions.

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Oct. 22 - 25. Hunter
quota 500. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Two hunts. Nov. 13 - 15, Nov. 27 - 29. Hunter
quota 500. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - One hunt. Dec. 4 - 6. Hunter quota
500. One deer, antlered or antlerless. (Bonus deer).



Turkey - April 17 - May 16

Turkey (Young Sportsman). April 10-11.

Statewide bag limits apply.



Waterfowl - Jan. 8-30. On the WMA, goose
(not waterfowl) hunting is permitted and only in the
fields. On Laurel Hill lake, waterfowl hunting (duck
and goose) is allowed by boat only. Same as statewide
bag limits.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Trapping - Dec. 7, 2020 - Feb. 13, 2021



Dog training - Sept. 1 - March 15, except during
big game hunts, daylight hours only.

SHIELDS FARM UNIT



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Cen-
terfire rifles and handguns prohibited.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

220-MAPLE SPRINGS

COFFEE COUNTY • 122 ACRES
NORTH OF MANCHESTER
WES WINTON (931) 967-6101 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

221-MINGO SWAMP

FRANKLIN COUNTY • 460 ACRES
WEST OF WINCHESTER
STACEY STEVENSON (931) 968-6215 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

222-MTSU

HICKMAN COUNTY • 995 ACRES
WEST OF CENTERVILLE
REGION II OFFICE (615) 781-6622 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

223-NORMANDY

BEDFORD/COFFEE COUNTIES • 750 ACRES
ON NORMANDY LAKE
WES WINTON - (931) 967-6101 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

224-OLD HICKORY

SUMNER/WILSON/TROUSDALE COUNTIES
NORTH OF LEBANON ON OLD HICKORY LAKE
MICHAEL BOBEL (615) 444-6673

*Areas consists of 6,000 huntable acres in narrow
strips of land along the 21,700 acres of water on Old
Hickory Lake. Of the 6,000 acres only 1,000 acres
have public land access. The remaining 5,000 acres
are primarily accessible by water.*

UNIT I

HIGHWAY 109 UPSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 267
EXCLUDING LOCK 5 REFUGE • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small
game hunting is closed after 3 p.m. (CST) during
the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. The sub-
impoundment units as posted are closed to all types
of activity five days prior to the opening of the first
segment of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.
Raccoon and opossum hunting, trapping and fishing
are prohibited in sub-impoundments during the late
waterfowl season.



Dove - Sept. 5 on Barton's Creek. Youth only (6-
16), must be accompanied by a licensed non-hunting
adult. Hunting begins at 6 a.m.

Dove - Sept. 7 and every Wednesday and Friday-
Sunday thereafter during the first segment of the
statewide season.



Waterfowl - Hunting is permitted only from
registered blind sites and staked temporary blind sites
during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. Same
as statewide season, except waterfowl hunting shall
cease at 3 p.m. (CST) during the late duck season, ex-
cept hours same as statewide on the last day of each
segment of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.



Waterfowl (wheelchair-bound only blind site)
- Applications must be received by the TWRA Region
II Office by noon on the fourth. Friday in October. Per-
sons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - March 15, except closed
during duck seasons.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

UNIT II

HWY. 109 DOWNSTREAM TO OLD HICKORY
DAM • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, ex-
cept as noted. Hunting from registered blind sites
only, except during the early duck season. All goose
hunting is from registered blinds only.

UNIT III

FROM RIVER MILE 267 UPSTREAM TO THE OLD
LOCK 6 SITE AT RIVER MILE 281 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, ex-
cept as noted. Hunting from temporary blinds only.
Decoys must be picked up each day.

225-OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE

TROUSDALE/WILSON COUNTIES • 900 ACRES
NORTH OF LEBANON; LOCATED FROM HWY. 231
UPSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 265.5
MICHAEL BOBEL (615) 444-6673

Public use, including all forms of trespass, is prohibited from Nov. 15 to the last day of February. Public entry and fishing permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Closed to waterfowl hunting. Boat access only.

OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE (NORTH OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER)



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE (SOUTH OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER)



Deer, Turkey (Young Sportsman Only)

- Sept. 19 - 20, Sept. 26 - 27, Oct. 3 - 4, Oct. 10 - 11. Archery equipment only.

Deer (Young Sportsman Only) - Oct. 17 - 18, Oct. 24 - 25, Nov. 7 - 8. Archery and muzzleloader equipment only. All hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements.

Turkey (Young Sportsman Only) - Oct. 17 - 18, Oct. 24 - 25, Nov. 7 - 8. Archery and shotgun equipment only. All hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements.



Turkey (Young Sportsman Only) - Same as statewide spring turkey season.

226-OWL HOLLOW MILL

FRANKLIN COUNTY • 3,000 ACRES
NEAR TIMS FORD LAKE
STACY STEVENSON (931) 968-6215 • SG, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dove (Youth Only) - Sept. 5. Youth only (6-16) must be accompanied by a licensed non-hunting adult. Maple Bend Road field only. Rest of WMA closed.

Dove - Sept. 6. Entire WMA open to all ages for the remainder of the statewide dove season.

227-PERCY PRIEST

DAVIDSON/RUTHERFORD/WILSON COUNTIES
TWO UNITS CONSISTING OF 10,768 HUNTABLE
ACRES SURROUNDING 14,500 ACRES OF WATER
BORDERING PERCY PRIEST LAKE
GLEN ROGERS (615) 355-0914

Centerfire prohibited on all units.

UNIT I

NEAR LAVERGNE NORTH OF SMYRNA AIR
BASE • 1,408 ACRES • SG, BG

Unit I closed to all activity from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except as noted. Trucks and ATVs allowed off-road during field trials and training only.

All activities, except dove hunts on designated fields and scheduled field trials, prohibited on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Sept. 1 - April 30.

Additional WMA closures for special field trial dates are determined by the manager. Currently, these additional dates are Nov. 4, 5, 11; Dec. 2, 3, 24; January. 7, 12, 13, 14; Apr. 22, 29; May 27



Dove - Sept. 1, and each Saturday and Sunday thereafter, and Labor Day during the first and second segments of the statewide season. Shooting from staked positions only. On Sept. 1, staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10 a.m. and hunters must check out at the conclusion of their hunt. Successful applicants must be at their staked position at the start of shooting hours.



Squirrel - Same as statewide season, except as noted.



Quail - rabbit (Youth) - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15. Same as statewide seasons, except Monday through Thursday only. Shotguns only. Each Youth must be accompanied by an adult who may not hunt or carry weapons. Each adult must possess a valid hunting license and an area permit.



Deer, Turkey (Archery Only) - Same as statewide seasons, except closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday and except as noted.



Deer (Muzzleloader) - Nov. 9 - 12, Nov. 16 - 19. Statewide bag limits. Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Remainder of deer season is archery only.



Turkey - Same as statewide spring turkey season, except closed Friday-Sunday until April 30.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - April 30. Small game permit required. Training from horseback prohibited before Oct. 1. Participants of sanctioned field trials may train 72 hours prior to and after scheduled dates without a small game permit. Blank ammunition only. Night time dog training prohibited.

Retriever Dog Training and Trials - Year-round in designated areas only. Trials must be scheduled

with Area Manager, and special field trial permits must be obtained from the TWRA Region II Office at least 30 days in advance of trial dates. Participants of sanctioned field trials may train 72 hours before and after scheduled dates without a small game hunt permit.

Bird and Rabbit Dog and Fox Hound Trials - Sept. 1 - April 30. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager, and special field trial permits must be obtained from the Region II Office at least 30 days in advance of trial dates. Field trial gallery must be kept out of standing or planted crops by Marshals provided by sponsoring club. Fox hound trials subject to special regulations.

UNIT II



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer is shotgun/muzzleloader/archery only. Fall turkey is archery only.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons. Temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - April 30. No hunting or training from horseback.

Archery Practice - Open year-round, on designated range site (Poole Knobs) only. Target arrows only.

228-SHELTON FERRY

MONTGOMERY COUNTY • 628 ACRES
SOUTH OF CLARKSVILLE
ERIC TUMMINS (615) 792-4510 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer is archery equipment only, except during Young Sportsman hunts.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Firing Range - Montgomery County Shooting Complex, see page 40.

229-TIE CAMP

WAYNE COUNTY • 8,088 ACRES
NORTH OF WAYNESBORO
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Turkey - April 17 - May 16

Turkey (Young Sportsman). April 10-11.

Statewide bag limits apply.

230-WILLIAMSPORT

MAURY COUNTY • 1,722 ACRES

ON HWY. 50 APPROXIMATELY 10 MI. WEST OF COLUMBIA

TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • SG, BG, HI

Special Use - No riding during scheduled Big Game hunts. Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset on hunt days. Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. No camping allowed.



Big Game



Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except big game seasons have specific dates and closed thereafter. No hunting the night before or during big game hunts. Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Dove - Same as statewide season, except open only on Sept. 1 and every Saturday during the first segment. Designated fields only. Shooting from staked positions only on Sept. 1. On Sept. 1, staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10 a.m. Hunters must be present at drawing and must check out at the conclusion of the hunt. Successful applicants must be at the staked position at legal shooting hours.



Deer (Archery) - Three hunts: Sept. 19 - 21, Sept. 26 - 28, Oct. 3 - 5. Two deer, either sex, but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Two hunts: Oct. 10 - 11, Oct. 17 - 18. Two deer, only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Nov. 7 - 9. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Four hunts: Nov. 21 - 23, Nov. 28 - 30, Dec. 5 - 7, Dec. 12 - 14. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).



Turkey (Young Sportsman) - One hunt: March 27 - 28. One bearded bird.

Turkey - Two hunts: April 3 - 6, April 17 - 20. One bearded bird per hunt.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Crow - Sept. 1 - Feb. 28. All crow hunting is limited to Saturdays during the month of September

INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

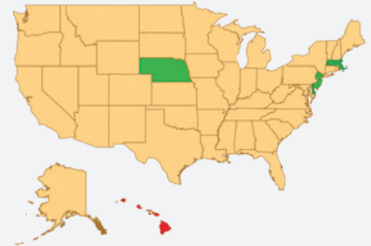
The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact is an agreement that recognizes the suspension of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses in member states.



Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

This means that illegal activities in one state can affect a person's hunting or fishing privileges in all participating states. Any person whose license privileges or rights are suspended in a member state may also be suspended in Tennessee. If a person's hunting, fishing, or trapping rights are suspended in Tennessee, they may be suspended in member states as well. This cooperative interstate effort will enhance the Division of Wildlife's ability to protect and manage our wildlife resources. See our website www.tnwildlife.org for more information.

Wildlife Compact Member States



Member States

In Process.....	(4)
No.....	(1)
Yes.....	(45)

during the first segment of dove season, thereafter on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

231-YANAHLI

MAURY COUNTY • 12,800 ACRES

SOUTH EAST OF COLUMBIA

TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • SG, WF, BG, HI

Special Use - Horses and other saddle and pack animals are prohibited during big game seasons. ATVs are prohibited.

Hooved animal riding permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Hooved animal riding: possession of alcohol prohibited, must ride on designated trails only.

The use of any alcoholic beverages is prohibited by all users. During daylight hours, all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or out of camp must wear fluorescent orange during the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.

Treestands must be marked with the hunter's TWRA identification number. Leaving any personal property unattended for longer than 24 hours, without prior permission, may be impounded and may be disposed of according to state procedures.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



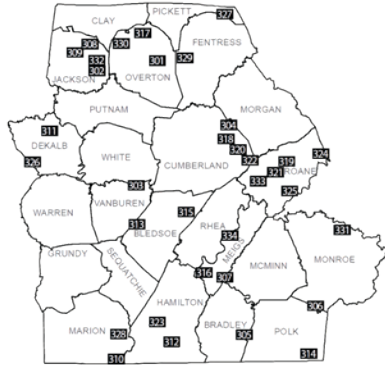
Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Firing Range - Automatic weapons prohibited. See page 40.

REGION III

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS



Dog training - Sept. 1–Mar. 15.

304-CATOOSA

CUMBERLAND/MORGAN COUNTIES • 79,740 ACRES
I-40 EXITS, PEAVINE, GENESIS, AND WESTEL ROADS
JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • **SG, BG, HI**

Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. OHVs permitted from the fourth Saturday in August through the spring squirrel season. OHVs, bicyclists and hooved animal riders may not enter the area except through gated TWRA access points.

Entire area open on all deer hunts. Catoosa WMA will be closed to all users Feb. 1 through last Friday in March except for walk-in small game hunting and trapping from Feb. 1 - last day of Feb and the Cumberland Trail Corridor is open to through hiking year round. Guides prohibited on all hunts. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. During big game hunts, the area is open only to legal big game hunting participants, except the Cumberland Trail corridor is open to through hiking year round.

Big game hunters are required to check out big game and wild hogs at the WMA check stations when stations are in operation. Attention persons participating in the hog control hunt: There have been multiple documented cases of Brucellosis in hogs on Catoosa. Use caution when handling harvested hogs. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 - fourth Friday in August, except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons.

Attention Cumberland Trail Corridor users: Pedestrian access through the Catoosa WMA on the Cumberland Trail corridor will be allowed year round. All users within the Cumberland Trail corridor must wear visible fluorescent clothing during deer gun and muzzleloader hunts, spring turkey hunts, and wild hog control hunts. During all deer hunts, spring turkey hunts, and wild hog control hunts pedestrian access is limited to within 100 feet on either side of the Cumberland Trail corridor.

Closed to bear hunting.

All dog training is prohibited.

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except closes at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts, unless otherwise noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season. Trapping and small game hunting closed during wild hog control season. Closed to quail hunting and dog training.

Rifles and handguns using center-fire ammunition are legal for hunting beaver, bobcat, foxes, coyotes, groundhogs and crows only during big game seasons and the hunter must be a licensed legal big game hunter. During big game hunts, coyotes may be taken with any weapon legal for that hunt. Chasing fox, coyote or bobcat with dogs is not permitted.

301-ALPINE MOUNTAIN

OVERTON COUNTY • 1,642 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG**

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

6 MILES SOUTH OF HWY. 705
JAMES DOUGLAS (931) 935-3280 • **SG, BG**

No ATVs, motorcycles or hooved animal riding permitted. Closed to all non-hunting activities during deer hunts. Closed to all non-hunting activities during spring turkey season until 12 noon CDT. Antlered deer must have a minimum of four (4) points on one antler or a 15 inch minimum outside spread on all hunts. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 through the fourth Friday in August, except during spring turkey and squirrel seasons. Small game hunting and dog training closed at sunset on the day before and during scheduled deer and turkey hunts. Closed to quail hunting.

Big Game

Same as statewide seasons, except deer season is closed Nov. 13 - 20 and after Dec. 11.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

BIG BOTTOM UNIT • **SG, BG, HI**

Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling, and OHV use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Unauthorized entry is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.

Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to Quail hunting.

302-BLACKBURN FORK

SOUTHEASTERN JACKSON COUNTY – 600 ACRES
WEST OF HWY 135, NORTH OF LANDFORD HILL RD,
EAST OF SEVEN KNOBS RD AND SOUTH OF DANIEL
HILL LANE
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 SG, BG

Use of motorized vehicles or horseback riding prohibited. Closed to all nonhunting activities during big game hunts.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail – Nov. 7 - Jan. 15



Dog training – Sept. 1 – March 15

303-BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE CENTENNIAL WILDERNESS

WHITE COUNTY • 20,000 ACRES
ON THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY LINE



Opossum - raccoon - Nov. 1 to sunrise Dec. 31, except closes at sunset on the day before and during scheduled big game hunts.



Deer - On all hunts, antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler or a 15-inch minimum outside antler spread. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Oct. 3 - 11. Archery equipment only. Area checking stations operated. Entire area open. 2 deer no more than one antlered (deer counts towards statewide bag limit).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Two hunts: Oct. 29 - 31, Nov. 19 - 21. Station quota per hunt: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - One hunt: Nov. 12 - 14. Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - One hunt: Oct. 24 - 25. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - One hunt: Dec. 3 - 5. Entire area open. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

Wild Hog (Control Season - Dogs Permitted) - Dec. 9 - 13, 16 - 20 Entire area open. No limit, either sex.

All participants in the hog control season must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange, visible front and back. Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking deer, bear or elk. Legal hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset. Checking stations open on Catoosa—all hogs must be transported whole to the checking stations for data collection.

Bullfrog - Apr. 1 - Sept. 1. No hunting during turkey hunts.



Turkey - Six hunts: April 9 - 11, 13 - 15, 20 - 22, 23 - 25, 27 - 29, April 30 - May 2. One bearded turkey per hunt, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - One hunt: April 17 - 18. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.



Trapping - Dec. 15 - last day of Feb.



Firing Range (Genesis Checking Station) - Open daily except during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Permit required (See pg. 40).

Shooting Range (Peavine Campground) - Open Apr. 1 - Jan. 31, except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Permit required (See pg. 40).

CROOKED FORK UNIT

MORGAN COUNTY 1,600 ACRES
JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • SG,BG, HI

Rifles and handguns using center-fire ammunition are prohibited.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Closed to all hunting March 1 through the fourth Friday in August, except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons. Chasing fox, coyote, or bobcat with dogs is not permitted.

Big Game

Same as statewide seasons, except deer season is closed after Dec. 11. Archery equipment, shotguns and muzzleloaders only for deer hunting. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



Dog training - Dog training is closed

305-CHARLOTTE ANN FINNELL NEAL

BRADLEY COUNTY • 495 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG,WF, BG

Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season closes Dec. 11. Archery equipment only for deer hunting.

Small Game

Small game open Dec. 12 - last day of Feb., except as noted. Squirrel season open from Aug. 22 - Sept. 25, and during spring squirrel season. Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

RESERVE INFORMATION

South Cherokee Bear Reserves

Ocoee Bear Reserve

The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area and private inholdings bounded on the north by Ocoee Lake and Ocoee River, on the south by the Tennessee/Georgia state line and on the east and west by the National Forest Boundary.

Tellico Bear Reserve

The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area in Monroe County that lies north of the Tellico-Robbinsville Road, east of Forest Service Road 35, south of Forest Service Road 26 and west of the ridge running from Farr Gap through Little Fodderstack to Big Fodderstack and following the North Carolina state line to the Tellico-Robbinsville Road.

For other bear reserves, see page 36.

HUNT COMPARTMENTS

Cherokee Party Hunt Compartments

UPPER TELlico

The portion of the Tellico River drainage lying north of the Tellico River Road, south of the North River Road and west of the North Carolina line.

LOWER TELlico

That portion of the Tellico River drainage lying east of Turkey Creek, north of the Tellico River Road and North of the North River Road, west of the North Carolina state line, and south of the Cherochala Skyway (Hwy. 165).

UPPER BALD RIVER

That portion of the Bald River and Tellico River drainages lying south of the Tellico River Road, south of the Bald River Road, east of the Wauchesi Mountain Road, and north of the North Carolina state line.

LOWER BALD RIVER

That portion of the Bald River and Tellico River drainages lying south of the Tellico River Road, east of the Basin Lead Trail (FS trail 161), and north of the Bald River Road.

306-SOUTH CHEROKEE

ALONG THE TENNESSEE-NORTH CAROLINA STATE LINE SOUTH OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK • 300,000 ACRES
BRANDON WEAR (423) 884-6767 • BG

Includes former Ocoee and Tellico Units. Bear reserves are closed to all big game hunting when the bear season (dogs permitted) is open on the South Cherokee. It is illegal to possess firearms with any breed of dog other than pointing breeds during daylight hours, excluding bear season, except as provided. Cherokee WMA Nonquota Big Game permit (Type 095 or Type 094) or Sportsman License required to hunt the non-quota big game hunts. Some roads normally open to public travel may be closed from Dec. 15 - March 31. Wild hog may be taken during any deer or bear hunt with no limit. During gun and muzzleloader Big Game hunts all wild hog hunters must comply with the blaze orange requirements. A bear hunter who has filled the daily or seasonal limit may continue to carry a firearm and take wild hogs where incidental taking is allowed. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 through the 4th Friday in Aug. except turkey season.



Same as statewide, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15. Small game hunters, except raccoon and opossum hunters, must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts.

Spring squirrel season is closed. Small game hunting in bear reserves and party hunt area during scheduled party hunts prohibited one day before and during bear (dogs permitted) hunts.

Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting outside of bear reserves during bear dog hunts and Jan. 1 - last day of February. Squirrel hunters utilizing dogs during bear hunts are limited to a maximum of 2 dogs per vehicle.

Season open on groundhog, fox and skunk during any small game hunt with weapons legal for that small game hunt. Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapon legal for that scheduled hunt. Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Bobcat hunting with dogs is prohibited.



Deer/Bear (Archery) - Sept. 19 - Oct. 1 one deer, antlered or antlerless, counts toward statewide bag limit. One bear either sex outside the bear reserve.

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Oct. 26 - Nov. 1. One deer, antlered only (deer counts towards state wide bag limit).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - One hunt: Oct. 24 - 25. One deer, antlered or antlerless (deer counts towards state wide bag limit).

Deer (Gun) - Two hunts: Nov. 21 - 29, Dec. 14 - 28. Two deer, antlered only (deer counts towards state wide bag limit).



Bear (Gun - Dogs Permitted) - Five hunts: Oct. 3 - 4, 10 - 16, Nov. 2 - 6, Nov. 30 - Dec. 13, Dec. 31 - Jan. 3. One bear, either sex. Hunting confined to that area outside the Ocoee and Tellico Bear Reserves.

Bear Party-Dog Hunts (Gun - Dogs Permitted) - Four hunts: Oct. 3 - 4, 10 - 11, Nov. 2 - 3, Nov. 30 - Dec. 1. Quota party dog hunts, 75 permits per party. One party permitted in each of the following areas: Upper Tellico, Lower Tellico, Upper Bald River, and Lower Bald River. One bear, either sex. Party-Dog Area closed during scheduled quota party-dog hunts. Due to Covid-19, restrictions may apply for the handheld drawing. Please refer to tnwildlife.org for more information.

Non-hunting juveniles under the age of 13 may accompany an adult hunter (18 years old or older) who has a valid party-hunt permit. Juveniles must also comply with all regulations specified for permitted hunters.



Opossum, Raccoon - Outside of Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Nov. 7 - 19, Jan. 4 - last day of Feb. Inside Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Jan 4 - 31, hunters are limited to a maximum of two dogs per vehicle. The only legal weapons on a raccoon hunt are .22 caliber short and long rifles.



Bear Dog Training Season - Sept. 9 - 18. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. No training in bear reserves.



Turkey - Same as statewide spring turkey season.



Trapping - Jan. 1 - through last day of Feb.



Shooting Range - Open daylight hours only (see page 40).

Safety Zone - On the Cherokee WMA, hunting or discharging a firearm is prohibited within 150 yards of a developed recreation area, campsite, residence, building, occupied area, across or on a National Forest system road. Contact the appropriate U.S. Forest Service office for more information.

Horseback riding - Horseback riding on properties owned by the U.S. Forest Service shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service regulations. Contact the U.S. Forest Service (423-476-9700). On those properties owned or leased by the TWRA, horseback riding is only allowed upon roads opened for vehicle travel. No riding off road into openings, fields, trails or through streams.



Dog training - Dog training prohibited unless otherwise specified. The use or possession of any electronic tracking devices from Mar. 1 - Aug. 15 is illegal. Hunting of coyotes with dogs is prohibited.

307-CHICKAMAUGA

BRADLEY/HAMILTON/MCMINN/MEIGS/RHEA COUNTIES • 4,000 ACRES • SG, WF, BG

SODDY CREEK, SALE CREEK



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Deer hunting with archery equipment only. Archery hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements during the statewide deer gun or muzzleloader seasons. Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl). Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller.

COTTONPORT, WASHINGTON FERRY, SHELTON BOTTOMS, MUD CREEK, NEW BETHAL, MOON ISLAND, GOODFIELD CREEK, GILLESPIE BEND, LEDFORD ISLAND, AGENCY CREEK, SUGAR CREEK, SOUTH MOUSE CREEK UNITS



Same as statewide hunting and trapping seasons. No waterfowl hunters permitted on Units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the duck season(s). Closed to quail hunting.

CANDIES CREEK, JOHNSON BOTTOMS, ROGERS CREEK, YELLOW CREEK UNITS



Same as statewide seasons, except units closed to all forms of trespass including fishing, trapping and hunting for all species except waterfowl from the first opening day of the late duck season until the last day of the late duck season and on the day before and during the Youth Waterfowl hunts. Closed to quail hunting.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting permitted on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the first and last day of the duck season. Waterfowl hunting ends at 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday only. No waterfowl hunters or other activities permitted on units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the duck seasons. Hunting is allowed only from registered blinds sites. Blind sites and hunting dates will be allocated through a computer drawing held in September. On the Yellow Creek Unit, Blinds 1 and 2 accessible by canoe or kayak only. Quota application period runs from Sept. 2-23, 2020. Hunters selected for a blind site may bring up to four additional hunters. No more than five hunters per blind. No blind site may be hunted unless a hunter selected for that assigned blind site and date is present. Hunters may leave in place decoys and a temporary blind at their blind site during their assigned hunt date, but must remove all decoys at the end of their last hunt date. Young Sportsman hunters may hunt blind sites during the youth waterfowl season on a first come, first serve basis. Youth hunters during the youth waterfowl season must enter the hunting area only from established TWRA parking areas.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15, except closed during late duck season.

SODDY CREEK, SALE CREEK, COTTONPORT, YELLOW CREEK AND WASHINGTON FERRY BRIAN LETNER, REGION 3 OFFICE (931) 484-9571 CANDIES CREEK, JOHNSON BOTTOMS, ROGER'S CREEK JASON JACKSON (423) 614-3018 FOR ALL OTHER CHICKAMAUGA UNITS ROB KLIPPEL (423) 693-6791

308-CORDELL HULL

JACKSON/SMITH COUNTIES • 25,000 ACRES INCLUDES ALL PROPERTY POSTED AND PAINTED WITH CORPS OF ENGINEER AND/OR TWRA SIGNS JOHNNY POSTON (615) 342-9307 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Wheelchair-bound hunter zone open to wheelchair-bound hunters only.



Wheelchair-Bound Hunter Only Zone - That area in the old "Corps of Engineers Roaring River Campground" area of Cordell Hull WMA (north of Hwy. 135, north of Roaring River, south and east of Hwy. 85 and west of Old Roaring River Iron Bridge Road).



Dog training - Sept. 1-Mar. 15.

DEFEATED CREEK UNIT

Same as statewide seasons except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Archery equipment only for small game hunting.

Defeated Creek Unit is that area of Defeated Creek that extends from the main river channel to the Corps of Engineers boundary along Defeated Creek excluding Defeated Creek Recreational Area.

309-CORDELL HULL REFUGE

JACKSON COUNTY • 600 ACRES NEAR GAINESBORO BETWEEN FREESTATE BRIDGE HWY 85A AND HWY 56 BRIDGE JOHNNY POSTON (615) 342-9307 • **SG, WF, BG**

Public use including all forms of trespass and hunting is prohibited from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb., except as otherwise indicated. Public entry permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Fishing by boat allowed during refuge closure in marked river channel only.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season closed after Nov. 14. All seasons closed during refuge closure dates including dog training. Closed to quail hunting.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15, daylight hours only. Closed to training during refuge closure dates.

310-CUMMINGS COVE

HAMILTON/MARION COUNTIES • 1,200 ACRES REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG**

Access via Aetna Mountain Road. This is an unimproved dirt road with numerous washouts. Hazardous terrain, 4wd only.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

311-EDGAR EVINS STATE PARK

DEKALB COUNTY • 6,000 ACRES ON CENTER HILL LAKE REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to spring squirrel hunting on north side of Center Hill Lake.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Same as statewide seasons, except closed on north side of Center Hill Lake.



Deer (Safety Zone) Archery - One hunt. Oct. 13-14. Hunter quota 100. Bag limit two deer, first deer harvested must be antlerless (bonus deer). Sign up for handheld drawing will be 8 a.m.-10 a.m. on Sep. 9, 2020 at Park Office. Due to COVID-19, restrictions may apply for the handheld drawing. Please refer to tnwildlife.org for more information.

312-ENTERPRISE SOUTH NATURE PARK

HAMILTON COUNTY • 1,800 ACRES REGION III OFFICE • (931) 484-9571 • **BG**

Closed to hunting, trapping, and dog training except as noted. Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

Hunters are required to check in big game at WMA check stations when stations are in operation.



Deer (Shotgun) (Hunt for Warriors) - One hunt. Oct. 12 - 13. Hunter quota 25. Two deer, no more that one antlered (Bonus deer).

313-FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK

BLEDSOE/VAN BUREN COUNTIES • 7,000 ACRES OFF HWY. 30 BETWEEN PIKEVILLE AND SPENCER REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **BG**

Dog training prohibited. Vehicle parking restricted to designated parking areas only during the hunting season. No parking allowed on roadside grass. All deer and turkey hunters must sign register at Park Headquarters before hunting. Harvested big game must be checked in at Park Headquarters. Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.



Squirrel - Dec. 1 - last day of Feb. Shotguns only. Spring squirrel season is closed.



Deer (Archery) - Four hunts: Nov. 7 - 9, 10 - 12, 13 - 15, Dec. 11 - 13. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). One bearded turkey.

Deer (Hunts for Warriors - Shotgun/Muzzleloader - Golf Course Zone) - One hunt: Dec. 1 - 2. Hunter quota 15. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).



Turkey (Archery) - One hunt: Apr. 3 - 11. One bearded turkey per day, not to exceed two turkeys. Counts towards statewide bag limit.

314-FOURTH FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP

POLK COUNTY • 520 ACRES NEAR COPPER HILL REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **NP**

Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for big game. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons. Beagles and pointing breeds only. Dogs not permitted during spring squirrel season.

Small game hunting with shotguns only, using No. 6 shot or smaller.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Beagles and pointing breeds only. No dog training allowed during spring turkey season.

315-HARP

BLEDSOE COUNTY • 285 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG**

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

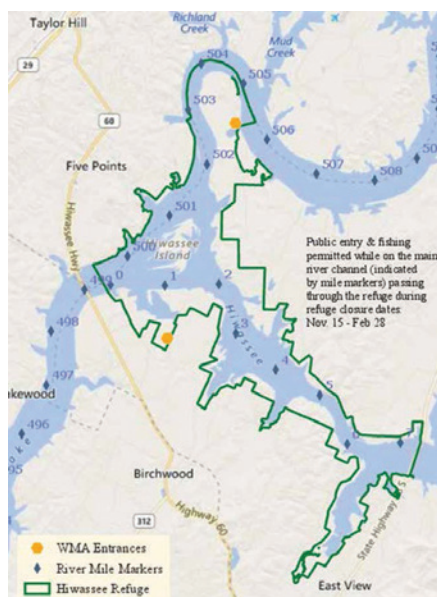


Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

316-HIWASSEE REFUGE

MEIGS/RHEA COUNTIES • 2,500 ACRES
ON CHICKAMAUGA RESERVOIR
JASON JACKSON (423) 614-3018 • **SG, WF, BG**

Refuge is closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 through the last day of Feb., except the wildlife viewing area is open year-round. During refuge closure, public entry and fishing is permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with hunting implements legal for that scheduled hunt. Beaver and coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. Season open on groundhog, fox and skunk during any scheduled small game hunt. All seasons closed during refuge closure date unless otherwise indicated. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is required for small game hunting. Small game hunting and dog training is closed at sunset on the day before and during scheduled big game hunts, unless special exception is indicated.



Dove - Sept. 1, 17. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.

Dove (Youth) - Sept. 12. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.



Squirrel - Same as statewide seasons except as noted.



Rabbit - Nov. 2 - Nov. 14. Bag limit of three per day.



Opossum, Raccoon - Sept. 1 - Nov. 4. Hunting will be limited to Tuesday and Wednesday nights only.



Canada Goose - Sept. 1-15. No goose hunters permitted on refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day.

Wood Duck, Teal - Same as Sept. Wood Duck/Teal season. No duck hunters permitted on the refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day.



Deer (Shotgun - Muzzleloader)(Young-Sportsman) - One hunt: Sept. 19 - 20. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Sept. 25 - 27. Hunter quota 200. Two deer no more than one antlered, one bearded turkey (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Oct. 9 - 11. Two deer, no more than one antlered, one bearded turkey (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Oct. 23 - 25. Hunter quota 150. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Oct. 30 - Nov. 1. Hunter quota 150. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).



Turkey - Same as statewide spring turkey season.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15, daylight hours only. Closed to training during refuge closure dates.

Retriever Dog Field Trials - Pre-approved by Area Manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.

317-JACKSON SWAMP

OVERTON COUNTY • 203 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, WF, BG**

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.



Dove - Sept. 1 by hand-held drawing. Drawing to be conducted on Aug. 22 at Independence Community Center. Drawing sign-up begins at 4 p.m. local time. Drawing will be held at 5 p.m. local time. Hunters must be present to be drawn. Due to COVID-19,

restrictions may apply for the handheld drawing. Please refer to tnwildlife.org for more information.

Dove - Sept. 2 through remainder of statewide season, same as statewide regulations.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

318-KEYES-HARRISON

CUMBERLAND COUNTY • 1,740 ACRES
JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • **SG, HI**

Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season. Closed to quail hunting.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

319-KINGSTON REFUGE

ROANE COUNTY • 300 ACRES
ROB KLIPPEL 423-693-6391

Closed to hunting, trapping and dog training.

320-LUPER MOUNTAIN

CUMBERLAND COUNTY • 5,617 ACRES
JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • **SG, BG, HI**

Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Deer - same as statewide deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the deer gun season.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

LONESTAR MOUNTAIN UNIT

Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Deer - same as statewide deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the deer gun season.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

321-MCGLOTHIN-LARGEN

ROANE COUNTY • 112 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG, WF**

Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season closes Dec. 11. Archery equipment only for deer. Waterfowl season closed for Sept. wood duck, teal, and Sept. Canada goose seasons.



Rabbit - Dec. 12 to last day of Feb. on Saturday and Sunday only. Bag limit of three per day.



Squirrel - Aug. 22 - Sept. 25, Dec. 12 to last day of Feb. and during spring squirrel season except as noted. Shotguns with No. 6 shot or smaller only.



Dove - Sept. 1, 5. Noon to sunset only on Sept. 1.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15. Beagles and pointing breeds only.

322-MT. ROOSEVELT

CUMBERLAND/ROANE/MORGAN COUNTIES • 11,000 ACRES
JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • **SG, BG, HI**

Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.



Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.

Same as statewide season except as noted. Closed to September Archery Bear Season. Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Deer - same as statewide deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the gun season.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

323-NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK

HAMILTON COUNTY • 5,400 ACRES
BRIAN LETNER (931) 484-9571
SG, WF, BG

HIXSON, ROGERS, SUTTON, THRASHER BOTTOMS, VANDERGRIFF, POE BRANCH AND VARNER UNITS.

No motorized vehicles outside parking areas. Units closed after sunset except to opossum and raccoon hunters. Trespass prohibited by non-hunters on hunt days. Hixson, Rogers, Varner and Vandergriff Units closed to all forms of trespass except hunting and trapping during the late waterfowl seasons.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All hunting ends on Jan. 31, except spring squirrel season and spring turkey season.

Hunting only allowed on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, unless exception is indicated.

Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl).

Closed to quail hunting.

Bag limit for rabbits is three per day.

Hixson, Rogers, Vandergriff and Varner Units closed to all forms of trespass except hunting and trapping during the late waterfowl seasons.



Dove - Sept. 1 and every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of the statewide dove season. Dove hunting from noon to sunset only. No dove hunters or dove hunting equipment on dove fields prior to 7 a.m. on opening day of the first segment on the dove season.



Deer - hunting with archery equipment only. Archery hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements during the statewide deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.



Turkey - hunting ends at noon each day.



Waterfowl - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and the first and last day of the statewide season and the youth waterfowl season. Shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller. Waterfowl hunting ends at noon each day, including the youth waterfowl season. Hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.



Deer (Archery - Wheelchair-bound

Hunter Only) - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only) - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.



Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only) - Same as statewide season, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Turkey hunting ends at noon each day. Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.



Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only) - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Hunting ends at noon each day. Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.



Trapping - Friday before Thanksgiving - Jan. 31. Traps must be checked each day.



Dog training (all breeds) - Sept. 1 - Jan. 31. Hixson, Rogers, Varner and Vandergriff Units closed to dog training from the first opening day of the late duck season until the end of duck season.

PATTON UNIT • SG, WF, BG, HI

Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Conservation Permit.

Possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

324-OAK RIDGE

ROANE/ANDERSON COUNTIES • 36,000 ACRES
SHANNON YOUNG (865) 576-2380 (CHECK STATION);
865-574-7052 (OFFICE) • **SG, WF, BG**

Shotguns, muzzleloading rifles and archery equipment only. On big game quota hunts and on approved scouting days for all areas, except behind all security checkpoints, a non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (21 years old or older) who has a valid Oak Ridge WMA quota permit. However, these non-hunting juveniles may not accompany hunters into any area requiring entry through a Security Portal or Security Police Officer Check Point (e.g. Tower Shielding Facility, Chestnut Ridge/Park City Road or any badged-only hunting areas). During deer hunts, non-hunting juveniles must also comply with blaze orange regulations specified for legal hunters. No boat access during deer

hunts except to access Haw Ridge Park. Boat access only for waterfowl hunters accessing Solway and Freels Bend on or during the designated Sept. and Oct. hunting dates. Hunters must carry, at all times, hunting license and permit, valid picture identification (youth excluded), and signed current hunt map. During Oct., Nov., and Dec. big game hunts all hunters must wear daylight fluorescent orange (blaze orange) including archery hunters in the Archery-Only Zones. Dog training prohibited. Hunters are required to check in big game and coyotes at WMA check station. Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.



Deer (Shotgun/Muzzleloader/Archery) (Zone 1) - Three hunts: Nov. 7 - 8, Nov. 14 - 15, Dec. 12 - 13. Hunter quota 225. Three deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Shotgun/Muzzleloader/Archery)(Zone 1) - Three hunts: Nov. 7 - 8, Nov. 14 - 15, Dec. 12 - 13. Hunter quota 225. Three deer, antlerless only (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) (Zone 2) - Three hunts: Nov. 7 - 8, Nov. 14 - 15, Dec. 12 - 13. Hunter quota 300. Three deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). One bearded turkey.

Deer (Archery) (Zone 2) - Three hunts: Nov. 7 - 8, Nov. 14 - 15, Dec. 12 - 13. Hunter quota 300. Three deer, antlerless only (bonus deer). One bearded turkey.

Scouting dates: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 31 for the Nov. 7 - 8 and Nov. 14 - 15 permit holders; Dec. 5 for the Dec. 12 - 13 permit holders.



Waterfowl - One half hour before sunrise to noon - hunting on Solway and Freels Bend only from the shoreline to Solway Bend Farm Road and from the shoreline to Freels Bend Farm Road. Access by boat only. Hunting from temporary blinds only.

Canada Goose - Sept. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 19, 20, and Oct. 10, 11, 17, 18.

Wood Duck/Teal - Sept. 12 - 13.



Turkey - Two hunts: April 17 - 18, 24 - 25. Hunter quota 225. One bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon daily. Successful hunters must be at the check station by 1 p.m.

Turkey scouting date: 7 a.m. to noon EST April 10 for the April 17 - 18 and April 24 - 25 permit holders and approved youths only.

All listed times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time or Eastern Standard Time.

325-PAINT ROCK REFUGE

ROANE COUNTY • 1,600 ACRES
ON WATTS BAR LAKE
ROB KLIPPEL (423) 693-6791 • **SG, WF, BG**

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons. Shotguns only for small game.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15

326-PEA RIDGE

DEKALB COUNTY • 1,958 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG, HI**

Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise, except for pond fishing. Hooved animal riding, bicycling, and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Conservation Permit. Motorized vehicles not permitted behind locked gates. Driving on the pond levee, pond edges, fields, or dirt roads is prohibited.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer same as statewide Unit B season except closed Oct. 24-30.

Closed to quail hunting except open to young sportsmens quail hunt Oct. 24-30. Bag limit 2 quail per day per hunter. Youth quail hunters must be accompanied by a non hunting adult age 21 or older.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

327-PICKETT STATE FOREST

PICKETT COUNTY • 11,000 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **NP**

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

328-PRENTICE COOPER STATE FOREST

MARION COUNTY • 24,000 ACRES
ON HWY. 27, 5 MILES EAST OF POWELL'S CROSSROADS
CLINT SMITH (423) 658-0298 • **SG, BG**

Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Organized competition events for motorized vehicles is prohibited. The maximum noise limit for all motorized vehicles is 86 dBA, as measured 50 feet from the exhaust, except as otherwise permitted. The maximum speed limit is 25 mph or less if otherwise posted. All side roads and trails will be closed to motorized vehicles Dec. 20 - Mar. 15. Big game hunters are required to check in big game at the WMA check station when station

is in operation. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 - the fourth Friday in August, except during spring turkey and spring squirrel seasons.

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting and dog training will close at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise indicated. Closed to quail hunting.



Fox - opossum - raccoon - First Friday in Oct. - Jan. 31, except hunting will be limited to Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights only. Bag limit is one per party per night.



Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Sept. 19 - 21. Hunter quota 400. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Sept. 22 - 25. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). No area checking station operated.

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Two hunts: Oct. 8 - 10, 29 - 31. Hunter quota 250. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - One hunt: Oct. 24 - 25. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - One hunt: Nov. 6 - 8. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - One hunt: Nov. 28 - Dec. 3. Two deer, antlered only (bonus deer).



Turkey - Six hunts: April 6 - 8, 9 - 11, 14 - 16, 22 - 24, 27 - 29, April 30 - May 2. One bearded turkey per day. Counts toward statewide bag limit.



Trapping - Dec. 5-15.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.



Firing Range - Open Thursday, Friday, Saturdays only, during daylight hours. Closed during big game hunts. Permit required (see page 40).

329-SKINNER MOUNTAIN

FENTRESS COUNTY • 7,228 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG, HI**

Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. OHVs permitted from the fourth Saturday in August through the spring squirrel season.



Same as statewide seasons. Trapping and small game hunting closes at sunset the day before hog control season. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

Sheriff Dept. Phone #: _____

Wildlife Officer Phone #: _____

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HUNTER /LANDOWNER I. D. CARD**GOOD SPORTSMEN:**

1. Respect the landowner's property, hunting only in owner-designated areas.
2. Assume liability for their actions and personal safety.
3. Respect nature, taking every precaution against littering and fire.
4. Respect the game and firearms laws.
5. Respect fellow outdoorsmen, observing all safety precautions and the traditions of good sportsmanship.

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HUNTER/LANDOWNER PERMISSION CARD

Hunter's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Vehicle _____

Make _____ Lic. # _____ Color _____

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Landowner Copy**Hunter Copy**

Hunter's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission to

to hunt on my property on the following dates:

Landowner's Signature

Print Name _____

Date _____

HUNTER/LANDOWNER PERMISSION CARD

Hunter's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Hunter's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission to

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Print Name _____

Date _____



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Wild Hog (Control Season - Dogs Permitted) - Jan. 8 - 10. No limit, either sex. Only authorized participants allowed on the area during the Wild Hog Control Season.

All participants in the hog control season must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of blaze orange, visible front and back.

Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking Deer, Bear or Elk.

Legal hours - One half-hour before sunrise and to one half-hour after sunset.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

330-STANDING STONE STATE FOREST

OVERTON COUNTY • 8,764 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • NP



Big Game



Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

331-TELLICO LAKE

MONROE AND LOUDON COUNTY • 8,000 ACRES
BRANDON WEAR (423) 884-6767 • SG, BG

Field trial permit required.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide season, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters. No blinds or decoys left overnight.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

TELLICO WEST UNIT - (THAT PORTION OF TELLICO RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT AGENCY INDUSTRIAL PARK AT LTRM 18.0 ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TELLICO RESERVOIR)



Deer (Archery) - Four hunts: Sept. 19 - 20, Oct. 10 - 11, Nov. 14 - 15, Dec. 12 - 13. Hunter quota 30 each hunt. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).



Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Two hunt: March 27 - 28, April 17 - 18. Hunter quota 5. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

MC GHEE-CARSON UNIT - (THAT PENINSULA OF FT. LOUDOUN STATE HISTORIC PARK AT LTRM 21.0)

All small game hunting is for Young Sportsman (ages 6 - 16 only). Each youth must be accompanied by a non hunting adult 21 or older. For small game hunting either the youth or the adult must possess a WMA small game permit. For big game hunting youth must possess a WMA big game permit.



Dove - Sept. 7, opens at noon.



Rabbit, Squirrel - Nov. 21 - 22, 28 - 29, Dec. 5 - 6, 12 - 13, 19 - 20, 26 - 27, Jan. 2-3, Jan. 9 - 10. Bag limit 3 rabbits per day. Shotguns only.



Deer (Shotgun only - Young-Sportsman) - One hunt: Nov. 14 - 15. Hunter quota 35. One antlered or antlerless deer. (Bonus deer).



Turkey (Young Sportsman) - March 27 - 28, April 17 - 18. Hunter quota 5. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.



Dog training - Closed during field trials and big game hunts. Daylight hours only.

Dog Field Trials - Field Trial Permit Required. Sept. 1-Apr. 30. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager and special field trial permit must be obtained from the TWRA Region III Office at least 30 days before trial dates. Field trial gallery - must be kept out of standing or planted crops by marshals provided by sponsoring clubs. Horses permitted during dog training and field trials.

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CHOTA REFUGE UNIT - (THAT PORTION FROM LTRM 26.0 UPSTREAM TO THE HIWASSEE - ALCOA POWERLINE AT LTRM 29.7)



Same as statewide, except as noted. Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 through last day of Feb., except in designated observation areas. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer or bear hunt by legal deer or bear hunters. All seasons closed during the refuge closure dates. Steel shot is required for doves.

Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted.

No deer hunting Oct. 31 - Nov. 6.

Rabbit, Quail - Oct. 31 - Nov. 6.

Dog training - Mar. 1 - Oct. 31.

Dog Field Trials - Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Field Trial Permit Required. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager and special field trial permit must be obtained from the TWRA Region III Office at least 30 days before trial dates.

332-THE BOILS

JACKSON COUNTY • 119 ACRES
REGION III • (931) 484-9571 • SG, WF, BG

Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

333-WATTS BAR

ROANE COUNTY • 3,880 ACRES
PRIMARILY ON ISLANDS AND ACCESS AREAS
ON WATTS BAR LAKE
ROB KLIPPEL (865) 717-0579 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide season, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting allowed from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

IRON HILL ISLAND; LONG ISLAND UNIT; THIEF NECK ISLAND UNIT

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting is open with statewide seasons, except it

is shotgun-archery only. During the deer season, small game hunting is closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday on Thief Neck Island.

Archery equipment only for deer except juveniles may use shotguns or muzzleloaders during statewide Young Sportsman hunts. Centerfire rifles prohibited.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Same as statewide season, except no trapping during the duck season on the Long Island Unit.

334-YUCHI REFUGE

RHEA COUNTY • 2,364 ACRES
BRIAN LETNER (931) 484-9571 • SG, WF, BG

Non-toxic shot only in Wetland Zone. Wetland Zone closed to all forms of public use, including all forms of trespass, from Nov. 15 - the last day of Feb. No boat access. No ATV, ORV, or horseback riding permitted.

On big game quota hunts, one non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (18 years or older) who has a valid WMA quota permit. During deer gun hunts, non-hunting juveniles must also comply with blaze orange regulations specified for legal hunters. Scouting for each deer hunt is only allowed on the Tuesday before each deer hunt.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Closed to quail hunting. Small game seasons closed in Wetland Zone from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb. Small game hunting closes at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts.

Dove - Sept. 1 until the end of the first segment.

Raccoon, Opossum - Nov. 17 until the last day of Feb. Hunting permitted on Tuesday and Wednesday only, sunset to sunrise. Bag limit on raccoons, one per person per night. No limit on opossums. All dogs must be removed from the area prior to sunrise on Thursday.

Rabbit - Nov. 15 - last day of February. Bag limit on rabbits is three per day.

Deer - Antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler or a 15-inch minimum outside antler spread on all hunts.

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Two hunts: Oct. 10 - 11, 24 - 25. Hunter quota 75 each hunt. Two deer, only one antlered (bonus deer). Antler point restrictions do not apply to these hunts.

Deer (Gun): Two hunts: Oct. 17 - 18, Oct. 31 - Nov. 1. Hunter quota 75. Three deer, antlerless only (Bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - One hunt: Nov. 7 - 8. Hunter quota 50. Three deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). First deer harvested must be antlerless.

Deer (Gun) (Upland Zone) - One hunt: Dec. 12 - 13. Hunter quota 50. Three deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). First deer harvested must be antlerless.

Deer, Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Only) - Three wheelchair-bound hunters allowed per quota deer hunt and two hunters per turkey quota hunt. Hunters must contact Region 3 office to reserve hunt date.

Turkey - Four hunts: March 26 - 28, April 9 - 11, 23 - 25, April 30 - May 2. Hunter quota 10. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - One hunt: Mar. 13 - 14. Hunter quota 15. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only.

Dog training - Nov. 15 to last day of Feb. in upland zone. Closed to dog training in wetland zone. Daylight hours only. No fox or coyote chasing. No dog training one day before and during scheduled big game hunts.

Retriever Dog Field Trials - Pre-approved by Area Manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.

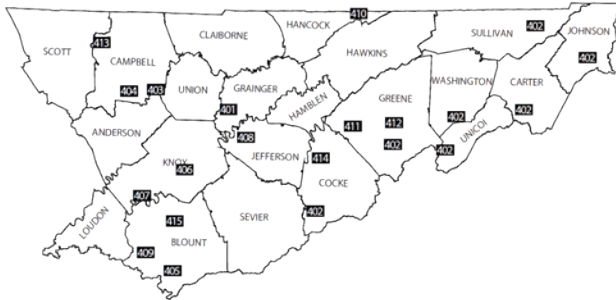
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REGION IV

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS



402-NORTH CHEROKEE

ALONG THE TENNESSEE-NORTH CAROLINA STATE LINE NORTH OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
REGION IV OFFICE (423) 587-7037 • BG

Cherokee WMA Nonquota Big Game permit (Type 095, Type 167 or Type 094) or Sportsman License required to hunt the nonquota big game hunts. Some roads normally open to public travel may be closed from Dec. 15–March 31.



Shooting ranges - Open daylight hours only (see page 40).

Safety Zone - On the Cherokee WMA, hunting or discharging a firearm is prohibited within 150 yards of a developed recreation area, campsite, residence, building, occupied area, across or on a National Forest system road. Contact the appropriate U.S. Forest Service office for more information.

Horseback riding - Horseback riding on properties owned by the U.S. Forest Service shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service regulations. Contact the U.S. Forest Service (423-476-9700). On those properties owned or leased by the TWRA, horseback riding is only allowed upon roads opened for vehicle travel. No riding off road into openings, fields, trails or through streams.

Dog Training - Dog training prohibited unless otherwise specified. The use or possession of any electronic tracking devices from Mar. 1 - Aug. 15 is illegal.

On property owned or leased by the TWRA, ATV and OHV operation is prohibited.

Only pointing breed dogs are permitted in the bear reserve one day before and during bear hunts that allow the use of dogs. During bear hunts that do not allow the use of hounds, small game hunters in the bear reserves are limited to 2 dogs per vehicle.

Wild hogs may be taken on any big game hunt with the methods/firearms legal for that hunt, except wild hogs may not be taken in the bear reserves during bear season.



Dove, Grouse, Quail, Rabbit, Snipe, Squirrel, Trapping - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Small game hunters (except raccoon and opossum hunters between sunset and sunrise) must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts.

Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.

Groundhog, fox and skunk may be taken on any small game hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Fox closed in Washington County.

Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with methods/firearms legal for the scheduled hunt. No dogs allowed.

401-BUFFALO SPRINGS

GRAINGER COUNTY • 342 ACRES
SCOTT DYKES (423) 587-7037 • SG, BG

Waterfall parking area closed one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise except as authorized by the WMA manager.

Use or possession of alcohol is prohibited in the waterfall area.

Night time use of all additional WMA access points is prohibited except for raccoon and opossum hunters and scheduled events.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Dove - Sept. 1, 5, 7 and the remainder of statewide seasons.



Quail hunting closed. Quail dog training only during statewide quail season.

RESERVE INFORMATION

North Cherokee Bear Reserves

Bear hunting is not permitted in the following bear reserves unless a special exception is provided by proclamation. Wild hog season is closed during bear season.

ANDREW JOHNSON BEAR RESERVE

The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area and private inholdings lying southwest of Hwy. 70, east of Hwy. 107 and north of Hwy. 25-70.

KETTLEFOOT BEAR RESERVE

The Cherokee Wildlife Management area and private inholdings lying north of Hwy. 421, east of South Holston Lake, south of the Tennessee-Virginia line, and west of Hwy. 91.

For other bear reserves, see page 36.

LAUREL FORK BEAR RESERVE

The Cherokee Wildlife Management area and private inholdings lying south of Hwy. 321, west of Poga Road, west of the Tennessee-North Carolina line, and north of Hwy 19E.

UNICOI BEAR RESERVE

The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area lying west of U.S. Hwy. 23, and the Devils Fork Road, north of the Tennessee/North Carolina state line, east of the Horse Creek Road to Hwy. 107 and south of Hwy. 107 to Erwin.



Spring squirrel season is closed.



Deer - Dates are same as statewide season. Antlered bag limit is 2 and counts toward statewide bag limit.

Deer (Archery) - Bag limit of 4 antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Bag limit of 1 antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Bag limit of 2 antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Gun) - Closed to antlerless hunting.



Turkey - Same as statewide season.



Opossum, Raccoon - Oct. 2 - last day in February. Season closed Oct. 2 - 5, 9 - 23, Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, Nov. 8 - 16, Nov. 20 - 24, Nov. 29 - Dec. 16 in all bear reserves.



Bear - Same as statewide season, except closed Sept. 26 - Oct. 2, Oct. 6 - 9. Closed to the restrictive bear hunt in the Kettlefoot and Laurel Fork Bear Reserves.



Bear Dog Training Season - Sept. 8 - Oct. 3. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. No training in bear reserves.

403-CHUCK SWAN STATE FOREST

UNION/CAMPBELL COUNTIES • 24,444 ACRES
NEAR MAYNARDVILLE
DUSTIN MCCUBBINS (865) 278-3248 • SG, BG

Deer driving, loud noises, and harassment on all deer hunts is prohibited. Entering the WMA from Norris Lake during the deer and turkey hunts is prohibited. Guides prohibited on all hunts. Horses, ATVs, non-licensed passenger vehicles and motorcycles are prohibited on the main forest road. The main forest road is defined as the road beginning at the Big Game check station and ending at the intersection of the Back Valley, Forks of the River, and Big Loop roads. ORV, horseback riding, bicycles, and all other vehicles are restricted to roads marked "open to vehicular traffic." A licensed vehicle is defined as a vehicle that is tagged, registered and insured and it legal to operate on county, state and federal highways. Speed limit is 25 mph. Organized competition events for motorized/ non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Maximum noise limit of 86 dBs for all motorized vehicles as measured at 50 feet from the exhaust.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting is closed as posted. Closed to hunting Mar. 1 - the fourth Friday in August, except for Spring Turkey and Spring Squirrel hunting. Small game hunting will close at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise

specified. Closed to quail hunting.

Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.

Groundhog, fox and skunk may be taken on any small game hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.

Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapons legal for the scheduled hunt.



Raccoon - Seven 1-night hunts. Dec. 13 - 19. Hunters must check out by 1 a.m. One raccoon per person.



Coyote - June 7 - Aug. 8. No Limit. Centerfire allowed. Call WMA office for free permit. 865-278-3248.



Deer - Archery - One hunt: Oct. 2 - 3. Hunter quota 400. One deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - One hunt: Oct. 24 - 25. Hunter quota 200. One deer, either sex (Bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Two hunts: Dec. 4 - 5, 11 - 12. Hunter quota 650. One deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Nov. 13 - 14. Hunter quota 650. One deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.



Turkey - Five hunts: March 25 - 27, April 1 - 3, 8 - 10, 15 - 17, 22 - 24. Hunter quota 150. One turkey per hunt. Turkey counts towards statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon each day. Hunter must sign in and out at check station and be out by 1 p.m.



Trapping - Jan. 2 - Feb. 28. No raccoons. Quota is one party per compartment. Trappers must apply at WMA office. No snares or conibear traps. Trappers must report catch annually.



Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15, daylight hours only.



Range open Thursday and Friday from noon to sunset and Saturday and Sunday from sunrise to sunset. Closed during all big game quota hunts. No buckshot allowed on range. Permit required for range.

404-COVE CREEK

CAMPBELL COUNTY • 2,450 ACRES
JOE ELKINS, KEITH THOMAS (423) 566-8557 • SG, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except where noted.



Deer

DATES	BAG LIMITS* AND RESTRICTIONS
Archery	
Sept. 26 - Oct. 30 Nov. 2 - 6	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless
Muzzleloader	
Nov. 7 - 13	1 Antlered deer
Nov. 14 - 20	1 deer, Either sex
Gun	
Nov. 21 - 27	1 deer, Either sex
Nov. 28 - Jan 3	1 deer, Antlered only
Youth Hunt	
Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 Jan. 9 - 10	Same as Unit B

* These are not bonus deer. All deer count toward Unit B statewide bag limits.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

405-FOOTHILLS

BLOUNT COUNTY • 11,000 ACRES
GPS: 35 36.766 BY 084 02.216 W
BILL SMITH (865) 856-9711 • SG, BG

Motorized vehicles and horseback riding prohibited. The use of and/or possession of any tracking device for dogs from Mar. 1 to Aug. 25 is not permitted.

Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).

Wild hogs may be taken during any hunt with legal hunt devices for that hunt.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Closed to hunting Mar. 1st through 4th Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey. Closed to quail hunting and dog training.



Deer - Dates are same as statewide season. Bag limit of 2 antlered deer (count toward statewide limit). Closed to all antlerless hunting except during Young Sportsman deer hunt.



Opossum - raccoon - Jan. 1 - Feb. 28.

406-FORKS OF THE RIVER

KNOX COUNTY • 648 ACRES
EAST OF KNOXVILLE
GPS: 35.952572 N BY 83.858632 W
BILL SMITH (865) 856-9711 • SG, BG, HI

Special Use - All trails on the area used for bicycling require the High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit except the Perimeter Trail. The Perimeter trail is defined as the Will Skelton Greenway, Whaley Trail, and Western

Perimeter Trail. The Perimeter Trail is open year round. All other trails open only to hunters from Sept. 1-May 31. No hooved animal riding or motorized vehicles.

Shotguns, Muzzleloader and Archery equipment only.

Area closed one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, except for raccoon and opossum hunters and scheduled events.

Paintball guns and accessories prohibited.

All animals accompanied by a non-hunting person are required to be leashed.

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

All hunting is closed from Mar. 1 through 4th Friday in Aug., except for spring squirrel and spring turkey season.

The early September waterfowl seasons are closed.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.



Dove - Sept. 1, 5, 7 and the remainder of the statewide season.

Dove (Youth/Adult) - Youth/Adult field is open Sept. 1, 5, and 6 to youths who must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt this field. Returns to same as statewide season and open to all hunters beginning Sept. 7.

Pigeon is open with dove season.

Falconry and Crow - Opens Sept. 12 and runs concurrent with statewide season.

407-FORT LOUDOUN

KNOX COUNTY • 492 ACRES
LANDS OWNED BY THE TVA AND PUBLIC WATERS OF FORT LOUDOUN RESERVOIR BETWEEN TRM 638.5 AND TRM 649.5 AS POSTED
REGION IV OFFICE (423) 587-7037 • NP

Closed to dog training.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except open only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, one-half hour before sunrise until noon. Size BBB or smaller required.

408-HENDERSON ISLAND REFUGE

JEFFERSON COUNTY • 525 ACRES
ON DOUGLAS RESERVOIR BETWEEN RIVER MILES 42 AND 44
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, BG

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb. Public entry and fishing permitted while in the main river channel passing through the refuge. Horses prohibited. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted. All small

game hunting is Youth/Adult only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult, age 21 years or older, who may also hunt. Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training, excluding raccoon and opossum, closes at 4 p.m. Quail season is closed.



Rabbit - Nov. 1 - 14.



Dog training - Rabbit and Quail - Oct. 1-Nov. 14. All other: Mar. 1 - Oct. 31.

409-KYKER BOTTOMS REFUGE

BLOUNT COUNTY • 525 ACRES
GPS: 35.602180 BY 84.122143 W
BILL SMITH (865) 856-9711 • SG, BG

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb. except in designated observation areas. Nontoxic shot approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted.

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting is Youth/Adult only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult, age 21 years or older, who may also hunt. Blaze orange is required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).



Deer hunting is open during archery and youth only. Wild hogs may be taken on any deer and turkey hunt with hunting devices legal for those hunts.



Turkey is Youth/Adult only. Open Friday-Sunday only. Youth must be accompanied by a licensed adult, age 21 years or older, who may also hunt.



Rabbit, Quail - Nov. 1-14. Quail bag limit 2/day, rabbit and quail hunting closes at 4 p.m.



Raccoon - Sept. 4 - 5, 11 - 12.



Dog training - Rabbit and Quail - Oct. 1 - Nov. 14. Closes at 4 p.m. each day.

410-KYLES FORD

HANCOCK/HAWKINS COUNTY • 1,000 ACRES
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, BG

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small

game hunting and dog training excluding raccoon/opossum closes at 4 p.m. Blaze orange is required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).



Quail - Open to dog training only. Quail dog training open only during quail season.



Rabbit Dog Training - Oct. 1-31.

411-LICK CREEK BOTTOMS

GREENE COUNTY • 1,400 ACRES
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, WF, BG

Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game (including dove) hunting.

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training (excluding raccoon and opossum) closes at 4 p.m. 500 square inches of blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).



Quail - Open to training only. Training open only during the statewide quail season.



Rabbit Dog Training - Oct. 1 - Oct. 31.



Dove - Sept. 1, Sept. 5 Youth/adult only until noon, then opens at noon on Sept. 5 to all hunters for the remainder of the season.

Entire Mohawk dove field is non-toxic shot.

EARLY WATERFOWL SEASONS WOOD DUCK/TEAL, TEAL ONLY, CANADA GOOSE

Same as statewide seasons.

LATE WATERFOWL SEASONS SOUTH MOHAWK, SKINNER, AND FOXGATE UNITS:

Open only on Tuesdays and Saturdays as well as the closing day of the season. Hunting closes at noon. Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by hand-held bi-weekly drawings. Each Saturday, a hand-held drawing will be conducted at 1 p.m. to determine the following Tuesday and Saturday hunters. The final drawing of the season will also include closing day. The drawing will be held at the Joachim Bible Refuge Maintenance Facility and hunters must be present and have all applicable licenses/permits to enter drawing. Due to COVID-19, restrictions may apply for the handheld drawing. Please refer to tn-wildlife.org for more information. Hunting will only be allowed from designated staked positions and/or pools. Hunters drawn may bring up to 3 guests. Note: Drawn hunter must accompany these guests. After the youth waterfowl seasons, goose seasons to coincide with statewide seasons. No stake/pool restrictions or drawings.

During the late waterfowl seasons, access to the South Mohawk, Skinner, and Foxgate Units is restricted to hunters actively pursuing game and any waterfowl hunters possessing a valid permit for an upcoming waterfowl hunt. Permits are valid from the issue date until the end of the waterfowl hunt listed on the permit. Drawn waterfowl hunters must have their permit in their possession when scouting/hunting. During big game muzzleloader/gun hunts, all scouting hunters must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange on the body and head.

Goose season is closed on the area at the end of late waterfowl season. Goose season is open to youths only during the youth waterfowl seasons. Goose season is open to adults after the youth waterfowl season.

Remainder of Area: Same as statewide seasons. No staked positions/pools.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

Closes each day at sunset.

South Mohawk, Skinner, and Foxgate Units: Same as statewide dates. First come first serve at designated stakes and pools as posted.

Remainder of Area: Same as statewide seasons. No staked positions/pools.

For all seasons, no permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials and boats must be removed at the end of legal hunting hours.

JOACHIM BIBLE WATERFOWL REFUGE UNIT (THAT PORTION OF LICK CREEK BOTTOMS WMA BETWEEN MURRAY BRIDGE ROAD, BIBLES CHAPEL ROAD, AND SOUTH MOHAWK ROAD)

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb. except in designated observation areas. Closed to waterfowl hunting.

Big Game

Small Game

Same as statewide, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training (excluding raccoon/opossum) closes at 4 p.m. Closed to quail hunting. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game (including dove) hunting as posted. All small game hunting is Adult/Youth only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt.



Dove - Sept. 5 youth/adult only the entire season.



Rabbit - Nov. 1-14. Bag limit 2 rabbits/day.



Dog training - Rabbit and Quail - Oct. 1 - 31. All other: Mar. 1 - Oct. 31.

412-NOLICHUCKY

GREENE COUNTY • 1,000 ACRES
TEN MILES SOUTH OF GREENEVILLE
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, WF, BG

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Waterfowl - Blinds, blind materials and decoys must be removed daily at the end of legal shooting hours. During all waterfowl seasons, boats may not be anchored, moored or aground more than 1 hour after legal waterfowl hunting hours or earlier than 1 hour before legal shooting hours.



Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15

Farmland Owner License Exemption Statement

FARMLAND OWNER LICENSE EXEMPTION STATEMENT

County: _____ Map #: _____ Parcel #: _____

Location: _____

Name of landowner: _____

Name of hunter/fisherman: _____

Address: _____

TN Driver's Lic. #: _____

I attest that I am exempt from requirements to possess a hunting and fishing license under the terms of TCA 70-2-204(a) while hunting or fishing on the property identified above due to the following owner relationship: I am a resident of Tennessee and I am (check one):

- ☐ an owner of the property ☐ a tenant residing on the property
☐ a spouse of the owner ☐ a spouse of the tenant
☐ a child of the owner ☐ a dependent child of the tenant

Signature of hunter/fisherman

This card shall be completed, signed and submitted upon the request of an officer of the TWRA, or upon presenting game to a check station.

WR-0815

TCA 70-2-204. Hunting and fishing on farm land – License exemption to owner, tenants and their spouses and children. – (a) The owners and tenants of farmlands, and their spouse and children, have the right to engage in the sport of hunting and fishing, subject to all the provisions of all laws or regulations concerning wildlife, upon such lands and waters thereon of which they or their spouses or parents are the bona fide owners or tenants with the permission of the landowner, during the season when it is lawful to do so, without procuring a hunting and sport fishing license. **Tenants and their spouses and their dependent children must be bona fide residents of the state and must actually reside on the land. Owners and their spouses and children must be bona fide residents of the state.** Land may qualify as farmland only if it is owned by no more than one (1) individual or a family; provided, that if land is owned jointly or in common by persons who are first cousins related by blood, then such cousins and their children may hunt small game and fish on such land under the provisions of this subsection. "Family" means any combination of kinship within the third degree including any spouse who has an interest in the property. "Tenant" means an individual who receives compensation such as free rent or money for acting either in the place of or at the direction of the landowner in tending to the requirements needed to care for the farmland. The primary purpose of the tenancy shall be agricultural in nature.

413-NORTH CUMBERLANDANDERSON, CAMPBELL, CLAIBORNE, MORGAN
AND SCOTT COUNTIES • 189,000 ACRES**ROYAL BLUE, SUNDQUIST, ED CARTER UNIT &
NEW RIVER UNITS**35 MILES NORTH OF KNOXVILLE
JOE ELKINS (423) 566-8557 • **SG, BG**
OHV INFORMATION • RUSTY DUNN (423) 562-2013

All users should be aware that hazards associated with mining (deep and strip) exist on this area.

(TCA 55-52-201) All operators or passengers under the age of 18 of an off highway vehicle are required to wear an appropriate safety helmet.

Special Use - OHV, hooved animal riding, bicycles and all other vehicles are restricted to roads marked "open to vehicular traffic." Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. Speed limit is 25 mph. Organized competition events for motorized/nonmotorized vehicles prohibited. Maximum noise limit of 86 dBs for all motorized vehicles as measured at 50 feet from the exhaust.

Public use is permitted during all hunts. During daylight hours all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or outside of camp must wear, on the upper portion of their body and head, a minimum of 500 square inches of blaze orange, visible

front and back, during the deer and elk gun and muzzleloader seasons. No person shall remove minerals, including coal, trees, plants (including vines), or building stones from the area without specific authorization.

Camping is permitted on the entire area. Night time use by the general public and raccoon hunters is permitted area wide.

Big Game**Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to hunting Mar. 1 through the 4th Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey. Closed to spring squirrel hunting and fall turkey hunting. Coyote hunting with centerfire weapons only allowed during deer gun seasons by licensed deer hunters. Archery hunters will be required to meet legal blaze orange requirements while hunting in the elk zones during the firearms elk hunts. Wild hogs may be taken during any hunt with hunting devices legal for that hunt.

Beaver Trapping - restricted to designated compartments. Contact WMA manager for information. Annual harvest log must be maintained and submitted to WMA Manager by Jan. 15

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15. Chasing fox, coyotes, and bobcats with dogs is not permitted.**Deer**

DATES	BAG LIMITS* AND RESTRICTIONS
Archery	
Sept. 26 - Oct. 30 Nov. 2 - 6	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless
Muzzleloader	
Nov. 7 - 13	1 Antlered deer
Nov. 14 - 20	1 deer, Either sex
Gun	
Nov. 21 - 27	1 deer, Either sex
Nov. 28 - Jan 3	1 deer, Antlered only
Youth Hunt	
Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 Jan. 9 - 10	Same as Unit B

* These are not bonus deer. All deer count toward Unit B statewide bag limits.



Elk hunting information can be found on page 35.

Ginseng - Sept 1. - Dec. 31.

See page 40 for firing range information. Permit required for range.

414-RANKIN

COCKE COUNTY • 1,975 ACRES

DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • **SG, BG**

No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials and boats must be removed at the end of legal hunting hours.

Big Game**Small Game**

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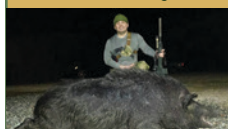
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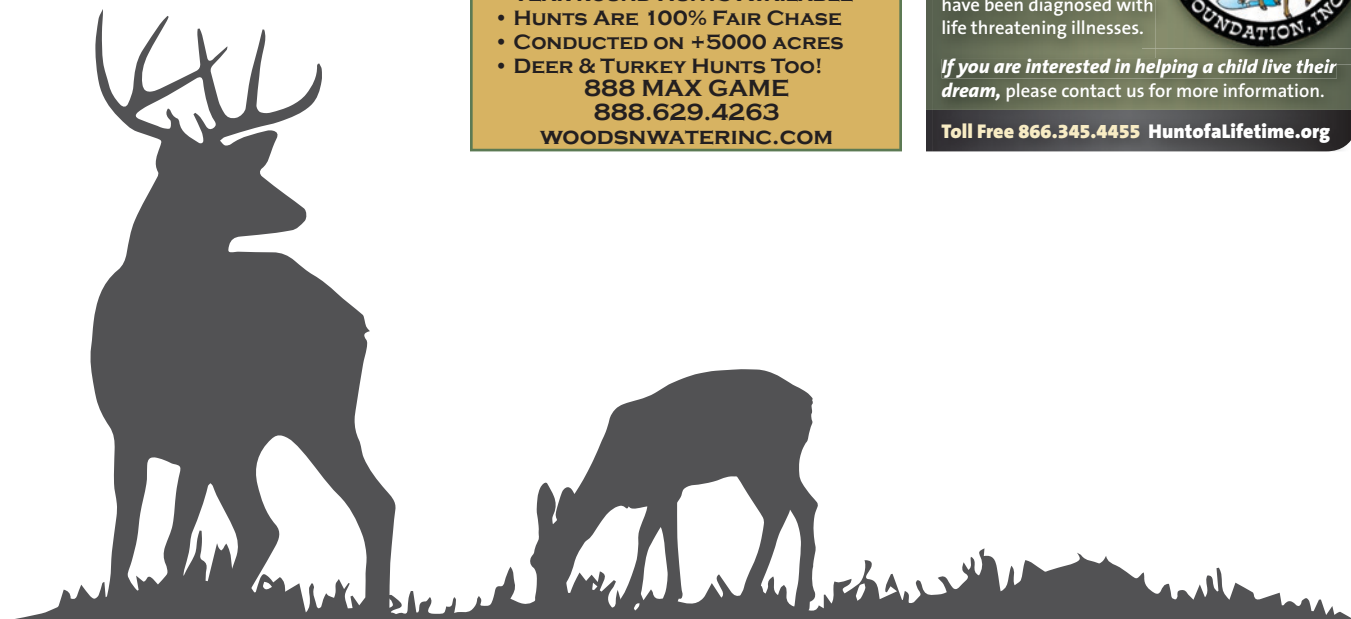
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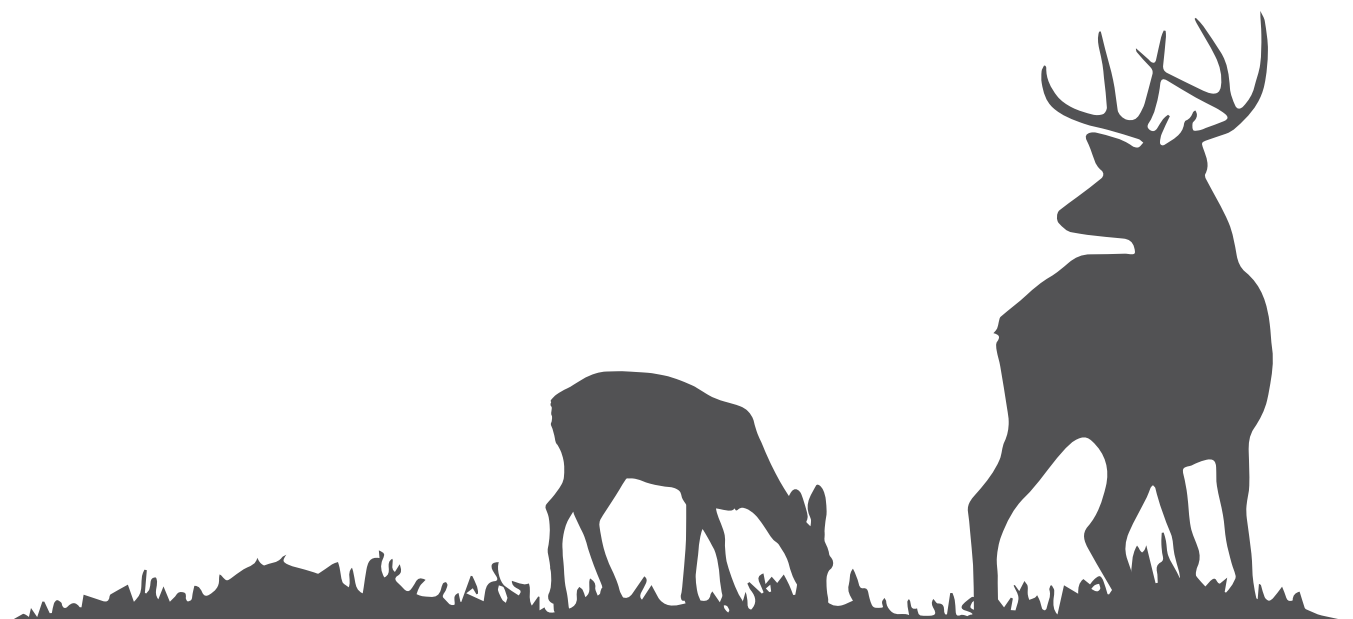
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