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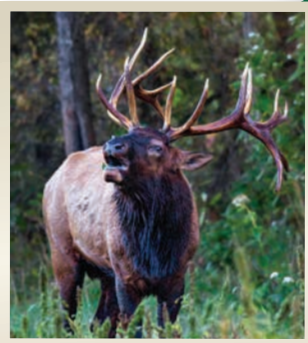
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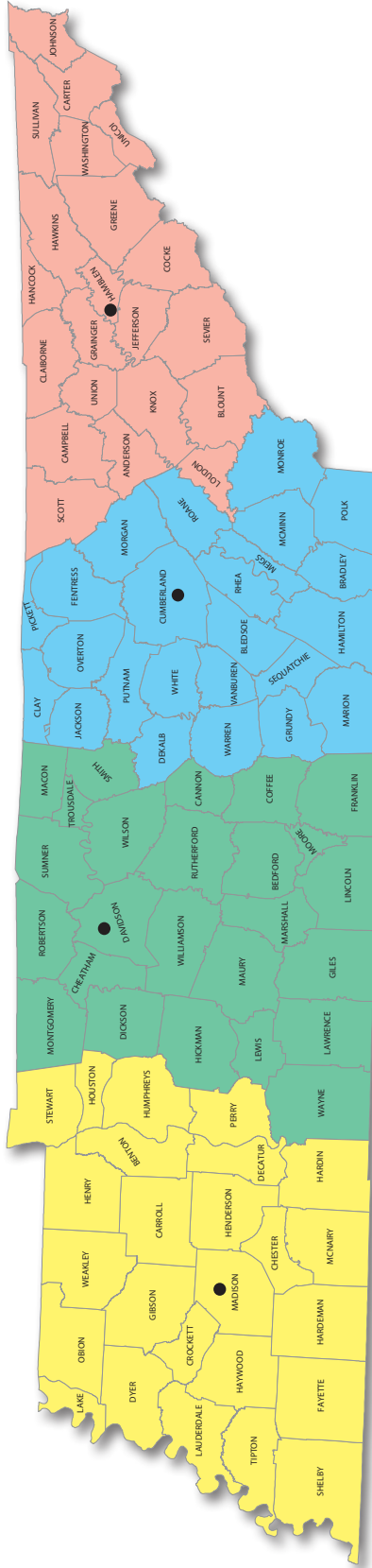
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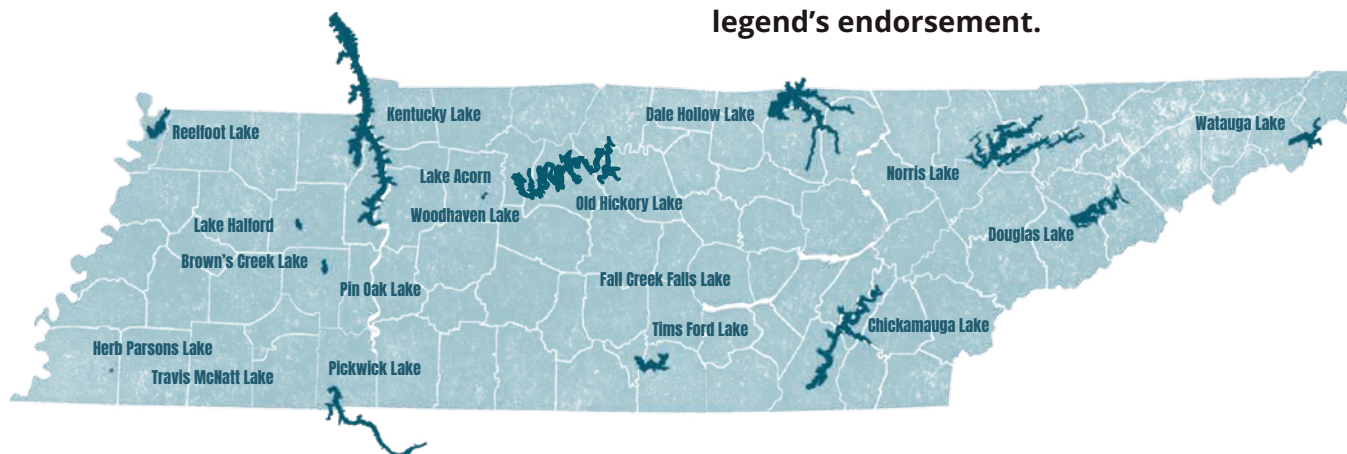
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All annual licenses are valid for one (1) year from date of purchase, unless noted on the license. Purchase your license 24/7/365 at www.GoOutdoorsTennessee.com. Lifetime and select licenses that are not available for purchase online can be purchased at a TWRA regional office or visit www.tnwildlife.org to find the correct form with instructions. No paper licenses will be mailed. You can also purchase your hunting and fishing licenses from any of our License Agent locations in Tennessee.

All license and permit fees are subject to change. All expire at midnight of last effective date. Licenses are not transferable.

If You Hunt Or Fish In Tennessee The Following Applies:

If you take, or attempt to take fish or game (including crayfish and salamanders) by any method or if you assist someone else to do so, you must have a valid fishing or hunting license. **There are some exceptions:**

- Residents or nonresidents under 13 years of age.
- Landowners, their spouses, children, and children's spouses who fish or hunt on their own farmland. 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.
- Tenants, their spouses, and their dependent children who fish or 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 fish or hunt. A tenant is a person who, for money, free rent or other consideration, cares for farmland. The tenancy must be agricultural in nature.

- Resident grandchildren (under the age of 16) and resident great-grandchildren (under the age of 16) who fish or hunt on farmland which is owned by their resident grandparents or great-grandparents. (See Page 120, Farmland Owner License Exemption.)
- First cousins who own farmland jointly or in common may fish or hunt on the farmland. Their children may fish or hunt as well.
- On military leave, carrying a copy of your leave orders. A pass does not meet this requirement.
- A resident who was born before March 1, 1926. (To qualify for this exemption, you must carry proof of your age and residency to show to a wildlife officer, if requested.)
- **It's Bobby Wilson Free Fishing Day!** June 12, 2027. (see page 18)
- **It's Free Fishing Week!** All children, ages 15 and younger can fish free between June 12-18. (see page 18)
- **Free Hunting Day!** August 22, 2026

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 120 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/pink 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 accepted 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. Go to www.tnwildlife.org to complete hunter education online or find a listing of scheduled classes.

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 residents. Available by application only. Details and application available online at www.tnwildlife.org.

Misplaced a License?

All licenses including lifetime licenses can be accessed, emailed, and printed from your computer at no cost at www.GoOutdoorsTennessee.com anytime. You can also purchase a duplicate hard card online, from our TWRA mobile app, or from our license agents. Please verify your address at the time of purchase.

National Guard Sportsman License Exemptions

Beginning July 1, 2026 — A Tennessee National Guard service member in good standing is eligible to apply for a Tennessee National Guard Sportsman License at no cost — an all-inclusive license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any TWRA supplemental licenses or non-quota hunt permits; allows holders to apply for quota hunt permits at no additional fee. An application with valid Department of Defense (DOD) ID number are required, and the service member must appear on the most recent listing provided by the Adjutant General of the Military Department.

Mandatory Boater Education

Any Tennessee resident born after January 1, 1989, must show the TWRA-issued wallet Boating Safety Education Certificate as proof of successful completion of the TWRA Boating Safety exam. Any NASBLA approved certificates will be accepted as meeting the requirements of the law. The Tennessee mandatory boating education law is similar to the driver's license law. You acquire the study materials, study, and then take an approved boating safety exam administered by an approved representative of the TWRA or at www.tnwildlife.org. The certification is not required if there is an adult (18 years old or older) on board to take immediate control of the vessel. However, this adult, if born after January 1, 1989, must have the boating education certification.

Out of State Boaters: If you were born after January 1, 1989, TWRA will accept any NASBLA approved boating safety certificate.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Hunter Education Options in Tennessee

ONLINE COURSE

Hunter education for ages 9 and over may be completed online with no field day or in-person requirement.

Step 1: Complete one of the following online classes:

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Hunter-Ed.com \$34.95

HunterCourse.com \$29.00

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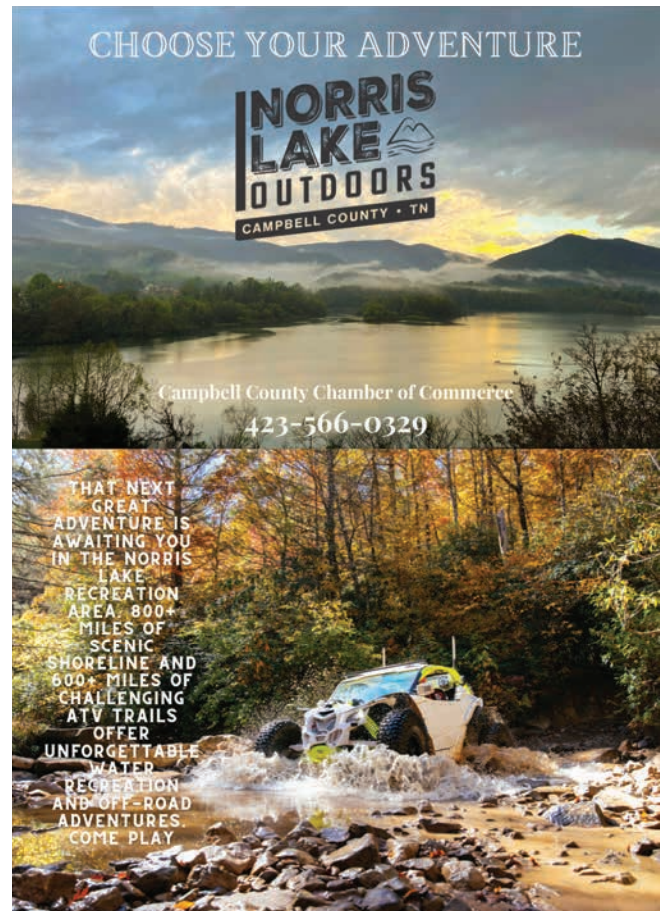
Step 2: Print your Tennessee Hunter Education Certificate after successfully completing the online course.

Step 3: Go Hunting!

IN-PERSON COURSE

The TWRA offers a traditional eight (8) hour hunter education course. These courses focus on firearms safety and as always are free of charge.

To locate a traditional hunter education course near you, call your local TWRA office or visit www.tnwildlife.org. See page 2 for your local TWRA office contact information.



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Resident Licenses

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 Students 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 (6) months, with an appropriate student ID.
- Nonresidents that were born in the State of Tennessee, upon completion of an application for a Native Tennessean license. See page 7 for details.

NOTE: A Social Security Number is required to purchase a Tennessee hunting or fishing license. No license is required for ages 12 and under, some permits may still apply.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Junior Hunt/Fish/Trap ages 13–15	\$9
<i>Valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing. Must be purchased prior to 16th birthday. No supplemental licenses are required, but WMA big game permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as "leftover" permits.</i>	
1-Day Fishing No Trout ; ages 13–64	\$6
1-Day Fishing All Species includes trout; ages 16–64	\$11
Combo Hunt/Fish ages 16–64	\$33
Minimum license required to fish and/or hunt small game.	
Supplemental Licenses below are required and must be purchased, in addition to the Hunting and Fishing Combination license, in order to hunt deer, elk, bear, turkey, and waterfowl, or to trap game. The type of hunting equipment to be used determines which supplemental licenses are necessary. Annual Sportsman and Lifetime License holders are exempt from having to purchase these licenses.	
• Waterfowl	\$37
• Big Game Gun	\$33
• Big Game Archery	\$33
• Big Game Muzzleloader	\$33
• Trapping	\$33
Annual Trout Supplemental	\$21
This license allows an angler to fish for trout. This license must be purchased with either the combo hunt/fish, county of residence license or the one-day fishing no trout.	
South Holston Reservoir ages 13 and over	\$20
Allows licensed TN resident anglers to fish the VA portion of South Holston Reservoir. This is essentially a VA license sold by TWRA, therefore all license holders, including the Sportsman's License holders, would need to purchase this additional license if fishing in VA.	
County of Residence Fishing - No Trout ages 13 and over	\$10
This license allows an angler to fish in their county of residence with natural bait (worms, crickets, cut bait, corn, etc.), but not minnows. No artificial baits can be used. A supplemental license is required to fish for trout.	

Resident Licenses (continued)

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Annual Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap	\$4
Permanent Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap	\$49
Available at all license agents and can only be purchased on or after the customer's 65th birthday. A valid Tennessee driver's license or proof of age and residency is required. Base license and supplemental licenses are included. WMA permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as "leftover" permits.	
Annual Sportsman ages 16–64	\$165
Senior Sportsman ages 65+	\$49
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.	
Lifetime Sportsman age determines the cost	
An all-inclusive lifetime license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any Tennessee supplemental licenses or permits. Allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. Applications are available at www.tnwildlife.org or your local office. Applications may be submitted by email at Lifetime.License@tn.gov or mail to TWRA offices.	
• Infant (Under 3 years)	\$320
• Toddler (Ages 3–6)	\$659
• Youth (Ages 7–12)	\$988
• Adult (Ages 13–50)	\$1,976
• Older Adult (Ages 51–64)	\$1,153
• Senior (Ages 65 & over)	\$329
• Adopted Child Lifetime license available for children under 13.	\$320

Resident Disability Licenses

DESCRIPTION	FEE
The licenses below are only available via application. Applications are available at regional offices or at www.tnwildlife.org.	
Licenses below in green include base combo hunt/fish and any supplemental licenses. WMA permit, special permits, and federal permits are not included and must be purchased separately.	
Annual Resident Hunting & Fishing Disabled Under 18	\$5
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.	
Wheelchair Hunt/Fish Resident License	\$10
Application must be accompanied by a doctor's statement that the applicant is permanently confined to a wheelchair or who have suffered an amputation of 75% or more of a lower limb.	
Resident Disabled Veteran Hunting and Fishing	\$10
Available to resident veterans certified by the VA as 30% disabled by reason of war service or 100% service connected.	
Hunt and Fish Intellectually Disabled Resident	\$10
Application must be accompanied by a doctor's statement verifying that the applicant is intellectually disabled.	
Licenses below in blue include base fishing license and trout supplemental license.	
Sport Fishing Certified Blind	\$10
Resident Permanent SSI Intellectually Disabled Fishing	\$10
Sport fish only. Must be receiving SSI Benefits due to intellectual disability.	

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Nonresident Licenses

Ages 12 and under, no license required.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Annual Junior Hunt/Fish (No Big Game)	\$10
Required for nonresidents ages 13–15 to fish or hunt small game. A 7-Day Junior ALL Game or Junior ALL Game Annual is required to hunt big game.	
7-Day Junior ALL Game	\$26
Annual Junior ALL Game	\$41
Annual Fishing—No Trout, Age 16 and over.	\$49
3-Day Fishing—No Trout, Age 16 and over.	\$20
3-Day Fishing—All Species, includes Trout, Age 16 and over.	\$40
7-Day Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl	\$61
7-Day All Game	\$214
10-Day Fishing—No Trout.	\$30
10-Day Fishing—All Species, includes Trout, Age 16 and over.	\$61
Annual Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl	\$110
Annual All Game	\$305
Annual Trapping	\$200
Annual Fishing—All Species, includes Trout, Age 16 and over.	\$98

Apprentice Hunter Education Permit

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 requirement for one (1) year from the date of purchase, but may only be purchased for up to three (3) 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.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Apprentice Hunter Education Permit	\$11

Hunter Education Card

To purchase a Hunter Education card at a TWRA license agent location, first contact your TWRA Regional Office during normal business hours and 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 Hunter Education Card. See page 7 and online for Hunter Education requirements to hunt in Tennessee.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Hunter Education Card	\$7

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. Available by application only which can be found at www.tnwildlife.org.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Resident Guide License	\$150
Nonresident Guide License	\$650

Federal Duck Stamp

Federal law requires each waterfowl hunter, age 16 and over, to 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). The Duck Stamp Modernization Act of 2023 modifies provisions regarding the Duck Stamp, now allowing an individual to carry their E-stamp certification for the entire waterfowl hunting season rather than for just 45 days post-purchase. *These can be purchased at www.GoOutdoorsTennessee.com from July 1 to Feb. 11 or at the Post Office. You immediately get a temporary stamp and the physical stamp will be sent after March 10.*

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Federal Duck Stamp	\$30.50

Migratory Bird Permit

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. Expires on June 30 of each year. The following individuals do not need but are **encouraged** to acquire this permit:

- Landowners hunting on their own land;
- Tennessee residents under 13 years of age;
- Military personnel on leave or furlough (with leave papers).

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Migratory Bird Permit	\$1
Migratory Bird Permit	no fee
For Lifetime and Sportsman license holders.	

Special Permits (Resident and Nonresident)

If you purchase one (1) of the following special permits, you must also have all applicable licenses. Holders of a Lifetime, Annual, or Annual Senior Citizen Sportsman's License do not need to purchase the permits below. Resident anglers 65 years of age and older do not need a permit, but are required to have a fishing license. Anglers under the age of 16 do not need a lake permit but anglers ages 13 to 15 are required to have a Junior Fish/Hunt license.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Tellico-Citico Permit is required March 1-Aug. 15 to fish Tellico River and/or Citico Creek. No fishing Thursday and Friday. See page 36 for details.	
• Tellico-Citico Trout—1-Day; Required for all ages. See page 36.	\$6
TWRA Lake Permits are required to fish TWRA Fishing Lakes (page 30), exceptions are listed above under Special Permits.	
• Daily TWRA Lake Fishing Permit —Valid on all Agency lakes except Lake Halford, this permit is sold online at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com or License Agents.	\$6
• Annual TWRA Lake Fishing Permit —Valid on all Agency lakes except Lake Halford, this permit is sold online at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com or License Agents.	\$48
• Bedford Lake 1-Day Fishing	\$6
• Slat Basket Tag —Details can be found on page 20.	\$10
Gatlinburg Trout Fishing —For information on fishing contact the Gatlinburg trout facility at 865-436-7549. Streams are closed on Thursdays.	
• 1-Day Gatlinburg Trout Permit —Required for residents ages 13–64 and nonresidents ages 13 and up in addition to the appropriate fishing licenses except for those who purchase the Gatlinburg One (1) Day Trout license.	\$3
• 1-Day Gatlinburg Trout License —Only requirement for residents and nonresidents ages 13 and up to fish in Gatlinburg for one (1) day.	\$11
• 3-Day Gatlinburg Trout Permit —Required for residents ages 13–64 and nonresidents ages 13 and up in addition to the appropriate fishing licenses except for those who purchase the Gatlinburg One (1) Day Trout license.	\$9

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**Special Permits (Resident and Nonresident)
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DESCRIPTION	FEE
Lake Halford Permits	
• 1-Day Lake Halford Permit —Required for anyone utilizing the area for recreation except those under 16 years of age and residents 65 years or older (page 30-31).	\$6
• Annual Lake Halford Permit —Required for anyone utilizing the area for recreation except those under 16 years of age and residents 65 years or older (page 30-31).	\$48
Reelfoot Lake Permit —Required for all users except: those under 16 years of age; residents 65 years or older.	
• 1-Day Reelfoot Preservation Permit	\$3
• 3-Day Reelfoot Preservation Permit	\$10
• Annual Reelfoot Preservation Permit	\$16

Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Permits

Everyone who hunts on Wildlife Management Areas is required to have a WMA permit except Lifetime or Annual 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 WMA Non-quota Big Game permit for WMA big game seasons.**

DESCRIPTION	FEE
WMA Small Game and Waterfowl	\$61
1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl	\$12
WMA Small Game only	\$20
Big Game (Non-Quota/WMA)	\$24
Required for residents and non-residents to hunt WMA non-quota big game hunts, including Cherokee.	
Cherokee WMA Big Game Non-Quota	\$18
Valid for Cherokee WMA non-quota big game hunts.	

Land Between the Lakes

Permits required for hunting and camping.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Annual Hunt/Camp Permit (Age 18 and over)	\$50.00
Annual Hunt Permit (Age 16 and over)	\$25.00

Tennessee & Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge

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

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Tennessee NWR/Cross Creeks NWR	\$14.00

Deer Bait Privilege License

Beginning August 2026 — Required for any individual hunting deer over bait on private land, regardless of age or exemption status (including landowners). Subject to all state rules and restrictions. Not Valid for use in the CWD Management Zone or in CWD-positive counties. See page 68-69.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Resident License	\$50
Nonresident License	\$100

High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit

A High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit is required for riding hooved animals, bicycling, and off-highway vehicle (OHV) 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 13 are exempt. At least one (1) occupant of an OHV must possess the proper permit(s). No permit shall be required on roads/trails as designated. OHVs are 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 (hooved animals & bicycles only), Pea Ridge, Skinner Mountain, Williamsport, and Yanahli. Refer to the individual listing for each WMA for more specific information on which activities are permitted.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Resident Daily Permit	\$15.00
Resident Annual Permit	\$73.00
Nonresident Daily Permit	\$37.00
Nonresident Annual Permit	\$232.00

North Cumberland Off Highway Vehicle Permit and Guide Permit

Under the new law, at least one adult per vehicle is required to possess a valid North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area (NCWMA) Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) riding permit, a Sportsman Supplemental Annual NCWMA OHV permit, or a NCWMA OHV guide permit. *An annual or lifetime sportsman license issued by the agency does not include OHV riding privileges in the NCWMA WMA. The holder of a valid annual or lifetime sportsman license may purchase a sportsman supplemental annual NCWMA OHV riding permit. A NCWMA OHV riding permit or sportsman supplemental does not include guide privileges in the NCWMA WMA.*

DESCRIPTION	FEE
1-Day Resident Permit	\$20
3-Day Resident Permit	\$30
7-Day Resident Permit	\$100
Annual Resident Permit	\$150
1-Day Nonresident Permit	\$50
3-Day Nonresident Permit	\$125
7-Day Nonresident Permit	\$200
Annual Nonresident Permit	\$300
Annual Sportsman Supplemental NCWMA OHV Riding Permit	\$40
Annual NCWMA OHV Guide Permit (This permit is in addition to any other license required to participate in the guided activity.)	\$700

Shooting Range Permits

Required for anyone 16 years of age and older using a TWRA Shooting Range. Refer to www.tnwildlife.org for more details and specific range information. Tier 1 Permits are not required for any annual license holders.

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Tier 1 Range 2hr	\$5.00
Tier 1 Range Annual	\$100.00
Tier 2 Range 2hr	\$7.50
Tier 2 Range Annual	\$150.00
Tier 3 Range 1hr	\$9.50
Tier 3 Range Annual	\$300.00

WHAT'S NEW

FOR FISHING

Region 1 (West TN)

Herb Parsons Lake proclaimed Herb Parsons Refuge and Bill Dance Lake State Fishing Area

Travis McNatt Lake at Big Hill Pond State Park

- **Black Bass:** Catch and release only.

Region 2 (Middle TN)

Woodhaven Lake at Montgomery Bell State Park

- **Black Bass:** Catch and release only.

Region 3 (Cumberland Plateau)

Piney River

- Removed delayed harvest regulation.

Big Soddy Creek

- Moved the start of delayed harvest season from October 1 to November 1.

Catoosa WMA

- All streams and ponds are open to fishing except during deer hunts and wild hog control seasons.

FIRST FISH AWARD

Tennessee First Fish Award—FREE!

The First Fish Award is designed to commemorate that special moment in every boy or girl's life—the landing of their first fish.

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of that special moment. Size of the fish and age of the angler have no bearing, only that the fish is their first and that it was caught in Tennessee.

Visit www.tnwildlife.org or call (615) 781-6575 for further information.

TENNESSEE ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

TWRA's Tennessee Angler Recognition Program Reaches 10,000 Trophy Submissions!

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) developed the Tennessee Angler Recognition Program (TARP) to recognize anglers for their trophy catches! The TARP program recognizes trophy catches of twenty-seven (27) different, commonly caught fish species and features five (5) levels of angler recognition. TARP is designed to acknowledge anglers for outstanding sportfish catches, to encourage catch and release of trophy size fish, and to provide TWRA with information on large fish caught throughout the state. TARP has grown in popularity and TWRA averages over forty (40) applications every month with some months exceeding one hundred (100) submissions. Thanks to Tennessee's dedicated anglers, the Tennessee Angler Recognition Program recently surpassed ten thousand (10,000) trophy catches reported! The historic catch was a sauger, measuring 21 ½ inches caught by Beverly Miller of Pulaski on the Cumberland River in Smith County.

TARP submissions peak during April and May, but trophy fish are caught every month of the year. Trophy catches have been reported from one hundred twenty-five (125) different water bodies, everything from small streams and ponds to large reservoirs, in every corner of the state. The Smallmouth Bass, Tennessee's state fish, holds the record for most submissions at nearly one thousand five hundred (1,500) and the majority (295) have come from Dale Hollow Lake! But don't think you have to travel very far to catch a trophy Smallmouth, trophy Smallmouth Bass have been caught in seventy-seven (77) locations throughout the state. Other common submissions are White Crappie (984 in 86 locations), Blue Catfish (951 at 49 locations), Largemouth Bass (787 at 125 locations), and Black Crappie (605 at 72 locations). Some water bodies are known for a specific species, Watauga Reservoir is tops for trophy Lake Trout, Tims Ford Reservoir leads for Yellow Bass, Reelfoot Lake is the best bet for Bowfin, Old Hickory Reservoir is number one for Sauger, and Kentucky Lake is prime for White Crappie. Watts Bar Reservoir has had trophy catches reported for nineteen (19) different species. Chickamauga Reservoir boasts the most total number of trophy fish reported, a whopping one thousand forty-eight (1,048) from sixteen (16) different species. Odds are good, no matter where you fish, a trophy fish is waiting to be caught. Visit page 43 to learn how to submit your trophy catch!



Beverly Miller of Pulaski, "My husband and I enjoy the TARP program because it has encouraged us to travel the state to fish for species we wouldn't have normally fished for and visit places we wouldn't usually visit."



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GENERAL

INFORMATION

Notice of inspection law: It is the duty of every person participating in the privileges of taking or possessing wildlife to permit agency officers to ascertain whether the requirements of this title are being faithfully complied with, including the possession of a proper license. It is a violation of law to refuse such inspection or to interfere with an officer attempting such inspection. TCA 70-6-101(b)(1)

Basic Laws and Definitions

- **Under no circumstance shall live fish, crayfish or salamanders be intentionally released or stocked into Tennessee waters away from the waters from which they were harvested.**
- Explosives, chemicals, and electrical shocking devices are strictly forbidden, and their use carries heavy penalties.

- Shooting with any type of firearm or air gun to injure or take fish or turtles is prohibited.
- All boaters and passengers must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket within the area designated and appropriately marked as a hazardous area below any dam and/or lock.
- It is illegal to take any fish, crayfish, salamander, or turtle that is listed as endangered, threatened, or in-need-of-management.
- It is illegal to sell or offer to sell fish or turtles without a commercial fishing license.

Bait: Any living or dead organism, or prepared substance designed to attract fish by taste or odor. For the purpose of this proclamation bait includes, but is not limited to, fish, fish eggs, crayfish, worms, grubs, crickets, corn, cheese, bread, pork rinds, putty or paste-type products, and flavors or scents applied to or inserted into artificial lures.

Culling: The removal of a fish from the creel limit and replacing it with another fish of the same species. The released fish must be a live, healthy specimen which should be expected to survive once it is returned to its natural environment.

Gigging: The taking of fish by means of a hand-held pole or spear with a tip consisting of a single, sharpened point or one (1) or more sharpened barbed points. This includes, but is not limited to gear known as the Hawaiian sling.

Single hook: A hook with only one (1) point.

Snagging: The taking of fish using one (1) or more single, double, or treble hooks which are manipulated or jerked through the water in such a manner as to impale or hook fish.

Spear gun: Any device designed to propel a spear through water and is drawn or held by a mechanical device.

HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS BENEFIT TENNESSEE FISHERIES

- Habitat is a key component in fisheries management. TWRA fisheries personnel work annually to enhance and increase fish habitat across the state. For more information, maps, and coordinates of fish habitat sites please visit www.tnwildlife.org.
- For individuals seeking to install habitat into public waters, you must contact the operating authority for that particular impoundment which is typically Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) (www.TVA.com) or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) (www.usace.army.mil). **TWRA is NOT responsible for permitting or regulating habitat installation into public waters.**



Fish Info



CONTAMINANTS

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Division of Water Pollution Control issues advisories for the consumption of fish from certain Tennessee waters. The following information is subject to change and was copied from TDEC's site. Concerned individuals should visit TDEC's site for more information about these advisories, bacteriological advisories, and tips on how to reduce risks from contaminated fish.

For specific information regarding aquatic contaminants or affected waters, contact:

TDEC's Water Pollution Control Office
615-532-0703

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/wr-water-resources/watershed-stewardship/bacteriological-and-fishing-advisories.html>

STATEWIDE LIMITS

& REGULATIONS

Statewide Creel and Length Limits

The following are the creel and size limits that apply statewide. Several waters have exceptions to these limits. Refer to the pages listed in red at the bottom of this page to see exceptions to the statewide regulations. If you are fishing a location that does not have exceptions listed in this guide, then the statewide limits apply.

SPECIES	CREEL LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT
Black Bass (includes Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, Alabama, Coosa and all hybrids)	5 No more than 5 Black Bass per day in any combination may be taken.	none
Crappie (all species combined)	15	10 inches
Region 1 Crappie Exception: unless otherwise noted for specific waters.	30	none
Rock Bass or Redeye and Shadow Bass	20	none
Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass (any combination)	2	15 inches
White Bass	15	none
Muskellunge	1	36 inches
Sauger or Sauger/Walleye hybrids	10	15 inches
Walleye	5	16 inches
Trout (all trout species combined)	7	none
Lake Trout	Only 2 trout may be Lake Trout.	none
Redear Sunfish (Shellcracker)	20	none
Yellow Bass, Bluegill, Warmouth, Bream, Bullheads, Pickerel, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, and nongame species	no limit	none
Skipjack Herring	100	none
Alligator Gar: No harvest allowed. Must be returned to water immediately.		
Catfish: Only one (1) catfish over 34 inches may be harvested per day. No harvest limit on catfish less than 34 inches.		
Paddlefish: Paddlefish may be harvested from April 24 through May 31. Daily creel limit is two (2) fish per day with no size limit. Culling is prohibited. For exceptions on Center Hill, Cherokee, and Watts Bar reservoirs, see pages 24–26.		
Shovelnose Sturgeon: No harvest allowed. Must be returned to water immediately.		

Exceptions to the statewide limits and other regulations:

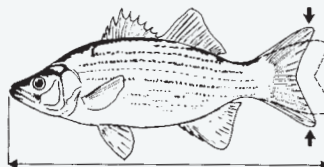
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HOW TO

Measuring a Fish's Length

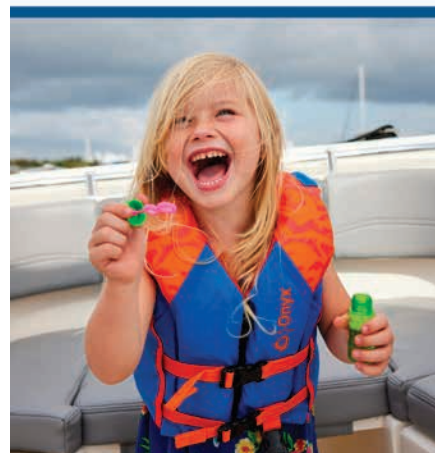
Lay the fish on a flat ruler, close the mouth, and squeeze the lobes of the tail fin to produce the maximum length. The mouth of the fish may not be manipulated or extended.



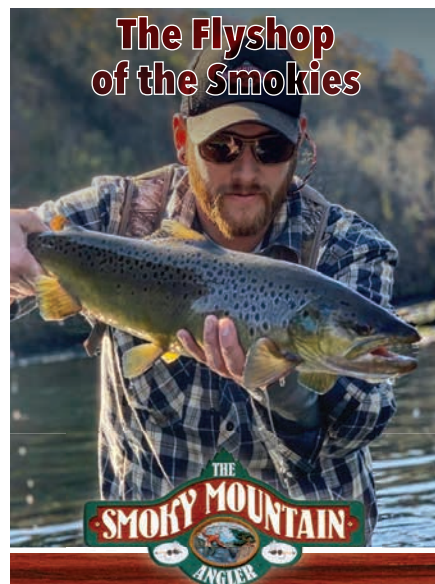
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TWRA's goal is to manage each species of fish with statewide creel and length limits where possible. However, many waters, because of their unique characteristics, require individual creel and length limits. These regulations improve fishing for all anglers.

Minimum Length Limits restrict the harvest of fish below a specified minimum length. For example, a 15-inch minimum length limit allows the angler to keep fish 15 inches or greater. Fish less than 15 inches cannot be harvested.

Protected Length Ranges (PLRs) allow anglers to harvest fish above and below a specified length range. For example, a 14–18-inch PLR protects fish in the 14–18-inch length group. Anglers may harvest fish that measure less than 14 inches and they may harvest fish that measure over 18 inches. For a protected length range to be effective, anglers must harvest fish below the protected range.

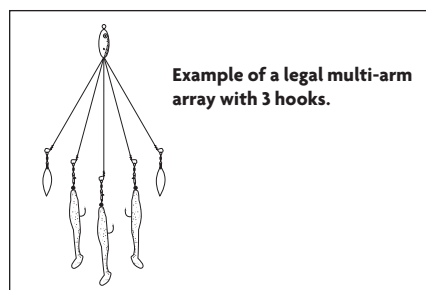
Possession Limits are twice the daily creel limit. You may not have more than the daily creel limit with you while afield. It is unlawful to have, while afield, any fish which has been altered so that its species and/or total body length cannot be determined.

Pole or Rod Limit means the number of lines actively used (baited or deployed in the water)

by an angler at any one (1) time. Unless otherwise noted in this guide or by proclamation, there is no limit on the number of poles an angler may use at one (1) time.

Statewide Hook Restriction

Unless otherwise restricted in this guide, anglers are restricted to a maximum of 3 hooks per rod, pole or hand-held line. Single, double or treble hooks each count as one (1) hook. The statewide hook restriction does not apply when using a sabiki rig (also known as a piscatore rig) to take shad or herring. A sabiki rig is a set of small lures attached to a single line, typically used to catch baitfish.



Banned In Tennessee

It is unlawful to possess or transport live specimens of the following animals:

- **Silver Carp**
(*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*)
- **Bighead Carp**
(*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*)
- **Black Carp**
(*Mylopharyngodon piceus*)
- **Blueback Herring**
(*Alosa aestivalis*)
- **Marbled Crayfish (Marmorkrebs)**
(*Procambarus virginalis*)
- **New Zealand Mud Snail**
(*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)
- **Round Goby**
(*Neogobius melanostomus*)
- **Rudd**
(*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*)
- **Ruffe**
(*Gymnocephalus cernua*)
- **Snakeheads**
(all members of the Family Channidae)
- **Swamp Eels**
(all members of the Family Synbranchidae)
- **Zebra Mussels**
(*Dreissena polymorpha*)

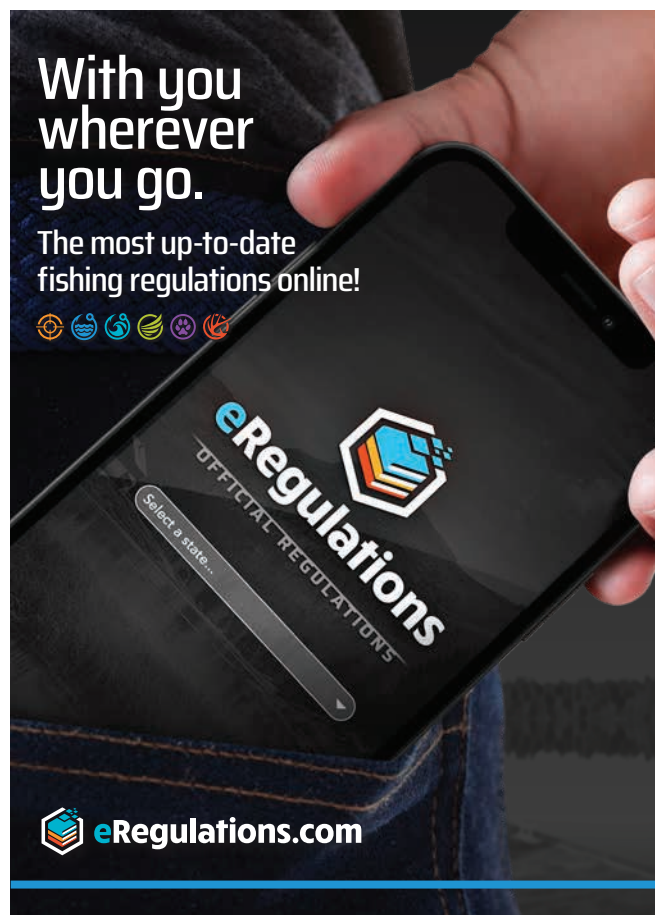


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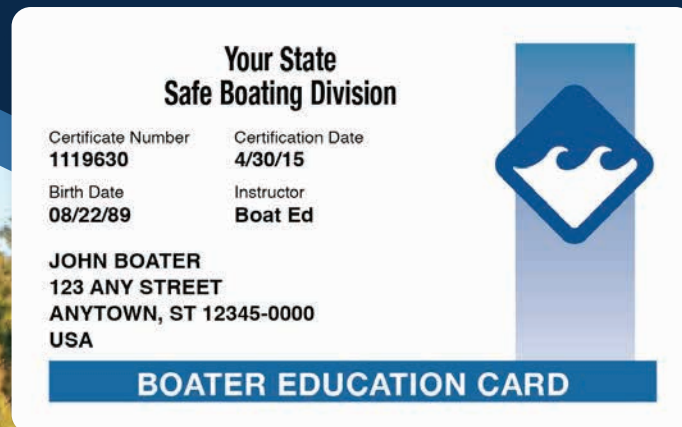
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RECIPROCAL

AGREEMENTS

Tennessee has several reciprocal agreements with adjacent states. These agreements have been arranged so that any fishing license from either Tennessee or the corresponding state is valid in the following waters.

Alabama/Mississippi

Pickwick Lake: Applies to anyone with a valid Sport Fishing License from Tennessee, Alabama or Mississippi. Resident anglers of the three (3) states may fish without purchasing a nonresident license anywhere within the boundaries covered by the agreement. The reciprocal area includes all impounded water from Pickwick Dam upstream to Tennessee River Mile 224.8 at the mouth of Bear Creek but does not include Bear Creek and does not include that portion of Yellow Creek south of Hwy. 25 Bridge. Sport fishing license holders shall abide by the regulations of the state in whose waters they are fishing.

Arkansas

This state agrees to honor either license on the flowing waters of the Mississippi River, adjacent sloughs, bayous, and old river runs, which are accessible by boat from the river proper, and the old river chutes forming a common boundary, excluding all wildlife management areas established by either state and the Wolf, Loosahatchie, Hatchie, Forked Deer, and Obion rivers. The following common regulations apply:

- **Black Bass:** creel limit 10, no length limit.
- **Sunfish:** creel limit 50, no length limit.
- **Crappie:** creel limit 50, no length limit.
- **Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass:** creel limit 6, no length limit.
- **Sauger:** creel limit 6, no length limit.

All anglers must follow Arkansas regulations governing creel and size limits, trotlines, and other equipment requirements on Ikes Chute, Hopefield Chute, Mosquito Lake, Mound City Lake, Island 40 Chute and Lake Neark.

Kentucky

Big South Fork of the Cumberland River: Reciprocal waters are from Leatherwood Ford Bridge (TN 297) in Tennessee downstream to the bridge (KY 92) at Yamacraw in Kentucky. Anglers must obey the regulations of the state in which they are licensed unless they are fishing from the bank. Bank anglers, regardless of which state's license they hold, must abide by the regulations of the state in which they are fishing.

Dale Hollow Lake: Reciprocal waters are the Wolf River arm of the lake. This includes the Illwill Creek embayment beginning at a line crossing the Wolf River at its mouth where it meets the Obey River and the main part of the lake. Anglers must obey the regulations of the state in which they are licensed unless they are fishing from the bank. Bank anglers, regardless of which state's license they hold, must abide by the regulations of the state in which they are fishing.

Kentucky Lake: Reciprocal waters extend from Governor Ned McWhorter Bridge (U.S. 79/TN 76) in Tennessee north to Egner's Ferry Bridge (U.S. 68/KY 80) in Kentucky. This includes all tributaries and embayments, except for the Blood River embayment in Kentucky. Anglers must obey the regulations of the state in which they are licensed unless they are fishing from the bank. Bank anglers, regardless of which state's license they hold, must abide by the regulations of the state in which they are fishing.

Missouri

Persons possessing a valid sportfishing license in either state may fish in the Mississippi River and its backwaters within the boundaries of the other state and any oxbow lakes through which the Missouri-Tennessee boundary passes. They may fish from or attach any device or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of the other state. Persons licensed in only one (1) state may not fish in the Mississippi River tributaries of the other state. Anglers must comply with the fishing regulations of the state where they are fishing and when fishing where they are not licensed will comply with the most restrictive state's regulation. Persons legally exempted from license requirements of either state are entitled to these privileges and provisions.

Except where it is shown to be elsewhere, the center of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation channel will be the boundary between Tennessee and Missouri.

North Carolina

Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized in all of Calderwood Reservoir while fishing from a boat and in that portion of Slickrock Creek which constitutes the boundary between the two states. See page 26 for regulations on Calderwood Reservoir and page 35 for Slickrock Creek.

Virginia

South Holston Reservoir: Tennessee residents may purchase an annual South Holston Reservoir License to fish the Virginia portion of South Holston Reservoir. Virginia residents can purchase a similar license from Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources to fish the TN portion of the reservoir. Anglers that are not TN or VA residents must abide by the state boundary line unless they purchase other appropriate fishing licenses from both states.

A South Holston Reservoir License is valid for all impounded portions of the reservoir below full pool elevation of 1,730 feet, including the confluence of the Middle Fork and South Fork Holston Rivers and the South Fork Holston upstream to the Route 710 Bridge at Alvarado, VA.

In addition to the South Holston Reservoir License, an angler must have whatever licenses required to fish in their home state. A valid resident TN trout fishing license or a valid resident VA trout fishing license is required to fish for trout. All anglers shall abide by the laws of the state in which they are fishing as to manner and means of taking fish. Length and creel limits are listed on page 28 of this guide.

ATTENTION

Bobby Wilson FREE Fishing Day/Week

On Saturday, June 12, 2027, everyone can fish for free in Tennessee's public waters, no license required! Kids 15 and under can fish for free all week, June 12–18.

This annual event is a fantastic way to introduce children to fishing and nature. To find fishing spots, visit www.tnwildlife.org for the 2027 Kid's Fishing Events or contact your regional TWRA office.

Note: Bobby Wilson Free Fishing Day and Week apply to public waters, Agency-owned lakes, and state park facilities. Some private pay lakes may still charge, so check with the operators. Don't miss out on the fun!



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METHODS OTHER THAN ROD AND REEL

Trotlines, Limblines and Jugs

Trotlines consist of a main line with drop lines to which single hooks are attached. Drop lines must not be closer than 24 inches. Nongame fish, except Paddlefish and Sturgeon, may be taken without limit. Game fish may be taken according to local limits. There is no limit on catfish, except only one (1) fish may exceed 34 inches. The creel limit for Skipjack is 100 fish.

Sportfishing trotlines, limblines and jugs must be tagged and/or marked with the owner's name and address, or TWRA identification number. Trotlines attached to the bank must be tagged on the line within five (5) feet of the bank. Other trotlines must be tagged within five (5) feet of either end, and floating trotlines must be marked on floats. The holder of a sport fishing license may use one (1) or more trotlines not having a combination of more than 100 hooks. Limblines (including yo-yos) must be tagged above water level and are allowed only one (1) hook per line. Sport anglers are limited to 25 limblines. Sport anglers are limited to 50 jugs or blocks and each with only one (1) hook.

Trotlines, limblines, and jugs must be run at least once per 24-hour period and are prohibited within 1,000 yards below any TVA or Corps of Engineers dam. Trotlines may not be set within 100 yards of the mouth of any river, creek, or slough. Trotlines cannot extend more than three-quarters (0.75) the distance across any stream, river, chute, or embayment.

Exceptions:

- **Allen Branch Pond and Chilhowee (McKamy) Pond in Cherokee WMA:** Closed to jugs and trotlines.
- **Bards Lake on Land Between the Lakes:** Closed to trotlines and limblines. Jugs permitted from Oct. 1–March 21.
- **Beech River Watershed Development Authority:** 20 jugs or blocks per boat. Trotlines prohibited.
- **Calderwood Reservoir:** Trotlines and limblines prohibited.
- **Danville Railroad Bridge Dikes:** Trotlines prohibited within 50 yards of dikes.
- **Indian Boundary Lake:** Closed to trotlines, jugs and limblines.
- **New Johnsonville Steam Plant Harbor:** 10 jugs or blocks per angler. Trotlines prohibited.
- **Norris Reservoir:** From Jan. 1 through April 30, trotlines, limblines and jugs are prohibited between River Mile 32 (Point 15) and Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Powell River arm and between River Mile 137 (Point 31) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Clinch River arm.

- **TWRA Lakes listed on pages 30–31:** Trotlines and limblines are prohibited. From April 1 through Sept. 30, jug fishing is prohibited on Saturdays, Sundays, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. On days open to jug fishing, each boat is limited to 10 jugs or blocks per day. Jug fishing is prohibited on **Lake Halford**.

Slat Baskets

Sportfishing license holders may fish with one (1) slat basket, provided the slat basket is marked with a metal tag, obtainable from the TWRA for an annual fee of \$10.00 and valid from July 1–June 30 each year. Possession or use of more than one (1) slat basket is prohibited. A slat basket is defined as a device used for taking nongame fish and catfish only. Slat baskets may have only one (1) outside funnel opening and must be made of wood, plastic, or cane slats, which are placed lengthwise and so constructed that there must be a minimum of four (4) openings in the catching area, each being at least 1.5 inches wide and 6 inches long. Fish taken may not be sold.

The slat basket may not be set within 100 yards of the mouth of any river, creek, or slough. Slat basket must be checked at least every 72 hours.

Slat Basket tags can be purchased online at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com, on the **TWRA On-The-Go mobile app**, by submitting an application to the TWRA Sales Office, P.O. Box 41729, Nashville, TN 37204 or apply in person at 5105 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211.

Grabbling, Giggling, Grab Hooks, Snagging, Archery, Crossbow, Speargun

Season open year-round in all waters except:

- a. Where closed to fishing or expressly prohibited.
- b. Within 100 yards below dams. At Pickwick Dam the closed area extends downstream to the first moorage cell across from ramp.
- c. John Sevier Steam Plant, the discharge channel is closed.

Nongame fish may be taken without limit. Game fish, Sturgeon, and Alligator Gar may not be taken. Catfish, Paddlefish, and Skipjack may be harvested according to local limits.

Giggling is closed on the East Fork of the Obey River and its tributaries from Jan. 1–April 30.

Snagging is prohibited year-round on the South Holston tailwater (from South Holston



Show Your Support with a TWRA License Plate!

TWRA's Smallmouth Bass license plate is available at county clerk's offices throughout the state. This plate features a Smallmouth Bass created by renowned wildlife artist Al Agnew from a print titled "Sunlight on Bronze."

As with other specialty license plates, such as the ones mentioned above, the new smallmouth bass plate will cost \$35.00 above the regular cost of registering a vehicle.

Money from the sale of specialty plates is available to the TWRA to fund wildlife habitat protection and enhancement programs, provide public hunting and fishing access, support law enforcement efforts, and improve youth education programs.

Dam to Highway 390 bridge at Bluff City), Center Hill Reservoir, and the Cumberland Fossil Plant discharge channel into Barkley Reservoir, Cherokee Reservoir (Holston River) from Malinda Ferry Road (Hwy. 344) bridge upstream to John Sevier Dam from March 1 through March 31 and April 16 through May 31.

Watts Bar Reservoir: Watts Bar Reservoir from US-321 bridge upstream to Fort Loudon Dam is closed to snagging from March 15 through April 30 and May 16 through May 31.

Emory River (Watts Bar Tributary) – Closed from Jan. 1 to April 30 from the Highway 27 Bridge at Harriman upstream to Highway 299 Bridge at Oakdale.

Grabbling, giggling, grab hooks, snagging, archery, crossbow, and speargun is prohibited on the following waters from Jan. 1–Apr. 30:

- **Dale Hollow Reservoir:** East Fork Obey River and its tributaries.
- **Norris Reservoir:** Between River Mile 32 (Point 15) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Powell River arm and between River Mile 137 (Point 31) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Clinch River arm.
- **Elk River in Carter County:** From the Hwy. 321 Bridge downstream to River Mile 3.0 (Point 11) on the Elk River arm of Watauga Reservoir.
- **Doe Creek:** Old Cabin Private Road downstream to Roan Creek.
- **Roan Creek:** Mountain Lakes Estates Bridge downstream to Doe Creek.
- **Row Branch:** NC state line downstream to end of Cownstown Road.

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RESERVOIR

REGULATIONS

Reservoir full pool elevation is the boundary between reservoir and tributary streams or rivers for harvest restrictions.

Statewide regulations apply for any species not mentioned under each listed reservoir section.

REGION 1



Barkley

Includes the following dewatering areas—Barkley Unit 1 (also known as Dover Bottoms) and Bear Creek WMA. The dewatering areas are closed to fishing five (5) days prior to and during the late waterfowl season.

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** No length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 20 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

Kentucky Lake

Includes the following dewatering areas—West Sandy, Big Sandy, Gin Creek, Camden Bottoms, Duck River Bottoms, Busseltown, Perryville, and Gumdale. The dewatering areas are closed to fishing five (5) days prior to and during the late waterfowl season.

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.

- **Spotted Bass:** No length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 20 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit—this includes all dewatering areas.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit.

Pickwick

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination. 15 inch minimum length.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 9 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

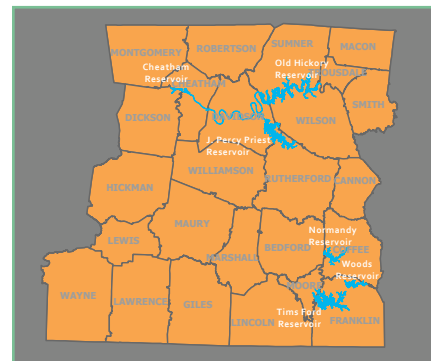
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Preservation Permit required for lake users except those under 16 years of age, residents 65 years or older, and lifetime or sportsman license holders. The use of gasoline powered boats is prohibited in TWRA posted areas April 1 through May 31.

- **Largemouth/Spotted Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** No length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 20 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

REGION 2



Cheatham

Includes Stones River up to J. Percy Priest Dam.

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** No length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

Normandy

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** No length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.

- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

Old Hickory

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** No length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

Percy Priest

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

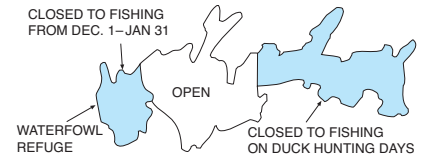
Tims Ford

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** No length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.

- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

Woods

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- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth/Spotted Bass:** No length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

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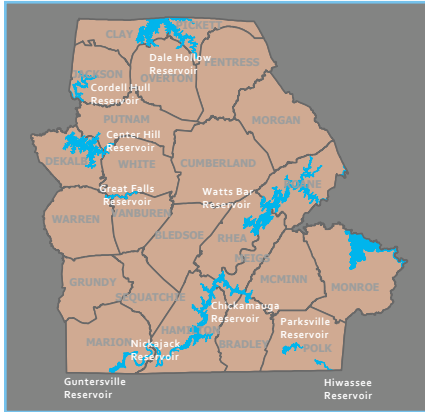
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REGION 3

**Center Hill**

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** No length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Muskellunge:** One (1) per day, 50 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** reservoir and its tributaries are closed to taking or possessing Paddlefish.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

Jan. 1–April 30: On **Caney Fork River** from Rock Island State Park boat ramp upstream to Great Falls Dam, anglers are restricted to the use of one (1) hook having a single point, or one (1) lure with a single hook with one (1) point. No more than three (3) rods and reels or poles per angler may be used.

Chickamauga

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) fish per day in combination.
- **Largemouth:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth, Spotted, Alabama Bass and their hybrids:** no minimum length limit. Only one (1) may be over 16 inches per day.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.

- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit.

Hiwassee Refuge is closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 through the last day of Feb., except the wildlife viewing area. During the refuge closure, public entry and fishing are permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge.

Cordell Hull

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** No minimum length.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination.
- **Striped Bass:** 32–42 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish may be over 42 inches.
- **Hybrid Striped Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

Dale Hollow

- **All Species:** No more than 4 rods and reels per angler may be used.
- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination, only two may be Smallmouth Bass.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** No length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** Two (2) per day, 16–21 inch PLR. One (1) fish may be under 16 inches and one (1) may be over 21 inches. Includes Wolf River upstream to South Ford Road bridge.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.

- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Muskellunge:** One (1) per day, 50 inch minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.
- **Trout:** Seven (7) per day, no length limit.

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

Jan. 1–April 15: On the east fork of the **Obey River** from Compton boat ramp upstream to Hwy. 52 bridge, anglers are restricted to the use of one (1) hook having a single point, or one (1) lure with a single hook with one (1) point. Walleye creel limit is five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit. Only one (1) Walleye over 20 inches may be harvested. No more than three (3) rods and reels or poles per angler may be used.

Great Falls

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** No length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Muskellunge:** One (1) per day, 50 inch minimum length limit.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

Guntersville (Tennessee Section Only)

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) fish per day in combination.
- **Largemouth:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth, Spotted, Alabama Bass and their hybrids:** no minimum length limit. Only one (1) may be over 16 inch per day.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 9 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

Nickajack

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) fish per day in combination.
- **Largemouth:** 15 inch minimum length limit.

- **Smallmouth, Spotted, Alabama Bass and their hybrids:** no minimum length limit. Only one (1) may be over 16 inch per day.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.
- **Trout:** Seven (7) per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Perch:** 15 per day, no length limit.

Watts Bar

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:**
 - » **April 1–Oct. 31:** Two (2) per day in combination.
 - » **Nov. 1–March 31:** Two (2) per day in combination, only one (1) may be a Striped Bass.
- **Striped Bass:**
 - » **April 1–Oct. 31:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
 - » **Nov. 1–March 31:** 36 inch minimum length limit.

Parksville

- **No live transport of any black bass away from Parksville Reservoir.**
- **Largemouth Bass:** Five (5) fish per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth, Spotted, Alabama Bass and their hybrids:** no creel, no minimum length limit.

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: No creel or length limit.

Walleye: Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: One (1) per day; season is open from May 1 through May 15. *Culling is prohibited.*

Emory River (Watts Bar Reservoir tributary) – Closed to snagging, taking, or possession of Paddlefish or any parts thereof from the mouth of the Emory River upstream to Highway 299 Bridge at Oakdale.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Muskellunge: One (1) per day, 36 inch minimum length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: No creel or length limit.

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

During Jan. 1 through April 30: On Emory River beginning from the Highway 27 Bridge at Harri-man upstream to Highway 299 Bridge at Oakdale, anglers are restricted to the use of one (1) hook having a single point or one (1) lure having no more than one (1) hook with a single point (artificial or bait), and no more than three (3) rods and reels or poles may be used by each angler.



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REGION 4



Boone

Reservoir defined as from dam upstream to Highway 390 Bridge at Bluff City on South Fork Holston arm and upstream to new Austin Springs Bridge on Watauga arm.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination; only one (1) may be a Striped Bass.
- **Striped Bass:** One (1) per day, 36 inch minimum length limit.
- **Hybrid Striped Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.
- **Trout (all species):** Seven (7) per day, 16-22 inch PLR, only one (1) over 22 inches; trout regulations extend upstream to the 11 E bridge on the Watauga arm.

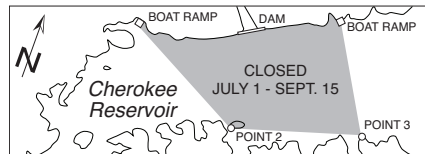
Calderwood

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination. Only two (2) less than 14 inches.
- **Crappie (all species):** 20 per day in combination, eight (8) inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye:** Eight (8) per day, no length limit.
- **Sauger:** Eight (8) per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Rock Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** No creel or length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.
- **Trout:** Seven (7) per day, no length limit.
- **White Bass:** 10 per day, 14 inch minimum length limit.
- **Muskellunge:** One (1) per day, 42 inch minimum length limit.

Cherokee

Restrictions extend from Cherokee Dam upstream to John Sevier Dam.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination. Individual species length and creel to follow.
 - » **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
 - » **Smallmouth Bass:**
 - **June 1–Oct. 15:** One (1) per day, 18 inch minimum length limit.
 - **Oct. 16–May 31:** Five (5) per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted/Alabama Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye:** 10 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** One (1) per day, no length limit. Season is open from April 1–15. *Culling is prohibited.* Holston River from Malinda Ferry Road (Hwy. 344) bridge upstream to John Sevier Dam is closed to snagging from March 1–31 and April 16–May 31.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.



SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

July 1–Sept. 15: Closed fishing zone in effect. This zone is enclosed by lines from the boat ramp at the south end of the dam across the lake to Point 2, from Point 2 to Point 3, and from Point 3 back across the lake to the TWRA boat ramp at the north end of the dam. All bank fishing will be open and the coves along the southeast shoreline will be open to boat fishing, but no fishing for any species will be allowed by boat in the described zone from July 1 through Sept. 15.

Chilhowee

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination. 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.

- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.
- **Trout:** Seven (7) per day, no length limit, only two (2) may be lake trout.
- **Yellow Perch:** 15 per day, no length limit.

Douglas

Restrictions extend from Douglas Dam upstream to the ENKA Dam on the Nolichucky River, Highway 321 bridge in Newport on Pigeon River, and Highway 321 bridge on French Broad River. Restrictions on Walleye and Sauger or Sauger/Walleye hybrids also include Pigeon and French Broad Rivers upstream of Douglas Dam to NC state line.

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day year-round.
 - » **Oct. 1–May 31:** no length limit.
 - » **June 1–Sept. 30:** Only one (1) Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass over 16 inches per day.
- **Spotted Bass:** No length limit, year-round.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **White Bass/Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Walleye/Sauger or Walleye/Sauger Hybrids:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Walleye:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger or Sauger/Walleye Hybrids:** No minimum length limit but only one (1) may be over 16 inches per day.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Muskellunge:** One (1) per day, 36 inch minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

Ft. Loudon

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination. 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

Ft. Patrick Henry

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** No length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.
- **Trout (all species):** Seven (7) per day; 16-22 inch PLR for Rainbow and Brown Trout, with only one (1) over 22 inches in effect from Boone Dam downstream to Louis Milhorn Bridge on Beulah Church Drive.

John Sevier

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** No length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 13-17 inch PLR, only one (1) Smallmouth bass over 17 inches per day.
- **Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.

- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.

Melton Hill

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no minimum length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, including Clinch River upstream to Highway 61 bridge in Clinton.
- **Striped Bass:** 32-42 inch PLR; only one (1) fish may be over 42 inches.
- **Hybrid Striped Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Muskellunge:** One (1) per day, 50 inch minimum length limit. Muskellunge that are not intended to be harvested must be released immediately in a manner that promotes survival of the fish. Culling is not allowed.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.
- **Trout:** Seven (7) per day, no length limit.

Norris

Extends from the dam upstream to the Hwy. 25E bridge on the Clinch River arm and upstream to Gap Creek on the Powell River arm.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination, only one (1) Smallmouth Bass June 1 through Oct. 15.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:**
 - » **June 1-Oct. 15:** One (1) per day, 18 inch minimum length limit.
 - » **Oct. 16-May 31:** Five (5) per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted/Alabama Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 10 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass:**
 - » **April 1-Oct. 31:** Two (2) per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
 - » **Nov. 1-March 31:** One (1) per day, 36 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye/Sauger:** Five (5) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit (upstream to Grissom Island on the Clinch River).
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Muskellunge:** One (1) per day, 36 inch minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** 30 per day, no length limit.

ATTENTION ANGLERS**Commercial Fishing in Tennessee**

Commercial fishing is legal in Tennessee, with a long history of adapting their business operations for the benefit of Tennesseans. When managed properly, commercial fishing provides consumers with a local, healthy, and sustainable food source that helps support local economies. The commercial fishing industry provides fresh or preserved fish and fish products for grocery stores, farmers markets, and local shops throughout Tennessee. TWRA closely monitors harvest rates to make sure fish stocks stay at healthy levels. The commercial fishing industry contributes more than \$24.5 million dollars annually to Tennessee's economy. To fight Invasive Carp, TWRA implemented the Tennessee Carp Harvest Incentive Program (TCHIP) in September 2018 with the assistance of the commercial fishing industry. Invasive Carp removal through commercial fishing is an integral part of the effort to prevent Silver Carp expansion and control Invasive Carp in the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers. As of June 20, 2026, the TCHIP program has removed 42,000,000 pounds of Invasive Carp from the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers. Invasive Carp removal through commercial fishing is vital in protecting Tennessee's sport fisheries.



South Holston (TN + VA Rules)

An additional South Holston Reservoir License is available for TN residents that want to fish Virginia portion of reservoir. (See page 8)

Restricted to 15 limblines per angler.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** No length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** No creel or length limits.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** 20 per day in combination. Only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **White Bass:** No harvest allowed.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 18 inch minimum length limit. Includes tributaries.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill:** 50 per day, no length limit.
- **Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.
- **Trout:** Seven (7) per day, only two (2) may be Lake Trout.

Tellico

Tellico Reservoir boundary extends upstream on Tellico River to Big Creek Boat Ramp. The following restrictions apply to this area.

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination. 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Yellow Bass:** No creel or length limit.
- **Walleye/Sauger:** 10 per day in combination but no more than five (5) may be Walleye. 15 inch minimum length limit. One (1) Walleye may be 24 inches or larger. Includes tributaries.
- **Paddlefish:** Two (2) per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.
- **Trout:** Seven (7) per day, no length limit.

Watauga

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
 - » **Largemouth Bass:** 12 inch minimum length limit.
 - » **Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.

- **Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Walleye:** Five (5) per day, 18 inch minimum length limit.
 - » **Jan. 1–April 30:** Walleye run regulation: restricted to the use of one (1) hook having a single point or one (1) lure having no more than one (1) hook with a single point (artificial or bait) on the following waters: Elk River (Highway 321 bridge downstream to Row Branch), Doe Creek (Old Cabin Private Road downstream to Roan Creek), Roan Creek (Mountain Lake Estates Bridge downstream to Doe Creek), and Watauga River (NC line downstream to the end of Cowanstown Road).
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** No creel or length limit.
- **Trout:** Seven (7) per day, no length limit, only two (2) may be Lake Trout.

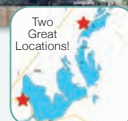


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Tennessee's Lake Sturgeon Project

Lake Sturgeon are a primitive species that can grow to 8 feet in length, weigh up to 300 pounds, and live for 150 years. Since 2000, over 300,000 Lake Sturgeon have been stocked into the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. These stocking efforts are designed to restore reproducing populations of this primitive species. This species is known to travel long distances, so it is very likely that anglers could catch lake sturgeon in other waters of the state.

Angler reports are important to TWRA because they provide important information needed to monitor the success of Tennessee's Lake Sturgeon program.

If you catch a Lake Sturgeon, please be as careful as possible not to harm the fish—avoid holding the Lake Sturgeon by their tails and remember fish cannot breathe while they are out of the water. Lake Sturgeon are threatened in Tennessee and should be released immediately. If possible, note an approximate length before the fish is released. Additionally, a photo of your catch would be appreciated if you can do so without harming the fish.

You can email details (including photos) of your catch to sturgeon.reports@tn.gov or refer to page 2 for your local regional office number. In gratitude of your efforts, you will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the TWRA.



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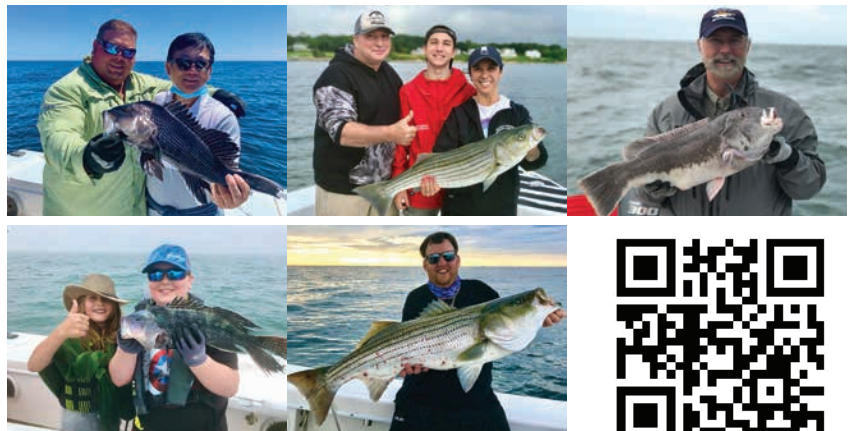
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TWRA FISHING LAKES

INFORMATION

Nineteen TWRA managed lakes, located in Middle and West Tennessee, are open year-round. Some of these lakes are operated by private concessionaires under contract and offer complete services for the fishing public. Services may vary depending on concessionaire contract renewals.

Hours

The lakes are open to fishing all week. Lakes will open 30 minutes before official sunrise and close 30 minutes after official sunset, except Garrett Lake which is open 24 hours a day. Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day the following lakes are closed: Gibson Co., Glenn Springs, and Lake Graham.

Permits

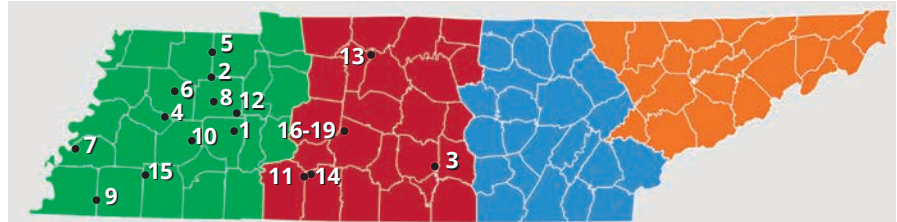
A TWRA Lake Fishing permit is required in addition to a fishing license to use these lakes. TWRA Lake Fishing permit is not required at Garrett and Whiteville Lakes. All TN residents ages 16 to 64, and nonresidents ages 16 years or older must have a TWRA Lake Fishing permit. A Daily TWRA Lake Fishing permit is \$6.00, and an Annual TWRA Lake Fishing permit is \$48.00 (Lake Halford has specific use permits that are required). Sportsman license and lifetime license holders do not need a lake permit. Resident anglers 65 years of age and older do not need a permit but do need a fishing license. Permits may be purchased at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com or at any of the lake's concessionaires.

At Lake Halford, a daily or annual permit specified for Lake Halford is required for fishing or any other recreational use where allowed to the area except those under 16 years of age and residents 65 years or older. At Lake Halford recreational boating, personal watercraft, water-skiing, and swimming are allowed.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all agency lakes. Boats used for any activity other than fishing are prohibited, except for hunting on specific lakes during the regular hunting season as listed in the Tennessee Fishing and Hunting Guide. Speed boating, personal watercraft, water skiing, and swimming are prohibited. Houseboats, sailboats and inboard cruisers are prohibited. Boats may be rented for \$10.00 per day at some lakes on a seasonal basis. There is no charge for paddles. On Coy Gaither-Bedford, Marrowbone, VFW and Williamsport lakes, only trolling motors can be used.

Tackle

Only rods and reels, poles, hand-held lines, and jugs may be used (see page 20 for jug fishing rules at TWRA lakes.) Snagging is prohibited.



TWRA Fishing Lakes Locations and Facilities

See more details at

www.tn.gov/twra/fishing/where-to-fish

		LICENSES SOLD	PERMIT REQUIRED	RENTAL BOATS	OUTBOARDS PERMITTED	LAUNCHING RAMP	FISHING PIERS	PICNIC AREAS	BAIT & TACKLE
1	Browns Creek Lake (731-423-5725) Henderson Co. 10 miles S of I-40 in the Natchez Trace State Park. (167 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•	
2	Carroll Lake (731-423-5725) Carroll Co. 4 miles E of McKenzie on Hwy 22. (100 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•	
3	Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake (615-781-6622) Bedford Co. 10 miles SE of Shelbyville on Hwy 269. (47 acres)		•			•	•	•	
4	Davy Crockett Lake (Crockett Co.) (731-423-5725) Crockett Co. 5 miles W of Humboldt on Hwy 152. (87 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•	
5	Garrett Lake (731-423-5725) Weakley Co. 7 miles E of Dresden on Hwy 54. (183 acres)					•	•	•	
6	Gibson County Lake (731-423-5725) Gibson Co. 5 miles E of Trenton off of Vaughns Grove Rd. (560 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
7	Glenn Springs Lake (731-423-5725) Tipton Co. 12 miles NE of Millington on Glenn Springs Rd. (310 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8	Lake Halford (731-423-5725) Carrol Co. 5 miles SW of Huntington Hwy 70. (985 acres)		•		•	•	•	•	
9	Herb Parsons Refuge & Bill Dance Lake State Fishing Area (731-423-5725) Fayette Co. 15 miles N of Collierville on Collierville-Arlington Rd. (177 acres)		•			•	•	•	
10	Lake Graham (731-423-5725) Madison Co. 9 miles E of Jackson on Cotton Grove Rd. (500 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
11	Laurel Hill Lake (615-781-6622) Lawrence Co. 15 miles W of Lawrenceburg on Hwy 64. (325 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
12	Maples Creek Lake (731-423-5725) Carroll Co. 4 miles N of I-40 in Natchez Trace State Park. (90 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•	
13	Marrowbone Lake (615-781-6622) Davidson Co. 6 miles N of Joelton off of Hwy 41-A. (60 acres)	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
14	VFW Lake (615-781-6622) Lawrence Co. 12 miles W of Lawrenceburg off of Hwy 64. (22 acres)		•			•		•	
15	Whiteville Lake (731-423-5725) Hardeman Co. 2 miles S of Whiteville on Hwy 64. (158 acres)				•	•	•	•	
16-19	Williamsport Lakes (4 lakes) (615-781-6622) Maury Co. 8.5 miles NW of Columbia on Hwy 50. (164 acres total)	•	•	•		•	•	•	•

Statewide regulations apply for any species not listed.

Browns Creek Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day, 18–25 inch PLR, only one (1) fish longer than 25 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 10 per day, no minimum length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** no creel or minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no length limit.

Carroll Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** No creel or length limit, only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel limit, no length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Walleye:** 16 inch minimum length limit, five (5) fish creel limit.

Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** Five (5) per day, 14–18 inch PLR, only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit.

Davy Crockett Lake (Crockett Co.)

- **Largemouth Bass:** No creel limit, only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill:** No creel or length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no length limit.

Garrett Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** No creel or length limit, only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill:** No creel or length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no length limit.

Gibson County Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day, 18–24 inch PLR, only one (1) fish longer than 24 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.

- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no length limit.

Glenn Springs Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** No creel or length limit, only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no length limit.

Herb Parsons Refuge & Bill Dance Lake State Fishing Area

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day, 16–20 inch PLR, only one (1) fish longer than 20 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Hybrid Striped Bass:** 16 inch minimum length limit, two (2) fish per day creel limit.

Lake Graham

- **Largemouth Bass:** No creel or length limit, only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill:** no creel or length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Trout:** Seven (7) per day, no length limit.

Lake Halford

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 fish per day, 18 inch maximum size limit, only two (2) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 10 fish per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 20 fish per day, only five (5) fish longer than 12 inches may be harvested.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- Jug fishing is prohibited on Lake Halford.

Laurel Hill Lake

One embayment is for youth fishing only, ages 16 and under. Nursery ponds may be closed as posted.

- **Largemouth Bass:** Five (5) per day, 13–18 inch PLR, only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit.

Maples Creek Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** No creel or length limit, only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill:** No creel or length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no length limit.

Marrowbone Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill:** No creel or length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Trout:** Seven (7) per day, no length limit.

VFW Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** Five (5) per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit.

Whiteville Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** No creel or length limit, only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill:** No creel or length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no length limit.

Williamsport Lakes (4 lakes)

Whippoorwill Lake is for youth fishing only, ages 16 and under and an accompanying adult may fish. Egret and Heron wetland ponds are closed to fishing.

- **Largemouth Bass:** One (1) per day, 20 inch minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit.
- **Hybrid Striped Bass:** Two (2) per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.

EXCEPTIONS

TO STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

Community Fishing Program

Community Fishing Program water bodies: **Cameron Brown Park Pond** (Germantown), **Cedar Hill Pond** (Nashville), **Jack Dickert Pond** (Chattanooga), **Greenbelt Lake** (Maryville), **Pistol Creek** (Maryville; from East Harper Avenue upstream to West Lamar Alexander Parkway), and **Fountain City Lake** (Knoxville).

General: Rod & reel, handlines, poles only. Trotlines, jugs, seines, and cast nets not allowed.

Creel and length limits same as statewide except as listed below:

- **Catfish (Blue, Channel, hybrids combined):** Five (5) per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish (combined):** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Black Bass (all species):** One (1) per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species combined):** 30 per day, no length limit.
- **Trout (all trout combined):** Five (5) per day, no length limit.

Small Impoundments

Allen Branch Pond (Cocke County):

- **Catfish:** Five (5) per day.

Beech River Watershed Lakes:

- **Catfish:** Five (5) per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, no length limit.

Pine Lake:

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day.

Dogwood Lake:

- **Largemouth Bass:** 12–16 inch PLR, 10 per day.

Redbud Lake:

- **Largemouth Bass:** 12–16 inch PLR, 10 per day.

Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness WMA Ponds:

Fishing is permitted from 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset.

- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish (in combination):** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Catfish:** Five (5) per day, no length limit.
- **Largemouth Bass:** Five (5) per day, only one (1) fish 16 inches or longer may be harvested.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.

Campbell Lake (Maury County):

- **Largemouth Bass:** One (1) per day, 12 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish:** Five (5) per day, 14 inch minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Grass Carp:** No harvest allowed.

Casper Lake (Shelby County):

- **Largemouth Bass:** Two (2) per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.

Catoosa WMA:

- All streams and ponds are open to fishing except during deer hunts and wild hog control seasons.

Davy Crockett Lake (Greene County):

- **Crappie:** 30 per day, no length limit.
- **Smallmouth/Largemouth Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 13–17 inch PLR only one over 17 inches.
- **Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.

Dickson City Lakes (Dickson County):

- **Catfish:** Five (5) per day, no length limit.

Doakes Pond (on Norris Reservoir):

The portion of Norris Reservoir known as Doakes Pond, located adjacent to Hwy. 63 approximately 9 miles NE of LaFollette, is closed to fishing.

Indian Boundary Lake (Cherokee NF):

Closed to trotlines, jugs and limblines.

- **Largemouth Bass:** Five (5) per day, only one (1) fish 16 inches or longer may be harvested.
- **Catfish:** Five (5) per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie:** No creel or length limit.
- **Bluegill and Redear Sunfish (in combination):** 10 per day, no length limit.

Lake Kefauver (Madisonville, Monroe County):

- **Largemouth Bass:** Five (5) per day, only one (1) fish 16 inches or longer may be harvested.
- **Catfish:** Five (5) per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish (in combination):** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.

Bards Lake (Stewart County):

- Trotlines and limblines are prohibited. Jugs are permitted from Oct. 1–March 21, with a limit of 10 jugs per person.

Liberty Park Lake (Clarksville):

- **Catfish:** Five (5) per day, no length limit.

New Lake (Lewisburg City Lake):

- **Largemouth Bass:** Five (5) per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish:** Five (5) per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, no length limit.

Open 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset. Only rods and reels and cane poles permitted.

Reelfoot Watershed Lake #18

- **Largemouth Bass:** Five (5) per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.

WMAs/Refuges

Douglas Reservoir:

Henderson Island WMA Rearing Pond is closed to fishing year-round.

Federal Refuges:

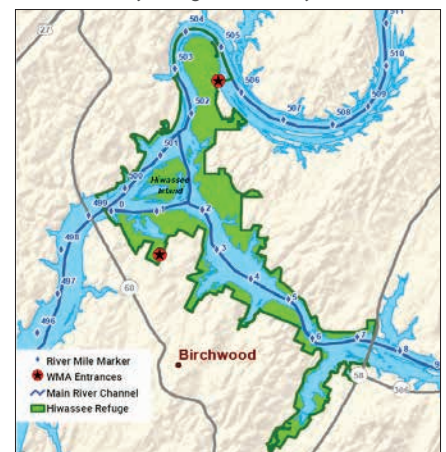
Some federal wildlife refuges have closed seasons. For details contact the office of the national wildlife refuge where you wish to fish.

C. M. Gooch Unit E Lake:

- **Largemouth Bass:** Five (5) per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- Closed to fishing five (5) days prior to late waterfowl season. Fishing resumes the day after the last military waterfowl hunt. (See Page 92)

Hiwassee Refuge:

Trespassing and fishing are prohibited in embayments and sub-impoundments from Nov. 15–Feb. 28. Boats must remain within the river channel defined by navigational buoys.



Tellico Lake Chota Refuge Unit (that portion from LTRM 26.0 Upstream to the Hiwassee - Alcoa powerline at LTRM 29.7)

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 through Feb. 28, except in designated observation areas.

Exceptions on State Park Lakes

State Park Lakes are managed by the TN Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). Unless otherwise posted, statewide fishing regulations apply with the following exceptions:

Fall Creek Falls State Park (Fall Creek Falls Lake):

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day. Only one (1) fish longer than 16 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish (in combination):** 10 fish per day. No length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day. 16 inch minimum length limit.

Montgomery Bell State Park (Acorn Lake):

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day, no minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish (in combination):** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Trout:** catch and release only from Dec. 1–March 31. Five (5) fish per day, no length limit April 1–Nov. 30.

Montgomery Bell State Park (Woodhaven Lake):

- **Largemouth Bass:** Catch and release only.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish (in combination):** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no minimum length limit.

Big Hill Pond State Park (Travis McNatt Lake):

- **Largemouth Bass:** Catch and release only.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish (in combination):** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, 16 inch minimum length limit.

Natchez Trace State Park (Pin Oak Lake)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day, 18–25 inch PLR, only one (1) fish longer than 25 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish (in combination):** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** Five (5) per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Trotlines and limblines prohibited year-round.**
 - » **April 1 through Sept. 30:** Fishing with jug lines will be prohibited on Fridays after 12 noon until 12 midnight on Sundays.

- » **Memorial Day, July 3rd through July 5th, and Labor Day:** Fishing with jug lines is prohibited. On days open to jug fishing, each boat is limited to 10 jugs per day.

Crappie (all species combined):

- **All other state park lakes not specified:** 15 per day, no length limit.

Catfish (all species combined):

- **All other state park lakes not specified:** Five (5) per day, no length limit.

Black Bass (15 inch minimum for the following lakes):

- Lake Lindsey, David Crockett State Park.
- Sullivan's Pond, Ft. Pillow State Historic Area.
- Indian Mt. "B" Lake, Indian Mountain State Park.
- Creech Hollow Lake, Montgomery Bell State Park.

Bluegill/Redear Sunfish (20 per day in combination for the following lakes):

- Byrd Lake, Cumberland Mountain State Park.
- Kelly (Standing Stone) Lake, Standing Stone State Park.
- Pickett Lake, Pickett State Park.
- Grundy Lakes, South Cumberland State Park.

Chickasaw State Park (Lake Lajoie and Lake Placid):

- **Black Bass:** 14–18 inch PLR. Daily creel limit 10 per day, only one (1) bass over 18 inches may be harvested.

Big Ridge State Park (Big Ridge Lake):

- **Black Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit.

Meeman Shelby State Park (Poplar Tree Lake):

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day, only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish (in combination):** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.

Rivers and Streams

Buffalo Creek (Grainger County)

- From the mill dam upstream—closed year-round to all fishing. Harvest of bait and possession of bait harvesting gear is prohibited.
- From the mill dam downstream—open to fishing year-round by rod and reel method only. Closed year-round to all harvest of bait and possession of seines, cast nets, and minnow/crayfish traps are prohibited.

Caney Fork River (headwaters of Center Hill Reservoir):

Walleye run regulation in effect on the upper end of Center Hill Reservoir, including the Caney Fork River beginning at the boat ramp at Rock Island State Park and extending upstream to Great Falls Dam. Anglers restricted to use of one (1) hook having a single barb or lure containing a single hook with one barb from Jan. 1–April 30. No more than three (3) rods and reels or poles may be used.

Caney Fork River (above Center Hill Dam) and tributaries including Collins River, Calfkiller River, Rocky River, Cane Creek, and their tributaries:

- **Muskellunge:** One (1) per day, 50 inch minimum length limit.

Clear Creek (tributary to the Clinch River – Anderson County):

From Highway 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the City of Norris Water Tower)—closed from Nov. 1 through March 31 to all fishing; harvest of bait and possession of bait harvesting gear is prohibited.

Clinch River:

- **Norris Reservoir upstream to Grissom Island: Walleye/Sauger:** Five (5) per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Hwy. 25E upstream to state line: Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination. **Smallmouth Bass:** 13–17 inch PLR, only one (1) greater than 17 inches.

East Fork of the Obey River (headwaters of Dale Hollow Reservoir):

Walleye run regulation in effect on the East Fork of the Obey River from Compton Boat Ramp upstream to the Highway 52 bridge. Anglers restricted to use of one hook having a single barb or lure containing a single hook with one barb from Jan. 1–April 15. Walleye creel limit five (5) per day, 16 inch minimum length. Only one Walleye over 20 inches may be harvested. No more than three (3) rods and reels or poles may be used.

Forked Deer, Hatchie, Loosahatchie, Obion and Wolf Rivers (includes tributaries)

- **Crappie:** 30 per day, no length limit.

French Broad River (Hwy. 168 to Douglas Dam)

- **Smallmouth Bass:** Five (5) fish limit, 18 inch minimum length limit.

French Broad River (from Hwy 321 bridge at Newport upstream to NC state line)

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 13–17 inch PLR, only one (1) greater than 17 inches.
- **Walleye/Sauger or Walleye/Sauger Hybrids:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Walleye:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger or Sauger/Walleye Hybrids:** No minimum length limit, only one (1) fish over 16 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Holston River (I-40 bridge upstream to Cherokee Dam and John Sevier Dam upstream to North Fork Holston River):

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination; 13–17 inch PLR for Smallmouth Bass, only one (1) Smallmouth Bass over 17 inches per day.

Little River (Rockford Dam upstream to Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary):

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination; 13–17 inch PLR for Smallmouth Bass, only one (1) Smallmouth Bass over 17 inches per day.

Little Pigeon River (from mouth upstream to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary, including the West Prong and East Fork of the Little Pigeon River):

- **Smallmouth Bass:** One (1) per day, 20 inch minimum length limit.

Mississippi River (includes adjacent sloughs, bayous, and all river runs and chutes, that are accessible by boat from the river proper):

- **Black Bass:** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Sunfish/Bream:** 50 per day, no length limit.
- **Catfish:** No creel limit, only one (1) fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Crappie:** 50 per day, no length limit.
- **Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass:** Six (6) per day, no length limit.
- **Sauger:** Six (6) per day, no length limit.
- **White Bass:** 30 per day, no length limit.

Nolichucky River (ENKA Dam upstream to state line, includes Davy Crockett Lake):

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination; 13–17 inch PLR for Smallmouth Bass, only one (1) Smallmouth Bass over 17 inches per day.

North Fork Holston River (confluence with South Fork Holston River upstream to state line):

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination; 13–17 inch PLR for Smallmouth Bass, only one Smallmouth Bass over 17 inches per day.

Pigeon River (from Hwy 321 bridge at Newport upstream to NC state line):

- **Smallmouth Bass:** One (1) per day, 20 inch minimum length limit.
- **Walleye/Sauger or Walleye/Sauger Hybrids:** Five (5) per day in combination.
- **Walleye:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger or Sauger/Walleye Hybrids:** No minimum length limit; only one (1) fish over 16 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Powell River (Gap Creek confluence upstream to state line):

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination; 13–17 inch PLR for Smallmouth Bass, only one (1) Smallmouth Bass over 17 inches per day.

South Fork Holston River (confluence with North Fork Holston River upstream to Fort Patrick Henry Dam):

- **Black Bass:** Five (5) per day in combination; 13–17 inch PLR for Smallmouth Bass, only one (1) Smallmouth Bass over 17 inches per day.

Stones River (confluence with Cumberland River upstream to J. Percy Priest Dam):

Regulations for Cheatham Reservoir apply (page 22).

Wolf River (South Ford Road Bridge downstream to Dale Hollow Reservoir):

- **Smallmouth Bass:** Two (2) per day, 16–21 inch PLR (one under 16 inches and one over 21 inches.)



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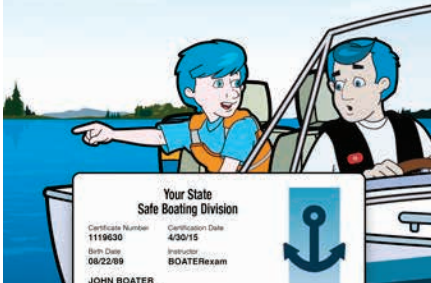
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TROUT

REGULATIONS

Statewide Regulations

Any combination of trout species:

- **Daily Limit:** Seven (7)
- **Minimum Length Limit:** None

Exceptions:

- Only two (2) trout in a creel may be Lake Trout.
- See the following specific regulations.

Delayed Harvest Areas

In the areas listed below, the harvest or possession of trout is prohibited during the catch-and-release season. During the catch-and-release season, only artificial lures are permitted and the use or possession of bait is prohibited.

Big Soddy Creek: Upstream of Back Valley Road

- Catch-and-release season Nov. 1–Feb. 28.

Buffalo Creek: Mill dam downstream to Buffalo Springs WMA boundary

- Catch-and-release season Oct. 1–Jan. 31.

Doe River: Roan Mountain State Park boundaries

- Catch-and-release season is Oct. 1–Feb. 28.

Hiwassee River: Apalachia Powerhouse downstream to L&N Railroad Bridge

- Catch-and-release season is Oct. 1–Feb. 28.

Montgomery Bell State Park: Acorn Lake

- Catch-and-release season from Dec. 1–March 31. See Page 33 for more info.

Paint Creek: Paint Creek Campground downstream to mouth at French Broad River

- Catch-and-release season is Oct. 1–Feb. 28.

Tellico River: Mouth of North River upstream to the Tennessee – North Carolina state line

- Catch-and-release season is Oct. 1–Feb. 28.

Special Trout Regulations

Caney Fork River: Center Hill Dam to Cumberland River, including tributaries

- Total daily creel of all trout (Rainbow, Brown, Brook and Cutthroat) in combination is five (5) fish.
- **Rainbow Trout:** Five (5) per day, 14–20 inch PLR, only one longer than 20 inches may be harvested.

- **Brook Trout:** Five (5) per day, 14–20 inch PLR, only one longer than 20 inches may be harvested.
- **Brown Trout:** One (1) per day, 24 inch minimum length limit.
- **Cutthroat Trout:** Five (5) per day, 14–20 inch PLR, only one longer than 20 inches may be harvested.

Elk River: Tims Ford Dam to I-65 bridge, including tributaries

- **Brown Trout:** 20 inch minimum length limit, One (1) per day.
- Total daily creel limit of all trout species in combination is seven (7) trout.

Clinch River: Norris Dam downstream to Hwy. 61 bridge, including tributaries

- 14–20 inch PLR on all trout.
- Seven (7) trout creel limit, only one trout may be longer than 20 inches.

Clear Creek: tributary to Clinch River (Anderson County)

- From Highway 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the City of Norris Water Tower)—closed from Nov. 1 through March 31 to all fishing; harvest of bait and possession of bait harvesting gear is prohibited.

Buffalo Creek and tributaries within the WMA boundary: (Grainger County)

- From the mill dam upstream—closed year-round to all fishing and harvest of bait. Possession of bait harvesting gear is prohibited.
- From the mill dam downstream—open to fishing year-round by rod and reel method only. Closed year-round to all harvest of bait. Possession of seines, cast nets, and minnow/crayfish traps is prohibited.

Hiwassee River: Apalachia Powerhouse downstream to L&N Railroad Bridge

- **March 1 through Sept. 30:** Seven (7) trout creel limit, only two (2) may be Brown Trout.

South Fork Holston River and Boone Reservoir: South Holston Dam to Boone Dam, including Boone Reservoir upstream to the Highway 11E Bridge (DeVault/Bristol Hwy. Bridge) on the Watauga arm

- 16–22 inch PLR on all trout.
- Seven (7) trout creel limit, only one trout may be longer than 22 inches.
- **Nov. 1–Jan. 31:** Closed to all fishing in the following areas.
 - » Hickory Tree Bridge upstream to the confluence with Bottom Creek.
 - » Downstream point of Boy's Island (first island downstream of Weaver Pike Bridge) upstream to the top of the first island above Webb Road Bridge.

Fort Patrick Henry Reservoir: Boone dam downstream to Louis Milhorn Bridge on Beulah Church Drive

- 16–22 inch PLR for Rainbow and Brown Trout.
- Seven (7) trout creel limit (all species in combination), only one trout may be longer than 22 inches.

Watauga River: Quality Trout Fishing Area Smallings bridge downstream to CSX railroad bridges

- 14 inch minimum length limit.
- Two (2) trout creel limit.
- Use or possession of any bait is prohibited.
- Trout less than 14 inches may not be in possession.

Horse Creek: Greene County, U.S. Forest Service Boundary Line upstream to the junction of Squibb Creek

- Daily limit: seven (7) trout per day, except from May 1–Sep. 30 daily limit is two (2) trout.

Slickrock Creek: That portion of Slickrock Creek which constitutes the boundary between the states of Tennessee and North Carolina

- Appropriate licenses from TN or NC are valid.
- **Rainbow, Brown and Brook Trout:** Daily limit of 4 in combination with a seven (7) inch minimum length limit.
- Only single-hook artificial lures are permitted. Use or possession of bait or multiple hook lures is prohibited. One single-hook artificial lure separated from a legal lure by a length of line (for example, a dropper fly) is also permitted.

Dillard Ponds

- Four (4) trout per day.
- Each angler limited to one rod or pole.
- Fishing permitted from 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset.

Gatlinburg See page 37

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Most of the streams in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park provide trout fishing opportunities. For detailed fishing information and regulations, contact: Park Headquarters, Gatlinburg, TN 37738; phone 865-436-1200.

Fort Campbell Military Reservation

Several streams on Fort Campbell Military Reservation including Dry Creek, Little West Fork and Fletcher's Fork are stocked with rainbow and brown trout. Special fishing regulations apply and a Post Fishing Permit is required in addition to a valid Tennessee fishing license and trout stamp. For details, contact the Community Recreation Division, Hunting and Fishing Unit, Fort Campbell, KY 42223-5000; phone 270-798-9824. <https://ftcampbell.isportsman.net/Permits.aspx>

Tellico-Citico Permit Areas

AREA	REGULATIONS
Tellico River from its confluence with Turkey Creek upstream to the Tennessee-North Carolina state line. Citico Creek from its confluence with Little Citico Creek upstream to the confluence of North and South Forks of Citico Creek.	Tellico-Citico Permit required March 1 through August 15. Closed on Thursday and Friday during the period March 1 through August 15 (except when national or state holidays fall on Thursday and Friday). From August 16 through the last day of February fishing is allowed every day and Tellico-Citico Permit is not required. Daily creel limit of seven (7) trout, with no length limit. Fishing permitted from 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset. The possession of fishing equipment and/or tackle is prohibited on stream banks except during legal fishing hours. Each angler permitted only one rod or pole. Tellico River from Sourwood Campground upstream to the dam on Tellico River from 30 minutes before official sunrise to 12 p.m. is closed to fishing for individuals 17 and older on Free Fishing Day (which is the first Saturday after the first Monday of the month of June).
Green Cove Pond	Tellico-Citico Permit not required. Daily creel limit of five (5) catfish, with no length limit. Hours open – 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset. Each angler permitted only one rod or pole. Daily creel limit of seven (7) trout, with no length limit.

Wild Trout Streams

WATER	REGULATIONS
North River and tributaries (Monroe County).	Daily creel limit of five (5) trout with no length limit. Only single-hook artificial lures are permitted. Use or possession of bait or multiple hook lures is prohibited. One (1) single-hook artificial lure separated from a legal lure by a length of line (for example: a dropper fly) is also permitted.
Bald River and tributaries (Monroe County).	
Sycamore Creek (tributary to Tellico River in Monroe County) and tributaries.	
Rough Ridge Creek (tributary to Tellico River in Monroe County) and tributaries.	
Laurel Fork and tributaries beginning at the cable crossing 0.5 mile upstream from the USFS Dennis Cove Recreation Area and extending upstream to the USFS boundary (Carter County).	
Beaverdam Creek and tributaries from its confluence with Birch Branch downstream to Tank Hollow Road (USFS Rd. 300) (Johnson County).	
Paint Creek and tributaries from USFS campground upstream to USFS Boundary line south of Highway 70 near Munday Gap (Greene County).	
Rocky Fork and tributaries upstream of Rocky Fork Rd. and State Park Entrance Rd. junction. (Greene/Unicoi Counties).	
Left Prong (tributary to Hampton Creek in Carter County).	
Little Stony Creek and its tributaries upstream of the confluence with Plot Branch (1.3 miles upstream of Hwy 321 crossing).	

Tailwater Trout

TWRA stocks fingerling and adult trout into coldwater tailwaters below dams to provide fishing opportunities. In many tailwaters trout fishing can be good year-round. Trout are stocked routinely during the following months. Use caution below dams. Call TVA at 1-800-238-2264 to check dam discharge and generation schedules (www.tva.com/Environment/Lake-Levels).

	RIVER	BELOW	TROUT SPECIES	STOCKING SCHEDULE
REGION 2	Duck River	Normandy Dam	Rainbow	November through June*
	Elk River	Tims Ford Dam	Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat, & Brook	March through December
	Stones River	J. Percy Priest Dam	Rainbow	December through March*
REGION 3	Caney Fork River	Center Hill Dam	Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat, & Brook	March through December
	Hiwassee River	Apalachia Dam	Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat, & Brook	October through July
	Obey River	Dale Hollow Dam	Rainbow, Brown	January through December
	Ocoee River	Ocoee Dam #1—Parksville	Rainbow	March through May*
REGION 4	Clinch River	Norris Dam	Rainbow, Brown, & Brook	March through August
	Holston River	Cherokee Dam	Rainbow & Brown	November through April
	South Fork Holston River	Boone Dam	Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat, & Brook	March, April, December
	South Fork Holston River	Fort Patrick Henry Dam	Rainbow & Brown	March and April
	South Fork Holston River	S. Holston Dam	Rainbow	March through September
	Watauga River	Wilbur Dam	Rainbow	March through December
	Wilbur Reservoir	Watauga Dam	Rainbow	March through July

*Seasonal fishery – only productive during stocked months.

Gatlinburg Trout Fishing

TWRA and the City of Gatlinburg offer a variety of trout fishing opportunities in four (4) streams. All streams are closed on Thursday each week and a Gatlinburg permit is required (page 10). Some areas are managed especially for children 12 and under. For more information contact the Gatlinburg trout facility at (865) 436-7549.

The taking of trout using a Gatlinburg Permit is allowed only within the designated streams, designated times, and under the restrictions listed in the following paragraphs.

General Streams:

- West Prong Little Pigeon River from Park Boundary to Gnatty Branch except those sections set aside as Children's Streams.
- Dudley Creek from Park Boundary to West Prong Little Pigeon River, except those sections set aside as Children's Streams.
- Roaring Fork from the Park Boundary to West Prong Little Pigeon River.
- Leconte Creek from Painter Branch to West Prong Little Pigeon River.

Children's Streams

(Only children 12 and under may fish, unless otherwise posted.):

- Leconte Creek from Painters Branch upstream to Park Boundary.
- West Prong Little Pigeon River from North Park Lane Bridge (Herbert Holt Park) downstream to Gatlinburg Bypass Bridge.
- Dudley Creek from Highway 441 Bridge to West Prong Little Pigeon River.

Season and Creel Limits:

Fishing permitted year-round, except on Thursday, from 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset. Fishing is permitted with one (1) hand-held rod and single hook only.

Bobby Wilson Free Fishing Day Special Regulation

- On Bobby Wilson Free Fishing Day, the West Prong Little Pigeon River along River Road from Maples Lane upstream to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary (.6 mile) shall be closed to anglers age 16 and over until 11 a.m. local time.

From Dec. 1 through March 31 (all streams):

- Possession of any trout shall be prohibited.
- All trout caught must be immediately returned to the water.
- Use or possession of bait is prohibited. Use or possession of any artificial lures other than single hook artificial flies, spinners, and spoons is prohibited. The use of one dropper fly having a single hook which is separated from a legal lure by a length of line is permissible.

From April 1 through Nov. 30:

- **General Streams:** The creel limit is five (5) trout per day. Bait and artificial lures permitted.
- **Children's Streams:** The creel limit is two (2) per day.
- Total possession limit shall not exceed twice the daily creel limit.
- While fishing or when afield, possession of more than the daily creel limit shall be prohibited, regardless of whether the trout are fresh, stored in an ice chest, in a vehicle, or otherwise preserved.

INFORMATION

Water Release Schedules For Dams

Water release schedules of TVA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dams and observed lake elevations of TVA impoundments can be determined by calling the following number:

1-800-238-2264

<https://www.tva.com/Environment/Lake-Levels>

For lake information on US Army Corps of Engineers impoundments, call:

J. Percy Priest Lake	615-889-1975
Old Hickory Lake	615-822-4846
Cordell Hull Lake	615-735-1034
Center Hill Lake	931-858-3125
Dale Hollow Lake	931-243-3136
Lake Barkley	270-362-4236
Cheatham Lake	615-792-5697

<https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Recreation/>

Tennessee Trout Stocking Schedules

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provide several trout fishing opportunities across Tennessee. The TWRA stocks more than 1.6 million trout in 8 reservoirs, 12 tailwaters, and over 125 ponds, streams, and small lakes across the state to provide convenient family-friendly trout fishing opportunities. Many of these locations are in urban-areas and include walking trails, playgrounds, and pavilions, making them the perfect place to take the family or first-time angler. Stocked trout average 10-12 inches in length with a few big surprises added into the mix. To find a stocking near you, check out TWRA's website at www.tnwildlife.org or call your local TWRA office.

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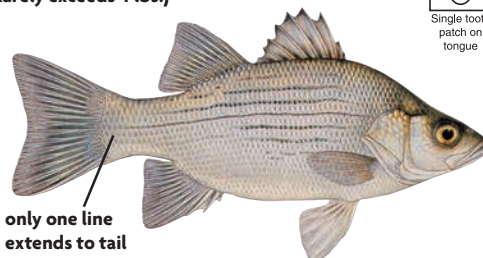
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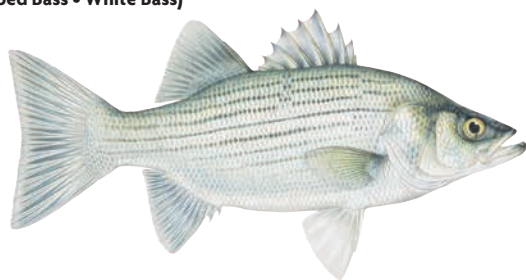
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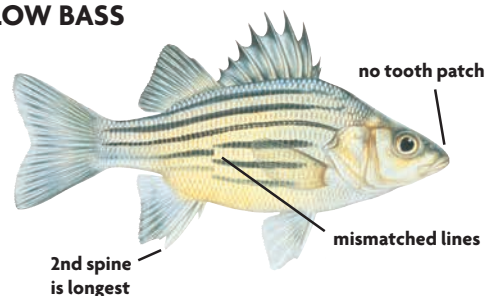


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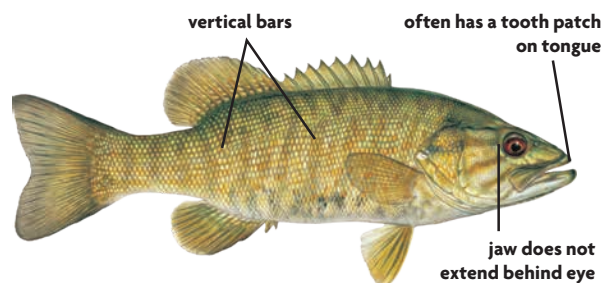
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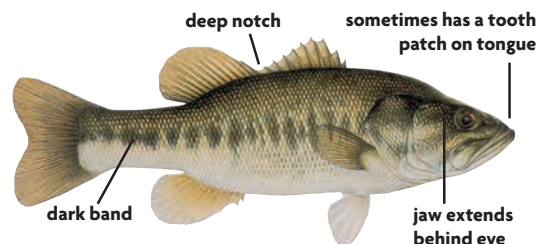
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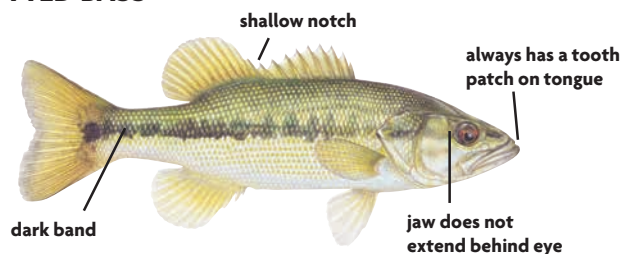
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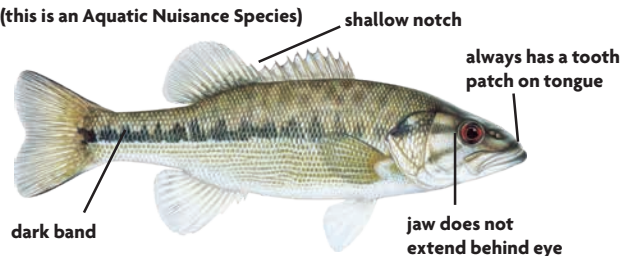


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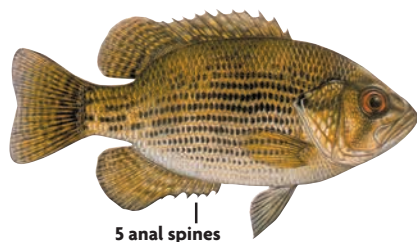


ALABAMA BASS

(this is an Aquatic Nuisance Species)



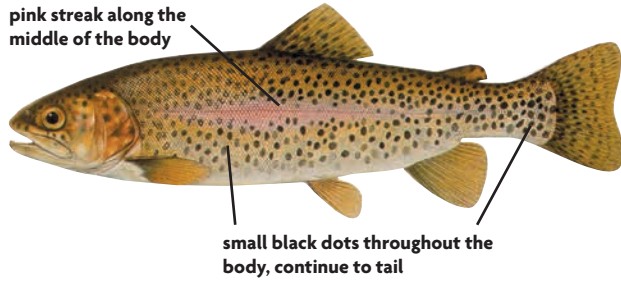
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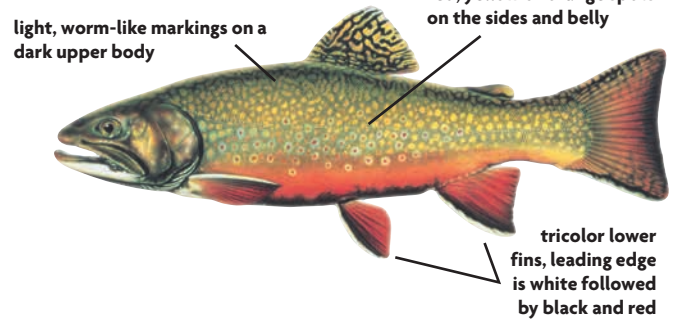
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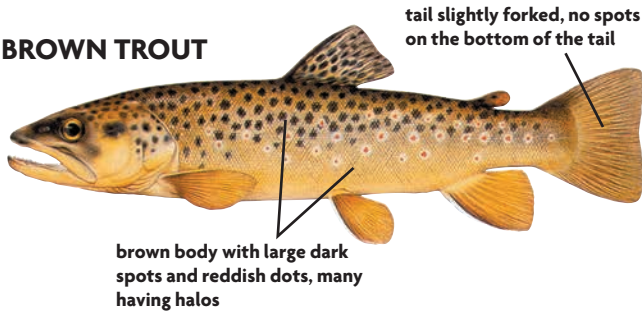
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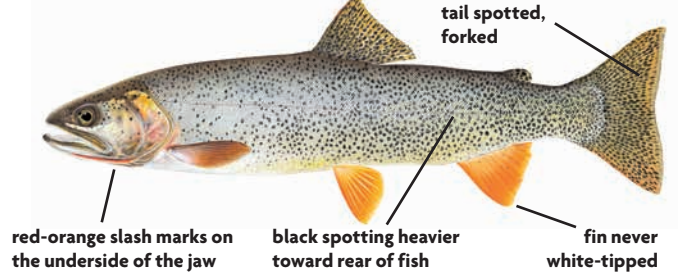
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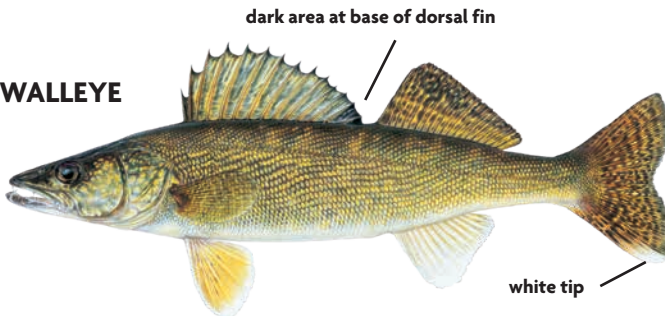
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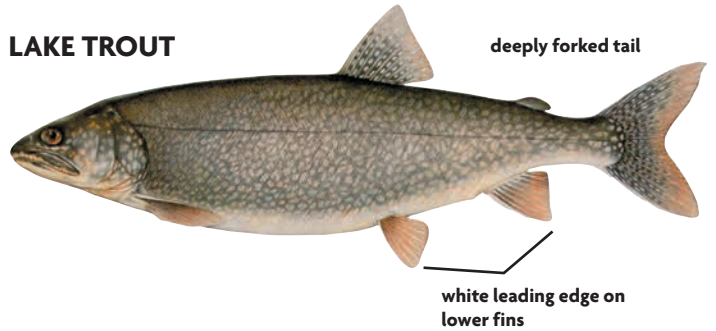
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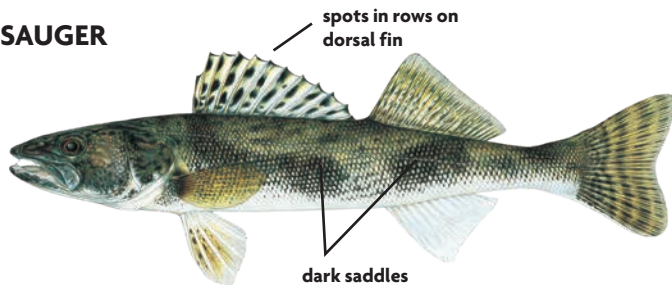
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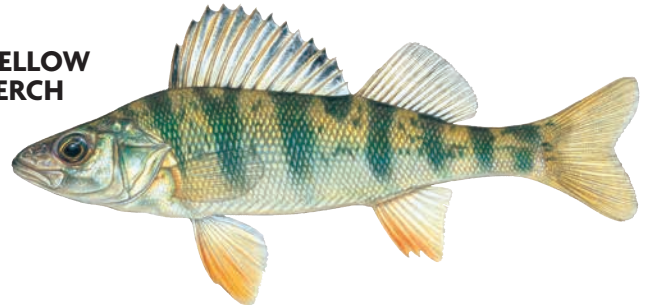
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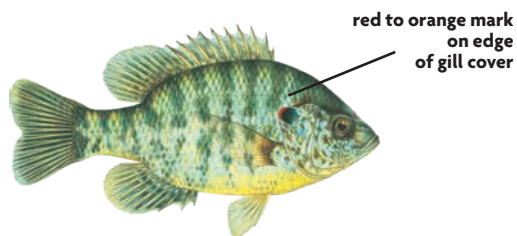
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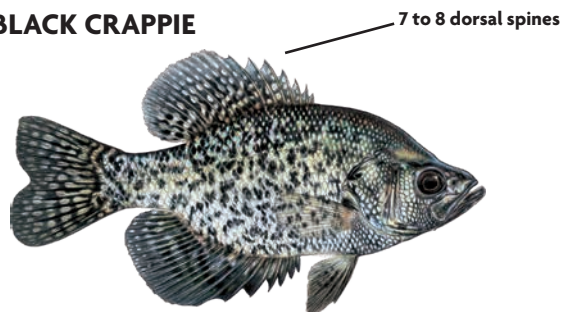
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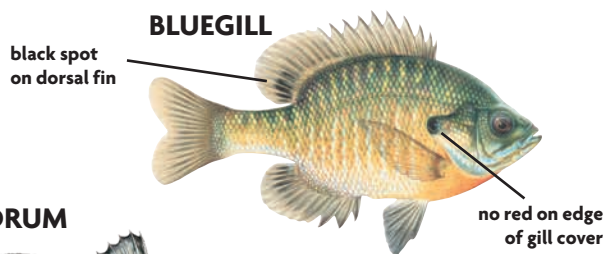
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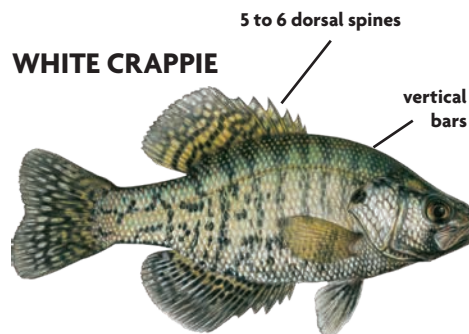
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BLUEGILL



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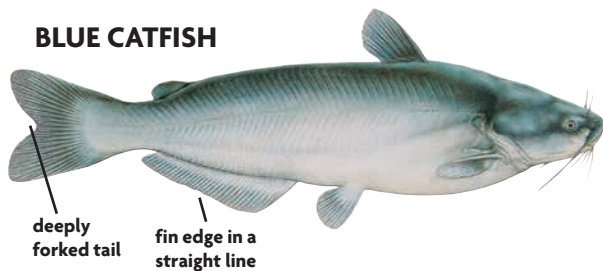
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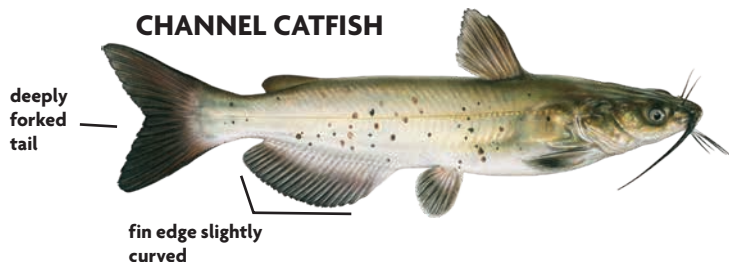
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CHANNEL CATFISH



FLATHEAD CATFISH



LAKE STURGEON



PADDLEFISH



ATTENTION: STOP THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are species outside their native range that can negatively impact aquatic ecosystems, the economy, and/or human health.

AIS Alert: Alabama Bass



Alabama Bass are an invasive species causing major problems in Tennessee waters. They compete with native species and readily hybridize with native Smallmouth and Spotted Bass. Because of their tendency to hybridize and their similarity in appearance with native bass, accurate identification by anglers and biologists alike is difficult, often requiring genetic analysis. As a result, TWRA has recently had to change regulations in waters where these fish are present.

Alabama Bass have been illegally introduced into the Tennessee River system and are now present in waters including Ft. Loudoun, Tellico, Watts Bar, Chickamauga, Nickajack, Pickwick, and Kentucky reservoirs. These fish pose a massive threat to our treasured native bass populations and the economies associated with them. Help prevent further spread of this species in Tennessee. Please **DO NOT MOVE BASS!** It is illegal to stock fish in Tennessee's public waters. Fish should not be released live into Tennessee waters away from where they were captured. Report any illegal stocking activities to your regional poaching hotline.

Do NOT Move Bass!



Invasive species, like Alabama Bass, can destroy native bass populations and alter the ecology of Tennessee's waters, **FOREVER!**

It is illegal to stock live fish into public waters.

Report any information regarding illegal stocking to TWRA Regional Poaching Hotline on page 2.



Learn More

AIS Alert: Silver Carp



TWRA first detected substantial numbers of Silver Carp in the Mississippi River in the early 2000s. Today, Silver Carp are abundant in reservoirs on the lower Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. They are most widespread in Kentucky and Barkley reservoirs and their tributaries, but a few fish have spread through locks and been reported as far upstream as Chickamauga Reservoir on the Tennessee River and up the Cumberland River to Cordell Hull Reservoir.

The expansion of these carp into Tennessee waters is of great concern to TWRA. At high abundance, Silver Carp pose a serious threat to fishing and boating. These fish compete for the same resources as our favorite sport and commercial fish and can cause injury by jumping from the water and colliding with boaters. TWRA is working closely with federal and state partners, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tennessee Valley Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the states of Kentucky, Mississippi, and Alabama, to control the abundance and spread of carp. Ongoing efforts include harvest incentives through Tennessee's commercial fishing program, support for implementing deterrents at priority locations, research into carp movement and behavior patterns, and education.

STATE RECORDS

INFORMATION

How To Be Considered For a State Record Fish

The following criteria must be followed when applying for a state record certificate:

1. State record fish application is available at www.tnwildlife.org under "Fishing".
2. To be considered for a state record certificate, the fish must be weighed on certified scales, or scales "legal for trade." These scales may be found at supermarket meat centers, Farm/Feed stores, UPS/FedEx locations.
3. Two witnesses, one of which must be the scale operator/owner, must fill out and sign Part B of the application certifying that they have observed the declared weight.
4. Only the current species listed in Class A and B, or those approved by TWRA, will be considered for a Tennessee state record fish certification.
5. Ties are accepted, but a new state record will be recognized only if the weight of the fish is one (1) ounce (oz) or more than the weight of the previous state record for that species or recognized hybrid (see #7).
6. It is the responsibility of the angler to contact a TWRA fisheries biologist for positive identification of the fish. The fish must be alive, fresh or frozen until positive species identity can be established. A photograph is not acceptable for identification.
7. Only two hybrid classifications, the striped bass/white bass (Cherokee bass) and the wall-eye/sauger (Saugeye), will be considered for a state record. Applicants must be willing to submit to the professional judgment of the certifying biologist as to the fish's hybrid status.
8. TWRA reserves the right to conduct genetic testing on any fish submitted as a state record to verify its species or hybrid status.
9. The completed application must be forwarded to the TWRA Fisheries Division within 30 days of the catch in order to be considered for a state record certification.

Visit our Website to Find Current State Records

Scan QR code to view a list of all state records.



TENNESSEE ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY. PLEASE PRINT.

Angler's name: _____ Phone number: (_____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Do you qualify for a Master Angler Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E-mail: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Fishing license number (TWRA #): _____

FISH INFORMATION: KIND OF FISH (SPECIES): _____ DATE CAUGHT: _____

Body of water where caught: _____ Was the fish released? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Type of Water: ☐ Pond ☐ Reservoir/Lake ☐ River/Stream Bait: ☐ Natural ☐ Artificial

County: _____ Length of fish (to nearest 1/4 inch): _____ Length certification: (A or B)

A. Witness signature: _____ Phone number: (_____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

B. Photo: Print your name, birth date, and fish species on back of photo and enclose with application.
Photos become property of TWRA and are not returned. Photos may be used in publications.

(Angler sign here) I, _____ hereby affirm that the above information is true and in taking this fish I complied with all state fishing regulations and rules of the Tennessee Angler Recognition Program and that the witness actually witnessed the measuring of the fish and/or the photo is accurate and was not altered in any way.



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TARP
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
P.O. Box 41729
Nashville, TN 37204

Enclose a check or money order for \$5.00 payable to TWRA and mail to:

TENNESSEE ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Tennessee Angler Recognition Program (TARP) gives anglers an opportunity to have their trophy-size fish recognized by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Anglers of any age, who catch large fish that meet or exceed qualifying lengths, can apply. The TWRA Fisheries Management Division sends these accomplished anglers TARP certificates featuring color reproductions of fish artwork by renowned wildlife artist Joseph R. Tomelleri.

The program is designed to acknowledge anglers for outstanding sportfishing accomplishments, to encourage catch and release of trophy size fish and to provide the TWRA with information on large fish caught throughout the state.

Not to be confused with the State Record Fish program, TARP recognizes anglers who catch trophy-size fish that are not necessarily state records.

Trophy Fish/Master Angler Certificates

TARP features five (5) levels of angler recognition. Anglers catching a fish that meets or exceeds the minimum "trophy" length requirements will receive a Trophy Fish certificate. These certificates feature artwork representing the species caught by the applicant. After anglers submit five (5) trophy-size fish, in any combination, a Master Angler Level I certificate and patch will be awarded at no cost to the angler. Anglers submitting five (5) different trophy-size fish will receive a Master Angler Level II certificate and patch. The Master Angler Level III will be awarded to anglers submitting ten different trophy-size fish. In addition to a certificate and patch, the angler will receive a gift card, courtesy of Bass Pro Shops (Kodak, TN). Master Angler IV will be awarded to anglers submitting fifteen different trophy fish. The award will consist of a certificate, patch, and an engraved trophy. The newest level, Master Angler V, will be awarded to anglers submitting twenty different trophy fish, and will receive a certificate, patch, and engraved plaque.

How Do You Qualify?

- The fish must meet or exceed the minimum Trophy Fish Length listed on the right of this page.
- Persons 13 years of age and older must be licensed anglers and must provide their license number (TWRA #) on the application.
- The fish must be caught legally (in accordance with Tennessee Sportfishing Regulations) in Tennessee waters, by sportfishing methods only (rod and reel or cane pole).
- The length of the fish must be verified by either a witness or a photograph. The witness

must complete the section on the application and/or the photo must be of the fish lying flat on top of or beside a flat measuring rule or tape and included with the application. Submitted photos may be used on the TWRA website and in TWRA publications.

If you believe your catch exceeds the current state record for that species, you should immediately contact a TWRA Fisheries Biologist for positive identification of the fish at 615-781-6575.

How Do You Apply?

Use the form located on page 42 or visit gooutdoorstennessee.com to submit an application. Complete one application form for each fish you are registering.

If submitting by mail, you may include more than one application per envelope. A picture can be submitted with the application to verify length. A \$5.00 processing fee is required per application and **mailed within 90 days from the date of catch**. Make check or money order payable to TWRA and mail to the address on the application. **Note: a picture of the fish may be requested/required for any submitted application at the discretion of TWRA.** The processing fee is non-refundable for non-qualifying applications. For further information about TARP or the State Record Fish program, call (615) 781-6575, or visit www.tnwildlife.org.

Measuring Your Fish

Please refer to the instructions on page 15.

Minimum TARP Fish Lengths

SPECIES	LENGTH (INCHES)
Largemouth Bass	22
Spotted Bass	18
Smallmouth Bass	20
Striped Bass	40
Hybrid Striped Bass (Cherokee Bass)	28
White Bass	18
Yellow Bass	11
Black Crappie	14
White Crappie	14
Bluegill	10
Redear Sunfish	11
Rock Bass	10
Sauger	20
Walleye	28
Yellow Perch	11
Muskellunge	40
Brook Trout	10
Brown Trout	26
Rainbow Trout	24
Lake Trout	28
Channel Catfish	28
Blue Catfish	36
Flathead Catfish	36
Common Carp	34
Freshwater Drum	28
Bowfin	26
Longnose Gar	45

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS

What can you do to prevent the spread of whirling disease?

- **CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.** Clean all equipment, such as waders, fishing gear, boats, trailers, and float tubes of mud before leaving an area when fishing. Careful cleaning using disinfectants such as bleach will kill this parasite and many other aquatic nuisance species. Drain water from all motor units, live wells, and buckets.
- **DO NOT** transport live fish from one waterbody to another.
- **DO** dispose of fish parts carefully when cleaning fish (dry disposal in garbage is best).
- **CONTACT US** if you observe signs of whirling disease in fish.
TWRA.WhirlingDisease@tn.gov
Please provide a location and picture of the fish if possible.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!
Be A Good Steward. Clean. Drain. Dry.
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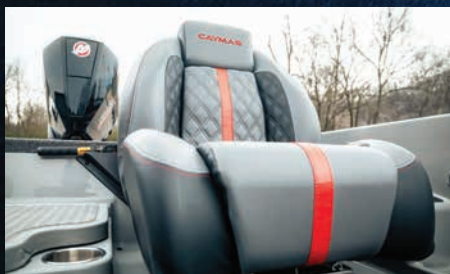
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Beam.....96"

Max Horsepower.....250 HP
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LIVE BAIT

REGULATIONS

The following sections explain which species can be used for bait, and how they can be harvested, sold, and transported. **Under no circumstance shall live fish, crayfish, or salamanders be intentionally released into Tennessee waters away from the waters from which they were harvested.**

For the purposes of these rules, a sport angler shall be defined as anyone who attempts to take, kill, injure, capture, or catch any sport fish and every act of assistance thereof. A bait dealer shall be defined as one who engages in the business of capturing legal species of fish and other aquatic life for the purpose of sale, or one that sells any legal species of fish and other aquatic life for bait. All bait dealers must purchase a Fish Farmer/Catch Out Pond/Bait Dealer License annually, and make all necessary reports as required to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The harvest and use of bait fish by commercial fishers shall be regulated in the commercial fishing proclamation.

A licensed sport angler (with all required licenses and permits) can harvest game fish (including rainbow trout and sunfish) for use as bait using legal sport fishing methods. When harvesting game fish, all restrictions in the sport fishing proclamation apply (including creel and length limits, seasons, and license requirements) for both the waters from which fish are harvested for bait and for waters where they will be used as bait.

Trout harvested in the following waters shall only be used as bait in the water from which the trout were harvested and where bait is permitted:

1. South Fork Holston River from South Holston Dam to Boone Dam;
2. Watauga River from Watauga Dam to Boone Dam;
3. Doe River (Carter Co.); and
4. North River (Monroe Co.).

Class A Bait Fish

The following species may be:

1. Harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait;
2. Imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee as live or dead bait by licensed bait dealers and licensed sport anglers;
3. Harvested and sold in Tennessee by licensed bait dealers. There is no possession limit for Gizzard Shad, Threadfin Shad, Fathead Minnow, Golden Shiner, and Goldfish.

Skipjack Herring* (*Alosa chrysochloris*)
(creel limit of 100 per day; possession limit is 200)



SKIPJACK HERRING

Gizzard Shad* (*Dorosoma cepedianum*)



GIZZARD SHAD

Threadfin Shad* (*Dorosoma petenense*)



THREADFIN SHAD

Fathead Minnow (*Pimephales promelas*)



FATHEAD MINNOW

Golden Shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*)



GOLDEN SHINER

Goldfish (*Carassius auratus*)



GOLDFISH

Sunfishes** (*Lepomis spp.*)



SUNFISHES (BLUEGILL, e.g.)

Rainbow Trout*** (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)



RAINBOW TROUT

* Skipjack Herring, Gizzard Shad, and Threadfin Shad may not be transported away from the water alive from the Mississippi River and Barkley, Kentucky, and Pickwick reservoirs and any tributaries or oxbows of these waters. This restriction does not apply to the Duck River above Normandy Dam.

*** All species in the Genus *Lepomis* may be bought and/or sold subject to the following conditions:

- a. Such fish may be bought and/or sold for bait purposes only.
- b. Such fish bought and/or sold must not be more than four (4) inches in length.

- c. Such fish must have been lawfully taken from privately owned lakes and/or ponds.
- d. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as legalizing the sale of sunfish taken from any stream or public lake.

*** Bait dealers cannot harvest trout from public waters for sale as bait. A licensed sport angler may possess rainbow trout eight (8) inches or less in length without limit for use as bait if purchased from a licensed bait dealer and accompanied by an invoice that was issued by the licensed bait dealer. Such invoices shall be consecutively numbered and must contain the name, license number, and location of the licensed bait dealer, the date of sale or delivery, the number of rainbow trout bought or delivered, and the name and address of the person receiving the rainbow trout. Any person transporting or possessing rainbow trout obtained from a licensed bait dealer for bait must have a copy of this invoice on their person. Rainbow trout larger than eight (8) inches in length may be purchased by sport anglers and used for bait provided compliance with all sport fishing regulations on the waters being fished (including creel and length limits, seasons, and license requirements).

Class B Bait Fish

The following species may be:

1. Harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait;
2. Imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by licensed sport anglers for use as bait. These species shall not be sold. A licensed sport angler shall possess no more than 100 each of the following species:

Stonerollers (*Camptostoma spp.*)



STONEROLLER

Creek Chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*)



CREEK CHUB

Bluntnose Minnow (*Pimephales notatus*)



BLUNTNOSE MINNOW

Bullhead Minnow (*Pimephales vigilax*)



BULLHEAD MINNOW

Class C Bait Fish

Bait fish that are not listed in Class A or B above and are not listed as endangered, threatened, or in need of management may be harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait with the following restrictions:

1. Live specimens shall only be used in the water from which they were harvested;
2. Live specimens shall not be possessed away from the waters from which they were harvested;
3. Live specimens shall not be imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by anyone;
4. Live specimens shall not be sold.

Dead specimens harvested by sport anglers may be moved and used for bait, unless otherwise restricted. Daily creel limit of Class C bait fish is 50 fish in aggregate; 100 fish in aggregate possession limit for live and dead specimens.

Class D Bait Fish

In addition to the provisions of Class A, a licensed bait dealer may also harvest these species to be sold as dead specimens:

- **Brook Silverside** (*Labidesthes sicculus*)
- **Inland Silverside** (*Menidia beryllina*)
- **Silver Carp** (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*)
- **Bighead Carp** (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*)
- **Black Carp** (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*)
- **Grass Carp** (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*)

These carp species may be harvested without limit but cannot be kept alive by any means upon harvest.

A licensed bait dealer may possess and sell any fish species that is not native to Tennessee and is imported in a preserved state (e.g. frozen, salted, pickled, or dried).

Legal Gear for Harvest of Bait

- **Angling:** Use of line with a hook attached to a bait or lure. Angling is the only method approved for the harvest of game fish for use as bait. (e.g. sunfish and trout).
- **Minnow Seine:** A minnow seine consists of a float and lead line to which netting is attached. A minnow seine shall not be longer than 10 feet and the mesh size shall not exceed 3/8 inch on the square. Seines must be constantly attended, and may not be fished in a stationary manner.
- **Minnow/Crayfish Traps:** A trap is hereby defined as a device used for the purpose of catching minnows and crayfish. All traps shall be clearly and legibly labeled with owners name and address, or TWRA identification number.
- **Cast Net:** A cast net is defined as a net having a maximum radius of 10 feet and a mesh

(square measure) of not less than 1/4 inch and not greater than 1 inch on the square.

- **Shad Trawl:** A shad trawl is one having a mesh size no larger than 1 inch, a hoop diameter no larger than 48 inches, and a net length no larger than 72 inches. Only threadfin or gizzard shad shall be taken with a shad trawl and shad trawling is not allowed within 1,000 yards below any dam.
- **Dip Net:** A dip net is a net constructed from natural synthetic fibers, or metal/plastic mesh which is attached to a frame that is attached to a pole.
- **Hand Collection:** Use of hands or non-mechanized hand tools.

Amphibians and Crayfish

Only Northern Dusky and Spotted Dusky salamanders (*Desmognathus fuscus* and *Desmognathus conanti*) and native crayfish species that are not listed as endangered, threatened, or in need of management may be harvested without limit by licensed sport anglers for use as bait. Crayfish and salamanders may be harvested with legal gear listed above.

Amphibians and crayfish species shall not be sold or purchased for bait. Amphibians and crayfish shall not be imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by anyone for bait. The harvest, use, and possession of crayfish is prohibited in the following streams, in all of their tributaries, and on all adjacent banks:

- Mill Creek in Davidson and Williamson counties
- East Fork Stones River in Cannon County
- Hurricane Creek in Cumberland, Fentress, Overton, and Putnam counties
- Roaring Paunch Creek in Scott County
- South Chickamauga Creek in Hamilton County
- Caney Fork River in Cumberland County
- Robinson Creek, Beason Creek (upstream of confluence of North Fork and South Fork), and Owl Creek (upstream of Highway 142) in Hardin and McNairy counties
- Flint River in Lincoln County

- Long Fork, White Oak Creek, and Salt Lick Creek in Macon County. Garrett Creek, Little Trammel Creek, and Middle Fork Drakes Creek in Sumner County
- Shoal Creek system in Lawrence and Wayne counties
- Puncheon Branch in Giles County
- Cypress Creek system in Wayne County
- Gassaway Creek, Little Gassaway Creek, Laurel Creek, and Rogers Branch in Polk County
- Hiwassee River and tributaries upstream of Apalachia powerhouse in Polk County
- Conasauga River system in Bradley and Polk counties
- Big Brush Creek system in Sequatchie County
- Bullpen Branch in Cannon County
- Mountain Creek in Warren County
- Blood River system in Henry County
- North Fork Obion River in Henry County

Crayfish harvested from the following streams and their tributaries shall not be possessed away from the watershed from which they were harvested:

- French Broad River and its tributaries outside Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Holston River and its tributaries
- Clinch River and its tributaries
- Clear Fork and its tributaries in Claiborne and Campbell counties
- Big South Fork of the Cumberland River in Scott County



DUSKY SALAMANDER

Crayfish as Food

Crayfish may be taken from the wild according to rules of live bait for food. Wild caught crayfish may not be sold.

PROTECT TENNESSEE WATERS

Don't Dump Bait

- Always drain bait bucket water on land
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash

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TURTLES

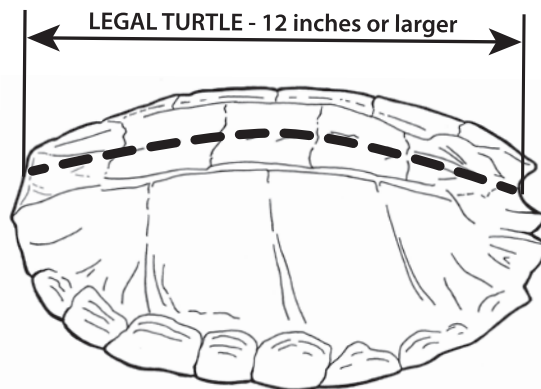
IN TENNESSEE

Turtles

A sport fishing license is required and only the common snapping turtle may be taken. Turtles taken by sport fishing methods may not be sold. Shooting with any type of firearm or air gun is prohibited.

Common snapping turtles may be taken by all legal sport fishing methods except archery, spearguns, and dipping. Daily limit is five (5) with a minimum legal length of 12 inches—length is determined by measuring the upper shell in a straight line from the scute directly behind the turtle's head (nuchal scute) to the base of the notch where the two most posterior scutes meet. Sport fishermen may also take snapping turtles by the use of up to three (3) turtle trap nets, with minimum net size of three (3) inches on the square in Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy, Madison, Obion, Perry, Shelby, Stewart, Tipton, and Weakley counties. Each net must be marked with the owner's name and address or TWRA Identification Number. Each net must be set so that a portion of the catch area is above the water.

No turtle may be possessed while afield which has been altered to the extent that its species or length cannot be determined.



ATTENTION ANGLERS

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is conducting an alligator snapping turtle restoration project in West Tennessee which involves the release of live alligator snapping turtles. Alligator snapping turtles are listed in Tennessee as state threatened and are illegal to take.



ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE ▲

- Alligator snapping turtles have three (3) large prominent ridges along the back and a prominently hooked beak.
- Often reaches weights in excess of 30 pounds.
- Alligator snapping turtles have an extra row of scutes (scales) between the outer scale row and the large center scales.



COMMON SNAPPING TURTLE ▲

- Common snapping turtles have a smoother, rounded shell without the three (3) ridges and weakly hooked beak.
- Rarely exceeds 30 pounds.
- Common snapping turtles do not have the extra row of scutes (scales) between the outer scale row and large central scales.

For more information or to report sightings of alligator snapping turtles, contact TWRA at 731-423-5725, or write to 200 Lowell Thomas Dr., Jackson, TN 38301.

WHAT'S NEW FOR HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

Big Game Hunting

- **Deer season dates:** See page 67.
 - » Deer baiting on private land only: See page 69.
 - » New straight-walled rifle hunting opportunity: See page 50 & 67.
- **CWD Management Zone updates:** See page 68.
- **Turkey season dates:** See page 74.
 - » Earlier spring season start date.
- **Bear season dates:** See page 72.
 - » Longer spring dog training season on private land in BHZ 1, 2, and 3.
- **Elk season dates:** See page 70.
 - » Drone recovery for elk on North Cumberland WMA.

Deer Baiting

- Private land only and county restrictions do apply: See page 69.

Drone Recovery for Deer

- Private land only: See below.

Small Game and Trapping

- Year-round hunting of raccoon and opossum on private land only: See page 62.

- New trapping regulations: See page 62.
- Year-round trapping of striped skunks: See page 62.
- Bobcat - Private lands only season: See page 62, legal weapon allowed: See page 50.

WMA Properties

- New Hatchie River WMA: See page 93.
- Individual WMA regulations begin on page 90

Other Hunting Lands

- Big South Fork hog regulations: See page 87.
- New State Park hunting opportunities: See page 87.

DRONE RECOVERY FOR BIG GAME IN TENNESSEE

(Effective Regulations Overview)

Big Game Drone Recovery: What's Allowed

Drones may be used **only to recover** a deer that is *reasonably believed to be mortally wounded*. Drone operation is limited to **30 minutes after sunset through 3:00 AM** and must occur **only over private property** with full landowner permission.

Quota elk hunters may utilize a drone on North Cumberland WMA to recover elk with manager approval.

All pilots must hold a **current FAA Remote Pilot Certificate**, and drones must be equipped with **thermal imaging capability**. Neither the pilot nor the hunter may possess a hunting weapon during drone use. These rules apply only to recovery—**drones may not be used to hunt wildlife** nor to provide an unfair advantage.

Commercial Operators Requirements

Commercial drone recovery operators must complete a **one-time, no fee registration** at www.tn.gov/twra/hunting.html. Registration includes:

- Contact information
- FAA Remote Pilot Certificate number
- Region(s) of operation or statewide designation

Before each recovery attempt, commercial operators must submit:

- FAA Remote Pilot Certificate number
- Drone registration number
- Hunter name and/or TWRA ID
- Recovery address

Commercial operators must also submit **post attempt reporting**.

Private Landowners & Non-Commercial Hunters

Those using drones **for non-commercial purposes** do **not** have to report through ReadyOp. They must still follow all other drone recovery regulations, including certification, time restrictions, and landowner permission.



Important Reminder

Drones **cannot be used to hunt wildlife** under any circumstance.

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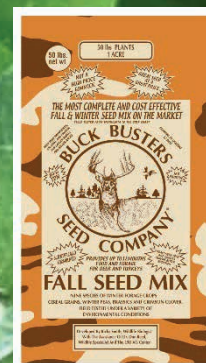
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Legal Hunting Devices

All firearms, hunting devices, and ammunition listed in the below table are legal for hunting purposes for the individual species as listed. If a firearm, hunting device, or ammunition is not listed in the below table it is illegal for hunting within the State of Tennessee. Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) may have additional restrictions on 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 ^{1,11}	No
Rifles and handguns using rimfire ammunition and air guns .25 caliber or smaller	No	No	No	No	No	Yes ¹¹	Yes
Rifles and handguns using centerfire ammunition (full metal jacketed ammunition prohibited)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes ^{1,5,11}	No
Single-shot rifles using straight-wall cartridge ammunition that, as manufactured, are not capable of containing multiple rounds, .35 caliber or larger	Yes ¹²	Yes ¹²	Yes ¹²	No	No	Yes ^{1,5,12}	No
Muzzleloading firearms (rifles and handguns) .36 caliber or larger	Yes ⁷	Yes ⁷	Yes ⁷	No	No	Yes ^{1,7,11}	Yes ^{1,7}
Muzzleloading firearms (rifles and handguns) less than .36 caliber	No	No	No	No	No	Yes ^{7,11}	Yes ⁷
Air guns .35 caliber or larger	Yes ⁸	Yes ⁸	Yes ⁸	No	No	Yes ^{1,8,11}	No
Pre-charged pneumatic gun which shoots an arrow (special conditions apply)	Yes ^{9,10}	Yes ^{9,10}	Yes ^{9,10}	Yes ^{9,10}	No	Yes ^{1,9,11}	No
Archery equipment (longbows, recurves, compounds, and crossbows)	Yes ²	Yes ²	Yes ²	Yes ²	Yes	Yes ¹¹	Yes
Raptors that are legally possessed under a valid falconry permit	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes ¹¹	Yes

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 52).
2. Hunting arrows and bolts must be equipped with sharpened broadheads.
3. Waterfowl and sandhill cranes 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 and sandhill cranes, may only be hunted with ammunition loaded with Number 4 or smaller shot size.
7. Muzzleloading firearms are defined as those firearms in which a projectile (rifle) or projectiles (shotgun) must be loaded from the muzzle (front) end of the barrel and the firearm being of design and manufacture that prevents the projectile(s) from being loaded from the breech (rear) end.
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. Persons possessing a permanent disabled license (Annual Resident Hunting & Fishing Disabled Under 18, Permanent Resident Hunting & Fishing Intellectually Disabled, Permanent Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing, Permanent DAV Hunting and Fishing) 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.
10. 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.
11. Except hunting devices and ammunition are not allowed during the night-time coyote and bobcat only season. Buckshot and smaller shot is allowed.
12. A straight-walled cartridge is defined as a centerfire metallic cartridge that does not substantially taper from base to mouth that is .35 caliber or larger.

Prohibited Acts

1. Possession of ammunition except what is specifically authorized is prohibited while hunting.
2. On WMAs and public lands only, 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. A dog on a leash may be used to track a legally wounded deer or elk as long as such tracking is conducted consistent with TWRA Rule & Reg. 1660-01-33-.01. Tracking must be concluded at midnight local time.
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 hunt wildlife unless the bait has been removed and any electronic feeder disabled at least 10 days prior to hunting, except pursuant to a deer bait privilege license and its requirements of use as detailed in TWRA Rule & Reg. 1660-01-06, Governing Deer Bait Privilege License, see page 69. See page 68 for CWD info.
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. Chasing coyote and

bobcat with dogs during the night-time coyote and bobcat season is prohibited.

7. UAV (unmanned aerial vehicles), or drones, cannot be used to hunt wildlife, under any circumstances. A UAV may be used to locate wounded or dead deer thirty (30) minutes after sunset to 3 a.m. local time over private lands only. See TWRA Rule & Reg. 1660-01-33-.02 Deer Recovery Using Unmanned Aircraft.
8. Use or possession of the following equipment is prohibited:
 - a. Predator calls while night hunting except during the night-time coyote and bobcat season.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Explosive arrowheads and explosive broadheads are strictly prohibited.
 - d. Firearms capable of fully automatic fire.
 - e. Firearms or archery equipment with any device utilizing an artificial light capable of locating wildlife except for shotguns during the night-time coyote and bobcat season.
 - f. Any electronic light amplifying night vision scope, thermal imaging device, or other similar devices while in possession of a firearm or archery tackle between sunset and sunrise except for shotguns during the night-time coyote and bobcat season (lights cannot be from or attached to a mechanized/motorized vehicle or cast from a public road). Hunting with dogs prohibited.
 - g. Electronic calls or live decoys while hunting wild turkey, foxes, and waterfowl (except electronic calls are legal during the Conservation Season for Blue, Snow, and Ross' geese).
 - h. Rifles or handguns with full metal jacketed ammunition.
 - i. Rifles or handguns with centerfire ammunition between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise except for shotguns during the night-time coyote and bobcat season.
 - j. 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, sandhill cranes, coots, gallinules, Virginia rails, and sora rails.
 - k. Tracer ammunition prohibited.
 - l. 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:
 - i. Complies with a federal or a federally approved chronic wasting disease herd certification program and any federal chronic wasting disease protocols and record requirements.
 - ii. Does not allow importation of live cervids.
 - iii. Requires that all cervids exported from the facility be tested for chronic wasting disease upon death and the results are reported to the facility.
 - iv. Is inspected annually by an accredited veterinarian, including inspection of the herd and applicable Federal and State records.

- v. 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 chronic wasting disease, is double fenced to prevent direct contact between captive and wild cervids.
- vi. Requires an accredited veterinarian to conduct a 100% herd inspection at a minimum of every 3 years; and
- vii. Prior to distribution, tests each lot/batch of cervid collected urine used in a scent product via the Real Time Quaking Induced Conversion (RT-QulC) assay for the presence of chronic wasting disease prions.
9. Centerfire or muzzleloading rifles possessed by an individual 17 years of age or older for the purpose of hunting furbearers during the young sportsman deer and bear hunts.
10. On WMA lands the practice of fanning or reaping is prohibited. Fanning/reaping is defined as hunting or stalking wild turkeys while holding or using for hunter concealment any of the following items: a tail fan, a partial or full decoy with a tail fan, or a tail fan mounted to a firearm. Tail fans include those made of real or synthetic feathers or an image or likeness of a tail fan applied to any material.
11. During the night-time coyote and bobcat season, only shotguns can be used and single projectile ammunition is prohibited.

Legal Trapping Devices and Definitions

1. DEFINITIONS:

- a. A "water set" is defined as a trap set at least partially in water adjacent to and part of streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands, or other water courses, which for purposes of this definition, includes "floating sets".
- b. A "submersion set" is defined as a water set anchored in such a way as to prevent the caught animal from resurfacing once it has submerged.
- c. A "land set" is defined as any trap set that does not otherwise meet the definition of a water set.
- d. A "cage trap" is defined as a trap that acts as a cage after capture. Cage traps are legal for taking any species of wildlife listed as having a trapping season.
2. All traps and snares shall be marked with a tag bearing the trapper's first and last name or TWRA ID number.
3. For water sets, steel foothold traps must have an exterior jaw measurement of nine (9) inches or less measured at the hinge of the trap; steel rectangular body grip traps must have an interior jaw measurement of sixteen (16) inches or less measured on the longest side; and steel circular body grip traps must have an interior

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jaw measurement of twelve (12) inches or less measured at the widest point.

4. For land sets adjacent to waterways – which may be set no more than fifty (50) feet from the shoreline – a trapper may use a body grip trap 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.
5. For land sets, steel foothold traps must have an exterior jaw measurement of seven (7) inches or less measured at the hinge of the trap and a jaw thickness of one-fourth (1/4) of an inch or more along the entirety of the catch surface. A trapper may use cushion-hold traps, laminated jaw traps, offset wide jaw traps, offset laminated jaw traps, wide jaw traps, and double-jaw traps to meet this jaw thickness requirement.
6. 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.
7. 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. It is unlawful to place steel traps in the open, except as described for water sets, sets adjacent to water, and land sets.
8. Lethal sets such as body grip traps and submersion sets must be inspected at least every seventy-two (72) hours. All other sets must be inspected every thirty-six (36) hours. Use of a cellular trail camera is authorized to inspect traps, provided the camera is triggered remotely within the prescribed intervals. Any wildlife caught in traps shall be dispatched or released where caught within the prescribed inspection interval.
9. All traps shall be attached to a stake, drag, or anchor with chain, wire at least sixteen (16) gauge in size, or cable at least 1/16 inch in size.
10. Commercially available enclosed foothold ("dogproof") traps are legal for trapping.
11. Attractants, lures, and baits are authorized in conjunction with legal trapping devices. This may include prepared foodstuffs, animal parts, and scented trapping lures except as prohibited above. Bait must be concealed within the trap or a dirt hole.

Legal Hunting Hours

1. All big game and small game species (except bullfrogs, raccoons, opossums, the chasing of foxes and rabbits, and coyote and bobcat during the night-time season) are daylight hours only (30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset) except turkey and migratory birds which ends at official sunset.

Exceptions for migratory birds include sandhill cranes, which begin at sunrise and end at 3 p.m., as well as the opening day of dove season, which opens at noon.

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:
 - » Landowners hunting on their own land;
 - » Residents of Tennessee under 13 years of age;
 - » 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 (engine may be running). Nothing in this subsection (1) shall be construed as authorizing hunting from a vessel, automobile or other motor vehicle while under power. Nothing in this subsection permits hunting from or across a public road or right-of-way.
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 hunting device. 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. Straight-walled cartridges are legal during gun season.
6. In accordance with state and federal law, persons may possess handguns in addition to legal weapons used for hunting 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 air guns .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 hunting device 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 who is 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.
12. The night-time coyote and bobcat season is only allowed on private lands. Each hunter must be in possession of landowner permission (written, text, or email).
13. UAVs, or drones, may be used to locate a legally wounded or dead elk, thirty (30) minutes after sunset to 3 a.m. local time with approval from the area manager during the elk hunting season on the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area.

Tennessee Young Sportsman Hunts



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Youth ages 6–16 may participate in Young Sportsman Hunts (excluding elk hunts—see the elk hunting section). 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 who must also comply with fluorescent orange/pink regulations as specified for legal hunters during deer and bear hunts. Multiple youth may be accompanied by a single non-hunting adult.

Youths ages 6–9 are not required to have a license or hunter's education certification. Youths 10–16 must meet hunter education requirements or have an Apprentice Hunter Education Permit. Youths 13–15 must also have a valid hunting license and a Migratory Bird Permit if hunting migratory birds. Youths 16 and over must have a license and the appropriate supplemental license (Waterfowl, Gun, Muzzleloader, or Archery) and a Federal Duck Stamp if hunting waterfowl. Everyone who hunts on a WMA is required to have a WMA permit except Sportsman License holders and youths under 16 hunting small game and waterfowl when accompanied by an adult with a valid permit.

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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 a bear accidentally killed by a motor vehicle is only lawful once a TWRA enforcement officer issues a possession tag for it.

Hunting Hours

All big game and small game species (except bullfrogs, raccoons, opossums, the chasing of foxes and rabbits, and coyote and bobcat during the night-time season) are daylight hours only (30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset) except turkey and migratory birds which ends at official sunset. Exceptions for migratory birds include sandhill cranes, which begin at sunrise and end at 3 p.m., as well as the opening day of dove season, which opens at noon.

Hunting and Trapping on Private Land

In Tennessee, state wildlife laws require hunters and trappers to obtain permission from landowners to hunt or trap on 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 on page 120 of this guide or 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, it is legal to hunt from any motorized vehicle (to include ATVs, golf carts, etc.), provided the vehicle is stationary (engine may be running). Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing hunting from a vessel, automobile or other motor vehicle while under power. Nothing in this subsection permits hunting from or across a public road or right-of-way.

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

A person may possess a handgun at any time while lawfully 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. 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.

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	Third Sat. before Thanksgiving
Deer/Gun	Sat. before Thanksgiving
Deer/Young Sportsman	Last Sat. in Oct. First Sat. after the close of gun season
Spring Turkey	Sat. before April 10
Turkey/Young Sportsman	Sat. and Sun. before Spring Turkey opens

DUCK & SANDHILL CRANE

HUNTING REGULATIONS

2026-27 Duck Seasons and Bag Limits

WMA waterfowl draw hunt applications have a 4-person minimum party size and 8-adult maximum, see Page 84.

Early Application Dates: Sept. 23–Oct. 13 Includes hunt days: Nov. 28–29, Dec. 5–21	Mid Application Dates: Oct. 21–Nov. 10 Includes hunt days: Dec. 22–Jan. 11	Late Application Dates: Nov. 18–Dec. 8 Includes hunt days: Jan. 12–31	Season Long Application Dates: June 24–July 15 Tier 1 Blind Hunt Dates: Nov. 28–29, Dec. 5–Jan. 31
SPECIES	STATEWIDE	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Wood Duck & Teal	Sept. 12–16	The daily bag limit of ducks is 6 birds/day which 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.
Ducks, Coot & Mergansers	Nov. 28–29 Dec. 5–Jan. 31	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, 3 pintails, and 1 mottled duck. The daily bag limit for scaup is 1 scaup from Nov. 28–29 and Dec. 5–17 then 2 scaup from Dec. 18 to Jan. 31. Mergansers: 5 (only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers)	
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season*	Feb. 6 and 13	Same as regular season daily bag limits.	
Veterans and Active Military Personnel**	Feb. 7 and 14	Same as regular season daily bag limits.	

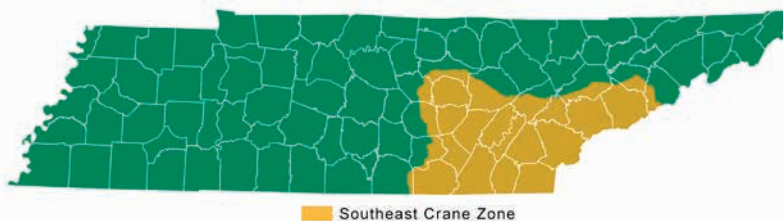
* Only youth hunters from ages 6–16 may harvest coot, gallinule, moorhen, ducks, mergansers, and geese during the Youth Waterfowl hunt days. Youth aged 16 are still required to possess a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp). Non-hunting adults at least 21 years 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. During the Veterans and Active Military Personnel waterfowl season, non-veteran or non-active duty personnel may be present; however, only veterans or active military persons may hunt. When other migratory gamebird seasons are open during the Veterans and Active Military Personnel waterfowl season, any properly licensed youth or adult not accompanied by veterans or active military may harvest legal game.

2026-27 Sandhill Crane Seasons and Bag Limits *Sandhill Crane hunting only allowed by quota permit holders.*

SPECIES	STATEWIDE	SOUTHEAST CRANE ZONE SOUTH OF INTERSTATE 40 AND EAST OF HIGHWAY 56	DAILY BAG LIMIT AND POSSESSION LIMIT*
Sandhill Crane	Dec. 3–Jan. 31. Tags are valid statewide, including the Southeast Crane Zone, except during the three (3) day closure in that zone from Jan. 15–17, 2027.	Dec. 3–Jan. 14, 2027 Jan. 18–31, 2027	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 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. Before hunting sandhill cranes, you must pass TWRA ID exam on tnwildlife.org.



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

Hunting Hours: Hunting hours for sandhill cranes are from sunrise until 3:00 p.m. local time.

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

GEESE

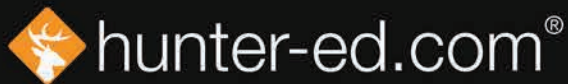
HUNTING REGULATIONS

Goose Seasons and Bag Limits

SPECIES	STATEWIDE	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Canada Goose	Sept. 1–20	5	The possession limit for Canada goose, white-fronted goose, and brant 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.
	Oct. 10–22	3	
Nov. 28–29			
Dec. 5–Feb. 14			
White-Fronted Goose	Nov. 28–29	3	
	Dec. 5–Feb. 14		
Brant	Sept. 1–20	1	
	Oct. 10–22		
	Nov. 28–29		
	Dec. 5–Feb. 14		
Blue, Snow & Ross's Geese (Light Geese)	Standard federal regulations apply (unplugged shotguns and electronic calls NOT allowed)	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 (2) times the daily bag limit, respectively.
	Sept. 1–20		
	Oct. 10–22		
	Nov. 28–29		
	Dec. 5–Feb. 14		
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–Mar. 31	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 at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com. No Federal or state waterfowl stamps are required to hunt during the Conservation Season. Hunters must possess a Tennessee Light Goose Conservation Season Permit and have a valid hunting license, but the license may be from any state. A post-season survey is required.





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FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS

In addition to state regulations, the following federal rules apply to taking, possessing, shipping, transporting, and storing 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 (3) 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 furlled 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, 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 or an E-stamp, now valid for full season.

Caution

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

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Migratory Bird Seasons

Migratory bird seasons are subject to change by federal framework; check the 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	Sept. 1	Sept. 7	no limit
	Sept. 11 ³	Dec. 20 ³	
	Jan. 1, 2027	Feb. 28, 2027	
	June 11, 2027 ³	July 11, 2027 ³	
Rails (Virginia and Sora) ¹	Sept. 1	Nov. 9	25
Snipe ¹	Nov. 14	Feb. 28	8

1. Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit required.

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.

ATTENTION HUNTERS

Reporting Banded Birds

The USGS Patuxent Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) encourages hunters to report banded birds. Band reports must be submitted through the mobile-friendly website, www.reportband.gov, by persons in the U.S. and other countries, aside from Canada.

The BBL encourages everyone reporting a band to use www.reportband.gov. 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 and its many partners, by continuing to report your band recoveries.

To Report Recovered Duck and Goose Bands:

www.reportband.gov

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 tungsten-tin-iron-nickel) are legal for waterfowl and sandhill crane hunting. A complete list is available at www.FWS.gov.

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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SMALL GAME

HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

Hunting Seasons

All hunting seasons are closed unless opened by specific Tennessee Fish and Wildlife 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 and during the night hunting season for coyote and bobcat.

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 11) is required. Refer to specific WMA listings for WMA dog training seasons. See page 73 for other bear dog training. The taking of animals during dog training is prohibited.

Raccoon Dog Training

Year-round: Refer to specific WMA listings for raccoon dog training seasons. The taking of animals during dog training is prohibited.

Raccoon and Opossum Hunting

Opossum can be taken during the raccoon hunting season. For purposes of determination of bag limit, night is defined as one 24-hour period commencing at sunset.

Private Land Season - Open year-round. Bag limit is 4 per person per night. Refer to specific WMA listings for raccoon and opossum hunting seasons.

Ruffed Grouse Survey

TWRA wants to better understand ruffed grouse populations and habitat use. Please take a minute to submit photographs of rump feathers, wings, crop contents, and associated harvest information.

Scan the QR code to begin survey or visit:

https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/grouse_survey



Small Game Regulations

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	DAILY BAG
Hunting			
Squirrel	Aug. 22	March 15	10
Spring Squirrel 2027	May 8	June 13	10
Rabbit	Nov. 7	Feb. 28	5
Grouse	Oct. 10	Feb. 28	3
Quail ¹	Nov. 7	Feb. 28	6
Beaver	year-round		None
Coyote	year-round		None
Groundhog	year-round		None
Striped Skunk	year-round		None
Armadillo	year-round		None
Fox	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	None
Mink	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	None
Muskrat	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	None
Otter ²	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	None
Least Weasel	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	None
Raccoon Private Lands Only	year-round		4
Raccoon Taking Season	Sept. 18 Sunset	March 15	4
Opossum Private Lands Only	year-round		4
Opossum Taking Season	Sept. 18 Sunset	March 15	4
Bobcat ³ Private Lands Only	Sept. 26	Nov. 19	1
Bobcat ³	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	1
Bullfrog	year-round	Except state lakes ⁴	20
Trapping			
Beaver	year-round		None
Coyote	year-round		None
Groundhog	year-round		None
Opossum	year-round		None
Raccoon	year-round		None
Striped Skunk	year-round		None
Fox	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	None
Mink	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	None
Muskrat	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	None
Otter ²	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	None
Least Weasel	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	None
Bobcat ³	Nov. 20	Feb. 28	None

1 Quail season is Nov. 1–Jan. 15 on wildlife management areas unless otherwise noted.

2 All river otters harvested must be tagged with Tennessee U. S. CITES tags. Contact your regional TWRA office for instructions.

3 Bobcat pelts must be tagged with Tennessee U.S. CITES tags before being exported from the U. S. Contact your regional TWRA office for instructions.

4 Bullfrog season is June 1–30 on TWRA-managed lakes. Firearms are prohibited, but airguns are permitted. No WMA permit is required.

NIGHT HUNTING SEASON

FOR COYOTE AND BOBCAT

2026 Season Dates: June 6–Aug. 9

2027 Season Dates: Jan. 16–Mar. 14
June 5–Aug. 8

Legal Hours: 30 minutes after sunset to
30 minutes before sunrise.

- Private land only, requires landowner permission (written, text, or email).
- Shotgun only, no single projectile. Buckshot and smaller shot allowed.
- Spotlights, night vision, and thermal imaging devices allowed. Lights cannot be from or attached to a motorized vehicle or cast from a public road.
- One bobcat per night, no limit on coyotes.
- Hunting with dogs prohibited.



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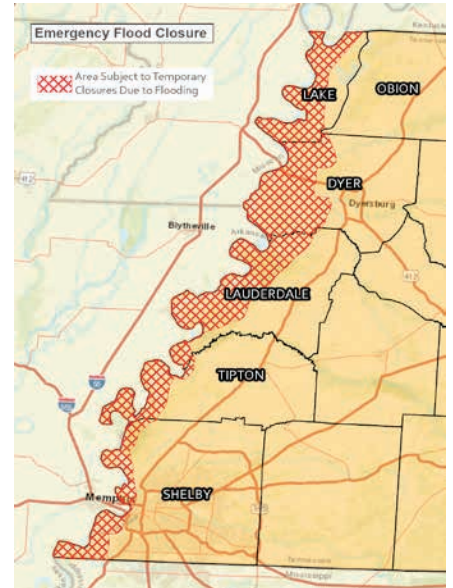
Fluorescent Orange/Pink: Hunters must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent (blaze) orange/pink, visible front and back while hunting big game except on archery-only and turkey hunts. In those areas where the archery-only deer season dates overlap with another big game gun season (i.e., bear), archers are required to wear 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange/pink. **A hat combined with a vest fulfill fluorescent requirements.**

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 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 reaches 34 ft. at the Caruthersville gauge, 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.



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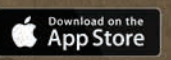
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BIG GAME CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

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.

- Big game must be checked in by midnight on the day of harvest and before being gifted to another person or leaving the state.
- A 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.
 - » 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 75 lbs.
 - » For elk checking requirements see page 70.

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, the harvest confirmation number 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, the TWRA On The Go mobile app 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!

The TWRA On The Go app works even when you're out of cell signal range. Just check in your harvest on location, and a harvest confirmation number will be generated. Your information will be automatically submitted to TWRA when you open the app in signal range. Please do not submit the same harvest twice, and double-check your harvest log for duplicate entries.



Tagging & Check-in Instructions

Have the *TWRA on the Go* mobile app?

YES

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.

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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 GoOutdoorsTN.com. Cut out the tag and attach it to the animal. (Try using a zip-tie and sealable plastic bag). Then, Check-in Your Harvest before midnight on the day of harvest. Check-in one of three (3) ways:

1. Check-in Station: <https://bit.ly/TagBeforeYouDrag>
2. On the Internet
3. Mobile App

(For all three (3) methods, keep record of your harvest confirmation number).
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DEER

HUNTING REGULATIONS

White-tailed Deer Management Units (DMUs)

Unit 1

Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lauderdale, Lake, Madison, McNairy, Obion, Shelby, Tipton, and Weakley counties.

Unit 2

Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Giles, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lincoln, Lewis, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Perry, Robertson, Stewart, Sumner, Wayne, and Williamson counties.

Unit 3

Bedford, Cannon, Clay, Coffee, DeKalb, Franklin, Jackson, Macon, Moore, Overton, Putnam, Rutherford, Smith, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, White, and Wilson counties.

Unit 4

Anderson, Bledsoe, Campbell, Claiborne, Cumberland, Fentress, Grainger, Grundy, Hancock, Morgan, Pickett, Scott, Sequatchie, and Union counties.

Unit 5

Bradley, Hamilton, Loudon, Knox, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Rhea, and Roane counties.

Unit 6

Blount, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Monroe, Polk, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties.

Deer Definitions 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.

Antlered Bag Limit: Two (2) antlered deer (one per day, not to exceed 2 for the season). The bag limit of two (2) antlered deer may be exceeded if taken as a bonus deer (only on certain WMAs), under the Earn-A-Buck program in a CWD positive county (See page 68), or as a replacement buck (See page 68).

Antlerless Bag Limit: Hunters may harvest up to the unit antlerless bag limit in each DMU. Moving to a different county within the same DMU does not increase the hunter's bag limit.

To find a list of CWD positive counties, visit www.CWDinTennessee.com. Archery equipment is legal during muzzleloader and gun seasons. Muzzleloading equipment is legal during gun season. Straight-wall rifles can be used during the 2nd week of muzzleloader season on private land only.

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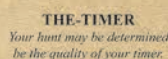
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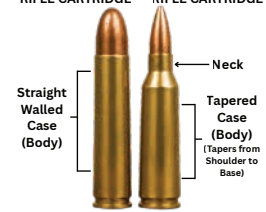


Deer Seasons and Bag Limits

SEASON	SEASON DATES	STATEWIDE ANTLERED BAG LIMIT	UNITS 1, 2, & 3 ANTLERLESS BAG LIMITS	UNITS 4, 5, & 6 ANTLERLESS BAG LIMITS
August ¹	Aug. 28–Aug. 30	2 (1/day) ³	No antlerless harvest	No antlerless harvest
Young Sportsman ² (G/M/A)	Oct. 31–Nov. 1; Jan. 9–10, 2027		3/day	2
Archery (A)	Sept. 26–Oct. 30; Nov. 2–Nov. 6			4
Muzzleloader/Archery (M/A)	Nov. 7–Nov. 20			2
Single shot, straight-walled cartridge rifles, on Private Lands Only ⁴	Nov. 14–20			2
Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (G/M/A)	Nov. 21–Jan. 3, 2027			

- 1 Archery only. Private lands and select Unit 1 WMAs only. See individual WMA regulations.
- 2 Youths 6–16 years of age may participate using gun, muzzleloader, or archery equipment (G/M/A). 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/pink regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single, qualifying adult. Antlerless bag limits for Units 4, 5, and 6 are not to exceed a total of 2 antlerless deer for the four (4) days combined.
- 3 Bag limit may be exceeded only if taken as a bonus deer (only on certain WMAs), under the Earn-A-Buck program in a CWD-positive county, or as a Replacement Buck.
- 4 Single shot rifles using straight-wall cartridge ammunition that, as manufactured, are not capable of containing multiple rounds, .35 caliber or larger, are legal to be used on private lands only Nov. 14–Nov. 20. Harvested deer count toward the muzzleloader season bag limit.

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CWD IN TENNESSEE

CWD Management Zone: Carcass Transport Regulations

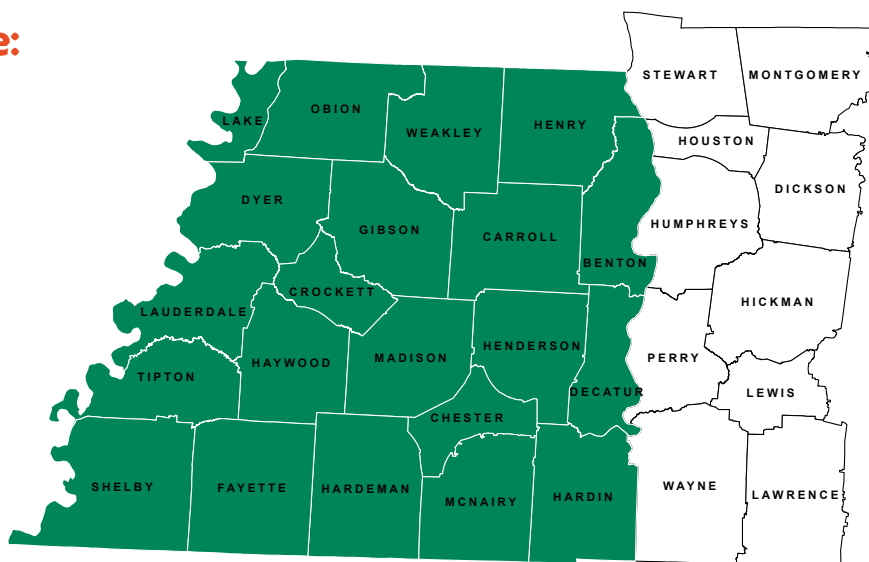
These restrictions have been put in place to reduce the spread of chronic wasting disease outside of the primary affected region. Restricting wide-ranging carcass movement can lower the risk of an infected deer carcass becoming a source of infection in a new area.

Deer carcass transportation restrictions apply to the CWD Management Zone. **All other regulations (e.g., DMU, season dates, bag limits, etc.) remain the same unless changed by TFWC.**

To find a list of CWD positive counties, visit CWDinTennessee.com.



List of current CWD-positive counties



■ CWD Management Zone

Carcass Transport Restrictions

Only approved parts may be moved out of the CWD Management Zone.

- Deer carcasses can move within and between counties in the CWD Management Zone.
- Once a carcass is brought into the CWD Management Zone, it cannot be moved out of the zone.
- Approved parts are free to be transported anywhere statewide.

APPROVED PARTS

- Deboned meat
- Antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates, cleaned skulls (where no meat or tissues are attached to the skull)
- Cleaned teeth
- Finished taxidermy and antler products
- Hides and tanned products

EXAMPLES OF UNAPPROVED PARTS

- Whole and field-dressed carcasses
- Organs, guts
- Uncleaned (meat and/or tissue are present) heads/skulls/skull caps
- Non-muscular tissue

TN residents hunting out of state - Only approved parts (i.e., deboned meat, antlers, cleaned skulls, skull caps and teeth, 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 and elk carcasses back to your home state. Check the regulations of your home state and of those states you may travel through to return home.

Harvest Incentive Programs

Assist with CWD management by harvesting more deer and submitting samples for testing:

REPLACEMENT BUCKS

- Upon official notice from TWRA of a CWD-positive antlered deer, hunters may harvest a replacement buck.
- Replacement bucks must be harvested within a CWD-positive county.
- Replacement bucks must be harvested during the current or following year's deer season.
- There is no limit on the number of replacement bucks.

EARN-A-BUCK

- Each antlerless deer harvested in a CWD-positive county and submitted for CWD testing earns an additional antlered deer.
- Earned antlered deer must be harvested in a CWD-positive county.
- The earned buck is available immediately upon check-in and submission for testing and valid only during the current deer hunting season.
- There is no limit on the number of earned bucks.

PROCESSING VOUCHER INCENTIVE

- Hunters whose deer tests positive for CWD will receive a voucher redeemable for \$75 of processing fees at participating processors.

Responsible Disposal

When processing a harvested deer from a known CWD-positive county, it is important to dispose of unused parts in a responsible manner to prevent further spread of disease. Remaining deer parts should be discarded in a way to reasonably exclude both direct and indirect contact by other deer. The simplest methods to achieve this include:

- Double bag all unused parts and dispose of within household trash.
- Bury any carcass remains deep enough to not attract scavengers.
- Do not discard any unused parts on the landscape at a location other than where the deer was harvested.

DEER BAITING AND WILDLIFE FEEDING

Deer baiting is not allowed within the CWD Management Zone (See page 68) or any additional CWD-positive county including Dickson, Humphreys, Lewis, Wayne, Williamson. Wildlife feeding restrictions also apply in these counties.

To see a full list of counties visit:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/twra/hunting/big-game/deer.html>

lethal to wildlife. Wild turkey poults and bobwhite quail are particularly at risk. Grains, especially corn, stored for an extended period or piled in warm, moist conditions can produce high concentrations of these toxins.

Some use artificial feed during the winter to try and supplement deer nutrition. However, a sudden shift to a high-carb diet, such as grain feed, during this time of year can disrupt their digestive system and cause fatal acidosis.

Deer Bait Privilege License

This license allows hunting over bait only for white-tailed deer on privately-owned or leased properties. It must be purchased annually by any individual hunting deer over bait, regardless of age or license exemption status (page 11).

Bait Type Specifics

- Allowed: Corn, wheat, grains, natural food substances, or any product exclusively produced or marketed for feeding deer including pelletized feeds, flavored corn, and mineral supplements.
- Not allowed: Any processed foods or enhanced/modified products not categorized above (Ex: sugar, honey, syrups, pastries, candies, peanut butter, etc.).
- Scented sprays or powders are not considered bait.

Baiting methods

- Properties five (5) acres or less can only have one (1) bait site.
- Larger properties can have one (1) bait site per five (5) acres and sites must be at least 500 yards apart.
- No more than five (5) gallons or twenty-five (25) pounds of bait may be available for consumption at a single bait site during a 24-hour period.
- No open trough style feeders can be used.
- Bait shall be scattered across ground and not piled.

Other Considerations

- Baiting is prohibited on all public lands, private inholdings bound on all sides by WMAs or PHAs, and within the proclaimed No Feeding Zone in Gatlinburg.
- No other big game species can be harvested within two-hundred fifty (250) yards of a bait site. The same applies to deer if you did not purchase a baiting license.
- If baiting creates a public safety concern by concentrating and/or habituating wildlife, the agency can revoke a license.
- Baiting licenses will be valid for the duration of the deer season even if a new county becomes CWD-positive during the deer season.
- Hunting over normal agricultural practices or wildlife food plots is not considered baiting.

Wildlife Feeding Restrictions

Within the CWD Management Zone and any other CWD-positive county, there can be no placement of grain, salt products, minerals, or other consumable natural and manufactured products for general wildlife consumption unless feed and minerals are:

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

Baiting Considerations and Best Practices

The unnatural congregation of animals through baiting or feeding can have several unintended consequences.

Feeding or baiting can attract non-target species, causing nuisance issues. Higher raccoon concentrations around bait sites can increase predation risk of nearby turkey nests. Where present, feral hogs can outcompete deer for feed and degrade local habitat. Black bears are actively expanding across the state and will also be attracted to deer bait sites. Unfortunately, this often results in damage to feeders, trail cameras, and blinds. Some hunters may even “discover” that they also have feral hogs and bears in the area once they begin baiting.

Higher rates of direct contact between animals and soil contamination around bait sites increase the risk of disease transmission. This should be strongly considered regarding the spread of chronic wasting disease in deer. Bait sites can also propagate the spread of other diseases such as bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis that can be transmitted to humans, livestock, and pets.

Feed quality should also be considered, as grains can be contaminated by a fungus byproduct called aflatoxins, which can be harmful or

- Regularly clean feeders by removing old food and wiping with a bleach solution.
- Avoid storing feed for extended periods.
- Keep feed as dry as possible and replace it if there is any moisture.
- Avoid placing bait/feed during warm and moist environmental conditions.
- Utilize spread-type feeders.
- Reduce the length of time bait/feed is on landscape.
- Only use USDA-approved feed that has been tested for aflatoxins. Feed found unfit for livestock due to high levels of aflatoxins are often advertised for wildlife use.
- Do not use grains that are clumping, damaged, or have visible molds.
- Stop baiting or feeding if you see sick or oddly behaving wildlife.

Baiting in Bear Country

Depredation permits will not be issued for bear or other wildlife damage occurring to bait sites or feeders. Be proactive when deer baiting or wildlife feeding in areas with bears.

- Bear-proof feeders are commercially available.
- Consider suspending feeders so that bears cannot access.
- Use of security boxes to protect trail cameras is a must in bear country.
- Electric fencing is a safe and effective method to protect feeders. This can be achieved by a perimeter fence that allows deer to jump over or electrifying the feeder itself (bears can still access corn that is spread). Visit BearWise.org for information on building electric fences to exclude bears. Regularly check and maintain the system as bears will quickly learn if a fence is not working properly.
- Consider using foods other than corn. While not foolproof, bears typically don't utilize soybeans as readily as corn. The advantage here is that bears MAY prefer some natural foods over soybeans at some times. Any feeders that have held corn should be cleaned thoroughly before filling them with soybeans. If the feeders still smell like corn, the bear will still attempt to access it.

ELK

HUNTING REGULATIONS

2026 Elk Hunting Dates: Sept. 26–Oct. 16

(Permits were drawn Feb. 2026)

During Oct. 3–16, North Cumberland WMA archery deer hunters must wear blaze orange/pink.

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 Elk Hunting Zones during all elk hunts except by permitted hunters and their assistants.

Elk Quota Hunts - 2027

Elk harvest is regulated by a quota permit system. The application period for the elk quota hunts is Feb. 3–24, 2027. Applications are available at TWRA license agents and online. Nineteen (19) quota permits will be issued for the 2027 hunt. Each permit holder will be allocated an Elk Hunt Zone.

One of 19 quota permits will be issued to a qualifying non-profit wildlife conservation organization with all proceeds benefiting the TWRA's Habitat 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 of the 19 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. Youth hunters can only apply for one hunt option.

Elk permits are valid for designated 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 48.

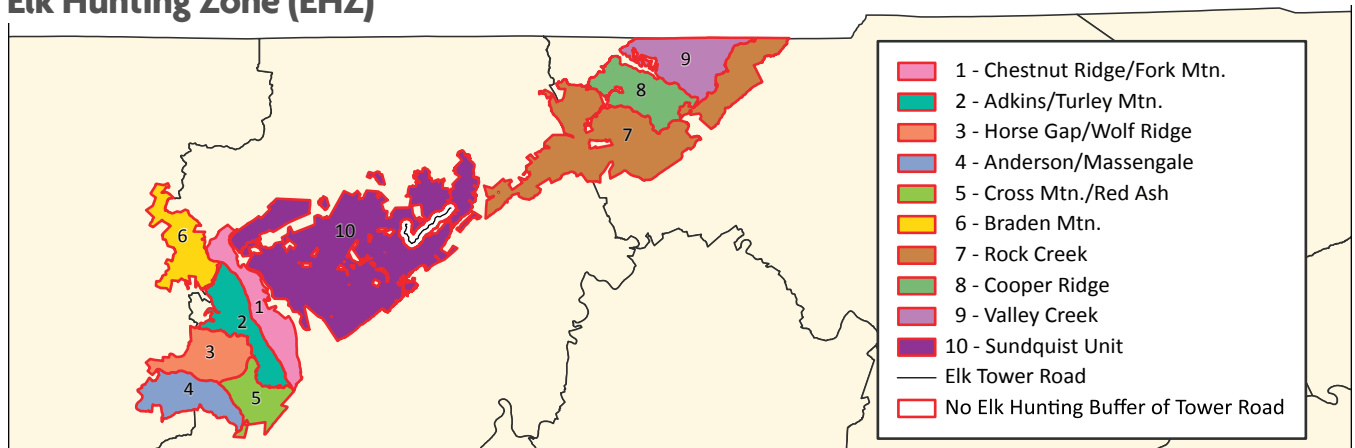
2027 Elk Season Dates, Quotas and Bag Limits *Elk hunting only allowed by quota permit holders.*

ARCHERY-ONLY SEASON	GUN/MUZZLELOADER/ARCHERY SEASON ^a	YOUNG SPORTSMAN ^b GUN/MUZZLELOADER/ARCHERY SEASON	HUNT AREA ^c	BAG LIMIT
Sept. 25–Oct. 1 9 Quota Permits	Oct. 2–8 9 Quota Permits	Oct. 9–15 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. 2–8, 2027 in EHZ one and private lands in counties opened by TWRA.
- b Resident youths 13–16 may apply for a 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/pink regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Youth hunters must complete hunter education or purchase the Apprentice Hunter Education Permit (along with other required licenses) to participate in the hunt.
- 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 import restrictions for deer, elk, moose and caribou. www.CWDinTennessee.com

Elk Hunting Zone (EHZ)





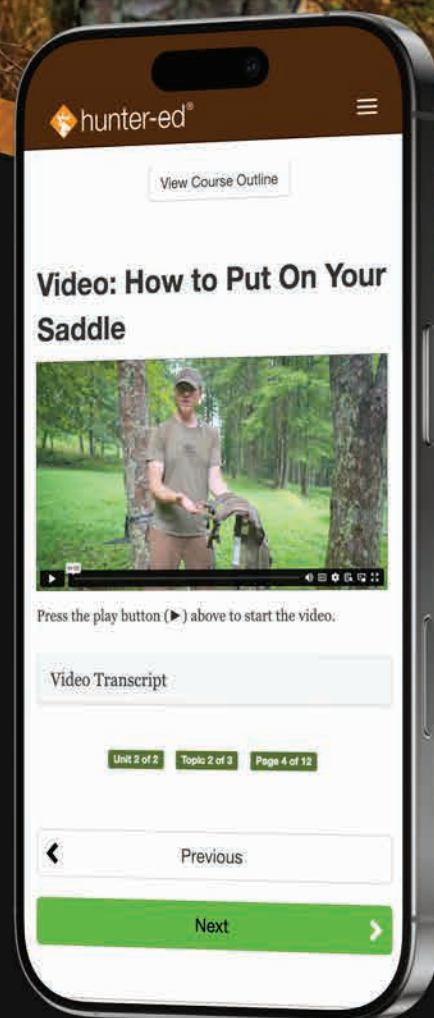
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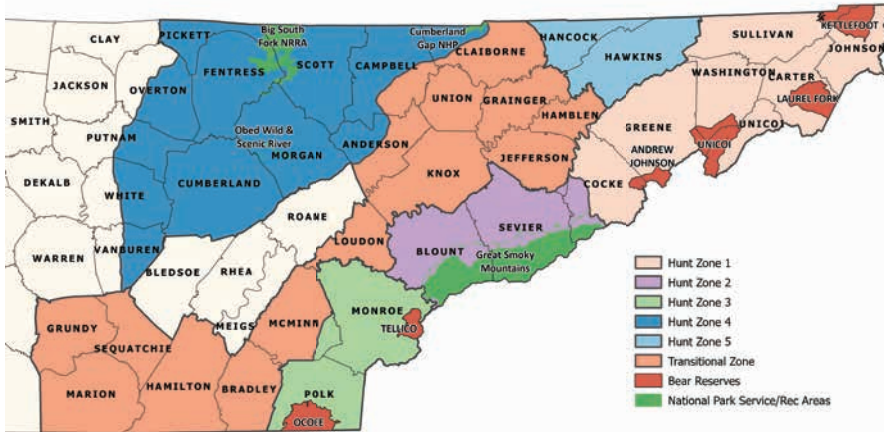


Bear Reserves, Mt. Roosevelt WMA, State Parks, Scott State Forest, National Parks and Recreation Areas are closed to bear hunting unless otherwise stated.

BEAR

HUNTING REGULATIONS

Bear Hunt Zones (BHZ) and Seasons



BHZ1:

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

BHZ2:

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

BHZ3:

McMinn (East of Hwy 411), Monroe, and Polk counties, excluding South Cherokee WMA.

BHZ4:

Anderson (west of I-75 and north of Old Lake City Hwy and north of Dutch Valley Rd.), Campbell (north of Hwy 63 and west of I-75), Claiborne (west of 25E and north of Hwy 63), Cumberland, Fentress, Morgan, Overton (east of Hwy 111), Pickett, Putnam (east of Hwy 111), Scott, Van Buren (east of Hwy 111), and White (east of Hwy 111) counties.

BHZ5:

Hancock and Hawkins counties.

Transitional:

Anderson (east of I-75 and south of Old Lake City Hwy and south of Dutch Valley Rd.), Bradley, Campbell (south of Hwy 63 and east of I-75), Claiborne (east of 25E and south of Hwy 63), Grundy, Marion, Hamblen, Hamilton, Grainger, Jefferson (west of Hwy 411), Knox, Loudon, McMinn (West of Hwy 411), Sequatchie, and Union counties.

2026-27 Bear Seasons (See specific WMAs for bear season exceptions)

Bag limit is one (1) bear per year, either sex.

Unless otherwise noted, bear reserves are closed to bear hunting.

Hounds are allowed during the hunts listed below.

BEAR HUNT ZONE							
Weapon Type(s) Allowed		BHZ 1	BHZ 2	BHZ 3	BHZ 4	BHZ 5	Transitional Zone
Gun/Muzzleloader/ Archery	Early-seasons	Oct. 3–5 Oct. 10–11	Oct. 3–18	Oct. 3–4 Oct. 10–16	—	Closed to the use of hounds for bear hunting.	Closed to the use of hounds for bear hunting.
	Mid-season	Nov. 9–16	Nov. 2–6	Nov. 2-6	—		
	Late Seasons	Nov. 30–Dec. 16	Nov.30–Dec. 15	Nov. 30–Dec. 13 Dec. 31–Jan. 3	Dec. 12–13 Private Land Only		
Kettlefoot and Laurel Fork Bear Reserve Hunt – PRIVATE LANDS ONLY – Sept. 19–25, More details on Page 73							

The hunts listed below are still hunting only - No hounds allowed

BEAR HUNT ZONE						
Weapon Type(s) Allowed	BHZ 1	BHZ 2	BHZ 3	BHZ 4	BHZ 5	Transitional Zone
Archery Only	Sept. 26–Oct. 23	Sept. 26–Oct. 23	Sept. 26–Oct. 23	Sept. 26–Oct. 23	Sept. 26–Oct. 23	Sept. 26–Oct. 23
Gun/Muzz./Archery (Young Sportsman Only*)	Oct. 31–Nov. 1	Oct. 31–Nov. 1	Oct. 31–Nov. 1	Oct. 31–Nov. 1 Private Land Only	Oct. 31–Nov. 1 Private Land Only	
Gun/Muzz./Archery	Nov. 21–24	Nov. 21–24	Nov. 21–24		Dec. 12–13 Private Land Only	

* Youths 6-16 may participate; must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.

Bear Season Regulations Legal Hunting Equipment

- **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 (1) bear, either sex, per license year.
- 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.

See page 50.

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 areas are open for a bear dog training season during daylight hours only. No bears may be taken or attempted to be taken. (Bear reserves closed to dog training):

- **BHZ1 and BHZ2:** Aug. 22–Sept. 27, 2026, May 17–June 6, 2027
- **BHZ3:** Sept. 9–18, 2026, May 17–June 6, 2027
- **BHZ4 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. September 19–25. Archery, Muzzleloader, Gun, Dogs allowed. One bear either sex. Does not count toward statewide bag limit. Electronic check permitted.

ATTENTION BEAR HUNTERS – TOOTH SUBMISSION IS MANDATORY

WHY DO I NEED TO SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION?

Widespread seasons and electronic check in make it impossible for Agency personnel to physically collect enough teeth from harvested bears to monitor 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, 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://youtu.be/gbq3P2AIY6I>.



Note: Collect both premolars and save 1 in case your first submission is lost in the mail.

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PREPARING THE TOOTH

Once you have collected the tooth, fill out the form to the right. Use an 8 x 11 piece of paper and tape the tooth about 2/3 down the page. Then fold the paper in thirds so that the tooth is surrounded by the paper and sitting at the bottom. Place that paper and the form with your information into a standard letter envelope and send to:

Bear Data Collection
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Morristown, TN 37814

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Harvest/Biological Information

Hunter Name: _____

TWRA ID: _____

Confirmation Number: _____

Hunt Zone: 1 2 3 4 5 Transitional (circle one)

County of Harvest: _____

Public or Private (circle one)

Archery Gun with Dog Gun without Dog (circle one)

Male Female (circle one)

Place
Tooth
Here

Tooth Sits
Here
After Fold

Example Submission with tooth taped to paper.

DEADLINE

All tooth samples must be submitted or postmarked by **February 15, 2027.**

TURKEY

HUNTING REGULATIONS

Turkey Management Units



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 statewide turkey gun seasons.

Prohibited Acts (see page 50 for more details)

Baiting, possessing rifles, using handguns, possessing or using electronic calls, using live de-

coys, 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 while afield until checked in.
- All turkeys harvested on public land hunts count toward statewide bag limits. There are no bonus turkeys (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. 16, 2026–Jan. 6, 2027.
- Fanning or reaping turkeys on WMAs is prohibited. See page 79.

Fall Turkey

Open in all counties, **except** Crockett, Dyer, Giles, Haywood, Lake, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lincoln, Shelby, Tipton, and Wayne counties are closed.

During the fall turkey season, a turkey hunter may not be in possession of both archery equipment and shotguns and/or rifles. Any turkey harvested during the fall season counts toward the statewide bag limit of one (1).

Archery

Sept. 26–Oct. 30 and Nov. 2–Nov. 6, 2026 (same as deer archery-only season)

Shotgun/Archery

Oct. 17–30, 2026

Fall Turkey Bag Limit

One (1) male turkey.

Spring Turkey

All counties are open to spring turkey seasons, however there are some exceptions on public land (see WMA section for details). Birds may be harvested from any combination of Turkey Management Units, not to exceed the statewide season limit.

Statewide (Shotgun/Archery)

Young Sportsman¹: March 27–28, 2027
General Season: April 3–May 16, 2027

Spring Turkey Bag Limit

One (1) male turkey per day, not to exceed two (2) per season, only one can be a jake. An adult gobbler is defined by having one of the following: wing feathers have white barring all the way to the tip, tail feathers are the same length, beard is longer than 6 inches, or a spur is at least 1/2 inch long. **All hens (including bearded hens) are illegal to harvest.**

¹Any turkey harvested during the Young Sportsman Hunt counts toward the statewide spring season limit of two (2).

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ATTENTION**Identifying Adult Gobblers**

An adult gobbler has at least one of the following:

1. The beard is longer than 6 inches.
2. Tail feathers are the same length.
3. A spur is at least 1/2-inch long.
4. Wing feathers have white barring all the way to the tip.



ADULT GOBBLER	JAKE (ONLY ONE PER SEASON)

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HENS AND JAKES

**DISTINGUISH A JAKE FROM A HEN TURKEY BY DIFFERENCES IN SIZE, COLOR, HEADS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS
(All hens - including bearded hens - are illegal to take. If you're not sure, DON'T SHOOT!)**

- Red, blue and white colors on head and neck
- Dark, "shiny" body
- A short (<5") beard
- Larger size

JAKES

- Blue-gray head and neck
- Drab or dull, rusty-brown body
- Usually no beard
- Smaller

HENS

WILD HOG

REGULATIONS

Wild hogs are invasive exotic animals that cause extensive damage to crops and wildlife habitat, contribute to erosion and water pollution, and carry diseases harmful to livestock and humans.

In Tennessee, they are classified as a species deemed destructive and it is illegal to possess, transport, or release live wild hogs.

A reward up to \$3500 will be given for information leading to the conviction of persons dealing in the sale, illegal transportation and/or stocking of wild hogs. Contact 629-255-6125. You may remain anonymous.

Private Land Control

Landowners have these options on their private properties:

- Shoot wild hogs without limit, year-round, during the day, with any weapon and ammunition legal for taking big and small game.
- Trap with bait outside of big game seasons.

Landowners can obtain an exemption:

- Obtain a *Landowner Wild Hog Exemption* from their TWRA regional office. It allows extra methods of take like using a spotlight at night and allows family members and tenants that qualify under the Farmland Owner License Exemption (page 6) and up to ten additional designees to help with control efforts. For properties over 1,000 acres, an additional

designee per 100 acres may be assigned. Landowners are required to report take at the end of each year for annual exemption renewal.

- Acquire technical assistance by contacting USDA Wildlife Services at 615-736-5506 or a regional TWRA office.

Bear hunters - Individuals licensed to hunt bears may take wild hogs during scheduled bear hunts where dogs are allowed.

Public Land Control

Wild hogs can only be taken on designated public areas. Refer to specific regulations for individual WMAs for more details.



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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

GENERAL REGULATIONS

There are over 100 WMAs and refuges across Tennessee managed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. These areas vary in size from 53 to 625,000 acres and are available to the public for various outdoor activities.

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. Special regulations listed specifically for 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 or use of any alcoholic beverage, narcotic drug, barbiturate, or marijuana 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 all Wildlife Management Areas, Refuges, or other Wildlife Resources Agency controlled lands except in designated camping areas or on public waters bordering or contained in Wildlife Management Areas, Refuges, or other Wildlife Resources Agency controlled lands so long as that person is not engaged in hunting.

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, grain, salt products, minerals, and other consumable natural and manufactured products to feed or attract wildlife on WMAs, PHAs, and Refuges is prohibited.

Dog training: Year round unless otherwise indicated. All dogs not actively engaged in hunting or dog training must be on a leash or otherwise restrained.

Firearms: Persons may possess handguns in addition to legal weapons used for hunting 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.

Horses: Horses are 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, and turkey hunters) may not enter prior to two (2) hours before sunrise and must be out of the area by one (1) hour after sunset or legal closing time. Raccoon and opossum hunters must be out of the area one (1) hour after sunrise, except on the Cherokee Wildlife Management Area. Public access is prohibited on Barkley-Unit 1, Beech River WMA, Big Sandy, Bogota (Pool 1), Camden Units 1 and 2, Chickamauga (Shelton Bottoms, Mud Creek, New Bethal, Moss Island, Cottonport, Washington Ferry, Goodfield Creek, Gillespie Bend, Agency Creek, Ledford Island, Sugar Creek, South Mouse Creek Units), Gooch WMA (Unit E), Hiwassee Refuge, Horns Bluff Refuge, Lick Creek Bottoms (Region IV), South Fork Refuge, Thorny Cypress WMA (Pools 10, 11, 12), Three Rivers WMA (East and West Units), Tigrett WMA, West Sandy, and White Oak WMA from two hours after legal waterfowl shooting has ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during 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-highway vehicles (OHVs) are restricted to roads open to other motorized traffic (except where prohibited by state or federal statute) and designated trails only. OHVs 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.

ATTENTION

Summer feeding of deer could be hurting turkeys. Consider abstaining from summer wildlife feeding.

Wild turkey numbers have declined across the Southeast United States. Research has confirmed that declining populations are primarily due to poor reproduction and recruitment, not overharvest. Supplemental feeding of wildlife, which has grown as a common practice in Tennessee and elsewhere, may be contributing to these declines. Wildlife managers are concerned that corn put out for deer, especially during the summer, is hurting turkey numbers. A fungus called *Aspergillus flavus* grows in feed exposed to hot, humid conditions. This fungus produces toxins, known as aflatoxins, that are highly toxic to game birds, especially turkey poults and quail. New research has shown that in the summer, aflatoxin levels in feed can reach deadly levels to wild turkeys after only a few days. Read the full report at: <https://doi.org/10.7589/JWD-D-21-00052>.

Besides the risk of aflatoxin poisoning, other consequences to wild turkeys from feeding wildlife may include:

- Boosting population numbers of small mammal nest predators;
- Concentrating nest predators near nesting sites and brooding cover which may lead to higher predation rates;
- Unnaturally concentrating game animals (e.g., deer and turkeys) which increases the chances of disease outbreaks and spread.

Please consider these potential unintended consequences as you make decisions about wildlife feeding, especially during the hot, humid summer months. Contact Regional offices with questions.

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.

Electric bikes: TCA 55-8-302 categorizes ebikes into three classes: **Class 1 electric bicycles** are equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and stops providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour (20 mph); **Class 2 electric bicycles** are equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle but stops providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour (20 mph); **Class 3 electric bicycles** are equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and stops providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour (28 mph). **On WMAs**, Class 1 and Class 2 ebikes are regulated the same as traditional bicycles and are not subject to motor vehicle or off-highway vehicle regulations. Class 3 ebikes are regulated as off-highway vehicles and require a high impact conservation permit to operate on some WMAs.

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.

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, and Tellico Lake 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 their 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 them in calling, but may not have a gun or bow in their possession.*

Fanning or reaping wild turkeys: On WMA lands, the practice of fanning or reaping is prohibited. Fanning/reaping is defined as hunting or stalking wild turkeys while holding or using for hunter concealment any of the following items: a tail fan, a partial or full decoy with a tail fan, or a tail fan mounted to a firearm. Tail fans include those made of real or synthetic feathers or an image or likeness of a tail fan applied to any material.

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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 (3) 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 (Non-Quota/WMA) Permit in order to hunt big game, in addition to the regular hunting license and big game supplemental licenses. Quota Permits must be obtained by application to the TWRA, and are allocated by a computer drawing. Lifetime and Annual Sportsman License holders do not need to purchase the Non-Quota/WMA Permit, and may apply for Quota Permits at no charge.

Cherokee party dog hunts: Applications are online at www.GoOutdoorsTennessee.com. Application dates are June 9–July 21, 2027.

WMA Quota Hunt Permits are not transferable.

Youths hunting big game on a WMA: An appropriate hunting license is required for youths 13 years of age and older. All youths, ages 6–16,

are required to have a Big Game (Non-Quota/WMA) Permit or a Quota Permit where applicable. 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, who is not required to have a license (if not hunting) but must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange/pink.

Young Sportsman’s Hunts: Young Sportsman’s deer hunts are for youths ages 6–16 unless otherwise noted. Proper licenses and permits required. Each youth 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. Both adult and youth must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange/pink.

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

QUOTA HUNTS

WHAT IS A QUOTA HUNT?

TWRA realizes that on some WMAs, the number of hunters must be limited to increase hunter satisfaction and so there will not be a major impact on wildlife. In these areas, the agency uses a quota hunt system, limiting the number of permits.

WHAT TYPES OF QUOTA HUNTS ARE THERE?

Bear, deer, elk, sandhill crane, turkey, quail and waterfowl hunts.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A QUOTA HUNT?

You may apply online at <https://quotahunt.gooutdoorstennessee.com>, via the TWRA mobile app, at a TWRA Regional Office, or at any TWRA License Agent.

WHAT IS “PRIORITY”?

Tennessee has a priority point system in place for several of its quota hunts. An applicant is awarded one point for each year they apply and are not drawn, i.e., WMA Big Game, Spring Turkey WMA, etc. Applicants with the highest priority are more likely to be drawn first.

PRIORITY FACTS:

- If applicants in a party have varying priority points, the points will be averaged, except for waterfowl.
- 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 points balance will increase by one point.
- Priority points only apply to the hunt category in which they were earned, i.e., WMA Big Game, Spring Turkey, Waterfowl, etc.
- When a person is drawn for a hunt, their priority points will be reset to “0” the following year.
- Spring Turkey WMA: No limit.
- Youth Spring Turkey WMA: No limit.

- Elk and Youth Elk: No priority. An applicant successfully drawn may not reapply for 10 years.
- WMA Big Game: No limit.
- Youth WMA Big Game: No limit.
- Cherokee Bear Hunts: No priority.
- WMA Season Long Waterfowl: No priority.
- WMA Early Season Waterfowl: No limit.
- WMA Mid-Season Waterfowl: No limit.
- WMA Late Season Waterfowl: No limit.
- Sandhill Crane: No limit.
- Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness: No Limit.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO APPLY?

A \$12 non-refundable application fee is required for each drawing, except there is no application fee for individuals possessing a valid Annual, Lifetime or Senior Sportsman License.

Example: The “Maximum Awarded Permits” for WMA Big Game is two, meaning two drawings are held for the same pool of applicants. If you 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 two 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.

WMA Quota Hunt Application Periods

WMA Big Game	June 9–July 21, 2027
WMA Waterfowl (All periods)	See Page 55 & 84
Sandhill Crane	Sept. 2–Sept. 23, 2026
Bridgestone/Firestone Quail	Sept. 2–23, 2026
WMA Spring Turkey	Dec. 16, 2026–Jan 6, 2027
Elk Hunts	February 3–24, 2027

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

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 65.

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.

Ground Blinds: During big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (except turkey) a person hunting big game from inside a ground blind, made of man-made or synthetic materials, must attach an article of clothing, hat or vest made of solid, fluorescent orange/pink material to the blind, or within 25 feet of the blind, visible from all sides. Fluorescent orange/pink requirements still apply for persons inside the blind.

August Deer (Archery) Season: This season is closed on WMAs that are open to statewide big game seasons, except for certain WMAs in Unit 1. Check listings starting on page 90.

Small Game Hunting on WMAs

On WMAs open same as statewide, 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 when special regulations are listed. Small game hunters (except raccoon, opossum, dove and waterfowl hunters between sunset and sunrise) must wear on their upper body and head a minimum of 500-square inches of fluorescent orange/pink clothing visible from front or back during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts. Youth hunting on specific WMAs where noted, must comply with hunter orange/pink requirements.

Permits: WMAs with a "SG" after the name require a WMA Small Game only, 1-Day or Annual Small Game and Waterfowl Permit in addition to the regular hunting or trapping license. Lifetime and Annual Sportsman License holders or youths age 6–15 who are accompanied by an adult with a valid permit are exempt from purchasing a permit.

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.

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 Jan. 15, unless otherwise noted.

Crow may be taken on small game hunt days that coincide with the statewide crow season (see page 60).

Falconry open with statewide falconry seasons.

Raccoon and opossum hunting is open from sunset of opening dates to sunrise of the next day.

Field Trials: Small game (except raccoon) and retriever field trials permitted year-round with approval of the area manager unless otherwise specified. Raccoon dog field trials permitted Sept. 1–April 30 unless prohibited.

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 Land Between the Lakes management areas, dogs are allowed on improved roads and in permitted camping areas. All dogs must be secured by chain or leash if not being legally used for hunting.

Dogs are allowed during spring squirrel season except where noted.

Furbearer Hunting and 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.

Unless otherwise stated, furbearers may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with a statewide furbearer season with weapons legal for the scheduled hunt. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

Waterfowl Hunting on WMAs

Permits: WMAs with a "WF" after the name require either an Annual or 1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl Permit in addition to a regular hunting license and Waterfowl Supplemental. Lifetime Sportsman, Sportsman License holders and youths ages 6–15 who are accompanied by an adult with a valid permit, do not need a permit. Nonresidents, however, must have either a Annual or 1-Day WMA Small Game and Waterfowl Permit in addition to their license.

Youths hunting waterfowl on a WMA: Youths, ages 6–16, must be accompanied by an adult, 18 years of age or older, who must remain in position to take immediate control of the hunting device, except as otherwise noted.

Veterans and active military waterfowl on a WMA: Veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training) can participate in the special Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Season on WMAs (see page 55).

Tier System: A designated waterfowl hunt location is a marked location (via physical stake or Global Positioning System [GPS] coordinates) established by the TWRA upon which a permanent blind may be constructed, depending on Tier designation as determined by TWRA, at Barkley Unit I, Big Sandy (including Gin Creek Unit), Camden Units I and II, Cheatham Lake, Gooch Unit A, Haynes Bottom, Old Hickory Units I and II, Tigrett, AEDC (Woods Reservoir), West Sandy, and Reelfoot.

- Tier 1 designated hunt location is a marked location with a permanent blind assigned by a random drawing to a permittee for an entire waterfowl hunting season.
- Tier 2 designated hunt location is a marked location with a TWRA constructed and maintained permanent blind assigned by a random drawing to a permittee for a period of time during the waterfowl hunting season.
- Tier 4 designated hunt location is a marked location that may be hunted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tier 1 Blind Sites: Tier 1 permits will be valid for the entire regular waterfowl season. Tier 1 Locations shall have a permanent blind at the location built or maintained (if a permanent blind already exists) at the location, by the permittee(s). The maximum hunt party size for Tier 1 Locations is eight (8) adults, but there is no maximum party size for youth hunters. However, youth hunters (ages 6–15) must be accompanied by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age while hunting a Tier 1 Location. All Tier 1 Location permanent blind construction and/or placement must be complete by the fourth Monday in October. To be considered complete, a permanent blind structure must be at least four (4) feet wide, four (4) feet high, and eight (8) feet long, but may not exceed thirty (30) feet in length and may not exceed three hundred (300) total square feet. The walls of the permanent blind structure must be solid material to which camouflage may be attached. A permanent blind structure at a Tier 1 Location must be in place and remain in place throughout the regular waterfowl season. All camouflage must be completed by opening day of regular waterfowl season. Any Tier 1 Location with a permanent blind structure not in compliance with the above requirements will result in the Tier 1 Location Permit being cancelled.

and the Tier 1 Location being designated as a Tier 4 Location for the remainder of the waterfowl season. Tier 1 Locations redesignated as Tier 4 Locations may be drawn as Tier 1 Locations the following year. If adverse environmental conditions prevent the construction and/or placement of a permanent blind at the site by the deadline, as determined by the TWRA, the area manager may grant an extension. The area manager must receive a written request for an extension, from a permittee, prior to the fourth Monday in October. Should these adverse environmental conditions persist and completely prevent the construction and/or placement of a blind on the site, as verified by the area manager, a permittee shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in the drawing the following year. Blinds rendered unusable or destroyed may be repaired or replaced at the discretion of the area manager. Permanent blinds built on Tier 1 Locations must be within five (5) feet of designated stakes or GPS coordinates. Permittee(s) must remove all associated blind materials, including all litter and trash, stakes, weights, and lines within fifteen (15) days after the last day of the regular waterfowl season or the last day of a special youth or military hunt, whichever occurs later. All blinds must be removed from Tier 1 locations by April 30, but an area manager may allow more time for removal upon written request. Any blind not removed will become the property of the TWRA for future use and/or destruction. If a Tier 1 Location permittee does not meet the deadline for having the blind on site, or violates any other provision of this rule, the permittee forfeits the permittee's opportunity to participate in any waterfowl quota hunt drawing the following year. Successful applicants drawn for a Tier 1 Location are prohibited from applying, as an individual or in a party, for a Tier 2 and other pool/site locations.

Tier 2 Blind Sites: Typically, Tier 2 permits will be valid for a two (2), three (3), or four (4) day hunt period. Tier 2 Locations shall have a permanent blind at the location built and maintained by the TWRA. The maximum hunt party size for Tier 2 Locations is eight (8) adults, but there is no maximum party size for youth hunters. However, youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age while hunting a Tier 2 Location. A Tier 2 Location permittee must be present any time a Tier 2 Location is hunted. No other individual may hunt a Tier 2 Location even if a permittee is not in the blind by the legal daily opening shooting time. No access is allowed until 4:00 a.m. on the day of the drawn hunt. Permittee(s) are responsible for removal of all decoys, litter, and trash on the last day of the hunt period.

Tier 4 Locations: Tier 4 Locations may or may not have permanent blinds. Any permanent blinds at Tier 4 Locations are structures leftover from Tier 1 Sites that have become Tier 4 Locations because the successful applicant failed to con-

struct a blind by the deadline. No person may construct new permanent blind structures at Tier 4 Locations. Temporary blinds may be used at Tier 4 Locations, but the blinds must be removed at the end of each day. Any temporary blinds and decoys must be removed from the area at the end of shooting each day. All temporary blinds must be within twenty-five (25) feet of designated stakes or GPS coordinates. No permit is required to hunt Tier 4 Locations, but the first person or party to the location before the legal daily opening shooting time has priority use (exclusive and uninterrupted use) of the location until the end of the shooting hours that day. Exclusive and uninterrupted use entitles the person or party to the right to exclude all others from the location, at the person's or party's option, except for law enforcement personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. The maximum hunt party size for Tier 4 Locations is eight (8) adults, but there is no maximum party size for youth hunters. However, youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age while hunting a Tier 4 Location. Any person or party hunting a Tier 4 Location is responsible for removal of all decoys, litter, and trash at the end of each day.

"Blind hopping": A waterfowl hunt permittee, an individual to whom the TWRA issued a permit for Tier 1 blinds, must occupy his/her blind or hunt location by the legal daily opening shooting time on days he/she wishes to hunt, and if the blind or hunt location is unoccupied at that time by the permittee, the first person or party occupying the blind ("blind hopper") 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 or hunt location 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 or hunt location on or before the legal daily opening shooting time, even if the blind or hunt location is occupied by another person or party, provided the permittee produces identification and his/her permit. **The "blind hopping" allowance does not apply to Tier 2 blinds.**

Temporary hunt locations: Hunting will be permitted from permanent draw blinds and temporary blinds on Camden-Unit II, Barkley Unit II, Cordell Hull, Reelfoot, Tigrett, and West Sandy in accordance with statewide rules and regulations. For information on Big Sandy (including Gin Creek Unit) see page 90. Any temporary blinds and decoys must be at least two hundred (200) yards from any Tier 1, 2, or 4 waterfowl hunt locations blind and must be removed from the area at the end of shooting each day.

Applications: Hunters can apply through any TWRA license agent or at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com. All waterfowl drawings require a party

application of 4 persons minimum, 8 person maximum. See Page 84.

Claiming Your Permit: Successful applicants that are drawn for a Tier 1, Tier 2, or other pool/site locations must log into their GoOutdoorsTennessee.com account to **claim their permit**. **Claiming your permit** will meet the requirements formerly known as the NOI (notice of intent). Successful applicants for all Tier sites need to **claim their permit**. Each party member must claim their own permit. Permits will be available to print after the permit has been claimed. A confirmation number will be issued upon completion. Successful parties drawn for Tier 1 sites who do not claim any permits will result in the Tier 1 Site location being forfeited. Individuals in the party that fail to claim their permit will forfeit their individual permit. Any unclaimed or forfeited Tier 1 Site will be re-allocated at the respective regional office for that Tier 1 Site. For Tier 2 and other pool/site locations, any license holder may enter for a leftover drawing, but any applicant drawn must be present at the prescribed time and location to claim the permit (see page 85).

Reelfoot and West Sandy (Springville Bottoms) permanent registered blinds: Reelfoot blinds must be registered with the TWRA from February 18 through July 31 and require the purchase of a Reelfoot Duck Blind Permit. To register a permanent blind at West Sandy an individual must purchase a combination waterfowl and small game annual WMA permit or a sportsman's license on or before July 31. By the first Saturday in August, the TWRA will verify whether a permanent registered blind site was renewed. 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. Properties with accessible blinds:

- Camden
- Cheatham Lake
- Cordell Hull
- North Chickamauga Creek Varner Unit
- Old Hickory Unit I
- Reelfoot
- West Sandy



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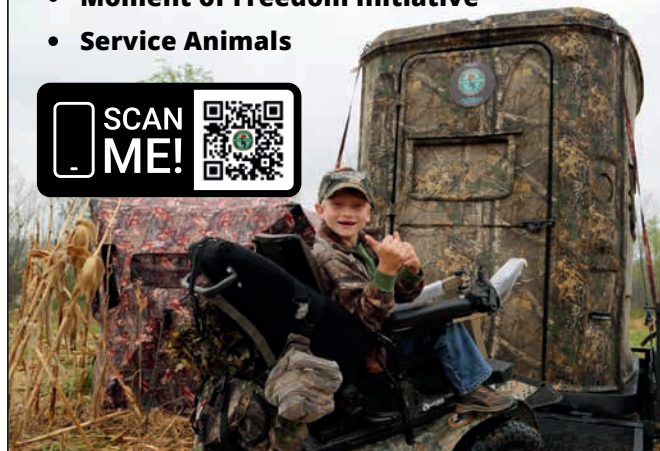
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Tier Designations on WMAs

All waterfowl drawings require a party application of 4 persons minimum, 8 persons maximum.

	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 4	QUOTA PERMIT AREA
Blind Type	Permanent Blind built and maintained by permit holder(s).	Permanent Blind built and maintained by TWRA.	Temporary blinds only*.	Temporary blinds only.
Permit duration	Entire regular waterfowl season 60 days.	2 or 3 or 4 day hunt Monday–Thursday, Friday–Sunday. Closure days on Specific WMAs may apply.	No permit needed, first-come, first-served.	2 or 3 or 4 day hunt Monday–Thursday, Friday–Sunday. Closure days on Specific WMAs may apply.
Hunt Location Permit Required	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Application Deadlines Minimum of 4 people, maximum of 8.	Opens - June 24, 2026 Closes - July 15, 2026 Claim permit by August 10, 2026.	Early Segment	First come-First Served.	Early Segment
		Opens - Sept. 23		Opens - Sept. 23
		Closes - Oct. 13		Closes - Oct. 13
		Claim permit by Oct. 26		Claim permit by Oct. 26
		Left-Over Drawing - Nov. 9		Left-Over Drawing - Nov. 9
		Mid Segment		Mid Segment
		Opens - Oct. 21		Opens - Oct. 21
		Closes - Nov. 10		Closes - Nov. 10
		Claim permit by Nov. 23		Claim permit by Nov. 23
		Left-Over Drawing - Dec. 7		Left-Over Drawing - Dec. 7
		Late Segment		Late Segment
		Opens - Nov. 18		Opens - Nov. 18
		Closes - Dec. 8		Closes - Dec. 8
		Claim permit by Dec. 16		Claim permit by Dec. 16
		Left-Over Drawing - Jan. 4, 2027		Left-Over Drawing - Jan. 4, 2027
Equipment Removal (Decoys, trash, blind material)	15 days post season.	End of Hunt period.	Daily	End of Hunt period.
Youth/Military Hunt	Available to permit holders/ hopping.	Apply during Late segment.	First-come, first-served.	Apply during Late segment. Chickamauga Units open on a first-come, first-served basis.
Hopping	Yes	No	Yes, first-come, first-served.	No
Hunting Distance from Stake	Blinds Constructed within 5 ft. of location.	Must be in blind.	25 ft.	Must be in designated unit.
Left-Over Drawing	Yes, after claim permit deadline; No, after blind construction deadline.	Yes	N/A	Yes
Post Season Survey	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Priority Points	No	Yes	No	Yes
Blind Construction Deadline	Fourth Monday in October.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of Hunters	Max 8 adults - No limit for youth hunters.	Max 8 hunters, no limit for youth hunters, must include permit holder.	Max 8 adults. No limit for youth hunters.	Max 8 hunters, must include permit holder.

*except where there is a blind remaining from the previous season. No new blinds may be constructed.

Tier 1 sites forfeited during the permitting process will be available for reallocation at the respective regional office on August 24, 2026, at 9:00 am. In-person attendance required.

Leftover Tier 2 and Waterfowl Quota Hunt Permit Drawings

AREA	SEGMENT	DRAWING DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Chickamauga Units (Candies Creek, Johnson Bottoms, Rogers Creek, Yellow Creek)	Early Middle Late	Monday, Nov. 9 Monday, Dec. 7 Monday, Jan. 4	6 p.m. local time	Hiwasee Refuge, 525 Priddy Lane, Birchwood, TN	Region 3 Office (931) 484-9571
Meeman-Shelby Forest SP				Covington Civic Center, 100 West Washington Ave., Covington, TN	Chris Park (731) 738-0233
Gooch (Units A and E)				Kenton Gym, 206 West College St., Kenton, TN	Rob Lewis (731) 937-4018
John Tully - Fig Field Unit				Covington Civic Center, 100 West Washington Ave., Covington, TN	Chris Park (731) 738-0233
White Oak (Lebanon Pond)				Morris Chapel Community Center/Fire Dept., 8695 Coffee Landing Rd., Morris Chapel, TN	Calvin Wakefield (731) 687-3444
Bogota and Thorny Cypress				Dyersburg Work Base, 355 Menzies Rd., Dyersburg, TN	Josh Emerson (731) 285-6124
Reelfoot				Reelfoot State Park, 2595 St. Rt. 21E, Tiptonville, TN	Chase Taylor (731) 253-7343
Kentucky Lake Units (Barkley, Big Sandy, Camden, Gin Creek, West Sandy)				Holly Fork Shooting Complex 6133 Hwy. 79 North, Paris, TN	Evan Gaskin (731) 201-1190
Tigrett				Dyersburg Work Base, 355 Menzies Rd., Dyersburg, TN	Andrew Rutherford (731) 345-9992
Haynes Bottom and Cheatham				Cheatham WMA Work Base, 1299 Headquarters Rd., Ashland City, TN	Mark Vance (615) 203-4688
Old Hickory Units 1 and 2				Old Hickory WMA Work Base, 4050 Canoe Branch Rd., Lebanon, TN	Michael Bobel (615) 444-6673
Woods Reservoir				Capitol Hill Community Center, 5601 AEDC Rd., Winchester, TN	Region 2 Office (931) 967-6101

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REGIONAL INFORMATION

Tier Designations & Permit Fees - See Page 11

* Permits must be purchased from a license agent or online.

Region I

Lake Graham (Tier 1)*

200 Lowell Thomas Drive, Jackson, TN
(731) 423-5725

- Open during the three weeks prior to deer gun season and spring turkey season 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Natchez Trace State Park [No TWRA Permit]

22390 Natchez Trace Rd, Wildersville, TN
Natchez Trace State Park office. (731) 968-3742.

TWRA Hunter Education and Range Facility (Tier 3)

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

- Fee required (Adult 16yrs. +).
- **Hours:**
 - » **Tuesday:** 12 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.
- Check website for scheduled holiday closures.
- All guns must be cased when not in use. Shotguns prohibited.

Wolf River (Tier 1)*

(901) 878-0855

- Shooting range open for rifle sight-in during the entire month of October.
- GPS coordinates N 35.0026.63 W89.1759.93

Region II

Cheatham WMA (Tier 1)*

1137 Headquarters Rd., Ashland City, TN
Mark Vance – (615) 203-4688

- Adult (16 yrs.+): Permit or valid hunting license required.
- **Hours:**
 - » **Daily:** Open from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Field points only for archery.
- Automatic firearms prohibited.

Montgomery County Shooting Complex

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

- Permits must be purchased at range office prior to entry to range.

- **Hours:**
 - » **Friday - Sunday:** 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
 - » **Closed Monday–Thursday.**

Stones River Hunter Education Center (Tier 2)

2618 Hobson Pike, Antioch, TN. Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Call (615) 770-3900 for times.

- Fee required (Adult 16yrs. +).
- **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
- Shotguns prohibited

Yanahli (Tier 1)

1780 New Lewisburg Highway, Columbia, TN
(931) 840-4042

- Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): Permit or a valid hunting license.
- **Hours:**
 - » **Oct. 1–Dec. 31:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 12 p.m.–5 p.m.
 - » **Jan.–Sept.:** Closed.
- Automatic firearms prohibited.

Region III

Catoosa WMA Genesis Checking Station (Tier 1)*

10318 Genesis Road, Crossville, TN
Don Chance – (931) 456-2479

- Open daily except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only.
- Adult (16 yrs.+): A Permit or valid hunting license required.

Catoosa WMA Peavine Campground (Tier 1)*

Crossville, TN, Cumberland County
Don Chance – (931) 456-2479

- Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): Permit or a valid hunting license.
- **Open:**
 - » **April 1–Jan. 31,** except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only.

Prentice Cooper WMA (Tier 1)*

600 Game Reserve Rd., Chattanooga, TN, 37415
Marion County
Marty Griffith – (423) 658-0298

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

South Cherokee WMA (Spring Creek Range,) [No TWRA Permit]

560-768 Spring Creek Road, Reliance, TN
(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)

2327 Rifle Range Road, Knoxville, TN
Chad Gann – (865) 594-6279

- Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+).
- **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.

Chuck Swan WMA (Tier 1)*

3350 Sharps Chapel Road, Sharps Chapel, TN
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 Permit or valid hunting license required.

North Cumberland WMA (Tier 1)*

Flatwoods Road, Pioneer, TN: 36.37079, -84.20626
Area manager – (423) 566-8557.

- A Permit or valid hunting license required.

North Cherokee WMA [No TWRA Fee]

(423) 735-1500

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

Jacobs Creek [No TWRA Fee]

Denton Valley Road, Sullivan Co.

Pond Mountain [No TWRA Fee]

Hwy. 321, Carter Co.

Scioto [No TWRA Fee]

Scioto Road, Unicoi Co.

Bubbling Springs [No TWRA Fee]

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 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 BSNRRA Brandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or www.nps.gov/biso.

Fort Campbell Outdoor Recreation

(270) 798-9824

www.ftcampbell.isportsman.net

Holston Army Ammunition Plant

(423) 578-6276

Land Between the Lakes

(270) 924-2000

LBL Hunter use permit required.

www.landbetweenthelakes.us

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, visit: <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests.html>.

Bledsoe State Forest, Cedars of Lebanon State Forest and Natural Area (Permit required to access state natural area. For more information call (615) 443-2769.) Franklin State Forest, Lone Mountain State Forest, Stewart State Forest, Wolf River State Forest.

State Parks

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

The portion south of the railroad track is open to hunting during the statewide seasons. Wild hogs may be taken during deer season by licensed deer hunters. Same as Unit 1 regulations, including August archery hunt. (See page 67)

Tims Ford State Park Huntible Lands

Permit required, available at the Park Office. Same seasons and regulations as Owl Hollow Mill WMA (see page 102). For more information call (931) 962-1183.

Long Hunter State Park (Davidson/Rutherford Counties)

Deer Hunt. Archery only, including crossbow. Harvested deer must be checked in at designated check-in station at park. Bag limit three (3) deer, no more than one antlered. First deer harvested must be antlerless. Antlered deer count towards statewide bag. Hunter safety meeting required. For more specific information call (615) 885-2422.

Scott's Gulf Centennial Wilderness State Park PHA (White/Van Buren Counties)

Follows Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness for hunting season regulations (page 103), except as noted. Closed to dog hunting and dog training of any kind. Closed to quail hunting. Safety zone 100 feet on trails and public access points. Camping in designated areas only and reservations required from Tennessee State Parks at 931-739-6747 or tnstateparks.com.



For more TN State Park hunting opportunities scan the QR code.

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 a Federal Refuges permit, even Lifetime and Sportsmans License holders. Available at all TWRA license agents.

Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 635-7621

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 a Federal Refuges permit, even lifetime and sportsmans license holders. Available at all TWRA license agents.

State Natural Areas

The following State Natural Areas (SNAs) are open with statewide season, except as noted. For more information on these areas, see the Tennessee SNA's website, <https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/na-natural-areas/list-of-natural-areas.html>.

Duck River Complex SNA, Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade SNA, Fate Sanders Barrens SNA, Fall Creek Falls SNA, Hicks Gap SNA, Twin Arches SNA, Walker Branch SNA & William R. Davenport Refuge SNA open with statewide seasons.

Big Cypress SNA coincides with Obion River WMA regulations.

Hampton Creek Cove SNA is only open to turkey, grouse, rabbit, squirrel, and deer hunting. Tree stands prohibited and archery only allowed dur-

ing deer season. Hunting dogs, dog training, and motorized vehicles are prohibited.

Ghost River SNA coincides with Wolf River WMA Unit 1 regulations, for deer.

Reelfoot SNA coincides with Reelfoot WMA regulations.

Sunk Lake SNA is only open to the northern unit.

Honey Creek SNA has a No Hunt Zone around Charit Lodge.

TWRA Public Hunting Areas (PHAs)

TWRA has established numerous PHAs; see list below. A PHA is an area established for the protection of wildlife species and public use by both consumptive and non-consumptive users, but is not intensively managed. PHAs are generally small and isolated from other TWRA managed lands. General WMA Regulations (page 78–85) 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.), Oak Dain Wetland, Piperton Wetland, Shady Park (Robertson Co.), Battle Creek (Marion Co.), Whites Creek (Rhea Co.), Mullins Island (Cocke Co.), and Wolf River State Forest (Hardeman Co.); Rabbit season closes Jan. 31, Closed to quail hunting.

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

Open with seasons same as North Cherokee WMA: Big Springs (Sullivan Co.) and Henderson Swamp (Washington Co.).

Hunting on TWRA Lakes

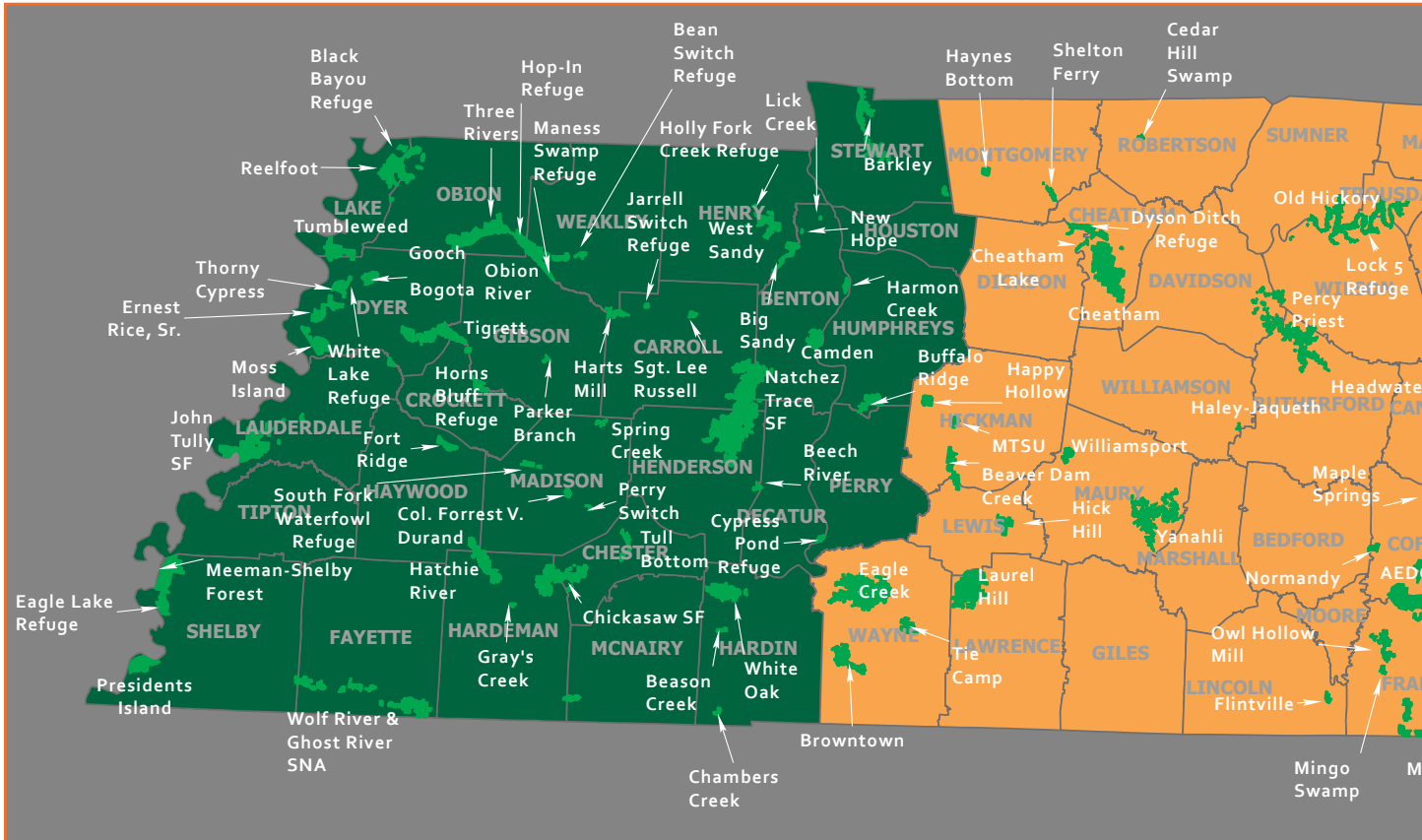
Hunting: Hunting is permitted during the regular hunting season on the following lakes and adjacent state lands, except on areas posted as safety zones: Garrett Lake, VFW Lake, Whiteville Lake, Coy Gaither Bedford Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Carroll Lake (no big game hunting allowed on Carroll Lake and State owned land adjacent thereto), and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. **Note:** On the Oak Dain Wetland portion of Whiteville Lake, deer seasons follow Unit 1 dates and bag limits, including August Archery Hunt. See page 67.

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. See Laurel Hill WMA section regarding the waterfowl hunt at Laurel Hill Lake.

REGION I

REGION II



Wildlife Management Area (WMA) — Icon Key

BIG GAME

[Big Game](#)
[All Big Game](#)
[Deer](#)
[Spring Turkey](#)
[Fall Turkey](#)
[Bear](#)
[Elk](#)

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.
  Camping
  CWD Carcass Transportation Regulations Apply

PERMIT KEY

BG – Big Game Quota Permit or Big Game (Non-Quota/WMA) Permit

WF – WMA Waterfowl/Small Game Permit

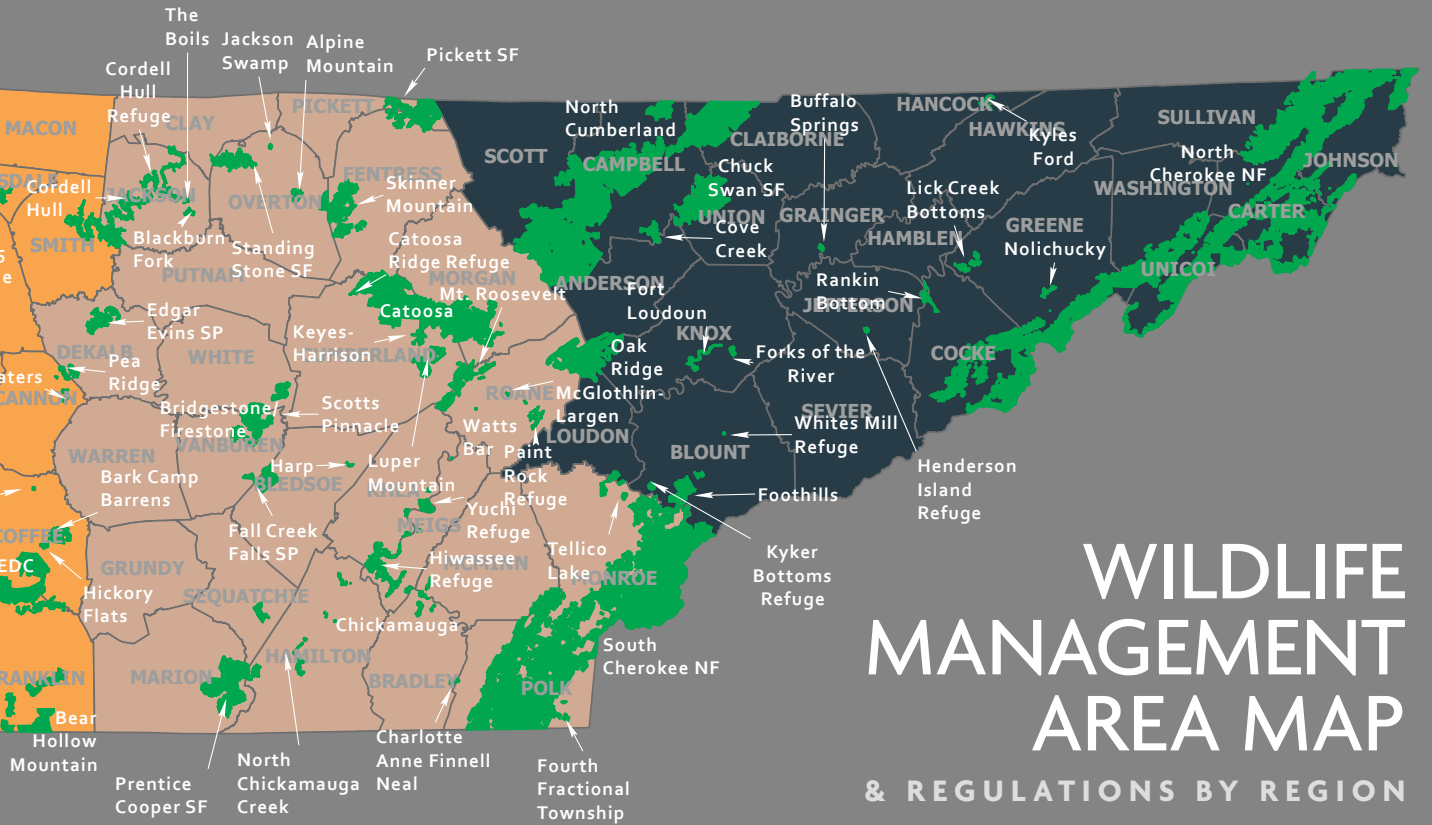
HI – High Impact Conservation Permit.

SG – WMA Small Game or WMA Waterfowl/Small Game Permit

NP – No Permit Required

REGION III

REGION IV



HOW TO USE ICON KEY

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 78-85). **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.



BEAN SWITCH REFUGE

WEAKLEY COUNTY • 572 ACRES
 OFF HWY. 54 NEAR GREENFIELD ON
 MIDDLE
 FORK OF THE OBION RIVER
 ROB LEWIS (731) 937-4018 • **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 - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

REGION I

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS



BARKLEY

STEWART COUNTY • 8,090 ACRES
HWY. 79 DOWNSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 85
EVAN GASKIN (731) 201-1190

UNIT I • SG, WF, BG

All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five (5) days before each opening day of the statewide duck season. Beginning on the opening day of the regular waterfowl season and continuing until the last day of the regular waterfowl season, public access in the subimpoundment will only be allowed from 4:00 a.m. until two hours after legal shooting hours have ended. During the late duck season, all activities are prohibited in the subimpoundments when waterfowl hunting is closed.

Waterfowl hunting authorized only from Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 4 locations.

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. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to Fall turkey.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

BEAN SWITCH REFUGE

WEAKLEY COUNTY • 572 ACRES
OFF HWY. 54 NEAR GREENFIELD ON MIDDLE FORK OF THE OBION RIVER
ROB LEWIS (731) 937-4018 • **SG, BG**

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



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



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

BEASON CREEK

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



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



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

BEECH RIVER

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



Same as statewide seasons. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male 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. 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).

BIG SANDY (GIN CREEK)

BENTON/HENRY COUNTIES • 2,370 ACRES
EVAN GASKIN (731) 201-1190 • **SG, WF, BG**

All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five (5) days before each opening day of the statewide duck season. Beginning on the opening day of

the regular waterfowl season and continuing until the last day of the regular waterfowl season, public access in the subimpoundment will only be allowed from 4:00 a.m. until two hours after legal shooting hours have ended. During the late duck season, all activities are prohibited in the subimpoundments when waterfowl hunting is closed.

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.

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. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



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 first and second segment of the statewide season. Designated fields only.



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. **During the first two days of each segment of the late waterfowl season, hunting allowed only from Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 4 sites. This does not apply to the Youth or Veteran's hunts.**



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

BLACK BAYOU REFUGE

LAKE COUNTY • 1,350 ACRES
FIVE (5) MILES NORTH OF TIPTONVILLE ON HWY. 78
CHASE TAYLOR (731) 253-7160
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.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. Closed to waterfowl, Spring and Fall turkey hunting.



Deer - Same as statewide season except archery only from Nov. 7 until refuge closure date and antlered deer only. Deer count toward statewide bag limit. Closed to Young Sportsman deer hunt.



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



Dog training - Sept. 1–Nov. 14.

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). Closed to Fall turkey hunting. Contact area manager for wheelchair accessible deer and turkey blinds.



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 first and second 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/military waterfowl seasons. Goose seasons to coincide with statewide season after the youth/military waterfowl seasons, no pool restrictions or drawings.

All hunting shall cease at 3 p.m. 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. No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed daily from Pool 1.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey counts towards statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Dog training - Sept. 1–Oct. 31.

BUFFALO RIDGE REFUGE UNIT II

HUMPHREYS COUNTY • 1,400 ACRES

BILLY LAGRANGE (931) 296-8237

UNIT II

General access and use regulations. Scouting allowed the Saturday and Sunday prior to scheduled hunts. Parking in designated areas only. No access permitted on refuge property outside of permitted hunt and scout dates. Hunters must possess a valid Buffalo Ridge Refuge Unit 2 quota permit for the current hunt dates. ATVs may only be used to retrieve downed game between the hours of 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & from the end of legal shooting time until 2 hours after sunset. ATVs must access the property through designated ATV gates and must remain on established/marked roads & trails. No off-trail use of ATVs is permitted at any time. No unauthorized access is allowed onto Buffalo Ridge Refuge Unit 1 at any time.



Deer (Archery) - October 3–5. Hunter quota 7. Two deer, only one antlered. Deer count towards statewide bag limit.

Deer (Muzzleloader) - November 14–16. Hunter quota 7. Two deer, only one antlered. Deer count towards statewide bag limit.

Deer (Gun) - December 5–7. Hunter quota 7. Two deer, only one antlered. Deer count towards statewide bag limit.

CAMDEN

BENTON COUNTY • 3,682 ACRES

HWY. 70, WEST OF NEW JOHNSONVILLE

EVAN GASKIN (731) 201-1190

All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five (5) days before each opening day of the statewide duck season. Beginning on the opening day of the regular waterfowl season and continuing until the last day of the regular waterfowl season, public access in the subimpoundment will only be allowed from 4:00 a.m. until two hours after legal shooting hours have ended.

UNIT I • SG, WF, BG

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. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting shall close at 3 p.m. 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–March 15 except closed during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.

UNIT II • SG, WF, BG

All water traffic is prohibited in the sub-impoundments 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. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



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



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting shall close at 3:00 p.m. each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except for Tuesdays and Thursdays, the last day of each segment of the late duck season, the remaining goose seasons, and 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 wheelchair-bound 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–March 15 except closed during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.

CHAMBERS CREEK

HARDIN COUNTY • 400 ACRES

SOUTH OF HWY 57 OFF OF ROBINSON RD.

CALVIN WAKEFIELD (731) 687-3444 • SG, WF, BG



Big Game

Small Game



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



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

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

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

**Turkey** - Two (2) weekly quota hunts (Tue–Wed and Fri–Sun) each week of Spring turkey season. Hunter quota 26. One male bearded turkey per hunt, counts toward statewide bag limit.**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.**Camping** - Chickasaw State Park managed campgrounds and cabins. Must contact State Park office.**C. M. GOOCH**OBION COUNTY • 7,000 ACRES
EAST OF HWY. 51 AND SOUTH OF OBION
ROB LEWIS (731) 937-4018 • SG, WF, BG

Same as statewide seasons, except the area inside the TWRA maintained levee of Unit A and all of Unit E are closed during the waterfowl seasons and are closed to all activities five (5) days before each opening of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

**Turkey** - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward 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, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl is prohibited inside the TWRA maintained levee of Unit A and all of Unit 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 military 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.

COLONEL FORREST V. DURANDMADISON COUNTY • 736 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. Open for August Archery Deer Hunt (see page 67).

**Turkey** - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.**CYPRESS POND REFUGE**DECATUR COUNTY • 585 ACRES
EAST DECATUR, SOUTH OF WHITES CREEK ON
THE TENNESSEE RIVER
CALVIN WAKEFIELD (731) 687-3444 • SG, BG*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 until after the last youth/veterans waterfowl hunt.*

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 and Fall turkey hunting. Closed to dog training.

**Turkey** - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.**Dove** - Sept. 1, noon - sunset. Continuing with statewide season.**EAGLE LAKE REFUGE**SHELBY COUNTY • 3,253 ACRES
ADJACENT TO SHELBY FOREST WMA
CHRIS PARK (731) 738-0233 • SG, BG*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15–last day of Feb., except Bompreszi Unit. Observation area 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 and Fall turkey hunting.

**Turkey** - April 3–April 25. Hunt days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Bag limit one male bearded turkey, counts towards statewide bag limit.**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.**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. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.

**Turkey** - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.**ERNEST RICE, SR.**DYER COUNTY • 2,900 ACRES
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, WF, BG*Dog training is closed. Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter WMA prior to two hours before sunrise and be off WMA by one hour after sunset or legal hunting/shooting time.*

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

**Waterfowl, Raccoon, Opossum**

- Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl, raccoon and opossum seasons are not closed during the big game hunts. 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 (9) antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty inches. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during regular statewide Muzzleloader and Gun Season dates.**Deer (Gun)** - Dec. 19–25. One deer, antlered only. Antlered deer must have nine (9) antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty inches.**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Open with statewide seasons. No antler restriction.**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)**: Special hunt Oct. 17–18. No antler requirement. Either sex.**Turkey** - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

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**



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

Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

GRAY'S CREEK

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



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

Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

HARMON CREEK

BENTON COUNTY • 983 ACRES
EVAN GASKIN (731) 201-1190 • **SG, WF, BG**

Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight. Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter WMA prior to two hours before sunrise and be off WMA by one hour after sunset or legal closing (or shooting) time.



Same as statewide seasons. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.

Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

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) 937-4018 • **SG, WF, BG**



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



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

HATCHIE RIVER WMA

HARDEMAN/HAYWOOD/MADISON/MCNAIRY
COUNTIES
6,000-ACRE PORTION EXTENDS FROM HIGHWAY
100 TO APPROXIMATELY ONE RIVER-MILE
DOWNSTREAM OF THE ESTANAULA BOAT RAMP.
ACCESS IS LIMITED ON THIS WMA. REFER TO
TWRA'S INTERACTIVE MAP FOR AVAILABLE ACCESS
POINTS AND BOUNDARIES. 1,000-ACRE PORTION
IS LOCATED ON THE MCNAIRY AND HARDEMAN
COUNTY LINE SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 57.
REGION 1 OFFICE (731) 423-5725 • **SG, WF, BG**



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

Turkey - April 3 – April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - same as statewide season.



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

HOP-IN REFUGE

OBION COUNTY • 650 ACRES
ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE OBION RIVER,
HWY. 89 NEAR KENTON
ROB LEWIS (731) 937-4018 • **SG, BG**

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



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

Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

HORNS BLUFF REFUGE

CROCKETT/GIBSON COUNTIES • 1,890 ACRES
SIX (6) MILES NORTHEAST OF ALAMO OFF HWY. 54
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • **SG, WF, BG**

Open same as statewide season except as noted. Closed to all trespass from Nov. 15–Feb. 15 except for waterfowl hunters hunting the North Unit on Saturday and Sunday during the late waterfowl season.



Same as statewide seasons. Closed to quail and Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit. Walk-in hunting only.

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/Military 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.

JARRELL SWITCH REFUGE

CARROLL COUNTY • 250 ACRES
NEAR MCKENZIE ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE
OBION RIVER
ROB LEWIS (731) 937-4018 • **SG, WF, BG**

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



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



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

JOHN TULLY

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

Camping is permitted in designated camp sites only. Some roads may be posted as closed to motorized vehicles during the deer hunts treestands must be marked with hunter's TWRA ID number.



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



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Dove - Special Dove (youth) - Open at noon Sept. 5 until sunset. Each youth must be accom-

panied by a non-hunting adult. Youth fields open statewide the day following the youth hunt. Designated fields only.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and youth/military seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset.

Waterfowl (Fullen North and South Tracts) - Waterfowl Hunting will be allocated by drawing for three (3) day hunts Friday–Sunday and opening weekend(s). The drawing will be announced prior to the hunt. Hunting will only be allowed from designated locations.

Waterfowl (Fig Field Unit) - That land north of Grammar Road. Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by computerized draw for three (3) day hunts Friday–Sunday and opening weekend(s) including the Saturday youth hunts, and for the two Sunday Veteran and Active Military hunts.

Designated pools 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. No access allowed from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the duck seasons occurring in Nov.–Feb. No permanent blinds.



Camping - Fort Pillow State Park managed campgrounds and two primitive camp sites on WMA are available on a first come, first served basis.

LICK CREEK

BENTON COUNTY • 198 ACRES
EVAN GASKIN (731) 201-1190 • SG, WF, BG

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



Big Game



Small Game



Same as statewide seasons. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



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.

MANESS SWAMP REFUGE

WEAKLEY AND GIBSON COUNTIES • 1,200 ACRES
AT THE JUNCT. OF SOUTH & MIDDLE FORKS OF THE
OBION RIVER
ROB LEWIS (731) 937-4018 • 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. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

MEEMAN-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK AND NATURAL AREA

SHELBY COUNTY • 13,000 ACRES
NEAR MILLINGTON, NORTH OF MEMPHIS
CHRIS PARK (731) 738-0233 • 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/pink requirements. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.



Special Squirrel Hunt (Youth) - Aug. 15.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl Hunting (Draw Zone)

- All areas south of Pleasant View Road (Check Station Road) is draw area. All land north of Pleasant Land View (Check Station Road) and south of North Road (Boat Ramp Road) is non-draw area. 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. Hunts will be drawn for opening days of the late waterfowl season for each Thurs–Sat of the season including the Sat. youth hunts, and Sunday Veteran and Active Military hunts. Hunting will be limited to designated areas.

Waterfowl Hunting Non-Draw Zone. Same as statewide seasons on opening day(s) and Thurs–Sat.



Turkey (Young-Sportsman) - March 27. One male bearded turkey.

Turkey - April 3–April 24. Hunt days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.



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



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

Field Trials - Sept. 1–April 30.



Camping - State park managed campgrounds.

MOSS ISLAND

DYER COUNTY • 5,119 ACRES
SIX (6) MILES SOUTH OF HWY. 20 ON MISSISSIPPI
RIVER LEVEE, 23 MILES WEST OF DYERSBURG
JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, WF, BG

Dog training is closed. Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter WMA prior to two hours before sunrise and be off WMA by one (1) hour after sunset or legal hunting/shooting time.



Small Game



Same as statewide season, except small game hunting is closed during the big game gun hunt and except as noted. Closed to Fall turkey hunting. Contact area manager for wheelchair accessible deer and turkey blinds.



Waterfowl, Raccoon, Opossum - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. 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 inches. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during regular statewide Muzzleloader and Gun Season dates.

Deer (Gun) - Dec. 19–25. One (1) deer, antlered only. Antlered deer must have nine (9) antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty inches.

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

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



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



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

NATCHEZ TRACE STATE FOREST

BENTON/CARROLL/HENDERSON COUNTIES
48,000 ACRES • OFF I-40, EXIT 116
EVAN GASKIN (731) 201-1190 • **SG, BG**

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



Big Game

Small Game



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



Turkey - Two (2) quota hunts (Tues–Wed and Fri–Sun) each week of Spring turkey season. Two hunt zones: North of I-40 and South of I-40. Hunter quota 48 per zone. One (1) male bearded turkey per hunt, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Shooting Range - see tnwildlife.org for details. See page 86.



Camping - Natchez Trace State Park managed campgrounds and cabins. Must contact State Park office.

NEW HOPE

BENTON COUNTY • 88 ACRES
EVAN GASKIN (731) 201-1190 • **SG, WF, BG**

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



Big Game

Small Game



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



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

OBION RIVER

OBION/WEAKLEY/GIBSON COUNTIES • 8,500 ACRES ALONG THE OBION RIVER BETWEEN HWY. 45W AND HWY. 45E
ROB LEWIS (731) 937-4018 • **SG, WF, BG**

ALL UNITS

Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter WMA prior to two hours before sunrise and must be off of WMA by one (1) hour after sunset or legal hunting/shooting time. No permanent blinds. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.



Big Game

Small Game



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



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

BIG CYPRESS TREE STATE NATURAL AREA

Open to hunting same as Obion River WMA. Hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of the RIVER TRAIL BOARDWALK and RIVER TRAIL. Hunting with shotgun, muzzleloader, rimfire, and archery only. Recovery of big game on RIVER TRAIL BOARDWALK is prohibited. Contact Park Manager during normal business hours for access through locked gate after hours. (731) 431-7168

MANESS SWAMP HUNTING UNIT

North of state HWY. 445, Bordered by the South Fork and Middle Fork of the Obion rivers as marked. Closed to all activities five (5) 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).

Big Game

Small Game



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



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl Hunting will be allocated by computerized drawings for 3 day hunts (Friday–Sunday) and Opening weekend(s). The drawings will be held prior to the hunt. Hunting will only be allowed from designated locations. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. except the last day of the waterfowl season(s) occurring in Nov.–Feb. and youth/military season(s) when hunting ends at sunset.

PARKER BRANCH

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

Farm pond closed to fishing sunset to sunrise.



Big Game

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons. Closed to quail and Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

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



Dog training - Nov. 1–March 15.

PERRY SWITCH

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



Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

PRESIDENTS ISLAND

SHELBY COUNTY • 6,300 ACRES
CHRIS PARK (731) 738-0233 • **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) - Oct. 16–18. Hunter quota 50. Bag limit one (1) antlered deer, which must have nine (9) antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of twenty inches. Scouting date Oct. 15 for the Oct. 16–18 permit holders only.

Deer (Archery) - Dec. 4–6. Hunter quota 50. Bag limit one (1) antlered deer, which must have nine (9) antler points or a minimum outside beam spread of 20 inches. Scouting date: Dec. 3 for the Dec. 4–6 permit holders only.

REELFOOT

LAKE/OBION COUNTIES • 24,000 ACRES
NORTH OF HWY. 22 AND EAST OF HWY. 78
CHASE TAYLOR (731) 253-7160 • **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 and Lifetime 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/pink during big game hunts. Closed to Spring and Fall turkey hunting.



Opossum - Raccoon - Sunset, Aug. 28—the last day of Feb. No limit.



Deer - Same as statewide season except archery only from Nov. 21 until the end of the statewide deer seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag limit.



Turkey - Young Sportsman Only - Same as statewide season.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide waterfowl 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 wheelchair-bound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one (1) 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 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. Youths, age 6–16, must be accompanied by an adult, 18 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 (1) 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.



Camping - State Park managed campgrounds.

SERGEANT LEE RUSSELL REFUGE

CARROLL COUNTY • 570 ACRES
WEST SIDE OF HWY. 77, KNOWN AS GORDON BROWN HWY.
ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide except as noted. Closed to all trespass from Nov. 15–last day in February. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

SOUTH FORK REFUGE

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



Same as statewide seasons, except closed to all activities from Nov. 15–Feb. 15. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the duck season occurring Nov.–Feb. No access during refuge closure dates except for waterfowl hunters on open hunt days. Closed to Fall turkey season.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

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



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons except, waterfowl hunting on Saturday and Sunday only during duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. Goose seasons to coincide with statewide seasons after the Youth/Military Waterfowl Season. Walk-in only, except in high water where access can be obtained via the South Forked Deer River by boat. 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.

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.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

THORNY CYPRESS

DYER COUNTY • 3,100 ACRES
TRACT I — BETWEEN HWY. 104 AND I-155
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). Closed to Fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Dog training - Sept. 1–Oct. 31



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 seasons and the youth/military waterfowl seasons. Goose season to coincide with statewide season after the youth/military 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 a.m. the following day during the duck seasons occurring in Nov.–Feb. 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. each day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

THREE RIVERS

OBION COUNTY • 1,577 ACRES
ROB LEWIS (731) 937-4018 • SG, WF, BG

West Unit is open to all forms of hunting during waterfowl season and the East Unit is closed to all activities five (5) days before each opening of the late duck season. All hunting, other than waterfowl, is prohibited in the East Unit during the late duck season.



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

Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

Waterfowl (West Unit) - No waterfowl hunters permitted on unit or access area from two (2) hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.

Waterfowl (East Unit) - Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by computerized drawings for three (3) day hunts (Friday - Sunday) and opening weekend(s). The drawings will be held prior to the hunt. Hunting will only be allowed from designated locations. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. except that last day of the waterfowl season(s) occurring in Nov.–Feb. and youth/military season(s) when hunting ends at sunset. Closed to all activities five (5) 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 2 hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s).

TIGRETT

DYER COUNTY • 7,629 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. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.

Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. 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.

TULL BOTTOM

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to Fall turkey hunting. Open for August Archery Deer Hunt (see page 67).

Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

TUMBLEWEED

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

Hunters (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter WMA prior to two (2) hours before sunrise and be off WMA by one (1) hour after sunset or legal hunting/shooting time.



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

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

Turkey - Two (2) weekly quota hunts (Tue–Wed and Fri–Sun) each week of Spring turkey season. Hunter quota 12. One (1) male bearded turkey per hunt, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

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

WEST SANDY (SPRINGVILLE BOTTOMS)

HENRY COUNTY • 4,319 ACRES
EVAN GASKIN (731) 201-1190 • SG, WF, BG

All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five (5) days before each opening day of the statewide duck season. Beginning on the opening day of the regular waterfowl season and continuing until the last day of the regular waterfowl season, public access in the subimpoundment will only be allowed from 4:00 a.m. until two hours after legal shooting hours have ended.

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. Fishing, trapping and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-im-

poundments during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.



Same as statewide seasons. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.

Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. 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 (1) 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–March 15. Closed during the late duck season.

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 - April 3–April 25. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

WHITE OAK

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

All small game hunting is closed during Young Sportsman deer hunts. All water traffic prohibited five (5) days before the opening day(s) of the statewide duck season.



Big Game

Small Game



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



Turkey - April 3–April 25. One (1) male 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.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. 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 seven (7) 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.



Dog training - Sept. 15 - March 1

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, WF, BG

Does not include Wolf River State Forest (managed by TN Div. of Forestry, see page 87). Special Use - Ghost River Natural Area is open same as Wolf River WMA. Hunting or access to hunt from the boardwalk structure is prohibited.



Turkey - Two (2) weekly quota hunts (Tue–Wed and Fri–Sun) each week of Spring turkey season. Hunter quota 25 per hunt for Units 1 & 2 combined. One (1) male bearded turkey per hunt, counts toward statewide bag limit.

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

UNIT I (THAT PORTION SOUTH OF HWY. 57)



Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Closed to Fall turkey hunting. 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. 1–Jan. 31.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. 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 - Shooting range open for rifle sight-in during the whole month of Oct. See tnwildlife.org for more details. Coordinates of the range are (GPS N35.0026.63, W89.1759.93).



Dog training - Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.

UNIT II (THAT PORTION NORTH OF HWY. 57)



Big Game

Small Game



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



Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. 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.

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 (1) of three (3) 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 quota hunts. Raccoon/Opossum hunting is closed the night before a deer hunt.

Deer-Turkey-Archery Zones may be hunted for deer and turkey with 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 may change due to military training.



Deer (Archery) - Same as statewide seasons. Only archery equipment can be used during muzzleloader and gun segments. Closed one (1) day prior to and during scheduled quota deer hunts. Statewide bag limits apply. Hunters must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.

Deer (Young Sportsman-Shotgun-Muzzleloader) - Same as statewide season. No hunter quota, Two (2) deer, either sex only one (1) may be antlered. (Bonus deer).

Deer (Shotgun - Muzzleloader) - Nov. 13–15. 900 quota. Two (2) deer either sex only one (1) may be antlered. (Bonus deer).

Deer (Shotgun - Muzzleloader) - Nov. 27–29. 900 quota. Two (2) deer either sex only one (1) may be antlered. (Bonus deer).



Turkey (Spring and Fall) - Same as statewide season.



Same as statewide seasons, except closed during deer quota hunts. Raccoon and opossum hunting closed the night before a quota hunt.

Unit 1 is closed to small game hunting and trapping.



Dog training - Sept. 1–Feb. 28.

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.

REGION II WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

AEDC AND WOODS RESERVOIR REFUGE

COFFEE/FRANKLIN COUNTIES
PART OF THE ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE • 32,000 ACRES
NEAR TULLAHOMA, I-24 EXIT 117
MARK WINLAND (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 ordinances (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 ordinances or holes are found – DO NOT TOUCH and

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



Waterfowl - Same as statewide season, except open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays of the late duck season and the first and last day of each segment 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. Waterfowl hunting is allowed outside of registered blinds upstream from the Prairie Plains Road bridge.



Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA. In designated campground only.

BARK CAMP BARRENS

COFFEE COUNTY • 2,800 ACRES
MARK WINLAND (931) 967-6101 • SG, BG



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



Dog training (Quail) - Sept. 1–Feb. 28. Dog training for the remainder of the year is open to all other species.

BEAR HOLLOW MOUNTAIN

FRANKLIN COUNTY • 22,000 ACRES
STACY STEVENSON (931) 968-6215 • SG, BG, HI

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.

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



Same as statewide seasons and bag limits, except as noted.



Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA. In designated campground only.

BEAVER DAM CREEK

HICKMAN COUNTY • 4,055 ACRES
SOUTH OF CENTERVILLE
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

BROWNTOWN

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

CEDAR HILL SWAMP

ROBERTSON COUNTY • 200 ACRES
MARK VANCE (615) 203-4688 • SG, WF, BG



Deer - Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.



Turkey (Spring and Fall) - Same as statewide season.

CHEATHAM

CHEATHAM COUNTY • 20,810 ACRES
SOUTH OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER, NEAR
ASHLAND CITY
MARK VANCE (615) 203-4688 • SG, BG, HI

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. Contact area manager for wheelchair accessible blinds.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting closed one (1) day prior and during all big game quota hunts.



Antlered deer must have at least four (4) antler points on one (1) side or a 15 inch minimum outside spread except during the Young Sports-

man hunt. All harvested deer count toward the statewide bag limit.

Deer (Archery) - Sept. 26–Oct. 23. No quota. One (1) deer antlered and one (1) antlerless. Antler restrictions apply.

Deer (Young Sportsman, Non Quota) - Oct. 24–25. One (1) deer antlered and one (1) antlerless. No antler restrictions.

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Oct. 30–Nov. 1. Hunter quota 450. One (1) deer antlered and one (1) antlerless. Antler restrictions apply.

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Nov. 6–8. Hunter quota 450. One (1) deer antlered and one (1) antlerless. Antler restrictions apply.

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 13–20. Quota 450. One (1) antlered and one (1) antlerless. Antler restrictions apply.

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 21–28. Quota 450. One (1) antlered and one (1) antlerless. Antler restrictions apply.

Deer (Gun, Non-quota) - Nov. 29–Jan. 3. One (1) antlerless deer.



Turkey - Same as statewide spring season. Bag limit one (1) male bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season not to exceed two (2) for the season.



Dog training - Daylight hours only.



Shooting range - Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 7 days a week. Automatic weapons prohibited. Permit required. See tnwildlife.org for details.



Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA. In designated campground only.

CHEATHAM LAKE

CHEATHAM COUNTY • 5,152 ACRES
OFF HWYS. 49 AND 12, WEST OF ASHLAND CITY
MARK VANCE (615) 203-4688 • 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. Access by boat only.

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 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and the first and the last day of each segment of the late statewide duck season. All activities are prohibited in waterfowl impoundments on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

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 (5) days before the opening of the first segment of the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb.

Waterfowl hunting is permitted only from registered blind sites and from staked temporary blind sites during 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. 23. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible.



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



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 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.

Small Game

All seasons closed during refuge closure dates unless otherwise indicated.



Deer - Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.



Turkey (Spring and Fall) - Same as statewide season.

EAGLE CREEK

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA. In designated campground only.

FLINTVILLE HATCHERY

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



Deer - Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.

Deer (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season. Guns may be used on Young Sportsman hunts.



Turkey (Spring and Fall) - Same as statewide season. Shotguns may be used.



Dog training - Daylight hours only.

HALEY-JAQUETH

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



Deer - Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.



Turkey - Same as statewide spring season. Bag limit one (1) male bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two (2) for the season.



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.

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 harvested deer. Any personal property left 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.



Same as statewide season, except as noted. No hunting the night before or during big game hunts. Closed to Fall turkey season.



Deer (Archery) - Same as statewide season except closed the day prior to and during the quota deer gun hunts. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Same as statewide season, except closed the day prior to the first quota deer hunt.

Deer (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 21–23. Hunter quota 80. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Dec. 5–7. Hunter quota 80. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Dec. 19–21. Hunter quota 80. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).



Turkey - April 3–6. Hunter Quota 50. One (1) male bearded turkey.

Turkey - April 24–27. Hunter Quota 50. One (1) male bearded turkey.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA. In designated campground only.

HAYNES BOTTOM

MONTGOMERY COUNTY • 971 ACRES
NEAR DOTSONVILLE, ADJOINING THE CUMBERLAND RIVER
MARK VANCE (615) 203-4688 • 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.



Same as statewide season, except as noted. During the late duck season, waterfowl and small game hunting is open only on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays 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.



Deer - Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.

Deer (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season. Guns may be used on Young Sportsman hunts.



Turkey (Spring and Fall) - Same as statewide season. Shotguns may be used.



Dog training - Open year-round. Daylight hours only.

HEADWATERS

CANNON COUNTY • 600 ACRES (IN 4 PARCELS)
NEAR WOODBURY
COLTEN SNYDER (615) 571-0463 • **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.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Blaze orange/pink required by all users during deer muzzleloader and gun hunts.

HICK HILL

LEWIS COUNTY • 3,608 ACRES
SOUTH OF HOHENWALD
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

HICKORY FLATS

COFFEE COUNTY • 623 ACRES
MARK WINLAND (931) 967-6101 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

LAUREL HILL

LAWRENCE COUNTY • 14,952 ACRES
WEST OF LAWRENCEBURG OFF HWY. 64
CHECK STATION: 74 VFW ROAD, LAWRENCEBURG
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • **SG, WF, BG, HI**

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.

Horses and other saddle and pack animals 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.

Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

Contact area manager for wheelchair accessible blinds.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting is closed at sunset the day before and during the young sportsman's hunt and quota hunts.



Opossum - Raccoon - Sept. 1–Feb. 28.



Special Antlered Deer Regulations apply on all deer hunts. Antlered deer must have at least four (4) antler points on one (1) side or a 15-inch minimum outside spread. WMA Check Station open for Young Sportsman and quota hunts.

Deer (Archery) - Sept. 19–Oct. 15. Three (3) deer, either sex, only one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Oct. 17–18. Two (2) deer, only one (1) may be antlered. No antler restrictions (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Oct. 22–25. Hunter quota 500. One (1) deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 13–15. Hunter quota 500. One (1) deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 27–29. Hunter quota 500. One (1) deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Dec. 4–6. Hunter quota 500. Two (2) deer, only one (1) may be antlered. (bonus deer).



Turkey - Same as statewide season.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide season, except hunting on Laurel Hill Lake is only open the last 2 weeks of the statewide season (Jan 17–31) and by boat access only. VFW Lake is closed to waterfowl hunting.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15, except during big game hunts, daylight hours only.



Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA. In designated campground only.

SHIELDS FARM UNIT



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Centrifuge rifles and handguns prohibited.

MAPLE SPRINGS

COFFEE COUNTY • 122 ACRES
NORTH OF MANCHESTER
MARK WINLAND (931) 967-6101 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

MINGO SWAMP

FRANKLIN COUNTY • 460 ACRES
WEST OF WINCHESTER
STACY STEVENSON (931) 968-6215 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Dove (Youth Only) - Sept. 5 Youth only (6–16) must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.

Dove - Sept. 6. Entire WMA open to all ages for the remainder of the statewide dove season.

MTSU

HICKMAN COUNTY • 995 ACRES
WEST OF CENTERVILLE
REGION II OFFICE (615) 781-6622 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

NORMANDY

BEDFORD/COFFEE COUNTIES • 750 ACRES
ON NORMANDY LAKE
MARK WINLAND (931) 967-6101 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

OLD HICKORY

SUMNER/WILSON/TROUSDALE COUNTIES
NORTH OF LEBANON ON OLD HICKORY LAKE
MICHAEL BOBEL (629) 215-1384 • **SG, WF, BG**

WMA 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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting is closed after 3 p.m. during the duck season occurring in Nov.–Feb. The sub-impoundment units as posted are closed to all types of activity five (5) 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.

Dove - Sept. 6 and every Wednesday and Friday, Saturday, Sunday during the first segment of the statewide season.



Turkey - Same as statewide spring season. Bag limit one (1) male bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two (2) for the season.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide season. Hunting is permitted only from registered blind sites and staked temporary blind sites during the duck/goose season occurring in Nov.–Feb. Legal shooting hours end at 3 p.m. except on the last day of each season segment when statewide hours apply.



Waterfowl (wheelchair-bound only blind site) - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region II Office by noon on Oct. 23. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible.



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

UNIT II

HWY. 109 DOWNSTREAM TO OLD HICKORY DAM



Same as statewide seasons, except centerfire rifles prohibited.



Turkey - Same as statewide spring season. Bag limit one (1) male bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two (2) for the season.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except 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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Turkey - Same as statewide spring season. Bag limit one (1) male bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two (2) for the season.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting from temporary blinds only. Decoys must be picked up each day.

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 (629) 215-1384 • **SG, BG**

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.

OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE (NORTH OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER)



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Turkey - Same as statewide season. Bag limit one (1) male bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two (2) for the season.

OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE (SOUTH OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER) BOAT ACCESS ONLY



Deer, Turkey (Young Sportsman, Archery Only) - Sept. 19–20, 26–27, Oct. 3–4, 10–11.

Deer (Young Sportsman, Archery/Muzzleloader Only) - Oct. 17–18, 24–25, Nov. 7–8. All hunters must comply with blaze orange/pink requirements.

Turkey (Young Sportsman, Archery/Shotgun Only) - Oct. 10–11, 17–18, 24–25. All hunters must comply with blaze orange/pink requirements.



Turkey (Young Sportsman Only) - Same as statewide turkey season. Bag limit one (1) male bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two (2) for the season.

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.

PERCY PRIEST

DAVIDSON/RUTHERFORD/WILSON COUNTIES
TWO UNITS CONSISTING OF 10,768 HUNTABLE ACRES SURROUNDING 14,500 ACRES OF WATER BORDERING PERCY PRIEST LAKE
COLTEN SNYDER (615) 571-0463

Centerfire rifle prohibited on all units.

UNIT I • SG, BG

NEAR LAVERGNE NORTH OF SMYRNA AIR BASE • 1,408 ACRES

Unit 1 closed to all activity from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except as noted. 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. See website for closures.



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 (Young Sportsman) - Nov. 1–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. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.



Deer (Muzzleloader) - Same as statewide season, except closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Remainder of deer season is archery only.



Turkey - Same as statewide turkey season, except closed every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until April 30. Bag limit one (1) male bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season not to exceed two (2) for the season.



Dog training - Year-round. License and permit requirements apply. Training from horseback prohibited before Oct. 1. Blank ammunition only. Daylight hours only. Retriever trainers may use an OHV within established area. Rabbit and bird dog training are restricted to September 1st to April 30th.

Field Trials - Sept. 1–April 30 in designated areas only. Trials must be scheduled with area manager. Field trial applications must be submitted to the TWRA Region 2 office at least 30 days in advance of trial dates. Participants in sanctioned field trials may train 24 hours before and after scheduled trial dates without license and permit requirement. Field trial gallery must be kept out of standing planted crops by marshals provided by sponsoring clubs.

UNIT II • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer is shotgun/muzzleloader/archery only. Fall turkey is archery only. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during muzzleloader and shotgun seasons.



Turkey - Same as statewide season. Bag limit one (1) male bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two (2) for the season.



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.

SHELTON FERRY

MONTGOMERY COUNTY • 628 ACRES
SOUTH OF CLARKSVILLE
MARK VANCE (615) 203-4688 • **SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Deer - Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.

Deer (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season. Guns may be used on Young Sportsman hunts.



Turkey (Spring and Fall) - Same as statewide season. Shotguns may be used.

TIE CAMP

WAYNE COUNTY • 3,280 ACRES
NORTH OF WAYNESBORO
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • **SG, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

WILLIAMSPORT

MAURY COUNTY • 1,722 ACRES
ON HWY. 50 APPROXIMATELY 10 MI. WEST OF COLUMBIA
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • **SG, BG, HI**

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 (1) hour before sunrise until one (1) hour after sunset on quota hunt days. No camping allowed.



Same as statewide seasons, except big game seasons have specific dates and closed thereafter. Small game hunting closed at sunset the day before and during big game hunts. Night hunting not allowed. Closed to Fall turkey hunting. Closed to waterfowl hunting.



Deer (Archery) - Sept. 26–Oct. 23. Statewide bag limit. Access gate closed 1 hour after sunset.

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Oct. 24–25. Two (2) deer, only one (1) can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Oct. 31–Nov. 1. Two (2) deer, only one (1) can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Nov. 7–9. Hunter quota 100. Two (2) deer, but only one (1) can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 21–23. Hunter quota 100. Two (2) deer, but only one (1) can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 28–30. Hunter quota 100. Two (2) deer, but only one (1) can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Dec. 5–7. Hunter quota 100. Two (2) deer, but only one (1) can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Dec. 12–14. Hunter quota 100. Two (2) deer, but only one (1) can be antlered (bonus deer).



Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide. One (1) male bearded turkey.

Turkey - April 3–16. One (1) male bearded turkey.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15, daylight hours only.

YANAHLI

MAURY COUNTY • 12,800 ACRES
SOUTH EAST OF COLUMBIA
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • **SG, WF, BG, HI**

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. User must ride on designated trails only.

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Center fire can be used outside of any big game hunt and may be used during the deer gun season.



Turkey - Same as statewide season. Bag limit one (1) male bearded turkey during the first 14 days of the statewide season, not to exceed two (2) for the season.



Shooting Range - Open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays Oct.–Dec. 12 p.m.–5 p.m. Automatic weapons prohibited. See tnwildlife.org for details.



Open during deer and turkey seasons to any hunters who are actively hunting the WMA. In designated campground only.

REGION III

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

ALPINE MOUNTAIN

OVERTON COUNTY • 1,642 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG**

Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Hunt Zone 4. Archery only. See page 72–73 for bear hunting details.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.

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
JOHNNY POSTON (615) 342-9307 • **SG, BG**

Use of motorized vehicles or horseback riding prohibited. Closed to all non-hunting/non-angling activities during big game hunts.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE CENTENNIAL WILDERNESS

WHITE/VAN BUREN COUNTIES • 17,000 ACRES
ON THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY LINE
6 MILES SOUTH OF HWY. 705
NATHAN WILHITE (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/non-angling activities during spring turkey season until 12 noon CDT. Closed to all hunting March 1 through 4th Friday in August, except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons. Antlered deer must have a minimum of four (4) points on one (1) antler or a fifteen inch minimum outside spread. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters. Quail hunt units closed to those not participating in quota hunts on the day of the hunt. Pond fishing permitted year-round during day light hours only.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Rabbit and Woodcock hunting open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only.



Same as statewide seasons, except deer season is closed after Dec. 11. Deer season follows Deer Management Unit 4 antlerless bag limit.



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Hunt Zone 4. Archery only. See page 72–73 for bear hunting details.



Quail - Four (4) one (1) day hunts: Dec. 17, Jan. 14, 21, 28. Quota draw will be September 2–23, 2026. Fall bird count surveys will determine hunter quota. Selected applicants may bring two (2) other hunters for a maximum party size of three (3). All quail hunters must check in with WMA staff on the morning of the hunt for complete hunting instruction, including the completion of required survey. Woodcock and other gamebirds with an open season may also be taken during quail hunts.



Dog training - Sept. 1–Dec. 1, Jan. 31–March 15. Dog training open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only.



Camping - During big game hunts, camping is allowed for big game hunters only.

BIG BOTTOM UNIT • SG, BG, HI

Hooved animal riding, bicycling, and OHV use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Unauthorized entry is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Closed to all non-hunting/non-angling activities during big game hunts.

Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to Quail hunting. Rabbit and Woodcock hunting open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only.



Deer follows statewide season dates and bag limit follows Unit 4 antlerless limit.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15. Open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only.

CATOOSA

CUMBERLAND/MORGAN COUNTIES • 79,740 ACRES
I-40 EXITS, PEAVINE, GENESIS, AND WESTEL ROADS
DON CHANCE (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, 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. OHVs permitted from the fourth Saturday in August through the second Sunday in June. OHVs, bicyclists, and hooved animal riders may not enter the area except through gated TWRA access points. During big game hunts, the area is open only to legal big game hunting participants except fishing access is permitted during Catoosa turkey season. Guides prohibited on all hunts. Deer hunters and hog control participants are required to check out deer and wild hogs at WMA check stations when in operation. Hunters are required to tag their harvest with paper transportation tags prior to transporting it to the nearest check station. Hunters are encouraged to be cautious when handling harvested hogs due to multiple documented cases of Brucellosis at Catoosa. Catoosa WMA will be closed to all users February 1–last Friday in March, except for the following: 1. Cumberland Trail Corridor users and walk in anglers 2. Walk in hunters and trappers will be permitted Feb. 1 thru the last day of February. Closed to all hunting March 1–fourth Friday in August, except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons. During all deer, turkey and wild hog control hunts, all users within the Cumberland Trail corridor must wear blaze orange/pink and remain within 100 feet on either side of the trail. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunrise and sunset. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



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, fox, coyote, groundhog and crow only during statewide 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.



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 four (4) points on one (1) antler or a fifteen inch minimum outside antler spread. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



Deer/Bear (Archery) - Oct. 3–Oct. 11. Archery equipment only. Area check stations operated. Entire area open. Two (2) deer no more than one (1) antlered (deer counts towards statewide bag limit). Bears may be taken with any weapon legal for the hunt. One (1) bear, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Oct. 24–25. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Oct. 29–31. Station quota per hunt: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One (1) deer, antlered only (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 12–14. Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One (1) deer, antlered only (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 19–21. Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One (1) deer, antlered only (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Gun) - Dec. 3–5. Non-quota. Entire area open. One (1) deer, antlered only (counts toward statewide bag limit).

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/pink, visible front and back. Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking deer, bear or elk. Legal hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Checking stations open on Catoosa—all hogs must be transported whole to the checking stations for data collection.

Bullfrog - April 1–Sept. 1. No hunting during turkey hunts.



Turkey (Young Sportsman) - March 27–28. One (1) male bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey - April 3–May 2. One male bearded turkey per day, counts toward statewide bag limit of 2.



Trapping - Dec. 15–last day of Feb.



Shooting Range (Genesis Checking Station) - Open daily except during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Permit required. See tnwildlife.org for details.

Shooting Range (Peavine Campground) - Open April 1–Jan. 31, except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Permit required. See tnwildlife.org for details.



Camping - Allowed for big game hunters, during big game hunts in designated areas only.

CROOKED FORK UNIT
MORGAN COUNTY • 1,600 ACRES
ACCESS POINTS LOCATED ON HEIDEL RD AND
HEARTLAND RD IN WARTBURG, TN.
DON CHANCE (931) 456-2479

Rifles and handguns using center-fire ammunition are prohibited. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



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

PINE ORCHARD UNIT

MORGAN COUNTY • 1,114 ACRES
I-40 AIRPORT RD. EXIT, ALL PORTIONS OF
CATOOSA WMA SOUTH OF PINE ORCHARD RD
AND EAST OF WHITE OAK RD IN OAKDALE, TN.
DON CHANCE (931) 456-2479

Small Game

Same as statewide season, except as noted.

Big Game

Same as statewide seasons



Trapping - Same as statewide seasons.



Dog training - Dog training is closed.

CATOOSA RIDGE REFUGE

CUMBERLAND COUNTY • 1,637 ACRES
OFF POTATO FARM RD. BETWEEN TODD RD.
AND COLD SPRINGS RD.
DON CHANCE (931) 456-2479 • SG, WF, BG, HI

Closed to all non-participants during Catoosa Ridge Refuge quota hunts. Antlered deer must have a minimum of 9 points total or 15 inch minimum outside spread on all hunts. All ponds open to fishing except during deer hunts. All deer harvest are to be reported at Catoosa WMA check station. Motorized vehicle use is not permitted except during quota hunts and authorized events.

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Begins on 1st Saturday in December and closes at sunset the night before and during quota hunts. Closed to quail hunting.



Deer (Archery) - Three (3) hunts: Oct. 29–31, Nov. 12–14, and Nov. 19–21. Station quota per hunt: 8. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered. Deer count toward statewide bag limit.



Turkey - Two (2) hunts: Apr. 3–4, Apr. 10–11. Station quota per hunt: 4. One (1) male bird. Bird counts toward statewide bag limit.



Rabbit & Woodcock - Hunting open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only. Beagles and pointing breeds only.



Dog Training - First Saturday of Dec.–March 15. Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only.



Trapping - Dec. 15–last day of Feb.

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. 12. Archery equipment only for deer hunting.

Small Game

Small game open Dec. 12–last day of Feb. except squirrel season open from Aug. 22–Sept. 25, and during spring squirrel season. Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.

SOUTH CHEROKEE

ALONG THE TENNESSEE-NORTH
CAROLINA STATE LINE SOUTH OF
THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS
NATIONAL PARK • 300,000 ACRES
MITCH CLURE (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. A Non-quota Big Game permit or Sportsman License is 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/pink 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 March 1 through August 22, except turkey season.



Same as statewide, except as noted.

Small game hunters, except raccoon and opossum hunters, must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange/pink 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 (1) 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 two (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. Bobcat 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 (1) deer, antlered or antlerless, counts toward statewide bag limit. One (1) bear either sex outside the bear reserve.

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Oct. 26–Nov. 1. One (1) deer, antlered only (deer counts towards statewide bag limit).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Oct. 24–25. One (1) deer, antlered or antlerless (deer counts towards state wide bag limit).

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 21–29, Dec. 14–28. Two (2) deer, antlered only (deer counts towards statewide bag limit).



Bear (Gun - Dogs Permitted) - Five (5) hunts: Oct. 3–4, Oct. 10–16, Nov. 2–6, Nov. 30–Dec. 13, Dec. 31–Jan. 3. One (1) bear, either sex (bear counts towards statewide bag limit). Hunting confined to that area outside the Ocoee and Tellico Bear Reserves.

Bear Party-Dog Hunts (Gun - Dogs Permitted) - Four (4) hunts: Oct. 3–4, Oct. 10–11, Nov. 2–3, Nov. 30–Dec. 1. Quota party dog hunts, 75 permits per party. One (1) party permitted in each of the following areas: Upper Tellico, Lower Tellico, Upper Bald River, and Lower Bald River. One (1) bear, either sex (bear counts towards statewide bag limit). Party-Dog Area closed during scheduled quota party-dog hunts. See below for more details.

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–Feb. 28. Inside Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Jan. 4–31, hunters are limited to a maximum of two (2) 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 tnwildlife.org for details.

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.

Electric Bikes - All electric bicycles are classified as motorized vehicles under 36CFR212 and therefore are not permitted: on gated roads restricting motorized vehicles; on trails or areas designated as non-motorized; or in Wilderness Areas. For more information, please contact U.S. Forest Service (423) 476-9700.



Dog training - Dog training prohibited unless otherwise specified. The use or possession of any electronic tracking devices from March 1—Aug. 15 is illegal. Hunting of coyotes with dogs is prohibited.



Camping - On Forest Service sites, available seasonally.

CHICKAMAUGA

BRADLEY/HAMILTON/MCMINN/MEIGS/RHEA COUNTIES • 4,000 ACRES • **SG, WF, BG**

SODDY CREEK, SALE CREEK, COTTONPORT, YELLOW CREEK AND WASHINGTON FERRY
BRIAN LETNER (423) 365-9571

CANDIES CREEK, JOHNSON BOTTOMS, ROGER'S CREEK
JASON JACKSON (423) 614-3018

ALL OTHER CHICKAMAUGA UNITS
ROB KLIPPEL (423) 693-6791

SODDY CREEK, SALE CREEK

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Deer hunting with archery equipment only. Archery hunters must comply with blaze orange/pink 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

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide hunting and trapping seasons. No waterfowl hunters permitted on units from two (2) 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

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except units closed to all forms of trespass including fishing, trapping and hunting for all species except waterfowl (excluding Candies Creek Upland Unit) 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. On the Yellow Creek Unit a canoe or kayak may be beneficial for access. Closed to quail hunting.

CANDIES CREEK UPLAND UNIT

WMA Property east of Candies Creek and west of Lower River Road. Big Game and small game same as statewide hunting and trapping seasons.



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 (2) hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the duck seasons. Hunting is allowed only from registered hunting sites. Hunt sites and hunting dates will be allocated through a computer drawing (See page 84 for more specific information). Hunters selected for a hunt site may bring up to seven (7) additional hunters. No more than eight (8) hunters per site. No 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 hunt site during their assigned hunt date, but must remove all decoys at the end of their last hunt date. Young Sportsman and military hunters may hunt sites during the youth and the military waterfowl seasons

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 72.

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.

on a first come, first served basis. Hunters during these seasons must enter the hunting area only from established TWRA parking areas.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15, except closed during late duck season.

CORDELL HULL

JACKSON/SMITH COUNTIES • 25,000 ACRES
JOHNNY POSTON (615) 342-9307 • **SG, WF, BG**

Big Game

Small Game



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–March 15.



Camping - Army Corp of engineer campgrounds, available seasonally.

DEFEATED CREEK UNIT

Same as statewide seasons except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Shotguns 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.

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.

Big Game

Small Game

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–March 15, daylight hours only. Closed to training during refuge closure dates.

EDGAR EVINS STATE PARK

DEKALB COUNTY • 6,000 ACRES
ON CENTER HILL LAKE
MANAGED BY EDGAR EVINS SP (931) 646-3080
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **BG**

Big Game

Small Game



Dog training - Same as statewide seasons, except closed on north side of Center Hill Lake.

FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK

BLED SOE/VAN BUREN COUNTIES • 7,000 ACRES
OFF HWY. 30 BETWEEN PIKEVILLE AND SPENCER
MANAGED BY FALL CREEK FALLS SP
(423) 881-5298
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. Spring squirrel season is closed.



Deer (Archery) - Nov. 7–15. Hunter quota 92. Three (3) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer). Hunters selected by drawing conducted at Eli Field Shelter 8–10 a.m. Oct. 10, 2026. One (1) male bearded turkey may be harvested and counts toward statewide bag limit.



Deer (Archery) - Dec. 11–13. Three (3) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer). One (1) male bearded turkey may be harvested and counts toward statewide bag limit.



Turkey (Archery) - Open the first nine (9) days of the statewide spring season. One (1) male bearded turkey per day, not to exceed two (2) turkeys. Counts towards statewide bag limit.



Camping - Park managed campgrounds.

FOURTH FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP

POLK COUNTY • 520 ACRES
NEAR COPPER HILL
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **NP**

Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for big game. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange/pink 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.



Dog training - Beagles and pointing breeds only. No dog training allowed during spring turkey season.

HARP

BLED SOE COUNTY • 285 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • **SG, BG**

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.

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. 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 & Sept. 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. 2–14. Bag limit of three (3) per day.



Opossum, Raccoon - Sept. 1–Nov. 14. Hunting will be limited to Tuesday and Wednesday nights only.



Canada Goose - Sept. 1–18. No goose hunters permitted on refuge from two (2) 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 (2) hours after shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day.



Deer (Shotgun – Muzzleloader)(Young-Sportsman) - Sept. 19–20. Hunter quota 100. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - Sept. 25–27. Hunter quota 200. Two (2) deer no more than one (1) antlered, one (1) male turkey (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - Oct. 9–11. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered, one (1) male turkey (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Oct. 23–25. Hunter quota 150. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Oct. 30–Nov. 1. Hunter quota 150. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).



Turkey - Same as statewide spring turkey season.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 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.



Camping - During deer hunts only at check station.

JACKSON SWAMP

OVERTON COUNTY • 203 ACRES
JOHNNY POSTON (615) 342-9307 • SG, WF, BG



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



Dove - Sept. 1 by hand-held drawing. Drawing to be conducted on Aug. 29 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.

Dove - Sept. 2 through remainder of statewide season, same as statewide regulations.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.

KEYES-HARRISON

CUMBERLAND COUNTY • 1,740 ACRES
DON CHANCE (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.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season. Closed to quail hunting



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Hunt Zone 4. Archery only. See page 72-73 for bear hunting details.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.

LUPER MOUNTAIN

CUMBERLAND COUNTY • 5,617 ACRES
DON CHANCE (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, 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. Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts. Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) permitted from the 4th Saturday in August through 2nd Sunday in June.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season.



Deer - same as statewide deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the deer gun season.



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Hunt Zone 4. Archery only. See page 72-73 for bear hunting details.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.

LONESTAR MOUNTAIN UNIT



Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season.



Deer - same as statewide deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the deer gun season.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.

MCGLOTHLIN-LARGEN

ROANE COUNTY • 112 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. 12. Archery equipment only for deer. September waterfowl seasons closed for wood duck, teal and Canada goose.



Rabbit - Dec. 12 to last day of Feb. on Saturday and Sunday only. Bag limit of three (3) 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–March 15. Beagles and pointing breeds only.

MT. ROOSEVELT

CUMBERLAND/ROANE/MORGAN COUNTIES • 11,000 ACRES
DON CHANCE (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, 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. Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.



Same as statewide season except as noted. Closed to bear hunting. Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.



Deer - same as statewide Deer Management Unit 5 deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the gun season.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.

NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK

HAMILTON COUNTY • 5,400 ACRES
BRIAN LETNER (423) 365-9571

HIXSON, LAKE CAROLYN, ROGERS, SUTTON, THRASHER BOTTOMS, VANDERGRIFT, POE BRANCH AND VARNER UNITS. • SG, WF, BG

No motorized vehicles outside parking areas. Units closed after sunset except to opossum and raccoon hunters. Trespass prohibited by non-hunters/non-anglers on hunt days. Hixson, Rogers, Varner and Vandergriff Units closed to all forms of trespass except hunting and trapping during the late waterfowl seasons.

Big Game Small Game

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 (3) 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 on Sept. 1. 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/pink requirements during the statewide deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.



Turkey - hunting ends at noon each day. Fall turkey season is archery only.



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

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.

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

OAK RIDGE

ROANE/ANDERSON COUNTIES • 36,000 ACRES
SHANNON YOUNG (865) 576-2380 (CHECK STATION);
865-755-4845 (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 bagged-only hunting areas). During deer hunts, non-hunting juveniles must also comply with blaze orange/pink 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 blaze orange/pink 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) (Zone 1) - Three (3) hunts: Nov. 7–8, Nov. 14–15, Dec. 12–13. Hunter quota 200. Three (3) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Shotgun/Muzzleloader)(Zone 1) - Three (3) hunts: Nov. 7–8, Nov. 14–15, Dec. 12–13. Hunter quota 175. Three (3) deer, antlerless only (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) (Zone 2) - Three (3) hunts: Nov. 7–8, Nov. 14–15, Dec. 12–13. Hunter quota 200. Three (3) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer). While deer hunting, one (1) male turkey may be harvested and will count toward your statewide bag limit.

Deer (Archery) (Zone 2) - Three (3) hunts: Nov. 7–8, Nov. 14–15, Dec. 12–13. Hunter quota 125. Three (3) deer, antlerless only (bonus deer). While deer hunting, one (1) male turkey may be harvested and will count toward your statewide bag limit.

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 - 30 minutes 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. 7, 12–13, 19–20, Oct. 10–11, 17–18.

Wood Duck/Teal - Sept. 12–13.



Turkey - Two (2) hunts: April 3–4, April 10–11. Hunter quota 225. One (1) male bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon daily. Successful hunters must be at the check station by 1 p.m. **Re-entry is prohibited after turkey check-in.**

Turkey scouting date: 7 a.m. to noon March 27 for permit holders and approved youths only.

All listed times are in the Eastern time zone.

PAINT ROCK

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/pink requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons. Shotguns only for small game.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15

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 Habitat Conservation Permit. Motorized vehicles not permitted behind locked gates. OHV use is restricted to roads open to other motorized vehicle traffic. Driving on the pond levee, pond edges, fields, or dirt roads is prohibited.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer same as statewide season except closed Oct. 24–30.

Closed to quail hunting except open to young sportsmens quail hunt Oct. 24–30. Bag limit two (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–March 15.

PICKETT STATE FOREST

PICKETT COUNTY • 11,000 ACRES
MANAGED BY PICKETT SF (931) 218-9039
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • NP



Same as statewide seasons.



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Hunt Zone 4. See page 72-73 for bear hunting details.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.



Camping - State forest regulations apply or state park managed campgrounds.

PRENTICE COOPER STATE FOREST

MARION COUNTY • 24,000 ACRES
ON HWY. 27, 5 MILES EAST OF POWELL'S CROSSROADS
MARTY GRIFFITH (423) 658-0298 • SG, WF, 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–March 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 March 1–the fourth

Friday in August, except during spring turkey and spring squirrel seasons. Contact the area manager for wheelchair accessible deer and turkey blinds.

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. Small game hunting ends on the last day of February.



Fox - Opossum - Raccoon - First Friday in Nov.–end of Feb., except hunting will be limited to Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights only. Bag limit is one (1) per party per night.



Deer (Archery) - Sept. 19–21. Hunter quota 400. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - Sept. 22–25. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Oct. 8–10. Hunter quota 250. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Oct. 29–31. Hunter quota 250. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Oct. 24–25. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 6–8. One (1) deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Nov. 28–Dec. 3. Two (2) deer, antlered only (bonus deer).



Turkey - Six (6) hunts: April 6-8, 9-11, 14-16, 22-24, 27-29, April 30-May 2. One (1) male bearded turkey per day. Counts toward statewide bag limit.



Trapping - Dec. 2–12.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.



Shooting Range - Open Thursday, Friday, Saturdays only, during daylight hours. Closed during big game hunts. Permit required.



Camping - Hunter check station campground open year-round, except closed Jan. 1 through Feb. 28 (No Access to WMA During Big Game Hunts).

Davis Pond campground - open year-round, except closed during big game hunts (Must be at campground by sunset, no riding around privileges after sunset).

Tennessee Wall Campground - open year-round (no access to area during big game hunts).

SKINNER MOUNTAIN

FENTRESS COUNTY • 18,950 ACRES
TAYLOR WINCHELL (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, 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. OHVs permitted from the fourth Saturday in August through the second Sunday in June. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



Same as statewide seasons except as noted. Deer season follows Deer Management Unit 4. Trapping and small game hunting closes at sunset the day before hog control season.



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Hunt Zone 4. Archery only. See page 72–73 for bear hunting details.

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/pink, visible front and back.

Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking Deer, Bear, or Elk.

Legal hours - 30 minutes before sunrise and to 30 minutes after sunset.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.

STANDING STONE STATE FOREST

OVERTON COUNTY • 8,764 ACRES
MANAGED BY STANDING STONE SF (931) 403-1010
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • NP



Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.



Camping - State forest regulations apply or state park managed campgrounds.

TELLICO LAKE

MONROE AND LOUDON COUNTY • 8,000 ACRES
MITCH CLURE (423) 884-6767 • SG, BG

Field trial permit required. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



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.

TELLICO WEST UNIT - (THE PORTION OF TELLICO RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT AGENCY INDUSTRIAL PARK AT LTRM 18.0 ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TELLICO RESERVOIR)

Tellico West Unit closed to small game hunting.



Deer (Archery) - Sept. 19–20. Hunter quota 30 each hunt. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - Oct. 10–11. Hunter quota 30 each hunt. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - Nov. 14–15. Hunter quota 30 each hunt. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - Dec. 12–13. Hunter quota 30 each hunt. Two (2) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).



Turkey (Young Sportsman) - March 27–28. Hunter quota 5. One (1) male bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - April 10–11. Hunter quota 5. One (1) male bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

MCGHEE-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. 1, 5, 7. Opens at noon on Sept. 1, all day Sept. 5 & 7. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult, 21 or older, who may also hunt.



Rabbit, Squirrel - Nov. 21–22, Nov. 28–29, Dec. 5–6, 12–13, 19–20, 26–27, Jan. 2–3, Jan. 9–10. Bag limit three (3) rabbits per day. Shotguns only.



Deer (Shotgun only - Young-Sportsman) - Nov. 14–15. Hunter quota 35. One (1) antlered or antlerless deer. (Bonus deer).



Turkey (Young Sportsman) - March 27–28. Hunter quota five (5). One (1) male bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - April 10–11. Hunter quota five (5). One (1) male bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15. Closed during field trials and big game hunts. Daylight hours only.

Dog Field Trials - Field Trial Permit Required. Sept. 1–April 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.

CHOTA REFUGE UNIT - (THAT PORTION FROM LTRM 26.0 UPSTREAM TO THE HIWASSEE - ALCOA POWERLINE AT LTRM 29.7)

Wild hogs may be taken during any deer or bear hunt by legal deer or bear hunters.



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.



Rabbit, Quail - Oct. 31–Nov. 6.



Dog training - March 1–Oct. 31.

Dog Field Trials - March 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.

THE BOILS

JACKSON COUNTY • 119 ACRES
JOHNNY POSTON • (615) 342-9307 • SG, WF, BG

Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.



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



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15.

WATTS BAR

ROANE COUNTY • 3,880 ACRES
PRIMARILY ON ISLANDS AND ACCESS AREAS
ON WATTS BAR LAKE
ROB KLIPPEL (423) 693-6791 • 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.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 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.



Same as statewide season, except no trapping during the duck season on the Long Island Unit.

YUCHI REFUGE

RHEA COUNTY • 2,634 ACRES
BRIAN LETNER (423) 365-9571 • SG, WF, BG

Nontoxic 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.

During big game quota hunts, one (1) 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/pink regulations specified for legal hunters.



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.



Wood Duck, Teal - Same as Sept. Wood Duck/Teal season. No duck hunters permitted on the refuge from two (2) hours after shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day. Walk-in access only. No boat access from the river



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 (1) 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 (3) per day.



Deer - Antlered deer must have a minimum of nine (9) total points or a 15 inch minimum outside antler spread on all hunts.

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Sept. 26–27. Hunter quota 50 each hunt. Three (3) deer, only one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Oct. 3–4. Hunter quota 50 each hunt. Three (3) deer, only one (1) antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun): Oct. 16–18. Hunter quota 50. Three (3) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (Bonus deer).

Deer (Gun): Nov. 6–8. Hunter quota 50. Three (3) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (Bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) (Upland Zone) - Dec. 4–6. Hunter quota 35. Three (3) deer, no more than one (1) antlered (bonus deer).



Deer, Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Only) - Three (3) wheelchair-bound hunters allowed per quota deer hunt and two (2) hunters per turkey quota hunt. Hunters must contact Region 3 office to reserve hunt date.



Turkey (Young Sportsman) - March 13–14.

Hunter quota 15. One (1) male bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only.

Turkey - March 19–21. Hunter quota 10. One (1) male bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only.

Turkey - April 26–28. Hunter quota 10. One (1) male bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only.

Turkey - April 2–4. Hunter quota 10. One (1) male bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only.

Turkey - April 9–11. Hunter quota 10. One (1) male 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 (1) 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.

REGION IV

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

BUFFALO SPRINGS

GRAINGER COUNTY • 342 ACRES
DUSTIN MCCUBBINS (865) 278-3248 • SG, BG

Waterfall parking area closed one (1) hour after sunset until one (1) hour before sunrise except as authorized by the WMA manager. Night time use of all additional WMA access points is prohibited except for raccoon and opossum hunters and scheduled events.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Shotgun only during small game.



Deer - Archery equipment only



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Transition Zone. See page 72–73 for bear hunting details.



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Dove - Sept. 1 (hunting opens at noon) and Sept. 5 & 7 gate opens at 6:30 a.m. The remainder of the statewide season is walk in only. All fields return to same as statewide season beginning Sept. 8 and are open to all hunters. Do not block the gate.



Quail hunting closed. Quail dog training only during statewide quail season.

NORTH CHEROKEE

ALONG THE TENNESSEE-NORTH CAROLINA STATE LINE NORTH OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
REGION IV OFFICE (423) 587-7037 • BG



Some roads normally open to public travel may be closed from Dec. 15–March 31. 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.



Shooting ranges - Open daylight hours only See tnwildlife.org for details.

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.

Electric Bikes - All electric bicycles are classified as motorized vehicles under 36CFR212 and therefore are not permitted: on gated roads restricting motorized vehicles; on trails or areas designated as non-motorized; or in Wilderness Areas. For more information, please contact U.S. Forest Service (423) 476-9700.



Dog Training - Dog training prohibited unless otherwise specified. The use or possession of any electronic tracking devices from March 1–Aug. 15 is prohibited.

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 (1) 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 two (2) dogs per vehicle.



Dove, Grouse, Quail, Rabbit, Snipe, Squirrel, Trap-ping - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Small game hunters (except raccoon and opossum hunters between sunset and sunrise) must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange/pink 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.



Spring squirrel season is closed.



Deer - Dates are same as statewide season except as noted. Antlered bag limit is two (2) and counts toward statewide bag limit.

Deer (Archery) - Bag limit of four (4) antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Bag limit of one (1) antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Bag limit of two (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 in bear reserves:** Oct. 2–23, Oct. 30–Nov. 1, Nov. 8–16, Nov. 20–24, Nov. 29–Dec. 16.



Bear - Same as Bear Hunt Zone 1 season, except closed Sept. 26–Oct. 2. 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 or during spring season.



Camping - please refer to US Forest Service district offices.

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 Main Forest Road. 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 is legal to operate on county, state and federal highways. Speed limit is 25 mph. All operators or passengers under the age of 18 of an off highway vehicle are required to wear an appropriate safety helmet. 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 March 1–the fourth Friday in August, except for Spring Turkey and Spring Squirrel hunting. Small

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 Hwys. 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.

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.

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 (7) one (1) night hunts. Dec. 13–19. Hunters must check out by 1 a.m. One (1) raccoon per person.



Coyote - June 7, 2026–Aug. 8, 2026; June 6, 2027–Aug. 14, 2027. No Limit. Centerfire allowed. Call WMA office for free permit. 865-278-3248.



Deer/Bear - Archery - Oct. 2–3, Hunter quota 400. One (1) deer, either sex. One (1) bear. Deer and bear counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Oct. 24–25. Hunter quota 200. One (1) deer, either sex (Bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Nov. 13–14. Hunter quota 650. One (1) deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Gun) - Dec. 4–5. Hunter quota 650. One (1) deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Gun) - Dec. 11–12. Hunter quota 650. One (1) deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.



Turkey - April 1–3. Hunter quota 25. One (1) male bearded turkey per hunt. No jakes allowed. 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.

Turkey - April 15–17. Hunter quota 25. One (1) male bearded turkey per hunt. No jakes allowed. 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 (1) party per compartment. Trappers must apply at WMA office. No snares or conibear traps. Trappers must report catch annually.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15, daylight hours only.



Shooting 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. See tnwildlife.org for details.

COVE CREEK

CAMPBELL COUNTY • 2,450 ACRES
KEITH THOMAS (423) 566-8557 • SG, BG



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



Deer - Dates are same as statewide season except as noted.

Deer (Archery) - Bag limit of one (1) antlerless and one (1) antlered (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Muzzleloader/Gun Combined) - Bag limit of one (1) antlerless and one (1) antlered (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Dates and bag limit same as statewide season.



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Transition Zone. See page 72–73 for bear hunting details.



Spring Turkey - Only one (1) male bearded turkey allowed during the first 14 days of the statewide turkey season, not to exceed two (2) male bearded birds for the entire season.

FOOTHILLS

BLOUNT COUNTY • 11,000 ACRES
GPS: 35 36.766 BY 084 02.216 W
MATT JELICORSE (423) 587-7037 • SG, BG

Motorized vehicles and horseback riding prohibited. The use of and/or possession of any tracking device for dogs from March 1 to Aug. 31 is not permitted. Blaze orange/pink 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 March 1st through 4th Friday in August, except for spring turkey. Closed to quail hunting and dog training.



Deer - Dates are same as statewide season. Bag limit of two (2) antlered deer (count toward statewide limit). Closed to all antlerless hunting except during Young Sportsman deer hunt.



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Hunt Zone 2. See page 72–73 for bear hunting details.



Opossum, Raccoon - Jan. 1–Feb. 28.

FORKS OF THE RIVER

KNOX COUNTY • 648 ACRES
EAST OF KNOXVILLE
GPS: 35.952572 N BY 83.858632 W
MATT JELICORSE (423) 587-7037 • SG, BG, HI

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 (1) hour after sunset to one (1) 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.



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

All hunting is closed from March 1 through 4th Friday in August, except for spring squirrel and spring turkey season.

The early September waterfowl seasons are closed.



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Transition Zone. See page 72–73 for bear hunting details.



Dove - Sept. 1 (hunting opens at noon) and Sept. 5 & 7 gate opens at 6:30 a.m. The remainder of the statewide season is walk in only. All fields return to same as statewide season beginning Sept. 8 and are open to all hunters. Do not block the gate.

Youth/Adult Field - Sept. 1 (hunting opens at noon) and Sept. 5 & 7 gate opens at 6:30 a.m. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt. Youth fields will be designated and posted by the Area Manager.

Pigeon - open with dove season.

Falconry and Crow - Opens Sept. 12 and runs concurrent with statewide season.

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, 30 minutes before sunrise until noon. Size BBB or smaller required.

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/pink required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).



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.



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Transition Zone. See page 72–73 for bear hunting details.



Rabbit - Nov. 1–14.



Dog training - Rabbit and Quail - Oct. 1–Nov. 14. All other: March 1–Oct. 31.

KYKER BOTTOMS REFUGE

BLOUNT COUNTY • 525 ACRES
GPS: 35.602180 BY 84.122143 W
MATT JELLCORSE (423) 587-7037 • 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted. Wild hogs may be taken on any deer and turkey hunt with hunting devices legal for those hunts.



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/pink is required by small game hunters during young sportsman deer gun hunt.



Deer (Archery) - Sept. 26–Oct. 30, Nov. 2–Nov. 14. Bag limit same as statewide.

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Oct. 31–Nov. 1, bag limit same as statewide season.



Turkey is Youth/Adult only March 27–28 and weekends of the statewide season open Friday–Sunday only. Youth must be accompanied by a licensed

adult, age 21 years or older, who may also hunt. Same as statewide bag limit, male bearded turkey only.



Rabbit, Quail - Nov. 1–14. Quail bag limit two/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.

KYLES FORD

HANCOCK/HAWKINS COUNTY • 1,000 ACRES
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training excluding raccoon/opossum closes at 4 p.m. Blaze orange/pink is required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Hunt Zone 5, except archery season dates only. See page 72–73 for bear hunting details.



Quail - Open to dog training only. Quail dog training open only during quail season.



Rabbit Dog Training - Oct. 1–31.

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.



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/pink 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 (hunting opens at noon) open to all hunters, Sept. 5 is youth/adult only until noon, beginning at noon the field is open to all hunters for the remainder of the season.

Entire Mohawk dove field is non toxic shot.

EARLY WATERFOWL SEASONS WOOD DUCK/TEAL, 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. Every other Saturday, a hand-held drawing will be conducted at 1 p.m. to determine the following two weeks Tuesdays and Saturdays 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. 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/veteran 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/pink on the body and head.

Goose season is closed on the area at the end of late waterfowl season. Goose season is open to youth/veteran only during the youth waterfowl seasons. Goose season is open to adults after the youth/veteran waterfowl seasons.

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.



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 - Opens Sept. 5, youth/adult only the entire season.



Rabbit - Nov. 1–14. Bag limit two rabbits/day.



Dog training - Rabbit and Quail - Oct. 1–31. All other: March 1–Oct. 31.

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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 one (1) hour before legal shooting hours.

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(TCA 55-52-201) All operators or passengers under the age of 18 of an off highway vehicle (OHV) are required to wear an appropriate safety helmet. OHV, hooved animal riding, bicycles and all other vehicles are restricted to roads marked "open to vehicular traffic."

Hooved animal riding and bicycling - High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit required.

OHV riders - North Cumberland OHV Riding Permit or Sportsman Supplemental Permit required. See page 11 for details.

Organized competition events for motorized/nonmotorized vehicles prohibited.

Public use is permitted during all hunts. During daylight hours, all users (except waterfowl hunters) outside of an enclosed vehicle or out of camp must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange/pink 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.

Wild hogs may be taken during any hunt with hunting devices legal for that hunt. Chasing with dogs not permitted.

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to hunting March 1 through the 4th Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey. Closed to spring squirrel 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/pink requirements while hunting in the elk zones during the firearms elk hunts (see page 70).

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.



Dog training - Sept. 1–March 15. Chasing fox, coyotes, and bobcats with dogs is not permitted.



Spring Turkey - Only one (1) male bearded turkey allowed during the first 14 days of the statewide turkey season, not to exceed two (2) for the entire season.



Deer (Archery) - Bag limit of one (1) antlerless and one (1) antlered (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Muzzleloader/Gun Combined) - Bag limit of one (1) antlerless and one (1) antlered (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Dates and bag limit same as statewide season.

Ed Carter Unit - antlered deer must have a minimum of four (4) points on one (1) antler or a fifteen-inch minimum outside antler spread.



Elk hunting by quota permit only. Information on page 70.



Bear - Same as statewide Bear Hunt Zone 4. Archery season dates only. See page 72–73 for bear hunting details.

Ginseng - Sept. 1–Dec. 31.



Shooting range open daylight hours 7 days a week. Permit required for range.



Camping - Allowed area wide. Do not block roads, trails, or gates.

OTEE MILLS REFUGE OF NORTH CUMBERLAND WMA

Closed to all forms of use and trespass except as noted during big game and small game seasons. Dog training and trapping closed. Prohibited activities: OHV riding, horseback riding, mountain bike riding, hiking, camping, and ginseng hunting.

Special Deer Restriction - Scouting days for deer quota hunts are Saturdays prior to each individuals permitted hunt dates. Quota hunters are required to check out harvested big game at the Otey Mills Refuge Checking Station when in operation.



Deer/Bear Archery - Oct. 9–10. Hunter quota 15. Bag Limit-one (1) antlered deer and one (1) bear. Antlered deer must have a minimum of four (4) points on one (1) antler or a 15 inch minimum outside antler spread. Deer and bear count toward statewide bag limit.

Deer Archery - Dec. 4–5. Hunter quota 15. Bag limit-one (1) antlered deer. Antlered deer must have a minimum of four (4) points on one (1) antler or a 15 inch minimum outside antler spread. Deer count toward statewide bag limit.

Young Sportsman Deer Archery - Nov. 14–15. Hunter quota 15. Bag limit - one (1) deer either sex. Antlered deer must have a minimum of four (4) points on one (1) antler or a 15 inch minimum outside antler spread. Antlered deer count toward statewide bag limit.



Small Game

Small Game - Jan. 1–Feb. 28; closed to quail and spring squirrel seasons. Walk in access only.



Spring Turkey - Youth/Adult only- same as statewide season. Walk in access only.

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No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials and boats must be removed at the end of legal hunting hours. Wild hogs may be taken on any deer and turkey hunt with hunting devices legal for those hunts.



Big Game



Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunters (except waterfowl) must wear blaze orange/pink during big game hunts. Closed to hunting March 1 through fourth Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey and spring squirrel. Coyotes may be taken on big game hunts with devices legal for that hunt. No dogs allowed while coyote hunting.

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Closed to all activity from Nov. 15 to the last day of the youth waterfowl season, except legal hunters on Saturdays.



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Bullfrog - March 1–Nov. 14, gigs only.

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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
☐ qualifying grandchild or great-grandchild

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.
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TCA 70-2-204. Hunting and fishing on farmland – License exemption to owner, tenants and their spouses and children. –(a) (1) (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. (B) The grandchildren and great-grandchildren under sixteen (16) years of age of the owners of farmlands have the right to engage in the sport of hunting and fishing, subject to all laws or regulations concerning wildlife, upon such lands and waters on the land of which their grandparent or great-grandparent or grandparents or great-grandparents are the bona fide owners, with the permission of the landowner, during the season when it is lawful to do so, without procuring a hunting and sport fishing license. (C) The spouses of the children of the owners of farmlands have the right to engage in the sport of hunting and fishing, subject to all laws or regulations concerning wildlife, upon such lands and waters on the land of which their mother-in-law or father-in-law is the bona fide owner, with the permission of the landowner, during the season when it is lawful to do so, without procuring a hunting and sport fishing license. (D) **Tenants and their spouses and their dependent children must be bona fide residents of this state and must actually reside on the land.** (E) **Owners and their spouses, children, spouses of children, qualified grandchildren, and qualified great-grandchildren must be bona fide residents of this state.** (F) 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(a). (2) "Family" means any combination of kinship within the third degree including any spouse who has an interest in the property. (3) "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. (b) Each person claiming a license exemption under subsection (a) shall provide identification and shall submit a signed statement attesting to the exempt status described in the statement and a description of the land and the name of the land owner when requested by an officer of the wildlife agency or upon presenting any game to a check station. Such statement shall contain information sufficient to demonstrate that such person has complied with the requirements of subsection (a). The commission shall prepare a preprinted form for the submission of such statements for convenience of use. Submission of false information in a signed statement is a Class C misdemeanor. (c) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

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Wildlife Officer Phone #: _____

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4. Respect the game and firearms laws.
5. Respect fellow outdoorsmen, observing all safety precautions and the traditions of good sportsmanship.

WR-0623

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 _____

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