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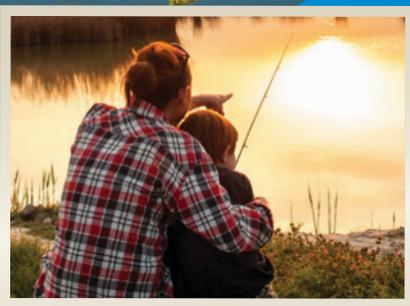
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WHAT'S NEW

FOR 2020 – 2021

Statewide

Sportfishing

- Wild Trout Streams – removal of the restrictions on fishing time of 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset as well as the restriction of one pole or rod per angler.

Bait

- Addition of streams to the restriction of harvest, use, and possession of crayfish from designated streams, in all their tributaries, and on all adjacent banks (see page 49).
- Addition of streams to the restriction concerning crayfish harvested for bait from designated streams and their tributaries that shall not be possessed away from the waterbody from which they were harvested (see page 49).
- Legal Gear for harvesting bait – removed the restriction on the dimensions of a minnow trap and added crayfish traps to legal gear for the harvest of bait.
- Trout harvested in the following waters shall only be used as bait in the waters from which the trout were harvested.
 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.).
- Asian carp have been reclassified to Class D bait fish to provide for the sale of dead Asian carp as dead bait by bait dealers.

Region I

Agency Lakes

- Carroll Lake will reopen on April 4, 2020 and regulations will be reestablished for Largemouth bass at a 15 inch minimum length limit and 5 fish daily creel limit, Bluegill and Redear sunfish at no minimum length limit and 20 fish daily creel limit in combination, crappie have no length or daily creel limit, and walleye at 16 inch minimum length limit and 5 fish daily creel limit.
- Graham and Glenn Springs lakes will have no daily creel limit for largemouth bass 18 inches or less and only one largemouth bass greater than 18 inches in length.
- Pin Oak Lake in Natchez Trace State Park — Trotlines and limblines prohibited year round. From 1st of April through 30th of September fishing with jug lines will be prohibited on Fridays after 12 noon until 12 midnight on Sundays. Fishing with jug lines is also prohibited on Memorial Day, July 3rd through July 5th, and Labor Day. On days open to jug fishing, each boat is limited to 10 jugs per day.

Region IV

- Fort Patrick Henry Reservoir — the minimum length limit for Smallmouth Bass at Fort Patrick Henry Reservoir was reduced to 15" and a 5 fish daily creel limit.



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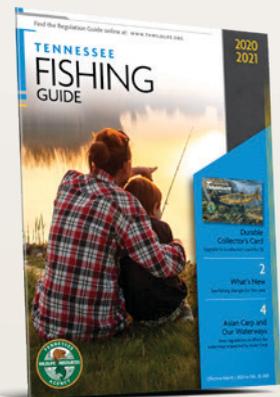
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ASIAN CARP INVASION

REGULATIONS

Asian carp were accidentally released in Arkansas during floods on the Mississippi River in the late 1980s and early 1990s. TWRA first detected substantial numbers of Silver carp in the Mississippi River in the early 2000s. Today, Silver carp (shown jumping to the right) are abundant in reservoirs on the lower Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. They are most widespread in Kentucky and Barkley lakes, but a few fish have spread through locks as far upstream as Chickamauga Lake on the Tennessee River and up the Cumberland River to Cordell Hull Dam. Silver carp have also been found on the Duck River upstream of Columbia Dam.

The expansion of these carp into Tennessee waters is of great concern to the state. At high abundance Asian 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 colliding with boaters. The TWRA is working closely with federal and state partners, including the states of Kentucky, Mississippi, and Alabama, to control the abundance and spread of carp.

Alongside partners, we are currently involved in several projects including the testing of an acoustic barrier at Barkley Dam, and tracking the individual movements of about 250 in the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. This information will allow us to evaluate the barrier, prioritize additional barrier locations, and pattern fish movements to improve harvest rates.

Since September of 2018 TWRA has supported the commercial fishing industry with incentives that led to the removal of over 3 million pounds of Asian carp from Tennessee waters. These harvest efforts, combined with barriers to prevent more fish from coming into the lakes, should reduce abundance of carp and their impacts.

You are also important in preventing the spread of Asian carp. Please be extra careful about moving bait fish. Young carp look very similar to shad. Learn to tell them apart. It is illegal to have a live Asian carp in your possession. It is always illegal to stock any species of fish into public waters.

Silver and Bighead carp can be harvested. There are no creel or length restrictions. They are a bony fish, but the meat is very tasty. There are several videos online that show techniques for filleting, and even easier methods that allow you to safely serve the fish with bones in (called "carp wings"). Give it a try. For more on carp in Tennessee and how you can help, visit <https://www.twrf.net/asian-carp>.



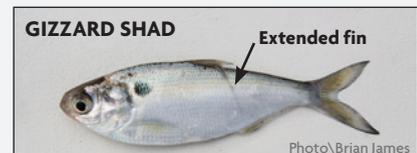
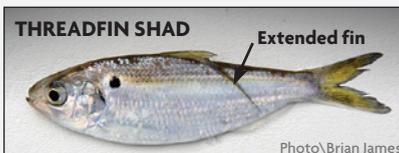
Silver Carp in Tennessee



COMPARISON

Know the difference between shad and carp

The easiest way to tell them apart is to look at the dorsal (top) fin. Both shad have a long, threadlike fin that extends toward the tail. Asian carp will not have this thread-like fin.





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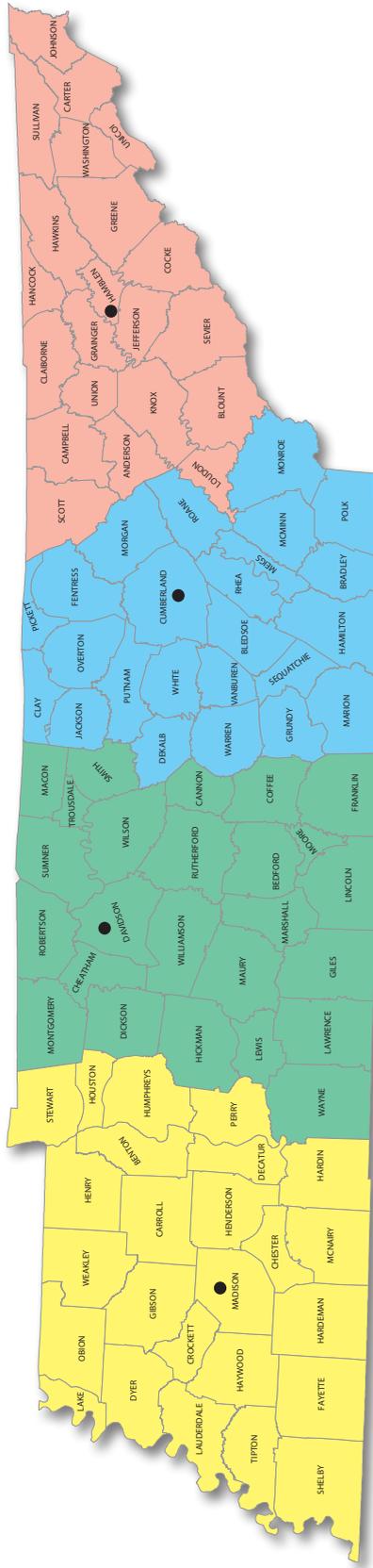
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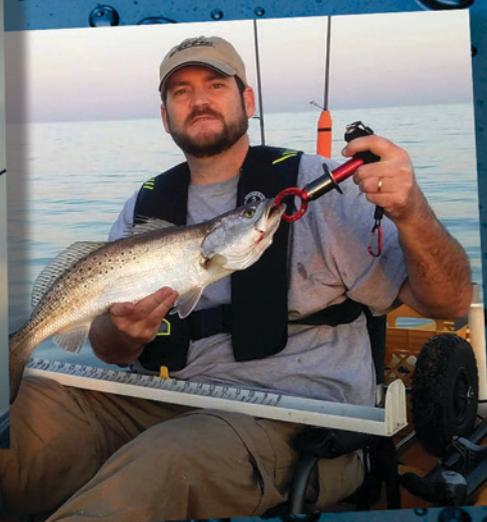
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Fishing licenses go on sale February 18 each year and are valid through the last day of February of the following year. Most license types may be purchased at License Agents located at some County Clerk offices, sporting good stores, hardware stores, and boat docks. All licenses can be purchased at TWRA regional offices. Also, many licenses can be purchased remotely using four methods:

Online: Log on to www.gooutdoorstennessee.com.

Mobile App: Visit gotwra.org to download the free app. It can be used to purchase most license types. No license will be mailed.

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US mail: Send your name, address (including zip code), social security number, date of birth, physical features (height, weight, eye and hair color), and enclose the correct fee to: TWRA Sales Office, P.O. Box 41729, Nashville, TN 37204-1729.

License Agents: 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.

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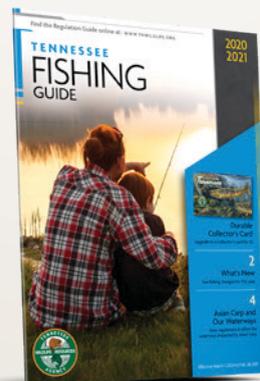


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A valid fishing license obtained from the state of Tennessee or the state of North Carolina is required and honored throughout the park for all persons 13 years of age and older. A Tennessee trout license is not required. The National Park Service sets fishing regulations within the park. For detailed fishing information, contact:

Park Headquarters
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
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Who must have a Tennessee license?

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

- If you are under 13 years of age (resident or nonresident).
- Landowners, their spouses and children, who fish on their farm land which is owned by an individual or a family. Landowners, their spouses and children must be residents of Tennessee but need not reside on the land.
- Tenants, their spouses and dependent children who fish on farm land owned by an individual or a family. Tenants, their spouses and dependent children must be residents of Tennessee and must actually reside on the land and have permission of the landowner to fish. 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 16) and resident great-grandchildren (under 16) who fish on farm land which is owned by their resident grandparents or great-grandparents.

- First cousins who own farmland jointly or in common may fish on the farmland. Their children may fish as well.
- You are on military leave, carrying a copy of your leave orders. A pass does not meet this requirement.
- You are 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 Free Fishing Day!** This year it falls on June 6 (see page 17).
- **It's Free Fishing Week!** All children, ages 15 and younger can fish free between June 6–12 inclusive (see page 17).

NOTE: Giving false information to obtain a license is a misdemeanor punishable by fine and loss of license. Licenses are not transferable.

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- Persons who do not drive or do not possess a valid driver's license from another state, but who have lived in Tennessee for 90 consecutive days with the genuine intent of making Tennessee their permanent home, may prove residency by presenting to a TWRA license agent any two of the following documents:
 - » current Tennessee voter registration card;
 - » current Tennessee vehicle registration or title;
 - » Form I-94 issued by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service
 - » current rental/mortgage contract or receipt including deed of sale for property or receipt for payment of Tennessee real estate taxes within last year
- Military personnel on active duty in this state and children under 16 years of age who reside with them, regardless of Tennessee resident status.
- Students who are enrolled in a Tennessee school, college or university for at least six months, with an appropriate student ID.
- Nonresidents that were born in the State of Tennessee, upon completion of an application for a Native Tennessean license. See page 9 for details.

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

LICENSE	FEE
Annual Hunting and Fishing Combination (Type 001) ages 16–64	\$34
Minimum license required to fish and/or hunt small game.	
Junior Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 002) ages 13–15	\$11
Good for hunting all game, fishing and trapping. Must be purchased prior to 16th birthday. No supplemental licenses are required, but special season and 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 “left over” permits.	
One-Day Fishing (Type 021) no trout; ages 13–64	\$6.50
One-Day Fishing All Fish (Type 023) includes trout; ages 16–64	\$11.50
Annual Trout (Type 022) ages 16–64	\$22
Type 022 is a supplemental license required to fish for trout in addition to Type 001, 020, or 021.	
Annual Sportsman (Type 004) ages 16–64	\$166
An all-inclusive license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any TWRA supplemental licenses or non-quota permits; allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. Annual Sportsman licenses can be purchased from all license agents.	
Annual Hunt/Fish Disabled Under Age 18 (Type 168)	\$5
Available by application only.	
County of Residence Fishing (Type 020) ages 13 and over	\$11
This license allows an angler to fish in his/her county of residence with natural bait (worms, crickets, cut bait, corn, etc.), but not minnows. No artificial baits can be used. A supplemental license (Type 022) is required to fish for trout.	

Resident Licenses (continued)

LICENSE	FEE
South Holston Reservoir (Type 063) ages 13 and over	\$21
This additional license 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 types, would need to purchase this additional license if fishing in VA.	
Annual Resident Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 164) ages 65 and over	\$5
Available at all license agents and can only be purchased when 65th birthday is reached. A valid Tennessee driver's license or proof of age and residency is required. No supplemental licenses are required, but applicable permits are required.	
Permanent Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 166) ages 65 and over	\$50
Available from any license agent for a one-time fee, and valid as long as holder remains a resident of Tennessee. This is not a Lifetime Sportsman License. Additional permits may be required. Can only be purchased when 65th birthday is reached. A valid Tennessee driver's license or proof of age and residency is required. A trout license is not required.	
Annual Senior Citizen Sportsman (Type 167) ages 65 and over	\$50
An all-inclusive license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any state supplemental licenses or permits. Sportsman licenses can be purchased from all license agents.	
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 your local TWRA office and tnwildlife.org . Applications may be submitted by email at Lifetime.License@tn.gov , mail, fax (615-837-4262) or TWRA offices.	
Type 401 (Under 3 years)	\$200
Type 406 (Ages 3–6)	\$659
Type 402 (Ages 7–12)	\$988
Type 403 (Ages 13–50)	\$1,976
Type 404 (Ages 51–64)	\$1,153
Type 405 (Ages 65 & over)	\$329

Nonresident Licenses

Ages 12 and under, no license required.

LICENSE	FEE
Junior Hunt/Fish (Type 070) (Required for nonresidents age 13–15 fishing and small game only)	\$11
Three-Day Fishing (Type 077) —no trout	\$20.50
Ten-Day Fishing (Type 079) —no trout	\$30.50
Annual Fishing (Type 076) —no trout	\$50
Three-Day All Fish (Type 078) —includes trout	\$40.50
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LICENSE	FEE
Reelfoot Lake Permit is required for all users except: those under 16 years of age; residents 65 years or older.	
Reelfoot Preservation Permit—Annual (Type 089)	\$17
Reelfoot Preservation Permit—Three-Day (Type 088)	\$10.50
Reelfoot Preservation Permit—Daily (Type 090)	\$3.50
Tellico-Citico Permit is required seasonally to fish Tellico River, Citico Creek and year-round on Green Cove Pond. See page 36 for details.	
Tellico-Citico Trout—Daily (Type 098) ; Required for all ages. See page 36.	\$6.50
Agency Lake Permits are required to fish Agency Fishing Lakes (pages 30-31), except those under 16 years of age and residents 65 years or older.	
Agency Lake—Daily Permit (Type 191) Valid on all Agency lakes, this permit is sold at Agency Lake offices.	\$6
Agency Lake—Annual Permit (Type 193) Valid on all Agency lakes, this permit is sold at Agency Lake offices & TWRA offices.	\$48
Bedford Lake—Daily Permit (Type 65) Available at any TWRA license agent.	\$6.50
Gatlinburg Trout Fishing – For information on fishing in the Gatlinburg area, contact the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce, 1-800-568-4748 or the Gatlinburg trout facility at 865-436-4558.	
Gatlinburg Three-Day Trout Permit (Type 096) Required for both residents and nonresident ages 13–64 in addition to the appropriate fishing licenses except for those who purchase the (Type 097) permit.	\$9.50
Gatlinburg One-Day Trout Permit (Type 097) Only requirement for residents and nonresidents ages 13 and up to fish in Gatlinburg for one day.	\$11.50
Gatlinburg Trout—Daily (Type 099) Required for both residents and nonresident ages 13–64 in addition to the appropriate fishing licenses except for those who purchase the (Type 097) permit.	\$3.50

Resident Permanent Licenses

The following licenses are available only by application. Applications can be located at regional offices and online. Applications can be submitted at your local TWRA office, by email at twramiscapplication@tn.gov, mail or fax (615-837-4262). A doctor's statement will be required as defined on the application. Licenses are available for a one-time fee and are valid as long as holder remains a resident of Tennessee. These are not Lifetime Sportsman Licenses. Additional permits may be required. A trout license is not required.

LICENSE	FEE
Sport Fishing License for the Blind (Type 197)	\$10
Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing (Type 189)	\$10
Application must be accompanied by a doctor's statement stating that the applicant is permanently confined to a wheelchair.	
DAV Hunting and Fishing (Type 198)	\$10
Available to resident veterans certified by the VA as 30 percent disabled by reason of war service or 100% service connected.	
Intellectual Disability (Type 199) sport fish only	\$10
Must be receiving SSI Benefits due to intellectual disability.	
Intellectual Disability Hunting and Fishing (Type 169)	\$10
Application must be accompanied by a doctor's statement stating that the applicant is intellectually disabled.	

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.

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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 and Coosa)	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.	—
Redear Sunfish or 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 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 2 fish per day with no size limit. Culling is prohibited. For exceptions on Center Hill, Cherokee, and Watts Bar reservoirs, see pages 24 and 26.

Sturgeon (Shovelnose, Pallid, Lake, and Hybrids): No harvest allowed. Must be returned to water immediately. Please report all catches to TWRA (see details on page 19).

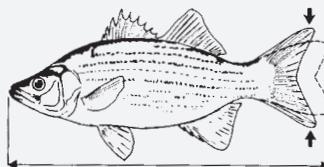
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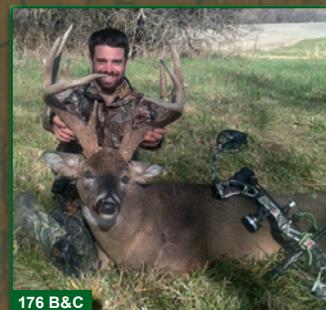
Measuring a Fish's Length

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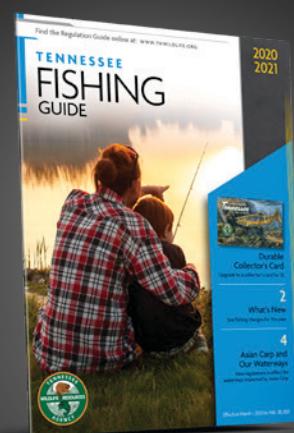
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TWRA's goal is to manage each species of fish with statewide creel and length limits where possible. However, many waters, because of their unique characteristics, require individual creel and length limits. These regulations improve fishing for all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

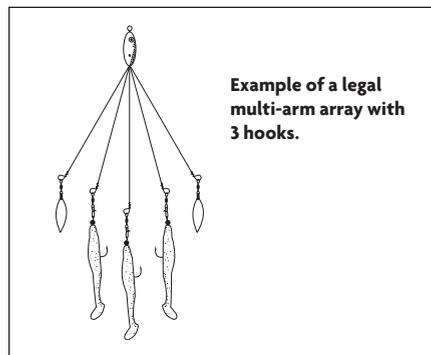
Slot Limits or Protected Length Ranges (PLRs) allow anglers to harvest fish above and below a specified length range. For example, a 14–18" PLR protects fish in the 14- to 18-inch length group. Anglers may harvest fish that measure less than 14 inches and they may harvest fish that measure over 18 inches.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

Possession Limits: The total possession limit is 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: Unless otherwise noted in this guide or by proclamation, there is no limit on the number of poles an angler may fish at one time.

Statewide Hook Restriction

Unless otherwise restricted in this proclamation, 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 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.



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

- **Silver carp**
(*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*)
- **Bighead carp**
(*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*)
- **Black carp**
(*Hypophthalmichthys piceus*)
- **Blueback herring**
(*Alosa aestivalis*)
- **Marbled Crayfish (Marmorokreb)**
(*Procambarus fallax f. 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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GENERAL

INFORMATION

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 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 above the 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
- **Bream:** 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

Dale Hollow Lake: Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized in Wolf River including Illwill Creek, beginning at a line crossing the Wolf River at its mouth where it joins the Obey River. Creel limits and other regulations of the state where the license was issued apply.

Big South Fork of the Cumberland River: Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized from Leatherwood Ford Bridge (Hwy. 279) in Tennessee, downstream to the Hwy. 92 bridge at Yamacraw, Kentucky. Creel limits and other regulations of the state where the license was issued apply.

Kentucky Lake: Each state will recognize the sport fishing licenses for the other state on the portion of Kentucky Lake south of the Eggners Ferry Bridge (US 68 & Hwy. 80) in Kentucky and north of the Governor Ned McWherter Bridge (US 79 & Hwy. 76) in Tennessee. This includes all embayments and tributaries within this portion of Kentucky Lake except the Blood River embayment. Blood River embayment shall be defined as a straight line between opposite points where the embayment connects to the main body of

Kentucky Lake. A sport fishing license holder from either state may fish from the bank or attach legal sport fishing trot or limb lines in this described portion of Kentucky Lake. Sport fishing license holders shall abide by the regulations of the state in whose waters they are fishing. Wildlife enforcement officials in either state shall have the right to inspect the licenses, permits, catches and equipment of any person on this portion of Kentucky Lake subject to the laws of either state.

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 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 pages 26 and 35 for regulations on Calderwood Reservoir and Slickrock Creek, respectively.

Virginia

South Holston Reservoir: Tennessee residents may purchase an annual South Holston Reservoir License (Type 063) to fish the VA portion of South Holston Reservoir. Virginia residents can purchase a similar license from VDGF 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 that are 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 29 of this guide.

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ATTENTION

FREE Fishing Day/Week

Saturday, June 6, is Free Fishing Day in Tennessee and anyone (resident or non-resident) of any age may fish free without a license in Tennessee's public waters! Even better, if you are 15 years old or younger, you may fish free the entire week, beginning on Free Fishing Day, June 6, and running through the following Friday, June 12.

This day and week are annual events in Tennessee and are great opportunities to introduce children to the joys and excitement of a day on the water catching fish! Not only is fishing a great family activity, it helps make us more aware of our natural environment.

Finding a place to fish is easier than ever. Starting in late spring, all you need to do is go to www.tnwildlife.org to view the 2020 Kid's Fishing Events. There you will find a variety of activities planned across the state with details as to event locations and times. You can also contact your regional TWRA office to find out what's going on in your area or let them know you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering to help with an event. Anglers and would-be anglers should check the events list often since more fishing rodeos are frequently added. Whatever you do, don't miss the fun!

Free Fishing Day and Week apply to Tennessee's public waters, Agency owned and operated lakes, and state park facilities. Some privately owned pay lakes continue to charge during this special day and week. Please consult with lake operators if you have any questions about the status of a particular facility.



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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

- Stocking of any fish, crayfish or salamanders into public waters is strictly prohibited.
- 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 impregnated 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 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 point.

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

INFORMATION

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. If I am casting from my own property while I fish, do I need a fishing license to fish in a public lake or reservoir?** Yes. You do not qualify for a landowner exemption because you do not own the waterbody that you are fishing.
- 2. Can I stock fish?** No! Releasing fish or any other animal into a stream, river or reservoir can irreversibly ruin the fishing in that location. It is easy to imagine how an exotic species released from an aquarium could harm our native fish populations. But even the release of species such as a bass that might already live in that water body could introduce harmful viruses or diseases. For this reason only TWRA has the authority to stock public waters which includes all streams and rivers, and all public lakes and reservoirs. It is illegal to stock the waters of Tennessee, and only privately owned ponds may be stocked without TWRA approval.
- 3. Can I clean/dress my fish in any way, while on the water?** It is unlawful to possess while afield any fish which has been altered to the extent that its species and/or total body length cannot be determined.
- 4. Do I need a trout license if I do not plan on keeping trout?** If you are fishing for trout, you need a trout license whether or not you possess trout.
- 5. Do I need a fishing license to fish a private farm pond?** Yes, unless you are not required to have a license under a landowner, age, or military exemption. See "Who Must Have a Tennessee License" section on page 9.
- 6. What licenses are required to fish on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)?** No license is required if you are under the age of 13, or are military personnel on furlough with papers. Otherwise, you only need the proper fishing license. Generally there are no special WMA licenses required. However, a Tellico-Citico permit is required for all ages on certain waters within the Cherokee National Forest (Cherokee WMA). In addition, certain WMAs are periodically closed.
- 7. As I was cleaning a fish, I noticed a black, white or yellow grub or worm in them. What are these and are the fish safe to eat?** These are small parasites that are referred to as Trematodes. Commonly known as black spot, yellow grub and white grub, they are very common in many fish species in Tennessee and worldwide. The parasites have a complex life cycle that involves fish, fish-eating birds and other invertebrates such as snails. While the appearance may be unappetizing, fish that are cleaned and completely cooked cannot transmit any parasite or disease to people who eat the fish. The parasites usually do not affect the health of the fish except under unusual conditions.
- 8. What is a thermocline and what effect does it have on reservoir fish populations?** As the surface water warms in the late spring, a distinct temperature gradient is formed between the warm surface water and the cool water below. This thermocline does not allow the cold water to mix with the warm, oxygenated water above. The cold water slowly loses oxygen due to the decay of organisms and lack of photosynthesis. In certain reservoirs, the cold water loses enough oxygen during the summer that it can no longer support certain cool water species like striped bass.
- 9. When do our reservoirs "turn over"?** Northern reservoirs experience a spring and fall "turn over," but our lakes des-tratify only in the fall. It occurs when the surface water cools sufficiently to mix with the cold water below. Prior to the cooling period, the warm surface water cannot mix with the denser water below because of thermal stratification (see the previous question).
- 10. What are those jelly-like masses that are attached to tree limbs, bushes and other objects in the water?** They are colonies of harmless microscopic animals called Bryozoans. They have miniature tentacles to capture prey and are permanently attached to the colony mass. Large colonies can exceed two feet in diameter, but most are less than one foot.

PROJECT

Tennessee's Lake Sturgeon Project

Lake sturgeon are a primitive species that can grow to eight feet in length, weigh up to 300 pounds, and live 150 years. Since 2000, over 281,427 lake sturgeon have been stocked into the French Broad and Holston rivers near Knoxville and the Cumberland River near Nashville. These stocking efforts are part of a long-term program designed to restore reproducing populations of this primitive species to Tennessee waters. This species is known to travel long distances, so it is very likely that anglers could catch lake sturgeon in waters of the state other than where they were stocked. Angler reports are important to TWRA because they provide important movement and growth information needed to monitor the success of Tennessee's lake sturgeon reintroduction program.

Since 2006, TWRA has issued 577 certificates to anglers for reporting the catch and release of lake sturgeon in Tennessee.

If you catch a lake sturgeon, please be as careful as possible not to harm the fish—avoid holding lake sturgeon by their tails and remember that fish cannot breathe while they are out of the water. Lake sturgeon are endangered in Tennessee and should be released immediately. If possible, note an approximate length before the fish is released. Additionally, TWRA would appreciate a picture of your lake sturgeon catch if you can take one without harming the fish.

In appreciation of your report, TWRA will issue you a numbered Lake Sturgeon Certificate (above) that features a color reproduction of a lake sturgeon drawn by renowned wildlife artist Joseph R. Tomelleri. If you catch a lake sturgeon please call the toll free number for your regional office (see page 4 of this fishing guide) or the Fisheries Division at (615) 781-6575. You will be asked to provide your name, address, and phone number and the following information about your catch: when and where you caught it, an approximate length, and what you were using for bait.

You can also email details (including photos) of your catch to sturgeon.reports@tn.gov. Refer to page 6 for your local regional office number.



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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 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 feet of the bank. Other trotlines must be tagged within five feet of either end, and floating trotlines must be marked on floats. The holder of a sport fishing license may use one 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 hook per line. Sport anglers are limited to 25 limblines. Sport anglers are limited to 50 jugs or blocks and each with only one hook.

Trotlines, limblines and jugs must be run at least once each day 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.

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 October 1–March 21.
- **Beech River Watershed Development Authority:** 20 jugs or blocks per boat. Trotlines prohibited.
- **Calderwood:** 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 January 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:** 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.

Slat Baskets

Holders of annual sport fishing license, Sportsman License, Lifetime Sportsman License, Jr. Fishing license, Lifetime Senior Citizens license or residents 65 and over (prior to March 1, 1991) or under 13 may fish with one slat basket, provided the slat basket is marked with a metal tag, obtainable from the TWRA for an annual fee of \$10.00. Possession or use of more than one 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 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 openings in the catching area, each being at least 1½ 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.

Applications for metal tags can be obtained by writing to: TWRA Sales Office, P.O. Box 41729, Nashville, TN 37204. If you are applying in person and need directions to the TWRA central office, call 615-532-0476.

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- where closed to fishing or expressly prohibited.
- within 100 yards below dams. At Pickwick Dam the closed area extends downstream to the first moorage cell across from ramp.
- at 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 prohibited in Bedford, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, Maury, and Wayne counties. Snagging, grabbling, grabhooks, tubing, archery, speargun, dipping, and cast nets are legal methods in these counties.

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 Dam to the headwaters of Boone Reservoir), Center Hill Reservoir, and the Cumberland Fossil



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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 projects.

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.

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.

Grabbling, giggling, grab hooks, snagging, archery, crossbow, 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

BOATING SAFETY

Boating Safety Checklists

Required by Law

- Approved wearable flotation device for each person readily accessible
- Additional throwable flotation device on boats over 16 feet
- Persons 12 and under must wear a life jacket unless the boat is anchored or docked
- Fire extinguisher if fuel tank or engine is enclosed
- Running lights after sunset or during restricted visibility
- State registration card on board
- Registration number and validation sticker displayed
- Do not operate a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Observe navigation rules
- Do not overload boat
- Sound signaling device

Other Items

- Do not occupy ramp until boat is ready to launch
- Notify others of your schedule
- Obtain weather forecasts
- Navigation charts
- Bail bucket
- Anchor and line
- Paddle and extra plug
- Secure boat to trailer after loading
- Trailer lights
- Reduce speed at night
- Check for gasoline fumes
- Motor kill switch
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RESERVOIR

REGULATIONS

Full pool elevation is the reservoir/stream boundary for harvest restrictions unless otherwise noted.

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 5 days prior to and during the late waterfowl season.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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 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:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum 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.

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 5 days prior to and during the late waterfowl season.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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 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.
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- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit.

Pickwick

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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):** 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 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:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum 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.

Reelfoot

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:** 5 per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass:** no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

ATTENTION

HELP STOP POACHING

The following telephone numbers are for reporting game violations only. Call between 7:00 a.m. & midnight, seven days a week

West Tennessee (Region I)
1-800-831-1173

Middle Tennessee (Region II)
1-800-255-8972

Cumberland Plateau (Region III)
1-800-241-0767

East Tennessee (Region IV)
1-800-831-1174

REPORT FISHING VIOLATIONS



- **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



Barkley and Kentucky Lake

See Region 1, previous page.

Cheatham

Includes Stones River up to J. Percy Priest Dam.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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 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:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** 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.

Cordell Hull

See page 24.

Normandy

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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 fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Walleye:** 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

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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 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:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** 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

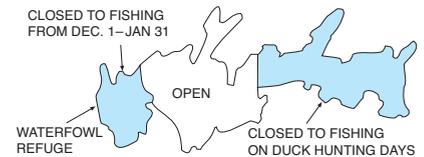
- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length.
- **Spotted Bass:** no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel limit for fish 34 inches and less in length; only one 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

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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 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:** 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



- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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 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.

INFORMATION

Water Release Schedules For Dams

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

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

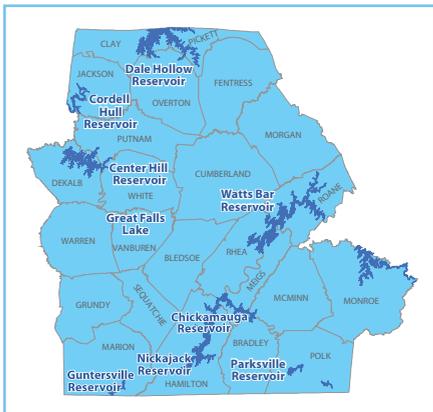
For lake information on US Army Corps of Engineers impoundments, call:

J. Percy Priest Lake	615-883-2351
Old Hickory Lake	615-824-7766
Cordell Hull Lake	615-735-1050
Center Hill Lake	931-858-4366
Dale Hollow Lake	931-243-3408
Lake Barkley	270-362-8430
Cheatham Lake	615-883-2351

<https://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/>

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

REGION 3



Center Hill

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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 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:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.

- **Muskellunge:** 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:

January 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 hook having a single point, or one lure with a single hook with one point. No more than three rods and reels or poles per angler may be used.

Chickamauga

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass/Alabama Bass:** 5 per day in combination, only one may be a smallmouth bass.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 1 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted Bass/Alabama 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 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:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** 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

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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 fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day in combination.
- **Striped Bass:** 32–42 inch PLR. Only one 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:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** 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.
- **Largemouth/Spotted/Smallmouth Bass:** 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:** 2 per day, 16–21 inch PLR. One fish may be under 16 inches and one 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 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:** 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:** 1 per day, 50 inch minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit.
- **Trout:** 7 per day, no length limit.

HABITAT RESTORATION

Want Better Fishing in Your Stream?

By restoring streamside habitat to trees, shrubs and native grasses, you stabilize the streambank, reduce soil erosion and cool the water temperature by shading the stream. The result? An improved stream that better supports fish and other aquatic life.

In many cases the U.S. Department of Agriculture will pay for stream and streamside habitat restoration. Contact a local TWRA Private Lands Biologist:

West TN:

Chris Hunter – 731-668-0700, ext. 104

Middle TN:

Clint Borum – 615-893-9295, ext. 111

Cumberland Plateau:

Michael McCord – 931-528-6472, ext. 110

East TN:

Stephen Thomas – 865-671-3830 ext. 110

www.TWRPrivatelands.org



SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

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

Great Falls

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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 fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Muskellunge:** 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

- **Largemouth/Spotted/Alabama Bass:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 1 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **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 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:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** 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

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination, only one may be smallmouth bass.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 1 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted/Alabama Bass:** From Chickamauga Dam downstream to mouth of South Chicka-

mauga Creek, 15 per day, no length limit. Rest of reservoir: 5 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 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:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** 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.

Parksville

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth:** 5 per day in combination.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted/Alabama Bass:** no creel or length limits.
- **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 fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

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- **Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 36 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:** 7 per day, no length limit.

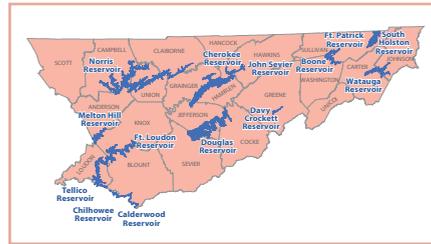
Watts Bar

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 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 fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:**
 - » April 1–Oct. 31: 2 per day in combination.
 - » Nov. 1–March 31: 2 per day in combination, only one 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.

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit.

- White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit.
- Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- Paddlefish:** 1 per day; season is open from May 1 through May 15. *Culling is prohibited.*
- Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit.
- Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit.

REGION 4



Boone

Reservoir defined as from dam upstream to Hwy. 37 Bridge at Bluff City on South Fork Holston arm and upstream to new Austin Springs Bridge on Watauga arm.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 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 fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:**
 - » April 1–Oct. 31: 2 per day in combination.
 - » Nov. 1–March 31: 2 per day in combination, only one 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.
- **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:** 7 per day, no length limit.

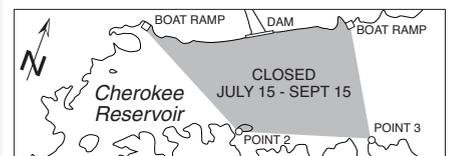
Calderwood

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination. Only 2 less than 14 inches.
- **Crappie (all species):** 20 per day in combination, 8 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish (all species):** No creel or length limit
- **Walleye:** 8 per day, no length limit.
- **Sauger:** 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:** 7 per day, no length limit.
- **White Bass:** 10 per day, 14 inch minimum length limit.
- **Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 42 inch minimum length limit.

Cherokee

Restrictions extend from Cherokee Dam upstream to John Sevier Dam.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination, only one may be smallmouth bass June 1 through Oct. 15.
- **Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit
- **Smallmouth Bass:**
 - » June 1–Oct. 15: 1 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit.
 - » Oct. 16–May 31: 5 per day, 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 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.
- **Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye:** 10 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** 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.



TOURNAMENT

Are You a Bass Tournament Angler?

- What is the average size bass weighed in for tournaments?
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- How many bass does the average tournament angler catch?

If you would like to know the answers to these questions and more, have your bass club join the TWRA B.I.T.E. program!

BITE Program

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SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

A closed fishing zone will be in effect from July 15 through Sept. 15. 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 15 through Sept. 15.

Chilhowee

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 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 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 fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Walleye:** 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:** 7 per day, no length limit, only two may be lake trout.

Douglas

Restrictions extend from Douglas Dam upstream to the ENKA Dam on the Nolichucky River, Hwy 321 bridge in Newport on Pigeon River, and Hwy 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.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination, only one may be smallmouth bass June 1 through Oct. 15.
- **Largemouth Bass:** no length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:**
 - » **June 1–Oct. 15:** 1 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit.
 - » **Oct. 16–May 31:** 5 per day, 15 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 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:** 5 per day in combination.

- **Walleye:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger or Sauger/Walleye Hybrids:** no minimum length limit but only one sauger may be over 16 inches per day.
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit.

Ft. Loudoun

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 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 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 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.
- **Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
- **Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit.

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

Ft. Patrick Henry

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 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 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.
- **Walleye:** 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:** 7 per day, no length limit.

John Sevier

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination.

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- **Largemouth Bass:** no length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 13–17 inch PLR, only one 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 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:** 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 fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day in combination, including Clinch River upstream to Highway 61 bridge in Clinton.
- **Striped Bass:** 32–42 inch PLR; only one 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:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit.
- **Muskellunge:** 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:** 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:** 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:** 5 per day in combination, only one smallmouth bass June 1 through Oct. 15
- **Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit.
- **Smallmouth Bass:**
 - » **June 1–Oct. 15:** 1 per day, 20 inch minimum length limit.
 - » **Oct. 16–May 31:** 5 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit.
- **Spotted 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 fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Striped Bass:**
 - » **April 1–Oct. 31:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
 - » **Nov. 1–March 31:** 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:** 5 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit (upstream to Grissom Island on the Clinch River).
- **Paddlefish:** 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.

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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.
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- **Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** 30 per day, no length limit.

South Holston (TN + VA Rules)

An additional South Holston Reservoir License (Type 063) is available for TN residents that want to fish Virginia portion of reservoir. See page 16.

Restricted to 15 limb lines per angler.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 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):** 20 per day in combination. Only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **White Bass:** No harvest allowed.
- **Walleye:** 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:** 7 per day, only two may be lake trout.

Tellico

Restrictions extend upstream on Tellico River to Big Creek Boat Ramp.

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 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 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 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/Sauger:** 10 per day in combination but no more than 5 may be walleye. 15 inch minimum length limit. One walleye may be 24 inches or larger. Includes tributaries.
- **Paddlefish:** 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:** 7 per day, no length limit.

Watauga

- **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 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 fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.
- **Walleye:** 5 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit. Walleye run regulation: from Jan 1–April 30 to the use of one hook having a single point or one lure having no more than one hook with a single point (artificial or bait) on the following waters: Elk River (Hwy 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:** 7 per day, no length limit, only two may be lake trout.

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TWRA FISHING LAKES

INFORMATION

Eighteen 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.

Hours

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

Permits

A daily lake permit of \$6.00 (available at most lakes), in addition to the regular fishing license, is required to use these lakes. A lake permit is not required at Garrett and Whiteville lakes. All residents 16 through 64 years of age, and non-residents 16 years of age or older must have this permit. Sportsman license and lifetime license holders do not need a lake permit. Resident anglers 65 years of age and older do not need a lake permit, but do need a fishing license. A \$48.00 Annual Lake Permit may also be purchased at many of the lakes with concessionaires, and is good at all TWRA fishing lakes. For Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake, a daily lake permit should be purchased from a license agent in the surrounding area before going to the lake.

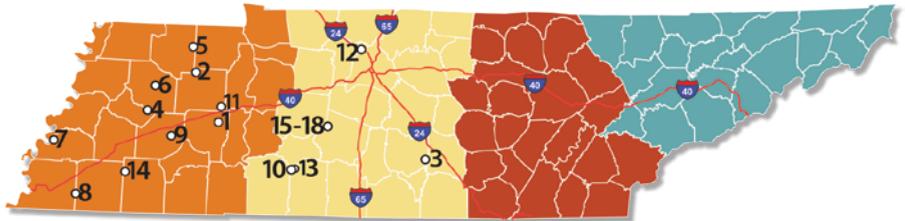
Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all agency lakes.

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 Hunting Guide. Speed boating, personal water craft, water skiing, and swimming are prohibited. Houseboats, sailboats and inboard cruisers are prohibited. On Coy Gaither-Bedford, Marrowbone, VFW and Williamsport lakes, only trolling motors can be used.

Boats may be rented for \$10.00 per day at some lakes on a seasonal basis. There is no charge for paddles.

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 tnwildlife.org

		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 (731-784-3889) 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	Herb Parsons Lake (731-423-5725) Fayette Co. 15 miles N of Collierville on Collierville-Arlington Rd. (177 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9	Lake Graham (731-423-5725) Madison Co. 9 miles E of Jackson on Cotton Grove Rd. (500 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
10	Laurel Hill Lake (931-762-7200) Lawrence Co. 15 miles W of Lawrenceburg on Hwy 64. (325 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
11	Maples Creek Lake (731-423-5725) Carroll Co. 4 miles N of I-40 in Natchez Trace State Park. (90 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
12	Marrowbone Lake (615-876-6012) Davidson Co. 6 miles N of Joelton off of Hwy 41-A. (60 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
13	VFW Lake (931-762-7200) Lawrence Co. 12 miles W of Lawrenceburg off of Hwy 64. (22 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
14	Whiteville Lake (731-423-5725) Hardeman Co. 2 miles S of Whiteville on Hwy 64. (158 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
15-18	Williamsport Lakes (4 lakes) (931-583-2477) 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:** 5 per day, 18–24 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than 24 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill:** no creel or length limit.
- **Redear:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 8 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Carroll Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel limit; no length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Walleye:** 16 inch minimum length limit, 5 fish creel limit.

Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake

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

Davy Crockett Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill:** no creel or length limit.
- **Redear:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Garrett Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill:** no creel or length limit.
- **Redear:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 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:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Glenn Springs Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** No creel limit for fish 18 inches and less in length, only one fish over 18 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Bluegill/Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 8 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Herb Parsons Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day, 14–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill:** no creel or length limit.
- **Redear:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** No creel or length limit
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Hybrid Striped Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit, 2 fish per day creel limit

Lake Graham

- **Largemouth Bass:** No creel limit for fish 18 inches and less in length, only one fish over 18 inches in length may be harvested per day.
- **Bluegill:** no creel or length limit.
- **Redear:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Trout:** 7 per day, no length limit.

Laurel Hill Lake

One embayment is for juvenile fishing, only youths 16 and under may fish. Nursery ponds may be closed as posted.

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

Maples Creek Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill:** no creel or length limit.
- **Redear:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 8 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Marrowbone Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 14–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Bluegill:** no creel or length limit.
- **Redear:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Trout:** 7 per day, no length limit.

VFW Lake

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

Whiteville Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, no length limit.
- **Bluegill:** no creel or length limit.
- **Redear:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 8 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Williamsport Lakes (4 lakes)

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

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

DEFINITION**Protected Length Range (PLR)**

PLR is a Protected Length Range. Fish in this length range may not be harvested. To promote growth of bigger bass in these lakes, anglers are encouraged to harvest their daily limit of bass shorter than the listed PLR.

EXCEPTIONS

TO STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

Small Impoundments

Allen Branch Pond (Cocke County)

- **Catfish:** 5 per day.

Beech River Watershed Lakes

- **Catfish:** 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Crappie:** 30 per day, no length limit.

Pine Lake

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

Dogwood Lake

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

Redbud Lake

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

Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness WMA Ponds

Designated as youth fishing ponds. Fishing is permitted for youths 16 years of age or younger who are accompanied by a non-fishing adult (18 years of age or older). Youths are limited to using one (1) pole or rod while fishing. Fishing is permitted from one-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset.

- **Bluegill:** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Channel Catfish:** 5 per day.
- **Largemouth Bass:** catch and release only.
- **Catfish:** 5 per day, 14-inch minimum length limit.
- **Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, no length limit.

Campbell Lake (Maury County)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 1 per day, 12 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish:** 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.

Carroll County Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 14- to 18-inch PLR. Only one bass over 18 inches.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Casper Lake (Shelby County)

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

Catoosa Wildlife Management Area

All streams and ponds are open from Apr. 1–Dec. 31, except on the dates of managed big game and turkey hunts.

Davy Crockett Lake (Greene County)

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

Dickson City Lakes (Dickson County)

- **Catfish:** 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)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 2 per day, 14 inch minimum length limit
- **Catfish:** 5 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie:** 30 per day, no length limit.

Lake Kefauver (Madisonville, Monroe County)

- **Bass:** 2 per day, 14 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish:** 5 per day, no length limit.

Land Between the Lakes

All waters are open year round with the following provisions:

- Farm ponds are open to fishing unless otherwise posted.
- **Bards Lake:** Trotlines and limblines are prohibited. Jugs are permitted from Oct. 1–Mar. 21, with a limit of 10 jugs per person.

Liberty Park Lake (Clarksville)

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

New Lake (Lewisburg City Lake)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish:** 5 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie:** 15 per day, no length limit.

Open one-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset. Only rods and reels and cane poles permitted.

Reelfoot Watershed Lake #18

- **Largemouth Bass:** 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

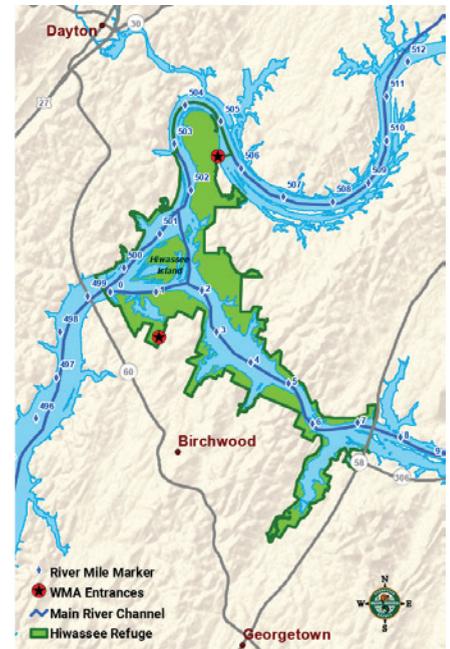
Some federal wildlife refuges have closed seasons. For details contact the office of the national wildlife refuge where you wish to fish.

Gooch Unit E Lake

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

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.



State Park Lakes

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

Pin Oak Lake in Natchez Trace State Park —

- Trotlines and limblines prohibited year round.
- From 1st of April through 30th of September fishing with jug lines will be prohibited on Fridays after 12 noon until 12 midnight on Sundays. Fishing with jug lines is also prohibited on Memorial Day, July 3rd through July 5th, and Labor Day. On days open to jug fishing, each boat is limited to 10 jugs per day.

Crappie (all species combined):

- All lakes: 15 per day, no length limit, except:
- Pin Oak Lake, Natchez Trace State Park: 30 per day, no length limit.

Channel or blue catfish or in combination:

- All lakes: 5 per day, no length limit.

Black bass from the following lakes must be a minimum of 15 inches:

- Lake Lindsey, David Crockett State Park.
- Byrd Lake, Cumberland Mountain State Park.
- Sullivan's Pond, Ft. Pillow State Historic Area.
- Indian Mt. "B" Lake, Indian Mountain State Park.
- Acorn Lake, Montgomery Bell State Park.
- Creech Hollow Lake, Montgomery Bell SP.
- Kelly (Standing Stone) Lake, Standing Stone State Park.

Black bass from:

- Lake Lajoie and Lake Placid, Chickasaw State Park: 14–18 inch PLR (slot limit). Daily creel limit 10 bass per day, only one bass over 18 inches may be harvested.
- Big Ridge Lake, Big Ridge State Park: 14 inch minimum length limit.
- Poplar Tree Lake, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park: 14–18 inch PLR (slot limit).
- Travis McNatt Lake, Big Hill Pond State Park: 10 bass per day, no length limit.

- Pin Oak Lake, Natchez Trace State Park: 12 to 16 inch PLR, 10 per day.

Bluegill and redear sunfish in combination:

- Poplar Tree Lake, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park: 20 per day, no length limit.
- Fall Creek Lake, Fall Creek Falls State Park: 20 per day, no length limit.

Rivers and Streams

Buffalo Creek (Grainger County)

Closed to all fishing and minnow seining upstream from the mill dam.

Calkiller River and tributaries

- Muskellunge: 1 per day, 50 inch minimum length limit.

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 hook having a single barb or lure containing a single hook with one barb from Jan. 1–Apr. 30. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles may be used.

Caney Fork River (above Center Hill Dam) and tributaries

- Muskellunge: 1 per day, 50 inch minimum length limit.

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

Closed to fishing and minnow seining from Hwy. 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the city of Norris water tower), as posted from Nov. 1–Mar. 31.

Clinch River

- Norris Reservoir upstream to Grissom Island: Walleye/Sauger: 5 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.
- Hwy. 25E upstream to state line: 13- to 17-inch PLR for Smallmouth Bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

Collins River and tributaries

- Muskellunge: 1 per day, 50 inch minimum length limit.

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 Hwy. 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.

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Walleye creel limit 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length. Only one Walleye over 20 inches may be harvested. No more than 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:** 18-inch minimum length limit. Creel limit 5.

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

- **Smallmouth Bass:** 13- to 17-inch PLR with a creel limit of 5 black bass allowing one Smallmouth Bass to be greater than 17 inches.
- **Walleye/Sauger or Walleye/Sauger Hybrids:** 5 per day in combination.
- **Walleye:** 15 inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger or Sauger/Walleye Hybrids:** No minimum length limit; only one 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:** 5 per day in combination; 13–17 inch PLR for Smallmouth bass, only one Smallmouth bass over 17 inches per day.

Little River (Rockford Dam upstream to Great Smoky Mountains NP boundary)

- **Black Bass:** 5 per day in combination; 13–17 inch PLR for Smallmouth bass, only one 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:** 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 fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

- **Crappie:** 50 per day, no length limit.
- **Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass:** 6 per day, no length limit.
- **Sauger:** 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:** 5 per day in combination; 13–17 inch PLR for Smallmouth bass, only one Smallmouth bass over 17 inches per day.

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

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

Powell River (Gap Creek confluence upstream to state line)

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

Rocky River and tributaries

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

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

- **Black Bass:** 5 per day in combination; 13–17 inch PLR for Smallmouth bass, only one 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 23).

Tellico River (Tellico Reservoir Boundary upstream to state line)

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

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

- **Smallmouth Bass:** 2 per day, 16–20 inch PLR (one under 16 inches and one over 21 inches).



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TROUT

REGULATIONS

Statewide Regulations

Any combination of trout species:

- **Daily Limit:** 7.
- **Minimum Length Limit:** None.

Exceptions:

- Only 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.

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 Nov. 1–last day of Feb.

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

Catch-and-release season is Oct. 1 through last day of Feb.

- From March 1 through Sept. 30, trout creel limit is 7 trout of all species combined and only 2 may be brown trout.

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

- Catch-and-release season is Oct. 1 through last day of Feb.

Piney River: Cumberland Trail State Park downstream to Highway 27 Bridge

- Catch-and-release season is Nov. 1 through last day of Feb.

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

- Catch-and-release season is Oct. 1 through the last day of February.

Special Trout Regulations

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

- Total daily creel of all trout (rainbow, brown and brook) in combination is 5 fish.

- **Rainbow Trout:** 5 per day, 14–20 inch PLR, only one fish over 20 inches may be harvested.
- **Brook Trout:** 5 per day, 14–20 inch PLR, only one fish over 20 inches may be harvested.
- **Brown Trout:** 1 per day, 24 inch minimum length limit.

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

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

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

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

Clear Creek: tributary to Clinch River—Anderson Co.

- Closed to fishing and minnow seining from Hwy. 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the city of Norris water tower), as posted from Nov. 1–Mar. 31.

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

- March 1 through Sept. 30: 7 trout creel limit, only 2 may be brown trout.
- Oct. 1 through last day of February: see delayed harvest areas.

South Fork Holston River: South Holston Dam to Hwy. 37 Bridge at Bluff City

- 16–22 inch PLR on all trout.
- 7 trout creel limit, only one trout may be greater than 22 inches.
- Closed to all fishing Nov. 1–Jan. 31 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.

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

- 14 inch minimum length limit.
- 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: 7 trout per day, except from May 1–Sep. 30 daily limit is 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 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:

- 4 trout per day.
- Each angler limited to one rod or pole.
- Fishing permitted from one half-hour before official sunrise to one half-hour after official sunset.

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.

Tellico-Citico Permit Areas

AREA	REGULATIONS
<p>Tellico River from its confluence with Turkey Creek upstream to the Tennessee-North Carolina state line.</p> <p>Citico Creek from its confluence with Little Citico Creek upstream to the confluence of North and South Forks of Citico Creek.</p>	<p>Tellico-Citico Permit required March 1 through Aug. 15.</p> <p>Closed on Thursday and Friday during the period March 1 through Aug. 15 (except when national or state holidays fall on Thursday and Friday). From Aug. 16 through the last day of February fishing is allowed every day and Tellico-Citico Permit is not required.</p> <p>Daily creel limit of 7 trout, with no size limit.</p> <p>Tellico River from Sourwood Campground upstream to the dam on Tellico River from one half-hour before official sunrise to 12 p.m. 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).</p> <p>Fishing permitted from ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset. The possession of fishing equipment and/or tackle is prohibited on stream banks except during legal fishing hours.</p> <p>Each angler permitted only one rod or pole.</p>
<p>Green Cove Pond</p> <p><i>HANDICAPPED – any person who is mentally impaired or physically impaired (including blindness) because of injury or disease, congenital or acquired, which permanently renders him/her so severely disabled as to be unable to move without aid of crutches or a wheelchair, or a person who has 80% permanent impairment of a hand or arm as determined by a physician using the standards outlined in the “Guide to Evaluations of Permanent Rating,” published by the AMA or other acceptable rating system.</i></p>	<p>Fishing limited to handicapped individuals, children under age 13 and adults 65 years of age and older, or those using the following license types: Type 197 Sport Fishing License for the Blind, Type 189 Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing, Type 198 DAV Hunting and Fishing, Type 199 Mentally Challenged, and Type 169 Intellectual Disability Hunting and Fishing.</p> <p>Tellico-Citico Permit required from Oct. 1 through Aug. 15.</p> <p>Closed on Thursday and Friday Oct. 1 through Aug. 15 (except open on all state and national holidays and scheduled special organized handicapped or children’s fishing events).</p> <p>Hours open – ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset.</p> <p>Daily creel limit of 7 trout, with no length limit.</p> <p>Bait restriction – no minnows.</p> <p>Each angler permitted only one rod or pole.</p>

Wild Trout Stream

WATER	REGULATIONS
<p>North River and tributaries (Monroe County).</p> <p>Bald River and tributaries (Monroe County).</p> <p>Sycamore Creek (tributary to Tellico River in Monroe County) and tributaries.</p> <p>Laurel Fork and tributaries beginning at the cable crossing ½ mile upstream from the USFS Dennis Cove Recreation Area and extending upstream to the USFS boundary (Carter County).</p> <p>Beaverdam Creek and tributaries from its confluence with Birch Branch downstream to Tank Hollow Road (USFS Rd. 300) (Johnson County).</p> <p>Paint Creek and tributaries from USFS campground upstream to USFS Boundary line south of Highway 70 near Munday Gap (Greene County).</p> <p>Rocky Fork and tributaries upstream of Rocky Fork Rd. and State Park Entrance Rd. junction. (Greene/Unicoi Counties).</p> <p>Left Prong (tributary to Hampton Creek in Carter County).</p>	<p>Daily creel limit of 5 trout with no length limit.</p> <p>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.</p>

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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, and brook	March through December
	Stones River	J. Percy Priest Dam	rainbow	December through March*
REGION 3	Caney Fork River	Center Hill Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	March through December
	Hiwassee River	Appalachian Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	October through July
	Obeys 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, and brook	March through August
	Holston River	Cherokee Dam	rainbow and brown	November through April
	South Fork Holston River	Boone Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	March, April, June, December
	South Fork Holston River	Fort Patrick Henry Dam	rainbow and 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 streams. All streams are closed on Thursday each week and a Gatlinburg permit is required (page 12). Some areas are managed especially for children 12 and under. For more information contact the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce, (800) 568-4748 or the Gatlinburg trout facility at (865) 436-4558.

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 (May only be fished by children 12 and under, unless otherwise posted.)

- Leconte Creek from Painters Branch upstream to Park Boundary.
- West Prong Little Pigeon River from 100 yards

above entrance of Herbert Holt Park downstream to Gatlinburg By-pass 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 one half-hour before official sunrise to one half-hour after official sunset. Fishing is permitted with one hand-held rod and single hook only.

From December 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 November 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.



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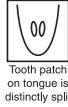
FISH IDENTIFICATION

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STRIPED BASS

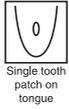


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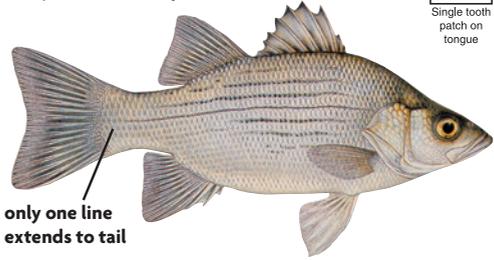


Tooth patch on tongue is distinctly split

WHITE BASS (Rarely exceeds 4 lbs.)



Single tooth patch on tongue



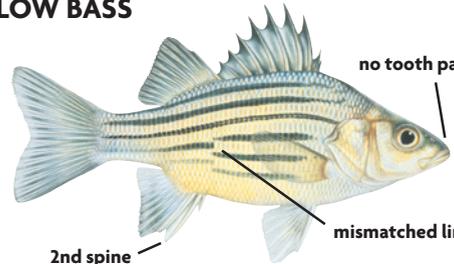
only one line extends to tail

HYBRID STRIPED BASS OR CHEROKEE BASS (Striped Bass • White Bass)



Tooth patch on tongue is mostly split

YELLOW BASS

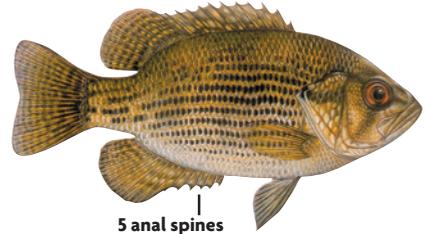


no tooth patch

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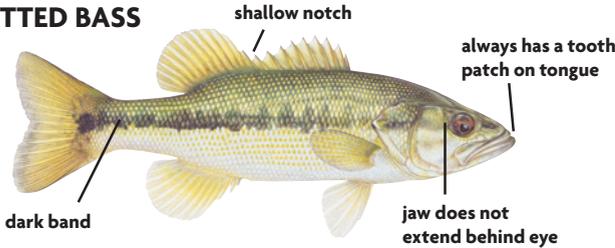
2nd spine is longest

ROCK BASS OR REDEYE



5 anal spines

SPOTTED BASS



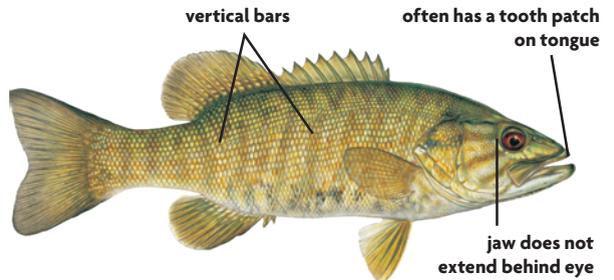
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always has a tooth patch on tongue

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jaw does not extend behind eye

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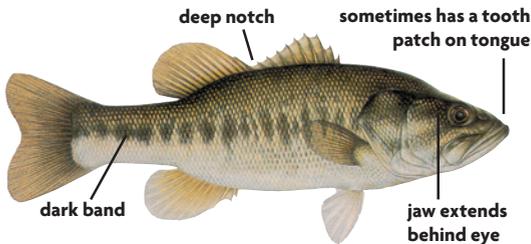


vertical bars

often has a tooth patch on tongue

jaw does not extend behind eye

LARGEMOUTH BASS



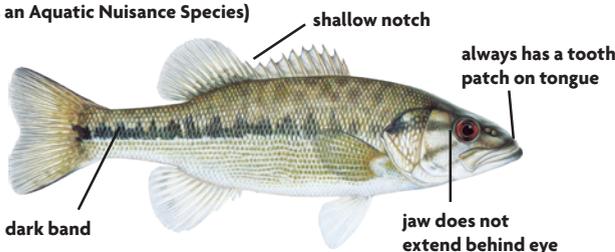
deep notch

sometimes has a tooth patch on tongue

dark band

jaw extends behind eye

ALABAMA SPOTTED BASS (this is an Aquatic Nuisance Species)



shallow notch

always has a tooth patch on tongue

dark band

jaw does not extend behind eye

SHADOW BASS

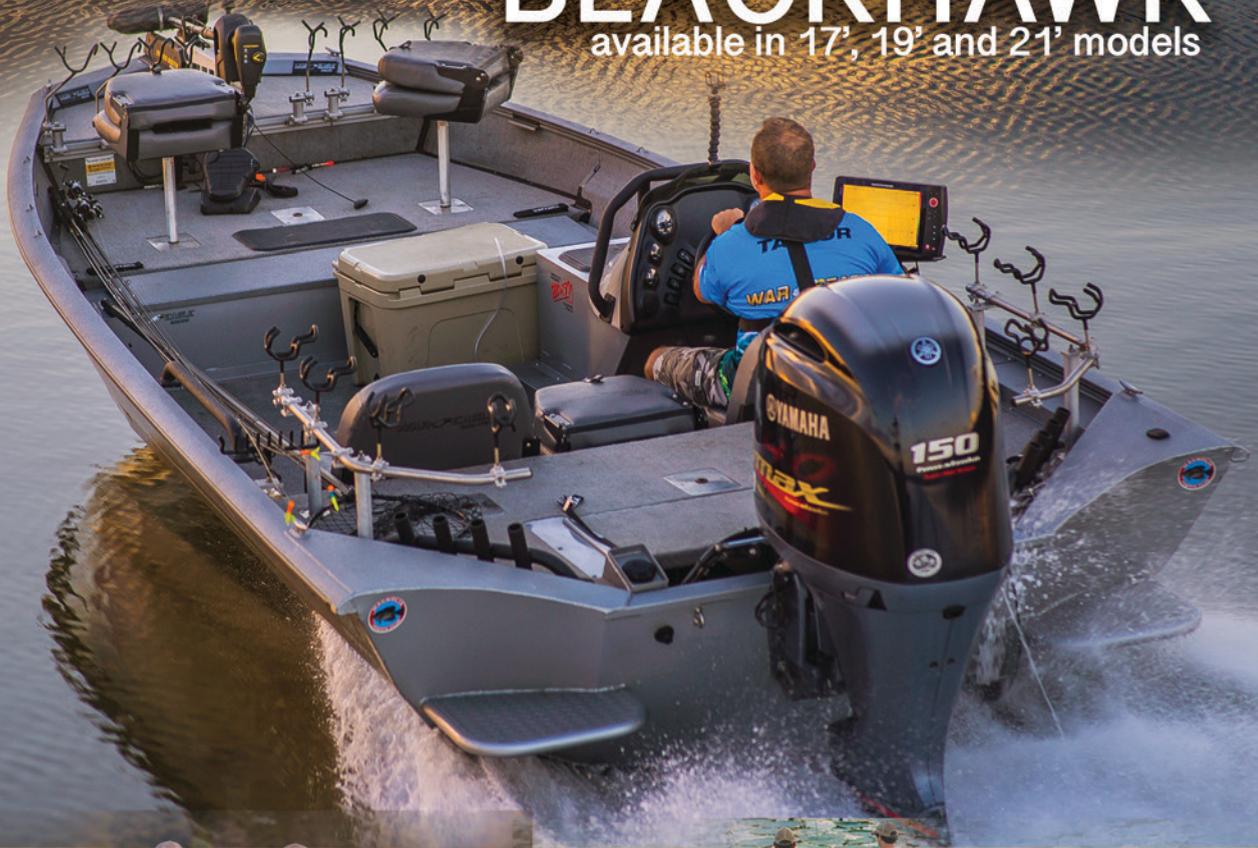


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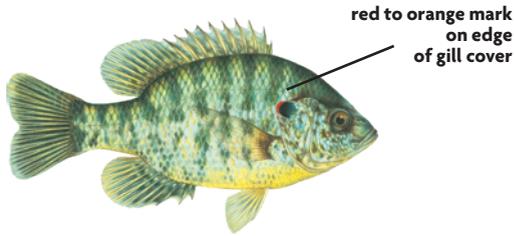
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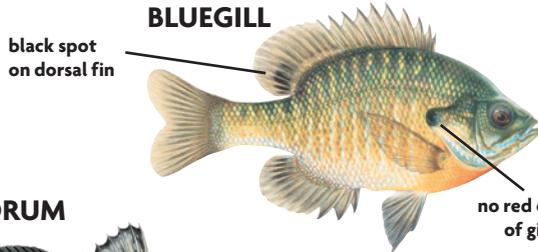
red to orange mark on edge of gill cover

BLACK CRAPPIE



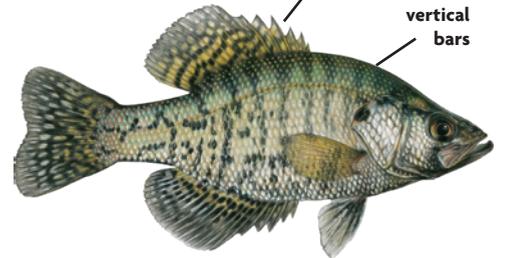
7 to 8 dorsal spines

BLUEGILL



black spot on dorsal fin

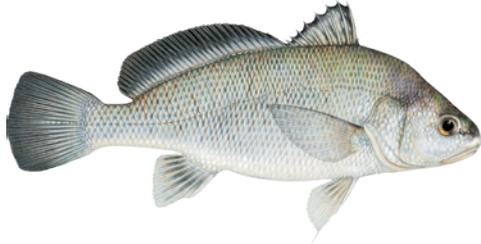
WHITE CRAPPIE



5 to 6 dorsal spines

vertical bars

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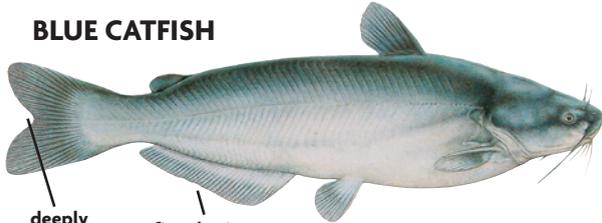


no red on edge of gill cover

COMMON CARP



BLUE CATFISH



deeply forked tail

fin edge in a straight line

CHANNEL CATFISH



deeply forked tail

fin edge slightly curved

FLATHEAD CATFISH



slight fork in tail

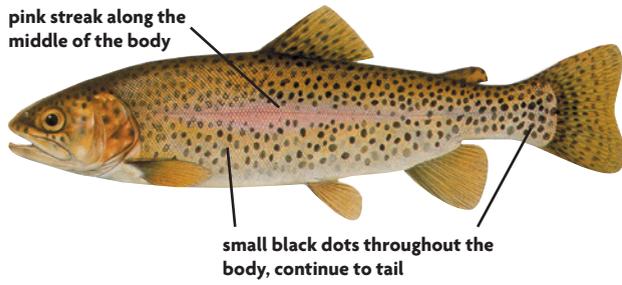
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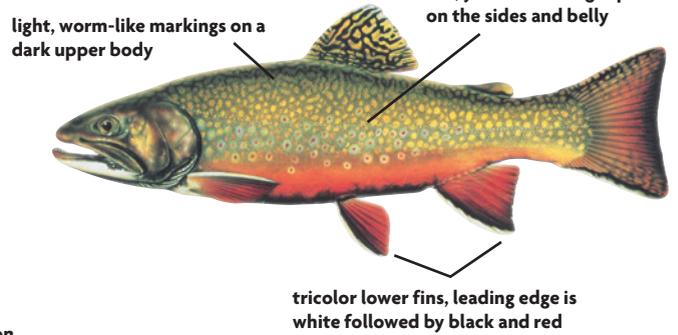
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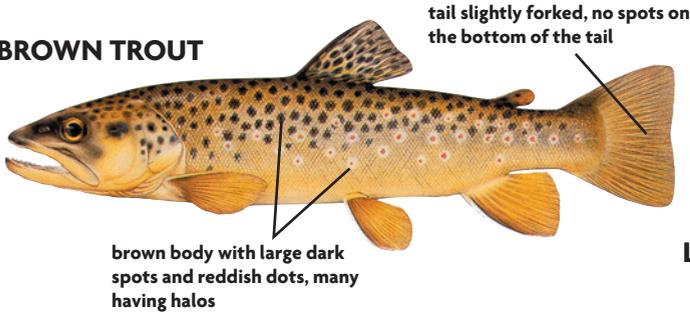
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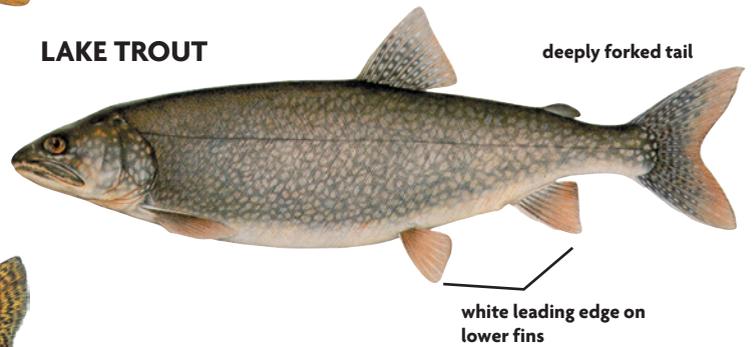
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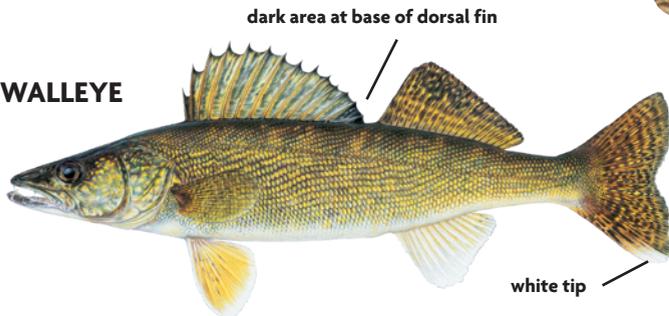
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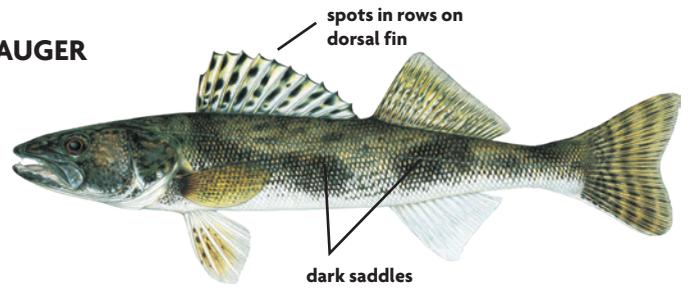
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YELLOW PERCH



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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 or at TWRA Regional offices.
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.

The records shown are as of January 1, 2020.

Tennessee Angling Records

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	LOCATION	ANGLER	DATE
CLASS A—Sport Fishing Methods				
Black Bass				
Alabama Bass	7 lbs. 0 oz.	Parksville Reservoir	Shane McKee	March 10, 2014
Coosa (Redeye)	1 lb. 15 oz.	Parksville Reservoir	Harry E. Parker	Aug. 18, 1991
Largemouth	15 lbs. 3 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Gabe Keen	February 13, 2015
Smallmouth*	11 lbs. 15 oz.	Dale Hollow Reservoir	D. L. Hayes	July 9, 1955
Spotted	6 lbs. 1 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Chris Coleman	February 22, 2011
Buffalo				
Bigmouth	62 lbs. 0 oz.	J. Percy Priest Reservoir	Jeff Wilkins	March 31, 2010
Black	58 lbs. 0 oz.	Nickajack Reservoir	Steve Coursey	May 20, 2013
Smallmouth	62 lbs. 7 oz.	J. Percy Priest Reservoir	Jerry W. Young	April 28, 2001
Carp				
Bighead*	90 lbs. 0 oz.	Guntersville Reservoir	Jeffrey J. Rorex	June 2, 2005
Common	53 lbs. 0 oz.	Marrowbone Lake	John R. Pepper, Jr.	May 21, 1997
Goldfish	3 lbs. 5 oz.	Douglas Reservoir	Chase Rich	March 10, 2016
Grass	70 lbs. 0 oz.	Guntersville Reservoir (Nickajack tailwater)	Chad A. Killian	June 4, 2005
Silver	31 lbs. 15 oz.	Old Hickory Reservoir	Stan A. Conner	April 23, 2017
Catfish				
Black Bullhead	3 lbs. 6 oz.	Emberton's Pond (Cannon Co.)	Hunter Chance Gaither	Feb. 20, 1997
Blue	112 lbs. 0 oz.	Lock C, Cumberland River	Robert E. Lewis	June 7, 1998
Brown Bullhead	3 lbs. 15 oz.	Whiteville Lake	Gary Dean Arthur	October 25, 2014
Channel	41 lbs. 0 oz.	Fall Creek Falls Lake	Clint Walters, Jr.	July 30, 1982
Flathead	85 lbs. 15 oz.	Hiwassee River	Larry Kaylor	July 25, 1993
Yellow Bullhead	4 lbs. 8 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Jessie R. Johnson	April 21, 1979
Crappie				
Black*	5 lbs. 7 oz.	Pond (Loudon Co.)	Lionel Ferguson	May 15, 2018
White	5 lbs. 1 oz.	Garner Brown's Pond (Dickson Co.)	Bill Allen	April 20, 1968
Gar				
Longnose	38 lbs. 3 oz.	Barkley Reservoir	Mathew A. Norton	April 19, 2002
Shortnose	7 lbs. 3 oz.	Cross Creeks (Barkley Reservoir)	Stephanie Flood	June 13, 2014
Spotted	10 lbs. 10 oz.	Cross Creeks (Barkley Reservoir)	Keith Edward Bartley	April 28, 2014
Perch				
Sauger	7 lbs. 6 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir (Pickwick tailwater)	Rayford D. Voss	Feb. 19, 1973
Saugeye	10 lbs. 12 oz.	Melton Hill Reservoir	Chris Vittetoe	July 18, 1998
Walleye*	25 lbs.	Old Hickory Reservoir	Mabry Harper	Aug. 3, 1960
Yellow	2 lbs. 5 oz.	Ocoee #3 Lake	Jeremy G. Lorenz	March 26, 2019
Pike				
Chain Pickerel	7 lbs. 7 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir	Burke Williams	Feb. 2, 1991
Muskellunge	43 lbs. 14 oz.	Melton Hill Reservoir	Steven Paul	March 2, 2017
Northern	24 lbs. 8 oz.	South Holston Reservoir	Frank Childers	Mar. 28, 1995

Tennessee Angling Records (continued)

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	LOCATION	ANGLER	DATE
CLASS A—Sport Fishing Methods (continued)				
Redhorse				
Black	3 lbs. 1 oz.	South Holston River	Roy Hawk	Feb. 16, 2009
Golden	2 lbs. 15.5 oz.	South Holston River	W. Powell Partridge, Sr.	Mar. 28, 2008
River	11 lbs. 10 oz.	Pigeon River	David H. Ray	May 2, 2009
Smallmouth	1 lb. 10 oz.	French Broad River	Larry Hamilton	July 27, 2013
Silver	4 lbs. 8 oz.	Harpeth River	Jimmy A. Filson	June 21, 2008
Sunfish				
Bluegill (Tie)	3 lbs.	Farm Pond (Bledsoe Co.)	Brad Pendergrass	Dec. 19, 1987
	3 lbs.	Fall Creek Falls Lake	Thelma Grissom	June 28, 1977
Flier	8 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir	Craig Ellis	June 8, 2001
Green	1 lb. 4 oz.	North Cross Creek	Dwight M. Lehman	June 8, 1991
Longear	13 oz.	Pond (Overton Co.)	Kay Forsberg	May 15, 1985
Orangespotted	5 oz.	Nolichucky River	Donald Daryl Fox	May 30, 1982
Pumpkinseed	5 oz.	Dogwood Lake	Lynn Middleton	June 14, 1998
Redbreast	1 lb. 5 oz.	Holston River	R. W. Gillespie	June 22, 1974
Redear	3 lbs. 6 oz.	Private Pond	Annelise S. Houston	Sept. 1, 1979
Rock Bass	2 lbs. 8 oz.	Stones River	Bill Sanford	1958
Warmouth	1 lb. 12 oz.	Nolichucky River	Frank E. Garrett	May 26, 1984
Trout				
Brook	4 lbs. 12 oz.	Caney Fork River	Saša Krezić	April 1, 2016
Brown	28 lbs. 12 oz.	Clinch River	Greg Ensor	Aug. 30, 1988
Cutthroat	6 oz.	Obey River	Philip Neyman	June 1, 1969
Lake	22 lbs. 2 oz.	Watauga Reservoir	Jack Forbes	July 3, 2008
Ohrid*	14 lbs. 5 oz.	Watauga Reservoir	Richard Lynn Carter	Mar. 28, 1986
Rainbow	18 lbs. 8 oz.	Pond (Polk Co.)	John H. Morgan III	June 17, 2016
True Bass				
Hybrid Striped (Cherokee)	23 lbs. 3 oz.	Stones River	Ray Pelfrey	April 17, 1998
Striped (Rockfish)	65 lbs. 6 oz.	Cordell Hull Reservoir	Ralph H. Dallas	May 1, 2000
White	5 lbs. 10 oz.	Mississippi River	Bill Nelson	Sept. 29, 2003
Yellow*	2 lbs. 9 oz.	Duck River (near Waverly, TN)	John T. Chappell	Feb. 27, 1998
Other				
American Eel	8 lbs. 14 oz.	Old Hickory Reservoir	Jason Wilson	July 27, 2019
Atlantic Needlefish	1.6 oz.	Pickwick Dam tailwater	J. Wesley Neal	Sept. 20, 2008
Bowfin	15 lbs. 7 oz.	Reelfoot Lake	Charles Aaron	June 22, 1983
Central Stoneroller (Hornyhead)	10 oz.	Hiwassee River	Roy S. King	May 1, 1983
Creek Chub	8 oz.	West Blackburn Fork Creek	Jake Wear	June 21, 2017
Freshwater Drum*	54 lbs. 8 oz.	Nickajack Reservoir	Benny Hull	April 20, 1972
Gizzard Shad	3 lbs. 3 oz.	Holston River	Preston H. Taylor III	Dec. 13, 2008
Golden Shiner	1 lb. .05 oz.	Kentucky Lake (Bass Bay)	Joseph Wayne Dennie	April 13, 2016
Goldeye	14 oz.	Cumberland River	Harold A. Sanders	April 17, 1993
Mooneye	1 lb. 4 oz.	Hiwassee River	Steve D. Moss	May 5, 2005
Northern Hogsucker	2 lbs. 9 oz.	South Holston River	Roy Hawk	Feb. 16, 2009
Paddlefish	104 lbs. 0 oz.	Cherokee Reservoir	Ronnie Leon Meade	April 3, 2016
Quillback Carpsucker	6 lbs. 5 oz.	South Holston Reservoir	Daniel Taylor	February 10, 2019
River Carpsucker	1 lb. 9 oz.	Pickwick Reservoir	Dr. Jim Youmans	Feb. 28, 1980
Skipjack Herring*	4 lbs. 3 oz.	Watts Bar Reservoir	Marc A. Cooper II	February 17, 2015
Spotted Sucker*	3 lbs. 3 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Greg M. Henry	Mar. 9, 2008
Tilapia	7 lbs. 6 oz.	Old Hickory Reservoir	Gary L. Phelps	November 27, 2017
White Sucker	1 lbs. 10 oz.	Little War Creek (Hancock Co.)	Jim Habera	April 26, 2007

* Indicates an All-Tackle World Record.

CLASS B—Methods Other Than Rod and Reel

(a) trotline, (b) limpline, (c) jug, (d) slat basket, (e) gigging, (f) grabbling, (g) grab hooks, (h) snagging, (i) archery, (j) speargun, (k) commercial gear

Buffalo				
Bigmouth	59 lbs. 7 oz. (i)	J. Percy Priest Reservoir	Brett J. Dennison	May 2, 2013
Black	80 lbs. (a)	Robco Lake (Shelby Co.)	Hiluard J. DeLoach	April 1, 1980
Smallmouth	68 lbs. 8 oz. (i)	Kentucky Reservoir	Reece Bledsoe Jonathon Bledsoe	April 6, 2013
Carp				
Bighead	95 lbs. (k)	Kentucky Reservoir (Eagle Cr.)	Billy Roberson	Sept. 3, 2014
Black	22 lbs. (k)	Kentucky Reservoir (Camden Bottoms)	Billy Roberson	February 5, 2019
Common	52 lbs. 14 oz. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Allen Kimsey	June 24, 2002
Grass	78 lbs. (j)	Nickajack Reservoir	Allen Kimsey	May 19, 2001
Silver	36 lbs. 14 oz. (i)	Cheatham Reservoir	Connor Edwards	March 14, 2015

Tennessee Angling Records (continued)

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	LOCATION	ANGLER	DATE
CLASS B—Methods Other Than Rod and Reel (continued)				
Catfish				
Black Bullhead	3 lbs. 14 oz.*	Lakeland Trout Farm	David Tait	June 18, 1982
Blue	130 lbs. (k)	Ft. Loudoun Reservoir	J. G. Garland Bill Norman	Dec. 18, 1976
Brown Bullhead	3 lbs. 4 oz. (c)	Whiteville Lake	Richard Reagan	Oct. 25, 2014
Channel (Tie)	18 lbs. (k)	Kentucky Reservoir	Gary Dean Arthur	March 3, 2016
	18 lbs. (b)	Tims Ford Reservoir	Billy Roberson Josh Burch	July 13, 2016
Flathead	92 lbs. (k)	Mississippi River	Kenneth A. Childress Jackie W. Stafford	Nov. 30, 2000
Yellow Bullhead	9 oz. (c)	Beaver Creek (Knoxville)	Jerry L. Stafford Dan Pluff	Sept. 17, 2013
Gar				
Longnose	45 lbs. 8 oz. (i)	Kentucky Reservoir	Kirk Wood & Alex Bailey	October 7, 2015
Shortnose	8 lbs. 4 oz. (i)	Chickamauga Reservoir	Scott Simmons	April 15, 1984
Spotted	12 lbs. 0 oz. (f)	Reelfoot Lake	Jim Ulerick	April 14, 2013
Redhorse				
Black	3 lbs. 10 oz. (a)	Chilhowee Reservoir	Lewis Winters	Oct. 26, 2007
River	15 lbs. 4 oz. (h)	Wolf River (Pickett Co.)	Billy Joe Johnson	May 6, 2018
Silver	4 lbs. 14 oz. (i)	W. Prong Little Pigeon River	Greg Bull	January 28, 2015
Smallmouth	1 lb. 3 oz. (f)	W. Prong Little Pigeon River	Greg Bull	February 26, 2017
Other				
American Eel	4 lbs. 0 oz. (a)	Duck River	Evan Mercer	June 9, 2018
Bowfin	11 lbs. (j)	Reelfoot Lake	John Burton	April 17, 2018
Central Stoneroller	5 oz. (h)	Doe River	Rex Timbs	Nov. 6, 1997
Creek Chub	.10 oz. (*)	West Fork Drakes Creek	Jake A. Wade	February 9, 2018
Freshwater Drum	29 lbs. 1 oz. (i)	Kentucky Reservoir	Andrew Pruitt	March 25, 2017
Gizzard Shad	2 lb. 14 oz. (k)	Kentucky Reservoir	Billy Roberson	April 18, 2013
Golden Shiner	11 oz. (k)	Kentucky Reservoir	Billy Roberson	January 19, 2016
Northern Hogsucker	1 lb. 10 oz. (i)	Ky. Res.—Standing Rock Cr.	Dale E. Brooks	Aug. 9, 1996
Paddlefish	120 lbs. (h)	Center Hill Res.(Bluehole)	John T. Johnson	March 23, 1982
Quillback Carpsucker	4 lbs. 8 oz. (j)	Watts Bar Reservoir	Max Wheeler	July 30, 2017
River Carpsucker	4 lbs. 4 oz. (i)	J. Percy Priest Reservoir	Jeremy Bozza	May 5, 2014
Skipjack Herring	2 lbs. 15 oz. (k)	Duck River	Billy Roberson	December 14, 2015
Spotted Sucker	2 lbs. 10 oz. (i)	Ky. Res.—Standing Rock Cr.	Christopher Todd	July 26, 1996
Tilapia	9 lbs. 8 oz. (i)	Old Hickory Reservoir	Steve Creekmore	December 2, 2017

* Method no longer recognized.

TROPHY FISH APPLICATION FORM

FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY. PLEASE PRINT.

Angler's name: _____ Phone number: (____) _____ - _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Do you qualify for a Master Angler Award? Yes No
 E-mail: _____
 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 ¼ 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.



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 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 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 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 “tackle package,” 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.

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. Be aware that photos may be used on the TWRA web site 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 (see page 44).

How Do You Apply?

An application form is located on facing page. Complete one application form for each fish you are registering. You may include more than one application form per envelope. If the fish length is being verified by photo, the picture must be enclosed with the application. For each Trophy Fish Certificate only, a \$5.00 processing fee, per application, must also be enclosed and **mailed within 90 days from the date of catch**. Make check or money order payable to TWRA and mail, with the application(s), to the address at the right of the application. 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 13.

Minimum Trophy 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	34
Flathead Catfish	34
Common Carp	34
Freshwater Drum	28

AMERICAN EEL

Have You Caught an American Eel?

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is seeking information from the public on the catch or observation of American Eel in Tennessee.

If you catch an American Eel, please provide the following information:

- Location — GPS latitude/longitude coordinates or precise directions to the site
- Date and time of day caught
- How it was caught (gear)
- Type of bait used
- Approximate length and weight
- Photos

American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) is a fish deemed in need of management. It is illegal to take any fish, crayfish or turtle that is listed as threatened, endangered or in-need-of-management. If it is still alive please release the eel where it was caught. If it is no longer alive, please consider donating the specimen for age and growth studies. Please keep it on ice and place in a plastic bag in the freezer as soon as possible. **Please call or email Pandi Upchurch at Pandi.Upchurch@tn.gov or (615) 781-6613** to arrange a time and place for pick up of the specimen.



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 type 118 (resident) or 116 (nonresident) 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.

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)
- **Gizzard Shad***** (*Dorosoma cepedianum*)
- **Threadfin Shad***** (*Dorosoma petenense*)

- **Fathead Minnow** (*Pimephales promelas*)
- **Golden Shiner** (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*)
- **Goldfish** (*Carassius auratus*)
- **Sunfishes*** (*Lepomis spp.*)
- **Rainbow Trout**** (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

* 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 bream 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 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 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).

*** 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.

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.*)
- **Creek Chub** (*Semotilus atromaculatus*)
- **Bluntnose Minnow** (*Pimephales notatus*)
- **Bullhead Minnow** (*Pimephales vigilax*)



SKIPJACK HERRING



GIZZARD SHAD



THREADFIN SHAD



GOLDEN SHINER



GOLDFISH



FATHEAD MINNOW



SUNFISHES (BLUEGILL, e.g.)



RAINBOW TROUT



STONEROLLER



CREEK CHUB



BLUNTNOSE MINNOW



BULLHEAD MINNOW

Class C Bait Fish

Bait fish that are not listed in Class A or B above and are not listed by proclamation 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 Fish

- **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. Sunfish and trout may not be taken with a cast net.
- **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.
- **Angling:** Use of line with a hook attached to a bait or lure.
- **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 by proclamation 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 in Section VI.

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 Appalachia 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;
- Mill Creek, Fortyeight Creek upstream of Hwy. 64, Johnson Mill Branch, Chalk Creek, and Second Creek in Wayne County. Pompeys

Branch, McKelvey Branch, and Holly Branch in Hardin County;

- Blood River system in Henry County; and 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; and
- 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.

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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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TURTLES

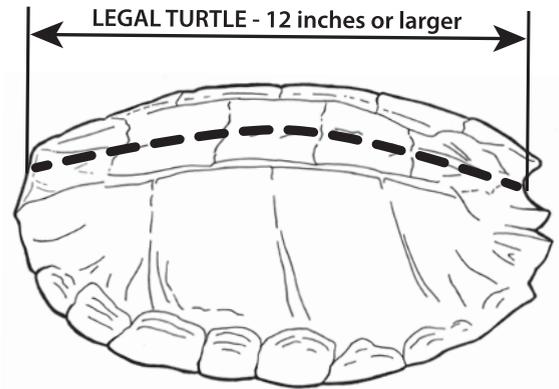
IN TENNESSEE

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 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 turtle trap nets, with minimum net size of three 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. Both adult and juvenile turtles have been released to restore this rare, native species. Alligator snapping turtles are listed in Tennessee as In Need of Management and are illegal to take.



ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE ▲

- Alligator snapping turtles have three large prominent ridges along the back, a large head, 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 (especially as adults) without the three ridges, and a smaller head 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

CONTAMINANTS

IN FISH

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) 532-0699
https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/environment/water/planning-and-standards/wr_wq_fish-advisories.pdf

Fish Tissue Advisories (This list is subject to revision.)

WATERBODY	COUNTY	PORTION	POLLUTANT	COMMENTS
West Tennessee				
Beech Reservoir	Henderson	Entirety (877 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Big Sandy River and Embayment	Henry, Benton, Carroll, and Henderson	From embayment at mouth on Kentucky Reservoir to headwaters. (Miles 0.0 to 59.0)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for all bass species.*
Cypress Creek	Shelby	Entirety (7.7 miles)	Chlordane, Other Pesticides, PCBs	Do not eat the fish.
Loosahatchie River	Shelby	Hwy 14, Austin Peay Highway (Mile 0.0 – 17.0)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
McKellar Lake	Shelby	Entirety (13 miles)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
Mississippi River	Shelby	MS state line to just downstream of Meeman-Shelby State Park (31 miles)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish. Commercial fishing prohibited by TWRA.
Nonconnah Creek	Shelby	From mouth to Kansas Street (Mile 0.0 – 1.8)	Chlordane, other Organics	Do not eat the fish. Advisory ends at Horn Lake Road bridge.
North Fork Forked Deer River	Dyer, Gibson	From mouth of the Middle Fork Forked Deer River (Mile 17.6) upstream to State Highway 188 (Mile 23.6)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Springville Bottom (West Sandy Creek dewatering area)	Henry	Impounded area upstream of West Sandy Dike (36,850 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for all bass and crappie.*
Wolf River	Shelby	From mouth to Germantown Road (Mile 0.0 – 18.9)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
Middle Tennessee				
Beech Creek	Wayne	From mouth to origin (Mile 16.7) including Tennessee River Embayment	Mercury	Do not eat the fish. Avoid contact with sediment between Leatherwood Branch and Smith Branch.
Buffalo River	Humphreys, Perry	From mouth upstream to Highway 438 (Mile 31.6)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for smallmouth bass.*
Duck River	Humphreys, Hickman	From mouth of Buffalo River (Mile 15.8) upstream to Interstate 40 (Mile 31.8)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass.*
East Fork Stones River	Rutherford	From confluence with West Fork Stones River on J. Percy Priest Reservoir extending upstream to Betty Ford Road near Lascassas (15.4 miles)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for all bass species.
Normandy Reservoir	Bedford, Coffee	Entirety (3,260 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for black bass (largemouth, smallmouth and spotted).*
Woods Reservoir	Franklin	Entirety (3,908 acres)	PCBs	Catfish should not be eaten.
East Tennessee				
Abrams Creek	Blount	From mouth on Chilhowee Reservoir upstream to Abrams Falls (14.6 miles) within Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for smallmouth bass.*
Boone Reservoir	Sullivan, Washington	Entirety (4,400 acres)	PCBs, Chlordane	Precautionary advisory for carp and catfish.*
Chattanooga Creek	Hamilton	From mouth to GA State line (11.9 miles)	PCBs, Chlordane	Fish should not be eaten.
Cherokee Reservoir	Granger, Hamble, Hawkins, Jefferson	Entirety (28,780 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted) and catfish.*

Fish Tissue Advisories (continued)

WATERBODY	COUNTY	PORTION	POLLUTANT	COMMENTS
East Tennessee (continued)				
East Fork of Poplar Creek including Poplar Creek embayment and Bear Creek	Anderson, Roane	East Fork of Poplar Creek from mouth to New Hope Pond (Mile 15.0) Bear Creek from mouth to Hwy 95 (Mile 2.8)	Mercury, PCBs	Fish should not be eaten.
Emory River	Roane, Morgan	From Hwy 27 near Harriman (Mile 12.4) upstream to Camp Austin Road Bridge (Mile 21.8)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for all fish.*
Fort Loudoun Reservoir	Loudon, Blount	Entirety (14,600 acres)	PCBs Mercury (upper portion only)	Commercial fishing for catfish prohibited by TWRA. No catfish or largemouth bass over two pounds should be eaten. Do not eat largemouth bass from the Little River embayment. Due to mercury, precautionary advisory for any sized largemouth bass from Highway 129 to the confluence of Holston and French Broad rivers (534 acres).*
French Broad River	Cocke	From Rankin Bridge (Mile 71.4) to Hwy 321 near Newport (Mile 77.5)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Pigeon River	Cocke	From mouth upstream to Vinson Island at Interstate 40 crossing (mile 12.4)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for smallmouth bass and channel catfish.*
Nolichucky River	Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Unicoi, Washington	Entire length in Tennessee from Douglas Reservoir to North Carolina state line (99.21 miles).	Mercury	Precautionary advisory the entire length within Tennessee for black bass (largemouth, smallmouth and spotted). Precautionary advisory for channel catfish in the lower portion from Douglas Reservoir to the mouth of Bent Creek at river mile 14.9.*
Hiwassee River	Meigs, McMinn, Bradley	From Hwy 58 (Mile 7.4) upstream to the railroad bridge just upstream of U.S. Hwy 11 (Mile 18.9)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Holston River	Sullivan, Hawkins	From the mouth of Poor Valley Creek embayment (Mile 89.0) upstream to confluence of the North and South Forks of the Holston near Kingsport (Mile 142.3)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for all fish.*
Little River	Blount	U.S. Hwy 129 bridge near Maryville (mile 2.6) to "the sinks" near river mile 41.5	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted).*
Melton Hill Reservoir	Knox, Anderson	Entirety (5,690 acres)	PCBs	Catfish should not be eaten.
Nickjack Reservoir	Hamilton, Marion	Entirety (10,370 acres)	PCBs	Precautionary advisory for catfish.*
Norris Reservoir	Campbell, Anderson, Union, Claiborne, Grainger	Clinch River portion (Powell River embayment not included in advisory) (15,213 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass, striped bass, smallmouth bass, and sauger.*
North Fork Holston River	Sullivan, Hawkins	VA Stateline (Mile 0.0 – 6.2)	Mercury	Do not eat the fish. Advisory goes to TN/VA line.
Sequatchie River	Marion	From the Tennessee River (Mile 0.0) upstream to State Highway 283 near Whitwell (Mile 22.1)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
South Holston Reservoir	Sullivan	Portion within Tennessee (7,206 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Tellico Reservoir	Loudon, Monroe	Entirety (16,500 acres)	PCBs, Mercury	Precautionary advisory for catfish.*
Watauga Reservoir	Carter, Johnson	Entirety (6,427 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass and channel catfish.*
Watts Bar Reservoir	Roane, Meigs, Rhea, Loudon	Tennessee River portion (38,000 acres)	PCBs	Catfish, striped bass, and hybrid (striped bass-white bass) should not be eaten. Precautionary advisory for white bass, sauger, carp, smallmouth buffalo, and largemouth bass.*
Watts Bar Reservoir	Roane, Anderson	Clinch River Arm (1,000 acres)	PCBs	Striped bass should not be eaten. Precautionary advisory for catfish and sauger.*

* Precautionary Advisory: Children, women who might become pregnant, pregnant women, and nursing mothers should not consume the fish species named. All other persons should limit consumption of the named species to one meal per month.

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