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WHAT'S NEW
FOR 2020 – 2021

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

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

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LICENSE FEES
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General Information

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

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

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

Native Tennessean

Nonresidents who were born in Tennessee may apply for Native Tennessean annual licenses. These licenses provide nonresidents born in the state but no longer residing in the state, the opportunity to purchase annual Tennessee hunting/fishing/trapping licenses at the same cost as resident first time applicants. Available by application only. Details and application available online at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com, through the TWRA OnTheGo app, or at any of our Tennessee license Agents.

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

Resident License
Purchase Information

Resident licenses can be purchased by:

- Persons who possess a valid Tennessee driver’s license or Tennessee state ID issued by the Department of Safety. Tennessee state law requires drivers to obtain a Tennessee driver’s license within 30 days of residency. Out-of-state driver’s license only accepted, for Military Personnel and Student meeting the criteria below.
- Persons who do not drive or do not possess a valid driver’s license from another state, but who have lived in Tennessee for 90 consecutive days with the genuine intent of making Tennessee their permanent home, may prove residency by presenting to a TWRA license agent any two of the following documents:
  - current Tennessee voter registration card;
  - current Tennessee vehicle registration or title;
  - Form I-94 issued by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service
  - current rental/mortgage contract or receipt including deed of sale for property or receipt for payment of Tennessee real estate taxes within last year
- Military personnel on active duty in this state and children under 16 years of age who reside with them, regardless of Tennessee resident status.
- Students who are enrolled in a Tennessee school, college or university for at least six months, with an appropriate student ID.

Buy your license online at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com

Lifetime Sportsman

Age determines the cost.

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

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

Resident Licenses

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<td>Hunting and Fishing Combination (Type 001)</td>
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Supplemental Licenses (Types 005, 009, 010, 011, 015 or 019) are required and must be purchased, in addition to the Type 001 license, in order to hunt deer, elk, bear, turkey and waterfowl. The type of hunting equipment to be used determines which supplemental license is necessary.

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<td>Waterfowl (Type 005)</td>
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<td>Annual Big Game Gun (Type 009)</td>
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<td>Annual Big Game Archery (Type 010)</td>
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<td>Annual Big Game Muzzleloader (Type 011)</td>
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<td>Resident Elk License (Type 015)</td>
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This permit is required after successfully being drawn for the annual elk quota hunt. Annual Sportsman and Lifetime License holders are exempt from having to purchase the Elk Permit.

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<td><strong>Annual Sportsman (Type 004)</strong></td>
<td>$166.00</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Junior Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 002)</strong></td>
<td>$10.00</td>
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<td>Ages 13-15. Good for hunting all game, fishing and trapping. Must be purchased prior to 16th birthday. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as “left over” permits.</td>
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<td><strong>Permanent Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 166)</strong></td>
<td>$50.00</td>
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<td>Available at all license agents and can only be purchased on or after 65th birthday. A valid Tennessee driver’s license or proof of age and residency is required. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as “left over” permits.</td>
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<td>Available at all license agents and can only be purchased on or after 65th birthday. A valid Tennessee driver’s license or proof of age and residency is required. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as “left over” permits.</td>
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<td><strong>Annual Resident Citizen Sportsman Permit (Type 167)</strong></td>
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<td>An all-inclusive license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any TWRA supplemental licenses or non-quota permits and allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. Available at all license agents and can only be purchased on or after 65th birthday is reached.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Annual Resident Hunting &amp; Fishing Disabled Under 18 (Type 168)</strong></td>
<td>$5.00</td>
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<td>Available to Tennessee residents under the age of 18 who meet the requirements of TCA 70-2-104 as amended. The certification of the total and permanent disability issued by a physician licensed to practice in Tennessee must accompany this application. Renewable annually with current fee. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Permanent Resident Hunting &amp; Fishing Intellectually Disabled (Type 169)</strong></td>
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<td>Tennessee residents over the age of 10 years may purchase by providing a certification by a physician licensed to practice in Tennessee as having an intellectual disability as described in TCA 33-1-101. Applicant will be required to complete the Hunter Education Course as provided in TCA 70-2-108. Additional restrictions are listed on the back of the license card. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Permanent Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing (Type 189)</strong></td>
<td>$10.00</td>
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<td>Available only by application to the TWRA Regional Offices. Application must be accompanied by a doctor’s statement stating that the applicant is permanently confined to a wheelchair. Covers all license requirements to hunt and fish but holder must purchase any applicable permits. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.</td>
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<td><strong>Permanent DAV Hunting and Fishing (Type 198)</strong></td>
<td>$10.00</td>
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<td>Available only by application to the TWRA License Regional Offices for resident veterans certified by the VA as 30 percent disabled by reason of war service or 100 percent service connected. Covers all license requirements to hunt and fish but holder must purchase any applicable permits. Must provide DD214 form and Veterans Administration letter showing percent of disability. Base License and Supplemental Licenses are included. Special Season and WMA Permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.</td>
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## Nonresident Licenses

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

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<td><strong>Junior Hunt/Fish (Type 070)</strong></td>
<td>$11.00</td>
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<td>Required for nonresidents ages 13–15 to fish or hunt small game. A Type 085 or 086 is required to hunt big game.</td>
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<td><strong>7-Day Junior ALL Game (Type 085)</strong></td>
<td>$26.50</td>
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<td><strong>Junior ALL Game Annual (Type 086)</strong></td>
<td>$42.00</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>7-Day Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl (Type 072)</strong></td>
<td>$61.50</td>
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<td><strong>Annual Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl (Type 071)</strong></td>
<td>$111.00</td>
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<td><strong>7-Day All Game (Type 074)</strong></td>
<td>$214.50</td>
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<td><strong>Annual All Game (Type 073)</strong></td>
<td>$306.00</td>
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<td><strong>Annual Trapping (Type 120)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Nonresident Elk License (Type 075)</strong></td>
<td>$301.00</td>
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This permit is required after successfully being drawn for the annual elk quota hunt.

## Apprentice Hunting License

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

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<td><strong>Apprentice Hunting License (Type 012)</strong></td>
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## Guide License

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

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<td><strong>Resident Guide License (Type 450)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Nonresident Guide License (Type 455)</strong></td>
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Federal Duck Stamp

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

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<td>Federal Duck Stamp</td>
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Migratory Bird Permit Required

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

- Landowners hunting on their own land;
- Disabled veterans;
- Tennessee residents 65 years or older;
- Tennessee residents under 15 years of age;
- Lifetime Sportsman license holders; or
- Military personnel on leave or furlough (with leave papers)

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<tr>
<td>Migratory Bird Permit (Type 006)</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
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<td>Migratory Bird Permit (Type 007)</td>
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Hunter Education Replacement Card

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

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<td>Hunter Education Replacement Card</td>
<td>$8.00</td>
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Wildlife Management Area Permits

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

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

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

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<tr>
<td>Annual Hunter Use Permit (Type 060)</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Basic/Hunter Use and Camping permit (Type 061)</td>
<td>$35.00</td>
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Federal Refuges

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

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<td>Federal Refuges (Type 064)</td>
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Reelfoot Preservation Permit

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

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<td>1-Day Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 090)</td>
<td>$3.50</td>
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<td>3-Day Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 088)</td>
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<td>Annual Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 089)</td>
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High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit

A High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit is required for riding hoofed animals, bicycling, and off-highway vehicle use on designated wildlife management areas. Persons possessing a valid hunting license with an appropriate permit to hunt on a wildlife management area and youths under age thirteen (13) are exempt. At least one occupant of an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) must possess the proper permit(s). No permit shall be required on roads/trails as designated. Off-Highway Vehicle is any vehicle capable of traveling off highways within the state. The term includes all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, dune buggies and other four-wheeled vehicles used for off-road activities. This permit is required on the following WMAs (Note: not all activities are permitted on each WMA requiring this permit): Bear Hollow, Bridgestone Firestone - Big Bottom Unit, Cataosa, Cheatham, Forks of the River, Keyses-Harrison, Laurel Hill, Luper Mountain, Mt. Roosevelt, North Chickamauga Creek - Patton Unit, North Cumberland, Pea Ridge, Skinner Mountain, Williamsport, Yarnahi. Refer to the individual listing for each WMA for more specific information on which activities are permitted.

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<td>Nonresident Daily Permit (Type 038)</td>
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Firing Range Permits

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

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<td>Tier 1 Range 2hr (Type 220)</td>
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HUNTER EDUCATION

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

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

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

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

LICENSE EXEMPTIONS & HUNTER EDUCATION INFORMATION

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

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

Mandatory Hunter Education
All hunters, resident or nonresident, born on or after Jan. 1, 1969, must possess proof that they have successfully completed a Hunter Education course. Hunter Education certification is accepted from all other states. Those under 10 years of age do not need a Hunter Education certificate, but must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Call your local TWRA office or visit the TWRA’s website at www.tnwildlife.org for a listing of scheduled Hunter Education classes.
Deer Hunts

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2020
Jan. 9 and 10, 2021
Ages 6-16. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Youth 10 years of age or older must meet Hunter Education requirements. Multiple youth may be accompanied by a single non-hunting adult.

Bear Hunt

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2020
Ages 6-16. Limit one (1) per year, either sex. Bear Hunting Zones 1, 2, and 3 only. No dogs allowed. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Youth 10 years of age or older must meet Hunter Education requirements. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult; however, adults and other persons accompanying youths shall not hunt during these youth waterfowl hunts. Geese, coot, gallinules, moorhens, and ducks may be taken by youth during the Young Sportsman Waterfowl Hunts. WMAs with special closing times are open all day, each day of the Young Sportsman Waterfowl Hunts.

Wildlife Management Area Youth Hunts

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

Waterfowl Hunts

Feb. 6 and 13, 2021
Ages 6-16. Same as regular season daily bag limits. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Youth 10 years of age or older must meet Hunter Education requirements. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single non-hunting adult.

Spring Turkey Hunt

Statewide (excluding The Mississippi Alluvial Valley (MAV) Unit (Dyer, Lake, Lauderdale, Shelby and Tipton Counties) and Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Wayne Counties
March 27 and 28, 2021
Mississippi Alluvial Valley (MAV) Unit and Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Wayne Counties
April 10 and 11, 2021
Ages 6-16. One (1) bearded turkey per day, which counts toward the statewide bag. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Multiple youth may be accompanied by a single non-hunting adult, who is not required to have a license.

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

Possession of Live Animals

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

Protected Species

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

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

Roadkill Law

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

Hunting Hours

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

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

Hunting and Trapping on Private Land

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

Hunting From a Stationary Vehicle

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

Assisting Hunters

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

Handgun Carry General Regulations

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

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

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MANNER & MEANS

Legal Hunting Devices

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

### Prohibited Acts

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

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

7. Use or possession of the following equipment is prohibited:
   - Predator calls while night hunting.
   - Pod arrows (any pod-type device for holding drugs or chemicals on an arrow) or any drugs or chemicals used in pod arrows while archery hunting.
   - Explosive arrowheads while archery hunting.
   - Firearms capable of fully automatic fire.
   - Firearms or archery equipment with any device utilizing an artificial light capable of locating wildlife.
   - Any electronic light amplifying night vision scope, thermal imaging device, or device while in possession of a firearm or archery tackle between sunset and sunrise.
   - Electronic calls or live decoys while hunting wild turkey, foxes, and waterfowl (except electronic calls are legal during the Light Goose Conservation Season).
   - Rifles or handguns with full metal jacketed ammunition.
   - Rifles or handguns with centerfire ammunition between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise.
   - Any loose shot other than non-toxic (as approved by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) or any shotgun shell loaded with shot other than non-toxic while hunting waterfowl, coots, gallinules, Virginia rails, and sora rails.
   - Tracer ammunition
   - UAV (unmanned aerial vehicles) cannot be used to hunt any wildlife.

8. Use or possession of natural cervid urine while hunting is prohibited unless the product is clearly labeled bearing certification from the manufacturer that the urine was produced in a facility that:
   - Complies with a federal or a federally approved chronic wasting disease herd certification program and any federal CWD protocols and record requirements;
   - Does not allow importation of live cervids;
   - Requires that all cervids exported from the facility be tested for CWD upon death and the results are reported to the facility;
   - Is inspected annually by an accredited veterinarian, including inspection of the herd and applicable records; and
   - Maintains a fence at least 8 feet high around the facility and, if the facility is located within 30 miles of a confirmed positive occurrence of CWD, is double fenced to prevent direct contact between captive and wild cervids.

Legal Trapping Devices and Definitions

1. Steel foothold traps used for water sets, must have an exterior jaw measurement of nine (9) inches or less measured at the hinge of the trap. Steel foothold traps used for ground sets must have an exterior jaw measurement of seven (7) inches or less measured at the hinge of the trap. Steel square instant-kill traps must have an exterior jaw measurement of sixteen (16) inches or less measured at the widest point, and steel circular instant-kill traps must have an exterior measurement of twelve (12) inches or less measured at the widest point.

2. Live traps are legal for taking any species of wildlife listed as having a trapping season. Live traps are defined as those traps that act as a cage after capture.

3. Steel cable snares having a minimum cable diameter of five sixty-fourths (5/64) of an inch and a maximum cable diameter of three thirty seconds (3/32) of an inch are legal for all legal furbearer species during the legal trapping season. Spring activated snares other than Collarum snares are prohibited.

4. Commercially available dog-proof traps, also known as species-specific traps, are legal for trapping.
5. For ground sets, a trapper may use cushion-hold traps, laminated jaw traps, offset wide jaw traps, offset laminated jaw traps, and wide jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of seven (7) inches or less measured at the hinge point and with a minimum jaw thickness of one-fourth (1/4) of an inch. For ground sets, a trapper may also use double-jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of seven (7) inches or less of the upper and lower jaws combined and a minimum jaw thickness of one-fourth (1/4) of an inch. For water sets, a trapper may use cushion-hold traps, laminated jaw traps, offset wide jaw traps, offset laminated jaw traps, and wide jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of nine (9) inches or less measured at the hinge point. For water sets, a trapper may also use double-jaw traps with an exterior jaw measurement of nine (9) inches or less of the upper and lower jaws combined.

6. For trapping purposes, "water set" is defined to mean traps set in water adjacent to and part of streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands, or other water courses and includes floating sets.

7. Trappers shall mark all traps and snares with their name or TWRA ID number.

8. Steel traps placed inside a hole, cave, den, hollow log, hollow stump, or any like place shall be placed at least twelve (12) inches inside the entrance of such place, and it is unlawful to place steel traps in the open, except for water sets and trap types listed in paragraph five (5) above.

9. Lethal sets such as instant kill traps and water set ("drowning") traps must be inspected every seventy-two (72) hours. All other traps must be inspected every thirty-six (36) hours and any wildlife caught in the traps shall be removed.

10. For ground sets adjacent to waterways and no more than fifty (50) feet from the shoreline, a trapper may use a 110 body grip trap, or its equivalent, with a maximum exterior jaw measurement of six (6) inches wide by six (6) inches tall. Such a trap shall be a single-spring trap with a factory spring designated for that trap. The lowest point of the trap closest to the ground shall be no more than one-half (1/2) inch above the surface of the ground. The trap shall be used as a non-baited or lured set unless it is set at a minimum of twelve (12) inches inside a hole, den, or cubby. For trapping seasons, see page 15.

Migratory Bird Regulations

1. Federal regulations relative to baiting, firearms, bag and possession limits, wanton waste, tagging, and methods of hunting are hereby adopted and will be applicable to hunting and/or taking of species listed.

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

3. All persons who hunt migratory game birds are required to have in their possession a valid Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit in addition to other required Tennessee licenses and permits, with the following exceptions:
   » disabled veterans
   » landowners hunting on their own land
   » lifetime license holders
   » residents of Tennessee under 13 years of age
   » residents of Tennessee who are 65 or older
   » Military personnel on leave or furlough

4. Refer to federal regulations 50 CFR Ch. 1 (21.41 and 21.43) for conditions and restrictions applicable to the taking of crows in certain depredation or health hazard situations outside of the crow sport hunting season.

5. Pursuant to federal regulations, during the Light Goose Conservation Season, waterfowl hunters may use unplugged shotguns and electronic calls.

Miscellaneous

1. Where hunting is allowed from vessels, it is legal to hunt from any vessel, so long as the vessel is not under forward motion from any influence of mechanical means or sail. On private property, it is legal to hunt from any motorized vehicle (to include ATVs, golf carts, etc.), provided the vehicle is stationary. Nothing in this subsection (l) shall be construed as authorizing hunting from a vessel, automobile or other motor vehicle while under power. Nothing in this subsection permits hunting from or across a public road or right-of-way.

2. Hunters who have filled their seasonal or daily bag limit for any species may continue to accompany other hunters provided they are not in possession of any ammunition or any weapon. This person must also comply with all other legal requirements. Access for hunters accompanying may be limited on some WMAs. A bear hunter who has filled the daily or seasonal limit may continue to carry a firearm and take hogs where incidental taking is allowed.

3. Every game animal, wounded or unwounded by hunting and/or trapping and taken into possession by the hunter or trapper shall be immediately slain and become part of the daily bag limit. No person shall, at any time, or by any means, possess or transport live animals taken under the authority of hunting season proclamations.

4. Gigs, angling equipment, archery, rimfire and air firearms are legal for taking bullfrogs.

5. Archery equipment is permitted during the archery, muzzleloader and gun seasons. Muzzleloader equipment is permitted during the muzzleloader and gun seasons.

6. Pursuant to TCA 39-17-1351, persons with a valid handgun carry permit may possess a handgun the entire year while on the premises of any TWRA refuge, public hunting area, state owned wildlife management area or, to the extent permitted by federal law, national forest land maintained by the state, and private land. For other federally managed properties hunters should contact that specific facility or location. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize a person to use any handgun to hunt unless such person is in full compliance with all wildlife laws, rules and regulations.

7. During a deer archery only season, a fall turkey hunter may not be in possession of both archery equipment and shotguns and/or rifles.

8. During archery deer/bear seasons a properly licensed big game hunter may use air guns .25 caliber or smaller to hunt small game while archery hunting for deer/bear. During the muzzleloader and gun deer/bear season, a legal deer or bear hunter may use rimfire or airguns .25 caliber or smaller to hunt small game.

9. During an archery only or muzzleloader/archery only deer, bear or elk season, furbears may not be taken with rifles and handguns using centerfire ammunition. During the gun/muzzleloader/archery seasons, furbears may be taken by legal big game hunters licensed for the weapon they are using.

10. The use of suppressors/silencers is legal for persons possessing the required federal license from the United States Department of Treasury. Hunters using these devices must have proof of such license on their person.

11. A falconry permittee whose hunting raptor accidentally kills wildlife out of season, or the wrong species or sex, shall leave the dead wildlife where it lies; except that the raptor may feed upon the wildlife prior to leaving the site of the kill.

Legal Hunting Hours

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

2. Hunting of bullfrogs, raccoons, opossums, the chasing of foxes and rabbits, and the trapping of furbearers is permitted day or night unless restricted by Proclamation. No foxes or rabbits may be shot while chasing/training at night.

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

All hunting seasons are closed unless opened by specific Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission proclamations. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit, except for migratory game birds, and except on opening day. Dogs allowed for hunting all small game species, except on specific WMAs where indicated.

- Armadillo, beaver, coyote, groundhog, striped skunk - Open year-round, no limit.
- Bobcat\(^a\) - Open Nov. 20, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021, Limit 1 per day.
  a. All river otters harvested must be tagged by harvester with Tennessee U.S. CITES tags. Contact your TWRA regional office for instructions.
  b. Bobcat pelts must be tagged with Tennessee U.S. CITES tags in order to be exported from the U.S. Contact your TWRA regional office for instructions.

**Bullfrog Hunting**

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

**Raccoon and Opossum Hunting**

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

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

**Trapping Seasons**

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

- Bobcat\(^a\), fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, river otter\(^b\), raccoon, spotted skunk, striped skunk, weasel - Open Nov. 20, 2020 through Feb. 28, 2021, no limit.
  a. Bobcat pelts must be tagged with Tennessee U.S. CITES tags in order to be exported from the U.S. Contact your TWRA regional office for instructions.
  b. All river otters harvested must be tagged by harvester with Tennessee U.S. CITES tags. Contact your TWRA regional office for instructions.

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

**Dog Training**

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

**Raccoon Dog Training (no taking)**

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

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

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

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

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# DUCK & SANDHILL CRANE

## Hunting Regulations

### Duck Seasons and Bag Limits

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<td>Wood Duck &amp; Teal</td>
<td>Sept. 12 - Sept. 16, 2020</td>
<td>Sept. 12 - Sept. 16, 2020</td>
<td>The Daily bag limit of ducks is 6, and may include no more than 2 wood ducks.</td>
<td>The possession limit is three (3) times the daily bag limit, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is one (1) and two (2) times the daily bag limit, respectively.</td>
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<td>Ducks, Coot &amp; Mergansers</td>
<td>Nov. 14 - Nov. 15, 2020 Dec. 5 - Jan. 31, 2021</td>
<td>Nov. 28 - Nov. 29, 2020 Dec. 5 - Jan. 31, 2021</td>
<td>Coot: 15 Ducks: The daily bag limit of ducks is 6 birds/day which may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be a female), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 2 black ducks, 1 pintail, and 1 mottled duck. The daily bag limit for scaups is 1 scaup on Nov. 14 and Nov. 15, Dec. 5 - Dec. 17 in the Reelfoot Zone, Nov. 28 and Nov. 29, Dec. 5 - Dec. 17 in the Statewide Zone then 2 scaups from Dec 18 - Jan 31 in all zones. Mergansers: 5 (only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers)</td>
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* Only youth hunters from 6-16 years of age may harvest coot, gallinule, moorhen, ducks, mergansers, and geese during the Youth Waterfowl hunt days. Youth aged 16 are still required to possess a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp). Non-hunting adults at least 21 years of age shall accompany the youth hunter(s) into the field during the youth waterfowl season and must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult; however, adults and other persons accompanying youths shall not hunt during these youth waterfowl hunts. Adults not accompanied by youths 6-16 may still harvest geese during those dates. Geese, coot, gallinule, moorhen, and ducks may be taken by youths during the Youth Waterfowl Season. WMAs with special closing times are open all day, each day of the Youth Waterfowl Season.

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

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<td>Sandhill Crane</td>
<td>Dec. 5 – Jan. 31, Statewide tags are valid statewide, including the Southeast Crane Zone, except during the three day closure in that zone from Jan. 15 - 17.</td>
<td>Dec. 5, 2020 - Jan. 14, 2021 Jan. 18 - Jan. 31</td>
<td>The daily bag, season bag, and possession limit for sandhill cranes is based on the number of tags awarded to an individual.</td>
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* Each harvested crane must be accompanied by a completed kill tag (each tag allows harvest of 1 crane) and be checked in by the end of the calendar day of harvest by any Agency approved check-in method. Also, hunters issued sandhill crane tags MUST fill out and return a post-season survey at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com before February 10, regardless of whether they hunted or harvested a sandhill crane. Failure to return the post-season survey may result in hunters not being eligible to apply for a sandhill crane tag in future draws.

**GEESE**

**Hunting Regulations**

**Goose Seasons and Bag Limits**

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<td>5 in Sept. 3 in all other seasons</td>
<td>The possession limit is three (3) times the daily bag limit, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is one (1) and two (2) times the daily bag limit, respectively.</td>
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<td>White-Fronted Goose</td>
<td>Nov. 28 - Nov. 29&lt;br&gt;Dec. 5 - Feb. 14, 2021</td>
<td>Nov. 14 - Nov. 15&lt;br&gt;Dec. 5 - Feb. 14, 2021</td>
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<td>The possession limit is three (3) times the daily bag limit, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is one (1) and two (2) times the daily bag limit, respectively.</td>
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<td>Brant</td>
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<td>There is no possession limit for blue, snow and Ross’s geese, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is the daily bag limit and two times the daily bag limit, respectively.</td>
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<td>Light Goose Conservation Season* (Blue, Snow &amp; Ross’s Geese)</td>
<td>The following provisions apply during the Light Goose Conservation Season only: Unplugged shotguns, electronic calls, shooting from 30 minutes before official sunrise until 30 minutes after official sunset. Feb. 15 - March 22, 2021</td>
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* A free Light Goose Conservation Season Permit is required to hunt during the Conservation Season, available in late January at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com. Hunting is allowed from 30 minutes before official sunrise until 30 minutes after official sunset. There is no daily bag or possession limit. No Federal or state waterfowl stamps are required to hunt during the Conservation Season. Hunters must possess a TN Light Goose Conservation Season Permit and have a valid hunting license, but the license may be from any state.
SANDHILL CRANE

HUNTING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

West TN (Region I)……………………………………1-800-831-1173
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FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS

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

Restrictions

No person shall take migratory game birds:

• With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.

• From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven vehicle, or any aircraft, except that paraplegic and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle. “Paraplegic” means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.

• From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

• By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

• Using recordings of migratory bird sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.

• By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in range of hunters.

• By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited areas.

• Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

Closed Season

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

Shooting or Falconry Hours

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

Daily Bag Limit

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

Field Possession Limit

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

Wanton Waste

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

Tagging

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter in the field.

Possession of Live Birds

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

Dressing

No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and band-tailed pigeons) and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one’s home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

Importation

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

Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp

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

Caution

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

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

Reporting Banded Birds

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION HUNTERS

Special Regulations

Plugged Shotguns

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

Legal Shot

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

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

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**BIG GAME**

**HUNTING REGULATIONS**

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

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

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

**Big Game Found Dead:** All big game found dead should be left where found and do not need to be reported unless someone wants the game for personal use or consumption. Persons wanting to possess big game, except bears, accidentally killed by a motor vehicle for personal use or consumption are required to notify TWRA or a local law enforcement agency within 48 hours. Personal possession of bear accidentally killed by a motor vehicle is only lawful once a TWRA enforcement officer issues a possession tag for it. Reporting of sick deer or deer behaving strangely is not required, but it is encouraged. Reports may be made at tngov/twra/sickdeer.

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

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

**Mississippi River Flood Closure:** When the Mississippi River at Caruthersville gauge reaches 34 ft., all big game hunting will close in the Mississippi River Floodwaters Zone (on private and public land) and will remain closed until the Mississippi River drops below 34 ft. at the Caruthersville gauge. **NOTE:** Flood Closure area has changed. Updated map below.
NEW - TAG BEFORE YOU DRAG

BIG GAME CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

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

CHECK IN INSTRUCTIONS

Have the TWRA On the Go mobile app?

**YES**

**Temporary Transportation Tag**

(No phone? No problem!)

Fill out a pre-printed paper tag. They are at the bottom of your license and are available by logging in at GoOutdoorsTennessee.com.

Cut out the tag and attach it to the animal. (Try using a zip-tie and a sealable plastic bag).

Then, Check In Your Harvest

Before midnight on the day of harvest, check it in one of three ways.

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**NO**

**Electronic Tag/ Mobile Check-In**

(The EASIEST way)

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

YOU ARE FINISHED!

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

WHERE TO GET TEMPORARY TRANSPORTATION TAGS?

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

THE HARVEST CONFIRMATION NUMBER IS IMPORTANT!

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

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

TWRA ON THE GO - Mobile App

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

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

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THE APP?

Find places to hunt and fish near you!

Access hunting and fishing regulations, and plenty of other information!

Purchase licenses and store them for yourself and others on your phone!

Determine sunset and sunrise times based on your GPS location!

Be in the know, before you go!
DEER
HUNTING REGULATIONS

White-tailed Deer Hunting Units

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Antlered deer may be taken during this period in Unit L. Antlered deer may be taken during this period in Unit CWD (statewide bag limit still applies).

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

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

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

1 Private lands only and archery only, except in Unit CWD where guns and muzzleloaders are allowed and select public lands are additionally open for hunting. See Region 1 WMA regulations starting on page 47 to see which public lands are open during this hunt. Fluorescent orange required in Unit CWD.

2 Youths 6-16 years of age may participate. Participating youth can use gun, muzzleloader, and archery equipment (G/M/A). Young sportsmen must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult.

3 Unit CWD begins gun season (G/M/A) on Nov. 7 and therefore does not have a muzzleloader only (M/A) season.

4 A Type 094 permit is required to hunt antlerless deer during this season except for landowners hunting under the landowner exemption (as described in T.C.A. 70-2-204) and Sportsman License holders. A Type 094 permit is required for all ages.

5 Hunting is allowed on all privately owned lands in Unit L and Unit CWD (including leased land and lands owned by individuals). It is the responsibility of all hunters to obtain verbal or written permission to hunt on privately owned lands. No public lands or WMAs are open during this period. No antlered deer may be taken during this period in Unit CWD (statewide bag limit still applies).
2020-21 Statewide Deer Seasons

Archery
August Hunt (including Unit CWD)
Muzzleloader/Archery
Young Sportsman

Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery UNIT CWD ONLY

**TREESTAND SAFETY**

The TWRA urges all deer hunters hunting from treestands to use a fall-restraint system. Most deer hunting accidents involve hunters falling from a treestand. Proper use of a fall-restraint system could prevent or lessen the severity of these accidents.
Positive CWD and High-risk CWD Counties

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

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

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

- Deer carcasses can move from one high-risk CWD county to another high-risk CWD county. Deer carcasses can move from a high-risk CWD county to a positive CWD county. Once brought into a positive CWD county, deer carcasses originating from a high-risk CWD county cannot be moved to another high-risk CWD county.
- A deer carcass cannot be moved outside of positive CWD counties but can move from one positive CWD county to another adjacent positive CWD county.
- Approved parts are free to be transported anywhere statewide.

Feeding Restrictions
Within positive CWD counties and high-risk CWD counties, the placement of grain, salt products, minerals, and other consumable natural and manufactured products is prohibited. Feeding restrictions do not apply if the feed or minerals are:
- placed within one hundred (100) feet of any residence or occupied building; or
- placed in such a manner to reasonably exclude access by deer; or
- placed as part of a wild hog management effort authorized by the agency; or
- present solely as a result of normal agricultural practices, normal forest management practices, or crop and wildlife food production practices.

DEFINITION

Unit CWD Earn-A-Buck
To increase the number of deer harvested and sampled for CWD management, additional bucks may be earned.

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

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

- Unit CWD hunters will receive a replacement buck if they harvest a CWD-positive antlered deer and the lab result is confirmed by TWRA.
- There is no limit on the number of replacement bucks.
- Replacement bucks must be harvested in Unit CWD or in the county where the qualifying CWD-positive antlered deer was harvested.
- Valid for 2020-21 hunting season only.
Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) was first discovered in two southwest Tennessee counties in December 2018. With the discovery of the disease in the state, we joined 25 other US states, four Canadian provinces, and four other countries in the management of CWD. CWD was first recognized in the late 1960s in mule deer in a research facility in northern Colorado and shortly thereafter, it was identified in free-ranging mule deer and elk in Colorado and Wyoming.

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

Before getting into the ins and outs of CWD management in Tennessee, let us take a step back and review what the disease is. Chronic wasting disease is a progressive neurological disease in deer and elk species that is always fatal. There is no vaccine and no cure. CWD belongs to a group of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs), which also includes mad cow disease in cattle, scrapie in sheep and Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease in humans. CWD has been found in wild deer, elk, moose, and caribou populations. There has never been a proven link between consuming meat from a CWD infected animal and disease in people, but there are other prion-related animal diseases that people can get. In areas known to have CWD, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that hunters strongly consider getting their deer tested and not consume meat from animals that test positive.

**Prions**

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

Depending on the stage of infection, infected animals will shed prions in saliva, feces, urine, blood, semen, and even antler velvet. CWD is transmitted orally (i.e., by mouth) and is most likely passed by direct contact with infected animals or through contact with prions present in the environment (e.g., at shared feeding sites, salt licks, rubs, and scrapes in CWD areas).

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

**CWD Negatively Impacts Deer Populations**

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

**Information About CWD In Tennessee**

Unfortunately, the disease is distributed across at least 4,500 square miles in seven counties (Chester, Fayette, Hardeman, Haywood, Madi-
son, Shelby, and Tipton). For perspective, the affected area is roughly 3.5 times the size of Rhode Island. Four additional counties (Crockett, Gibson, Lauderdale, and McNairy) are high-risk for CWD because the disease has been found in free ranging deer within 10 miles of these counties. Of the 678 animals that have tested positive to date, most have been adult bucks. However, positive animals have been identified in both sexes and in all ages. Prevalence is the highest in Fayette (13.5%) and Hardeman (7.8%) counties. Fortunately, the other five counties only have low prevalence of the disease at this time, and no CWD has been detected in the remaining 88 counties.

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

**Accomplishments**

Despite the unfortunate outcomes above, thanks to the help from Agency partners, taxidermists, processors, landowners and hunters, TWRA has laid the foundation for a successful long-term CWD management program. Highlighted below are some of the major successes thus far. Our CWD monitoring and service testing program provides testing free of charge for deer harvested within the affected area which enables TWRA to monitor changes in the prevalence and distribution of the disease. Developed before the discovery of CWD, our risk-based surveillance system is designed to detect CWD in other parts of the state if it were to occur there. Through these efforts, approximately 19,000 animals have been tested statewide since the fall of 2018. This success is due to dedicated agency staff and hunters, processors and taxidermists who assist in collection, sampling, and disposal of harvested deer.

Since hunting is the primary tool for effective CWD management on a large scale, TWRA has expanded harvest opportunities in Unit CWD. The agency has made it so hunters who harvest a CWD-positive antlered deer can receive a replacement buck (page 29), and those who contribute to disease management by harvesting antlerless deer in Unit CWD can earn-a-buck to harvest additional antlered deer (page 29). In addition, method-of-take restrictions have been eased during some season segments in Unit CWD (page 27).

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

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

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

**On The Horizon**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOR HUNTERS

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

FOR LANDOWNERS

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

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

While hunting in areas with CWD...

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

Find Out More Details at CWDinTN.com
If you’re hunting on a state forest or WMA, there’s probably a Tennessee State Park campground nearby. With 36 locations spread across the state, you’re sure to find a place to settle in under the stars.

- RV, tent, and wrangler (horse) campsites available.
- Many sites include water and electrical hookups.
- Our campsites are pet-friendly!

Make your reservation today at tnstateparks.info/huntingcamp
Elk Bag Limits, Season Dates, and Quotas

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

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

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

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

Elk Quota Hunts

Elk harvest is regulated by a quota permit system. The application period for the elk quota hunts is June 17 - July 22, 2020. Permits available at TWRA license agents and online. Fifteen (15) quota permits will be issued in 2020. Each permit holder will be allocated a separate Elk Hunt Zone (EHZ). One (1) of fifteen (15) quota permits will be issued to a qualifying non-profit wildlife conservation organization with all proceeds benefiting the TWRA Elk Management Program. The permit will be available through an online raffle. To purchase tickets for the raffle, visit the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation website at www.twrf.net.

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

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

Incidental Take of Elk

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

Special Regulations

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

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

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

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

- **BHZ1:** Carter, Cocke (North of I-40), Greene, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, & Washington Counties.
- **BHZ2:** Blount, Cocke (South of I-40), Jefferson (East of Hwy 411), Sevier Counties.
- **BHZ3:** McMinn (East of Hwy 411), Monroe, Polk (East of Hwy 411 & North of Hwy 64) Counties, excluding South Cherokee WMA.
- **BHZ4:** Cumberland (North of I-40), Fentress, Morgan, Pickett (East of Hwy 111), & Scott (West of Hwy 27) Counties.
- **Transitional:** Bradley, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hawkins, Grainger, Jefferson (West of Hwy 411), Knox, Loudon, McMinn (West of Hwy 411), & Polk Counties (West of Hwy 411).

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

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

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### Bear Season Regulations

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

### Bear Dog Training Season

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

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

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### Legal Hunting Equipment

See page 12.

### Taking Wild Hogs During Bear Dog Hunts

Individuals licensed to hunt bears may take wild hogs during any proclaimed bear dog hunt.
**Restricted Bear Reserve Hunt**

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

**Bag Limit and Season Dates**

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<td>Only Sept. 19 - 21, 2020*</td>
<td>Archery, Muzzleloader, Gun Dogs Allowed</td>
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<td>1 Bear, Either Sex <strong>Does not count towards statewide bag limit.</strong></td>
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**Special Regulations for Restricted Bear Hunt:**

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

» Kettlefoot: Intersection of Hwy 421 and Hwy 133, Shady Valley, TN (look for signs)

» Laurel Fork: Hampton Bait Shop. 126 First Avenue, Hampton, TN

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

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**ATTENTION BEAR HUNTERS**

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

**WHY SHOULD I SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION?**

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

**HOW DO I COLLECT A TOOTH?**

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

**HOW DO I TAKE THE BODY MEASUREMENTS?**

See drawing to the right.

**Hunter Information**

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________

Complete data sheet and mail with tooth to:

**TWRA Bear Data Collection**

3030 Wildlife Way
Morristown, TN 37814

**Harvest Biological Information**

Hunter Name: __________________________
TWRA ID: __________________________
County of Harvest: __________________________

□ Public or □ Private (check one)
Date of Harvest: __________________________
Sex of Bear: __________________________
Total Length (to nearest 1/4”): __________________________
Chest Girth (to nearest 1/4”): __________________________

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

Status in Tennessee

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

Control for Landowners

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

Control on Public Land

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

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

In Region IV, wild hogs may be taken on any big game hunt on the North Cherokee; any deer or turkey hunt on Kyker Bottoms Refuge; and on any hunt, small game or big game, on the Foothills WMA and the entire North Cumberland WMA.

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

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

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

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

Hunting Hours
Thirty minutes before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

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

Prohibited Acts
(see page 12 for more details)
Baiting, possessing rifles, using handguns, possessing or using electronic calls, using live decoys, and loaded ammunition larger than No. 4 shot are prohibited. Turkeys may not be shot or stalked from a boat in Dyer, Haywood, Lauderdale, Obion, Shelby or Tipton counties.

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

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

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

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

Shotgun/Achery
Oct. 17 - 30, 2020

Fall Turkey Bag Limit
One (1) bearded turkey per county.

Spring Turkey
All counties are open to spring turkey seasons, however there are some exceptions on public land (see WMA section for details).
- The new Mississippi Alluvial Valley (MAV) Unit consists of Dyer, Lake, Lauderdale, Shelby and Tipton Counties.

Statewide (excluding the MAV Unit and Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln and Wayne Counties)
Young Sportsman: March 27-28, 2021
Shotgun/Achery: April 3 – May 16, 2021

MAV Unit and Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln and Wayne Counties
Young Sportsman: April 10-11, 2021
Shotgun/Achery: April 17 – May 16, 2021

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

1 Any turkey harvested during the Young Sportsman Hunt counts toward the statewide spring season limit of three (3).
2 Any turkey harvested during the Young Sportsman Hunt in the MAV unit counts toward the MAV unit spring season limit of two (2).
TWRA FIRING RANGES

REGIONAL INFORMATION

Region I

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

Lake Graham Firing Range
(731) 423-5725
Open for sighting in during the three weeks prior to deer gun season 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

TWRA Hunter Education and Range Facility
3200 Brother Blvd., Bartlett, TN.
Sam Murrey – (901) 213-3124.
- Fee required.
- Hours:
  - Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. November 3 – March 8
  - Weekend: 12:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- All guns must be cased when not in use.
- Check website for scheduled holiday closures.

Wolf River Firing Range
(901) 878-0855
- Firing range open for rifle sight-in during the whole month of October.

Stones River Hunter Education Center (Tier 2 Range)
2618 Hobson Pike, Antioch, TN.
Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday.
Call (615) 641-8896 for times.
- Fees required.
- Hours:
  - April–Sept.: Fri.–Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. 1–6 p.m.
  - Oct.–March: Fri.–Sat. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Sun. 1–4:30 p.m.
- Check website for scheduled holiday closures.

Region II

Cheatham WMA Firing Range and Archery Range (Tier 1 Range)
1299 Headquarters Rd., Ashland City, TN 37015.
Eric Tummins – (615) 792-4510.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited. Field points only for archery. Automatic firearms prohibited. Must purchase the range permit from a TWRA license agent. No permits available at range. Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): A Type 220, 221 or valid hunting license required.
- Hours:
  - Daily: Open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Montgomery County Shooting Complex
4201 Southside Road, Southside, TN 37171.
(931) 387-3456. www.shoottn.org
- Permits must be purchased before entrance to range. Fee required.
- Hours:
  - Friday - Monday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
  - Closed Tuesday and Thursday.

Yananhi Firing Range (Tier 1 Range)
(931) 840-4042.
- Days and hours as posted at the range.
- Automatic firearms prohibited.
- Fees required. Adult (16 yrs.+): A Type 220, 221 or valid hunting license.

Region III

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

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

Prentice Cooper WMA (Tier 1 Range)
Clint Smith – (423) 658-0298.
- Rifles and handguns only. No shotguns.
- A Type 220, 221 or valid hunting license required.
- No permits available at range. Adult (16 yrs.+)
- Open:
  - Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday only, daylight hours only. Closed during WMA Big Game hunts.

Region IV

John Sevier Hunter Education Center (Tier 2 Range)
2327 Rifle Range Road, Knoxville.
Joe Everett – (865) 594-6279.
- Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+). Type 222 or 223 required
- Hours:
  - Closed 1st full weekend of each month.
  - Rifle/pistol/Arcery ranges open: Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
  - Shotgun ranges open: Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m.
  - Standing pistol range open: Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m.
  - All Ranges close: 4:30 p.m. Nov. 3 – March 8

Chuck Swan WMA Firing Range (Tier 1 Range)
Dustin McCubbins – (865) 278-3248.
Closed during big game hunts. Range open Thursday and Friday from noon to sunset and Saturday and Sunday from sunrise to sunset. No buckshot allowed on range. A Type 220, 221 or valid hunting license required.

North Cumberland WMA Firing Range (Tier 1 Range)
Flatwoods Road.
Joe Elkins – (423) 566-8557. A Type 220, 221 or valid hunting license required.

North Cherokee WMA
(423) 735-1500.
- US Forest Service Fee ($3 per vehicle) required and/or annual pass. Open daylight hours only.

Jacobs Creek
Denton Valley Road, Sullivan Co.

Pond Mountain
Hwy. 321, Carter Co.

Scioto
Scioto Road, Unicoi Co.

Bubbling Springs
Hwy. 107, Cocke Co.(423) 638-4109
PUBLIC HUNTING

Other Hunting Lands

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

Big Hill Pond State Park (McNairy Co.)

Huntable Lands

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

Federal Refuges

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

Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 635-7621

Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge

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

Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 635-7621

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

Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge

(731) 772-0501

Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges

(731) 538-2481

Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge

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

State Natural Areas

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

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

TWRA Public Hunting Areas (PHAs)

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

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

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

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

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

Hunting on TWRA Lakes

Hunting: Hunting is permitted during the regular hunting season on the following lakes and adjacent state lands, except on areas posted as safety zones: Garrett Lake, VFV Lake, Whiteville Lake, Coy Gaither Bedford Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Carroll Lake (no big game hunting allowed on Carroll Lake and State owned land adjacent thereto), and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes.

Note: On the Oak Dain Wetland portion of Whiteville Lake deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27.

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

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

GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

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

General Regulations

Prohibited Acts

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

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

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

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

Dog training: Year round unless otherwise indicated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wheelchair-bound hunts, zones, or blinds are open to hunters who are totally and permanently confined to a wheelchair as certified by a physician. On wheelchair-bound big game hunts, each wheelchair-bound hunter must be accompanied by a non-hunting assistant (age 16 years or older), except on Cordell Hull WMA where the assistant may also participate in hunting. On wheelchair-bound waterfowl hunts, each wheelchair-bound hunter must be accompanied by at least one, but
not more than three assistants (at least one of whom must be age 16 years or older), who may also participate in hunting.

**Big Game Hunting on WMAs**

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

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

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

WMA permits are not transferable.

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

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

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

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

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

**Big Game Check-In Procedures:** See page 25.

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

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

**Small Game Hunting on WMAs**

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

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

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

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

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

**Falconry:** Open with statewide falconry seasons.

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

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

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

**Dogs are allowed during spring squirrel season except where noted.**

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

**Waterfowl Hunting on WMAs**

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

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

On some WMAs, antlered bucks legal for harvest must have an outside antler spread of 15 inches or larger. When judging the size of antlers in the field, remember the general guideline that if the outside antler spread is wider than the buck’s ears, then the outside antler spread is at least 15 inches.
Permanent registered and permanent draw blinds: Waterfowl hunting on all the above WMAs (except Big Sandy, Camden Unit II, Harmon Creek, Barkley Unit II, Reelfoot, and West Sandy) permitted only from permanent blinds allocated by the hand-held drawing, unless otherwise specified. On Big Sandy, Camden Unit II, Harmon’s Creek, Barkley Unit II, Reelfoot, and West Sandy hunting is permitted from registered blinds and from temporary blinds or hides. Blinds, blind materials, boats, hides, and decoys must be removed from temporary sites at the end of the shooting hours each day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All blind sites will be given a registration number, which must be displayed, using lettering 2 inches or larger inside the blind, or on a stake at floating blind sites. When floating blinds are moved to designated blind stakes, the number must be immediately transferred from the stake to the blind. No blind may be constructed, repaired or any floating blinds moved onto the area that have not met the deadlines for registering the blind and displaying the registration number. Unregistered and/or unnumbered blinds are subject to removal.

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

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

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

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

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

Trapping on WMAs:

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

Permits: A WMA small game permit is required to trap on all areas that require a small game hunt permit.
## Wildlife Management Area (WMA) — Icon Key

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## How to Guide

### Using the WMA Icons:

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

If the Big Game and/or Small Game icon is listed, then all Big Game and/or Small Game species are open with the statewide season unless otherwise noted. The top line of each WMA is a quick reference guide to see what species are open to hunting during the statewide season.

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

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

### 101-BARKLEY

**STEWART COUNTY • 8,090 ACRES**

**HWY. 79 DOWNSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 85**

**(731) 593-0588**

**UNIT I • SG, WF, BG**

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

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

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

Quail • Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Waterfowl • Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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

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

Quail • Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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

UNIT II • SG, WF, BG

ALL OF BARKLEY WMA EXCEPT THAT DEFINED AS UNIT I

102-BEAN SWITCH REFUGE

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

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

Big Game  Small Game

Quail • Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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

Turkey (Young Sportsman) • Same as statewide season.

103-BEASON CREEK

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

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

Big Game  Small Game  Waterfowl

Quail • Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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

Turkey (Young Sportsman) • Same as statewide season.

104-BEECH RIVER

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

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Turkey (Young Sportsman) • Same as statewide season.

105-BIG SANDY (GIN CREEK)

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

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

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

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

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

Big Game  Small Game  Waterfowl

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Turkey (Young Sportsman) • Same as statewide season.

106-BLACK BAYOU REFUGE

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

Big Game  Small Game  Waterfowl

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

Turkey (Young Sportsman) • Same as statewide season.
REGION I WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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

Big Game Small Game

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

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

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


108-CAMDEN

BENTON COUNTY • 1,682 ACRES HWY. 70, WEST OF NEW JOHNSONVILLE (731) 584-7317

UNIT I • SG, WF, BG

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

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

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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

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

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

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

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

107-BOGOTA

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

Small Game

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

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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

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

Waterfowl (Designated Pools Only) - Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. permitted only on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. and the youth waterfowl season. Goose seasons to coincide with statewide season after the youth waterfowl season, no pool restrictions or drawings. All hunting shall cease at 3 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset. Designated pools (except Pool I) will be allocated by computer draw. Hunters are restricted to pools or number stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. All hunters in a party are required to hunt in the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out in draw pools over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Pool I: No waterfowl hunters permitted in Pool I (non-draw pool) and no access allowed from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the duck season occurring in November, December, and January(s). No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed daily from Pool I.

109-CHAMBERS CREEK

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

Big Game Small Game

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

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

Turkey (Young Sportsman) – Same as statewide season

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

110-CHICKASAW STATE FOREST

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

Big Game Small Game

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

111-C. M. GOOCH

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

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except Units A and E are
closed during the waterfowl seasons and are closed to all activities five days before the first opening of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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

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

**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide season, except Gooch waterfowl hunting closes at 3 p.m. on Units A and E. Waterfowl hunting on the last day of each segment of the duck and remaining goose seasons closes at sunset. Fishing and trapping is prohibited in Units A and E during the waterfowl season. On Gooch Unit E, no waterfowl hunters permitted on the unit or access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day. Fishing resumes the day after the last youth waterfowl hunt. No permanent blinds. All temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed from Unit E daily. Gooch Unit E will be allocated by computer draw. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. Decoys may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Draw hunts will be Opening weekend(s), Monday - Thursday, and Friday-Sunday.

**114-DRY CREEK**

**HARDIN COUNTY** - 4,000 ACRES

**EAST OF PICKWICK LAKE NEAR BRITON BRANCH CHAD HARDEN (731) 687-3444 • SG, BG**

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

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

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

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

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

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

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**115-EAGLE LAKE REFUGE**

**SHELBY COUNTY** - 3,253 ACRES

**ADJACENT TO SHELBY FOREST WMA CHRIS PARK (901) 876-5169 • SG, BG**

**Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb, except Bomprezzi Unit. Observa-**

tion tower open only during Meeman Shelby Forest hunt dates that coincide with the hunting season. Dog training prohibited. Access to the south end of Shelby Forest WMA through Eagle Lake Refuge will be allowed during hunting seasons. Bomprezzi Unit has a separate access.

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

**EAGLE LAKE REFUGE UNIT**

**EAGLE LAKE REFUGE UNIT**

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

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

**Tur-KEY (Young Sportsman)** - Same as statewide season.

**116-ERNEST RICE, SR.**

**DYER COUNTY** - 2,900 ACRES

**JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, WF, BG**

**Dog training is closed.**

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt Oct. 17-18.

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

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

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**112-COLONEL FORREST V. DURAND**

**MADISON COUNTY** - 374 ACRES

**BEHIND THE JACKSON FAIRGROUNDS ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • SG, WF, BG**

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

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

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

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

**113-CYPRESS POND REFUGE**

**DECATUR COUNTY** - 585 ACRES

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

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

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

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

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

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.
117-FORT RIDGE

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

Big Game Small Game

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

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

Turkey (Young Sportsman) – Same as statewide season

121-HOP-IN REFUGE

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

Big Game Small Game

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

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

Turkey (Young Sportsman) – Same as statewide season

122-HORNS BLUFF REFUGE

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

Big Game Small Game

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

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

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

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

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

123-JARRELL SWITCH REFUGE

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

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

Big Game Small Game

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

124-JOHN TULLY

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

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

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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

Turkey – One non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9.
Bag limit one non-quota hunt: April 17 - May 9.

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

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

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

Waterfowl (Fig Field Unit/Fullen North and South Tracts) - Fig Field Unit is that land North of Gram - Big Game Small Game

Walk-in only. No blinds, decoys, materials may be left overnight. All hunting shall cease at 3 p.m. except the last day of the season when hunting closes at sunset.

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

118-GRAY’S CREEK

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

Big Game Small Game

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

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

Turkey (Young Sportsman) – Same as statewide season

119-HARMON CREEK

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

Big Game Small Game

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

Same as statewide seasons.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

120-HART’S MILL

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

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to fall turkey hunting.
**125 - LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES**

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

LBL Hunter Use Permit required.

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

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**Small Game**

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


**Spring Squirrel** - May 15 - June 13

**Dove, Snipe, Woodcock** - same as statewide season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

**Early duck season** - same as statewide season.

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

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

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

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

Field Trials:

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

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

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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**127 - MANESS SWAMP REFUGE**

**WEAKLEY AND GIBSON COUNTIES • 1,200 ACRES AT THE JUNCT. OF SOUTH & MIDDLE FORKS OF THE OBION RIVER**

**ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • SG, BG**

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

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**128 - MEEMAN-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK AND NATURAL AREA**

**SHELBY COUNTY • 13,000 ACRES NEAR MILLINGTON, NORTH OF MEMPHIS**

**CHRIS PARK (901) 876-5169 • SG, WF, BG**

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

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REGION 1 (731) 423-5775
are restricted to numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. Decoys may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Draw hunts will be Opening day(s) and Thursday-Saturday. Hunting will be limited to designated areas. Waterfowl Hunting (Non-Draw Zone) - Same as statewide seasons on opening days and Thursday - Saturday.

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

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

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

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

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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

**Field Trials** - Sept. 1 - Apr. 30.

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**129-MOSS ISLAND**

DYER COUNTY • 5,119 ACRES

SIX MILES SOUTH OF HWY. 20 ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER LEVEE, 23 MILES WEST OF DYERSBURG

JOSH EMERSON (731) 285-6124 • SG, WF, BG

Closed to dog training.

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

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

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

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Dec. 19 - 25. One deer, antlered or not. Antlered deer must have nine (9) antler points or minimum outside beam spread of twenty (20) inches.

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


**Turkey (Non-Quota)** - Open with the same season. No antler requirement.

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

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

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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

**130-NATCHEZ TRACE STATE FOREST**

BENTON/CARROLL/HENDERSON COUNCIES

48,000 ACRES • OFF I-40, EXIT 116

(731) 584-7317 • SG, BG

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

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

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**Shooting Range** - See page 40.

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**131-NEW HOPE**

BENTON COUNTY • 88 ACRES

(731) 593-0588 • SG, WF, BG

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

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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**132-OBION RIVER**

OBION/WEAKLEY/GIBSON COUNTIES • 8,500 ACRES ALONG THE OBION RIVER BETWEEN HWY. 45W AND HWY. 45E

ROB LEWIS (731) 749-5587 • SG, WF, BG

**ALL UNITS**

(Special regulations apply to Maness Swamp Hunting Unit) No permanent blinds. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight. Adjacent Big Cypress Tree State Natural Area is open to hunting same as Obion River WMA. Hunting or access to hunt from the boardwalk structure is prohibited.

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

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

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

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

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by hand held weekly drawings for 3 day hunts (Friday - Sunday) and Opening weekend(s). The drawings will be held on the Monday prior to the hunt at 6:00 p.m. at the Kenton Gym, 206 West College St., Kenton, TN 38233. Hunting will only be allowed from designated locations. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 p.m. except that last day of the waterfowl season(s) occurring in Nov. - Feb. and youth season(s) when hunting ends at sunset. Closed to all activities five days before each opening of the late duck season. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the late duck season. No waterfowl hunters permitted on Unit or Access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s).

**133-PARKER BRANCH**

GIBSON COUNTY • 263 ACRES

OFF HWY. 186 BETWEEN GIBSON AND TRENTON

ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • SG, BG, WF

**Farm pond closed to fishing sunset to sunrise.**

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Deer seasons follow Unit CWD dates and bag limits, including August G/M/A Hunt. See page 27. Closed to quail hunting.
Turkey - Young Sportsman - Same as statewide season and bag limit.

**Dog training** - Nov. 1 - March 15.

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**134-PERRY SWITCH**

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

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

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

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

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**135-PRESIDENTS ISLAND**

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

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

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

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**136-REELFOOT**

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

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

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**137-SOUTH FORK WATERFOWL REFUGE**

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

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

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

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

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**138-SPRING CREEK**

MADISON COUNTY • 419 ACRES WEST OF SPRING CREEK OFF OF HWY 152 ANDREW RUTHERFORD (731) 345-9992 • SG, WF, BG

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

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

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.
Big Game Small Game

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

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

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

Designated pools (except Pool 10, Pool 11 and Pool 12) will be allocated by computer draw pools. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to pools or number stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. All hunters in a party are required to hunt in the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Pools 10, 11, and 12: No waterfowl hunters permitted in Pools 10, 11, and 12 (non-draw pools) and no access allowed from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the duck season occurring in November, December, and January (5). No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed daily from Pools 10, 11, and 12.

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

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as youth turkey MAV Unit dates.
Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - the last day of February. Closed to dog training.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Quail - Dec. 1-31

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

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

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

Waterfowl (Lebanon Pond) - Lebanon Pond waterfowl hunting area will be allocated by computer draw as specified in the waterfowl quota hunt computer drawing and allocation procedures. Draw hunts will be Opening weekend(s), Monday-Thursday, and Friday-Sunday within the late waterfowl seasons. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary staked blind sites designated by GPS coordinates. Successful applicants and up to 4 guests will be required to hunt within 25 yards of staked blind sites and are required to hunt at the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out over the specified hunt period but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day of that period.

**147-WOLF RIVER AND GHOST RIVER STATE NATURAL AREA**
FAYETTE COUNTY • 11,200 ACRES
ON HWY. 57 EAST OF MEMPHIS, SOUTH OF LAGRANGE
BRANDON GILBERT (901) 878-0855 • SG, BG, WF

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

UNIT I (THAT PORTION SOUTH OF HWY. 57)

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

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

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

Dove - Sept. 1-17, noon-sunset. Continuing with statewide season.

Rabbit - Nov. 7 - Jan. 31, 2021

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

**REGION I** (731) 423-5725

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REGION II

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

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

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

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

The following are PROHIBITED on AEDC property:
- Handguns (regardless of carry permit)
- Rifles (rim-fire and center-fire)
- Camping and fires outside of designated campgrounds
- Metal detectors or digging
- ATVs
- Horseback riding

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Turkey (Spring) - Same as statewide season.

Turkey (Fall) - Same as statewide season.

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons.

Unit 1 is closed to small game hunting and trapping.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Feb. 28.

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

202-ARNOLD HOLLOW
WAYNE COUNTY • 7,844 ACRES
NORTH OF WAYNESBORO
PAM McDoNALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG

Big Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Turkey - April 17 - May 16

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - April 10-11.

203-BARK CAMP BARRENS
COFFEE COUNTY • 2,800 ACRES
WES WINTON (931) 967-6101 • SG, BG

Big Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Rabbit - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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

Quail - Closed to hunting.

204-BEAR HOLLOW MOUNTAIN
FRANKLIN COUNTY • 17,000 ACRES
STACY STEVENSON (931) 968-6215 • SG, BG, HI

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

No littering. Hunter camping allowed only at designated campgrounds. Bear Hollow, Keith Springs (HWY 16), Keith Cove, Poplar Springs and Rock House Road will be opened for scouting on the 4th Saturday in Aug.
During daylight hours, all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or out of camp must wear blaze orange during the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.

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

Turkey (Young Sportsman). - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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

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

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

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

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

Turkey - Same as statewide spring season.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Dog training - Daylight hours only.

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

Archery Range - Open daily. Field points only.

Cheatham Lake (Young Sportsman Hunt) - Oct. 24 - 25. No antler restrictions.

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

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

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

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

  Quail - Nov. 7 – Jan. 15.
  Deer (Archery, Muzzleloader, Young Sportsman) – Same as statewide season.
  Turkey – Two hunts: April 3 - 6, April 24 - 27. Hunter Quota 50. One bearded bird.
  Turkey (Young Sportsman) – Same as statewide seasons.

217-HICK HILL
LEWIS COUNTY • 3,608 ACRES
SOUTH OF HOHENWALD
PAM MCDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG

 Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

  Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

218-HICKORY FLATS
COFFEE COUNTY • 623 ACRES
WES WINTON (931) 967-6101 • SG, BG

 Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

  Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

219-LAUREL HILL
LAWRENCE COUNTY • 14,952 ACRES
WEST OF LAWRENCEBURG OFF HWY. 64
CHECKING STATION: 74 VFV ROAD,
LAWRENCEBURG
PAM MCDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG, HI, WF

 Special Use - ATVs allowed on roads open to motor vehicle traffic only. All hooved animals must be ridden on designated trails or roads open to motorized vehicles. Hooved animals and ATV riding on trails and roads is prohibited during all big game seasons. Hooved animal riding and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. Use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Foot traffic only beyond cables/gates during spring turkey season.

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

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

  Dove - Sept. 5. Youth only (6-16) accompanied by a non-hunting adult, and shooting is from staked positions only. Sept. 7 and every Saturday thereafter of the 1st segment open to all ages. All hunting is on designated field only.
  Dog training - Daylight hours only.

214-HAPPY HOLLOW
HICKMAN COUNTY – 1,800 ACRES
LOCATED OFF HWY 50 NEAR ONLY
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • SG, WF, BG

 ATVs may only be used by hunters to retrieve deer. Leaving any personal property unattended for longer than 24 hours, without prior permission, may be impounded and may be disposed of according to state procedures. Treestands must be marked with the hunter’s TWRA identification number. Camping in designated areas only, tent camping only. No motorized vehicle access to campground. Fires permitted only in fire pits.

 Same as statewide season, except as noted. No hunting the night before or during big game hunts. Closed to fall turkey season.

215-HAYNES BOTTOM
MONTGOMERY COUNTY • 971 ACRES
NEAR DOTTSONVILLE, ADJOINING THE CUMBERLAND RIVER
ERIC TUMMINS (615) 792-4510 • SG, WF, BG

 Night hunting, trapping, dog training and fishing prohibited in the waterfowl impoundment from Oct. 15 - May 31.
  Participating waterfowl hunters only in the bottoms from the beginning of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. through the conclusion of the youth waterfowl hunt.

216-HEADWATERS
CANNON COUNTY – 600 ACRES (IN 4 PARCELS)
NEAR WOODBURY
MICHAEL BOBEL (615) 444-6673 • SG, BG

 No ATVs permitted. Parking in designated areas only. No parking at Blanton School Road gate (May 31 – Sept. 15). Use River Road Trail access/parking during Blanton School Gate closure.

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

212-FIRE PITS
HICKMAN COUNTY - 70 ACRES
HICKMAN COUNTY FIRE PITS
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • NP

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

  No ATVs permitted. Parking in designated areas only. No parking at Blanton School Road gate (May 31 – Sept. 15). Use River Road Trail access/parking during Blanton School Gate closure.

 Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.
**Opossum - raccoon** - Sept. 4 - Feb. 28.
Bag limit 2 raccoon per person per night. Opossum: no limit.

Special Antlered Deer Regulations apply on all deer hunts. Antlered deer must have at least four antler points on one side or a 15-inch minimum outside spread.

**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Sept. 19 - Oct. 4. Three deer, antlered or antlerless, only one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Oct. 17-18. One deer antlered or antlerless, only one antlered. No antler restrictions.


**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Oct. 17-18. One deer, antlered or antlerless, only one antlered. (Bonus deer).

**Turkey** - April 17 - May 16

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)**. April 10-11.
Statewide bag limits apply.

**Waterfowl** - Jan. 8-30. On the WMA, goose (not waterfowl) hunting is permitted and only in the fields. On Laurel Hill lake, waterfowl hunting (duck and goose) is allowed by boat only. Same as statewide bag limits.

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**Trapping** - Dec. 7, 2020 - Feb. 13, 2021

**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - March 15, except during big game hunts, daylight hours only.

**SHIELDS FARM UNIT**

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

**Turkey** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**Waterfowl** - Sept. 5 on Barton’s Creek. Youth only (6-16), must be accompanied by a licensed non-hunting adult. Hunting begins at 6 a.m.

**Dove** - Sept. 7 and every Wednesday and Friday-Sunday thereafter during the first segment of the statewide season.

**Waterfowl** - Hunting is permitted only from registered blind sites and staked temporary blind sites during the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb. Same as statewide season, except waterfowl hunting shall cease at 3 p.m. (CST) during the late duck season, except hours same as statewide on the last day of each segment of the duck season occurring in Nov. - Feb.

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

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

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - March 15, except closed during duck seasons.

**221-MINGO SWAMP**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY** • 460 ACRES

**WEST OF WINCHESTER**

**STACEY STEVENSON** (931) 968-6215 • SG, WF, BG

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**222-MTSU**

**HICKMAN COUNTY** • 995 ACRES

**WEST OF CENTERVILLE**

**REGION II OFFICE (615) 781-6622** • SG, BG

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**223-NORMANDY**

**BEDFORD/COFFEE COUNTIES** • 750 ACRES

**ON NORMANDY LAKE**

**WES WINTON** (931) 967-6101 • SG, BG

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**224-OLD HICKORY**

**SUMNER/WILSON/TROUSDALE COUNTIES**

**NORTH OF LEBANON ON OLD HICKORY LAKE**

**MICHAEL BOBEL** (615) 444-6673

**Areas consists of 6,000 huntable acres in narrow strips of land along the 21,700 acres of water on Old Hickory Lake. Of the 6,000 acres only 1,000 acres have public land access. The remaining 5,000 acres are primarily accessible by water.**

**UNIT I**

**HIGHWAY 109 UPSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 267 EXCLUDING LOCK 5 REFUGE** • SG, WF, BG

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**UNIT III**

**FROM RIVER MILE 267 UPSTREAM TO THE OLD LOCK 6 SITE AT RIVER MILE 281** • SG, WF, BG

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting from temporary blinds only. Decoys must be picked up each day.
### 225 - OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE

TRROUSDALE/WILSON COUNTIES • 900 ACRES NORTH OF LEBANON; LOCATED FROM HWY. 231 UPSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 266.5 MICHAEL BÖBEL (615) 444-6673

Public use, including all forms of trespass, is prohibited from Nov. 15 to the last day of February. Public entry and fishing permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Closed to waterfowl hunting. Boat access only.

### OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE (NORTH OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER)


**Deer (Young Sportsman Only)** - Oct. 17 - 18, Oct. 24 - 25, Nov. 7 - 8. Archery and muzzleloader equipment only. All hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman Only)** - Oct. 17 - 18, Oct. 24 - 25, Nov. 7 - 8. Archery and shotgun equipment only. All hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman Only)** - Same as statewide spring turkey season.

### OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE (SOUTH OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER)


**Deer (Young Sportsman Only)** - Oct. 17 - 18, Oct. 24 - 25, Nov. 7 - 8. Archery and muzzleloader equipment only. All hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman Only)** - Oct. 17 - 18, Oct. 24 - 25, Nov. 7 - 8. Archery and shotgun equipment only. All hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman Only)** - Same as statewide spring turkey season.

### 227 - PERCY PRIEST

DAVIDSON/RUTHERFORD/WILSON COUNTIES TWO UNITS CONSISTING OF 10,768 HUNTABLE ACRES SURROUNDING 14,500 ACRES OF WATER BORDERING PERCY PRIEST LAKE GLEN ROGERS (615) 355-0914

**Centerfire prohibited on all units.**

**UNIT I** NEAR LAVERGNE NORTH OF SMYRNA AIR BASE • 1,408 ACRES • SG, BG

Unit I closed to all activity from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except as noted. Trucks and ATVs allowed off-road during field trials and training only. All activities, except dove hunts on designated fields and scheduled field trials, prohibited on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from Sept. 1 - April 30.

Additional WMA closures for special field trial dates are determined by the manager. Currently, these additional dates are Nov. 5; Dec. 2, 3, 4; Jan. 7, 12, 13, 14; Apr. 22, 29; May 27

**Dove** - Sept. 1, and each Saturday and Sunday thereafter, and Labor Day during the first and second segments of the statewide season. Shooting from staked positions only. On Sept. 1, staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10 a.m. and hunters must check out at the conclusion of their hunt. Successful applicants must be at their staked position at the start of shooting hours.

**Squirrel** - Same as statewide season, except as noted.

**Quail - rabbit (Youth)** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**Deer, Turkey (Archery Only)** - Same as statewide season, except closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and except as noted.

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - Nov. 9 - 12, Nov. 16 - 19. Statewide bag limits. Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Remainder of deer season is archery only.

**Turkey** - Same as statewide spring turkey season, except closed Friday—Sunday until April 30.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - April 30. Small game permit required. Training from horseback prohibited before Oct. 1. Participants of sanctioned field trials may train 72 hours prior to and after scheduled dates without a small game permit. Blank ammunition only. Night time dog training prohibited.

**Retriever Dog Training and Trials** - Year-round in designated areas only. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager, and special field trial permits must be obtained from the TWRA Region II Office at least 30 days in advance of trial dates. Participants of sanctioned field trials may train 72 hours before and after scheduled dates without a small game hunt permit.

**Bird and Rabbit Dog and Fox Hound Trials** - Sept. 1 - April 30. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager, and special field trial permits must be obtained from the Region II Office at least 30 days in advance of trial dates. Field trial gallery must be kept out of standing or planted crops by Marshals provided by sponsoring club. Fox hound trials subject to special regulations.

### 228 - SHELTON FERRY

MONTGOMERY COUNTY • 628 ACRES SOUTH OF CLARKSVILLE ERIC TUMMINS (615) 792-4510 • SG, WF, BG

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer is shotgun/muzzleloader/archery only. Fall turkey is archery only.

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons. Temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - April 30. No hunting or training from horseback.

**Archery Practice** - Open year-round, on designated range site (Poole Knobs) only. Target arrows only.

### 229 - TIE CAMP

WAYNE COUNTY • 8,088 ACRES NORTH OF WAYNESBORO PAM MCDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.
Turkey - April 17 - May 16
Turkey (Young Sportsman), April 10-11.
Statewide bag limits apply.

230-WILLIAMSPORT
MAURY COUNTY • 1,722 ACRES
ON HWY. 50 APPROXIMATELY 10 MI. WEST OF COLUMBIA
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • SG, BG, HI

Special Use - No riding during scheduled Big Game hunts. Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset on hunt days. Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. No camping allowed.

Big Game Small Game

Dove - Same as statewide season, except open only on Sept. 1 and every Saturday during the first segment. Designated fields only. Shooting from staked positions only on Sept. 1. On Sept. 1, staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10 a.m. Hunters must be present at drawing and must check out at the conclusion of the hunt. Successful applicants must be at the staked position at legal shooting hours.

Deer (Archery) - Three hunts: Sept. 19 - 21, Sept. 26 - 28, Oct. 3 - 5. Two deer, either sex, but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Two hunts: Oct. 10 - 11, Oct. 17 - 18. Two deer, only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Nov. 7 - 9. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Four hunts: Nov. 21 - 23, Nov. 28 - 30, Dec. 5 - 7, Dec. 12 - 14. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - One hunt: March 27 - 28. One bearded bird.

Turkey - Two hunts: April 3 - 6, April 17 - 20. One bearded bird per hunt.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Crow - Sept. 1 - Feb. 28. All crow hunting is limited to Saturdays during the month of September during the first segment of dove season, thereafter on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

231-YANAHLI
MAURY COUNTY • 12,800 ACRES
SOUTH EAST OF COLUMBIA
TOMMY EDWARDS (931) 840-4042 • SG, WF, BG, HI

Special Use - Horses and other saddle and pack animals are prohibited during big game seasons. ATVs are prohibited.

Hooved animal riding permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Hooved animal riding: possession of alcohol prohibited, must ride on designated trails only.

The use of any alcoholic beverages is prohibited by all users. During daylight hours, all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or out of camp must wear fluorescent orange during the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.

Treestands must be marked with the hunter’s TWRA identification number. Leaving any personal property unattended for longer than 24 hours, without prior permission, may be impounded and may be disposed of according to state procedures.

Big Game Small Game

Firing Range - Automatic weapons prohibited. See page 40.
REGION III

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

301-ALPINE MOUNTAIN

OVERTON COUNTY • 1,642 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, BG

**Big Game**  **Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

- **Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.
- **Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

302-BLACKBURN FORK

SOUTHEASTERN JACKSON COUNTY – 600 ACRES
WEST OF HWY 135, NORTH OF LANDFORD HILL RD, EAST OF SEVEN KNOBS RD AND SOUTH OF DANIEL HILL LANE
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 SG, BG

Use of motorized vehicles or horseback riding prohibited. Closed to nonhunting activities during big game hunts.

**Big Game**  **Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

- **Quail** – Nov. 7 - Jan. 15
- **Dog training** – Sept. 1 – March 15

303-BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE CENTENNIAL WILDERNESS

WHITE COUNTY • 20,000 ACRES
ON THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY LINE

6 MILES SOUTH OF HWY. 705
JAMES DOUGLAS (931) 935-3280 • SG, BG

**Big Game**

No ATVs, motorcycles or hooved animal riding permitted. Closed to all non-hunting activities during deer hunts. Closed to all non-hunting activities during spring turkey season until 12 noon CDT. Antlered deer must have a minimum of four [4] points on one antler or a 15 inch minimum outside spread on all hunts. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

**Small Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 through the fourth Friday in August, except during spring turkey and squirrel seasons. Small game hunting and dog training closed at sunset on the day before and during scheduled deer and turkey hunts. Closed to quail hunting.

- **Big Game**
- **Small Game**

304-CATOOSA

CUMBERLAND/MORGAN COUNTIES • 79,740 ACRES
I-40 EXITS, PEAVINE, GENESIS, AND WESTEL ROADS
JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, HI

**Big Bottom Unit** • SG, BG, HI

Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. OHVs permitted from the fourth Saturday in August through the spring squirrel season. OHVs, bicyclists and hooved animal riders may not enter the area except through gated TWRA access points.

- **Big Game**
- **Small Game**

- **Dog training** – Sept. 1–Mar. 15.

Attention Cumberland Trail Corridor users: Pedestrian access through the Catoosa WMA on the Cumberland Trail corridor will be allowed year round. All users within the Cumberland Trail corridor must wear visible fluorescent clothing during deer gun and muzzleloader hunts, spring turkey hunts, and wild hog control hunts. During all deer hunts, spring turkey hunts, and wild hog control hunts pedestrian access is limited to within 100 feet on either side of the Cumberland Trail corridor.

Cotoposa WMA will be closed to all users Feb. 1 through last Friday in March except for walk-in small game hunting and trapping from Feb 1 - last day of Feb and the Cumberland Trail Corridor is open to through hiking year round. Guides prohibited on all hunts. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. During big game hunts, the area is open only to legal big game hunting participants, except the Cumberland Trail corridor is open to through hiking year round.

Big game hunters are required to check out big game and wild hogs at the WMA check stations when stations are in operation. Attention persons participating in the hog control hunt: There have been multiple documented cases of Brucellosis in hogs on Catoosa. Use caution when handling harvested hogs. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 - fourth Friday in August, except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons.

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JAMES DOUGLAS (931) 935-3280

- **Big Game**
- **Small Game**

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**Big Bottom Unit** • SG, BG, HI

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- **Big Game**
- **Small Game**

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JAMES DOUGLAS (931) 935-3280

- **Big Game**
- **Small Game**

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JAMES DOUGLAS (931) 935-3280

- **Big Game**
- **Small Game**

- **Dog training** – Sept. 1–Mar. 15.

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JAMES DOUGLAS (931) 935-3280

- **Big Game**
- **Small Game**

- **Dog training** – Sept. 1–Mar. 15.
**Opossum - raccoon** - Nov. 1 to sunrise Dec. 31, except closes at sunset on the day before and during scheduled big game hunts.

**Deer** - On all hunts, antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler or a 15-inch minimum outside antler spread. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Oct. 3 - 11. Archery equipment only. Area checking stations operated. Entire area open. 2 deer no more than one antlered (deer counts towards statewide bag limit).

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Nov. 12 - 14. Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Oct. 24 - 25. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Dec. 3 - 5. Entire area open. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

**Wild Hog (Control Season - Dogs Permitted)** - Dec. 9 - 13, 16 - 20. Entire area open. No limit, either sex. All participants in the hog control season must wear on the upper portion of their body a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange, visible front and back. Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking deer, bear or elk. Legal hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Checking stations open on Catossa—all hogs must be transported whole to the checking stations for data collection.

**Bullfrog** - Apr. 1 - Sept. 1. No hunting during turkey hunts.


**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: April 17 - 18. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Trapping** - Dec. 15 - last day of Feb.

**Firing Range (Genesis Checking Station)** - Open daily except during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Permit required (See pg. 40).

**Shooting Range (Peavine Campground)** - Open Apr. 1 - Jan. 31, except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Permit required (See pg. 40).

**CROOKED FORK UNIT**

**MORGAN COUNTY 1,600 ACRES**

**JIM LANE (931) 456-2479**

**NEAL**

**SG,BG,HI**

**RIFLES AND HANDGUNS USING CENTER-FIRE AMMUNITION ARE PROHIBITED.**

**Reserve Information**

**South Cherokee Bear Reserves**

**OCOEE BEAR RESERVE**

The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area and private inholdings bounded on the north by Ocoee Lake and Ocoee River, on the south by the Tennessee/Georgia state line and on the east and west by the National Forest Boundary.

**TELLICO BEAR RESERVE**

The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area in Monroe County that lies north of the Tellico-Robbinsville Road, east of Forest Service Road 35, south of Forest Service Road 26 and west of the ridge running from Farr Gap through Little Fodderstack to Big Fodderstack and following the North Carolina state line to the Tellico-Robbinsville Road.

For other bear reserves, see page 36.

**Hunt Compartments**

**Cherokee Party Hunt Compartments**

**UPPER TELLICO**

The portion of the Tellico River drainage lying north of the Tellico River Road, south of the North River Road and west of the North Carolina line.

**LOWER TELLICO**

That portion of the Tellico River drainage lying east of Turkey Creek, north of the Tellico River Road and North of the North River Road, west of the North Carolina state line, and south of the Cherohala Skyway (Hwy. 165).

**UPPER BALD RIVER**

That portion of the Bald River and Tellico River drainages lying south of the Tellico River Road, south of the Bald River Road, east of the Waucheesi Mountain Road, and north of the North Carolina state line.

**LOWER BALD RIVER**

That portion of the Bald River and Tellico River drainages lying south of the Tellico River Road, east of the Basin Lead Trail (FS trail 161), and north of the Bald River Road.

**Big Game**

Same as statewide seasons, except deer season is closed after Dec. 11. Archery equipment, shotguns and muzzleloaders only for deer hunting. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

**Dog training** - Dog training is closed

**305-CHARLOTTE ANN FINNELL NEAL**

**BRADLEY COUNTY • 495 ACRES**

**REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG,WF, BG**

**Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.**

**Small Game**

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

**305-CHARLOTTE ANN FINNELL NEAL**

**REGION III**

(931) 484-9571
306 - SOUTH CHEROKEE
ALONG THE TENNESSEE-NORTH CAROLINA STATE LINE SOUTH OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK • 300,000 ACRES BRANDON WEAR (423) 884-6767 • BG

Includes former Ocoee and Tellico Units. Bear reserves are closed to all big game hunting during the bear season (dogs permitted) is open on the South Cherokee. It is illegal to possess firearms with any breed of dog other than pointing breeds during daylight hours, excluding bear season, except as provided. Cherokee WMA Nonquota Big Game permit (Type 095 or Type 094) or Sportsman License required to hunt the nonquota big game hunts. Some roads normally open to public travel may be closed from Dec. 15 - March 31. Wild hog may be taken during any deer or bear hunt with no limit. During gun and muzzleloader Big Game hunts all wild hog hunters must comply with the blaze orange requirements. A bear hunter who has filled the daily or seasonal limit may continue to carry a firearm and take wild hogs where incidental taking is allowed. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 through the 4th Friday in Aug., except turkey season.

Same as statewide, except as noted.

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15. Small game hunters, except raccoon and opossum hunters, must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts.

Spring squirrel season is closed. Small game hunting in bear reserves and party hunt area during scheduled party hunts permitted one day before and during bear (dogs permitted) hunts.

Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting outside of bear reserves during bear dog hunts and Jan. 1 - last day of February. Squirrel hunters utilizing dogs during bear hunts are limited to a maximum of 2 dogs per vehicle.

Season open on spring groundhog, fox and skunk during any small game hunt with weapons legal for that small game hunt. Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapon legal for that scheduled hunt. Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Bobcat hunting with dogs is prohibited.

**Deer/Bear (Archery)** - Sept. 19 - Oct. 1. One deer, antlered or antlerless, counts toward statewide bag limit. One bear either sex outside the bear reserve.

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - One hunt: Oct. 26 - Nov. 1. One deer, antlered only (deer counts towards state wide bag limit).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Oct. 24 - 25. One deer, antlered or antlerless (deer counts towards state wide bag limit).

**Deer (Gun)** - Two hunts: Nov. 21 - 29, Dec. 14 - 28. Two deer, antlered only (deer counts towards state wide bag limit).

**Opossum, Raccoon** - Outside of Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Nov. 7 - 19, Jan. 4 - last day of Feb. Inside Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Jan 4 - 31, hunters are limited to a maximum of two dogs per vehicle. The only legal weapons on a raccoon hunt are .22 caliber short and long rifles.

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**Turkey** - Same as statewide spring turkey season.

**Trapping** - Jan. 1 - through last day of Feb.

**Shooting Range** - Open daylight hours only (see page 40).

**Safety Zone** - On the Cherokee WMA, hunting or discharging a firearm is prohibited within 150 yards of a developed recreation area, campsite, residence, building, occupied area, across or on a National Forest system road. Contact the appropriate U.S. Forest Service office for more information.

**Horseback riding** - Horseback riding on properties owned by the U.S. Forest Service shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service regulations. Contact the U.S. Forest Service (423-476-9700). On those properties owned or leased by the TWRA, horseback riding is only allowed upon roads opened for vehicle travel. No riding off road into openings, fields, trails or through streams.

**Dog training** - Dog training prohibited unless otherwise specified. The use or possession of any electronic tracking devices from Mar. 1 - Aug. 15 is illegal. Hunting of coyotes with dogs is prohibited.

**Bear (Gun - Dogs Permitted)** - Five hunts: Oct. 3 - 4, 10 - 16, Nov. 2 - 6, Nov. 30 - Dec. 13, Dec. 31 - Jan. 3. One bear, either sex. Hunting confined to that area outside the Ocoee and Tellico Bear Reserves.

**Bear Party-Dog Hunts (Gun - Dogs Permitted)** - Four hunts: Oct. 3 - 4, 10 - 11, Nov. 2 - 3, Nov. 30 - Dec. 1. Quota party dog hunts, 75 permits per party. One party permitted in each of the following areas: Upper Tellico, Lower Tellico, Upper Bald River, and Lower Bald River. One bear, either sex. Party-Dog Area closed during scheduled quota party-dog hunts. Due to Covid-19, restrictions may apply for the handled drawing. Non-hunting juveniles under the age of 13 may accompany an adult hunter (18 years old or older) who has a valid party-hunt permit. Juveniles must also comply with all regulations specified for permitted hunters.

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**Bear Dog Training Season** - Sept. 9 - 18. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. No training in bear reserves.

**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting permitted on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the first and last day of the duck season. Waterfowl hunting ends at 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday only. No waterfowl hunters or other activities permitted on units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the duck season(s). Closed to quail hunting.

**CANDIES CREEK, JOHNSON BOTTOMS, ROGERS CREEK, YELLOW CREEK UNITS**

Same as statewide seasons, except units closed to all forms of trespass including fishing, trapping and hunting for all species except waterfowl from the first opening day of the late duck season until the last day of the late duck season and on the day before and during the Youth Waterfowl hunts. Closed to quail hunting.

**SODDY CREEK, SALE CREEK**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Deer hunting with archery equipment only. Archery hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements during the statewide deer gun or muzzleloader seasons. Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl). Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller.

**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting permitted on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the first and last day of the duck season. Waterfowl hunting ends at 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday only. No waterfowl hunters or other activities permitted on units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the duck seasons. Hunting is allowed only from registered blinds sites. Blind sites and hunting dates will be allocated through a computer drawing held in September. On the Yellow Creek Unit, Blinds 1 and 2 accessible by canoe or kayak only. Quota application period runs from Sept. 2-23, 2020. Hunters selected for a blind site may bring up to four additional hunters. No more than four hunters per blind. No blind site may be hunted unless a hunter selected for that assigned blind site and date is present. Hunters may leave in place decoys and a temporary blind at their blind site during their assigned hunt date, but must remove all decoys at the end of their last hunt date. Young Sportsman hunters may hunt blinds sites during the youth waterfowl season on a first come, first serve basis. Youth hunters during the youth waterfowl season must enter the hunting area only from established TWRA parking areas.

**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting permitted on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the first and last day of the duck season. Waterfowl hunting ends at 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday only. No waterfowl hunters or other activities permitted on units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the duck seasons. Hunting is allowed only from registered blinds sites. Blind sites and hunting dates will be allocated through a computer drawing held in September. On the Yellow Creek Unit, Blinds 1 and 2 accessible by canoe or kayak only. Quota application period runs from Sept. 2-23, 2020. Hunters selected for a blind site may bring up to four additional hunters. No more than four hunters per blind. No blind site may be hunted unless a hunter selected for that assigned blind site and date is present. Hunters may leave in place decoys and a temporary blind at their blind site during their assigned hunt date, but must remove all decoys at the end of their last hunt date. Young Sportsman hunters may hunt blinds sites during the youth waterfowl season on a first come, first serve basis. Youth hunters during the youth waterfowl season must enter the hunting area only from established TWRA parking areas.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15, except closed during late duck season.
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### 308 - CORDELL HULL

**Jackson/Smith Counties** • 25,000 Acres Includes all property posted and painted with Corps of Engineer and/or TWRA signs.Johnny Poston (615) 342-9307 • SG, WF, BG

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Wheelchair-bound hunter zone open to wheelchair-bound hunters only.

### 309 - CORDELL HULL REFUGE

**Jackson County** • 600 Acres Near Gainesboro between Freestate Bridge HWY 85A and HWY 56 BRIDGE Johnny Poston (615) 342-9307 • SG, WF, BG

Public use including all forms of trespass and hunting is prohibited from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb., except as otherwise indicated. Public entry permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Fishing by boat allowed during refuge closure in marked river channel only.

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season closed after Nov. 14. All seasons closed during refuge closure dates including dog training. Closed to quail hunting.

### 310 - CUMMINGS COVE

**Hamilton/Marion Counties** • 1,200 Acres Region III Office (931) 484-9571 • SG, BG

Access via Aetna Mountain Road. This is an unpaved dirt road with numerous washouts. Hazardous terrain, 4wd only.

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Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

- **Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.
- **Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

### 311 - EDGAR EVINS STATE PARK

**DeKalb County** • 6,000 Acres on Center Hill Lake Region III Office (931) 484-9571 • BG

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to spring squirrel hunting on north side of Center Hill Lake.

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- **Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.
- **Dog training** - Same as statewide seasons, except closed on north side of Center Hill Lake.

### 312 - ENTERPRISE SOUTH NATURE PARK

**Hamilton County** • 1,800 Acres Region III Office (931) 484-9571 • BG

Closed to hunting, trapping, and dog training except as noted. Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. Hunters are required to check in big game at WMA check stations when stations are in operation.


### 313 - FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK

**Bledsoe/Van Buren Counties** • 7,000 Acres OFF HWY. 30 BETWEEN PIKEVILLE AND SPENCER Region III Office (931) 484-9571 • BG

Dog training prohibited. Vehicle parking restricted to designated parking areas only during the hunting season. No parking allowed on roadside grass. All deer and turkey hunts must sign register at Park Headquarters before hunting. Harvested big game must be checked in at Park Headquarters. Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

- **Squirrel** - Dec. 1 - last day of Feb. Shotguns only. Spring squirrel season is closed.
- **Deer (Archery)** - Four hunts: Nov. 7 - 9, 10 - 12, 13 - 15, Dec. 11 - 13. Two deer, no more than one antlered (Bonus deer). One bearded turkey.
- **Deer (Hunts for Warriors - Shotgun/Muzzleloader - Golf Course Zone)** - One hunt: Dec. 1 - 2. Hunter quota 15. Two deer, no more than one antlered (Bonus deer).
- **Turkey (Archery)** - One hunt: Apr. 3 - 11. One bearded turkey per day, not to exceed two turkeys. Counts towards statewide bag limit.

### 314 - FOURTH FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP

**Polk County** • 520 Acres Near Copper Hill Region III Office (931) 484-9571 • NP

Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for big game. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons. Beagles and pointing breeds only. Dogs not permitted during spring squirrel season.

Small game hunting with shotguns only, using No. 6 shot or smaller.

- **Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.
- **Dog training** - Beagles and pointing breeds only. No dog training allowed during spring turkey season.
315-HARP
BLEDSOE COUNTY • 285 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, BG

Same as statewide seasons.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

316-HIWASSEE REFUGE
MEIGS/RHEA COUNTIES • 2,500 ACRES
ON CHICKAMAUGA RESERVOIR
JASON JACKSON (423) 614-3018 • SG, WF, BG

Refuge is closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 through the last day of Feb., except the wildlife viewing area is open year-round. During refuge closure, public entry and fishing is permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with hunting implements legal for that scheduled hunt. Beaver and coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. Season open on groundhog, fox and skunk during any scheduled small game hunt. All seasons closed during refuge closure date unless otherwise indicated. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is required for small game hunting. Small game hunting and dog training is closed at sunset on the day before and during scheduled big game hunts, unless special exception is indicated.

Dove (Youth) - Sept. 12. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.

Squirrel - Same as statewide seasons except as noted.

Rabbit - Nov. 2 - Nov. 14. Bag limit of three per day.

Opossum, Raccoon - Sept. 1 - Nov. 4. Hunting will be limited to Tuesday and Wednesday nights only.

Canada Goose - Sept. 1-15. No goose hunters permitted on refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day.

Wood Duck, Teal - Same as Sept. Wood Duck/Teal season. No duck hunters permitted on the refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day.

Deer (Shotgun – Muzzleloader)(Youth-Sportsman) - One hunt: Sept. 19 - 20. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Sept. 25 - 27. Hunter quota 200. Two deer no more than one antlered, one bearded turkey (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Oct. 9 - 11. Two deer, no more than one antlered, one bearded turkey (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Oct. 23 - 25. Hunter quota 150. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Oct. 30 - Nov. 1. Hunter quota 150. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Turkey - Same as statewide spring turkey season.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15, daylight hours only. Closed to training during refuge closure dates.

Retriever Dog Field Trials - Pre-approved by Area Manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.

317-JACKSON SWAMP
OVERTON COUNTY • 203 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, WF, BG

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

Dove - Sept. 1 by hand-held drawing. Drawing to be conducted on Aug. 22 at Independence Community Center. Drawing sign-up begins at 4 p.m. local time. Drawing will be held at 3 p.m. local time. Hunters must be present to be drawn. Due to COVID-19, restrictions may apply for the handheld drawing. Please refer to tnwildlife.org for more information.

Dove - Sept. 2 through remainder of statewide season, same as statewide regulations.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

318-KEYES-HARRISON
CUMBERLAND COUNTY • 1,740 ACRES
JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • SG, HI

Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Squirrel - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season. Closed to quail hunting.

319-KINGSTON REFUGE
ROANE COUNTY • 300 ACRES
ROB KLIPPEL 423-693-6391

Closed to hunting, trapping and dog training.

320-LUPER MOUNTAIN
CUMBERLAND COUNTY • 5,617 ACRES
JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, HI

Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season.
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- **Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.
- **Deer** - same as statewide deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the gun season.
- **Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

### 321-MCGLOTHIN-LARGEN

**ROANE COUNTY** • 112 ACRES  
**REGION III OFFICE** (931) 484-9571 • SG, BG, WF  

- **Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.**


- **Rabbit** - Dec. 12 to last day of Feb. on Saturday and Sunday only. Bag limit of three per day.
- **Squirrel** - Aug. 22 - Sept. 25, Dec. 12 to last day of Feb. and during spring squirrel season except as noted. Shotguns with No. 6 shot or smaller only.
- **Dove** - Sept. 1, 5. Noon to sunset only on Sept. 1.
- **Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15. Beagles and pointing breeds only.

### 322-MT. ROOSEVEET

**CUMBERLAND/ROANE/MORGAN COUNTIES** • 11,000 ACRES  
**JIM LANE** (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, HI

- **Special Use** - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.

Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.
Same as statewide season except as noted. Closed to September Archery Bear Season. Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.

- **Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

### 323-NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK

**HAMILTON COUNTY** • 5,400 ACRES  
**BRIAN LETNER** (931) 484-9571  

- **SG, WF, BG**

- **HIXSON, ROGERS, SUTTON, THRASHER BOTTOMS, VANDERGRIFF, POE BRANCH AND VARNER UNITS.**

No motorized vehicles outside parking areas. Units closed after sunset except to oppossum and raccoon hunters. Trespass prohibited by non-hunters on hunt days. Hixson, Rogers, Varner and Vandergriff Units closed to all forms of trespass except hunting and trapping during the late waterfowl seasons.

- **Deer** - same as statewide deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the gun season.
- **Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

### 324-OAK RIDGE

**ROANE/ANDERSON COUNTIES** • 36,000 ACRES  
**SHANNON YOUNG** (865) 576-2380 (CHECK STATION); 865-374-7052 (OFFICE) • SG, WF, BG

- **Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.**

- **Shooting of groundhogs restricted to the use of shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller.**

- **Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only)** - Same as statewide season, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Turkey hunting ends at noon each day. Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.

- **Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only)** - Same as statewide season, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Turkey hunting ends at noon each day. Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.

- **Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

- **Deer (Archery - Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only)** - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.
hunts except to access Haw Ridge Park. Boat access only for waterfowl hunters accessing Solway and Freels Bend on or during the designated Sept. and Oct. hunting dates. Hunters must carry, at all times, hunting license and permit, valid picture identification (youth excluded), and signed current hunt map. During Oct., Nov., and Dec. big game hunts all hunters must wear daylight fluorescent orange (blaze orange) including archery hunters in the Archery-Only Zones. Dog training prohibited. Hunters are required to check in big game and coyotes at WMA check station. Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

**326-PEA RIDGE**

**DEKALB COUNTY** • 1,958 ACRES REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, BG, HI

Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise, except for pond fishing. Hooved animal riding, bicycling, and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Conservation Permit. Motorized vehicles not permitted behind locked gates. Driving on the pond levee, pond edges, fields, or dirt roads is prohibited.

**327-PICKETT STATE FOREST**

**PIckett COUNTY** • 11,000 ACRES REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • NP

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer same as statewide Unit B season except closed Oct. 24-30.

Closed to quail hunting except open to young sportsmens quail hunt Oct. 24-30. Bag limit 2 quail per day per hunter. Youth quail hunters must be accompanied by a non hunting adult age 21 or older.

**328-PRENTICE COOPER STATE FOREST**

**MARIon COUNTY** • 34,000 ACRES ON HWY. 27, 5 MILES EAST OF POWELL’S CROSROADS CLINT SMITH (423) 658-0298 • SG, BG

Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset or sunrise. Organized competition events for motorized vehicles is prohibited. The maximum noise limit for all motorized vehicles is 86 dBA, as measured 50 feet from the exhaust, except as otherwise permitted. The maximum speed limit is 25 mph or less if otherwise posted. All side roads and trails will be closed to motorized vehicles Dec. 20 - Mar. 15. Big game hunters are required to check in big game at the WMA check station when station is in operation. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 - the fourth Friday in August, except during spring turkey and spring squirrel seasons.

**329-SKINNER MOUNTAIN**

**FENTRESS COUNTY** • 7,228 ACRES REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, BG, HI

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting and dog training will close at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise indicated. Closed to quail hunting.

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15

**Turkey** - Six hunts: April 6 - 8, 9 - 11, 14 - 16, 22 - 24, 27 - 29, April 30 - May 2. One bearded turkey per day. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Trapping** - Dec. 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15

**Firing Range** - Open Thursday, Friday, Saturdays only, during daylight hours. Closed during big game hunts. Permit required (see page 40).

**REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571**

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15

**Turkey** - Six hunts: April 6 - 8, 9 - 11, 14 - 16, 22 - 24, 27 - 29, April 30 - May 2. One bearded turkey per day. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Trapping** - Dec. 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15

**Firing Range** - Open Thursday, Friday, Saturdays only, during daylight hours. Closed during big game hunts. Permit required (see page 40).

**REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571**

**Big Game**

**Small Game**

**Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15

**Turkey** - Six hunts: April 6 - 8, 9 - 11, 14 - 16, 22 - 24, 27 - 29, April 30 - May 2. One bearded turkey per day. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Trapping** - Dec. 15.

**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15

**Firing Range** - Open Thursday, Friday, Saturdays only, during daylight hours. Closed during big game hunts. Permit required (see page 40).
HUNTER / LANDOWNER PERMISSION CARD

Hunter's Name _______________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City ________________________ State _____ Zip __________
Phone ( ) __________________________________
Vehicle _____________________________________________
Make Lic. # Color
This card courtesy of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Tennessee Farm
Bureau Federation and Tennessee Wildlife Federation.

Landowner Copy

Hunter Copy
Hunter’s Name _______________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City ________________________ State _____ Zip __________
Phone ( ) __________________________________
Vehicle _____________________________________________
Make Lic. # Color
I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission to
___________________________________________________
to hunt on my property on the following dates:
___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________
Landowner’s Signature

Print Name Date

HELP STOP POACHING
Report a hunting violation - call toll free:
Region I ........ 1-800-831-1173
Region II ...... 1-800-255-8972
Region III ..... 1-800-241-0767
Region IV ...... 1-800-831-1174
7:00 a.m. – Midnight, Seven Days a Week

HUNTER / LANDOWNER I. D. CARD

GOOD SPORTSMEN:
1. Respect the landowner’s property, hunting only in owner-designated areas.
2. Assume liability for their actions and personal safety.
3. Respect nature, taking every precaution against littering and fire.
4. Respect the game and firearms laws.
5. Respect fellow outdoorsmen, observing all safety precautions and the traditions of good sportsmanship.

WR-0623
Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Wild Hog (Control Season - Dogs Permitted) - Jan. 8 - 10. No limit, either sex. Only authorized participants allowed on the area during the Wild Hog Control Season. All participants in the hog control season must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of blaze orange, visible front and back. Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking Deer, Bear or Elk.

Legal hours - One half-hour before sunrise and to one half-hour after sunset.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

330 - STANDING STONE STATE FOREST
OVERTON COUNTY • 8,764 ACRES
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • NP

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide season, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters. No blinds or decoys left overnight.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

331 - TELlico LAKE
MONROE AND LOUDON COUNTY • 8,000 ACRES
BRANDON WEAR (423) 884-6767 • SG, BG

Field trial permit required.

Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide season, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters. No blinds or decoys left overnight.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

TELlico WEST UNIT - (THAT PORTION OF TELlico RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT AGENCY INDUSTRIAL PARK AT LTRM 18.0 ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TELlico RESERVOIR)


Turkey (Young Sportman) - Two hunt: March 27 - 28, April 17 - 18. Hunter quota 5. One bearded turkey. Counts toward statewide bag limit.

TEllICO WEST UNIT - (THAT PORTION OF TELlico RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT AGENCY INDUSTRIAL PARK AT LTRM 18.0 ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TELlico RESERVOIR)

MCGHEE-CARSON UNIT - (THAT PENINSULA OF FT. LOUDOUN STATE HISTORIC PARK AT LTRM 21.0)

Dove - Sept. 7, opens at noon.

Rabbit, Squirrel - Nov. 21 - 22, 28 - 29, Dec. 5 - 6, 12 - 13, 19 - 20, 26 - 27, Jan. 2 - 3, Jan. 9 - 10. Bag limit 3 rabbits per day. Shotguns only.

Deer (Shotgun only - Young-Sportman) - One hunt: Nov. 14 - 15. Hunter quota 30. One antlered or antlerless deer. (Bonus deer).


Dog training - Closed during field trials and big game hunts. Daylight hours only.

Dog Field Trials - Field Trial Permit Required. Sept. 1 - Apr. 30. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager and special field trial permit must be obtained from the TWRA Region III Office at least 30 days before trial dates. Field trial gallery - must be kept out of standing or planted crops by marshals provided by sponsoring clubs. Horses permitted during dog training and field trials.

All small game hunting is for Young Sportsman (ages 6 - 16 only). Each youth must be accompanied by a non hunting adult 21 or older. For small game hunting either the youth or the adult must possess a WMA small game permit. For big game hunting youth must possess a WMA big game permit.
CHOTA REFUGE UNIT - (THAT PORTION FROM LTRM 26.0 UPSTREAM TO THE HIWASSEE - ALCOA POWERLINE AT LTRM 29.7)

Same as statewide, except as noted. Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 through last day of Feb., except in designated observation areas. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer or bear hunt by legal deer or bear hunters. All seasons closed during the refuge closure dates. Steel shot is required for doves. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted.

No deer hunting Oct. 31 - Nov. 6.

Rabbit, Quail - Oct. 31 - Nov. 6.


Dog Field Trials - Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Field Trial Permit Required. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager and special field trial permit must be obtained from the TWRA Region III Office at least 30 days before trial dates.

332-THE BOILS

JACKSON COUNTY • 119 ACRES
REGION III • (931) 484-9571 • SG, WF, BG

Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.

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

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

333-WATTS BAR

ROANE COUNTY • 3,880 ACRES
PRIMARILY ON ISLANDS AND ACCESS AREAS ON WATTS BAR LAKE
ROB KLIPPEL (865) 717-0579 • SG, WF, BG

Same as statewide season, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting allowed from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

IRON HILL ISLAND; LONG ISLAND UNIT; THIEF NECK ISLAND UNIT

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting is open with statewide seasons, except it is shotgun-archery only. During the deer season, small game hunting is closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday on Thief Neck Island.

Archery equipment only for deer except juveniles may use shotguns or muzzleloaders during statewide Young Sportsman hunts. Centerfire rifles prohibited.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Same as statewide season, except no trapping during the duck season on the Long Island Unit.

334-YUCHI REFUGE

RHEA COUNTY • 2,364 ACRES
BRIAN LETNER (931) 484-9571 • SG, WF, BG

Non-toxic shot only in Wetland Zone. Wetland Zone closed to all forms of public use, including all forms of trespass, from Nov. 15 - the last day of Feb. No boat access. No ATV, ORV, or horseback riding permitted.

On big game quota hunts, one non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (18 years or older) who has a valid WMA quota permit. During deer gun hunts, non-hunting juveniles must also comply with blaze orange regulations specified for legal hunters. Scouting for each deer hunt is only allowed on the Tuesday before each deer hunt.

334-YUCHI REFUGE

RHEA COUNTY • 2,364 ACRES
BRIAN LETNER (931) 484-9571 • SG, WF, BG

Non-toxic shot only in Wetland Zone. Wetland Zone closed to all forms of public use, including all forms of trespass, from Nov. 15 - the last day of Feb. No boat access. No ATV, ORV, or horseback riding permitted.

On big game quota hunts, one non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (18 years or older) who has a valid WMA quota permit. During deer gun hunts, non-hunting juveniles must also comply with blaze orange regulations specified for legal hunters. Scouting for each deer hunt is only allowed on the Tuesday before each deer hunt.

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Small game seasons closed in Wetland Zone from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb. Small game hunting closes at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts.

Dove - Sept. 1 until the end of the first segment.

Raccoon, Opossum - Nov. 17 until the last day of Feb. Hunting permitted on Tuesday and Wednesday only, sunset to sunrise. Bag limit on raccoons, one per person per night. No limit on opossums. All dogs must be removed from the area prior to sunrise on Thursday.

Rabbit - Nov. 15 - last day of February. Bag limit on rabbits is three per day.

Deer - Antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler or a 15-inch minimum outside antler spread on all hunts.

Deer (Gun) - Two hunts: Oct. 10 - 11, 24 - 25. Hunter quota 75 each hunt. Two deer, only one antlered (bonus deer). Antler point restrictions do not apply to these hunts.

Deer (Gun) - Two hunts: Oct. 17 - 18, Oct. 31 - Nov. 1. Hunter quota 75. Three deer, antlerless only (Bonus deer).
**REGION IV**

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

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### 401-BUFFALO SPRINGS

GRAINGER COUNTY • 342 ACRES
SCOTT DYKES (423) 587-7037 • SG, BG

Waterfall parking area closed one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise except as authorized by the WMA manager.

Use or possession of alcohol is prohibited in the waterfall area.

Night time use of all additional WMA access points is prohibited except for raccoon and opossum hunters and scheduled events.

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### 402-NORTH CHEROKEE

ALONG THE TENNESSEE-NORTH CAROLINA STATE LINE NORTH OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

REGION IV OFFICE (423) 587-7037 • BG

Cherokee WMA Nonquota Big Game permit (Type 095, Type 167 or Type 094) or Sportsman License required to hunt the nonquota big game hunts. Some roads normally open to public travel may be closed from Dec. 15—March 31.

- **Shooting ranges** - Open daylight hours only (see page 40).
- **Safety Zone** - On the Cherokee WMA, hunting or discharging a firearm is prohibited within 150 yards of a developed recreation area, campsite, residence, building, occupied area, across or on a National Forest system road. Contact the appropriate U.S. Forest Service office for more information.
- **Horseback riding** - Horseback riding on properties owned by the U.S. Forest Service shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service regulations. Contact the U.S. Forest Service (423-476-9700). On those properties owned or leased by the TWRA, horseback riding is only allowed upon roads opened for vehicle travel. No riding off road into openings, fields, trails or through streams.
- **Dog Training** - Dog training prohibited unless otherwise specified. The use or possession of any electronic tracking devices from Mar. 1 - Aug. 15 is illegal.
- **On property owned or leased by the TWRA, ATV and OHV operation is prohibited.** Only pointing breed dogs are permitted in the bear reserve one day before and during bear hunts that allow the use of dogs. During bear hunts that do not allow the use of hounds, small game hunters in the bear reserves are limited to 2 dogs per vehicle.
Wild hogs may be taken on any big game hunt with the methods/firearms legal for that hunt, except wild hogs may not be taken in the bear reserves during bear season.
Dove, Grouse, Quail, Rabbit, Snipe, Squirrel, trapping - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

- **Quail** - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Small game hunters (except raccoon and opossum hunters between sunset and sunrise) must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts.
Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.
Groundhog, fox and skunk may be taken on any small game hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Fox closed in Washington County.
Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with methods/firearms legal for the scheduled hunt. No dogs allowed.

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### RESERVE INFORMATION

**North Cherokee Bear Reserves**

Bear hunting is not permitted in the following bear reserves unless a special exception is provided by proclamation. Wild hog season is closed during bear season.

- **ANDREW JOHNSON BEAR RESERVE**
  - The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area and private inholdings lying southwest of Hwy. 70, east of Hwy. 107 and north of Hwys. 25-70.

- **KETTLEFOOT BEAR RESERVE**
  - The Cherokee Wildlife Management area and private inholdings lying north of Hwy. 421, east of South Holston Lake, south of the Tennessee-Virginia line, and west of Hwy. 91.

- **LAUREL FORK BEAR RESERVE**
  - The Cherokee Wildlife Management area and private inholdings lying south of Hwy. 321, west of Poga Road, west of the Tennessee-North Carolina line, and north of Hwy 19E.

- **UNICOI BEAR RESERVE**
  - The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area lying west of U.S. Hwy. 23, and the Devils Fork Road, north of the Tennessee-North Carolina state line, east of the Horse Creek Road to Hwy. 107 and south of Hwy. 107 to Erwin.

For other bear reserves, see page 36.
Spring squirrel season is closed.

Deer - Dates are same as statewide season. Antlered bag limit is 2 and counts toward statewide bag limit.

Deer (Archery) - Bag limit of 4 antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Bag limit of 1 antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Bag limit of 2 antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).

Deer (Gun) - Closed to antlerless hunting.

Turkey - Same as statewide season.


Bear Dog Training Season - Sept. 8 - Oct. 3. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. No training in bear reserves.

403-CHUCK SWAN STATE FOREST

UNION/CAMPBELL COUNTIES • 24,444 ACRES NEAR MAYNARDVILLE
DUSTIN MCCUBBINS (865) 278-3248 • SG, BG

Deer driving, loud noises, and harassment on all deer hunts is prohibited. Entering the WMA from Norris Lake during the deer and turkey hunts is prohibited. Guides prohibited on all hunts. Horses, ATVs, non-licensed passenger vehicles and motorcycles are prohibited on the main forest road. The main forest road is defined as the road beginning at the Big Game check station and ending at the intersection of the Back Valley, Forks of the River, and Big Loop roads. ORV, horseback riding, bicycles, and all other vehicles are restricted to roads marked “open to vehicular traffic.” A licensed vehicle is defined as a vehicle that is tagged, registered and insured and it legal to operate on county, state and federal highways. Speed limit is 25 mph. Organized competition events for motorized/ non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Maximum noise limit of 86 dBs for all motorized vehicles as measured at 50 feet from the exhaust.

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting is closed as posted. Closed to hunting Mar. 1 - the fourth Friday in August, except for Spring Turkey and Spring Squirrel hunting. Small game hunting will close at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise specified. Closed to quail hunting. Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Groundhog, fox and skunk may be taken on any small game hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapons legal for the scheduled hunt.

Raccoon - Seven 1-night hunts. Dec. 13 - 19. Hunters must check out by 1 a.m. One raccoon per person.


Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - One hunt: Oct. 24 - 25. Hunter quota 200. One deer, either sex (Bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Two hunts: Dec. 4 - 5, 11 - 12. Hunter quota 650. One deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.


Turkey - Five hunts: March 25 - 27, April 1 - 3, 8 - 10, 15 - 17, 22 - 24. Hunter quota 150. One turkey per hunt. Turkey counts towards statewide bag limit. Hunting ends at noon each day. Hunter must sign in and out at check station and be out by 1 p.m.

Trapping - Jan. 2 - Feb 28. No raccoons. Quota is one party per compartment. Trappers must apply at WMA office. No snares or conibear traps. Trappers must report catch annually.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

Range open Thursday and Friday from noon to sunset and Saturday and Sunday from sunrise to sunset. Closed during all big game quota hunts. No buckshot allowed on range. Permit required for range.

404-COVE CREEK

CAMPBELL COUNTY • 2,450 ACRES
JOE ELKINS, KEITH THOMAS (423) 566-8557 • SG, BG

Same as statewide seasons, except where noted.

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting is closed as posted. Closed to hunting Mar. 1 - the fourth Friday in August, except for Spring Turkey and Spring Squirrel hunting. Small game hunting will close at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise specified. Closed to quail hunting. Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Groundhog, fox and skunk may be taken on any small game hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapons legal for the scheduled hunt.

Bass and Other Game Fish - Keep or release. Fishing is allowed at all WMA waters. For Bobwhite Quail seasons, see page 75.

405-FOOTHILLS

BLOUNT COUNTY • 11,000 ACRES
GPS: 35 36.766 N BY 084 02.216 W
BILL SMITH (865) 856-9711 • SG, BG

Motorized vehicles and horseback riding prohibited. The use of and/or possession of any tracking device for dogs from Mar. 1 to Aug. 25 is not permitted. Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).

Wild hogs may be taken during any hunt with legal hunt devices for that hunt.

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to hunting Mar. 1st through 4th Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey. Closed to quail hunting and dog training.

Deer - Dates are same as statewide season. Bag limit of 2 antlered deer (count toward statewide limit). Closed to all antlerless hunting except during Young Sportsman deer hunt.

Opossum - raccoon - Jan. 1 - Feb. 28.
Perimeter Trail. The Perimeter Trail is open year round. All other trails open only to hunters from Sept. 1-May 31. No hooved animal riding or motorized vehicles.

Falconry and Crow - Opens Sept. 21 and runs concurrent with statewide season.

Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All hunting is closed from Mar. 1 through 4th Friday in Aug., except for spring squirrel and spring turkey season.

The early September waterfowl seasons are closed.

Big Game Small Game

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

Dove - Sept. 1, 5, 7 and the remainder of the statewide season.

One field is youth/adult each adult must be accompanied by a youth 6-16 on this field. This field opens at noon on Sept. 1, then 6:30 a.m. on Sept. 5-7 then rest of season. All other fields all ages open at noon on Sept. 1, then 6:30 a.m. on Sept. 5th and 7th then rest of season. Returns to same as statewide season and open to all hunters beginning Sept. 7. Main gate opens at 6:30 a.m. Do not block the gate.

Pigeon is open with dove season.

Falconry and Crow - Opens Sept. 12 and runs concurrent with statewide season.

407-FORT LOUDOUN

KNOX COUNTY • 492 ACRES
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REGION IV OFFICE (423) 587-7037 • NP

Closed to dog training.

Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except open only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, one-half hour before sunrise until noon. Size BBB or smaller required.

Big Game Small Game

Rabbit, Quail - Nov. 1–14. Quail bag limit 2/day, rabbit and quail hunting closes at 4 p.m.

Raccoon - Sept. 4 - 5, 11-12.

Dog training - Rabbit and Quail - Oct. 1-Nov. 14. Closes at 4 p.m. each day.

409-KYKER BOTTOMS REFUGE

BLOUNT COUNTY • 525 ACRES
GPS: 35.602180 BY 84.122143 W
BILLY SMITH (865) 856-9711 • SG, BG

Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb. Public entry and fishing permitted only during the refuge. Horses prohibited. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for small game hunting as posted.

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training, excluding raccoon and opossum, closes at 4 p.m. Quail season is closed.

Big Game Small Game

Rabbit - Nov. 1 - 14.


410-KYLESSON FORD

HANCOCK/HAWKINS COUNTY • 1,000 ACRES
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, BG

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training (excluding raccoon and opossum) closes at 4 p.m. 500 square inches of blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).

Big Game Small Game

Quail - Open to training only. Quail dog training open only during quail season.


411-LICK CREEK BOTTOMS

GREENE COUNTY • 1,400 ACRES
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, WF, BG

Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game (including dove) hunting.

Big Game Small Game

Quail - Open to training only. Training open only during the statewide quail season.


Dove - Sept. 1, Sept. 5 Youth/adult only until noon, then opens at noon on Sept. 5 to all hunters for the remainder of the season. Entire Mohawk dove field is non-toxic shot.

EARLY WATERFOWL SEASONS WOOD DUCK/TEAL, TEAL ONLY, CANADA GOOSE

Same as statewide seasons.

LATE WATERFOWL SEASONS SOUTH MOHAWK, SKINNER, AND FOXTAIL UNITS:

Open only on Tuesdays and Saturdays as well as the closing day of the season. Hunting closes at noon. Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by hand-held bi-weekly drawings. Each Saturday, a hand-held drawing will be conducted at 1 p.m. to determine the following Tuesday and Saturday hunters. The final drawing of the season will also include closing day. The drawing will be held at the Jochim Bible Refuge Maintenance Facility and hunters must be present and have all applicable licenses/permits to enter drawing. Due to COVID-19, restrictions may apply for the handheld drawing. Please refer to tnwildlife.org for more information. Hunting will only be allowed from designated staked positions and/or pools. Hunters drawn may bring up to 3 guests. Note: Drawn hunter must accompany these guests.
After the youth waterfowl seasons, goose seasons to coincide with statewide seasons. No stake/pool restrictions or drawings.

During the late waterfowl seasons, access to the South Mohawk, Skinner, and Foxgate Units is restricted to hunters actively pursuing game and any waterfowl hunters possessing a valid permit for an upcoming waterfowl hunt. Permits are valid from the issue date until the end of the waterfowl hunt listed on the permit. Drawn waterfowl hunters must have their permit in their possession when scouting/hunting. During big game muzzleloader/gun hunts, all scouting hunters must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange on the body and head.

Goose season is closed on the area at the end of late waterfowl season. Goose season is open to youths only during the youth waterfowl seasons. Goose season is open to adults after the youth waterfowl season.

Remainder of Area: Same as statewide seasons. No staked positions/pools.

**YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT**
Closes each day at sunset.

Remainder of Area: Same as statewide seasons. No staked positions/pools.

**JOACHIM BIBLE WATERFOWL REFUGE UNIT**
(THAT PORTION OF LICK CREEK BOTTOMS WMA BETWEEN MURRAY BRIDGE ROAD, BIBLES CHAPEL ROAD, AND SOUTH MOHAWK ROAD)
Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb. except in designated observation areas. Closed to waterfowl hunting.

**412-NOLICHUCKY**
GREENE COUNTY • 1,000 ACRES
TEN MILES SOUTH OF GREENEVILLE
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, WF, BG

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

**Farmland Owner License Exemption Statement**
TCA 70-2-204. Hunting and fishing on farm land – License exemption to owner, tenants and their spouses and children. – (a) The owners and tenants of farmlands, and their spouse and children, have the right to engage in the sport of hunting and fishing, subject to all the provisions of all laws or regulations concerning wildlife, upon such lands and waters thereon of which they or their spouses or parents are the bonafide owners or tenants with the permission of the landowner, during the season when it is lawful to do so, without procuring a hunting and sport fishing license. Tenants and their spouses and their dependent children must be bona fide residents of the state and must actually reside on the land. Owners and their spouses and children must be bona fide residents of the state. Land may qualify as farmland only if it is owned by no more than one (1) individual or a family; provided, that if land is owned jointly or in common by persons who are first cousins related by blood, then such cousins and their children may hunt small game and fish on such land under the provisions of this subsection. “Family” means any combination of kinship within the third degree including any spouse who has an interest in the property. “Tenant” means an individual who receives compensation such as free rent or money for acting either in the place of or at the direction of the landowner in tending to the requirements needed to care for the farmland. The primary purpose of the tenancy shall be agricultural in nature.
**Region IV WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

**413 - NORTH CUMBERLAND**  
ANDERSON, CAMPBELL, CLAIBORNE, MORGAN AND SCOTT COUNTIES • 189,000 ACRES

ROYAL BLUE, Sundquist, Ed Carter Unit & New River Units  
35 MILES NORTH OF KNOXVILLE  
JOE ELKINS (423) 566-8557 • SG, BG  
OHV INFORMATION • RUSTY DUNN (423) 562-2013

All users should be aware that hazards associated with mining (deep and strip) exist on this area. (TCA 55-52-201) All operators or passengers under the age of 18 of an off highway vehicle are required to wear an appropriate safety helmet.

Special Use - OHV, hooved animal riding, bicycles and all other vehicles are restricted to roads marked “open to vehicular traffic.” Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off -Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. Speed limit is 25 mph. Organized competition events for motorized/nonmotorized vehicles prohibited. Maximum noise limit of 86 dBs for all motorized vehicles as measured at 50 feet from the exhaust.

Public use is permitted during all hunts. During daylight hours all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or outside of camp must wear, on the upper portion of their body and head, a minimum of 500 square inches of blaze orange, visible front and back, during the deer and elk gun and muzzleloader seasons. No person shall remove minerals, including coal, trees, plants (including vines), or building stones from the area without specific authorization.

Camping is permitted on the entire area. Night time use by the general public and raccoon hunters is permitted area wide.

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to hunting Mar. 1 through the 4th Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey. Closed to spring squirrel hunting and fall turkey hunting. Coyote hunting with centerfire weapons only allowed during deer gun seasons by licensed deer hunters. Archery hunters will be required to meet legal blaze orange requirements while hunting in the elk zones during the firearms elk hunts. Wild hogs may be taken during any hunt with hunting devices legal for that hunt.

Beaver Trapping - restricted to designated compartments. Contact WMA manager for information. Annual harvest log must be maintained and submitted to WMA Manager by Jan. 15.

Quail - Nov. 7 – Jan. 15.

Dog training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15. Chasing fox, coyotes, and bobcats with dogs is not permitted.

Deer

**414 - RANKIN**  
COCKE COUNTY • 1,975 ACRES  
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, BG

No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials and boats must be removed at the end of legal hunting hours.

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunters (except waterfowl) must wear blaze orange during big game hunts. Closed to hunting March 1 through fourth Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey and spring squirrel. Coyotes may be taken on big game hunts with devices legal for that hunt. No dogs allowed.

Quail - Nov. 7 – Jan. 15.

**415 - WHITES MILL**  
BLOUNT COUNTY • 53 ACRES  
BILL SMITH (865) 856-9711 • NP

Closed to all activity from Nov. 15 to the last day of the youth waterfowl season, except legal hunters on Saturdays.

Waterfowl, Snipe - Youth/Adult only - Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt. Saturdays only from staked positions.

Bullfrog - Mar. 1 - Nov. 14, gigs only.
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