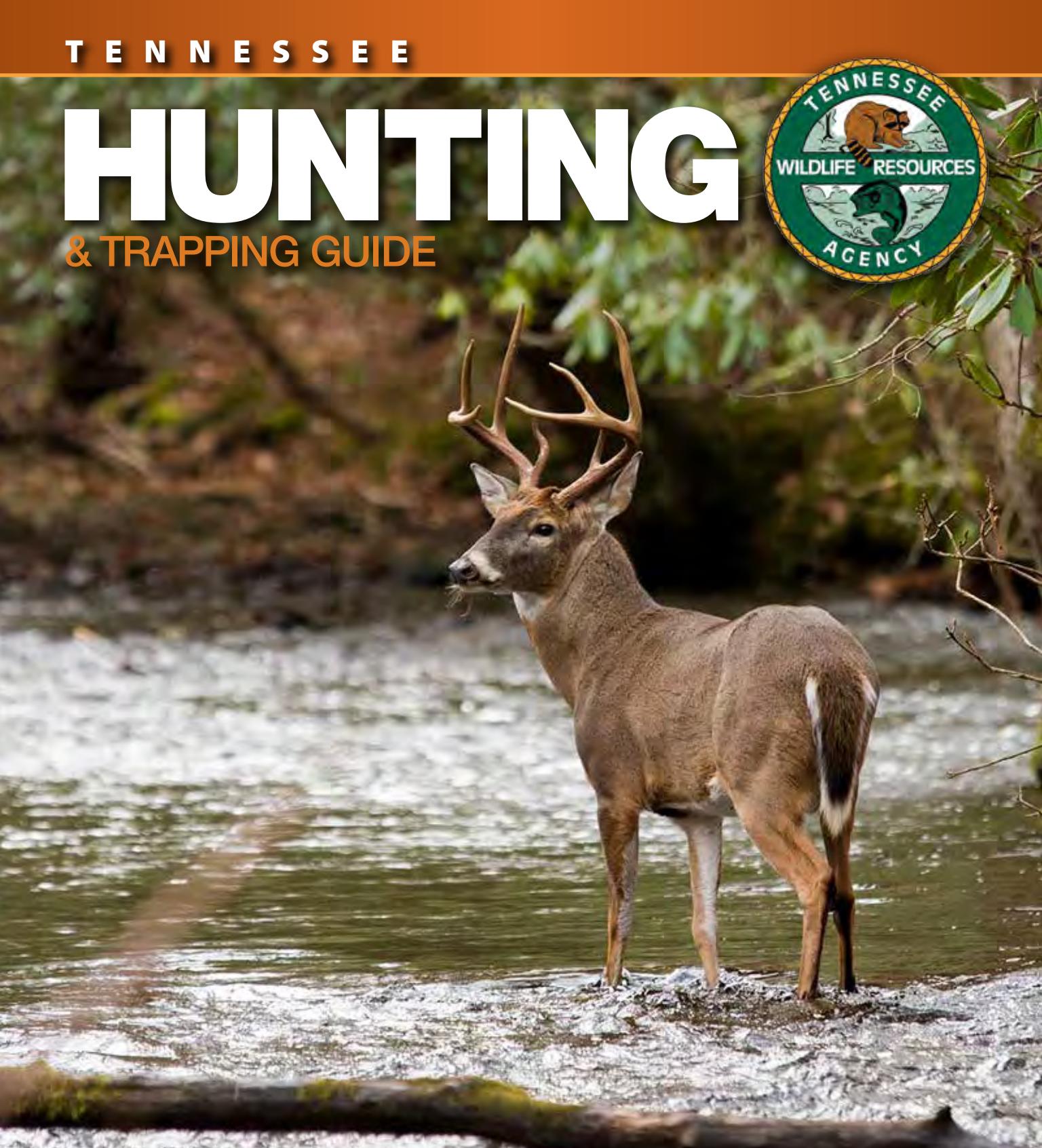


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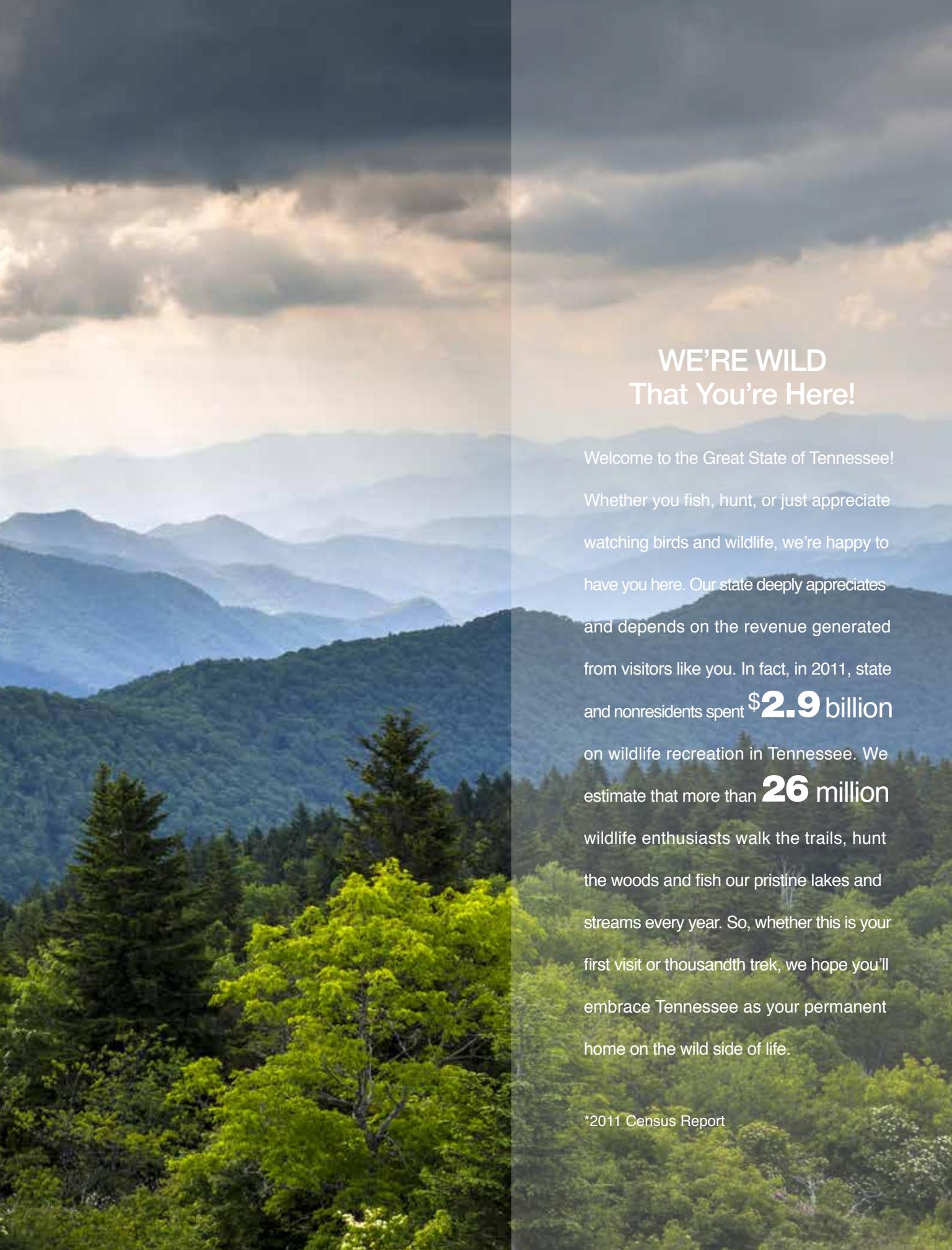
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# WHAT'S NEW FOR 2016-2017

**Several important changes were made to the hunting and trapping regulations for the 2016-2017 seasons. Among the primary changes are:**

1. An antlered deer is now defined as any male or female deer with antler protruding above the hairline. An antlerless deer is now defined as any deer with no antler protruding above the hairline. See page 23.
2. Male fawns with no antler protruding above the hairline do not count towards a hunter's antlered bag limit; rather they count toward the hunter's antlerless bag limits. Deer having already shed their antlers and does without antlers are also considered antlerless. Male fawns with antler protruding above the hairline do count towards a hunter's antlered bag limit, since the deer does have antler(s) as opposed to hair covered pedicles (i.e., antler attachment point to the skull). Velvet antlered deer are also considered antlered.
3. Two new deer hunting units have been added: Units C and D.
4. Several counties have been moved to different units and antlerless bag limits have changed. See page 22 for complete details.
5. The six North Cumberland WMA elk quota permits are now also valid on private lands in Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Morgan, and Scott Counties. Landowner permission is required. Five new archery-only elk quota permits were created, also valid on North Cumberland WMA and private lands within the above listed five counties.
6. The fall turkey bag limit is now one (1) for all counties that were open last year for fall turkey hunting. A hunter may harvest one turkey, either sex, in each open county. See page 32.
7. The bag limit for the Young Sportsman Spring Turkey Hunt was changed from one bird for the two-day hunt to one bird per day. These birds count towards the season bag limit of four (4).
8. Several minor changes were made to the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) regulations. Current regulations for individual WMAs are found in this guide and should be checked prior to hunting.
9. The third segment of dove season has been changed to Dec. 8 - Jan. 15. See page 18.
10. A new private land raccoon season has been established, opening July 1. See page 17 for details.
11. The Claiborne County special red deer hunt has been eliminated as there are no more known red deer.
12. Small game hunting with dogs (limit 2 per vehicle) is now allowed in the North Cherokee bear reserves during bear still hunts (bear hunts with no dogs permitted).
13. Chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been detected in new areas of the U.S. and cervid (e.g. deer, elk, etc.) carcass importation requirements apply. See page 20 for more information.



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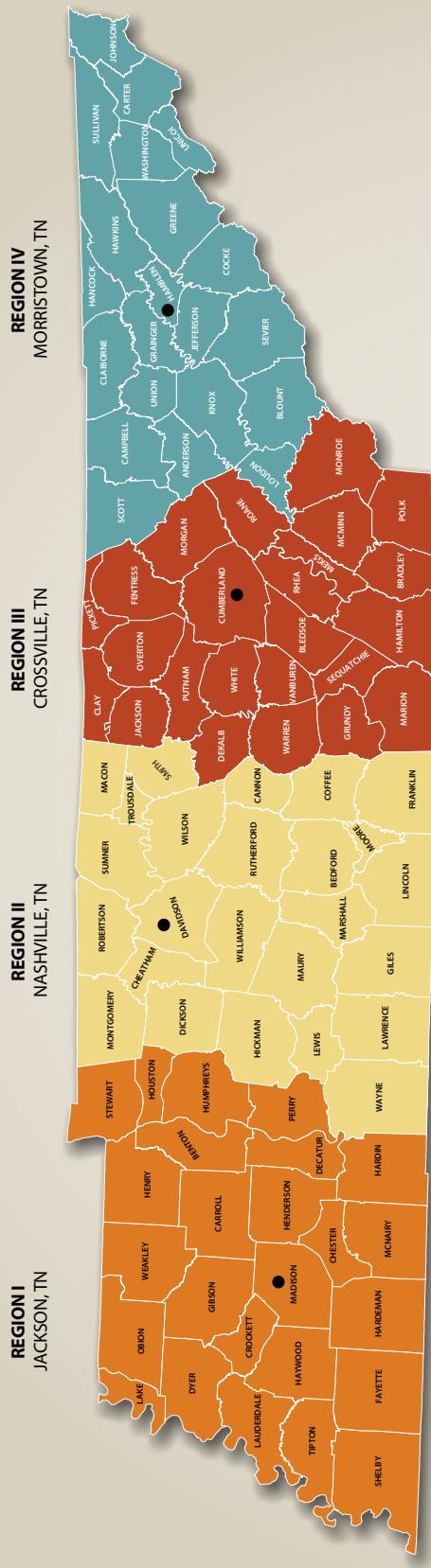
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| Region .....    | 1-800-831-1173 |
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# LICENSE FEES

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.

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](http://www.tnwildlife.org)) and all TWRA regional offices.

To purchase your licenses online, log on to [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) and click on the link, "Buy Licenses and Boat Registrations." Regular license fees plus a processing fee will be charged to your credit card.

**Note: A Social Security Number is required to purchase a Tennessee hunting or fishing license.**

## Lifetime Sportsman

**Age determines the cost.**

An all-inclusive lifetime license available to Tennessee residents only is valid for hunting, trapping and sportfishing 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, that must be sent in with the required supplemental information. Applications are available at your local TWRA office and the TWRA website.

**Applications must be submitted by mail, fax (615-837-4262), at TWRA regional offices or email ([lifetime.license@tn.gov](mailto:lifetime.license@tn.gov)).**

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

## Three ways to buy your license!

1. Internet: [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)
2. Mobile App: [gotwra.org](http://gotwra.org)
3. Local License Agents

Regular license fees plus a processing fee will be charged to your credit card for options one and two.

## Resident Licenses

Resident licenses can be purchased by:

- Persons who possess a valid Tennessee driver's license or Tennessee state ID issued by the Department of Safety. Tennessee state law requires drivers to obtain a Tennessee drivers license within 30 days of residency. Out-of-state driver's license only accepted for Military Personnel and Students meeting the criteria below.
- Persons who do not drive or do not possess a valid driver's license from another state, but who have lived in Tennessee for 90 consecutive days with the genuine intent of making Tennessee their permanent home, may prove residency by presenting to a TWRA license agent any two of the following documents:
  - current Tennessee voter registration card
  - current Tennessee vehicle registration or title
  - Form I-94 issued by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service
  - current rental/mortgage contract or receipt including deed of sale for property or receipt for payment of Tennessee real estate taxes within last year
- Military personnel on active duty in this state and their immediate families 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 student ID.

### Hunting and Fishing Combination (Type 001)

\$34.00

Minimum license required to fish and/or hunt small game statewide

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

### Waterfowl (Type 005)

\$38.00

### Annual Big Game Gun (Type 009)

\$34.00

### Annual Big Game Archery (Type 010)

\$34.00

### Annual Big Game Muzzleloader (Type 011)

\$34.00

### Resident Elk License (Type 015)

\$34.00

This license 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 License.

### Annual Sportsman (Type 004)

\$166.00

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

### Junior Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 002)

\$10.00

Ages 13-15. Good for hunting all game, fishing and trapping. Must be purchased prior to 16th birthday. No supplemental licenses are required, but special season and WMA big game permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as "left over" permits.

### Permanent Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 166)

\$50.00

Available at all license agents and can only be purchased when 65th birthday is reached. A valid Tennessee driver's license or proof of age and residency is required. No supplemental licenses are required, but special season and WMA permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.

Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as "left over" permits.

### Annual Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 164)

\$5.00

Available at all license agents and can only be purchased when 65th birthday is reached. A valid Tennessee driver's license or proof of age and residency is required. No supplemental licenses are required, but special season and WMA permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license. Fees apply when applying for quota hunt permits as well as "left over" permits.

### Annual Senior Citizen Sportsman (Type 167)

\$50.00

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

### Trapping (Type 019)

\$34.00

The licenses below are only available via application. Application can be found here: <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/twra/attachments/0142.pdf>

### Annual Resident Hunting & Fishing Disabled Under 18 (Type 168)

\$5.00

Available to Tennessee residents under the age of 18 who meet the requirements of TCA 70-2-104 as amended. The certification of the total and permanent disability issued by a physician licensed to practice in Tennessee must accompany this application. Renewable annually with current fee. Permits where required.

### Permanent Resident Hunting & Fishing Intellect Disabled (Type 169)

\$10.00

Tennessee residents over the age of 10 years may purchase by providing a certification by a physician licensed to practice in Tennessee as having an intellectual disability as described in TCA 33-1-101. Applicant will be required to complete the Hunter Education Course as provided in TCA 70-2-108. Additional restrictions are listed on the back of the license card.

### Permanent Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing (Type 189)

\$10.00

Available only by application to the TWRA License Sales Office. 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.

### Permanent DAV Hunting and Fishing (Type 198)

\$10.00

Available only by application to the TWRA License Sales Office 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.



## Nonresident Licenses

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

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| <b>Junior Hunt/Fish (Type 070)</b>   | <b>\$11.00</b>  |
| Required for nonresidents ages 13–15 to fish or hunt small game.                       |                 |
| A Type 085 or 086 is required to hunt big game.  |                 |
| <b>7-Day Junior ALL Game (Type 085)</b>  | <b>\$26.50</b>  |
| <b>Junior ALL Game Annual (Type 086)</b>   | <b>\$42.00</b>  |
| <b>7-Day Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl (Type 072)</b>                                      | <b>\$61.50</b>  |
| <b>Annual Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl (Type 071)</b>                                     | <b>\$111.00</b> |
| <b>7-Day All Game (Type 074)</b>   | <b>\$214.50</b> |
| <b>Annual All Game (Type 073)</b>  | <b>\$306.00</b> |
| <b>Annual Trapping (Type 120)</b>  | <b>\$201.00</b> |
| <b>Nonresident Elk License (Type 075)</b>  | <b>\$301.00</b> |
| This license is required after successfully being drawn for the annual elk quota hunt. |                 |

## Apprentice Hunting License (Type 012) **\$12.00**

This is a supplemental license in lieu of a hunter education certificate. All other applicable licenses 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.

## 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.

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| <b>Resident Guide License (Type 450)</b>    | <b>\$151.00</b> |
| <b>Nonresident Guide License (Type 455)</b> | <b>\$651.00</b> |

## Federal Duck Stamp **\$25.00**

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 obtained through the Post Office, National Wildlife Refuge offices, and some discount and sporting goods stores. The stamps can also be purchased online at [www.duckstamp.com](http://www.duckstamp.com)

## 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 this permit:

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

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| <b>Migratory Bird Permit (Type 006)</b> | <b>\$2.00</b> |
| <b>Migratory Bird Permit (Type 007)</b> | <b>No Fee</b> |

Only available to Annual Sportsman license holders.

## Hunter Education Replacement Card (Type 500) **\$8.00**

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 12 for Hunter Education requirements to hunt in Tennessee.

## Wildlife Management Area Permits

Everyone who hunts on Wildlife Management Areas is required to have a WMA permit except the holder of a Lifetime Sportsman, Annual Sportsman license, Annual Senior Citizen Sportsman 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 county non-quota and special season hunts.

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| <b>WMA Small Game and Waterfowl (Type 091)</b>   | <b>\$62.00</b> |
| <b>1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl (Type 092)</b>   | <b>\$12.50</b> |
| <b>WMA Small Game only (Type 093)</b>  | <b>\$21.00</b> |
| <b>WMA Nonquota Big Game/Special Antlerless Seasons (Type 094)</b>   |                |
| 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. | <b>\$25.00</b> |
| <b>Cherokee WMA Big Game Nonquota (Type 095)</b>   | <b>\$19.00</b> |
| Required for Cherokee WMA nonquota big game hunts.   |                |

## Federal Refuges **\$15.00**

Type 064 - This permit is required for Cross Creeks and Tennessee National Refuge for **all** hunters including Lifetime and Annual Sportsman license holders.

## Reelfoot Preservation Permit

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

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| <b>1-Day Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 090)</b>  | <b>\$3.50</b>  |
| <b>3-Day Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 088)</b>  | <b>\$10.50</b> |
| <b>Annual Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 089)</b> | <b>\$17.00</b> |

## High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit

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

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

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| <b>Resident Annual Permit (Type 035)</b>    | <b>\$74.00</b>  |
| <b>Resident Daily Permit (Type 036)</b>     | <b>\$15.50</b>  |
| <b>Nonresident Annual Permit (Type 037)</b> | <b>\$233.00</b> |
| <b>Nonresident Daily Permit (Type 038)</b>  | <b>\$37.50</b>  |

# LICENSE FEES

## 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.

- Resident and nonresident youths under 13. Hunters ages 10–12 need only a hunter education certificate to hunt. However, youths 6–16 hunting big game on a WMA must have a valid Type 094 or Type 095 permit or quota permit, as applicable.

## Farmland Owner License Exemption

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 55 of this guide. Additional forms are available at TWRA offices and TWRA's website ([www.tnwildlife.org](http://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.

## Misplaced a License?

All hunting and fishing licenses may be replaced at any license agent, including the Lifetime Sportsman License. Please verify your address at the time of purchase. All duplicate licenses cost \$8.00.

## Hunter Education Field Day Exemption

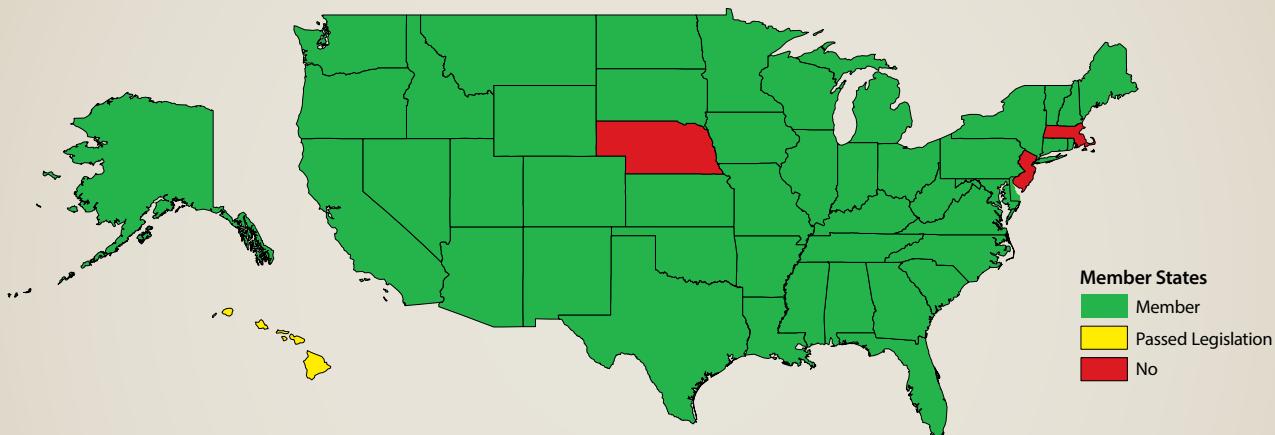
An exemption for the Tennessee Hunter Safety Field Day is available for anyone over the age of 21. To receive this exemption and a Hunter Safety card and certificate, you must follow these steps:

- Complete the following online class, making sure you choose the course that is designated for individuals over the age of 21: [www.Hunter-Ed.com](http://www.Hunter-Ed.com) – this course costs \$24.50, and it's interactive, narrated, and offers daily (including weekend) live customer service via email or telephone with a toll-free number.
- Complete the form provided at this link: <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/twra/attachments/hunterednolivefire.pdf> and mail, fax, or email with required documentation and payment (check, money order or credit card only) to the address listed on the form. To request a form, please contact the Hunter Education Coordinator at 615-781-6538.
- 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.

**NOTICE OF INSPECTION LAW:** It is the duty of every person participating in the privileges of taking or possessing wildlife to permit agency officers to ascertain whether the requirements of the title are being faithfully complied with, including the possession of a proper license. It is a violation of law to refuse such inspection or to interfere with an officer attempting such inspection.

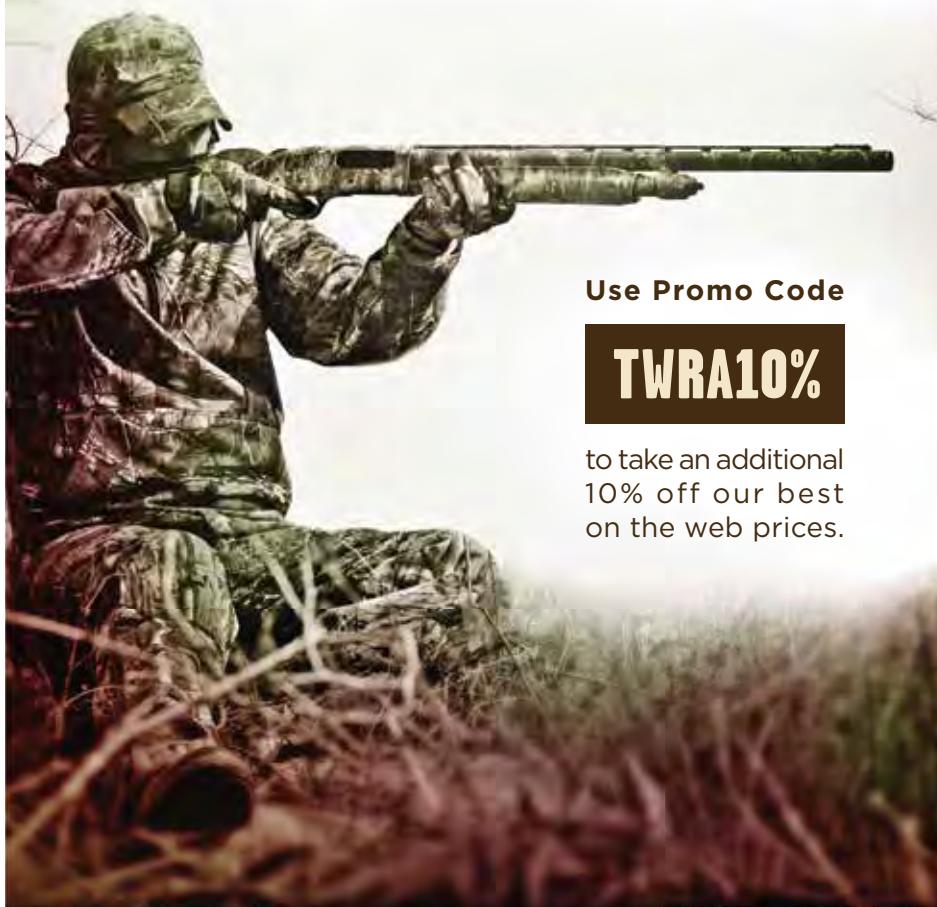
## INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT



The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact is an agreement that recognizes the suspension of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses in member states. This means that illegal activities in one state can affect a person's hunting or fishing privileges in all participating states. Any person whose license privileges or rights are suspended in a member state may also be suspended in Tennessee. If a person's hunting, fishing, or trapping rights are suspended in Tennessee, they may be suspended in member states as well. This cooperative interstate effort will enhance the TWRA's ability to protect and manage our wildlife resources. See our website: [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) for more information.

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# GENERAL HUNTING 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 that, except for non-game and federally protected wildlife species, wild game animals accidentally killed by a motor vehicle may be possessed for personal use and consumption. However, possession of a deer or elk 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. A bear killed by a motor vehicle may be possessed only upon the issuance of a receipt from the TWRA.

## Hunting Hours

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

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. Fox and rabbit chasing, furbearer trapping, raccoon, opossum and bullfrog hunting may be done day or night.

## 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](http://www.tnwildlife.org)). If a hunter or trapper is found without that written permission, that hunter or trapper is subject to prosecution.

## Hunting From Motorized Vehicle or Vessel

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 shall be construed as authorizing hunting from a vessel, automobile, or other motor vehicle while under power. Nothing in this subsection permits hunting from or across a public road or right-of-way.

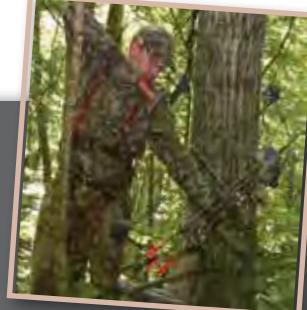
## Assisting Hunters

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

## Handgun Carry General Regulations

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) contact that specific facility or location.



## Treestands

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.

## 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](http://www.tnwildlife.org) for a listing of scheduled Hunter Education classes.

## Permanent Opening Dates

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Free Hunting Day</b>     | Fourth Sat. in Aug.            |
| <b>Squirrel</b>             | Fourth Sat. in Aug.            |
| <b>Grouse</b>               | Second Sat. in Oct.            |
| <b>Quail</b>                | First Sat. in Nov.             |
| <b>Rabbit</b>               | First Sat. in Nov.             |
| <b>Deer/Archery</b>         | Fourth Sat. in Sept.           |
| <b>Deer/Muzzleloader</b>    | Third Sat. before Thanksgiving |
| <b>Deer/Gun</b>             | Sat. before Thanksgiving       |
| <b>Deer/Young Sportsman</b> | Last Sat. in Oct.              |
| <b>Spring Turkey</b>        | Sat. closest to April 1        |

## Tentative Quota Hunt Application Deadlines

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>WMA Quota Big Game Hunts</b>  | Fourth Wed. in July |
| <b>WMA Waterfowl Blind Sites</b> | Last Wed. in Sept.  |
| <b>Spring Turkey</b>             | Third Wed. in Jan.  |

# HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

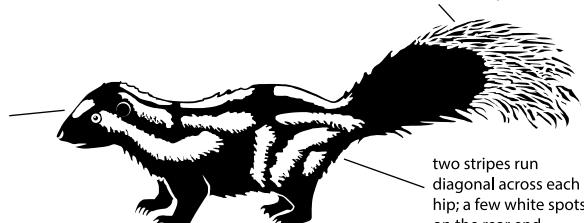
The Tennessee Furbearer Program is looking for sightings of the eastern spotted skunk.

## Eastern Spotted Skunk

*Spilogale putorius*

Upside-down triangle on forehead and narrow white stripe beneath the eye

bushy tail is white underneath and at the tip



two stripes run diagonal across each hip; a few white spots on the rear end.

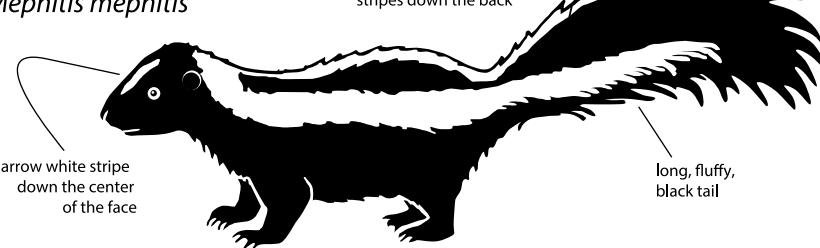
## Striped Skunk

*Mephitis mephitis*

narrow white stripe down the center of the face

usually two white stripes down the back

long, fluffy, black tail



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■ Please help us to better understand the status of the species in the state.

■ Report any sightings from roadkill, game cameras or catch from fur trapping.

■ Spotted skunks eat mice, rats, and insects, helping to control their populations. As scavengers, they help clean up carrion from the woods.

### Ways to report:

■ Upload your observations to the Eastern Spotted Skunk project at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) or use the iNaturalist smartphone app.

■ Email photographs with GPS latitude/longitude coordinates (smartphone photos are automatically tagged with this information) to [roger.applegate@tn.gov](mailto:roger.applegate@tn.gov).

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# MANNER AND 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 in Tennessee. Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) may have restrictions on certain legal hunting devices.

| Firearm, hunting device and ammunition  | Big Game         |                  |                  |                  | Small Game         |                                  |                      |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
|   | Deer             | Bear             | Elk              | Turkey           | Migratory Birds    | Furbearers <sup>4</sup> and Crow | All Other Small Game |
| Shotguns (including muzzleloading shotguns) using ammunition loaded with No. 4 or smaller shot                  | No               | No               | No               | Yes              | Yes <sup>3</sup>   | Yes                              | Yes                  |
| Shotguns (including muzzleloading shotguns) using ammunition loaded with T shot (0.20 inch diameter) or smaller | No               | No               | No               | No               | Yes <sup>3,6</sup> | Yes                              | No                   |
| Shotguns (including muzzleloading shotguns) using ammunition loaded with single solid ball or slugs             | Yes              | Yes              | Yes              | No               | No                 | Yes <sup>1</sup>                 | No                   |
| Rifles and handguns using rimfire ammunition and air guns (.25 caliber or smaller)                              | No               | No               | No               | No               | No                 | Yes                              | Yes                  |
| Rifles and handguns using centerfire ammunition (full metal jacketed ammunition prohibited)                     | Yes              | Yes              | Yes              | No               | No                 | Yes <sup>1,5</sup>               | No                   |
| Muzzleloading firearms (rifles and handguns) .36 cal. or larger   | Yes <sup>7</sup> | Yes <sup>7</sup> | Yes <sup>7</sup> | No               | No                 | Yes <sup>1,7</sup>               | Yes <sup>1,7</sup>   |
| Muzzleloading firearms (rifles and handguns) less than .36 cal.   | No               | No               | No               | No               | No                 | Yes <sup>7</sup>                 | Yes <sup>7</sup>     |
| Archery equipment (longbows, recurves, compounds and crossbows)   | Yes <sup>2</sup> | Yes <sup>2</sup> | Yes <sup>2</sup> | Yes <sup>2</sup> | Yes                | Yes                              | Yes                  |

1. If using this equipment while hunting during deer, elk or bear season you must be a legal big game hunter (see Misc. No. 9).
2. Hunting arrows and bolts must be equipped with sharpened broadheads.
3. Waterfowl may only be hunted with non-toxic shot of size T 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.

## Prohibited Acts

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

- Predator calls while night hunting.
- Pod arrows (any pod-type device for holding drugs or chemicals on an arrow) or any drugs or chemicals used in pod arrows while archery hunting.
- Explosive arrowheads while archery hunting.
- Firearms capable of fully automatic fire.
- Firearms or archery equipment with any device utilizing an artificial light capable of locating wildlife.
- Any electronic light amplifying night vision scope, thermal imaging device, or similar devices 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 Conservation Season for Blue, Snow and Ross' geese).
- 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)

- on any shotgun shell loaded with shot other than non-toxic while hunting waterfowl, coots, gallinules, Virginia rails, and sora rails.
- Any firearm including air guns using archery bolts.
- Tracer ammunition

## Legal Trapping Devices and Definitions

1. Steel traps may only be used in accordance with TCA 70-4-120. Steel leg-hold traps must have an outside measure of jaw spread that is 9 inches or less, as measured at the widest point. Steel square instant-kill traps must have an exterior jaw measurement 16 inches or less, as measured at the widest point, and steel circular instant-kill traps must have an exterior measurement 12 inches or less, as 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 5/64 inch and a maximum cable diameter of 3/32 inch are legal for all legal

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- furbearer species during the legal trapping season. Spring activated snares other than Collarum snares prohibited.
4. Commercially available dog-proof traps, also known as species-specific traps, are legal for trapping.
  5. Cushion-hold traps as defined in TCA 70-1-101 with an outside measure of jaw spread that is 9 inches or less, as measured at the widest point, may be used for all sets in accordance with TCA 70-4-120.
  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. All snares and traps must be affixed with the owner's name or their TWRA I.D. number
  8. All traps must be inspected every 36 hours or less and animals removed.
  9. When trapping on another's property, the trapper must carry on his/her person written permission from the landowner and make a written report to the owner of any domestic animal caught and pay damages for those animals.
  10. For trapping seasons, see page 17.

## 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 open only until official sunset.
2. Hunting of bullfrogs, raccoons, opossums, the chasing of foxes and rabbits, and the trapping of furbearers is permitted day or night unless restricted by Proclamation. No foxes or rabbits may be shot while chasing/training at night.
3. Hunting of migratory birds is to comply with federal regulations for migratory birds, unless restricted by Proclamation.

## Migratory Bird Regulations

1. Federal regulations relative to baiting, firearms, bag and possession limits, wanton waste, tagging and methods of hunting are hereby adopted and will be applicable to hunting and/or taking of species listed.
2. No person shall hunt migratory game birds, except crows, with a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three (3) shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three (3) shells.
3. All persons who hunt migratory game birds are required to have in their possession a valid Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit (TMBP) in addition to other required Tennessee licenses and permits, with the following exceptions:
  - disabled veterans (who possess a Type 198 license)
  - 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.

## Big Game Check-In

1. Big game animals shall be checked in at any approved TWRA checking station, on the TWRA website or by the TWRA mobile application before leaving the state or being gifted to another, and before the end of the calendar day. Evidence of the big game animal's species and sex must be available for inspection by TWRA personnel until the animal is checked in. After check in, the harvest confirmation number shall be available for inspection by TWRA personnel until time of final processing. This documentation of a confirmed check in shall accompany any big game animals taken to a taxidermist or meat processor. Evidence of the animal's sex, species and antlered status (if applicable) must remain with the animal while afield. Additionally, turkeys must remain intact until checked in.
2. All harvested bears must be checked in at any approved physical checking station (excluding internet and mobile applications). 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. The reproductive sex organs shall remain attached to each bear harvested at least until the bear has been officially checked out at any official checking station.
3. All harvested elk must be checked in at the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area Office on the day of harvest.
4. It is a violation of this section 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. This harvest record is a legal document.

## 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 (I) 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, furbearers may not be taken with rifles and handguns using centerfire ammunition. During the gun/muzzleloader/archery seasons, furbearers may be taken by legal big game hunters licensed for the weapon they are using.
10. The use of suppressors/silencers is legal for persons possessing the required federal license from the United States Department of Treasury. Hunters using these devices must have proof of such license on their person.

# SMALL GAME HUNTING



## Hunting Seasons

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

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

**Armadillo, Beaver, Coyote, Groundhog, Striped Skunk** - Open year-round. No limit.

**Fox<sup>b</sup>, Mink, Muskrat, River Otter<sup>c</sup>, Spotted Skunk, Weasel** - Open Nov. 18, 2016 - Feb. 28, 2017. No limit.

**Bobcat<sup>a</sup>** - Open Nov. 18, 2016 - Feb. 28, 2017. Limit 1 per day.

- 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.
- Exceptions to the statewide fox season are: Benton - unlawful to take or kill red foxes; Dyer, Lauderdale, Smith and Wilson - open year-round to hunting and trapping red and gray foxes.
- All river otters harvested must be tagged by harvester with Tennessee U.S. CITES tags. Contact your TWRA regional office for instructions.

| Small Game Species |             |               |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Migratory Birds    | Furbearers  | Other         |
| Coots              | Beaver      | Armadillo     |
| Crow               | Bobcat      | Bullfrog      |
| Gallinules/Rails   | Coyote      | Collared Dove |
| Mourning Dove      | Fox         | Grouse        |
| Wilson Snipe       | Groundhog   | Quail         |
| Woodcock           | Mink        | Rabbit        |
|                    | Muskrat     | Squirrel      |
|                    | Opossum     |               |
|                    | River Otter |               |
|                    | Raccoon     |               |
|                    | Skunk       |               |
|                    | Weasel      |               |

*Waterfowl regulations will be published in mid-September and are also available on the TWRA website.*

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## 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. 16, 2016. Bag limit is 1 per person per night. WMAs and all other public lands are closed during this period.

**Statewide** - Open sunset Sept. 16, 2016 through sunrise Feb. 28, 2017; bag limit 2 per person per night.

## Special Regulations for Bear Reserves

On Andrew Johnson, Kettlefoot, and Laurel Fork Bear Reserves, raccoon and opossum hunting is prohibited one day before and during bear hunts

that allow the use of hounds. During bear hunts that prohibit the use of hounds, raccoon and opossum hunters are limited to 2 dogs per vehicle.

On the Ocoee Bear Reserve, raccoon and opossum hunting is open the day after bear seasons end in Bear Hunt Zone 3 and runs until February 1. Hunters are limited to 2 dogs per vehicle.

## Trapping Seasons

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

**Bobcat<sup>a</sup>, Fox<sup>b</sup>, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, River Otter<sup>c</sup>, Raccoon, Spotted Skunk, Striped Skunk, Weasel** - Open Nov. 18, 2016 - Feb. 28, 2017; no limit.

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## Legal Traps & Specific Regulations

Regarding legal trapping devices and specific regulations see page 14-15.

## 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 9) is required. Refer to specific WMA listings for WMA dog training seasons. See page 28 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.

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|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Fall Squirrel</b>              | Aug. 27 | Feb. 28 | 10        |
| <b>Spring Squirrel (2017)</b>     | May 13  | June 11 | 10        |
| <b>Grouse</b> (closed W. of I-65) | Oct. 8  | Feb. 28 | 3         |
| <b>Rabbit</b>                     | Nov. 5  | Feb. 28 | 5         |
| <b>Quail</b>                      | Nov. 5  | Feb. 28 | 6         |

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

| Species  | Opens    | Closes   | Daily Bag*      |
|--|----------|----------|-----------------|
| <b>Dove<sup>1</sup></b> (Opens at noon on Sept. 1) | Sept. 1  | Sept. 28 | 15 <sup>2</sup> |
|  | Oct. 8   | Oct. 30  | 15 <sup>2</sup> |
|  | Dec. 8   | Jan. 15  | 15 <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>Woodcock<sup>1</sup></b>                        | Oct. 29  | Dec. 12  | 3               |
| <b>Wilson Snipe<sup>1</sup></b>                    | Nov. 14  | Feb. 28  | 8               |
| <b>Crow</b> (Fri./Sat./Sun.)                       | June 1   | Feb. 28  | No limit        |
| <b>Canada Goose<sup>1</sup></b> (Early Season)     | Sept. 1  | Sept. 15 | 5               |
| <b>Wood Duck/Teal<sup>1</sup></b>                  | Sept. 10 | Sept. 14 | 6 <sup>3</sup>  |
| <b>Teal only<sup>1</sup></b>                       | Sept. 15 | Sept. 18 | 6               |

1. Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit required (see page 9).
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. Daily bag limit not to exceed two (2) wood ducks during the Wood Duck/Teal season.

\*The possession limit is now 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.

The Sandhill Crane quota hunt drawing will be held on August 13, 2016 at the Birchwood Community Center in Birchwood, TN. Sign-up for drawing will start at 8 a.m. (EST). Drawing will be held in 10 a.m. (EST). Details and regulations for the sandhill crane and late duck and goose seasons will be published in the Waterfowl Hunting Guide available this fall. Check TWRA website for updates.



## Ginseng Harvest Season

The harvest season for wild ginseng shall be from September 1 through December 31 each year. For additional information, contact the Department of Environment and Conservation, (615) 741-9141.

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

**Field Dressing Big Game:** Evidence of species or sex of big game animals must not be destroyed prior to checking in and/or while the animal is afield. Normal field dressing, quartering and icing down of the meat is permitted. Turkeys must remain intact until checked in.

**Big Game Found Dead:** All big game found dead should be left where found and need not be reported. Individuals wanting to keep big game found dead, or any portion of the animal, must first contact the local Regional TWRA office within 48 hours for authorization.

Any vehicle in which an illegally possessed big game animal is found is subject to confiscation. Big game, except bear, accidentally killed by a motor vehicle may be possessed by any person for personal use and consumption if the TWRA or a local law enforcement agency is notified within 48 hours. A bear killed by a motor vehicle may be possessed only upon the issuance of a receipt from the TWRA.

**Emergency Hunting Season Closures:** Unusual events such as flooding, fire, or other environmental factors may necessitate the immediate closure of hunting seasons in specific areas of the state. Check our website ([www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)) for potential closure notifications.

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CWD has NOT yet been found in Tennessee and is not known to pose a risk to human health. Should CWD ever be discovered in Tennessee, it will absolutely have an affect on the way we manage our white-tailed deer herd.

#### Therefore...

If you plan on hunting cervids (mule deer, white-tailed deer, moose, or elk) in areas of the United States and Canada having had occurrences of CWD, you must properly prepare the carcass according to the instructions below BEFORE transporting it into Tennessee. Visit <http://www.tn.gov/twra/article/cwd-carcass-importation-ban> for a list of CWD states and provinces and detailed information regarding importation regulations.

#### Carcass Preparation Procedures

Carcasses and other cervid parts from these areas that may be brought into or possessed in Tennessee include:

- a. meat that has bones removed
- b. antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates or cleaned skulls (where no meat or tissues are attached to the skull)
- c. cleaned teeth
- d. finished taxidermy and antler products
- e. hides and tanned products.

**Failure to comply with the above will be in violation of Tennessee law!**

# BIG GAME CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

## Big Game Check-In Procedures

### Deer and Turkey

Deer and turkey shall be checked in at any approved TWRA checking station, on the TWRA website, or by the TWRA mobile application before leaving the state or being gifted to another, and before the end of the calendar day. Evidence of the animal's sex, species and antlered status (if applicable) must remain with the animal while afield and until checked in. Turkeys must remain intact until checked in. After check in, the harvest confirmation number shall be available for inspection by TWRA personnel until time of final processing.

### Bear

Bears must be checked in at any approved physical checking station (excluding internet and mobile applications). 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. The reproductive sex organs shall remain attached to each bear harvested at least until the bear has been officially checked in at any official checking station.

### Elk

Elk shall be checked in as instructed in the hunter's informational packet.

### All Big Game

It is a violation of this section 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. This harvest record is a legal document. The harvest confirmation number shall accompany any big game animals taken to a taxidermist or meat processor.

See page 15 for additional check-in regulations.

#### There Are Three Ways You May Check-In Big Game Animals

| Physical Checking Station   | On the Internet  | Mobile Application   |
|---|--|--|
| 1. Take your harvest to the local checking station<br>2. Provide your harvest information<br>3. Finalize the process: Keep a record of your confirmation number.<br>4. All bears must be checked in this manner | 1. Go online to <a href="http://www.tnwildlife.org">www.tnwildlife.org</a><br>2. Provide your harvest information<br>3. Keep a record of your confirmation number.<br>4. Not a valid method for bear check-in. | 1. Use your mobile device and go to <a href="http://www.tnwildlife.org">www.tnwildlife.org</a><br>2. Provide your harvest information<br>3. Keep a record of your confirmation number.<br>4. Not a valid method for bear check-in. |

**\*REMEMBER: Big game must be checked-in the same day as harvested and before leaving the state or being gifted to another.**

### Big Game Harvest Log

| Big Game Harvest Confirmation |                |   |   |   |  |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---|---|---|--|
| Date:                         | Species        | D | T | B |  |
| Sex: M F                      | Antler Points: |   |   |   |  |
| Confirmation Number:          |                |   |   |   |  |
| Date:                         | Species        | D | T | B |  |
| Sex: M F                      | Antler Points: |   |   |   |  |
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### Mobile Application

If an animal is checked in using the TWRA Mobile Application, the "app" will automatically populate an entry in the Hunter's Harvest Log & Diary. That digital version containing a confirmation number is all that is required as long as you have an operating cell phone or other mobile device. If there are concerns about losing signal or battery power, it is advisable for you to keep a record of your confirmation number.

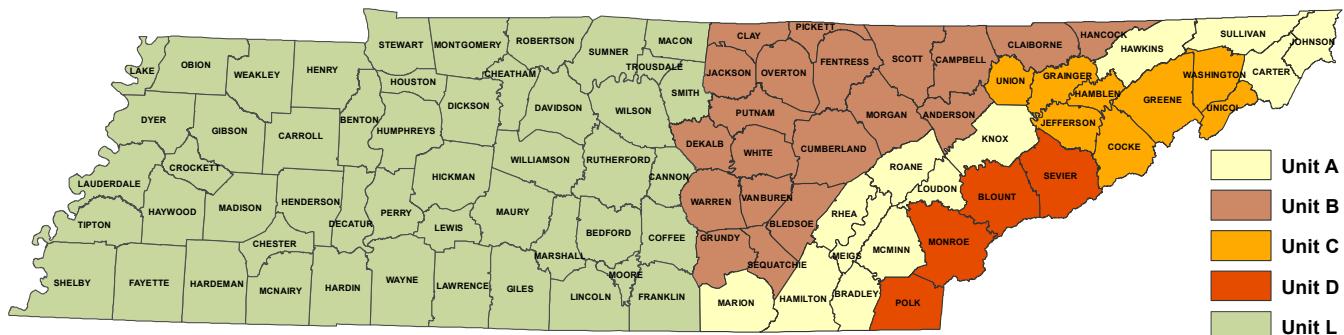


### Harvest Log

We have provided a log for your convenience. If you write the confirmation number (received at the end of all check in procedures) on a harvest log, you are good to go! Take a harvest log with you when you go hunting and you can't go wrong. Harvest logs are available from many different sources including: on your hunting license, in the hunting guide, on the TWRA website ([www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)), and at your local checking station. Multiple logs may be used.

# DEER HUNTING

## White-tailed Deer Hunting Units



### Unit A Counties

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

### Unit B Counties

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

### Unit C Counties

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

### Unit D Counties

Unit D includes Blount, Monroe, Polk, Sevier.

### Unit L Counties

Unit L includes Bedford, Benton, Cannon, Carroll, Cheatham, Chester, Coffee, Crockett, Davidson, Decatur, Dickson, Dyer, Fayette, Franklin, Gibson, Giles, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Lake, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Marshall, Maury, McNairy, Montgomery, Moore, Obion, Perry, Robertson, Rutherford, Shelby, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Tipton, Trousdale, Wayne, Weakley, Williamson, Wilson.

## Deer Seasons and Bag Limits

**Antlered Deer:** Male or female deer with antler protruding above the hairline.

**Antlerless Deer:** Male or female deer with no antler protruding above the hairline.

| Season Type   | Season Dates                            | Antlerless Bag Limits |        |        |                              |                               | Antlered Bag Limit   |
|---|---|-----------------------|--------|--------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|   |   | Unit L                | Unit A | Unit B | Unit C                       | Unit D                        |  |
| Young Sportsman* (G/M/A)  | Oct. 29 - 30 and Jan. 14 - 15, 2017     | 3/day                 | 2      | 2      | 2                            | 2                             | 2<br>(one antlered deer per day, not to exceed 2 for the license year) |
| Archery (A)   | Sept. 24 - Oct. 28 and Oct. 31 - Nov. 4 | 3/day                 | 4      | 4      | 4                            | 4                             |  |
| Muzzleloader/Archery (M/A)  | Nov. 5 - Nov. 18                        | 3/day                 | 2      | 2      | 1                            | 1                             |  |
| Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (G/M/A)**  | Nov. 19 - Jan. 8, 2017                  | 3/day                 | 2      | 1      | 1<br>(Nov. 19 - Dec. 4 only) | 1<br>(Nov. 19 - Nov. 25 only) |  |
| <b>Unit L: Private Lands Only<br/>Antlerless Deer Only***<br/>(G/M/A)**</b> | Jan. 9 - Jan. 13, 2017                  | 3/day                 | CLOSED |        |                              |                               |  |

\* 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.

\*\* 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), Sportsman license holders (including Lifetime Sportsman) and Type 167 license holders. **A Type 094 permit is required for all ages.**

\*\*\* Hunting is allowed on all privately owned lands in Unit L (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.

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

**Chronic wasting disease (CWD) importation restrictions for deer/elk apply. See page 20.**

## New Definition: Antlered Deer vs. Antlerless Deer

Antlered deer are male or female deer with antler protruding above the hairline, while antlerless deer are male or female deer with no antler protruding above the hairline.

Male fawns with no antler protruding above the hairline (Photo 1) do not count towards a hunter's antlered bag limit; rather they count toward the hunter's antlerless bag limits. Deer having already shed their antlers (Photo 2) and does without antlers (Photo 3) are also considered antlerless. Male fawns with antler protruding above the hairline (Photo 4) do count towards a hunter's antlered bag limit, since the deer does have antler(s) as opposed to hair covered pedicles (i.e., antler attachment point to the skull). Velvet antlered deer are also considered antlered.



Photo 1: Antlerless Deer



Photo 2: Antlerless Deer



Photo 3: Antlerless Deer

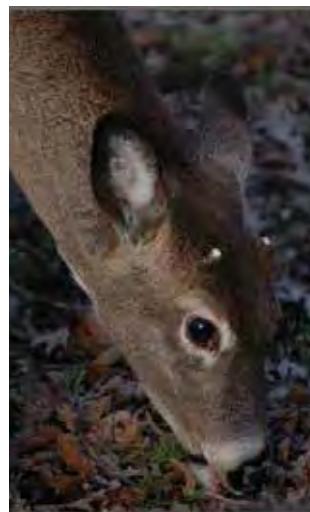
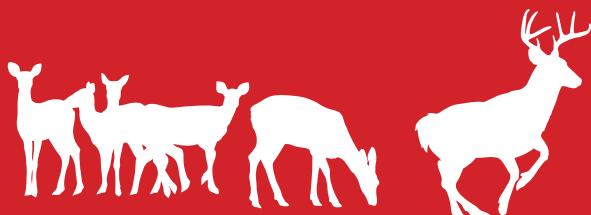


Photo 4: Antlered Deer

## Antlered Deer

- Antlered deer are male or female deer with antlers protruding above the hairline. The statewide bag limit for antlered deer is two (2).
- No more than one (1) antlered deer may be taken per day.
- The only way the bag limit of two (2) antlered deer may be exceeded is if they are taken on a public land hunt where antlered deer are noted as bonus deer (See WMA section for details).



## 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.

## White Turkeys

It is legal to take an albino, white, or abnormally colored turkey. However, keep in mind that many domestic turkeys strains are white in color, and it could be a neighboring farmer's turkey. All harvested turkeys must be checked in, regardless of coloration.





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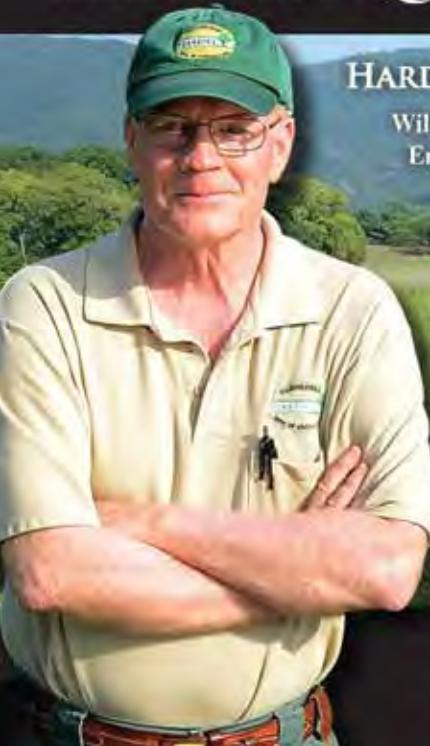
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|   |
|---|
| <b>Archery</b>                          |
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| <b>Young Sportsman</b>                  |
| <b>Unit L: Antlerless Private Lands</b> |

| September |     |     |     |      |     |     | October |     |     |     |      |     |     |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Sun       | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat | Sun     | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|           |     |     |     |      | 1   | 2   | 3       |     |     |     |      |     | 1   |
| 4         | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8    | 9   | 10  | 2       | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6    | 7   | 8   |
| 11        | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15   | 16  | 17  | 9       | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13   | 14  | 15  |
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|           |     |     |     |      |     |     | 30      | 31  |     |     |      |     |     |

| November |     |     |     |      |     |     | December |     |     |     |      |     |     | January |     |     |     |      |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Sun      | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat | Sun      | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat | Sun     | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|          |     | 1   | 2   | 3    | 4   | 5   |          |     | 1   | 2   | 3    |     |     | 1       | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5    | 6   | 7   |
| 6        | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10   | 11  | 12  | 4        | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8    | 9   | 10  | 8       | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12   | 13  | 14  |
| 13       | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17   | 18  | 19  | 11       | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15   | 16  | 17  | 15      | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19   | 20  | 21  |
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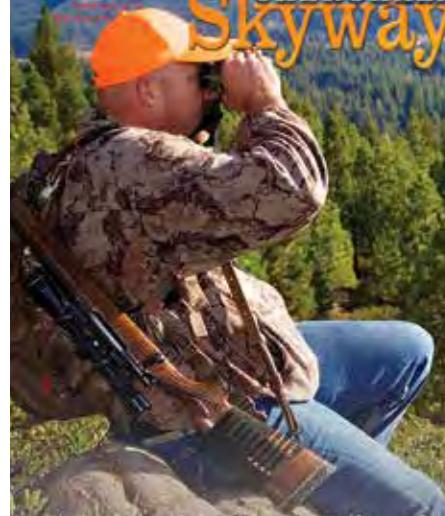


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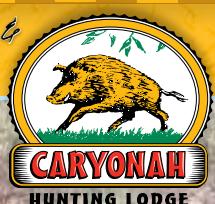


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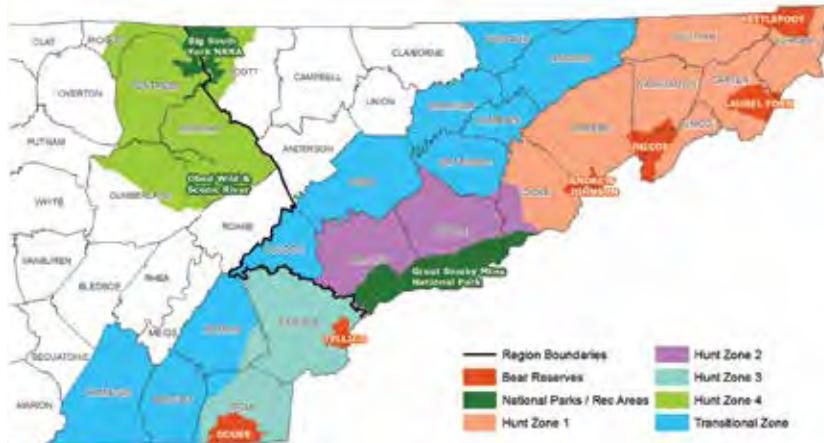
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# BEAR HUNTING

## 2016 Statewide Bear Season (See WMA Section for WMA Bear Seasons)

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



### BHZ1:

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

### BHZ2:

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

### BHZ3:

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

### BHZ4:

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

### Transitional:

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

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

| Bear Hunt Zone (BHZ)                            |   |   |   |                   |                   |
|---|---|---|---|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | BHZ 1   | BHZ 2   | BHZ 3   | BHZ 4**           | Transitional      |
| <b>Young Sportsman* G/M/A (No Dogs)</b>         | Oct. 29 - 30  | Oct. 29 - 30  | Oct. 29 - 30  | Closed            | Closed            |
| <b>Gun/Muzzleloader/ Archery (Dogs Allowed)</b> | Oct. 3 - 7<br>Oct. 31 - Nov. 4<br>Nov. 28 - Dec. 17 | Sep. 26 - Oct. 2<br>Oct. 31 - Nov. 4<br>Nov. 28 - Dec. 22 | Oct. 1 - 9<br>Oct. 31 - Nov. 4<br>Nov. 28 - Dec. 11<br>Dec. 29 - Jan. 1 | Closed            | Closed            |
| <b>Archery Only (No Dogs)</b>                   | Sep. 24 - Oct. 21                                   | Sep. 24 - Oct. 21   | Sep. 24 - Oct. 21   | Sep. 24 - Oct. 21 | Sep. 24 - Oct. 21 |
| <b>Gun/Muzzleloader/ Archery (No Dogs)</b>      | Nov. 19 - 22  | Nov. 19 - 22  | Nov. 19 - 22  | Closed            | Closed            |

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

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

### Bear 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 57 and 64):

**BHZ1 and BHZ2:** Aug. 20 - Sept. 25, 2016; **BHZ3:** Sept. 7 - 16, 2016; **BHZ 4 and Transitional:** closed.

### Special Bear Season Regulations

1. 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.
  - The reproductive (sex) organs must remain attached to each bear harvested until the bear has been officially checked-in at an official TWRA checking station.
2. Bear may not be checked-in via the internet. All harvested bears must be checked in at any approved checking station (excluding internet and mobile applications). **For physical checking station locations, go to [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) or download our mobile application.**

### Legal Hunting Equipment

See page 14.

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



## Attention Bear Hunters

Help with bear population monitoring by submitting a pre-molar tooth from your bear. If you have questions, contact our Region IV Office at 423-587-7037.

### What is the need for submitting teeth?

Aging bears using teeth allows biologist to more accurately model bear populations. Historically, teeth were collected by Agency personnel. However, with longer seasons and higher bear harvest, it is no longer feasible for TWRA personnel to collect all the samples. So hunters can make an important contribution to bear management in Tennessee by voluntarily submitting a tooth from each bear harvested.

### How do I collect a tooth?

The upper premolar tooth is right behind the canine (see photo). Using a knife or screwdriver, push the gum line toward the top of the bear's head exposing more of the tooth. Loosen the tooth with a knife or screwdriver using the canine as leverage. Once loose, the tooth can be extracted with pliers. Note: The entire tooth, roots included, is needed. If the tooth breaks, try pulling the premolar from the other side. **See instructional video on the TWRA mobile application on how to correctly remove a bear tooth.**

### Why submit a tooth?

In order to accurately model bear populations, teeth need to be submitted from all age classes (young and old).

### How do I submit a tooth?

View a short video describing how to submit a bear tooth here: <https://youtu.be/gbq3P2AlY6I>

Complete data sheet and send with tooth to:

**TWRA** Bear Data Collection  
3030 Wildlife Way  
Morristown, TN 37814



### Pre-Molar Bear Tooth Data Sheet

Hunter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TWRA ID: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Harvest: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ELK HUNTING



## Elk Quota Hunts

Elk harvest is regulated by a quota permit system. Landowners are not exempt from this permit requirement and must be drawn for a quota permit to hunt. Eleven (11) quota permits will be issued in 2016. One of the eleven (11) permits will be issued to a quantifying non-profit wildlife conservation organization with all proceeds benefiting the TWRA Elk Management Program. Another of the eleven (11) permits will be issued to a resident Young Sportsman.

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.

After the elk permit holders have been drawn, additional hand-held drawings will be held to allocate the five (5) open EHZs designated on the North Cumberland WMA to permit holders. Each permit holder will be allocated a separate EHZ. The Young Sportsman is able to hunt all five (5) open EHZs.

The application period for the elk quota hunts is June 15 - July 27, 2016.

## Special Regulations

1. All harvested elk must be checked in at the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area 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 tracking equipment is prohibited.
4. Bugling or calling of elk is prohibited within the EHZs during all elk hunts except by permitted hunters and their assistants.

### Elk Bag Limits, Season Dates, and Quotas

| Archery-only Season           | Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery Season | Young Sportsman* Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery Season | Hunt Area**                               | Bag Limit                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| Oct. 3 - 7<br>5 Quota Permits | Oct. 17 - 21<br>5 Quota Permits | Oct. 22 - 23<br>1 Quota Permit                   | EHZs and Counties designated open by TWRA | 1 antlered elk per permit |

\* 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.

\*\* 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 with landowner permission: Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Morgan and Scott Counties.

**Chronic wasting disease (CWD) importation restrictions for deer/elk apply. See page 20.**

# WILD HOG INFORMATION

## Wild hogs 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.

## Wild hog 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 55) 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. Call 615-736-5506.

## Wild hog control for public land

In Region III, wild hogs may be taken incidental to deer hunts on the following WMAs: Alpine Mountain, Bridgestone-Firestone Centennial Wilderness, Catoosa, Skinner Mountain, Standing Stone State Forest, and Tellico Lake.

Wild hogs may be taken on any deer or bear hunt on South Cherokee WMA. There are also the following wild hog control seasons in which the use of dogs is permitted: two five-day control seasons on Catoosa WMA and one three-day control season on Skinner Mountain WMA.

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

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

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

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

For further information on wild hog disease risks, go to <http://www.tn.gov/twra/article/wild-hog-regulations>.

**WANTED**

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



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# TURKEY HUNTING



## 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.

### Prohibited Acts (see pg 14 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

1. A licensed turkey hunter who has filled their bag limit or does not possess a valid permit for a quota hunt, may accompany another turkey hunter 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.
2. 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.
3. Turkeys must remain intact until checked in.
4. Turkeys defined as "bonus" animals on public land hunts do not 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. 4, 2016 – Jan. 18, 2017.

## Fall Turkey

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 count 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. 24-Oct. 28 and Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2016 (Same as deer archery-only season)

### Shotgun/Archery

Oct. 15-28, 2016

### Fall Turkey Bag Limit

One (1) turkey, either sex, per county **except** that Bledsoe, Bradley, Crockett, Dyer, Giles, Haywood, Lake, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Loudon, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Shelby, Tipton, Unicoi, and Wayne counties are closed to all fall turkey hunting.

## Spring Turkey

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

### Shotgun/Archery

Apr. 1 – May 14, 2017

### Young Sportsman

Mar. 25-26, 2017

### Spring Turkey Bag Limit

One (1) bearded turkey per day, not to exceed four (4) per season.

Any turkeys harvested during the Young Sportsman hunt counts toward the spring season limit of four (4).

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# TWRA FIRING RANGES

For more information regarding TWRA Firing Ranges and the range tier system, see our website: <http://www.tn.gov/twra/article/firing-ranges>

## Region I

### Lake Graham Firing Range

(731) 423-5725

### Natchez Trace State Park Firing Range

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

### TWRA Hunter Education and Range Facility (Tier 3 Range)

3200 Brother Blvd., Bartlett, TN  
Sam Murrey - (901) 213-3124  
Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): \$10.00/hour.

#### Hours:

- Tuesday: 12 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Thursday: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

All guns must be cased when not in use.  
Check website for scheduled holiday closures.

### Wolf River Firing Range

GPS: N 35.0026.63 W 89.1759.93  
(901) 878-0855

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

## Region II

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

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

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited. Field points only for archery.  
Automatic firearms prohibited. Must purchase the range permit from a TWRA license agent. No permits available at range. Fee required.  
Adult (16 yrs.+): \$5.50/2 hours.

#### Hours:

- Daily: 12 noon until dark.
- Montgomery County Shooting Complex**  
4201 Southside Road, Southside, TN 37171  
(931) 387-3456, [www.shoottn.org](http://www.shoottn.org)  
Permits must be purchased before entrance to range. Fee required.

#### Hours:

- Friday - Monday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Closed Tuesday - Thursday.

### Stones River Hunter Education Center (Tier 2 Range)

2618 Hobson Pike, Antioch, TN  
Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday.  
Call (615) 770-3900 for times.  
Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): \$8.00/2 hours.  
Shotguns prohibited.

#### Hours:

- Apr.–Oct.: Fri. - Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. 1–6 p.m.
- Nov.–Mar.: Fri.–Sat. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Sun. 1–4:30 p.m.
- Check website for scheduled holiday closures.

### Yanahli Firing Range (Tier 1 Range)

(931) 840-4042.

Days and hours as posted at the range.  
Automatic firearms prohibited.

Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): \$5.50/2 hours.

## Region III

### Catoosa WMA

#### Genesis Checking Station (Tier 1 Range)

Open daily, except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only.  
Fee required. Tier 1 Range permit required which must be purchased from a TWRA license agent. No permits available at range.  
Adult (16 yrs.+): \$5.50/2 hours.

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 required which must be purchased from a TWRA license agent. No permits available at range.  
Adult (16 yrs.+): \$5.50/2 hours.

### Prentice Cooper WMA (Tier 1 Range)

Clint Smith - (423) 658-0298

Rifles and handguns only. No shotguns. Tier 1 Range permit required which must be purchased from a TWRA license agent. No permits available at range. Adult (16 yrs.+): \$5.50/2 hours.

#### Open:

- Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday only, daylight hours only. Closed during WMA Big Game hunts.

### South Cherokee WMA (Spring Creek Range)

(423) 338-3300

U.S. Forest Service Fee (\$3 per vehicle) required  
Annual pass available. Open daylight hours.  
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## 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.+): \$8.00/2 hours.

#### Hours:

Closed 1st full weekend of each month.

- **Pistol/rifle/archery ranges open:** Tuesday and Thursday: 1 p.m.–6 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sunday: 1 p.m.–6 p.m.
- **Shotgun ranges open:** Saturday and Sunday: 1 p.m.–6 p.m., Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.–10 p.m. (must arrive by 7 p.m. on Tuesdays)

### Chuck Swan WMA Firing Range (Tier 1 Range)

Dustin McCubbins - (865) 278-3248

Range open on Thursday and Friday noon to sunset, Saturday and Sunday sunrise to sunset. Closed during all big game quota hunts. No buckshot allowed. Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): \$5.50/2 hours.

### North Cumberland WMA Firing Range (Tier 1 Range)

Flatwoods Road. Fee required. Adult (16 yrs.+): \$5.50/2 hours.

Joe Elkins - (423) 566-8557

### North Cherokee WMA

(423) 735-1500

U.S. Forest Service Fee (\$2 per vehicle) required  
Annual pass available. 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.

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# PUBLIC HUNTING

## Other Hunting Lands

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

### Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area and Obed Wild and Scenic River

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

### Fort Campbell Outdoor Recreation

(270) 798-2175

Website: <http://campbell.armymwr.com/us/campbell/programs/hunting>

### Holston Army Ammunition Plant

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Website: [www.milanarsenalhunting.com](http://www.milanarsenalhunting.com)

### Tennessee State Forests

Operated by Tennessee Division of Forestry. State forests listed below are open to hunting during statewide seasons. For information concerning locations and state forest user regulations, consult website: <http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/topic/ag-forests-state-forests>

- Bledsoe State Forest
- Cedars of Lebanon State Forest
- Franklin State Forest

- Lone Mountain State Forest

- Stewart State Forest

### Tims Ford State Park Huntable Lands

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

### Big Hill Pond State Park(McNairy Co.) Huntable Lands

The portion that is south of the railroad tracks is open to hunting during the statewide seasons. Wild hogs may be taken during deer season by licensed deer hunters.

## 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

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(731) 772-0501

### Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges

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

## TWRA PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS (PHAs)

TWRA has established numerous PHAs; see list below.

A PHA is a specific land or water area, or both, not intensively managed that is established for the protection of wildlife species and public use by both consumptive and nonconsumptive users. PHAs differ from WMAs in that less intensive management activities occur and they are generally small and isolated from other TWRA managed lands. General WMA Regulations (pg 36) 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](http://www.tnwildlife.org) and search for Wildlife Management Area Maps).

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

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

Open with seasons same as North Cherokee WMA (see pg. 64): Big Springs (Sullivan Co.), Henderson Swamp (Washington Co.).

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# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

**There are over 100 WMAs, PHAs 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 areas open with the statewide season, regulations specific to the county are applicable, except when special regulations are listed specifically for individual WMAs.**

### General Regulations

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

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

**Bag limits:** Statewide bag and possession limits apply unless special exception is indicated. Deer defined as "bonus" animals do not count toward statewide, seasonal or daily bag limits.

**Baiting:** The placement or depositing of any type of food to feed or attract wildlife on WMAs, PHAs, and Refuges is prohibited.

**Dog training:** Year-round unless otherwise indicated.

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

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



**On some WMAs, antlered deer 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 deer's ears, then the outside antler spread is at least 15 inches.**

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

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

**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 WMAs) 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 (ORVs) 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. 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 or possession of pen-raised quail is prohibited except on approved field trial areas on Percy Priest and Tellico Lake WMAs (Manager approval required).

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

**Target practice is prohibited** except on designated ranges. See page 34 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 and Cordell Hull Refuge, 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.

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# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

## Big Game Hunting on WMAs

**Permits:** WMAs with a "BG" below the name require a Big Game WMA Permit in order to hunt big game, in addition to the regular hunting and big game licenses. There are two types of big game WMA permits for all WMAs depending upon the hunt: Quota and Special Season/WMA Nonquota Big Game. Quota Permits must be obtained by application to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and are allocated based upon a computer random drawing. WMA Nonquota Big Game/Special Antlerless Season Permits (Type 094) 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. 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 or Type 095 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 in June.

**WMA permits are not transferable.**

**Youth 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 blaze 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 blaze orange.

**WMA Big Game Quota Hunts:** See page 39 for details and application periods.

**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 above the hairline unless otherwise specified. On antlerless only hunts, antlerless deer are defined as those deer with no antler protruding above the hairline.

**Big Game Check-In Procedures:** See pages 15 and 21.

**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.

## 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.

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

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

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

Crow may be taken on small game hunt days that coincide with the statewide crow season unless an

exception is noted (see page 18).

**Falconry** open with statewide falconry seasons unless an exception is noted.

**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 that require a small game permit. On Cherokee and LBL management areas, dogs are allowed on improved roads and in permitted camping areas. All dogs must be detained by chain or leash if not being legally used for hunting.

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

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

## Waterfowl Hunting on WMAs

**Permits:** WMAs with a "WF" below 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 must have either a Type 091 or Type 092 in addition to their license.

## Blind Site Drawings

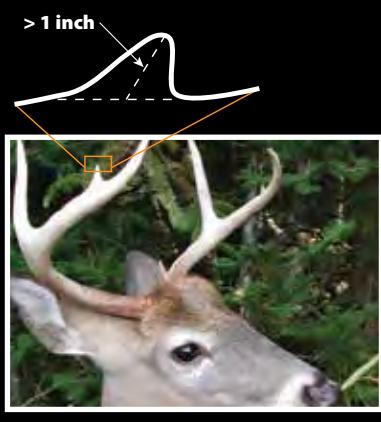
A valid Lifetime, Annual or Senior Citizen Sportsman License, or an Annual WMA Small Game and Waterfowl Permit (along with a Type 001 or 071 as appropriate) are the minimum needed to enter the blind site drawings in August.

## Hand-Held Drawings

Hand-held drawings will be held on the first Saturday in August for the permanent (annual) waterfowl blind sites on AEDC (Woods Reservoir), 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), Reelfoot, Tigrett and West Sandy WMAs. 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 a.m. and 10 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

## Measuring an Antler Point

For deer check-in and on WMA hunts with special antler regulations, a measurable point is defined as a projection at least one inch long, measured from the tip of the point to the nearest edge of the beam, following mid-line of the projection, as illustrated below.



the drawing or sign-on. The permittee, who is the person to whom the TWRA issued a permit, or any of their sign-ons, must occupy the blind by the legal shooting time on days they wish to hunt. The permittee or sign-ons have priority use (exclusive and uninterrupted) only if they are in the blind on or before the legal 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.

If the blind is not occupied by the permittee or a sign-on by legal shooting time, the first person or party occupying the blind shall be entitled to the privilege of its exclusive and uninterrupted use until the end of shooting hours that day. Exclusive and uninterrupted use entitles the person or party the right to exclude all others from the blind, at the person's or party's option, except for law enforcement personnel engaged in the performance of their duties; no more than 8 individuals, age 16 or older, may occupy a permanent (annual) draw blind at any time; no restrictions on the number of youths under age 16.

### **Permanent Draw Blind Sites**

Waterfowl hunting on all the above WMAs (except Big Sandy, Camden (Unit II), Harmon Creek, Reelfoot, and West Sandy) permitted only from permanent blind sites allocated by the annual hand-held drawing, unless otherwise specified. On Big Sandy, Camden (Unit II),

Harmon Creek, Reelfoot, and West Sandy, hunting is permitted from registered blind sites and from temporary blinds or hides. Temporary blinds and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blind. Blinds, blind materials, boats, hides and decoys must be removed at the end of shooting hours each day.

### **West Sandy (Springville Bottoms) and Reelfoot Lake**

A valid Lifetime, Annual or Senior Citizen Sportsman License, or an Annual WMA Small Game and Waterfowl Permit (along with a Type 001 or 071 as appropriate) are the minimum required to register blinds on West Sandy. West Sandy blind sites must be registered at the designated location on the first Saturday in August by 10 a.m. (CST). A Reelfoot Waterfowl Blind Permit (Type 025) is required to register blinds on Reelfoot Lake. Reelfoot blinds must be registered with the TWRA Sales Office prior to August 1. 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 or repaired or any floating blinds moved onto the area that have not met the deadline for registering that blind. Unregistered and/or unnumbered blinds

are subject to removal. Individuals claiming permanent blind sites on these two areas may not compete in annual blind site drawings on any other areas.

### **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 and Natural Area, Thorny Cypress, White Oak (Lebanon Pond area) will be allocated by a computerized drawing. Hunters can apply through any TWRA license agent or on the internet at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) from Sept. 7-28, 2016.

No portion of a blind used for discharging firearms at game may be locked or barricaded 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. Refer

## **Quota Hunts**

### **What exactly is a quota hunt?**

TWRA realizes that on some WMAs, the number of animals harvested must be restricted so there will not be a major impact on the wildlife. In these areas, the agency uses a quota hunt system. Wildlife biologists determine how many animals need to be harvested then determine how many permits need to be issued in order to reach their harvest goals. Hunters apply for individual hunts, and then a computer randomly selects hunters until all the permits are allocated.

### **How do I apply for a quota hunt?**

All applications are electronically processed through the "Online License Center" on the internet at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org), through TWRA's "On The Go" mobile app, or through any TWRA license agent. No mail-in applications are accepted.

### **What is "priority"?**

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

### **Priority Facts:**

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

drawings. When a person is drawn for a quota hunt, his/her priority points will be reset to "0" the following year.

- Spring Turkey WMA: Maximum of five (5) priority points.
- WMA Big Game: No limit. Currently the maximum number of priority points any hunter will have going into the 2016 WMA drawing will be eleven (11).
- WMA Young Sportsman hunts are given a maximum of two (2) priority points.
- Elk and youth elk hunts: No priority. An applicant successfully drawn may not reapply for 10 years.

### **How much does it cost to apply?**

Unless you are a Sportsman License holder the cost is \$13.00 non-refundable for each permit applied for. Example: The "Maximum Awarded Permits" for WMA Big Game is two, meaning two drawings are held for the same pool of applicants. You may choose to enter one drawing; you will only be eligible for one permit, and the cost will be \$13.00, plus any applicable fees. If you enter both drawings, you will be eligible for two permits, and the cost will be \$26.00, plus any fees. You must choose the number of drawings, party information and hunt choices on one application. Please see the application instruction sheet for the hunt you are interested in for additional information ([www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)).

### **WMA Quota Hunt Application Periods**

Big Game: June 15 - July 27, 2016

Waterfowl Blind Sites: Sept. 7-28, 2016

Spring Turkey: Dec. 4, 2016 - Jan. 18, 2017

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

# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

to the 2016 Waterfowl Guide for additional restrictions.

## Youths hunting waterfowl on a WMA:

Youths, ages 6–15, must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in position to take immediate control of the hunting device except as otherwise noted.

## 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.

## High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit

This permit is required for hooved animal riding, bicycling, and OHV use on WMAs with an "HI" below their names. Refer to the individual listing for each WMA for more specific information on which activities are permitted.

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## Wildlife Management Area (WMA) - Icon Key

| <b>Big Game</b>   |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|
|                   | Bear   |  |
|                   | Fall Turkey  |  |
| <b>Small Game</b> |  |  |
|                   | Coyote   |  |
|                   | Grouse   |  |
|                   | Rabbit   |  |
|                   | Fall Squirrel  |  |
|                   | Waterfowl  |  |
| <b>Other</b>      |  |  |
|                   | Shooting Range   |  |
|                   | WMA Dog Training (Year-round except as otherwise noted.) |  |
| <b>Permit Key</b> |  |  |
| <b>BG</b>         | Quota or nonquota big game WMA permit.                   |  |
| <b>SG</b>         | Small game or small game/waterfowl combo WMA permit.     |  |
| <b>WF</b>         | Small game and waterfowl combo WMA permit.               |  |
| <b>NP</b>         | No permit required.                                      |  |
| <b>HI</b>         | High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit                  |  |

## Using the Icons:

If an icon is listed in a WMA, that season is open with possible restrictions that will be listed.

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 38-42). **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 there.

Special regulations pertaining to each WMA will be listed in blue italics below the WMA location and contact information.

## 204- BEAR HOLLOW MOUNTAIN

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

*ATVs may be used only on existing roads and only to retrieve harvested deer.*

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

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

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

**WMA Region I****101-BARKLEY**

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

**UNIT I • SG, WF, BG**

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

*Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the late duck season(s).*

Same as statewide seasons except as noted. Deer and Small Game hunting is only allowed on days waterfowl hunting is closed during the late duck seasons.

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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

Duck seasons 45 days or longer: Hunting of waterfowl during the late duck and goose seasons permitted only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck and goose seasons.

Dog training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15, except closed during the late duck season.

**UNIT II • SG, WF, BG**

ALL OF BARKLEY WMA EXCEPT THAT DEFINED AS UNIT I

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**102-BEAN SWITCH REFUGE**

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

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

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

Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. 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

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

Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

**104-BEECH RIVER**

HENDERSON/DECATUR COUNTIES • 278 ACRES  
SOUTH OF DARDEN OFF OF HWY 412  
CHAD HARDEN (731) 687-3444

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



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

**105-BIG SANDY (GIN CREEK)**

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

*All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before each 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 late duck season, 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 late duck season(s).*

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

Waterfowl - Same as statewide season,

except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck and goose seasons permitted only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck and goose seasons.

Dog training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15, except closed during late duck 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

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

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## Big Game Small Game

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

 Deer - Archery equipment only during the muzzleloader season. Closed to Young Sportsman deer hunts.

 Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

 Dog training - Sep. 1 - Nov. 14.

## 107-BOGOTA

DYER COUNTY • 2,293 ACRES  
JASON MAXEDON (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. 5 - Jan. 15.

 Special Dove (Youth) - Sep. 3, noon until sunset. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Designated fields only.

Dove - Sep. 4 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 late duck season 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 seasons to coincide with statewide season after the youth waterfowl season, no pool restrictions or drawings.

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

Designated pools (except Pool 1) will be allocated by computer draw. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. No waterfowl hunters permitted in Pool 1 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).

No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials and boats must be removed daily.

Hunters are restricted to pools or numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually.

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.

 Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. One bearded turkey counts towards statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

 Dog Training- Sep. 1 - Oct. 31.

## 108-CAMDEN

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

### UNIT I • SG, WF, BG

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

*Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited during the late duck season(s).*

### Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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

 Dog training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15 except closed during the late duck season.

### UNIT II • SG, WF, BG

### Big Game Small Game

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

 Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

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

 Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound Only Blind Sites) - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on Oct. 23. 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. Any temporary blinds, hides and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blind and removed at the end of the hunt day.

 Dog training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15 except closed during the late duck season.

## 109-CHAMBERS CREEK

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

### Big Game Small Game

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

 Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

## 110-CHICKASAW STATE FOREST

HARDEMAN/CHESTER COUNTIES 11,215 ACRES  
BRANDON GILBERT (901) 878-0855 • NP

### Big Game Small Game

Same as statewide seasons.

## 111-C. M. GOOCH

OBION COUNTY • 7,000 ACRES  
EAST OF HWY. 51 AND SOUTH OF OBION  
LARRY ARMSTRONG (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 late duck season. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

 Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

 Turkey - One non-quota hunts: April 15 - May 7. 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 during the late duck season(s).

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

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

## 112-COLONEL FORREST V. DURAND

MADISON COUNTY • 374 ACRES  
BEHIND THE JACKSON FAIRGROUNDS  
PATRICK LEMONS (731) 697-5200



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

Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

## 113-CYPRESS POND REFUGE

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

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



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

Dove - Sep. 1, noon-sunset. Closed Sep. 2. Re-opens Sep. 3, continuing with statewide season.

## 114-DRY CREEK

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



Same as statewide seasons.

Quail - Nov. 5 - 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 February, except Bomprezzi Unit. Observation tower open only during Meeman Shelby Forest hunt dates that coincide with the hunting season. Dog training is 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.*



Same as statewide seasons and bag limits, except as noted. Hunting allowed Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday only. Closed to waterfowl hunting.

Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Hunt days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts towards statewide bag limit.

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

### BOMPRESZI UNIT



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Shotguns only for small game. Muzzleloaders and shotguns with rifled slugs are legal for deer. Centerfire rifles are prohibited. No antlerless deer may be taken during the statewide deer gun season.

Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

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

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 116-ERNEST RICE, SR.

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



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

*Dog training is closed.*



Waterfowl, Raccoon, Opossum - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl,

raccoon and opossum seasons are not closed during the big game hunts.

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

Deer - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only. Antlered deer must be spike or nine antler points or better. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during Muzzleloader and Gun seasons.

Deer (Gun) - One hunt: Dec. 17-23. One deer, antlered only. Antlered deer must be spike or nine antler points or better.

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

Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 117-FORT RIDGE

NORTH HAYWOOD COUNTY • 1,570 ACRES  
ALONG THE SOUTH FORK OF FORKED DEER  
RIVER, OFF OF HWY. 54  
PATRICK LEMONS (731) 697-5200



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

Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward the statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - same as statewide season.

## 118-GRAY'S CREEK

HARDEMAN COUNTY • 288 ACRES  
NORTH OF BOLIVAR OFF OF HWY 18  
BRANDON GILBERT (901) 878-0855



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

Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

## 119-HARMON CREEK

BENTON COUNTY • 983 ACRES

DAVID ULDERICH (731) 584-7317 • SG, WF, BG

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



Same as statewide seasons.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

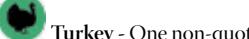
## 120-HART'S MILL

NORTHWEST CARROLL COUNTY AND SOUTHEAST WEAKLEY COUNTY • 1,758 ACRES ALONG THE SOUTH FORK OF OBION RIVER OFF OF HWY. 105 AND HWY. 190

LARRY ARMSTRONG (731) 749-5587



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward the statewide bag limit. Closed to fall turkey season.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

## 121-HOP-IN REFUGE

OBION COUNTY • 650 ACRES

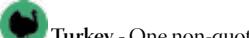
ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE OBION RIVER, HWY. 89 NEAR KENTON

LARRY ARMSTRONG (731) 749-5587 • SG, BG

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



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



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

## 122-HORNS BLUFF REFUGE

CROCKETT/GIBSON COUNTIES • 1,790 ACRES SIX MILES NORTHEAST OF ALAMO OFF HWY. 54 PATRICK LEMONS (731) 697-5200 • SG, BG, WF

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

Same as statewide seasons except for closure



dates. Deer hunting with archery equipment only. Closed to quail hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward the statewide bag limit.

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



Waterfowl - North unit (portion of refuge north of Middle Fork Forked Deer River Channel) open to waterfowl hunting on Saturday and Sunday during late duck season(s). 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 LARRY ARMSTRONG (731) 749-5587 • SG, WF, BG

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



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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Deer - Antlered deer must be spikes or must have nine points or more. No antlerless deer to be taken during the gun season. Deer count toward Unit L bag limit. All deer taken must be checked in at Cold Creek Grocery, Woodard's Grocery or Hargett's Meat Processing. Tree Stands must be marked with hunter's TWRA ID Number.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Dove - Open Sep. 3 at noon through the remainder of the statewide seasons. One youth-only field and two adult fields.



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

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



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 125-LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES

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

## 126-LICK CREEK

BENTON COUNTY • 198 ACRES

DAVID ULDERICH (731) 593-0588 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons.



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



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 127-MANESS SWAMP REFUGE

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

LARRY ARMSTRONG (731) 749-5587 • SG, BG

*Closed Nov. 1 - Feb. 14 to all forms of use and trespass unless otherwise indicated. Designated observation areas will be open year-round.*



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



Turkey - One non-quota turkey hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

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

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

*All hunters are required to register and obtain a free permit at the park headquarters (901) 876-5215. Shotgun, muzzleloader and archery equipment only. Rifles and handguns are prohibited.*

Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday within statewide seasons, except as noted. No antlerless deer may be taken during the statewide deer gun season. Closed to spring squirrel hunting. Small game hunters must meet blaze orange requirements.



Special Squirrel Hunt (Youth) - Aug 20.



Waterfowl - Waterfowl Hunting (Draw Zone) - Late season Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by computer draw and is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. Decoys may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Draw hunts will be Opening day(s) and Thursday-Saturday. Hunting will be limited to designated areas.

Waterfowl Hunting (Non-Draw Zone) - Same as statewide seasons on opening days and Thursday-Saturday.

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



Turkey (Young-Sportsman) - One hunt: Mar. 25. One bearded turkey.

Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Hunt days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.



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



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



Dog Training - Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

Field Trials - Sep. 1 - Apr. 30.

## **129-MOSS ISLAND**

DYER COUNTY • 5,119 ACRES  
SIX MILES SOUTH OF HWY. 20  
ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER LEVEE,  
23 MILES WEST OF DYERSBURG  
JASON MAXEDON (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 - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only. Antlered deer must be spike or nine antler points or better. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during Muzzleloader and Gun Seasons.

Deer (Gun) - One hunt: Dec. 17-23. One deer, antlered only. Antlered deer must be spike or nine antler points or better.

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



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts towards statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



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

## **130-NATCHEZ TRACE**

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

Same as statewide seasons, excepted as noted.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



Shooting Range - See page 34.

## **131-NEW HOPE**

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

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

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## **132-OBION RIVER**

OBION/WEAKLEY/GIBSON COUNTIES

8,500 ACRES

ALONG THE OBION RIVER BETWEEN

HWY. 45W AND HWY. 45E

LARRY ARMSTRONG (731) 749-5587 • SG, WF, BG

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

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Closed to fall turkey hunting.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts towards statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## **MANESS SWAMP HUNTING UNIT**

NORTH OF STATE HWY. 445, BORDERED BY THE SOUTH FORK AND MIDDLE FORK OF THE OBION RIVERS AS MARKED.

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



Turkey - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts towards statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck seasons permitted only on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck seasons. All hunting shall cease at 3 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of the season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset.

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

# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

## 133-PARKER BRANCH

GIBSON COUNTY • 358 ACRES  
OFF HWY. 186 BETWEEN GIBSON AND TRENTON  
PATRICK LEMONS (731) 697-5200 • SG, BG

*Farm pond closed to fishing sunset to sunrise.*



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



Turkey - One non-quota hunt:  
April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey  
counts toward the statewide bag limit.

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



Dog training - Nov. 1 - March 15.

## 134-PERRY SWITCH

MADISON COUNTY - 210 ACRES  
SOUTHEAST OF JACKSON OFF OF DEEP GAP RD.  
PATRICK LEMONS (731) 697-5200



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



Turkey - One non-quota hunt:  
April 15 - May 7. One bearded turkey, counts  
toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide  
season.

## 135-PRESIDENTS ISLAND

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

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



Deer (Archery - Excluding Ensley Unit) - One  
antlerless hunt: Oct. 14-16. Hunter quota 150.  
Bag limit two deer (Bonus deer), which may be  
antlerless or spike antlered deer. Scouting date  
Oct. 13. Permit holders only.

Deer (Archery - Excluding Ensley Unit) - One  
hunt: Dec. 2-4. Hunter quota 50. Two deer, one  
antlered, and one antlerless (bonus deer). Antlered  
deer must have at least nine antler points. Scouting date:  
Dec. 1 for the Dec. 2-4 permit holders only.

### ENSLEY UNIT

*Access permitted from Shelby Drive only.*



Deer (Archery - Ensley Unit) - One hunt:  
Dec. 2-4. Hunter quota 30. One deer, antlered  
only (bonus deer). Antlered deer must have at least  
nine antler points. Scouting date: Dec. 1 for the  
Dec. 2-4 permit holders only.

## 136-REELFOOT

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

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



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



Opossum, Raccoon - Sunset, Aug.  
28 - the last day of Feb. No limit.



Deer - Same as statewide season except  
archery only from Nov. 12 until the end of the  
statewide deer seasons and antlered deer only  
during muzzleloader season. Deer count toward  
statewide bag limit.



Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Open with  
statewide season.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



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



Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound only  
blind sites) - Application must be received by  
the TWRA Region I Office by noon on Oct. 28.  
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.



Youth Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound only  
blind sites) - Application must be received by Oct.

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

## SHELBY FOREST

SEE MEEMAN-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK AND  
NATURAL AREA

## 137-SOUTH FORK WATERFOWL REFUGE

MADISON COUNTY • 778 ACRES • ON HWY. 412  
PATRICK LEMONS (731) 697-5200 • 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 late duck season.  
No access during refuge closure dates except for  
waterfowl hunters on open hunt days. Fall turkey  
season closed.



Turkey - One non-quota hunt:  
April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey  
counts toward statewide bag limit.

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



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

## 138-SPRING CREEK

MADISON COUNTY - 439 ACRES  
WEST OF SPRING CREEK OFF OF HWY 152  
PATRICK LEMONS (731) 697-5200



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



Turkey - One non-quota hunt:  
April 15 - May 7. One bearded turkey, counts toward  
statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide  
season.

**139-THORNY CYPRESS**

DYER COUNTY • 3,100 ACRES

TRACT I - BETWEEN HWY. 104 AND I-155  
TRACT II - BETWEEN BOOTHSPONT RD. AND  
WHITE LAKE REFUGE

JASON MAXEDON (731) 285-6124 • SG, WF, BG

Big Game   Small Game   Waterfowl

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



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts towards statewide bag limit.

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



**Dog training** - Sept. 1 - Oct. 31



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck season 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. 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.

No waterfowl hunters permitted in Pool 10, Pool 11 or Pool 12 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). No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials and boats must be removed daily.

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

**140-THREE RIVERS**

OBION COUNTY • 1,577 ACRES

LARRY ARMSTRONG (731) 749-5587 • SG, WF, BG

Big Game   Small Game   Waterfowl

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



**Turkey** - One non-quota: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

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



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - 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 late duck season(s).

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



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



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

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

**141-TIGRETT**

DYER COUNTY • 7,419 ACRES

PATRICK LEMONS (731) 697-5200 • SG, WF, BG

Big Game   Small Game   Waterfowl

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

All small game hunting (excluding waterfowl hunting) closed on this area during the Young Sportsman hunts.



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

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



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



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

**144-WEST SANDY**

(SPRINGVILLE BOTTOMS)

HENRY COUNTY • 4,319 ACRES

DAVID ULDERICH (731) 593-0588 • SG, WF, BG

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

Big Game

Small Game



Same as statewide seasons,



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

Waterfowl

**Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound Only Blind Sites)** - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on Oct. 28. 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. Any temporary blinds, hides and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blind and removed at the end of the hunt day.

Quail

- Dec. 1-31.

Dog training

- Sep. 1 - Mar. 15. Closed during the late duck season.

**142-TULL BOTTOM**

CHESTER COUNTY • 1,184 ACRES

EAST OF HENDERSON ALONG THE SOUTH FORK

OF THE FORKED DEER RIVER OFF OF HWY. 200

CHAD HARDEN (731) 687-3444

Big Game   Small Game

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



**Turkey** - One non-quota hunt: April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

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

**145-WHITE LAKE REFUGE**

DYER COUNTY • 1,194 ACRES

JASON MAXEDON (731) 285-6124 • SG, BG

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

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Big Game



Small Game

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



Turkey - One non-quota hunt:

April 15 - May 7. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

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

## 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.*



Big Game



Small Game



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



Dove - Sep. 1, noon-sunset. Closed Sep. 2. Re-opens Sep. 3 continuing with statewide season.



Quail - Nov. 30 - Dec. 31.



Deer - Same as statewide seasons, except archery-only deer hunting after Nov. 27. 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 ten temporary staked blind sites designated by GPS coordinates. Successful applicants and 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 • 10,230 ACRES ON HWY. 57 EAST OF MEMPHIS, ALONG THE WOLF RIVER 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)



Big Game



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

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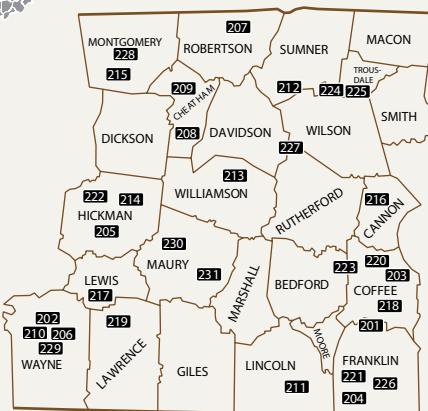
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# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

## WMA Region II



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

REAL systems license agents or on the internet. Unit 2 permits are valid only for Unit 2 and only for the hunt dates drawn.

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Feb. 28 (see exceptions)

Turkey - Open - Friday, Saturday and Sundays of statewide season.

Turkey - Dec. 3-11. No hunter quota. Three turkeys, either sex.

Deer - All deer hunting season dates are subject to coordination with military training mission. Hunt dates will be confirmed a month in advance and advertised on the TWRA website and posted at the sign-in stations. Special quota permits will be sold by TWRA license agents or on the internet.

Deer / Turkey (Archery) - Three hunts: Oct. 7 - 9, 14-16, 21-23. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex. Only one may be antlered. Bonus deer. One turkey, either sex.

Deer (Young Sportsman-Shotgun/Muzzleloader) - Oct. 1-2. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex. Only one may be antlered. Bonus deer.

Deer (Shotgun/Muzzleloader) - Two potential hunts: Nov. 11-13, 25-27. Hunter quota 200. Two deer, either sex. Only one may be antlered. Bonus deer.

#### UNITS 3, 4, 5, & 6

##### Small Game

Units 3-6 make up the remainder of the WMA.

##### Deer (Special Regulations)

Archery hunts are non-quota.

Muzzleloader/Shotgun hunts are quota hunts and Unit 3-6 permits are valid only for Units 3-6 and only for the hunt dates drawn.

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Feb. 28 (see exceptions)

Deer- Turkey (Archery) - Three hunts: Oct. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23 - No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex. Only one may be antlered. Bonus deer. One turkey either sex.

Deer (Young Sportsman-Shotgun/Muzzleloader) - Oct. 1-2. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex. Only one may be antlered. Bonus deer.

Deer (Shotgun/Muzzleloader) - Two hunts: Nov. 11-13, 25-27. Hunter quota 600. Two deer either sex. Only one may be antlered. Bonus deer.

Turkey - Open Friday, Saturday and Sundays of statewide season.

Turkey - Dec. 3-11. Three turkeys, either sex.



**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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 203-BARK CAMP BARRENS

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Rabbit - Nov. 5 - 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 - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 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. Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while horseback riding. No tying horses to trees. Hooved animal riding permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. Riding is allowed in designated areas only. Horses and other saddle and pack animals are prohibited during big game seasons.*

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

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



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

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 205-BEAVER DAM CREEK

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 206-BROWNTOWN

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 207-CEDAR HILL SWAMP

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



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

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 208-CHEATHAM

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

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

*Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Antlered deer only during muzzleloader and gun seasons.

Turkey - One hunt: Oct. 10-21. Hunter quota 150. Two turkeys, either sex.



**Turkey** - Same as statewide spring season.



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



**Dog training** - Daylight hours only.



**Firing Range** - Open 12 noon until one hour after sunset daily. Automatic weapons prohibited.

Archery Range - Open daily. Field points only.

## 209-CHEATHAM LAKE

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



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

Hunting on remainder of Cheatham Lake WMA same as statewide season, except during the late duck season when hunting is open only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and the last day of each segment of the late statewide duck season.

Waterfowl hunting is permitted only from registered blind sites and from staked temporary blind sites during the late duck season.

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

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

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



**Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound only blind site)** - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region II Office by noon on the Oct. 28. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible.



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



**Dog Training** - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15, except closed during duck seasons.

## CHEATHAM LAKE - PARDUE POND REFUGE AND DYSON DITCH REFUGE

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer. All seasons closed during

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refuge closure dates unless otherwise indicated. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.

 Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

 Turkey - One hunt: Oct. 10-21. Hunter quota 50. Two turkeys, either sex.

## 210-EAGLE CREEK

WAYNE COUNTY • 22,000 ACRES

NEAR WAYNESBORO

PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 Quail - Nov. 5 - 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. 5 - Jan. 15.

 Dog training - Daylight hours only.

## 212-GALLATIN STEAM PLANT

SUMNER COUNTY • 250 ACRES • NEAR GALLATIN  
REGION II OFFICE (615) 781-6622 • BG

*Free Gallatin Steam Plant daily permit required in addition to WMA permit. Daily permits available at the cemetery parking area kiosk. Follow instructions on permit. Parking in designated areas. No camping. Scouting begins one week prior to opening day. Closed to dog training.*

 Deer, Turkey - Same as statewide season, except as noted. Archery equipment only. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during muzzleloader and gun seasons.

## 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 - Sep. 3. Youth only (6-16) accompanied by a non-hunting adult, and shooting is from staked positions only. Sep. 5 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.

 Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

 Deer (Archery, Muzzleloader, Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

Deer (Gun) - Three hunts: Nov. 19-21, Dec. 10-12, 24-26. Hunter quota 80. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

 Turkey - Two hunts: Apr. 1-4, 22-25. Hunter quota 50. One bearded bird.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - Same as statewide season.

## 215-HAYNES BOTTOM

MONTGOMERY COUNTY • 971 ACRES

NEAR DOTSONVILLE, ADJOINING THE CUMBERLAND RIVER

ERIC TUMMINS (615) 792-4510 • SG, WF, BG

*Night hunting, trapping, dog training and fishing prohibited in the waterfowl impoundment from Oct. 15 - May 31.*

*Participating waterfowl hunters only in the bottoms from the beginning of the late duck season through the conclusion of the youth waterfowl hunt.*

*No horseback riding during big game hunts.*

 Big Game

 Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. During the late duck season, waterfowl and small game hunting is open only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the late statewide duck season.

 Waterfowl - Waterfowl hunting permitted only from registered blind sites beginning with the first day of the late duck season.

 Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

 Dog training - open all year-round. Daylight hours only.

## 216-HEADWATERS

CANNON COUNTY • 600 ACRES (IN 4 PARCELS)

NEAR WOODBURY

MICHAEL BOBEL • (615) 444-6673 • SG, BG

*No ATVs permitted.*

*Parking in designated areas only.*

*No parking at Blanton School Road gate (May 31 - Sept 15). Use River Road Trail access/parking during Blanton School gate closure.*

 Big Game

 Small Game



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

Blaze orange required by all users during deer muzzleloader and gun hunts.

Night hunting prohibited.

 Dog training - Daylight hours only.

## 217-HICK HILL

LEWIS COUNTY • 3,608 ACRES

SOUTH OF HOHENWALD

PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, BG

 Big Game

 Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 218-HICKORY FLATS

COFFEE COUNTY • 623 ACRES

NORTH OF ASBURY RD

WES WINTON (931) 967-6101 • SG, BG

 Big Game

 Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 Quail - Nov. 7 - Jan. 15.

**219-LAUREL HILL**

LAWRENCE COUNTY • 14,952 ACRES  
WEST OF LAWRENCEBURG OFF HWY. 64  
Checking Station, 74 VFW Rd. Lawrenceburg  
PAM McDONALD (931) 762-5749 • SG, WF, BG, HI

**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.**

**Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Foot traffic only beyond cables/gates during spring turkey season.**

**Small Game**

Same as statewide season except as noted.

Small game hunting is closed sunset day before and during big game hunts.

Coyote may be taken during daylight hours only during any open season with weapons specified for that season.

Bobcat may be taken on big game hunts that coincide with statewide season dates and may be taken with weapon legal for that hunt.



Raccoon, Opossum - Sep. 9 -

Feb. 28. Bag limit 2 raccoon per person per night. Opossum: no limit.

Fox Chasing - No fox chasing permitted.



Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Sep. 17 - Oct. 2. Three deer, either sex, only one antlered (bonus deer). 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 (Gun - Young Sportsman) - One hunt: Oct. 15-16. One deer, either sex (bonus deer), no antler restrictions.

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Oct. 20-23. Hunter quota 500. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - Three hunts: Nov. 11-13, 25-27, Dec. 2-4. Hunter quota 500. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).



Turkey - Same as statewide spring turkey season.



Waterfowl - On the WMA, only goose hunting is permitted and only in the fields. Jan. 14 - 29. Same as statewide season. On Laurel Hill lake, waterfowl hunting (duck and goose) is allowed by boat only.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



Trapping - Dec. 1 - Feb. 11.



Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15, except during big game hunts, daylight hours only.

**SHIELDS FARM UNIT**

Big Game



Small Game



Quail

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Centerfire rifles and handguns prohibited.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

**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. Small game hunting is closed after 3 p.m. (CST) during the late duck season. The sub-impoundment units as posted are closed to all types of activity five days prior to the opening of the first segment of the late duck season. Raccoon and opossum hunting, trapping and fishing are prohibited in sub-impoundments during the late waterfowl season.



Dove (Youth/Adult) - Youth/Adult only hunt is Sep. 3 on Barton's Creek. Hunting begins at 6 a.m.

Dove - Same as statewide season, except for Barton's Creek. Barton's Creek opens Sep. 5 and every Friday-Sunday and Wednesday 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 late duck season. 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 late duck season.



Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound only blind site) - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region II Office by noon on the Oct. 28. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible.



Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15, except closed during duck seasons.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

**UNIT II**

Hwy. 109 downstream to Old Hickory Dam • SG, WF, BG



Big Game



Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



Waterfowl - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting from registered blind sites only, except during the early duck season. All goose hunting is from registered blinds only.

**223-NORMANDY**

BEDFORD/COFFEE COUNTIES • 750 ACRES ON NORMANDY LAKE  
WES WINTON - (931) 967-6101 • SG, BG



Big Game



Small Game



Quail

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

**224-OLD HICKORY**

SUMNER/WILSON/ROUDSALE COUNTIES NORTH OF LEBANON ON OLD HICKORY LAKE

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## UNIT III

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 5 - 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

TROUSDALE/WILSON COUNTIES • 900 ACRES  
NORTH OF LEBANON; LOCATED FROM HWY. 231  
UPSTREAM TO RIVER MILE 265.5  
MICHAEL BOBEL (615) 444-6673

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

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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

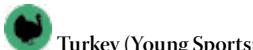


Quail (Young Sportsman Only) - Nov. 1 - Nov. 14.



Deer, Turkey (Young Sportsman Only) - Sept. 24-25, Oct. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16. Archery equipment only.

Deer, Turkey (Young Sportsman Only) - Oct. 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6. Archery and muzzleloader equipment only.



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

## 226- OWL HOLLOW MILL

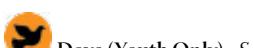
FRANKLIN COUNTY • 3,000 ACRES  
NEAR TIMS FORD LAKE  
STACY STEVENSON (931) 968-6215 • SG, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



Dove (Youth Only) - Sep. 3. Youth only (6-16) must be accompanied by a licensed non-hunting adult. Maple Bend Road field only. Rest of WMA closed.

Dove - Sep. 4. Entire WMA open to all ages for the remainder of the statewide dove season.

## 227-PERCY PRIEST

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

*Centerfire prohibited on all units.*

### UNIT I

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

*Unit I closed to all activity from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except as noted. Trucks and ATVs allowed off-road during field trials and training only.*

*All activities, except dove hunts on designated fields and scheduled field trials, prohibited on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Sept. 1 - Apr. 30.*

*Additional WMA closures for special field trial dates are determined by the manager. Currently, these additional dates are Oct. 10-11; Nov. 9-10; Dec. 5, 12; Jan. 2-3; Feb. 27; March 1-2, 30.*

Dove - Sep. 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 Sep. 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. 5th - Jan. 15th. Same as statewide seasons, except Monday through Thursday only. Shotguns only. Each Youth must be accompanied by an adult who may not hunt or carry weapons. Each adult must possess a valid hunting license and an area permit.

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

Deer (Muzzleloader) - Nov. 7-10, 14-17 except, on Monday through Thursday only. Remainder of deer season is archery only.

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

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

### UNIT II



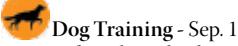
Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer is shotgun/muzzleloader/archery only. Fall turkey is archery only.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



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



Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Apr. 30. No hunting or training from horseback.

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

## 228-SHELTON FERRY

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer is archery equipment only, except during Young Sportsman hunts.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



Firing Range - Montgomery County Shooting Complex, see page 34.

## 229-TIE CAMP

WAYNE COUNTY • 8,088 ACRES  
NORTH OF WAYNESBORO  
PAM McDONALD (615) 762-5749 • SG, BG



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

**230-WILLIAMSOPRT**

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.*



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

**Dove** - Same as statewide season, except open only on Sep. 1 and every Saturday during the first segment. Designated fields only. Shooting from staked positions only on Sep. 1. On Sep. 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. 24-26, Oct. 1-3, 8-10. Two deer, either sex, but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Two hunts: Oct. 15-16, 22-23. Two deer, either sex, but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - One hunt: Nov. 5-7. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, either sex but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun)** - Four hunts: Nov. 19-21, 26-28, Dec. 10-12, 17-19. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, either sex but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).



**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Mar. 25-26. One bearded bird.



**Turkey** - Two hunts: Apr. 1-4, 15-18. One bearded bird per hunt.



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



**Crow** - Sep. 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** - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

**MAURY COUNTY • 12,325 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.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



**Firing Range** - Automatic weapons prohibited. See page 34.

**231-YANAHLI****Farmland Owner License Exemption Statement****FARMLAND OWNER LICENSE EXEMPTION STATEMENT**

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Map #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of landowner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of hunter/fisherman: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

TN Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that I am exempt from requirements to possess a hunting and fishing license under the terms of TCA 70-2-204(a) while hunting or fishing on the property identified above due to the following owner relationship. I am a resident of Tennessee and I am (check one):

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> an owner of the property | <input type="checkbox"/> a tenant on the property        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a spouse of the owner    | <input type="checkbox"/> a spouse of the tenant          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a child of the owner     | <input type="checkbox"/> a dependent child of the tenant |

*Signature of hunter/fisherman*

This card shall be completed, signed and submitted upon the request of an officer of the TWRA, or upon presenting game to a check station.

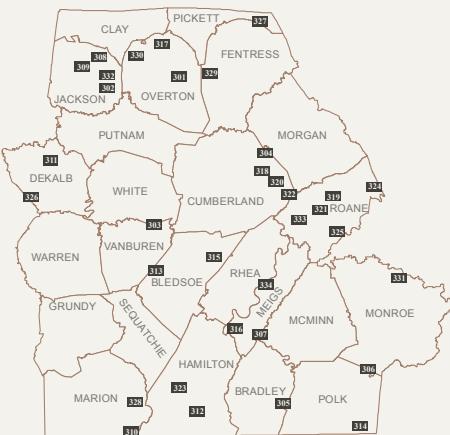
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TCA 70-2-204. Hunting and fishing on farm land - License exemption to owner, tenants and their spouses and children -

(a) The owners and tenants of farmlands, and their spouse and children, have the right to engage in the sport of hunting and fishing, subject to all the provisions of all laws or regulations concerning wildlife, upon such lands and waters thereon of which they or their spouses or parents are the bona fide owners or tenants with the permission of the landowners, 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 of the requirements needed to care for the farmland. The primary purpose of the tenancy shall be agricultural in nature.

# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

## WMA Region III



### 301-ALPINE MOUNTAIN

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

*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.*



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.



Same as statewide seasons, except deer season is closed Nov. 11-18 and after Dec. 9.



Deer (archery) - Sept. 24 - Oct. 28, Oct. 31 - Nov. 4. Bag limit: same as statewide season.

Deer (muzzleloader) - Nov. 5-10. Bag limit: same as statewide season.

Deer (gun/archery) - Nov. 19 - Dec. 9. Bag limit: same as statewide season.

Deer (gun/archery) - Young Sportsman: Oct. 29-30. Bag limit: same as statewide season.



Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

### 302-BLACKBURN FORK

SOUTHEASTERN JACKSON COUNTY • 600 ACRES  
WEST OF HWY 135, NORTH OF LANGFORD HILL RD, EAST OF SEVEN KNOBS ROAD AND SOUTH OF DANIEL HILL LANE  
REGION III OFFICE 931-484-9571

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



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



Dog Training - Sept. 1 - Mar. 15.

### 303-BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE CENTENNIAL WILDERNESS

WHITE COUNTY • 15,454 ACRES  
ON THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY LINE  
6 MILES SOUTH OF HWY. 70S  
JAMES DOUGLAS (931) 935-3280 • SG, BG

*No ATVs, motorcycles or hooved animal riding permitted. Closed to all non-hunting*

#### BIG BOTTOM UNIT • SG, BG, HI

*Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling, and OHV use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*

*Unauthorized entry is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.*

*Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.*



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



Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

### 304-CATOOSA

CUMBERLAND/MORGAN COUNTIES

79,740 ACRES

I-40 EXITS, PEAVINE, GENESIS

AND WESTEL ROADS

JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, HI

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

*Entire area open on all deer hunts. Catoosa WMA will be closed to all users Feb. 1 through last Friday in March except for walk-in small game hunting and trapping from Feb 1 - last day of Feb and the Cumberland Trail Corridor is open to through hiking year round. Guides prohibited on all hunts. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. During big game hunts, the area is open only to legal big game hunting participants, except the Cumberland Trail corridor is open to through hiking year round.*

*Big game hunters are required to check out big game and wild hogs at the WMA check stations when stations are in operation. Attention persons participating in the hog control hunt:*

*There have been multiple documented cases of Brucellosis in hogs on Catoosa. Use caution when handling harvested hogs. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 - fourth Friday in August, except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons.*

*Attention Cumberland Trail Corridor users: Pedestrian access through the Catoosa WMA on the Cumberland Trail corridor will be allowed year round. All users within the Cumberland Trail corridor must wear visible fluorescent clothing during deer gun and muzzleloader hunts, spring turkey hunts, and wild hog control hunts. During all deer hunts, spring turkey hunts, and wild hog control hunts pedestrian access is limited to within 100 feet on either side of the Cumberland Trail corridor.*

*Closed to bear hunting.*

*All dog training is prohibited.*



Same as statewide seasons, except closes at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts, unless otherwise noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season. Trapping and small game hunting closed during wild hog control season. Closed to quail hunting and dog training.

Rifles and handguns using center-fire ammunition are legal for hunting beaver, bobcat, foxes, coyotes,

groundhogs and crows only during big game seasons and the hunter must be a licensed legal big game hunter. During big game hunts, coyotes may be taken with any weapon legal for that hunt. Chasing fox, coyote or bobcat with dogs is not permitted.



Raccoon and opossum season is 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)** - Three hunts: Oct. 8-10, 11-13, 14-16. Archery equipment only. Area checking stations operated. Entire area open. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - One hunt: Nov. 17-20. Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Nov. 10-13. Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Oct. 29-30. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Dec. 1-4. Entire area open. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

**Wild Hog (Control Season - Dogs Permitted)** - Dec. 7-11, Jan. 4-8 Entire area open. No limit, either sex.

All participants in the hog control season must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange, visible front and back. Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking Deer, Bear or Elk. Legal hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset. Checking stations open on Catoosa—all hogs must be transported whole to the checking stations for data collection.

**Bullfrog** - Apr. 1 - Sep. 1. No hunting during turkey hunts.



**Turkey** - Six hunts: Apr. 7-9, 11-13, 18-20, 21-23, 25-27, 28-30. One turkey per hunt, not to exceed four per season.

**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Apr. 15-16. One turkey (bonus bird).



**Trapping** - Dec. 15 - Feb. 28.



**Firing Range (Genesis Checking Station)** - Open daily except during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Permit required (See pg. 36).

**Firing Ranges (Peavine Campground)** - Open Apr. 1 - Jan. 31, except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only. Permit required (See pg. 36).

### 305-CHARLOTTE ANN FINNELL NEAL

BRADLEY COUNTY • 495 ACRES

REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, WF, BG

*Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season closes Dec. 9. Archery equipment only for deer.

**Small Game**

Small game open Dec. 10 - last day of Feb., except as noted. Squirrel season open from last Saturday in Aug. to Sep. 23, and during spring squirrel season. Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



**Dog Training** - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

### 306-SOUTH CHEROKEE

ALONG THE TENNESSEE-NORTH CAROLINA STATE LINE SOUTH OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK • 250,000 ACRES  
DAVID WHITEHEAD (423) 884-6767 • BG

*Includes former Ocoee and Tellico Units. Bear reserves are closed to all big game hunting when the bear season (dogs permitted) is open on the South Cherokee. It is illegal to possess firearms with any breed of dog other than pointing breeds during daylight hours, excluding bear season, except as provided. Cherokee WMA Nonquota Big Game permit (Type 095 or Type 094) or Sportsman License required to hunt the 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. 5 - Jan. 15.

Small game hunters, except raccoon and opossum hunters, must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts.

Spring squirrel season is closed.

Small game hunting in bear reserves and party hunt area during scheduled party hunts prohibited one day before and during bear (dogs permitted) hunts.

Squirrel hunters utilizing dogs are limited to a maximum of 2 dogs per vehicle.

## 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 64.

## 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 Bald River

That portion of the Bald River and Tellico River drainages lying south of the Tellico River Road, and north of the Holly Flats Road.

### Lower Tellico

That portion of the Tellico River drainage lying east of Turkey Creek, north of the Tellico River Road, west of the North Carolina state line, and south of the Tellico-Robbinsville Road.

### Upper Bald River

That portion of the Bald River and Tellico River drainages lying south of the Tellico River road, south of the Holly Flats Road, and north of the North Carolina state line.

# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting outside of Bear Reserves during bear dog hunts and Jan. 1 - last day of February.

Season open on groundhog, fox and skunk during any small game hunt with weapons legal for that small game hunt. Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapon legal for that scheduled hunt. Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Bobcat hunting with dogs is prohibited.



**Deer/Bear (Archery)** - One hunt: Sep. 17-29. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). One bear, either sex, outside of bear reserves.

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - One hunt: Oct. 24-30. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Oct. 15-16. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun)** - Two hunts: Nov. 19-27, Dec. 12-26. Two deer, antlered only (bonus deer).



**Bear (Gun - Dogs Permitted)** - Four hunts: Oct. 1-9, Oct. 31 - Nov. 4, Nov. 28 - Dec. 11, Dec. 29-Jan. 1. 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. 1-2, Oct. 8-9, Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, Nov. 28-29. 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.

Non-hunting juveniles under the age of 13 may accompany an adult hunter (18 years old or older) who has a valid party-hunt permit. Juveniles must also comply with all regulations specified for permitted hunters.



**Opossum, Raccoon** - Outside of Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Nov. 5-17, Jan. 2 - last day of Feb. Inside Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Jan. 2 - Feb. 1. Hunters are limited to a maximum of two dogs per vehicle. The only legal weapons on a raccoon hunt are .22 caliber short and long rifles.



**Bear Dog Training Season** - Sep. 7-16. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. No training in bear reserves.



**Turkey** - Same as statewide spring turkey season.



**Trapping** - Jan. 2 - Feb. 28.



**Shooting ranges** - Open daylight hours only (see page 34).

**Safety Zone** - On the Cherokee WMA, hunting or discharging a firearm is prohibited within 150 yards of a developed recreation area, campsite, residence, building, occupied area, across or on a National

Forest system road. Contact the appropriate U.S. Forest Service office for more information.

**Horseback riding** - Horseback riding on properties owned by the U.S. Forest Service shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service regulations. Contact the U.S. Forest Service (423-476-9700). On those properties owned or leased by the TWRA, horseback riding is only allowed upon roads opened for vehicle travel. No riding off road into openings, fields, trails or through streams.



**Dog Training** - Dog training prohibited unless otherwise specified. The use or possession of any electronic tracking devices from Mar. 1 - Aug. 15 is illegal. Hunting of coyotes with dogs is prohibited.

## 307-CHICKAMAUGA

**BRADLEY/HAMILTON/MCMINN/MEIGS/RHEA COUNTIES • 4,000 ACRES**

### SODDY AND SALE CREEK

**GREG ATCHLEY (423) 693-6604 • SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Deer hunting with archery equipment only. Archery hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements during the statewide deer gun or muzzleloader seasons. Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl). Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller.

### COTTONPORT, WASHINGTON FERRY

**BERNIE SWINEY (423) 365-9166 • SG, WF, BG**

**SHELTON BOTTOMS, MUD CREEK, NEW BETHAL, MOON ISLAND, GOODFIELD CREEK, GILLESPIE BEND, LEDFORD ISLAND, AGENCY CREEK, SUGAR CREEK, SOUTH MOUSE CREEK UNITS**

**ROB KLIPPEL (423) 693-6791 • SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide hunting and trapping seasons. No waterfowl hunters permitted on Units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the duck season(s). Closed to quail hunting.

### CANDIES CREEK, JOHNSON BOTTOMS, ROGERS CREEK

**JASON JACKSON (423) 614-3018 • SG, WF, BG**

### YELLOW CREEK UNITS

**BERNIE SWINEY (423) 365-9166 • SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except units closed to all forms of trespass including fishing, trapping and hunting for all species except waterfowl from the first opening day of the late duck season until the last day of the late duck season and on the day before and during the Youth Waterfowl hunts. Closed to quail hunting.



**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting permitted on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the first and last day of the duck season. Waterfowl hunting ends at 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday only. No waterfowl hunters or other activities permitted on units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the duck seasons. Hunting is allowed only from registered blinds sites. Blind sites and hunting dates will be allocated through a computer drawing held in September. Quota application period runs from Sep. 7-28, 2016. Hunters selected for a blind site may bring up to four additional hunters. No more than five hunters per blind. No blind site may be hunted unless a hunter selected for that assigned blind site and date is present. Hunters may leave in place decoys and a temporary blind at their blind site during their assigned hunt date, but must remove all decoys at the end of their last hunt date. Young Sportsman hunters may hunt blind sites during the youth waterfowl season on a first come, first serve basis. Youth hunters during the youth waterfowl season must enter the hunting area only from established TWRA parking areas.



**Dog Training** - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15, except closed during late duck season.

## 308-CORDELL HULL

**JACKSON/SMITH COUNTIES • 25,000 ACRES INCLUDES ALL PROPERTY POSTED AND PAINTED WITH CORPS OF ENGINEER AND/OR TWRA SIGNS**

**GARY BLACK (931) 484-9571 • SG, WF, BG**



Same as statewide seasons, except deer hunting ends on Dec. 9. Closed to quail hunting. Wheelchair-bound hunter zone open to wheelchair-bound hunters only.



**Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only Zone** - That area in the old "Corps of Engineers Roaring River Campground" area of Cordell Hull WMA (north of Hwy. 135, north of Roaring River, south and east of Hwy. 85 and west of Old Roaring River Iron Bridge Road).



**Deer (Gun/Archery)** - Wheelchair bound hunting zone, Nov. 19 - 20. Deer bag limit is two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). Wheelchair-bound hunters only.



**Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only Zone)** - Apr. 1 - May 14. Wheelchair-bound hunters only. Two turkeys, either sex (bonus bird).



**Dog Training** - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

### DEFEATED CREEK UNIT

Same as statewide seasons except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Shotguns only for small game hunting.

Defeated Creek Unit is that area of Defeated Creek that extends from the main river channel to the



Corps of Engineers boundary along Defeated Creek excluding Defeated Creek Recreational Area.

### **309-CORDELL HULL REFUGE**

JACKSON COUNTY • 600 ACRES  
NEAR GAINESBORO BETWEEN FREESTATE  
BRIDGE  
HWY 85A AND HWY 56 BRIDGE  
GARY BLACK (931) 484-9571 • SG, WF, BG

*Public use including all forms of trespass and hunting is prohibited from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb., except as otherwise indicated. Public entry permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Fishing by boat allowed during refuge closure in marked river channel only.*

Big Game   Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season is Sep. 26 - Nov. 1. All seasons closed during refuge closure dates including dog training. Closed to quail hunting.

Deer (Archery - Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only) - One hunt: Sep. 24-25. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun - Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only) - One hunt: Nov. 5-6. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15, daylight hours only. Closed to training during refuge closure dates.

### **310-CUMMINGS COVE**

HAMILTON/MARION COUNTIES • 1,200 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, BG

*Access via Aetna Mountain Road. This is an unimproved dirt road with numerous washouts. Hazardous terrain, 4wd only.*

Big Game   Small Game   Dove

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

### **311-EDGAR EVINS STATE PARK**

DEKALB COUNTY • 6,000 ACRES  
ON CENTER HILL LAKE  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • BG

Big Game   Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to spring squirrel hunting on north side of Center Hill Lake.

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



**Dog Training** - Same as statewide seasons, except closed on north side of Center Hill Lake.

### **312-ENTERPRISE SOUTH NATURE PARK**

HAMILTON COUNTY • 1800 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE • (931) 484-9571 • BG

*Closed to hunting, trapping and dog training for the 2016-2017 season.*

only. No dog training allowed during spring turkey season.

### **315-HARP**

BLEDSOE COUNTY • 285 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, BG

Big Game   Small Game   Dove

Same as statewide seasons.

Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

### **313-FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK**

BLEDSOE/VAN BUREN COUNTIES • 7,000 ACRES.  
OFF HIGHWAY 30 BETWEEN PIKEVILLE  
AND SPENCER  
REGION III OFFICE • (931) 484-9571 • BG

*All hunters are required to register and obtain a free permit at the park headquarters (423) 881-5298. Dog training prohibited. Vehicle parking restricted to designated parking areas only during the hunting season. No parking allowed on roadside grass. All deer and turkey hunters must sign register at the horse stables before hunting. 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. 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, Dec. 16-18. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). One turkey either sex.

Deer (Jim Hall Hunts for Warriors - Shotgun/ Muzzleloader - Golf Course Zone) - One hunt: Nov. 29-30. Hunter quota 15. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Turkey (Archery) - One hunt: Apr. 1-9. One turkey per day, not to exceed two turkeys (bonus bird).

### **314-FOURTH FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP**

POLK COUNTY • 1,107 ACRES  
NEAR COPPER HILL  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • NP

*Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.*

Big Game   Small Game   Dove

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. 5 - Jan. 15.

Dog Training - Beagles and pointing breeds

### **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 - Sep. 1, 15. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.

Dove (Youth) - Sep. 10. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.

Squirrel - Same as statewide seasons except as noted.

Rabbit - Oct. 31 - Nov. 14. Bag limit of three per day.

Opossum, Raccoon - Sep. 6 - Nov 5. Hunting will be limited to Tuesday and Wednesday nights only.

Canada Goose - Sep. 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 Sep. Wood

# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Duck/Teal season. No duck hunters permitted on the refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day.

 Deer (Shotgun – Muzzleloader)(Young-Sportsman) - One hunt: Sep. 17-18. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Sep. 23-25. Hunter quota 200. Two deer no more than one antlered, one turkey either sex. (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery) - One hunt: Oct. 7-9. Two deer, no more than one antlered, one turkey either sex. (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Oct. 21-23. Hunter quota 150. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Oct. 28-30. Hunter quota 150. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

 Turkey - Same as statewide spring turkey season.

 Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15, daylight hours only. Closed to training during refuge closure dates.

Retriever Dog Field Trials - Pre-approved by Area Manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.

## 317-JACKSON SWAMP

OVERTON COUNTY • 203 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, WF, BG

 Big Game  Small Game 

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

 Dove - Sep. 1 by hand-held drawing. Drawing to be conducted on Aug. 27 at Independence Community Center. Drawing sign-up begins at 4 p.m. local time. Drawing will be held at 5 p.m. local time. Hunters must be present to be drawn.

Dove - Sep. 2 through remainder of statewide season, same as statewide regulations.

 Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

## 318-KEYES-HARRISON

CUMBERLAND COUNTY • 1,740 ACRES  
JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, HI

*Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*

 Big Game  Small Game 

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season. Closed to quail hunting.



Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

## 319-KINGSTON REFUGE

ROANE COUNTY • 300 ACRES  
ROB KLIPPEL (423) 693-6791 • BG

Closed to hunting, trapping and dog training.

Big Game

Small Game



*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. 5 - Jan. 15.



Deer - same as statewide Unit A deer season. Closed to antlerless deer hunting during the gun season.



Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

## 320-LUPER MOUNTAIN

CUMBERLAND COUNTY • 2,070 ACRES  
JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, HI

*Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*

 Big Game

 Small Game



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

## 323-NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK

HAMILTON COUNTY • 5,400 ACRES  
GREG ATCHLEY (423) 693-6604 • SG, WF, BG

HIXSON, ROGERS, SUTTON, THRASHER BOTTOMS, VANDERGRIFF AND VARNER UNITS.

*No motorized vehicles outside parking areas. Units closed after sunset except to opossum and raccoon hunters. Trespass prohibited by non-hunters on hunt days. Hixson, Rogers, Varner and Vandergriff Units closed to all forms of trespass except hunting and trapping during the late waterfowl seasons.*

 Big Game  Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All hunting ends on Jan. 31, except spring squirrel season and spring turkey season.

Hunting only allowed on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, unless exception is indicated.

Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl).

Closed to quail hunting.

Bag limit for rabbits is three per day.

Hixson, Rogers, Vandergriff and Varner Units closed to all forms of trespass except hunting and trapping during the late waterfowl seasons.



Dove - Sep. 1 and every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of the statewide dove season.

Dove hunting from noon to sunset only. No dove hunters or dove hunting equipment on dove fields prior to 7 a.m. on opening day of the first segment on the dove season.



Deer - hunting with archery equipment only. Archery hunters must comply with blaze orange requirements during the statewide deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.



Turkey - hunting ends at noon each day.



Waterfowl - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and the first and last day of the statewide season and the youth waterfowl season. Shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller. Waterfowl hunting ends at noon each day, including the youth waterfowl season. Hunting from temporary blinds

## 322-MT. ROOSEVELT

CUMBERLAND/ROANE/MORGAN COUNTIES • 11,000 ACRES  
JIM LANE (931) 456-2479 • SG, BG, HI

*Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit.*

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

  Deer (Archery - Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only) - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.

  Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only) - Same as statewide season, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Turkey hunting ends at noon each day. Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.

  Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only - Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only) - Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Hunting ends at noon each day. Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller. To reserve blind call the Region 3 office.

 Trapping - Friday before Thanksgiving - Jan. 31. Traps must be checked each day.

 Dog Training (all breeds) - Sep. 1 - Jan. 31. Hixson, Rogers, Varner and Vandergriff Units closed to dog training from the first opening day of the late duck season until the end of duck season.

#### PATTON UNIT • SG, WF, BG, HI

*Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Conservation Permit.*

*Possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

 Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

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#### 324-OAK RIDGE

ROANE/ANDERSON COUNTIES • 37,000 ACRES  
AUBREY DECK (865) 576-2380 • SG, WF, BG

*Shotguns, muzzleloading rifles and archery equipment only. On big game quota hunts and on approved scouting days for all areas, except behind all security checkpoints, a non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (21 years old or older) who has a valid Oak Ridge WMA quota permit. However, these non-hunting juveniles may not accompany hunters into any area requiring entry through a Security Portal or Security Police Officer Check Point (e.g. Tower Shielding Facility, Chestnut Ridge/Park City Road or any badged-only hunting areas). During deer hunts, non-hunting*

*juveniles must also comply with blaze orange regulations specified for legal hunters. No boat access during deer hunts except to access Haw Ridge Park. Boat access only for waterfowl hunters accessing Solway and Freels Bend on or during the designated Sept. and Oct. hunting dates. Hunters must carry, at all times, hunting license and permit, valid picture identification (youth excluded), and signed current hunt map. During Oct., Nov., and Dec. big game hunts all hunters must wear daylight fluorescent orange (blaze orange) including archery hunters in the Archery-Only Zones. Dog training prohibited. Hunters are required to check out big game and coyotes at WMA check station. Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.*

 Deer (Shotgun/Muzzleloader - Gun Zones Only) - Three hunts: Oct. 29-30, Nov. 12-13, Dec. 10-11. Hunter quota 450. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery - Archery Zone) - Three hunts: Oct. 29-30, Nov. 12-13, Dec. 10-11. Hunter quota 600. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.

Scouting dates: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 22 for the Oct. 29-30 permit holders; Nov. 5 for the Nov. 12-13 permit holders; Dec. 3 for the Dec. 10-11 holders.

 Waterfowl - One half hour before sunrise to noon - hunting on Solway and Freels Bend only from the shoreline to Solway Bend Farm Road and from the shoreline to Freels Bend Farm Road. Access by boat only. Hunting from temporary blinds only.

Canada Goose - Sep. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16.

Wood Duck/Teal - Sep. 10-11.

 Turkey -Two hunts: Apr. 8-9, 22-23. Hunter quota 225. One turkey (bonus bird). Hunting ends at noon daily. Successful hunters must be at the check station by 1 p.m.

Turkey scouting date: 7 a.m. to noon EST Mar. 25 for the Apr. 8-9 and Apr. 22-23 permit holders and approved youths only.

All listed times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time or Eastern Standard Time.

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#### 325-PAINT ROCK

ROANE COUNTY • 1,600 ACRES  
ON WATTS BAR LAKE  
ROB KLIPPEL (423) 693-6791 • SG, BG



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

 Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

 Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15

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#### 326-PEA RIDGE

DEKALB COUNTY • 1,958 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, BG, HI

*Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Conservation Permit.*



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

 Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

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#### 327-PICKETT STATE FOREST

PICKETT COUNTY • 11,000 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • NP



Same as statewide seasons.

 Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

 Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

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#### 328-PRENTICE COOPER STATE FOREST

MARION COUNTY • 24,000 ACRES  
ON HWY. 27, 5 MILES EAST OF  
POWELL'S CROSSROADS  
CLINT SMITH (423) 658-0298 • SG, BG

*Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Organized competition events for motorized vehicles is prohibited. The maximum noise limit for all motorized vehicles is 86 dBA, as measured 50 feet from the exhaust, except as otherwise permitted. The maximum speed limit is 25 mph or less if otherwise posted. All side roads and trails will be closed to motorized vehicles Dec. 18 - Mar. 15. Big game hunters are required to check out 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.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunting and dog training will close at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise indicated.

Closed to quail hunting.

   Fox, Opossum, Raccoon - 3rd Friday in Oct. - Jan. 31, except hunting will be limited to Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights only.

# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Bag limit is one per party per night.



**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Sep. 17-19. Hunter quota 400. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Sep. 20-23. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). No area checking station operated.

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - Two hunts: Oct. 6-8, 27-29. Hunter quota 250. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Oct. 22-23. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Nov. 4-6. One deer, antlered only (bonus deer).

**Deer (Gun)** - One hunt: Nov. 26 - Dec 1. Two deer, antlered only (bonus deer).



**Turkey** - Six hunts: Apr. 4-6, 7-9, 12-14, 20-22, 25-27, 28-30. One turkey per day, not to exceed the statewide bag limit.



**Trapping** - Dec. 13-25.



**Dog Training** - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.



**Firing Range** - Open Thursday, Friday, Saturdays only, during daylight hours. Closed during big game hunts. Permit required (see page 34).

## 329-SKINNER MOUNTAIN

FENTRESS COUNTY • 4,193 ACRES  
REGION III OFFICE (931) 484-9571 • SG, BG, HI

*Special Use - Hooved animal riding, bicycling and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit or a High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit. OHVs permitted from the fourth Saturday in August through the spring squirrel season.*



Same as statewide seasons. Trapping and small game hunting closes at sunset the day before hog control season. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

**Wild Hog (Control Season - Dogs Permitted)** - Jan. 13-15. 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** - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.



**Dove** - Sep. 5, opens at noon.



**Rabbit, Squirrel** - Nov. 26-27, Dec. 17-18, Dec. 24, Dec. 31, Jan. 7-8. Bag limit 3 rabbits per day. Shotguns only.



**Deer (Shotgun only - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Dec. 10. Hunter quota 35. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).



**Turkey (Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Mar. 24-25. Hunter quota 5. One turkey (bonus bird).



**Dog Training** - Closed during field trials and big game hunts. Daylight hours only.

**Dog Field Trials** - Field Trial Permit Required. Sep. 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.

**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. 29 - Nov. 4.



**Rabbit, Quail** - Oct. 29- Nov. 4.



**Dog Training** - Mar. 1 - Oct. 31.

**Dog Field Trials** - Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Field Trial Permit Required. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager and special field trial permit must be obtained from the TWRA Region III Office at least 30 days before trial dates.

## 332-THE BOILS

JACKSON COUNTY • 256 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 - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

### 333-WATTS BAR

ROANE COUNTY • 3,880 ACRES  
PRIMARILY ON ISLANDS AND ACCESS  
AREAS ON WATTS BAR LAKE  
ROB KLIPPEL  
(423) 693-6791 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide season, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting allowed from temporary blinds only. No blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys may be left overnight.



Quail - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15.

### IRON HILL ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, AND THIEF NECK ISLAND UNITS



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small Game hunting is Shotgun-Archery only. Small game hunting and dog training closed at sunset on the day before and during scheduled deer and turkey hunts on Thief Neck Island Unit.



Archery equipment only for deer except juveniles may use shotguns or muzzleloaders during statewide Young Sportsman hunts. Centerfire rifles prohibited.



Quail - Nov. 5 - 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  
BERNIE SWINEY (423) 365-9166 • 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. Hunters required  
to check out big game at WMA check station  
when check station is in operation.*



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 (Young Sportsman) - Sep. 3.

Dove - Sep. 5 until end of first segment.



Raccoon, Opossum - Same as statewide seasons, except closed after Nov. 14. Hunting permitted on Tuesday and Wednesday only, sunset to sunrise. Bag limit on raccoons, one per party per night. No limit on opossums. All dogs must be removed from the area prior to sunrise on Thursday.



Rabbit - Oct. 31 - 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, Turkey (Archery) - Two hunts: Oct. 1-2, Oct. 15-16. Hunter quota 100 each hunt. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.



Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman) - Two hunts: Oct. 8-9, 29-30. Hunter quota 75 each hunt. Two deer, only one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader) - One hunt: Oct. 22-23. Hunter quota 50. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun) - One hunt: Nov. 5-6. Hunter quota 50. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).



Deer (Wheelchair-bound Only) - One hunt: Nov. 12-13. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).



Turkey - Five hunts: Apr. 7-9, 21-23, 28-30, May 2-4, 9-11. Hunter quota 10. One turkey (bonus bird). Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) - One hunt: Mar. 17-19. Hunter quota 10. One turkey either sex (bonus bird). Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only.



Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Only) - One hunt: March 31 - Apr. 2. One turkey, either sex (bonus bird). Hunting ends at noon.



Dog Training - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15 in Upland Zone. Sep. 1 - Nov. 14 and Mar. 1-15 in Wetland Zone. Daylight hours only. No fox or coyote chasing. No dog training one day before and during scheduled big game hunts.

Retriever Dog Field Trials - Pre-approved by Area Manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.

Sheriff Dept. Phone #:

Wildlife Officer Phone #:

#### 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:

- Respect the landowner's property, hunting only in owner-designated areas.
- Assume liability for their actions and personal safety.
- Respect nature, taking every precaution against littering and fire.
- Respect the game and firearms laws.
- Respect fellow outdoorsmen, observing all safety precautions and the traditions of good sportsmanship

WR-0623

#### Hunter/Landowner Permission Card

##### Hunter Copy

Hunter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Color: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Landowner Copy

Hunter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission to*

*to hunt on my property on the following dates*

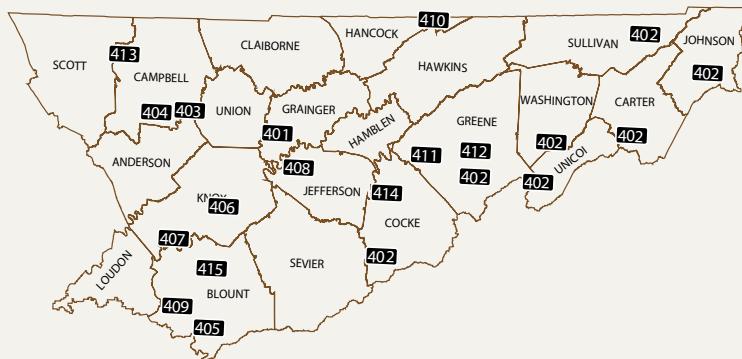
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# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

## WMA Region IV



### 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.*

*Use or possession of alcohol is prohibited in the waterfall area.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Quail hunting closed. Quail dog training only during statewide quail season.

### 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 34).

**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.

## North Cherokee Bear Reserves

Bear hunting is not permitted in the following bear reserves unless a special exception is provided by proclamation.

### 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. 19 E.

### Unicoi Bear Reserve

The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area lying west of U.S. Hwy. 23, and the Devil's 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 57.

**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 weapon 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. 5 - 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 weapons legal for the scheduled hunt. No dogs allowed.

Spring squirrel season is closed.



**Deer** - Dates are same as statewide season. Antlered bag limit is 2 and counts toward statewide bag limit.

**Deer (Archery)** - Bag limit of 4 antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - Bag limit of 1 antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - Bag limit of 2 antlerless (counts toward statewide bag limit).

**Deer (Gun)** - Closed to antlerless hunting.



**Turkey** - Same as statewide season.



**Opossum, Raccoon** - Oct. 7 - last day in Feb. Season closed Oct. 7, Oct. 30 - Nov. 4, Nov. 27- Dec. 17 in all bear reserves.



**Bear** - Same as statewide season, except closed Sept. 24 - Oct. 2.



**Bear Dog Training Season** - Sep. 6 - Oct. 1. 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, bicycles, 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. Nov. 6-12. Hunters must check out by 1 a.m. All raccoons must be checked out. One raccoon per party. A party is defined as all the occupants of a single vehicle.



**Coyote** - Jun. 5 - Aug. 13, 2017. Centerfire allowed. Free permit required. Call Dustin McCubbins (865) 278-3248



**Deer (Archery)** - One hunt: Oct. 14-15. Hunter quota 400. One deer, either sex. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer (Gun - Young Sportsman)** - One hunt: Oct. 29-30. Hunter quota 200. One deer, either sex. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer (Gun)** - Two hunts: Dec. 2-3, 9-10. Hunter quota 650. One deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer (Muzzleloader)** - One hunt: Nov. 25-26. Hunter quota 650. One deer, antlered only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Turkey** - Five hunts: Mar. 23-25, Mar. 30 - Apr. 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22. Hunter quota 150. One turkey per hunt (bonus bird). 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** - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15, daylight hours only. Pointing breed dogs prohibited.



**Pistol** - 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.



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.

## 405-FOOTHILLS

BLOUNT COUNTY • 11,000 ACRES  
GPS: 35 36.766 BY 084 02.216 W  
BILL SMITH (865) 856-9711 • SG, BG

*Motorized vehicles and horseback riding prohibited. The use of and/or possession of any tracking device for dogs from Mar. 1 to Aug. 31 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. 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



**Opossum, Raccoon** - Jan. 1 - Feb. 28.

## 406-FORKS OF THE RIVER

KNOX COUNTY • 648 ACRES

EAST OF KNOXVILLE

GPS: 35.952572 N BY 83.858632 W

BILL SMITH (865) 856-9711 • SG, BG, HI

*Special Use - All trails on the area used for bicycling require the High Impact Habitat Conservation Permit, except the Will Skelton Greenway and Whaley Trail (formerly known as Auggies Run and Bluff Trail) to the Burnett Creek parking area. Will Skelton Greenway and Whaley Trail is open year round. No hooved animal riding or motorized vehicles allowed.*

*From Sept. 4- Feb. 28, area closed to non-hunters except as noted. On Sat. and Sun., area closed to non-hunters until noon, except as noted. During Spring Turkey season (Apr. 1 - May 15), area closed to non-hunters till noon, except as noted.*

*Shotguns, Muzzleloader and Archery equipment only.*

*Area closed one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, except for raccoon and opossum hunters and scheduled events.*

*Paintball guns and accessories prohibited.*

*All animals accompanied by a non-hunting person are required to be leashed.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

All hunting is closed from Mar. 1 through 4th Friday in Aug., except for spring squirrel and spring turkey season.

The early September waterfowl seasons are closed.



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15.



**Dove** - Sep. 1, 3, 5 and the remainder of the statewide season. Designated youth field closed until Sep. 5.

**Dove (Youth/Adult)** - Youth/Adult field will be open Sep. 5 to youths who must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt this field. Returns to same as statewide season beginning Sept. 6.

# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Pigeon is open with dove season.

**Falconry and Crow** - Opens Sept. 10 and runs concurrent with statewide season.

## 407-FORT LOUDOUN

**KNOX COUNTY • 492 ACRES  
LANDS OWNED BY THE TVA AND PUBLIC  
WATERS OF FORT LOUDOUN RESERVOIR  
BETWEEN TRM 638.5 AND TRM 649.5 AS POSTED  
REGION IV OFFICE (423) 587-7037 • NP**

*Closed to dog training.*

 **Waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons, except open only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, one-half hour before sunrise until noon. Size BBB or smaller required.

## 408-HENDERSON ISLAND REFUGE

**JEFFERSON COUNTY • 525 ACRES  
ON DOUGLAS RESERVOIR BETWEEN RIVER  
MILES 42 AND 44  
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, BG**

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb. except as otherwise indicated. Public entry and fishing permitted while in the main river channel passing through the refuge. Horses prohibited. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted. All small game hunting is Youth/Adult only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult, age 21 years or older, who may also hunt. Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).*

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training, excluding raccoon and opossum, closes at 4 pm. Quail season is closed.

 **Rabbit** - Nov. 1 - 14.

 **Dog Training** - Rabbit and Quail - Oct. 1-Nov. 14. All other: Mar. 1 - Oct. 31.

## 409-KYKER BOTTOMS REFUGE

**BLOUNT COUNTY • 525 ACRES  
GPS: 35.602180 BY 84.122143 W  
BILL SMITH (865) 856-9711 • SG, BG**

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb. except in designated observation areas. Nontoxic shot approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted.*

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small

game hunting is Youth/Adult only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult, age 21 years or older, who may also hunt. Blaze orange is required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).



**Deer** hunting is open during archery and youth only. Wild hogs may be taken on any deer and turkey hunt with hunting devices legal for those hunts.



 **Turkey** is Youth/Adult only. Open Friday-Sunday only. Youth must be accompanied by a licensed adult, age 21 years or older, who may also hunt.



 **Rabbit, Quail** - Nov. 1-14. Quail bag limit 2/day, rabbit and quail hunting closes at 4 p.m.



 **Raccoon** - Sep. 9-10, 16-17.



 **Dog training** - Rabbit and Quail - Oct. 1-Oct. 31.

## 410-KYLES FORD

**HANCOCK/HAWKINS COUNTY • 1,000 ACRES  
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, BG**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training excluding raccoon/opossum closes at 4pm. Blaze orange is required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).



**Quail** - Open to dog training only. Quail dog training open only during quail season.



 **Rabbit Dog Training** - Oct. 1-31.

## 411-LICK CREEK BOTTOMS

**GREENE COUNTY • 1,400 ACRES  
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, WF, BG**

*Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game (including dove) hunting.*

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training (excluding raccoon and opossum) closes at 4 p.m. Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).



 **Quail** - Open to training only. Training open only during the statewide quail season.



 **Rabbit Dog Training** - Oct. 1 - Oct. 31.



 **Dove** - Sep. 1, and the remainder of the statewide season. Sep. 3, Youth/Adult only, from sunrise to noon then open to all hunters.

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 MOWHAWK, SKINNER, AND FOXGATE UNITS:

Open only on Tuesdays and Saturdays as well as the closing day of the season. Hunting closes at noon. Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by hand held weekly drawings. Each Saturday, a hand held drawing will be conducted at 1 p.m. to determine the following Tuesday and Saturday hunters. The final drawing of the season will also include closing day. The drawing will be held at the Joachim Bible Refuge Maintenance Facility and hunters must be present and have all applicable licenses/permits to enter drawing. 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.

**Remainder of Area:** Same as statewide seasons. No staked positions/pools.

## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

Closes each day at sunset.

**South Mowhawk, Skinner, and Foxgate Units:** Same as statewide dates. First come first serve at designated stakes and pools as posted.

**Remainder of Area:** Same as statewide seasons. No staked positions/pools.

For all seasons, no permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials and boats must be removed at the end of legal hunting hours.

## JOACHIM BIBLE WATERFOWL REFUGE UNIT (THAT PORTION OF LICK CREEK BOTTOMS WMA BETWEEN MURRAY BRIDGE ROAD, BIBLES CHAPEL ROAD, AND SOUTH MOWHAWK ROAD)

*Closed to all forms of use and trespass from Nov. 15 - last day of Feb. except in designated observation areas. Closed to waterfowl hunting.*

Same as statewide, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training (excluding raccoon/opossum) closes at 4 p.m. Closed to quail hunting. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game (including dove) hunting as posted. All small game hunting is Adult/Youth only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt.



 **Dove** - Sep. 3 and everyday thereafter during the first and second segments.



**Rabbit** - Nov. 1–14. Bag limit  
2 rabbits/day.



**Dog Training** - Rabbit and Quail -  
Oct. 1 - 31. All other: Mar. 1 - Oct. 31.

## 412-NOLICHUCKY

GREENE COUNTY • 1,000 ACRES  
TEN MILES SOUTH OF GREENEVILLE  
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, WF, BG



Same as statewide seasons except as noted.



**Waterfowl** - Blinds, blind materials and decoys must be removed daily at the end of legal shooting hours. During all waterfowl seasons, boats may not be anchored, moored or aground more than 1 hour after legal waterfowl hunting hours or earlier than 1 hour before legal shooting hours.



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15

## 413-NORTH CUMBERLAND

ANDERSON, CAMPBELL, CLAIBORNE, MORGAN  
AND SCOTT COUNTIES • 189,000 ACRES

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*Special Use - ORV, 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 elk hunt. 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.



### Dates      Bag Limits\* and Restrictions

| Archery   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Sept. 24 - Oct. 28                                  | 2 deer*                        |
| Oct. 31 - Nov. 4                                    | 1 Antlered and<br>1 Antlerless |
| Muzzleloader  |                                |
| Nov. 5-18   | 1 deer, Antlered only          |
| Nov. 12-18  | 1 deer, Antlerless             |
| Gun   |                                |
| Nov. 19 - Dec. 18                                   | 1 deer*<br>Antlered only       |
| Dec. 19 - Jan. 1                                    | 1 deer*<br>Antlered only       |
| (Exception: may be an antlerless deer — Dec. 19-25) |                                |
| Young Sportsman                                     |                                |
| Oct. 29-30<br>Jan. 14-15                            | Same as Unit B*                |

\*These are not bonus deer. All deer count toward Unit B statewide bag limits.



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - Jan. 15



**Dog Training** - Sep. 1 - Mar. 15. Chasing fox, coyotes, and bobcats with dogs is not permitted.



Elk hunting information can be found on page 30.

**Ginseng** - Sept 1. - Dec. 31.

See page 34 for firing range information. Permit required for range.

## 414-RANKIN

COCKE COUNTY • 1,975 ACRES  
DAVID SAMS (423) 235-4882 • SG, BG

*No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials and boats must be removed at the end of legal hunting hours.*



Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Small game hunters (except waterfowl) must wear blaze orange during big game hunts.



**Quail** - Nov. 5 - 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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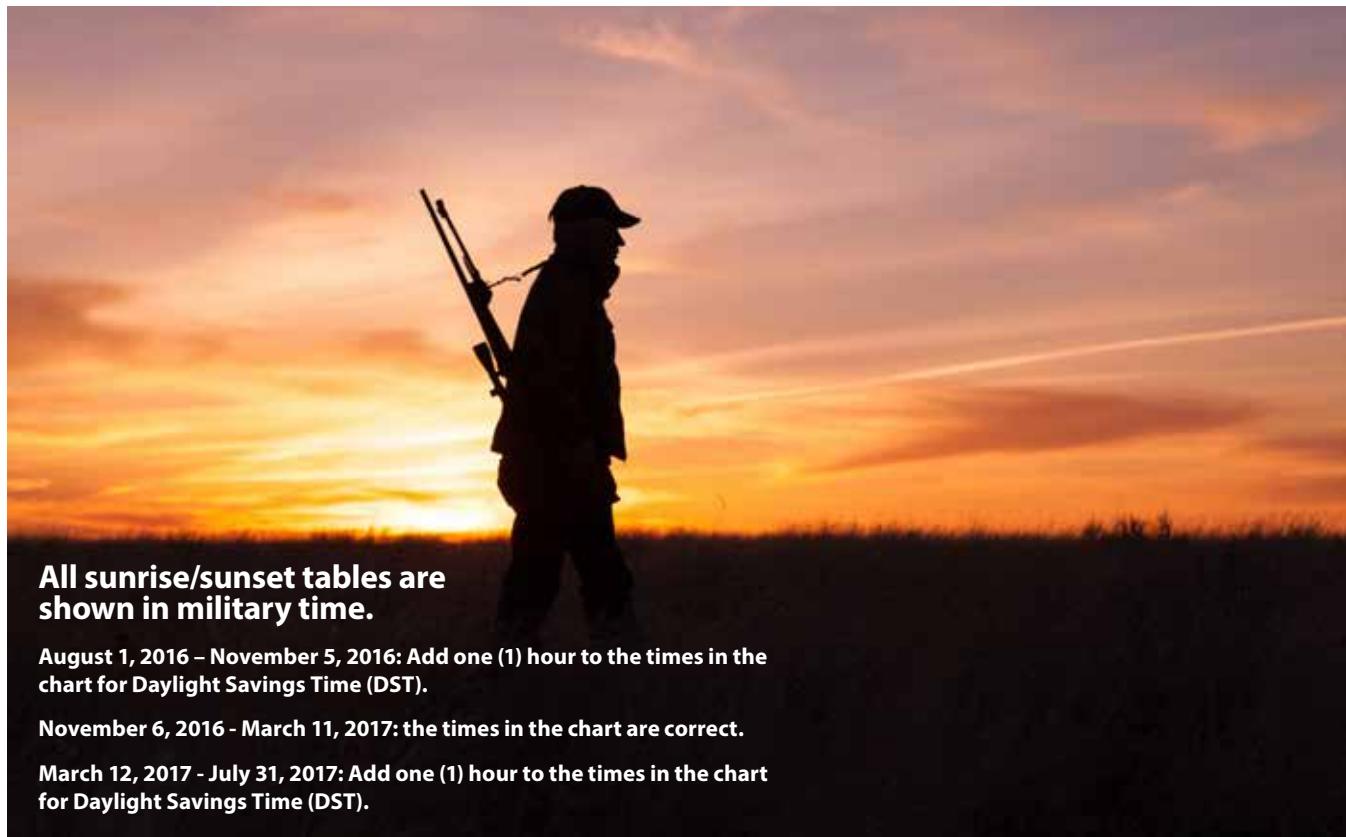
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# SUNRISE/SUNSET TABLES



## Bristol, Tennessee (Eastern Standard Time)

| Day | 2016      |          |           |          |           |          |           |          |           |          | 2017      |          |           |          |           |          |           |          |           |          |           |          |      |
|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|------|
|     | AUG.      |          | SEP.      |          | OCT.      |          | NOV.      |          | DEC.      |          | JAN.      |          | FEB.      |          | MAR.      |          | APR.      |          | MAY       |          | JUN.      |          |      |
| Day | Rise A.M. | Set P.M. |      |
| 1   | 535       | 1934     | 600       | 1856     | 624       | 1811     | 653       | 1732     | 723       | 1713     | 741       | 1724     | 730       | 1755     | 659       | 1824     | 614       | 1851     | 535       | 1917     | 512       | 1942     |      |
| 2   | 536       | 1933     | 601       | 1855     | 625       | 1810     | 654       | 1730     | 724       | 1713     | 741       | 1725     | 729       | 1756     | 658       | 1825     | 613       | 1852     | 534       | 1918     | 511       | 1942     |      |
| 3   | 537       | 1932     | 602       | 1853     | 626       | 1809     | 655       | 1729     | 725       | 1713     | 741       | 1726     | 729       | 1757     | 656       | 1825     | 611       | 1853     | 533       | 1919     | 511       | 1943     |      |
| 4   | 538       | 1931     | 603       | 1852     | 627       | 1807     | 656       | 1729     | 725       | 1713     | 741       | 1727     | 728       | 1758     | 655       | 1826     | 610       | 1854     | 532       | 1920     | 511       | 1944     |      |
| 5   | 539       | 1930     | 604       | 1850     | 628       | 1806     | 657       | 1728     | 726       | 1713     | 741       | 1728     | 727       | 1759     | 654       | 1827     | 609       | 1855     | 531       | 1921     | 511       | 1944     |      |
| 6   | 539       | 1929     | 604       | 1849     | 629       | 1804     | 658       | 1727     | 727       | 1713     | 741       | 1728     | 726       | 1800     | 652       | 1828     | 607       | 1856     | 530       | 1922     | 510       | 1945     |      |
| 7   | 540       | 1928     | 605       | 1847     | 629       | 1803     | 659       | 1726     | 728       | 1713     | 741       | 1729     | 725       | 1801     | 651       | 1829     | 606       | 1856     | 529       | 1922     | 510       | 1945     |      |
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