

# 2014-2015 White-tailed Deer and Elk Harvest Report



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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Tennessee has abundant white-tailed deer populations, resulting in good deer hunting for its resident and nonresident hunters. However, this has not always been the case. As late as the 1940's, the white-tailed deer herd in Tennessee was estimated at fewer than 1,000 animals (Nichols 1978). Fortunately, major restocking efforts from the 1930's through the 1980's have resulted in historic populations and good hunting. The annual white-tailed deer harvest in Tennessee now frequently exceeds 160,000 animals (Anderson et al., 2013).

Though early records are somewhat sketchy, elk (*C. Canadensis*) were apparently abundant in Tennessee prior to settlement by European explorers and colonists (Wathen et al., 1997). Other records indicate the last elk in Tennessee was killed in Obion County, Tennessee in 1865 (Murie 1951). Due to reintroduction efforts beginning in 2000, elk once again roam Tennessee and are of growing significance to our State. Elk hunting opportunities are limited, with six permits issued annually, but hunting for these permit holders is usually great.

## **II. GENERAL PROGRAM HISTORY**

### **White-tailed deer**

Past troubles for white-tailed deer populations in Tennessee have been traced back as far as 1896 when Rhoads, an early scientific writer, reported they had been exterminated over the greater part of Tennessee (Schultz 1955). Declines in white-tailed deer populations in Tennessee continued with fewer than 1,000 animals being reported in the 1940's (Nichols 1978). Extensive habitat loss from agricultural clearing and heavy exploitation for hides and venison nearly resulted in white-tailed deer being extirpated from Tennessee. As evidenced by early hide export records, white-tailed deer were likely abundant prior to these events (Dickson 2001).

Beginning in the 1930's, several public agencies began white-tailed deer restoration efforts on a few public lands in Tennessee. The Game and Fish Division of the Tennessee Department of Conservation, United States Forest Service, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the United States Navy all restocked white-tailed deer at this time (TWRA Wildlife Research Report 91-1). The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), known then as the Tennessee Game and Fish Commission, began restocking public lands in 1949 and private lands in the mid-1950's. Nine thousand deer were released in Tennessee by these agencies from 1940-1985. White-tailed deer stockings included deer from Michigan, Maryland, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Virginia, and Texas. Once adequate populations of deer were built from these initial stockings, in-state deer became the primary source for later restocking efforts (TWRA Wildlife Research Report 91-1).

The first white-tailed deer hunting seasons, limited to public lands, were established in Tennessee in the 1940's. Private land deer hunting opportunities began in the 1950's (Nichols 1978). By 1990, there were no areas in the state closed to deer hunting (TWRA Wildlife Research Report 91-1).

TWRA's success in growing the white-tailed deer population and improving hunting has continued to this day. The white-tailed deer population is now estimated at 600,000 animals and the annual harvest exceeds 160,000 animals. This is impressive considering less than 200 hundred deer were reported harvested in 1978 (Deer Operational Plan 1979).

## Elk

The eastern subspecies of North American Elk was present throughout Tennessee before European settlement. In the 1800's, habitat destruction and overharvest led to the extirpation of this subspecies in Tennessee (O'gara and Dundas 2002). Accounts from early settlers indicate elk were found in Middle Tennessee as late as 1825. "In the mountains of the east and in the swamps of the western part of the state it held out a bit longer...", apparently the last one having been shot in 1865 (Ganier 1928).

As a result of successful elk reintroductions in other states, TWRA began planning in 1996 to reintroduce elk to Tennessee (Wathen et al., 1997). TWRA selected a 271,145 hectare elk restoration zone on the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area (NCWMA), formally known as Royal Blue WMA, located in Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Morgan, and Scott counties (Figure 1). NCWMA was selected due to its close proximity to Kentucky's elk restoration zone, low human population, its potential elk hunting and viewing opportunities, and the near absence of nearby agricultural crops elk would damage (Wathen et al., 1997).

Initially, TWRA biologists believed NCWMA habitats would allow herd expansion up to 2,000 animals. As a result, plans called for a total of 400 elk to be released over four years, beginning in 2000 (Wathen et al., 1997). Elk Island National Park (EINP) in Alberta, Canada was chosen as the source of elk due to its long history of disease-free animals. The first release of elk occurred on December 19, 2000 at Horsebone Ridge on NCWMA where 50 were released. In 2001 and 2002, an additional 36 and 50 elk were released near Puncheon Camp Creek. Unfortunately after 2002, elk from EINP were no longer available due to new restrictions on interstate movement of cervids because of Chronic Wasting Disease concerns. However in

2003, Land between the Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area had 31 elk, originating from EINP, available for TWRA (Lupardus 2005). TWRA imported and released these elk, but was unable to obtain additional from LBL until 2008; when it obtained and released 34 more.

Although TWRA's original plans were to release 400 elk, only 201 have been reintroduced in Tennessee (Steve Bennett, personal communication, 2014). The inability to import elk from EINP, due to import restrictions, and LBL, due to a lack of surplus animals, has resulted in TWRA not having a source of elk. If situations change enabling EINP or LBL to once again become a source, TWRA will consider importing more elk into Tennessee.

Upon recommendations made by TWRA, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (TWRC) established the first Tennessee elk hunting season in 2009. The five day season began October 19<sup>th</sup> and ended October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Four fortunate hunters were randomly selected through a TWRA drawing and a fifth participant was the winner of an auction administered by a nongovernmental organization raising funds for TWRA's Elk Program. Based on the results of an additional drawing, hunters were assigned one of five elk hunting zones established on NCWMA (Figure 2). Every hunter successfully harvested a bull during the first hunt and subsequent hunts have yielded similar impressive results as well (Table 1). In 2012, a youth elk permit was added by the TWRC; enabling a youth to hunt the entire NCWMA the weekend after the other elk hunt. The youth permit recipient is selected through a TWRA drawing as well. All permits have a bag limit of one antlered elk (Anderson et al., 2013).

### **III. 2014-2015 HARVEST**

#### **White-tailed deer**

The statewide white-tailed deer harvest for 2014-2015 was 164,875 (Table 1). For the purposes of this report we present combined harvests of archery, muzzleloader, and gun hunters. The statewide harvest included 95,470 bucks (58%) and 69,405 does (42%). There was a decrease (2%) in the overall harvest for the second year in a row. The harvest the previous year (2013-2014) declined by 5%, but both the most recent years' harvests are consistent with other recent annual totals.

TWRA's Region II accounted for 35% of the statewide harvest. TWRA's Region I came in a close second, accounting for 32% of the overall harvest and Regions III and IV reported 17% and 12%, respectively. Only 4% of the harvest occurred on TWRA Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), but this increased for the third consecutive year, approximately 12% over the previous year (Table 1).

Hunter success and weapon-type harvest results were similar to recent years. Thirty-seven percent (89,026) of Tennessee's estimated 240,000 deer hunters were successful in harvesting at least one deer (Table 2). Eighty percent (71,229) of the hunters who harvested deer killed less than three. Twenty-seven percent (65,064) of all deer hunters harvested at least one antlered deer and 18% (42,583) harvested at least one antlerless deer. Twenty percent (47,867) of deer hunters killed one antlered buck, 6% killed two, and 1% killed three. Gun hunters killed 60% of the harvested deer, and 27% were harvested by muzzleloader hunters. Archery hunters, including crossbow hunters, harvested 13% of the deer. Crossbow hunters only harvested 5% of the total kill, while users of other archery equipment harvested 8%.

Giles County led the state in deer harvest with 5,241 (Table 3). Other top five counties included Fayette, Henry, Lincoln and Hardeman Counties. Giles and Lincoln Counties led the state in the number of bucks killed with nine or more points (Table 4). In regards to WMAs, Oak Ridge led the state in harvest while Land Between the Lakes (LBL) led in the number of bucks with nine or more points taken (Table 5 and 6).

Biological data was collected by TWRA personnel from 4,238 white-tailed deer during the 2014-2015 deer season. Nineteen percent (557) of antlered bucks harvested were 3.5 years-old or older, whereas 37% (1,061) were 1.5 years-old (Table 7 and Figure 3). This was a slight improvement over the 2013-2014 deer season (Figure 4).

Age data from 1,817 deer harvested on WMAs revealed better results. Twenty-four percent (265) of bucks from WMAs (265) were 3.5 years-old or older, whereas 32% (360) were 1.5 years-old (Table 8 and Figure 5). For WMA specific harvest data, search the Hunters Toolbox @ <https://jc.activeoutdoorsolutions.com/TNHFIInternetHarvest/app/goHome>.

Due to continued debate regarding the statewide buck limit, TWRA compared the statewide age structure of harvested bucks to those harvested on hunting clubs whose members were willing to share their data from the 2014-2015 deer season. Only hunt club members able to report data from at least 10 deer from the 2014-2015 season were asked to report. This was done to help ensure only hunt club data was compared to the statewide data, acting on the assumption very few hunters could provide valid data from ten or more deer without being associated with a hunt club, since few hunters harvest this many deer in a given year.

Members of twenty-one hunting clubs provided deer biological data to TWRA. Of these clubs, ages of 197 harvested bucks was reported, a small sample size for comparison. The

following describes the results of comparing 3,068 bucks aged by TWRA staff working checking stations, across the State, to the 197 bucks reported by hunt club members.

In general, hunt club members reported killing a higher percentage of bucks 3.5 years-old and older. Subsequently, the club members reported killing a lower percentage of two year-olds and yearlings, as compared to the statewide data. Surprisingly, the club members reported killing a higher percentage of buck fawns (18%) than the statewide result (6%) for 2014-2015. The higher percentage of harvested buck fawns by club members was the only unexpected result of this comparison (Figure 6).

## **Elk**

The 2014 elk hunt took place October 20<sup>st</sup> through October 26<sup>th</sup>. Hunting on the first five days was limited to the four hunters drawn during the regular elk hunt drawing and another hunter who purchased the auction elk tag, whereas the final two days were limited to a youth hunter drawn during the youth drawing. All hunters, except the youth hunter, participated in an additional drawing to determine which elk hunting zone they would hunt (Figure 2). The youth was allowed to hunt all zones. Five elk were harvested by the six hunters for an overall success rate of 83%. Four bulls were harvested during the first five days and a 8x6 bull was taken during the youth-only hunting days (Table 9).

## **IV. 2014 ELK POPULATION ESTIMATION**

Elk population estimates are conducted annually using mark-resight surveys analyzed using the Bowden estimator in program NOREMARK. An aerial survey is conducted within one week of the mark-resight survey to determine the total number of elk with active collars on the

study area. Elk with active radio collars are considered marked animals, whereas elk with inactive radio collars (i.e., not transmitting) are considered unmarked.

Ground survey periods begin in early November and extend into early December. Observations are conducted opportunistically by WMA staff and volunteers throughout the survey period. Additional systematic surveys are conducted during intensive periods (e.g., 2-3 days) with up to six vehicles being used to search for elk on or near NCWMA.

During the ground survey phase all elk observed are noted. If an elk is seen with a collar, a receiver is turned on to scan through all known elk frequencies. Collared elk with active radios are noted as marked animals, otherwise the elk are considered unmarked. No elk are located by following transmitter signals. When elk are sighted, the observer records group size, gender, age (calf or adult), and animal identification (radio frequency) if present (Anderson 2009).

Region IV staff and volunteers observed 272 elk during the 2014 survey period. Using the Bowden estimator for mark-resight data, we estimate an elk population of 273 animals (95% CI 156 - 479) in the Elk Restoration Zone (ERZ).

The estimated gross population growth rate was 14 % higher than the 2013 estimate and shows consistent population growth from the restoration beginning. The 2014 population estimate falls within reasonable bounds of the exponential growth curve fitted to data collected on the North Cumberland elk herd (Figure 7). Figure 7 shows all the population data collected as well as the release numbers. The curve estimated with data collected on this herd appears to indicate the population has a positive growth trajectory. However, the magnitude of the trajectory (i.e., slope of these lines or growth rate) will be more difficult to assess using these

methods. Thus, TWRA should continue data collection efforts in future years to better understand the true dynamics of the North Cumberland elk herd.

## **V. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) SURVEILLANCE**

Even though CWD has never been detected in Tennessee, TWRA personnel have conducted CWD surveillance since 2002. Initially, TWRA personnel sampled over 1,000 white-tailed deer annually, but biologists realized their sampling efforts were insufficient to detect CWD in wild cervid populations. However, TWRA personnel have continued to test a minimum of 200 white-tailed deer per year. In regards to elk, CWD testing of hunter harvested elk has continued since the first elk hunting season in 2009. Elk killed by other means (e.g., car collisions, etc.) are sampled occasionally throughout the year as well. The continuation of TWRA's CWD sampling enables personnel to practice sampling and teach new personnel proper collection techniques. Additionally, sampling helps reinforce to the public the seriousness of CWD and the threat it poses to Tennessee's cervids.

TWRA personnel sampled 361 whitetails and eight elk in 2014. All samples were submitted to the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study College of Veterinary Medicine for analysis and none tested positive for CWD.

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Table 1. Annual white-tailed deer harvest in Tennessee for 2010-2015.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Region 1*	56,815	57,828	60,914	53,775	53,461 (32%)
Region 2*	52,134	53,787	59,144	58,676	57,397 (35%)
Region 3*	29,192	30,080	30,004	28,944	27,911 (17%)
Region 4*	19,013	20,767	21,354	21,540	19,595(12%)
Wildlife Management Areas**	5,667	5,240	5,540	5,812	6,511 (04%)
State Total	162,821	167,702	176,956	168,461	164,875

\* private land harvest

\*\* statewide harvest on WMAs

Table 2. 2014-2015 White-tailed deer hunter success based on an estimated 240,000 hunters. Bonus deer may be harvested on select WMAs, the Tennessee statewide buck limit is 3.

	Number of Hunters that Harvest:										Total Harvest	Successful Hunters
	1 deer	2 deer	3 deer	4 deer	5 deer	6 deer	7 deer	8 deer	9 deer	10+ deer		
Antlered	47,867	14,398	2,700	76	7	-	-	-	-	-	85,169	65,056
Antlerless	27,838	8,608	3,416	1,387	616	320	153	93	54	98	79,715	42,583
Total	49,864	21,365	9,245	4,150	2,027	1,046	529	307	183	297	164,875	89,013

Table 3. 2014-2015 Tennessee white-tailed deer harvest by county.

County	Total Harvest	County	Total Harvest	County	Total Harvest
Anderson	997	Hamilton	1923	Morgan	1313
Bedford	2026	Hancock	667	Obion	1753
Benton	1994	Hardeman	4186	Overton	1286
Bledsoe	836	Hardin	3080	Perry	2076
Blount	615	Hawkins	1837	Pickett	302
Bradley	914	Haywood	2027	Polk	112
Campbell	872	Henderson	2017	Putnam	1374
Cannon	994	Henry	4431	Rhea	1511
Carroll	3172	Hickman	2944	Roane	2502
Carter	1150	Houston	1044	Robertson	1358
Cheatham	1212	Humphreys	2238	Rutherford	1955
Chester	1329	Jackson	2026	Scott	1128
Claiborne	1472	Jefferson	848	Sequatchie	673
Clay	781	Johnson	1031	Sevier	424
Cocke	848	Knox	11	Shelby	1413
Coffee	1417	Lake	183	Smith	2592
Crockett	511	Lauderdale	1231	Stewart	2095
Cumberland	1751	Lawrence	2846	Sullivan	1878
Davidson	1164	Lewis	1090	Sumner	2766
Decatur	1659	Lincoln	4309	Tipton	1171
DeKalb	1213	Loudon	1087	Trousdale	645
Dickson	2310	Macon	1619	Unicoi	282
Dyer	637	Madison	2521	Union	376
Fayette	4708	Marion	996	Van Buren	1009
Fentress	785	Marshall	3125	Warren	796
Franklin	3125	Maury	1386	Washington	770
Gibson	1723	McMinn	2853	Wayne	2721
Giles	5241	McNairy	3525	Weakley	3138
Grainger	703	Meigs	1210	White	1021
Greene	1091	Monroe	696	Williamson	2271
Grundy	872	Montgomery	3482	Wilson	2653
Hamblen	375	Moore	903		

Table 4. 2014-2015 Estimated harvest of white-tailed bucks with nine or more points by county, listed from greatest to least.

County	Total harvest	County	Total harvest	County	Total harvest
Giles	386	McNairy	134	Moore	55
Lincoln	378	Shelby	128	Grundy	54
Maury	364	Cumberland	123	Warren	54
Montgomery	353	Lauderdale	110	Claiborne	53
Henry	344	Lewis	109	Washington	53
Fayette	331	Marion	104	Clay	52
Williamson	323	Smith	101	Bradley	49
Hickman	318	Houston	100	Anderson	47
Sumner	257	Putnam	98	Crockett	46
Hardeman	254	Gibson	92	Carter	45
Humphreys	228	Hamilton	91	Hawkins	45
Dickson	226	Decatur	90	Campbell	43
Wilson	210	Morgan	86	Johnson	43
Marshall	207	Fentress	85	Loudon	42
Weakley	204	Jackson	85	Greene	40
Stewart	201	Macon	85	Monroe	39
Madison	197	Rhea	83	Lake	37
Robertson	189	Scott	82	Trousdale	37
Franklin	188	Van Buren	81	Sequatchie	35
Wayne	183	Chester	79	Knox	31
Rutherford	181	Dekalb	78	Cocke	29
Lawrence	179	Dyer	77	Blount	28
Carroll	173	Sullivan	77	Sevier	22
Obion	168	Tipton	77	Hancock	17
Davidson	164	Roane	76	Pickett	17
Perry	163	White	76	Unicoi	15
Hardin	159	McMinn	69	Jefferson	13
Haywood	156	Bledsoe	66	Grainger	11
Bedford	155	Cannon	64	Union	11
Benton	145	Coffee	62	Polk	10
Cheatham	144	Overton	62	Hamblen	9
Henderson	136	Meigs	58		

Table 5. 2014-2015 Total white-tailed deer harvest in Tennessee by WMA.

WMA	Total Harvest	WMA	Total Harvest	WMA	Total Harvest
AEDC	252	Flintville Hatchery	9	Oak Ridge	416
Alpine Mountain	6	Foothills	3	Obion River	49
Arnold Hollow	37	4th Fractional Township	2	Old Hickory	74
Bark Camp Barrens	36	Gallatin Steam Plant	29	Old Hickory Lock 5	5
Barkley	17	Gooch	28	Owl Hollow Mill	27
Bean Switch Refuge	12	Haley-Jaqueth	3	Pea Ridge	15
Bear Hollow Mtn	82	Harmon Creek	6	Percy Priest	243
Beaver Dam Creek	104	Hatchie NWR	102	Pickett SF	3
Big Sandy	38	Haynes Bottom	41	Prentice Cooper	99
Big South Fork NRA	8	Henderson Is. Refuge	6	President's Island	9
Black Bayou Refuge	2	Hick Hill	14	Rankin Bottom	6
Bogota	25	Hickory Flats	3	Reelfoot NWR	40
Bridgestone-Firestone	65	Hiwassee Refuge	98	Reelfoot	75
Browntown	38	Horns Bluff Refuge	12	Shelby Forest	36
Buffalo Springs	2	Jarrell Switch Refuge	1	Shelton Ferry	11
Camden	11	John Tully	15	South Cherokee	178
Catoosa	223	Keyes-Harrison	6	S.Fork Waterfowl Refuge	1
Cedar Hill Swamp	5	Kingston Refuge	0	Standing Stone SF & WMA	6
Charlotte A F Neal	5	Kyles Ford	9	Tellico Lake	28
Cheatham Lake	12	Land Between the Lakes	379	Tennessee NWR	220
Cheatham	66	Laurel Hill	102	Thorny Cypress	20
Chickamauga	26	Lick Creek Bottoms	6	Three Rivers	5
Chickasaw NWR	83	Lower Hatchie NWR	87	Tie Camp	76
Chickasaw	53	Maness Swamp Refuge	4	Tigrett	35
Chuck Swan	195	Maple Springs	1	Tumbleweed	15
Cordell Hull Refuge	10	Milan AAP	186	Watts Bar	7
Cordell Hull	153	Mingo Swamp	13	West Sandy	1
Cove Creek	22	Moss Island	13	White Lake Refuge	13
Cross Creeks NWR	236	Mt. Roosevelt	28	White Oak	55
Cummings Cove	3	MTSU	25	Williamsport	93
Dry Creek	16	Natchez Trace	200	Wolf River	52
Eagle Creek	142	Nolichucky	0	Yanahli	350
Edgar Evins SP & WMA	6	Normandy	6	Yuchi Refuge	94
Enterprise South Park	35	North Cherokee	276		
Ernest Rice	6	N. Chickamauga Creek	13		
Fall Creek Falls	90	North Cumberland	233		

Table 6. 2014-2015 Total harvest of white-tailed bucks with nine or more points by WMA in Tennessee.

WMA	Total Harvest	WMA	Total Harvest	WMA	Total Harvest
Land Between The Lakes	37	Thorny Cypress	3	Cypress Pond Refuge	0
Catoosa	29	White Oak	3	Eagle Lake Refuge	0
Oak Ridge	21	Wolf River	3	Flintville Hatchery	0
North Cumberland	17	Chickasaw	2	Foothills	0
South Cherokee	16	Dry Creek	2	Forks of the River	0
Laurel Hill	15	Gooch	2	Fourth Fractional Township	0
North Cherokee	15	Hiwassee Refuge	2	Ft. Campbell	0
Yanahli	15	MTSU	2	Gallatin Steam Plant	0
Cheatham	11	Old Hickory	2	Haley-Jaqueth	0
Holston AAP	11	Tie Camp	2	Harmon Creek	0
Fall Creek Falls	10	Tigrett	2	Henderson Island Refuge	0
Presidents Island	9	Barkley	1	Hick Hill	0
Reelfoot NWR	9	Bean Switch Refuge	1	Hickory Flats	0
Chickasaw NWR	8	Big Sandy	1	Hop-In Refuge	0
Prentice Cooper	8	Big South Fork NRA	1	Horns Bluff Refuge	0
Bridgestone-Firestone	7	Camden	1	Jackson Swamp	0
Cross Creeks NWR	7	Cove Creek	1	Jarrell Switch Refuge	0
Lower Hatchie	7	Edgar Evins SP&WMA	1	Keyes-Harrison	0
Moss Island	7	Maness Swamp Refuge	1	Kingston Refuge	0
Tennessee NWR	7	Mt. Roosevelt	1	Kyker Bottoms	0
Chuck Swan	6	Owl Hollow	1	Lick Creek Bottoms	0
Eagle Creek	6	Shelton Ferry	1	Maple Springs	0
Ernest Rice	6	Tellico Lake	1	Mingo Swamp	0
Milan AAP	6	Three Rivers	1	Nolichucky	0
Natchez Trace	6	Tumbleweed	1	Normandy	0
Yuchi Refuge	6	White Lake Refuge	1	North Chickamauga	0
Bogota	5	AEDC SA	0	Old Hickory Lock 5 Refuge	0
Hatchie NWR	5	Alpine Mountain	0	Paint Rock Refuge	0
Reelfoot WMA	5	Arnold Hollow	0	Pea Ridge	0
Shelby Forest	5	Bark Camp Barrens	0	Pickett SF	0
AEDC	4	Black Bayou Refuge	0	Rankin Bottom	0
Bear Hollow Mountain	4	Browntown	0	Skinner Mountain	0
Beaver Dam Creek	4	Buffalo Springs	0	South Fork Waterfowl Refuge	0
Haynes Bottom	4	Cedar Hill Swamp	0	Standing Stone SF&WMA	0
Percy Priest	4	Charlotte A F Neal	0	The Boils	0
Cordell Hull	3	Cheatham Lake	0	Watts Bar	0
Enterprise South Park	3	Chickamauga	0	West Sandy	0
John Tully	3	Cordell Hull Refuge	0	WilliamSPORT	0
Obion River	3	Cummings Cove	0		

Table 7. Biological data from 3,068 bucks and 1,170 does examined by TWRA staff in 2014-2015. Statewide harvest was 95,470 bucks and 69,405 does.

Bucks								Does			
Age	Number	%	Avg. points	Avg. Beam Circum	Avg. Beam Length	Avg. Outside Spread	Avg. Live Weight	Age	Number	%	Avg. Live Weight
Fawn	188	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fawn	163	-	-
1 1/2	1061	37	4	2	9	8	107	1 1/2	331	33	91
2 1/2	1262	44	7	3	15	13	137	2 1/2	382	38	98
3 1/2	434	15	8	4	18	16	157	3 1/2	156	15	109
4 1/2	98	3	9	4	19	16	170	4 1/2	76	8	99
5 1/2	25	1	9	4	19	18	183	5 1/2	62	6	104

Table 8. 2014-2015 White-tailed deer biological data from 1,817 deer harvested on WMAs.

Bucks								Does			
Age	Number	%	Avg. Points	Avg. Beam Circum	Avg. Beam Length	Avg. Outside Spread	Avg. Live Weight	Age	Number	%	Avg. Live Weight
Fawn	108	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fawn	93	-	-
1 1/2	360	32	3	2	8	7	106	1 1/2	149	29	90
2 1/2	484	44	7	3	14	13	135	2 1/2	172	34	100
3 1/2	188	17	8	4	18	16	158	3 1/2	96	19	110
4 1/2	61	6	9	4	19	16	170	4 1/2	47	9	97
5 1/2	16	1	9	5	19	18	185	5 1/2	43	8	105

Table 9. 2009-2014 Tennessee Elk Hunt (NCWMA) results. Number of points indicated as 3x3.

Year	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Youth	Total Harvest
2009	6x6	6x6	7x6	7x6	5x6		5
2010	5x5		5x4	3x3			3
2011	5x5	7x6		5x4			3
2012	8x6	7x6	5x5	7x6	6x6	5x5	6
2013	5x4	7x6		7x6	5x5	1x1	5
2014	5x5		5x5	6x6	6x6	8x6	5

Figure 1.

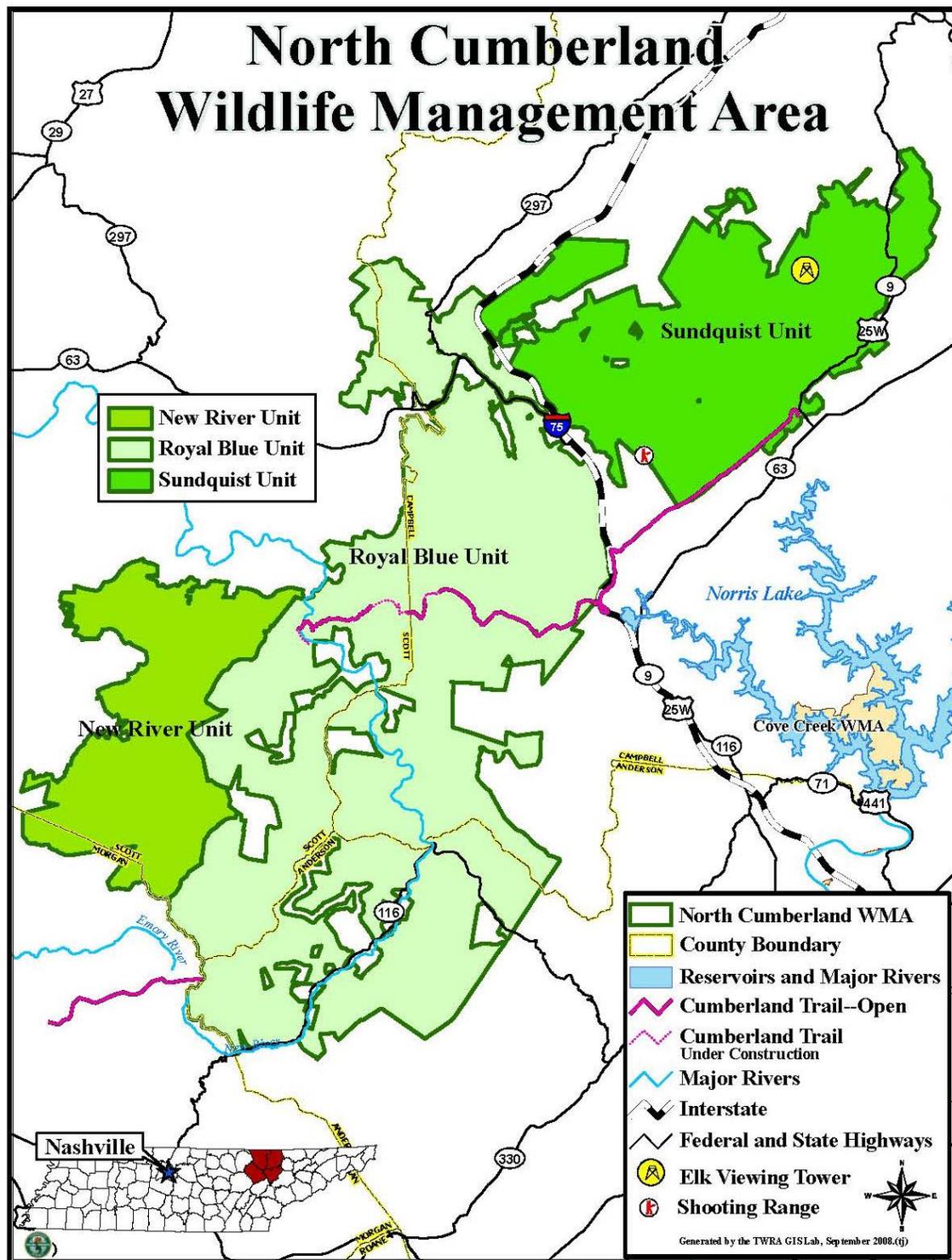


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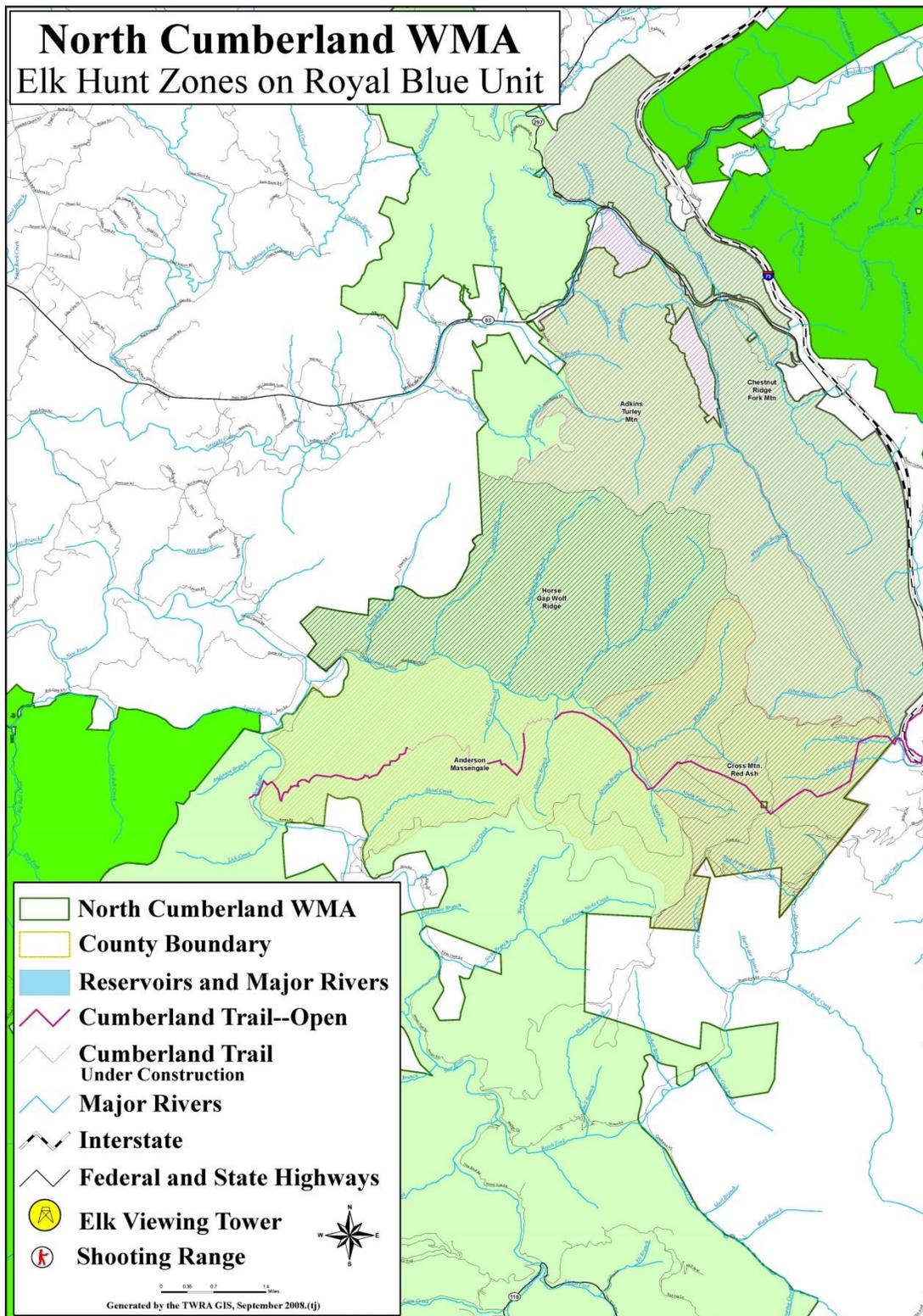


Figure 3. Age distribution of 2014-2015 antlered white-tailed bucks harvested in Tennessee.

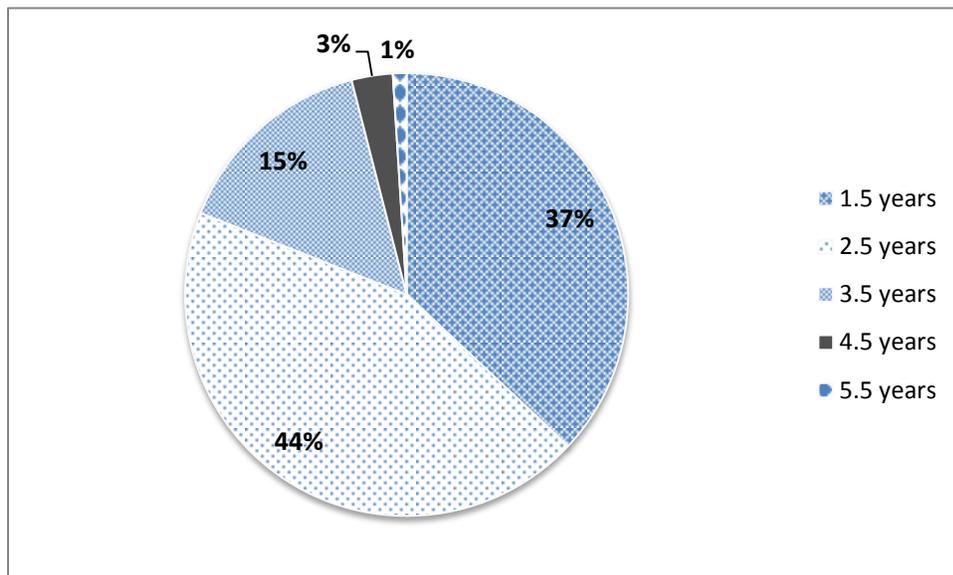


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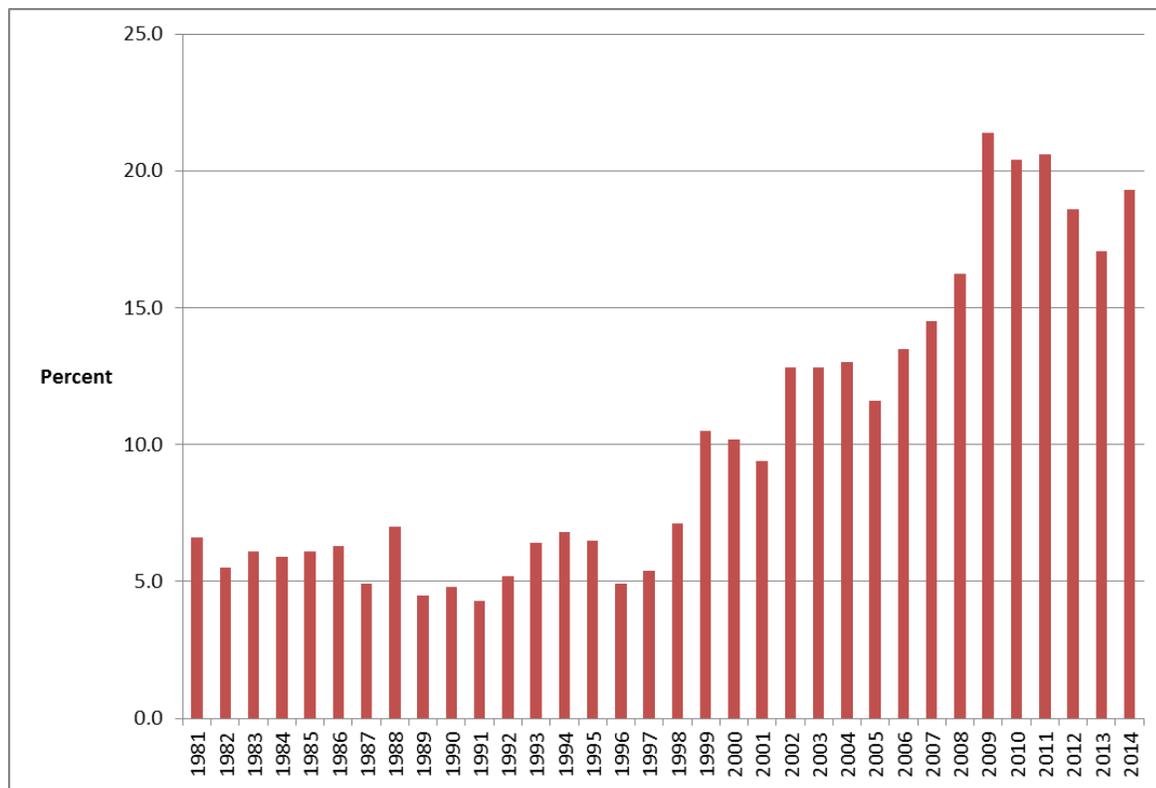


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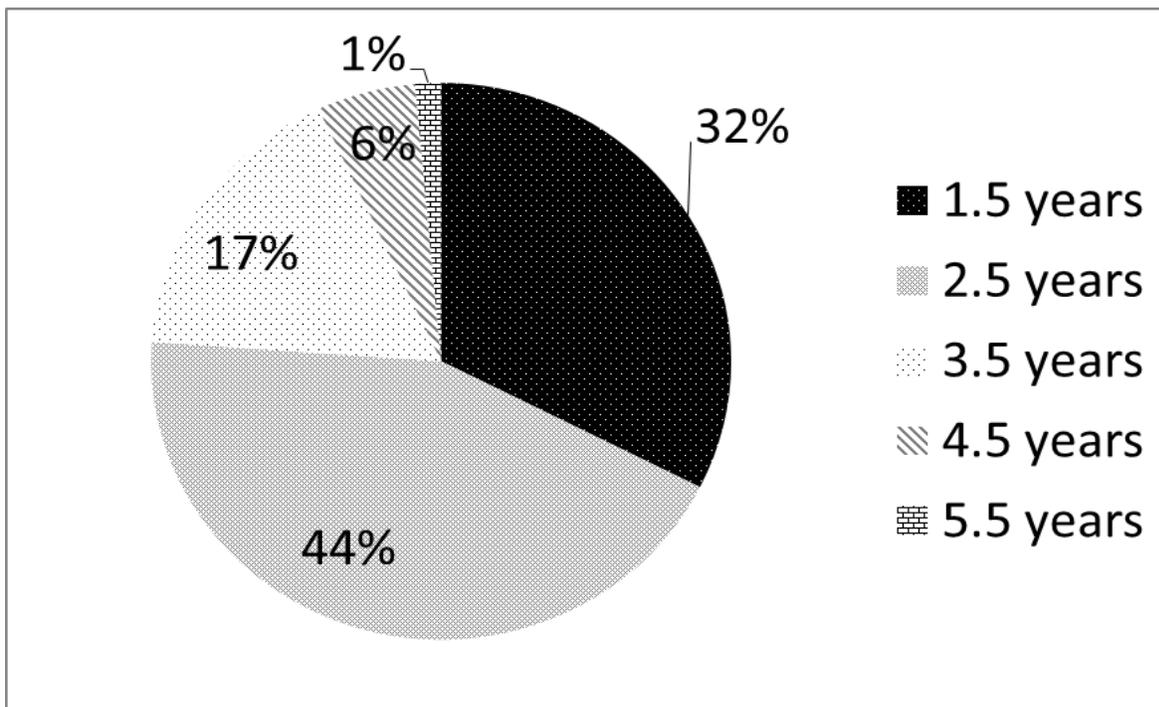


Figure 6. Comparison of age structure of harvested bucks, statewide versus bucks reported by hunt club members.

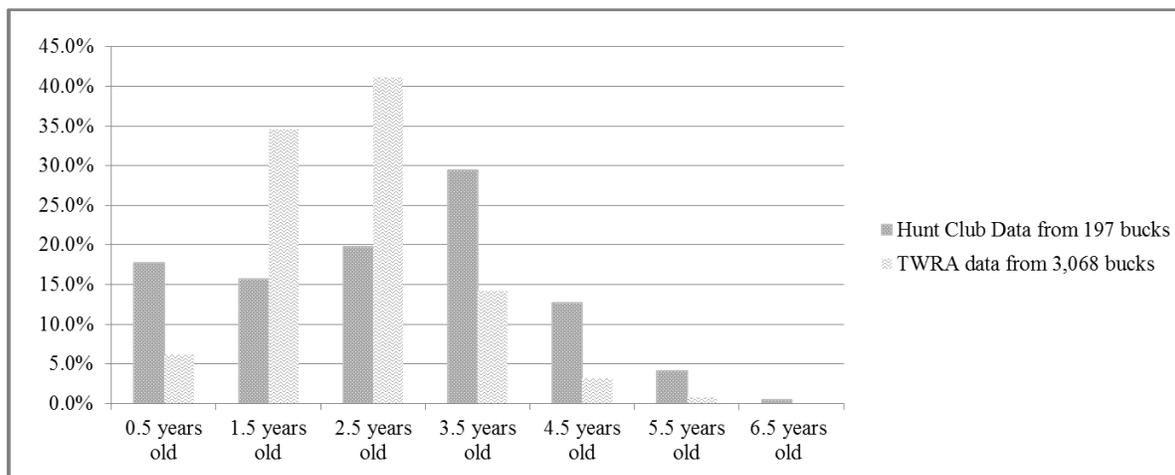
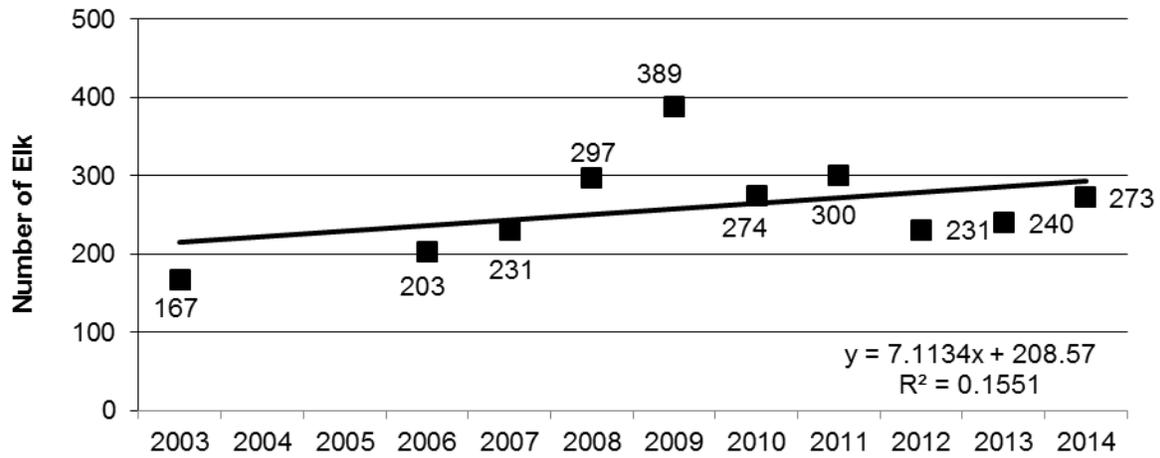


Figure 7. Tennessee Elk populations estimates for North Cumberland Elk Restoration Zone, including the original released animals, fitted to an exponential growth curve.



Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Proclamation 14-03  
Statewide Big Game Hunting Seasons and Bag Limit  
(Exclusive of Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges)

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 70-4-107 and 70-5-108, the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission hereby proclaims the statewide big game seasons and bag limits, effective August 1, 2014.

Section I. White-tailed Deer

A. White-tailed Deer Hunting Units

For the purpose of these hunting regulations and better wildlife management, the State of Tennessee is hereby divided into three (3) deer units, as follows:

Unit

- A. Bledsoe, Bradley, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Dyer, Grundy, Hamilton, Jackson, Lake, Lauderdale, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Overton, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Sequatchie, Tipton, Van Buren, Warren, White.
- B. Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Fentress, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Pickett, Polk, Scott, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, Union, Washington.
- L. Bedford, Benton, Cannon, Carroll, Cheatham, Chester, Coffee, Crockett, Davidson, Decatur, Dickson, Fayette, Franklin, Gibson, Giles, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Marshall, Maury, McNairy, Montgomery, Moore, Obion, Perry, Robertson, Rutherford, Shelby, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Wayne, Weakley, Williamson, Wilson.

B. White-tailed Deer Bag Limits and Season Dates

1. Statewide - Antlered Buck Bag Limit

The statewide bag limit for antlered bucks in Tennessee is three (3). No more than one (1) antlered deer may be taken per day. The only way the bag limit of three antlered bucks may be exceeded is if bucks are taken on TWRA or NWR managed hunts where the bucks are noted as bonus deer in the section listing WMA regulations. Deer taken on Ft. Campbell are also bonus deer.

2. Statewide – Deer Seasons and Bag Limits:

Season Type	Season Dates	Antlered Bag Limit	Antlerless Bag Limits		
		Statewide	Unit L	Unit A	Unit B
Archery*	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday in September to the day before the opening day of Muzzleloader	3	3/day	4	4
Muzzleloader	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday before Thanksgiving to the day before the opening day of Gun		3/day	4	1

Gun	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday before Thanksgiving through the first full weekend in January		3/day**	See Section D	See Section D
Young Sportsman***	Last weekend in October		3/day	2	1
	First weekend after the close of Gun season		3/day	2	1

\* Archery season is closed during the October Young Sportsman hunt.

\*\* A Type 94 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 hunters who possess a Type 167 permit.

\*\*\* 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.

Note: The statewide antlered buck limit is three (3). Antlered deer must have antlers a minimum of three inches (3") in length on buck only or antlered only hunts. Antlerless deer are defined as deer with no antlers or deer with antlers less than three inches (3") in length.

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

C. Non-Quota Antlerless White-tailed Deer Hunts

The following counties and portions of counties are open to antlerless deer hunting during the regular gun season as specified.

Non-quota Hunts -- *No hunter quota but a Type 94 permit is required except for landowners hunting on their own land, Sportsman license holders (including Lifetime Sportsman), and hunters who possess a Type 167 permit.*

Note: Unit A & B: the bag limit for each county for each non-quota hunt is defined in the Table.  
Unit L: a hunter may harvest 3 antlerless deer per day during the regular gun season.

Deer Non-Quota Hunts							
Dates: 1 <sup>st</sup> hunt period is Sat and Sun only subsequent hunts are in one-week intervals starting on Monday.	(Sat, Sun only)	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6 through end of Gun Season
COUNTY							
Anderson	1					1	1
Bledsoe					1		
Blount <sup>1</sup>						1	
Bradley		1			1	1	
Campbell						1	
Carter	1					1	1
Claiborne						1	1

Deer Non-Quota Hunts							
Dates: 1 <sup>st</sup> hunt period is Sat and Sun only subsequent hunts are in one-week intervals starting on Monday.	(Sat, Sun only)	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6 through end of Gun Season
Cocke							1
DeKalb							2
Dyer	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Grainger						1	1
Greene						1	1
Grundy					1		
Hamblen						1	1
Hamilton		1	1		1	1	1
Hancock	1					1	1
Hawkins						2	2
Jackson	1						
Jefferson						1	1
Johnson <sup>2</sup>						2	2
Knox						2	2
Lake					2	2	2
Lauderdale	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Loudon						1	1
McMinn		1			1	1	
Marion				1	1		
Meigs		1			1	1	
Morgan					1		
Putnam					1		
Rhea		1			1	1	
Roane	1	1			1	1	1
Scott						1	
Sequatchie					1		
Sevier						1	1
Sullivan	1					2	2
Tipton	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Union						1	
Van Buren					1		
Warren						1	
Washington	1					1	

1 Blount County West of Highway 411 and east of Highway 129

**D. Claiborne County Special Red Deer Hunt**

Allow taking of Red Deer in that portion of Claiborne County south of the Powell River. All harvested Red Deer must be checked out at designated TWRA check stations.

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery                      Concurrent with statewide deer season  
 No limit-Either Sex

Outside of deer season, Red Deer may be taken after requesting a free permit from the TWRA Region 4 Office.

No limit-Either Sex

**Section II. Black Bear**

**A. Black Bear Bag Limits and Season Dates**

For the purpose of these hunting regulations and better wildlife management, the State of Tennessee is hereby divided into five (5) bear hunt zones (BHZ's), as follows:

BHZ1: Carter, Cocke (North of I-40), Greene, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, & Washington.

BHZ2: Blount, Cocke (South of I-40), Jefferson (East of Hwy 411), Sevier

BHZ3: McMinn (East of Hwy 411), Monroe, Polk (East of Hwy 411 & North of Hwy 64)

BHZ4: Cumberland (North of I-40), Fentress, Morgan, Pickett (East of Hwy 111), & Scott (West of Hwy 27)

Transitional: Bradley, Hamblen, Hamilton (East of TN River), Hancock, Hawkins, Grainger, Jefferson (west of Hwy 411), Knox, Loudon, McMinn (West of Hwy 411), & Polk (West of Hwy 411)

Bear Hunt Zone (BHZ)					
	BHZ 1	BHZ 2	BHZ 3	BHZ 4**	Transitional
Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (Dogs Allowed)	Oct. 6-10 Nov. 3-7 Dec. 1-20	Sep.29-Oct.5 Nov. 3-7 Dec. 1-25	Oct. 4-12 Nov. 3-7 Dec. 1-14 Dec.30-Jan.2	Closed	Closed
Archery Only (No Dogs)	Sep.27- Oct.24	Sep.27- Oct.24	Sep.27- Oct.24	Sep.27- Oct.24	Sep.27- Oct.24
Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery (No Dogs)	Nov. 22-25	Nov. 22-25	Nov. 22-25	Closed	Closed
Young Sportsman* G/M/A (No Dogs)	Oct. 25-26	Oct. 25-26	Oct. 25-26	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 River and Recreation Area,

Scott State Forest, and Obed National Scenic River Corridor.

The following zones are open for a bear dog training season during daylight hours only:

BHZ 1 and BHZ 2

Aug. 23-Sep. 28, 2014

No bears may be taken. No weapons may be possessed.

BHZ 3

Sep. 3-12, 2014

No bears may be taken. No weapons may be possessed.

B. Special Bear Hunting Regulations:

1. The limit of bears for any person participating in the statewide or managed hunts or both shall not exceed one (1) bear per calendar year.
2. Cubs or female bears with cubs at side may not be taken at any time. A cub is defined as any bear weighing seventy-five (75) pounds or less

Section III. Elk Bag Limits and Season Dates

A. Elk Hunting Zones (EHZ)

For the purpose of these hunting regulations and better wildlife management, five (5) elk hunting zones have been designated on the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area (WMA), as follows:

EHZ 1: Chestnut Ridge and Fork Mountain

That portion of the North Cumberland WMA west of I-75 and east of the Southern railroad tracks. All safety zones designated by TWRA and private property excluded.

EHZ 2: Adkins and Turley Mountain

That portion west of the Southern Railroad tracks, east of Red Ash Rd. to Wheeler Gap, northeast of Adkins Mountain Road to Jenny Gap, east of Straight Fork Rd. to State Highway 63, east of Hwy 63 to the Southern Railroad tracks. All safety zones designated by TWRA and private property excluded.

EHZ 3: Horse Gap and Wolf Ridge

That portion of North Cumberland WMA south of Adkins Mountain Rd. to Huckaby Knob, west of the trail on Brushy Mountain Ridge to Montgomery Fork Creek, north of Montgomery Fork Creek (downstream) to the North Cumberland WMA boundary line and east of the North Cumberland WMA boundary line to Jenny Gap. All safety zones designated by TWRA and private property excluded.

EHZ 4: Anderson and Massengale Mountain

That portion on the North Cumberland WMA south of Montgomery Fork Creek to Little Bruce Ridge, west of Little Bruce Ridge to Short Haul Rd. to Grave Gap, north of Massengale Mountain road to Poor Mountain Road, north of Poor Mountain Rd. to Norma Rd., east of Norma Rd. to Montgomery Fork Creek. All safety zones designated by TWRA and private property excluded.

**EHZ 5: Cross Mountain and Red Ash**

That portion on the North Cumberland WMA South of Red Ash Rd. to Wheeler Gap, west of Adkins Mountain Rd. to Huckaby Knob, east of the trail on the Brushy Mountain Ridge to Montgomery Fork Creek, east of Little Bruce Ridge to Short Haul Rd., east of Massengale Rd. to Ash Log Gap, north of boundary back to Southern Railroad, west of Southern Railroad to Red Ash Church. All safety zones designated by TWRA and private property excluded.

**B. Elk Bag Limits, Season Dates, and Quotas**

1. Elk harvest will be regulated by a quota permit system. The bag limits, dates, and quotas are as follows:

	<b>Elk Hunting Zone (EHZ)</b>	<b>Season Type</b>	<b>Season Dates</b>	<b>Permits</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>
1	Chestnut Ridge & Fork Mountain	Gun/ Muzzleloader/ Archery	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of October through the following Friday	5	1 antlered elk per permit
2	Adkins & Turley Mountain				
3	Horse Gap & Wolf Ridge				
4	Anderson & Massengale Mountain				
5	Cross Mountain & Red Ash				
6	Entire Hunting Area - all five EHZs	Gun/ Muzzleloader/ Archery	First Saturday and Sunday following 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of Oct.	1*	1 antlered elk per permit

\* Special Youth Elk Permit - allocated to a resident hunter between the ages of 13-16 on the first day of the hunt.

2. Annual permit allocation hunt will be as follows:

- The Executive Director is authorized to issue one permit to a qualifying non-profit wildlife conservation organization, in accordance with Rule 1660-1-25.
- The remaining permits will be allocated by a drawing conducted by TWRA. Drawing procedures will be posted by TWRA during application period.

**C. Special Regulations**

1. Hunters will be assigned an EHZ as designated by TWRA. However, if during the course of the hunt, one hunter remains with an unfilled tag, that hunter may be re-assigned an EHZ according to TWRA specifications.
2. All harvested elk must be checked out at the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area Office before leaving the Wildlife Management Area.
3. The harvest location must be clearly marked with flagging tape. The location must be adequately marked so that TWRA employees can identify the harvest site. This must be accomplished by doing one of the following: 1) Providing GPS coordinates, 2) Accompanying a TWRA employee to the harvest site, or 3) Flagging a trail that can be easily followed from the harvest site to a road.
4. Use or possession of electronic tracking equipment is prohibited.
5. Bugling or calling of elk is prohibited within the EHZs during all elk hunts except by permitted hunters and their assistants.

**Section IV. General Regulations for Spring and Fall Turkey Harvest**

A. Miscellaneous

1. The use of any type of food to feed or attract wild turkeys on WMAs. Shooting or stalking turkeys from a boat in Shelby, Dyer, Tipton, Lauderdale, Haywood or Obion counties prohibited. Calling or attempting to call wild turkeys using any call to mimic the sounds made by a wild turkey is prohibited from March 1st to the opening day of the spring turkey hunts on all WMAs.
2. 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 possession.
3. Legal shooting hours for turkey - Thirty (30) minutes before sunrise to sunset

B. Statewide Spring Turkey Season Dates

1. Spring Turkey Season Dates

Saturday closest to April 1<sup>st</sup> and progressing for the next 44 days.

2. Statewide Young Sportsmen Hunt (6-16 years of age)

The Saturday and Sunday before opening day of Spring Turkey Season. 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, who is not required to have a license. Multiple youths may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult.

C. Spring Turkey Bag and Possession Limits

One (1) bearded turkey per day, not to exceed four (4) per season.  
Young Sportsmen hunt - One (1) bearded turkey. Turkey counts toward statewide bag unless taken on WMA where turkey is listed as bonus bird.

D. Fall Turkey Hunting (Shotgun/Archery)

The following counties are open for fall turkey hunting. Bag limits for this season are defined by the following table. The bag limits listed in the table are for turkeys, either sex. If a county is listed in the table, turkey may be harvested with archery equipment during the deer/archery only season. Turkeys harvested during the deer/archery only season count toward the county bag limit.

COUNTY	Dates: 14 days preceding 1 <sup>st</sup> Young Sportsman Deer Hunt		COUNTY	Dates: 14 days preceding 1 <sup>st</sup> Young Sportsman Deer Hunt
Anderson	2		Macon	6
Bedford	6		Jackson	1
Benton	1		Jefferson	2
Blount	2		Johnson	2
Campbell	2		Knox	2
Cannon	3		Madison	1
Carroll	3		Marion	2
Carter	2		Marshall	6
Cheatham	6		Maury	6
Chester	1		McNairy	1

COUNTY	Dates: 14 days preceding 1 <sup>st</sup> Young Sportsman Deer Hunt	COUNTY	Dates: 14 days preceding 1 <sup>st</sup> Young Sportsman Deer Hunt
Claiborne	2	Meigs	1
Clay	1	Montgomery	6
Cocke	3	Moore	3
Coffee	3	Morgan	1
Cumberland	1	Obion	1
Davidson	6	Overton	1
Decatur	1	Perry	1
DeKalb	2	Pickett	1
Dickson	6	Putnam	1
Fayette	1	Rhea	1
Fentress	1	Roane	1
Franklin	6	Robertson	6
Gibson	1	Rutherford	6
Grainger	2	Scott	2
Greene	3	Sequatchie	1
Grundy	1	Sevier	2
Hamblen	2	Smith	6
Hamilton	1	Stewart	1
Hancock	2	Sullivan	3
Hardeman	1	Sumner	6
Hardin	1	Trousdale	6
Hawkins	3	Union	2
Henderson	1	Van Buren	1
Henry	3	Warren	3
Hickman	6	Washington	2
Houston	1	Weakley	3
Humphreys	1	White	2
Lewis	3	Williamson	6
Lincoln	3	Wilson	6

Section V. Special Regulations.

1. For antlered bucks a legal antler point is a projection at least one inch long, measured from the tip of the point to the nearest edge of the beam, following the mid-line of the tine.
2. Deer and turkey defined as "bonus" animals do not count toward statewide, seasonal, or daily bag limits.

Section VI. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 13-05.

Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission

[Signature]  
Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission on the 22 day of May, 2014.

[Signature]  
Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23 day of May, 2014.



[Signature]  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 5-5-15

Proclamation No. 14-03 received and recorded this 28 day of May, 2014; to be effective the 1 day of August, 2014.

[Signature]  
Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

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Proclamation 14-05

Wildlife Management Areas  
Hunting Seasons, Limits and Miscellaneous Regulations

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 70-4-107 and 70-5-108, the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission hereby proclaims the wildlife management areas hunting seasons, limits and miscellaneous regulations, effective August 1, 2014.

Note: Migratory Bird Season Dates and Limits are pending in lieu of Federal Frameworks.

Section 1. General

A. Hunting Season

1. On WMAs open with statewide seasons, the season dates, bag limits, weapon types, and ammunition types that pertain to the county where the WMA is located apply to that WMA. Special regulations listed specifically for those WMAs still apply.
2. Small Game: All species identified in the current Small Game, Furbearer, Early Migratory Bird, Late Migratory Bird, and Dove hunting seasons proclamations.  
Big Game: All species identified in the current Big Game Proclamation.
3. Small game hunting and dog training closed at sunset on the day before and during scheduled big game hunts on the following wildlife management areas, unless special exception indicated: AEDC, Bridgestone-Firestone Centennial Wilderness, Catoosa, Chuck Swan State Forest, Hiwassee Refuge, Laurel Hill, Prentice Cooper State Forest, the Thief Neck Island Unit of Watts Bar, Williamsport, and Yuchi Refuge.
4. Crow may be taken on scheduled small game hunt days that coincide with statewide crow season.
5. Red fox may be taken during the statewide trapping season except where regulated by legislative act or unless otherwise specified.
6. Falconry open with statewide falconry seasons.
7. Small game (except raccoon) and retriever field trials permitted year-round with 30-day advanced approval of the area manager unless otherwise specified.
8. Raccoon hound field trials permitted Sep. 1-Apr. 30 unless prohibited.
9. Dog training is year-round unless otherwise indicated.
10. On all WMAs open to the late duck season, the statewide Youth Waterfowl Season is open, unless exception is noted. On all WMAs, the legal hunting hours during the Youth Waterfowl Season comply with federal regulations for migratory birds (30) minutes before official sunrise to sunset), unless exception is noted.
11. All game killed or crippled shall be retrieved if possible and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field. No game may be discarded on the premises of the management area.
12. Persons participating in a sanctioned field trial on a WMA, as authorized by the TWRA, may shoot to retrieve mallards. Mallards used in these trials must be held and released in accordance with all state laws, rules and regulations governing captive wildlife.
13. All refuges are closed Nov. 15-last day of Feb. to all forms of use and trespass unless otherwise indicated. Designated observation areas will be open year round, unless otherwise noted.
14. On WMAs open with the statewide season, quail season runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in November until January 15<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise noted.

B. Bag and Possession Limits

1. Statewide bag and possession limits shall apply unless special exception is indicated.
2. One deer may be taken on each managed hunt where a permit is required except as otherwise indicated. Deer taken on buck-only hunts must have antlers a minimum of three inches (3") in length.
3. For the spring turkey season, one bearded turkey per day, not to exceed four per season, except as

otherwise indicated. Turkeys taken on quota hunts are bonus turkeys, unless otherwise noted.

**C. Miscellaneous Regulations**

1. Small game WMA permit is required to trap on all areas that require a small game hunt permit.
2. Possession of shotgun ammunition loaded with more than one solid ball is specifically prohibited while hunting deer, elk, or bear.
3. Dogs permitted for small game hunting unless otherwise indicated. Special regulations apply where indicated.
4. On all "Young-Sportsman Hunts," youths, ages 6–16, may participate but 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. Adults cannot hunt except as indicated otherwise. Adults must comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters when accompanying Young Sportsmen on "Young-Sportsman Big Game Hunts," except as indicated.
5. Youths, ages 6–16, may participate on other WMA hunts (big game, small game, waterfowl, etc.) but 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.
6. During the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season, youth hunters must be 15 years of age or younger. Those, who are 16 years of age or older and are accompanying these youths, cannot duck hunt during the Youth Waterfowl Season but may participate in other open seasons. On WMAs, an adult at least 21 years of age must accompany youth hunters, ages 6–15, into the field. This adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons.
7. The placement or depositing of any type of food to feed or attract wildlife on WMAs is prohibited.
8. Where persons are required to wear fluorescent orange, they must wear on their upper body and head a minimum of 500-square inches of daylight fluorescent orange visible front and back.
9. Wheelchair-bound hunts, zones, or blinds are open to hunters who are totally and permanently confined to a wheelchair as certified by a physician.
10. 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 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 of age or older), who may also participate in hunting.
11. Persons already holding a blind permit may not participate in wheelchair-blind permit drawings. If a wheelchair-bound blind is not occupied by legal shooting hours, it may be occupied by another wheelchair-bound hunter for that day. Applications for wheelchair-bound waterfowl blind permits must be received by the appropriate regional office by noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in Oct.
12. 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).
13. Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds: no blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys left overnight unless otherwise specified by rule or proclamation. A temporary blind is either a structure assembled or placed for a hunt or boat that is used for hunting: or a site consisting of the use of natural vegetation or conditions for concealment for a specified hunt.
14. Treestands must be marked with the hunter's TWRA identification number.
15. Access to all caves on agency controlled lands is closed except to authorized personnel only, unless designated differently through signage or agency brochures.

**Section II. Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges – Seasons and Bag Limits**

**AEDC and Woods Reservoir Refuge**

**Unit 1 (Previously the TNARNG Maneuver Area)**

Public access only through gate on Rifle Range Road north of railroad tracks

Turkey Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. The area will be open to hunting as military training allows. Turkey hunt dates will be posted on the TWRA website and at the sign-in stations.

**Small Game**

Closed to small game hunting.

Trapping

Closed to trapping.

Deer (Special Regulations)

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 REAL system license agents or purchased on-line through the TWRA website.

Deer (Shotgun–Muzzleloader)

Seven hunts. Potential hunt dates: Nov. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 5-7, 13-14, 20-21. 100 hunter quota. Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer(Young-Sportsman)(Shotgun-Muzzleloader)

One hunt. Potential Hunt Dates: Oct. 4-5. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex only one may be antlered (bonus deer).

**Unit 2**

(Old Camp Forrest area from golf course to UTSI Road and Wattendorf Memorial Hwy. to southern property boundary)

Public access only through gate west of fire tower field.

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. The area will be open to hunting as military training allows. Dates will be posted on the TWRA website and at sign-in stations. Hunting closed during deer hunts.

Trapping

Closed to trapping.

Deer (Special Regulations)

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 REAL system license agents or purchased on-line through the TWRA website.

Deer/Turkey (Archery)

Three hunts. Potential hunt dates: Oct. 10-12, 17-19, 24-26. No hunter quota, Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.

Deer(Young-Sportsman)(Shotgun-Muzzleloader)

One hunt. Potential hunt dates: Oct. 4-5. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Shotgun-Muzzleloader)

Four hunts. Potential hunt dates: Nov. 8-9, Nov.28-30, Dec.5-7, 20-21. 200 hunter quota. Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered. Bonus deer).

Turkey (Fall)

One hunt. Dec.8-14. No hunter quota, Three turkeys, either sex.

Turkey

Eight hunts. Mar. 21-22 (Young-Sportsman Hunt), Mar. 28-30, Apr.3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, May 1-3, 8-10. One

bearded bird per hunt, not to exceed four per season.

**Units 3, 4, 5, and 6 (Remainder of WMA)**

Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting closed during deer hunts.
Deer/Turkey (Archery)	Three hunts. : Oct. 10-12, 17-19, 24-26. No hunter quota, Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.
Deer (Young-Sportsman)(Shotgun-Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct. 4-5. No hunter quota, Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Shotgun-Muzzleloader)	Two hunts. Nov.28-30, Dec.5-7. 600 quota, Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer).
Turkey (Fall)	One hunt. Dec.8-14. No hunter quota. Three turkeys either sex.
Turkey	Eight hunts. Mar. 21-22 (Young-Sportsman Hunt), Mar. 28-30, Apr.3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, May 1-3, 8-10. One bearded bird per hunt, not to exceed four per season. Turkey hunting in Unit 3 closes at noon each day.
Waterfowl	Same as statewide season, except open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday of the late duck season and the first and last day of each segment. Hunting from registered blind sites only on Woods Reservoir. During the early duck and goose season hunting is allowed outside of registered 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 drawn blind sites during big game deer hunts.
Dog Training	Sep. 1– Feb. 28.
Woods Reservoir Waterfowl Refuge	Dec.1– Jan 31. All forms of trespass are prohibited.
Special Regulations	<p>All access will be strictly controlled. Big Game and Small Game hunters are required to sign in at one of the three hunter sign-in stations.</p> <p>All hunters must fill out a sign-in card and keep a portion of the card on their persons while hunting.</p> <p>Deer hunters will be required to fill out an observation card at the end of each hunt and deposit it at one of the sign-in stations.</p> <p>Certain areas may be closed due to military training. The barricades at the designated entry points will be closed and appropriate signs will be displayed. If the barricades are locked, the area is closed to all public activity, including hunting.</p> <p>Deer-Archery Zones may be hunted on any scheduled deer hunt with archery equipment only. These areas are closed to Small Game hunting and Spring Turkey hunting.</p> <p>ATVs are prohibited on the AEDC WMA.</p>

The use of metal detectors is prohibited.

Digging is prohibited.

Buried and unexploded ordnance (UXO) could be encountered and unauthorized ground disturbance is a violation of federal law.

Rifles, center fire and rim fire, are prohibited. All handguns, including muzzleloading pistols are prohibited. Air rifles are allowed for small game hunting, except for migratory birds.

Camping and fires are prohibited outside of designated campgrounds.

### **Alpine Mountain**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

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

### **Arnold Hollow**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons

### **Bark Camp Barrens**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

### **Barkley Unit I**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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.

Duck seasons under 45 days: 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 the late duck season.

Special Regulations

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).

Deer and Small Game hunting is only allowed on days waterfowl hunting is closed during the late duck seasons.

**Barkley Unit II**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons

**Bean Switch Refuge**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

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

Turkey

Two quota hunts as part of the complex of Upper Obion River WMAs. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

**Complex of Upper Obion River WMAs Quota Hunts.**

Complex includes Bean Switch, Hop-in, Maness Swamp Refuge, C.M. Gooch, Obion River, and Three Rivers WMAs. Hunters must possess an Upper Obion River WMAs Quota Turkey permit to hunt on any of the WMAs in this complex during the following quota hunts. Two quota hunts: 3rd Fri - Sun and 5th Fri – Sun of spring turkey season. Hunter quota 100 per hunt. One bearded turkey per hunt, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

**Bear Hollow Mountain**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

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

Special Regulations

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 Springs, Poplar Springs, and Rock House Roads will be opened for scouting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in Aug.

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.

Horseback riders must stay on designated trails 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.

**Beaver Dam Creek**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

### **Big Sandy and Gin Creek**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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 the late duck season.

Special Regulations

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

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).

### **Black Bayou Refuge**

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. Archery equipment only during the muzzleloader season.

Closed to Young Sportsman deer hunts.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Nov. 14.

### **Bogota**

Deer, 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).

Special Dove (Youth)

Sept. 1, noon until sunset. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Designated fields only.

Dove

Sept. 2 through the remainder of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

Special Regulations

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 4:00 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.

Motorized vehicles are allowed only on designated roads, trails, and parking areas.

No vehicles are allowed in fields, woods, or on levees.

Turkey

One Quota hunt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri - Sun of the state wide spring season. Hunter quota 10. Tumbleweed WMA is included in this hunt. One bearded turkey, counts towards statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Oct. 31.

**Bridgestone-Firestone Centennial Wilderness**

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.  
Closed to quail hunting. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 through 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in Aug., except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons.

Big Game

Same as statewide seasons, except deer season is closed Nov.14-21 and after Dec. 12.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Special Regulations

No ATV, motorcycle, or horseback riding permitted.  
Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.  
Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

Antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler or a 15-inch minimum outside antler spread on all hunts.

**(Big Bottom Unit)**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

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

Dog Training  
Special Regulations

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Unauthorized entry is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

Motorized vehicles and ATVs restricted to designated roads.

Camping in designated areas only.

Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts

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

### **Browntown**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

### **Buffalo Springs**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping  
Special Regulations

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Waterfall parking area closed one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise.

Use or possession of alcohol is prohibited in the waterfall area.

Quail hunting closed. Quail training only during statewide quail season.

### **C. M. Gooch**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

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.

Turkey

Two quota hunts as part of the complex of Upper Obion River WMAs. Please refer back to Bean Switch Refuge. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

Waterfowl

Same as statewide season, except Gooch waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 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 4:00 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 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. There will be 10 temporary blind sites.

### **Camden Unit I**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Waterfowl

Waterfowl hunting shall close at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except 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.

Special Regulations

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).

### **Camden Unit II**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15, except closed during late duck season.

### **Catoosa**

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Raccoon and opossum season is Nov. 1 to sunrise Dec. 31. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season. Trapping and small game hunting closed during wild hog control season. Closed to quail hunting.

Deer (Archery)

Three hunts. Oct. 11-13, 14-16, 17-19. Archery equipment only. Area checking stations operated. Entire area open. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader)

One hunt. Nov.20-23 Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun)	One hunt. Nov. 13-16 Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. Oct. 25-26. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).
Wild Hog (Control Season) (Dogs Permitted)	<p>Dec. 10-14, Jan. 7-11 Entire area open. No limit, either sex.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking Deer, Bear or Elk.</p> <p>Legal hours—One-half hour before sunrise and to one-half hour after sunset.</p> <p>Checking stations open on Catoosa—all hogs must be transported whole to the checking stations for data collection.</p>
Deer (Gun)	One hunt. Dec. 4-7 Entire area open. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).
Bullfrog	Apr. 1–Sep. 1. No hunting during turkey hunts.
Turkey	Six hunts. Apr. 10-12, 14-16, 21-23, 24-26, 28-30 May 1-3. One turkey per hunt, not to exceed four per season.
Turkey (Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. Apr. 18-19. One turkey (bonus bird).
Trapping	Dec. 15- Feb. 28.
Dog Training	Dog training is closed.
Special Regulations	<p>Hunters required to check out big game and wild hogs at WMA check stations when stations are in operation.</p> <p>Walk-in hunting and trapping only from Feb. 1–last day of Feb.</p> <p>Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 through 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in Aug., except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons.</p> <p>Antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler or a 15-inch minimum outside antler spread on all hunts.</p> <p>Catoosa WMA will be closed to all users Feb. 1–last Friday in Mar., except walk-in hunters and trappers will be permitted Feb. 1–last day of Feb.</p> <p>Guides prohibited on all hunts.</p> <p>ATVs and motorized bikes are permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit from the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in Aug. through the spring squirrel season. No entry onto the area except through gated TWRA access points.</p> <p>Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer</p>

hunters.

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.

Firing Range (Genesis Checking Station)

Open daily except during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only.

Firing Ranges (Peavine Campground)

Open Apr. 1 – Jan. 31, except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only.

### **Cedar Hill Swamp**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Archery equipment only for Big Game.

### **Charlotte Ann Finnell Neal**

Deer, Turkey, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season closes Dec. 12. Archery equipment only for deer.

Small Game

Dec. 13–last day of Feb, except as noted. Squirrel season open from last Saturday in Aug. to Sep. 26, and during spring squirrel season. Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Special Regulations

Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.

### **Cheatham**

Deer, Small Game, Trapping

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

Turkey

One hunt. Oct. 13-24. Hunter quota 150. Two turkeys, either sex.

Turkey

Same as statewide spring season.

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.

### **Cheatham Lake**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in October. 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**

Big Game, Small Game

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

Turkey

One hunt. Oct. 13-24. Hunter quota 50. Two turkeys, either sex.

Special Regulations

Access by boat only.

**Cherokee**

Special Regulations

Horseback riding on properties owned by the U.S. Forest Service shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service regulations. On those properties owned or leased by the TWRA, horseback riding is only permitted upon roads opened for vehicle travel: no riding off roads into openings, fields, trails, or through streams.

Bobcat hunting with dogs prohibited. Dog training prohibited, except for Bear Dog Training Season in Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, Monroe, Polk, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties, or as otherwise specified.

The use of and/or possession of any tracking device for dogs from Mar. 1–Aug. 15 is illegal. Hunting of coyotes with dogs prohibited.

North Cherokee

That portion of the Cherokee WMA lying north of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

South Cherokee

That portion of the Cherokee WMA lying south of the Great

Smoky Mountains National Park.

**North Cherokee**

Special Regulations

On property that is owned or leased by TWRA, ATV, and OHV operation is prohibited at all times at any location inside the boundaries of these properties.

Only pointing breed dogs are permitted in the bear reserve one day before and during bear hunts.

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.

Small game hunters (except raccoon and opossum hunters between sunset and sunrise) must wear 500-square inches of fluorescent 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, Turkey

Same as statewide seasons, except closed to special county antlerless hunts.

Opossum, Raccoon

Oct. 10–last day in Feb. Season closed Oct. 10-24, Nov. 3-7, Nov. 22-25, Dec. 1-20 in all bear reserves.

Bear Dog Training Season

Sep. 3-28. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. No training in bear reserves.

Bear

Same as statewide season, except closed Sep. 27–Oct. 10

**South Cherokee**

Dove, Grouse, Quail, Rabbit, Snipe, Squirrel,  
Waterfowl, Woodcock

Same as statewide, except as noted.

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

Spring squirrel season is closed.

Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in Aug., except during turkey season.

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

Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting outside of Bear Reserves Jan. 1–last day of Feb.

It is illegal to possess firearms with any breed of dog other than pointing breeds during daylight hours, excluding bear

season, except as provided.

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.

Deer (Archery)	One hunt. Sep.13-26. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Deer (Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct. 27-Nov.2. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. Oct. 18-19. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Deer-(Gun)	Two hunts. Nov. 22 - 30, Dec.15-29. Two deer, buck only (bonus deer).
Bear (Gun)(Dogs Permitted)	Four hunts. Oct. 4-12, Nov. 3-7, Dec.1-14, Dec. 30-Jan.2. 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. 4-5, Oct. 11-12, Nov. 3-4, Dec 1-2. 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. 8-20, Jan. 3-last day of Feb. Inside Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Jan. 3-Feb. 2, limited to a maximum of two dogs per vehicle.
Bear Dog Training Season	Sep. 3-12. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. No training in bear reserves.
Turkey	Same as statewide spring turkey season.
Trapping	Jan. 1– Feb. 28.
Special Regulations	Bear reserves are closed to all big game hunting when the bear season is open on the South Cherokee.  22 caliber short, and long rifle are the only legal weapons on a raccoon hunt.  Wild hogs may be taken during any deer or bear hunt with no limit.

**Chickamauga**

(Shelton Bottoms, Mud Creek, New Bethal, Moon Island, Cottonport, Washington Ferry, Goodfield Creek, Gillespie

Bend, Agency Creek, Ledford Island, Sugar Creek, South Mouse Creek Units).

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide hunting and trapping seasons. No waterfowl hunters permitted on Units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the duck season(s). Closed to quail hunting.

(Candies Creek, Rogers Creek, Yellow Creek, Johnson Bottoms Units)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

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. Closed to quail hunting.

Waterfowl

Designated blind sites will be allocated by computer draw. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to blind sites or numbered 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 decoys must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day.

Only waterfowl hunting permitted on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and the opening and closing day of the duck season.

Waterfowl hunting ends at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

No waterfowl hunters or other activities permitted on Units from two hours after the end of the waterfowl hunting hours until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the duck season(s).

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.

(Soddy and Sale Creek Units)

Big Game, Small Game

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

Special regulations

Deer hunting with archery equipment only. Archery hunters must comply with hunter 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.

**Chickasaw State Forest**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

**Chuck Swan**

Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting is closed as posted.

Raccoon

Seven 1–night hunts. Nov.2-8. Hunters must check out by 1:00 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 9 – Aug 16. Centerfire allowed. Free permit required

Deer (Archery)

One hunt. Oct. 17-18. Hunter quota 400. One deer, either sex. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)

One hunt. Oct. 25-26. Hunter quota 200. One deer, either sex. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Gun)

Two hunts. Nov. 28-29, Dec. 5-6. Hunter quota 650. One deer, buck only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Muzzleloader)

One hunt. Nov. 21-22. Hunter quota 650. One deer, buck only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Turkey

Five hunts: Mar. 26-28, Apr. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 23-25. 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 1:00 p.m.

Trapping

Jan.7-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.

Special Regulations

Guides, deer driving, loud noises, and harassment on all deer hunts, and entering the wildlife management area from Norris Lake during the deer and turkey hunts prohibited.

Horses, ATVs, ORVs, 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 checking station and ending at the intersection of the Back Valley, Forks of the River, and Big Loop roads.

A licensed vehicle is defined as a vehicle that is tagged, registered, and insured and is legal to operate on county,

state, and federal highways.

Organized competition events for motorized/non-motorized vehicles prohibited. The maximum noise limit for all motorized vehicles is 86 dBa, as measured 50 feet from the exhaust, except as otherwise permitted.

Reckless operation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Reckless operation is defined as operating a vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner as to endanger the life and limb of others, or property or developments of the State, or property of any person. The maximum speed limit is 25 mph or less if otherwise posted.

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 weapon legal for the scheduled hunt.

Range open Thur/Fri from noon-sunset and Sat/Sun from sunrise to sunset. Closed during all big game quota hunts. No buckshot allowed on range.

### **Cordell Hull**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except deer hunting ends Dec. 12. Wheelchair-bound hunter zone open to wheelchair-bound hunters only. Deer bag limit is two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer) in the wheelchair-bound zone on Nov. 22-23. Closed to quail hunting.

(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.

Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only Zone)

Apr.4-May 17. Wheelchair-bound hunters only. Two turkeys, either sex (bonus bird).

Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only Zone

That area in the old "Corps of Engineers Roaring River Campground" area of Cordell Hull WMA (north of Hwy. 135, north of Roaring River, south and east of Hwy. 85, and west of Old Roaring River Iron Bridge Road.

Dog Training

Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**Cordell Hull Refuge**

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season is Sep. 29- Oct. 24.

Closed to quail hunting.

Deer (Archery)(Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only)

One hunt. Sep. 27-28. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun)(Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only)

One hunt. Nov. 8-9. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

Special Regulations

Fishing by boat allowed during refuge closure in marked river channel only.

**Cove Creek**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

**Cummings Cove**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

**Cypress Pond Refuge**

Big Game, Small Game

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

Dove

Sept 1, noon-sunset. Closed Sept 2-5. Re-opens Sept. 6 continuing with statewide season.

Dog Training

Closed.

**Dry Creek**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

**Eagle Creek**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

**Eagle Lake Refuge**

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons and bag limits, except as noted. Hunting allowed Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday only. Waterfowl season is closed.

Turkey

Hunting to coincide and be included with drawn quota hunts on Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area (bonus bird).

Dog Training  
Special Regulations

Closed.

Except for the Bompreszi Unit, Eagle Lake Refuge is closed to all hunting Nov. 15–last day of Feb.

Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting.

Access to the south end of Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area WMA through Eagle Lake Refuge will be permitted during hunting seasons.

Observation tower open only during Meeman Shelby Forest hunt days that coincide with the hunting season.

**(Bompreszi Unit of Eagle Lake Refuge)**

Big Game, Small Game  
Special Regulations

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. No

Shotgun only for small game.

Center-fire rifles prohibited for deer.

No antlerless deer may be taken during the statewide deer gun season.

**Edgar Evins State Park**

Big Game, Small Game

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

Dog Training

Same as statewide seasons, except closed on north side of Center Hill Lake.

**Enterprise South Nature Park  
(a.k.a. Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant)**

Closed to hunting, trapping and dog training, except as noted.

Deer/Turkey (Archery)

One hunt. Oct 6-7. Hunter quota 80. Two deer, no more than one antlered, (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.

Deer (Shotgun - Hunts for Warriors)

One hunt. Oct. 20-21. Hunter quota 25. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer)

Special Regulations

Hunters are required to check out big game at WMA check stations when stations are in operation.

**Ernest Rice, Sr.**

Small Game, Trapping

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

Waterfowl, Raccoon, Opossum	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl, raccoon, and opossum seasons are not closed during the big game hunts.
Deer	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only. Bucks 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. Third Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1. One deer, antlered only. Bucks 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 quota hunt the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri – Sun of statewide spring season. Hunter quota 10. Thorny Cypress WMA is included in this hunt. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide season
Dog Training	Closed.
<b>Fall Creek Falls State Park</b>	
Squirrel	Dec. 1–last day of Feb. Shotguns only. Spring squirrel season is closed.
Deer (Archery)	Four hunts. Nov. 8-10, 11-13, 14-16, Dec. 19-21. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). One turkey either sex.
Deer (Hunts for Warriors) (Shotgun/Muzzleloader) (Golf Course Zone)	One hunt. Dec. 2-3. Hunter quota 15. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).
Turkey (Archery)	One hunt. Apr.4-12. One turkey per day, not to exceed two turkeys (bonus bird).
Dog Training	Closed.
Special Regulations	Vehicle parking restricted to designated parking areas only during the hunting season. No parking permitted at all on roadside grass. All deer and turkey hunters must sign register at horse stables before hunting.  Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.
<b>Flintville Hatchery</b>	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer. Guns may be used on Young-Sportsman hunts and during fall turkey season.
Dog Training	Daylight hours only.

**Foothills**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Closed to hunting Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey.

Opossum, Raccoon

Jan. 1-Feb. 28.

Dog training

Closed.

Special Regulations

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.

**Forks of the River**

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

All hunting is closed from Mar. 1 through 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in Aug., except for spring squirrel and spring turkey season.

Pigeon is open with dove season.

Sep. waterfowl seasons closed.

Dove

Sep. 1, 6 and the remainder of the statewide season.

Designated youth field will be closed until Sep. 7.

Dove (Youth/Adult)

Youth/Adult field will be open Sep. 6 to youths who must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt this field.

Special Regulations

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.

From Sept 7 – Feb 28. Closed on Tues. and Thurs. to non-hunters except for the paved greenway and perimeter trail. On Sat and Sun area closed to non-hunters till noon except for the paved greenway and perimeter trail.

From Apr.4 - May 17 (Spring turkey) area closed to non-hunters till noon except for the paved greenway and perimeter trail.

Paintball guns and accessories prohibited.

All animals accompanied by a non-hunting person are required to be leashed.

**Fort Loudoun**

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.

Dog Training

Closed.

**Fourth Fractional Township**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for big game.

Small game hunting with shotguns only, using No. 6 shot or smaller.

Beagles and pointing breeds only. Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.

Dog Training

Beagles and pointing breeds only. No dog training allowed during spring turkey season

Special Regulations

ATVs and motorcycles prohibited.

**Gallatin Steam Plant (\*Free Gallatin Steam Plant Permit required in addition to WMA Permit)**

Deer/Turkey

Same as statewide season, except as noted. Archery equipment only.

Dog Training

Closed.

Special Regulations

Parking in designated areas. No camping. Scouting begins one week prior to opening day.

**Haley-Jaqueth**

Deer, Turkey

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

Dove

Sep.6 Youth only (6-16) accompanied by a non-hunting adult and shooting is from staked positions only. Sep. 8 and every Saturday thereafter of the 1<sup>st</sup> segment open to all ages. All hunting is on designated field only.

Designated field only for dove.

Dog Training

Daylight hours only.

**Harmon Creek**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

**Harp**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons

Dog Training

Sep. 1 – Mar. 15.

**Haynes Bottom**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

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.

Special Regulations

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

Participating waterfowl hunters only in the bottoms during waterfowl seasons.

No horseback riding during big game hunts.

Dog Training

Open year round. Daylight hours only

**Headwaters**

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

Horseback riding on designated trail only

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.

**Henderson Island Refuge**

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide, except as noted.

Rabbit, Quail

Nov. 1–14.

Dog training	Rabbit and quail: Sep. 1–Oct. 31. All other: Mar. 1–Oct. 31.
Special Regulations	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 who may also hunt. Public entry and fishing permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey). Horses prohibited.
<b>Hick Hill</b>	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons.
<b>Hickory Flats</b>	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons.
<b>Hiwassee Refuge</b>	
Dove	Sep. 1, 13, 16. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.
Dove (Youth)	Sep. 6. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.
Squirrel/Rabbit	Same as statewide seasons except as noted.
Opossum, Raccoon	Sep.6-Nov. 8. 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 4:00 a.m. the following day.
Wood Duck/Teal	Same as Sep. Wood Duck/Teal season. No duck hunters permitted on the refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day.
Deer (Shotgun–Muzzleloader)(Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. Sep.20-21. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Archery)	One hunt. Sep.26-28. Hunter quota 200. Two deer no more than one antlered, one turkey either sex. (bonus deer).
Deer (Archery)	One hunt. Oct.–10-12. Two deer, no more than one

	antlered, one turkey either sex. (bonus deer).
Deer (Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct. 24-26. Hunter quota 150. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct.31 - Nov. 2. 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.
Retriever Dog Field Trials	Pre–approved by Area Manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.
Special Regulations	During refuge closure, public entry and fishing is permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting.  Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season. Beaver and coyote 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
<b>Holly Fork</b>	Closed to hunting, trapping, and dog training.
<b>Hop–In Refuge</b>	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to dove and waterfowl hunting.
Turkey	Two quota hunts as part of the complex of Upper Obion River WMAs. Please refer back to Bean Switch Refuge. Closed to fall turkey hunting.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide season
Special Regulations	Closed Nov. 1–last day in Feb. to all forms of use and trespass unless otherwise indicated.
<b>Horns Bluff Refuge</b>	
Big Game, Small Game	Refuge Closed November 15 to 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 or taking.
Waterfowl	North unit (portion of refuge north of Middle Fork Forked Deer River Canal) 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 3pm except the last day of the season when hunting closes at sunset. No access before 4am or after 5pm. No access during refuge closure dates except for waterfowl hunters on open hunt days..

**Jackson Swamp**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except closed to quail hunting.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

**Jarrell Switch Refuge**

Big Game, Small Game

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

**John Tully**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.  
Antlered deer must be spikes or must have 9 points or more.

No antlerless deer to be taken during the gun season.

Turkey

Two hunts. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri – Sun and 5<sup>th</sup> Fri – Sun of spring season. Hunter quota 30 per hunt. One bearded tukey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

Dove

Open September 1 through the remainder of the statewide seasons. One youth-only field and two adult field.

Waterfowl

Same as statewide seasons, except hunting ends at 3:00 p.m.

Waterfowl (Fig Field Unit/Fullen North Tract)

Open with statewide seasons. Waterfowl Hunting will be allocated by hand held weekly draw hunts For 3 day hunts Friday-Sunday and Opening weekend(s). The hand held drawing will be held on the Monday prior to the hunt at 6:00 pm at the John Tully Field Office. Hunting will only be allowed from designated locations. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 pm.

**Keyes-Harrison**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

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.

**Kingston Refuge**

Closed to hunting, trapping and dog training.

**Kyker Bottoms Refuge**

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Deer hunting is open during archery and youth only.

Turkey is Youth/Adult only. Open Friday-Sunday only. Youth must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt.

Rabbit, Quail

Nov. 1–14. Quail bag limit 2/day, rabbit and quail hunting closes at 4pm.

Dog training

Rabbit and quail: Sep. 1–Oct. 31.

Raccoon: Sept. 12-13, 19-20.

**Special Regulations**

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 who may also hunt.

Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).

Wild hogs may be taken on any deer and turkey hunt with hunting devices legal for those hunts.

**Kyles Ford**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted..

Quail

Quail- Open to training only.

Rabbit

Hunting ends at 4pm.

Quail/Rabbit dog Training

Sept. 1 – Oct. 31. Training ends at 4 pm.

Special Regulation

Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).

**Land Between the Lakes**

Squirrel

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in Aug.–the Friday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in Sep., Oct. 1–14, and Dec. 1–last day of Feb.

	Spring season same as statewide season.
Dove, Snipe, Woodcock	According to state and federal regulations, open on small game hunt dates that coincide with state seasons.
Fox, Quail, Rabbit	Dec. 1–last day of Feb., except quail to close on Jan. 15.
Bobcat/Otter	Dec. 1– Last day of February.
Coyote, Wild Hog, Armadillo, Ground Hog	May be taken during daylight hours only by legally licensed hunters during any open season with weapons specified for that season. Also may be taken with centerfire rifles, handguns, and shotguns with shot size T or smaller during the month of Feb. Wild hog taking with dogs is prohibited.
Opossum, Raccoon	Sunset Dec. 1– sunrise the last day of February. Two raccoons per person per night.
Crow	Open during any LBL small game season that coincides with the statewide crow season.
Fox Chasing	From sunset to sunrise, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday in Aug. through the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday in Sep. LBL Hunter Use Permit required.
Geese	Same as the statewide goose season, except closed on LBL deer quota hunt dates.
Ducks	Early duck season same as statewide season.
Waterfowl Hunting	Waterfowl hunting will be permitted during the statewide season throughout the Tennessee portion of LBL, except on designated, signed, refuge areas and public use areas, and on deer quota hunt dates. Permanent blinds are not allowed on LBL.
Trapping	Fourteen consecutive days beginning the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in Jan. LBL hunt areas as designated in LBL. Designated problem areas as assigned. All species equipment and methods to conform with statewide regulations. Trappers must obtain a trapping permit in advance at the Golden Pond Administration Office, and report their harvest in accordance to LBL instructions. Additional beaver -trapping season: Feb. 1–last day of Feb. All areas open, except Nature Watch Area, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and other areas posted as closed to hunting.
Dog Training	Quail, rabbit and raccoon chasing only. Oct. 1–31. Except closed from sunset Friday until sunrise Monday of the youth deer hunt weekend. LBL Hunter Use Permit required. Training permitted only in designated areas.
Bullfrog	May 15–Aug. 31. Gigs only. Bag limit 15.
Small Game (Archery Only)	Squirrel, groundhog, and fox may be taken during deer archery season only by legally licensed and equipped deer archery hunters. Statewide limits apply. Arrows must be equipped with broad-heads according to deer regulations or small game points.

Deer	During the September through January deer seasons, there is an LBL-wide one antlered buck limit per hunter, whether by gun, bow, quota, or non-quota, TN or KY hunt.
Deer/Turkey (Archery)	The 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday in Sep. through the end of the statewide season, except for quota hunt days and one day immediately before each quota hunt. Archery equipment to conform to state regulations. One turkey, either sex (bonus bird). Two white-tailed deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)	One two-day hunt, beginning the third Saturday in October. Hunter quota 800. One white-tailed deer, either sex (bonus deer). Youths must be accompanied by an adult, and all youths must have received hunter safety instructions (see LBL website at <a href="http://www.lbl.org">www.lbl.org</a> ).
Deer (Gun)	One two-day hunt, beginning two Fridays before Thanksgiving Day. Hunter quota 1,000. One white-tailed deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)	One two-day hunt, beginning on Saturday after Thanksgiving Day. Hunter quota 1,000. One white-tailed deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Deer (Other)	Up to 100 permits may be issued for special hunts.
Turkey (Young-Sportsman)	One two-day hunt, beginning on Saturday after the Saturday closest to April 1. Hunter quota 200. One turkey (bonus bird).
Turkey	One two-day hunt on Tuesday and Wednesday before the Saturday closest to April 15. Hunter quota 250. One two-day hunt beginning on the Saturday closest to April 15. Hunter quota 200. One turkey (bonus bird).
Turkey	One seven-day non-quota hunt, beginning Monday following the Saturday closest to April 15. One turkey (not bonus).
Turkey	One seven-day nonquota hunt beginning the second Monday following the Saturday closest to April 15. One turkey (not bonus).
Baiting	The placement of any bait to attract wildlife, including food or mineral substances is prohibited on LBL.
Areas open to hunting	All areas lying in Tennessee portion are open to hunting except: Nature Watch Area, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and areas posted as closed. The back half of Rushing Bay is closed to all activity Nov. 1–Mar. 15.
Field Trials:	
Raccoon Field Trials, Bird Dogs, Beagles and Retriever Field Trials	July 1–Mar. 31. Forest Service Special Use permit required.

**Laurel Hill**

Small Game	Same as statewide season except as noted. Coyote/Bobcat may be taken on Big Game hunts with the weapon legal for that hunt. The remainder of the season is rimfire only during daylight hours only.
Raccoon/Opossum	Sept. 12 - Feb. 28. Bag limit 2 raccoon per person per night. Opossum: no limit. Hunting closed at sunset the day before and during big game hunts
Dove	Same as statewide dove season. All fields open.
Fox Chasing	No fox chasing permitted.
Deer(Archery)	One hunt. Sep.20 - Oct. 5. archery equipment only. Three deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. Oct. 18 – 19. One deer, either sex (bonus deer), no antler restrictions.
Deer (Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct. 23 – 26. Hunter quota 500. One deer, Buck only (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)	Three hunts. Nov. 14–16, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 19-21. Hunter quota 500. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).
Turkey	Same as statewide spring turkey season.
Trapping	Dec. 1–Feb. 11.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15, daylight hours only.
Special Regulations	Special buck regulations apply on all deer hunts. Bucks must have at least five antler points on one side or a 15 inch minimum outside spread. All horses must be ridden on designated trails or roads open to motorized vehicles. Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while horseback riding.  Foot traffic only beyond cables/gates during spring turkey season
Shields Farm Unit	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Centerfire rifles and handguns prohibited.
<b>Lick Creek</b>	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons.

**Lick Creek Bottoms**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted..

Quail

Quail- Open to training only.

Rabbit

Hunting ends at 4pm.

Quail/Rabbit dog Training

Sept. 1 – Oct. 31. Training ends at 4 pm.

Dove

Sept. 1 and the remainder of the statewide season. Sept. 6, Youth/Adult only, from sunrise to noon then open to all hunters.

Waterfowl

Same as statewide seasons except S. Mowhawk and Skinner crossroads ponds are open only on Tuesdays and Saturdays till noon during the late statewide seasons. Hunters may hunt to sunset on the last day of the season. Decoys must be removed at the end of legal hunting, decoys must be attended at all times and decoys may not be put out before 3 am.

Entire Mohawk dove field is non-toxic shot.

Special Regulations

Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game (including dove) hunting as posted.

Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).

**Joachim Bible Waterfowl Refuge Unit** (that portion of Lick Creek WMA between Murray Bridge Road, Bibles Chapel Road, and South Mowhawk Road)

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide, except as noted.

Dove

Sept. 6 and everyday thereafter during the first and second segments.

Rabbit, Quail

Nov. 1–14. Bag limit 2 quail/day. Hunting closes at 4pm.

Dog training

Rabbit and quail: Sep. 1–Oct. 31.

All other: Mar. 1–Oct. 31.

Special Regulations

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 Youth/Adult only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt.

**Luper Mountain**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

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

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

**Maness Swamp Refuge**

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Turkey

Two quota hunts as part of the complex of Upper Obion River WMAs. Please refer back to Bean Switch Refuge. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

Special Regulations

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

**Maple Springs**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

**McGlothlin-Largen**

Deer, Turkey, Waterfowl

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season Closes Dec.12. Archery equipment only for deer.

Squirrel

Last Saturday in Aug. to Sep. 26; Dec. 13–last day of Feb, and during spring squirrel season except as noted. Shotguns with Number 6 shot or smaller only.

Dove

Sep. 1, 6. Noon to sunset only on Sept 1

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15. Beagles and pointing breeds only.

Special Regulations

Use of motorized vehicles prohibited

**Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area**

Special Squirrel Hunt (Youth)

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in Aug.

Big Game, Small Game

Open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday within statewide seasons, except as noted.

No antlerless deer may be taken during the statewide deer gun season.

Spring Squirrel season is closed.

Waterfowl

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.

	Saturday(s) of the Statewide Youth Waterfowl season.
Waterfowl ( Youth)	
Turkey (Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. The Sat. of the Statewide youth turkey season. One bearded turkey.
Turkey	Two hunts. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thur – Sat and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thur – Sat of spring season. Hunter quota 50 each hunt. One turkey (counts toward statewide bag). Successful hunters must check out at nearest county checking station.
Trapping	Beaver trapping by special permit only. Trapping of all other species prohibited.
Dog Training	Open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
Field Trials	Sep. 1–Apr. 30.
Special Regulations	Shotgun, muzzleloader, and archery equipment only. Rifles and handguns prohibited. Small game hunters must meet hunter orange requirements. All hunters are required to register and obtain a free permit at the park headquarters (901)876-5215.
<b>Mingo Swamp</b>	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons.
<b>Moss Island</b>	
Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except small game hunting is closed during the big game gun hunts except as noted.
Waterfowl, Raccoon, Opossum	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl, raccoon, and opossum seasons are not closed during the big game hunts.
Deer	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only. Bucks 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. Third Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1. One deer antlered only. Bucks 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 quota hunt the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri – Sun of the statewide spring season. Hunter quota 15. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.  Same as statewide season

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Dog Training

Closed

**MTSU**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

**Mt. Roosevelt**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide season except as noted.

Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.

Deer same as statewide Unit A deer season. Closed to special antlerless deer hunts.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Special Regulations

Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.

ATVs and motorized bikes are permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit.

**Natchez Trace State Forest**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

**New Hope**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

**Nolichucky**

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons except as noted.

Waterfowl

Blinds, blind materials, and decoys must be removed daily at the end of legal shooting hours. During all waterfowl seasons, boats may not be anchored, moored, or aground more than 1 hour after legal waterfowl hunting hours or earlier than 1 hour before legal shooting hours.

**Normandy**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

**North Chickamauga Creek**

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Hunting only allowed on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Closed to quail hunting. Bag limit for rabbits is three per day.

Waterfowl hunting also open on the first and last day of the

statewide season. Hunting ends at noon each day.

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

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

Turkey hunting ends at noon each day.

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

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.

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 #2 shot or smaller.

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 7:00 a.m. on opening day of the first segment on the dove season.

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.

Special Regulations

Trespass prohibited by non-hunters on hunt days.

No motorized vehicles outside parking areas.

Units closed after sunset, except to opossum and raccoon hunters.

All hunting ends on Jan. 31, except spring squirrel season and spring turkey season.

Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl). Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with #2 shot or smaller.

**Patton Unit**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide season, except as noted.

Special Regulations

All motorized vehicles must stay on main road while transiting the area.

Possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited.

**North Cumberland**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to hunting Mar. 1 through 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey. Coyote hunting with centerfire weapons only allowed during deer gun seasons by licensed deer hunters. Spring squirrel season is closed.

Deer

Closed to non-quota county antlerless deer hunts. One non-quota deer hunt Dec 15-21

Turkey

Closed to fall turkey hunting

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Ginseng

Same as statewide season.

Special Regulations

All users should be aware that hazards associated with mining (deep and strip) exist on this area. Public use is permitted during all hunts. 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.

No person shall remove minerals, including coal, trees, plants (including vines), or building stone from the area without specific authorization.

Camping is permitted on the entire area.

ORV, horseback riding, bicycles, and all other vehicles are restricted to roads marked "open to vehicular traffic."

Night-time use by the general public and raccoon hunters is permitted area-wide.

Organized competition events for motorized/non-motorized vehicles prohibited.

Maximum noise limit of 86 dBa for all motorized vehicles, as measured 50 feet from the exhaust.

Reckless operation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Reckless operation is defined as operating a vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person or damage TWRA property on developments. Speed limit is 25 mph.

Wild hogs may be taken on any hunt. Chasing fox, coyote, bobcat, or wild hogs with dogs not permitted.

**Oak Ridge**

Deer (Shotgun–Muzzleloader)(Gun zones only)

Three hunts. Nov. 1-2, 15-16, Dec. 13-14. Hunter quota 450. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery)(Archery Zone)	Three hunts. Nov 1-2, 15-16, Dec. 13-14. Hunter quota 600. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.
Canada Goose	Sep. 1, 6, 13, 14, and Oct. 11, 12, 18, 19. One-half hour before sunrise to noon. Hunting on Solway and Freels Bend only from the shoreline to Solway Bend Farm Road and from shoreline to Freels Bend Farm Road. Boat access only. Hunting from temporary blinds only.
Wood Duck/Teal	Sep. 13-14. One-half hour before sunrise to noon. Hunting on Solway and Freels Bend only from the shoreline to Solway Bend Farm Road and from shoreline to Freels Bend Farm Road. Boat access only. Hunting from temporary blinds only.
Turkey	Two hunts. Apr. 11-12, 18-19. Hunter quota 225. One turkey (bonus bird). Hunting ends at noon daily. Successful hunters must be at the check station by 1:00 p.m.
Dog Training	Closed.
Special Regulations:	<p>Hunters required to check out big game at WMA check stations when stations are in operation. All listed times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time or Eastern Standard Time.</p> <p>On big game quota hunts and on approved scouting days for all zones, except Tower Shielding and Chestnut Ridge/Park City Road Zone, one non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (21 years old or older) who has a valid WMA quota permit.</p> <p>During deer hunts, non-hunting juveniles must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations specified for legal hunters.</p> <p>Scouting dates: 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 25 -for the Nov. 1-2 permit holders and approved youths only; Nov.8 for the Nov. 15-16 permit holders and approved youths only; Dec. 6 for the Dec. 13-14 holders and approved youths only.</p> <p>For deer hunts those hunters who have a DOE security badge for Oak Ridge and have been drawn for an Oak Ridge quota hunt may hunt in Oak Ridge Security Areas as designated on the current Deer Hunt Map during the hunt date for which they have a permit.</p> <p>Turkey scouting date: 7:00 a.m. to noon Apr 4 for the Apr. 11-12 and Apr 18-19 permit holders and approved youths only. For turkey hunts, those hunters who have a DOE Security Badge for Oak Ridge and possess an Oak Ridge WMA quota turkey permit may hunt in the Badged-Only</p>

Security Hunting Zones as designated on the current Turkey Hunt map during the hunt dates for which they have a permit.

No boat access, except for Haw Ridge Park, during deer hunts and waterfowl hunters accessing Solway and Freels Bend on during the designated Sep. and Oct. Canada goose hunting dates.

During October, November and December big game hunts, all hunters must wear fluorescent orange including archery hunters in the Archery-Only zones.

Hunters must carry, at all times, hunting license and permit, valid picture identification (youth excluded), and signed current hunt map.

Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

**Obion River**

**All Units** (special regulations apply to Maness Swamp Hunting Unit)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Turkey

Two quota hunts as part of the complex of Upper Obion River WMAs. Please refer back to Bean Switch Refuge. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

**Maness Swamp Hunting Unit** (North of State Hwy. 445 bordered by the South Fork and Middle Fork of the Obion Rivers as marked)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Turkey

Two quota hunts as part of the complex of Upper Obion River WMAs. Please refer back to Bean Switch Refuge. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

Waterfowl

Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck season permitted only on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season. All hunting shall cease at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of the season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset.

Special Regulations

Closed to all activities five days before the first opening of the late duck season. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the late duck season.

No waterfowl hunters permitted on Unit or Access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s).

**Old Hickory**

**Unit I** (Hwy. 109 upstream to River Mile 267)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Dove (Youth/Adult)

Youth/Adult only hunt is Sep.6 on Barton's Creek. Hunting begins at 6 am

Dove

Same as statewide season, except for Barton's Creek. Barton's Creek opens Sep. 7 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 3:00 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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in Oct. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15, except closed during duck seasons.

Special Regulations

Small game hunting is closed after 3:00 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.

**Unit II** – (Hwy. 109 downstream to Old Hickory Dam)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Waterfowl

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

**Unit III** – (River Mile 267 upstream to River Mile 281)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Waterfowl

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting from temporary blinds only. Decoys must be picked up each day.

**Old Hickory Lock 5 Refuge**

Special Regulations	Public entry and fishing permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge.
Old Hickory Lock 5 Refuge (North of the Cumberland River)	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Old Hickory Lock 5 Refuge (South of the Cumberland River)	
Deer, Turkey (Young Sportsman Only)	Sept. 27-28, Oct. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19. Archery equipment only.
Deer, Turkey (Young Sportsman Only)	Oct. 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9 Archery and muzzleloader equipment only.
Turkey (Young Sportsman Only)	Same as statewide spring turkey season.
Special Regulations	Boat access only.

**Owl Hollow Mill**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Dove (Youth Only)	Sep. 6. Youth only (6-16) must be accompanied by a licensed non-hunting adult. Maple Bend Road field only. Rest of WMA closed.
Dove	Sep. 7. Entire WMA open to all ages for the remainder of the statewide dove season.

**Paint Rock Refuge**

Big Game, Small Game	Same as statewide, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer. Small game hunting restricted to shotguns only. Non-toxic shot only for small game.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
Special Regulations	During refuge closure, public entry and fishing permitted while on the main river channel through the refuge.

**Parker Branch**

Big Game, Small Game	Same as statewide seasons
Dog Training	Nov 1 – Mar 15
Quail	Closed to hunting
Special Regulations	Farm pond closed to fishing sunset to sunrise

**Pea Ridge**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide Unit A seasons, except as noted.
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Dog Training	Closed to quail hunting. Sep. 1–Mar. 15
<b>Percy Priest</b>	
<b>Unit I</b>	
Dove	Sep. 1, and each Saturday and Sunday thereafter, and Labor Day during the statewide season. Shooting from staked positions only. On Sep. 1, staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10:00 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)	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.
Deer (Muzzleloader Only)	Nov. 3-4, 10-13, except open 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

Special Regulations

Unit I closed to all activity from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except as noted.

Trucks and ATVs allowed off-road during sanctioned field trials only.

All activities, except dove hunts on designated fields and scheduled field trials, prohibited on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from Sep. 10–Apr. 18.

Horses permitted on all areas, except freshly planted and standing crops, and special areas as posted.

Additional WMA closures for special field trial dates are 2014: Nov. 5, 6, 20, 27, Dec. 25. 2015: Jan 29, Feb 11, 12, 18, 19, 23-26, Mar. 2-5, Apr 27-30, May 4-7.

**Unit II**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer is shotgun–muzzleloader–archery only.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Apr. 30. No hunting or training from horseback.

Archery Practice

Open year–round designated range site (Poole Knobs) only. Target arrows only.

**Pickett State Forest**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

**Prentice Cooper State Forest**

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Closed to quail hunting.

Fox, Opossum, Raccoon

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in Oct.–Jan. 31, except hunting will be limited to Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday nights only. All hunting ends Jan. 31. Bag limit is one per party per night.

Deer (Archery)

One hunt. Sep. 20-22. Hunter quota 500. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery)

One hunt. Sep. 23-28. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). No area checking station operated.

Deer (Muzzleloader)

One hunt. Oct. 9-11. Hunter quota-350. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)

One hunt. Oct. 25-26. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun)

One hunt. Oct. 31 - Nov. 2. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun)

One hunt. Nov. 29 – Dec 4. Two deer, buck only (bonus deer).

Turkey

Six hunts. Apr 7-9, 10-12, 15-17, 23-25, 28-30, May 1-3. One turkey per hunt, not to exceed four turkeys.

Trapping	Dec. 15-27.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
Special Regulations	Hunters required to check out big game at WMA check stations when stations are in operation. Off-road vehicles, horseback riding, bicycles, and all other vehicles are restricted to those roads, trails or routes designated for their use. Organized competition events for motorized vehicles prohibited. The maximum noise limit for all motorized vehicles is 86 dBa, as measured 50 feet from the exhaust, except as otherwise permitted. Reckless operation of motorized and non–motorized vehicles prohibited. Reckless operation is defined as operating a vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner as to endanger the life and limb of others, or property or developments of the State, or property of any person. The maximum speed limit is 25 mph or less if otherwise posted. All side roads and trails will be closed to motorized vehicles Dec. 19–Mar. 15.  Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 through 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday in Aug., except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons.
Firing Range	Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays only, during daylight hours. Closed during big game hunts.
<b>Presidents Island</b>	
Deer (Archery)(Excluding Ensley Unit)	One antlerless hunt Oct. 17-19. Hunter quota 150. Bag limit 2 deer (Bonus deer), which may antlerless or spike bucks. Scouting date Oct. 16. Permit holders only.
Deer (Archery)(Excluding Ensley Unit)	One hunt. Dec.5-7. Hunter quota 50. Two deer, one antlered buck, and one antlerless (bonus deer). Bucks must have at least nine antler points. Scouting date: Dec. 4 for the Dec. 5-7 permit holders only.
Special Regulations (Excluding Ensley Unit)	Hunters must check in at hunter check station before hunting and check out at completion of each day's hunt. Permit will be held while hunters hunt. Access permitted from Farm Road only. No access permitted from Mississippi River, McKellar Lake, or from the Causeway. Access permitted only to TWRA authorized personnel and permit holders.
Deer (Archery)(Ensley Unit)	One hunt. Dec.5-7. Hunter quota 30. One deer, buck only (bonus deer). Bucks must have at least nine antler points. Scouting date: Dec. 4 for the Dec.5-7 permit holders only.
Special Regulations (Ensley Unit)	Access permitted from Shelby Drive only. Access permitted only to TWRA authorized personnel and permit holders.

**Rankin**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping  
Special Regulations

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.  
Small game hunters (except waterfowl) must wear fluorescent hunter orange during Big Game hunts.

**Reelfoot**

Small Game, Trapping  
Opossum, Raccoon

Same as statewide, except as noted.  
Sunset, last Friday in Aug. – last day of Feb. No limit. No limit.

Deer (Archery)

Three hunts. Third Sat. in Sept thru last Friday in Oct., Last Mon. of Oct. thru first Fri. of Nov., Second Sat. in Nov. thru fourth Sun. in Dec. Three deer, either sex per segment (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)

Same as statewide seasons.

Deer (Muzzleloader)

One hunt. First Sat. in Nov. for seven days. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Open with statewide season.

Waterfowl

Same as waterfowl zone seasons. Waterfowl hunting closed at 3:00 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 the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in Oct. 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.

**Shelton Ferry**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

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

**Skinner Mountain**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

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.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Wild Hog (Control Season)(Dogs Permitted)

Jan. 16-18. 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 and to one-half hour after sunset.

**Special Regulations**

ATVs and motorized bikes are permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit from the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in Aug. through the spring squirrel season

**South Fork Refuge**

**Big Game, Small Game**

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.

**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 3:00 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 4am or after 5pm.

**Standing Stone State Forest**

**Big Game, Small Game, Trapping**

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to special season antlerless season. Buck only during statewide muzzleloader seasons.

**Dog Training**

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

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

**Tellico Lake**

**Big Game, Small Game, Trapping**

Same as statewide season, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters

Special Regulations	No blinds or decoys left overnight.
<b>Wear's Bend Unit</b> – (That portion of Tellico Reservoir Development Agency Industrial Park at LTRM 18.0 on the North side of Tellico Reservoir)	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide season, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters Closed to special season antlerless hunts.
Special Regulations	No blinds or decoys left overnight
<b>Tellico West Unit</b> – (That portion of Tellico Reservoir Development Agency Industrial Park at LTRM 18.0 on the North side of Tellico Reservoir)	
Deer (Archery)	Four hunts. Sept. 20-21, Oct 25-26, Nov 15-16, Dec 20-21. Hunter quota 30 each hunt. One deer either sex (bonus deer).
<b>McGhee-Carson Unit</b> – (That peninsula of Ft. Loudoun State Historic Park at LTRM 21.0)	
Dove	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Sep. 1. Opens at noon.
Rabbit, Squirrel	Nov 22-23, Nov 29-30, Dec 20-21, Dec 27-28, Jan 3-4, Jan 10-11. Bag limit 3 rabbits per day. Shotguns only..
Deer (Shotgun only)(Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. Dec. 13. Hunter quota 35. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).
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.
Special Regulations	All hunting is Youth 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  Horses permitted during dog training and field trials, except in freshly planted and standing crops and special areas as posted.
<b>Chota Refuge Unit</b> –(That portion from LTRM 26.0 upstream to the Hiwassee – Alcoa Powerline at LTRM 29.7)	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer or bear hunt by legal deer or bear hunters.

	No deer hunting Nov. 1-7. Steel shot is required for dove.
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 1-7.
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.
Special Regulations	Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.
<b>The Boils</b>	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except closed to quail hunting.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
<b>Thorny Cypress</b>	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	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	Thorny Cypress is included in the Ernest Rice Sr. WMA quota hunt and otherwise closed to spring turkey hunting.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide seasons.
Waterfowl	Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck season permitted only on 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 drawings. All hunting shall cease at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.
Special Regulations:	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. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on designated roads, trails, and parking areas. No vehicles are allowed in fields, woods, or on

levees.

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 4:00 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.

**Three Rivers (East and West Units)**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Turkey

Two quota hunts as part of the complex of Upper Obion River WMAs. Please refer back to Bean Switch Refuge. Closed to fall turkey hunting.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

Waterfowl

No waterfowl hunters permitted on unit or access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during late duck season(s).

**Tie Camp**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

**Tigrett**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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

Waterfowl

Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 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.

**Tumbleweed**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Turkey

Tumbleweed is included in the Bogota WMA quota hunt and is otherwise closed to spring turkey hunting.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Open with statewide season

**Watts Bar**

Deer, Turkey, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide season, except as noted.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

**Iron Hill Island, Long Island, and Thief Neck**

### Island Units

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Archery equipment only for deer except juveniles may use shotguns or muzzleloaders during statewide Young-Sportsman hunts. Small Game hunting is Shotgun-Archery only.

No Trapping during the duck season on the Long Island Unit.

### West Sandy

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons,

Waterfowl

Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 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 (Wheelchair-bound blind)

Wheelchair-bound blind provided – first come, first serve.

Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair hunting zone.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15, except closed during the late duck season.

Special Regulations

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.

### White Lake Refuge

Big Game, Small Game

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

Turkey

One quota hunt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri – Sun of the statewide spring season. Hunter quota 5. One bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season.

### White Oak

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Dove

Sept 1, noon-sunset. Closed Sept 2-5. Re-opens Sept. 6 continuing with statewide season.

Quail

Dec. 1 - 31

Deer

Same as statewide seasons, except archery-only deer hunting after Nov.30, archers must meet legal blaze orange requirements during this period. Closed to January Young-

Turkey	Sportsman deer hunt. Fall turkey season closed.
Waterfowl	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 p.m. (CST) during the late duck season(s) and all types of water traffic prohibited after 5:00 p.m. No waterfowl hunters permitted on the area or access areas before 4:00 a.m. opening day(s), and from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. the following day during the late duck season.
Waterfowl (Lebanon Pond)	Special Regulations: 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.
Special Regulations	All small game hunting closed during Young-Sportsman deer hunts. All water traffic prohibited five days before the opening day(s) of the statewide duck season.
<b>Whites Mill</b>	
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.
Special Regulations	Closed to all activity from Nov. 15 to the last day of the youth waterfowl season except legal hunters on Saturdays.
<b>Williamsport</b>	
Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
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 10:00 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. Sep. 19-21, Sep. 26-29, Oct. 3-5 Two deer, either sex but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)	Two hunts. Oct. 11-12, 18-19. Two deer, either sex but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct. 24-26. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, either sex but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)	Four hunts. Oct.31 – Nov.2, 7-9, 14-16, Nov.28-30. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, either sex but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	One hunt. Mar. 21-22. One bearded bird.
Turkey	Two hunts. Mar. 28-31, Apr. 10-13. One bearded bird per hunt.
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.
Special Regulations	Open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset on hunt days. All horses must be ridden on designated trails only. No riding during scheduled Big Game hunts. Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

### **Wolf River**

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Dove	Sep. 1 at noon and everyday thereafter during the remainder of the statewide dove seasons.
Quail	Closed to quail hunting; dog training permitted.
Rabbit	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. in Nov - Jan. 31.
Deer	Deer hunting is archery equipment only after the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri. in Nov. through the end of statewide deer seasons. Archers must meet legal blaze orange requirements during this period. Closed to January Young-Sportsman deer hunt.
Turkey	Closed to fall turkey season. Two hunts. 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday–Sunday of spring season. Hunter quota 25. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday–Sunday of spring season. Hunter quota 30. One turkey (bonus bird). Hunting ends at 2:00 p.m. each day. Successful hunters must check birds at Wolf River Check Station by 3:00 p.m.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide season
Waterfowl	Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day during the late duck season(s), except the last day of each segment of the season(s) when hunting closes as sunset.

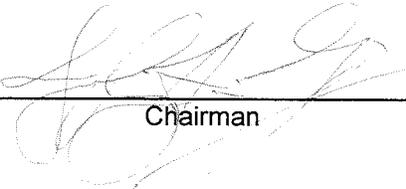
Dog Training	Temporary blinds only.
Special Regulations	Sep. 1–Jan.31 except closed during deer gun hunts. Adjacent Ghost River State Natural Area open same as Wolf River WMA. Hunting or access to hunt from the boardwalk structure is prohibited. All small game hunting is closed during Young-Sportsman deer hunts. No centerfire rifles, except on Young-Sportsman deer hunts.
Firing Range	Rifle Sight-In Range open in Oct.
<b>Yanahli</b>	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Firing Range	Automatic weapons prohibited.
Special Regulations	All horses must be ridden on designated trails only. Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while horseback riding. 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.
<b>Yuchi Refuge</b>	
Small Game	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. Dove season Sept. 6 until end of first segment, except Youth hunt on Sep.1. Raccoon, opossum hunting permitted on Tuesday and Wednesday only, sunset to sunrise. Closed after Nov. 14. All dogs need to be removed from the area before sunrise on Friday. Bag limit on raccoons, one per party per night.
Rabbit	Nov. 3–last day of Feb. Bag limit on rabbits is three per day.
Deer/Turkey (Archery)	Two hunts. Sep.27-28, Oct.11-12. 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. 4-5, 25-26. Hunter quota 75 each hunt. Two deer, only one antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct. 18-19. Hunter quota 50. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)	One hunt. Nov.1-2. Hunter quota 50. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

Deer (Wheelchair-bound Only)	One hunt. Nov. 8-9. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Only)	One hunt. March 27-29. One turkey, either sex (bonus bird).
Turkey	Five hunts. Apr. 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, Apr. 28-30, May 5-7. Hunter quota 10. One turkey (bonus bird). Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	One hunt. Mar 20-22. Hunter quota 10. One turkey either sex (bonus bird).
Retriever Dog Field Trials	Pre-approved by Area Manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.
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.
Special Regulations	Hunters required to check in big game at WMA check stations when stations are in operation. Nontoxic shot only in Wetland Zone. No boat access. No ATV, ORV, or horseback riding permitted. Wetland Zone closed to all forms of public use, including all forms of trespass from Nov. 15–last day of Feb. Antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler or a 15–inch minimum outside antler spread on all hunts. On big game quota hunts one non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (18 years old or older) who has a valid WMA quota permit. During deer gun hunts non-hunting juvenile must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations specified for legal hunters.

SECTION III. REPEAL OF PRIOR PROCLAMATIONS

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 13-06

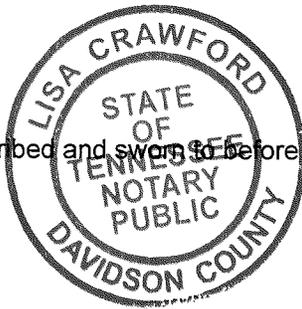
Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission

  
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Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission on the 22 day of May, 2014.

  
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Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23 day of May, 2014.



  
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Notary Public

My commission expires: 5-3-15

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Proclamation 14-06

Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits on Select National Wildlife Refuges and Other Federal Areas

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee code annotated sections, 70-4-107, 70-5-108 and 70-5-111 thereof, the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission, hereby proclaims the following regulations for the 2014-2015 season, effective August 1, 2014.

Section I. Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge

- Dove, Opossum, Quail, Rabbit, Raccoon, Snipe, Squirrel and Woodcock<sup>1</sup> Same as statewide seasons (except closed during archery and deer quota hunts and no spring squirrel season). Bag and possession limit same as statewide regulations. Non-toxic shot only.
- Deer (Archery) Sept. 27-Oct. 24, Oct. 27-31, 2014. No hunter quota. Four deer, either sex (no more than two antlered). Counts in Unit L bag.
- Deer (Archery/Muzzleloader/Gun) Two hunts. Nov. 1-2, Nov. 8-9, 2014. Hunter quota 250 per hunt. Two deer, either sex. Only 1 buck per day. Deer count as a bonus deer. Deer taken on quota gun hunts must be checked out at the Refuge check station.
- Deer (Young Sportsman) One Hunt: Oct. 25-26, 2014. Youth 6-16 may participate and must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. No more than 1 youth per adult.
- Ducks, Geese and Coots<sup>2</sup> (Porter Tract only)<sup>3</sup> Tues., Thurs. and Sat. of both the early and regular statewide seasons (hunting until 12:00 pm CST, only). Young Sportsman hunt open only on Saturday during the statewide youth hunt. Bag and possession limit in accordance with statewide regulations. Non-toxic shot only.
- Spring Turkey 2015 Same as statewide. Non-quota (counts in statewide bag). Young Sportsman hunt to coincide with the statewide youth hunt and bag limit. Non-toxic shot only. Bag Limit: One (1) bearded turkey per season.

Section II. Chickasaw and Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuges

All small game and waterfowl hunting seasons and bag limits in accordance with statewide regulations (except closed during spring squirrel season). Rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, snipe and squirrel hunting is closed during all young Sportsman deer, muzzleloader, and gun deer hunts. Raccoon and opossum hunting open with statewide seasons except closed on Friday and Saturday nights during young sportsman deer, muzzleloader, and gun hunts. All hunting blinds will be portable and nothing of a permanent nature will be constructed. The possession of saws, machetes, axes, or other tools for cutting vegetation is prohibited.

<sup>1</sup> Opossum and raccoon - hunting hours from sunset to one hour before sunrise. Closed the night before and during any archery and quota deer hunts. Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt.

<sup>2</sup> Only portable blinds or blinds of native vegetation may be used. Blinds and decoys must be removed each day.

<sup>3</sup> Porter Tract is that portion of the refuge that lies at the extreme east end of the refuge lying east of Richland Creek and the Big Eddy Road.

Waterfowl hunting until 12:00 pm CST only. All blinds, boats, and decoys must be removed from the refuge by 1:00 PM CST daily. Non-toxic shot only. Coyotes and beavers may be taken incidentally during scheduled hunts on the refuge. Legal methods of take include legal hunting equipment utilized during specified hunting seasons. No bag limit.

Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail,  
Raccoon-and Opossum

Season, Bag, and Possession limit same as statewide. Season closed during all young sportsman deer, muzzleloader, and gun deer hunts and Spring squirrel season is closed. Non-toxic shot only. Raccoon and opossum hunting closed on Friday and Saturday nights during young sportsman deer, muzzleloader, and gun hunts.

Ducks, Geese, Coots,  
Mergansers

Season, Bag, and Possession limit same as and statewide. Waterfowl hunting closes at 12:00 pm CST (noon) daily. Only portable blinds may be used. All blinds, boats, and decoys must be removed from the refuge by 1:00 pm CST daily. Non-toxic shot only. Champion Lake and Little Champion Lake will be open to quota hunting only. 8 permits per weekend on Champion Lake and 4 on Little Champion Lake.

Mourning Dove, Woodcock,  
and Snipe

Season, Bag, and Possession limit same as statewide. Closed during all young Sportsman deer, muzzleloader, and gun deer hunts. Non-toxic shot only.

Deer – Archery, Young Sportsman,  
Muzzleloader, and Gun

Seasons and bag limits same as statewide. No hunter quota. All harvested deer count in statewide bag limit.

Spring Turkey (Chickasaw/Lower Hatchie)

2015: Four Hunts: Youth only Hunt March 21-22, 2015, 25 permits per refuge. April 2-5, 2015; April 9-12, 2015; and April 16-19, 2015. Hunter quota: 25 permits per hunt for Lower Hatchie. 75 permits per hunt for Chickasaw. Non-toxic shot only. Bag Limit: One (1) bearded turkey (considered as bonus bird).

### Section III. Sunk Lake Public Use Management Area (Northern Unit Only)

Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail,  
Raccoon and Opossum

Season same as statewide. Spring squirrel season closed. Bag and possession limit same as statewide. Non-toxic shot only.

Deer (Archery only)

Sept. 27-Nov. 14, 2014. No hunter quota. Same as statewide and all harvested deer count in statewide bag limit.

### Section IV. Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge

Special federal permit required (except designated closed areas). Beaver and coyote may be taken on a scheduled hunt for other species with any weapon legal for the hunt. All other hunting (squirrel, archery turkey, archery deer) will be closed on weekends when quota deer hunts, primitive weapon hunts and youth hunts are scheduled.

Deer (Primitive Weapons: long bow, recurve bow and side hammered muzzleloaders with iron sights only)	One hunt. Oct.11-12, 2014. Three deer (only one may be antlered). No hunter quota. All deer harvested are bonus deer.
Deer (Archery/Muzzleloader/Gun)	Two hunts. Oct. 17-19, Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, 2014. Three deer (only one may be antlered). Hunters must harvest an antlerless deer before harvesting an antlered deer. Hunter quota: Big Sandy Peninsula-100, Duck River Bottoms Unit- 75, Duck River Remainder Uplands Unit- 100, Britton Ford Peninsula- 25, Busseltown- 25. All deer harvested are bonus deer.
Deer/Turkey (Archery)	Same as statewide seasons not to extend past Nov 14, 2014. No hunter quota. Closed during quota hunts, Primitive Weapons hunts, and Young Sportsman hunts. State bag limits apply. Deer and turkey count toward statewide bag limit. No fall turkey gun hunt.
Deer (Archery/Muzzleloader/Gun) – Young Sportsman	One hunt. Oct. 4-5, 2014. No hunter quota, Young Sportsman, 6-16 years old. Three deer, either sex (no more than one antlered). All deer harvested are bonus deer.
Squirrel	Aug. 23 – Nov. 14, 2014. Closed during quota hunts, Primitive Weapons hunts, and during Young Sportsman hunt. Bag and possession limits are same as statewide.
Raccoon	Sept. 20-Oct 2, Oct. 6-9, Oct. 13-16, Oct.20-23, Oct.27-30, Nov.3-6, 2014. Bag and possession limits are same as statewide.
Canada Goose	Same as statewide season except closed during the early wood duck/teal season. Closed during the October season. Bag and possession limits in accordance with statewide regulations.
Spring Turkey	Same as statewide season. State bag limits apply. Turkey counts toward statewide bag.

Section V. Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges

Squirrel	Reelfoot: Aug. 23-Nov. 2, 2014. Lake Isom: Aug 23-Nov. 14, 2014. Spring squirrel season closed. Bag and possession limits in accordance with statewide season. Non-toxic shot only.
Raccoon	Sept. 26 - Oct. 12, 2014. No limit. Hunting hours – 7:00 pm until 12 am (midnight) only. Hunters must check out all raccoons for tagging. Non-toxic shot only.
Deer (Archery)	Reelfoot: Sept. 27-Oct. 24, Oct. 27-Nov. 2, Nov. 10-14, 2014. Lake Isom: Sept. 27-Oct 24, Oct. 27-Nov. 14, 2014. No hunter quota. Bag limit same as state and all harvested deer count in the statewide bag limit.

Note: the use of shot shells larger than No. 4 and center-fire ammunition to hunt or take any wildlife species on

the refuge during the deer (archery) season is prohibited.

Deer (Archery/Muzzleloader/Gun)  
Quota (Reelfoot Refuge only)

One hunt. Nov. 7-9, 2014. Hunter quota—150 (100 permits for Long Point Unit and 50 permits for Grassy Island Unit). Two deer, either sex (no more than one antlered). All deer harvested are bonus deer.

Spring Turkey Quota  
(Reelfoot Refuge Only)

One hunt. Apr 3-5, 2015. Hunter quota: Grassy Island-25, Long Point-25. Non-toxic shot only. Bag Limit: One (1) bearded turkey per season (considered a bonus bird).

Coyotes and Beavers

May be taken incidentally during scheduled hunts on the refuge. Legal methods of take include legal hunting equipment utilized during specified hunting seasons. No bag limit.

#### Section VI. Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge

No hunting in safety zones as listed in NWR pamphlet. All other hunting (squirrel, spring turkey, archery deer) will be closed on weekends when quota deer hunts and youth hunts are scheduled. Special Federal permit required. Beaver and coyote may be taken on a scheduled hunt for other species with any weapon legal for the hunt.

Squirrel

Aug. 23-Nov. 14, 2014. Bag and possession limit same as statewide. Closed when quota and young sportsman deer hunts are scheduled.

Deer (Archery/Muzzleloader/Gun)

Two hunts. Oct 24-26, Nov 7-9, 2014. Hunter quota: Southside: Northwest of Pool 5 Bridge— 30, Southside: Southeast of Pool 5 Bridge—40, Northside: West of N. Cross Road – 20, Northside: East of N. Cross Road - 40. Three deer (only one may be antlered). Hunters must harvest an antlerless deer before harvesting an antlered deer. All deer harvested are bonus deer.

Deer/Turkey (Archery)

Same as statewide seasons not to extend past Nov. 14, 2014. No hunter quota. Closed during quota and young sportsman hunts. State bag limits apply. Deer and turkey count toward statewide bag limit. No fall turkey gun hunt.

Deer (Archery/Muzzleloader/Gun)  
(Young Sportsman Only)

One hunt. Oct 4-5, 2014. No hunter quota. Young Sportsman 6-16 years of age. Three deer either sex (no more than one antlered). All deer harvested are Bonus deer.

Canada Goose

Same as statewide season until opening of early wood duck/teal season. Closed during the October season. Bag and possession limits in accordance with statewide regulations.

Spring Turkey

Same as statewide season. State Bag limits apply. Turkey count toward statewide bag limit.

Section VII. Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area and Obed Wild and Scenic River

Special Regulations

Taking wild hogs incidental to hunting requires a permit from the National Park Service.

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

After the January closure of deer season, small game and furbearer hunters may take wild hogs if they are legally hunting small game or furbearers with equipment that would otherwise be legal for deer hunting.

Chasing wild hogs with dogs is not permitted. These special regulations apply at Obed Wild and Scenic River only on the lands administered by the National Park Service.

Section VIII. General Regulations for Hunting National Wildlife Refuges

1. Vehicles must remain on established roads open to public vehicles. Roads may be closed due to adverse weather conditions. Park vehicles in a manner that will not interfere with normal flow of traffic or block gates.
2. Camping and fires are prohibited, except on Chickasaw NWR during small and big game hunts in designated areas.
3. It is unlawful to drive a nail, spike, or other metal object into any tree or to hunt from any tree in which a nail, spike, or other metal object has been driven. Temporary blinds or stands permitted on the day of the hunt only. All blinds and stands must be removed at the end of each day's hunt.
4. Dogs are prohibited except when used during refuge open seasons for small game and migratory birds.
5. Designated areas of refuges will be closed to all public entry to provide sanctuaries for waterfowl.
6. All shotgun hunters may only possess and use shotgun shells containing approved non-toxic shot.
7. Hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge brochure/permit.
8. All National Wildlife Refuges which are open to fall turkey quota hunts based on county designation, close for the season ½ hour after sunset on Nov. 10, except as otherwise noted.
9. A federal permit may be required for hunts. Quota permits are required for quota hunts and special federal regulations apply as specified. A signed refuge brochure serves as the permit for non-quota hunts, except on Tennessee and Cross Creeks where an annual permit is required for all hunts.
10. All antlered deer taken on National Wildlife Refuges count toward the statewide antlered deer bag limit except on NWR quota hunts or as otherwise noted. Antler-less deer taken on NWR quota hunts or where specific NWR hunt dates are listed are bonus deer except as otherwise noted.
11. On all Young Sportsman Hunts, youth, ages 6-16 (youth waterfowl 6-15), may participate but 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. Adults cannot hunt except as indicated otherwise. Adults must comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters when accompanying young sportsmen on Young Sportsman Big Game Hunts, except as indicated. Youth, ages 6-16, may participate on other NWR hunts (big game, small game, waterfowl, etc.)

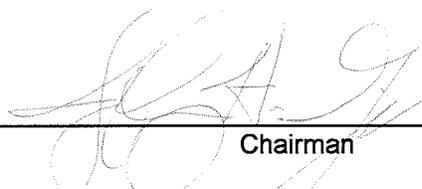
but must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device, except as otherwise noted.

- 12. The use or possession of bait, or hunting over bait is strictly prohibited. Baiting means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing or scattering any salt, grain, powder, liquid or other feed to attract game.
- 13. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while on refuge lands and waters.
- 14. The cutting of holes, lanes, or any other manipulation of the vegetation (e.g. cutting of bushes and trees, mowing, herbicide use, and other actions) or hunting from or adjacent to manipulated areas is strictly prohibited. The possession of saws, machetes, axes, or other tools for cutting vegetation is prohibited.

Section IX. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals proclamation No. 13-07.

Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission

  
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 Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission on the 22 day of May 2014.

  
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 Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23 day of May, 2014.



  
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 Notary Public

My commission expires on: 5-5-15

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TENNESSEE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION  
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MANNER AND MEANS OF HUNTING, TAKING, AND TRAPPING

Statewide and on Wildlife Management Areas and State Refuges

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-107 and 70-5-108, the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission hereby proclaims the manner and means of hunting, taking, and trapping, effective August 1, 2014.

NOTE: All sections contained herein apply to statewide and management area hunting. Special restrictions may apply on some wildlife management areas. Legislative Private Acts also apply in some counties.

SECTION I. LEGAL HUNTING DEVICES – All firearms, hunting devices, and ammunition listed in the below table are legal for hunting purposes according to the individual species listed. If a firearm, hunting device, or ammunition is not listed in the below table it is illegal to hunt with within the State of Tennessee. Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) may have restrictions on some 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 Number Four (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 Section VI, 8)
- (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 Number (4) or smaller shot.

- (7) Muzzleloading firearms are defined as those firearms which are incapable of being loaded from the breech.

## SECTION II. 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:
  - (a) Predator calls while night hunting.
  - (b) Pod arrows (any pod-type device for holding drugs or chemicals on an arrow) or any drugs or chemicals used in pod arrows while archery hunting.
  - (c) Explosive arrowheads while archery hunting.
  - (d) Firearms capable of fully automatic fire.
  - (e) Firearms or archery equipment with any device utilizing an artificial light capable of locating wildlife.
  - (f) Any electronic light amplifying night vision scope or device while in possession of a firearm or archery tackle between sunset and sunrise.
  - (g) Electronic calls or live decoys while hunting wild turkey, foxes, and waterfowl (except electronic calls are legal during the Conservation Season for Blue, Snow, and Ross' geese).
  - (h) Rifles or handguns with full metal jacketed ammunition.
  - (i) Rifles or handguns with centerfire ammunition between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise.
  - (j) Any loose shot other than non-toxic (as approved by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) or any shotgun shell loaded with shot other than non-toxic while hunting waterfowl, coots, gallinules, Virginia rails, and sora rails.
  - (k) Any firearm including air guns using archery bolts.
  - (l) Tracer ammunition

**SECTION III. 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 furbearer species during the legal trapping season. All snares shall have affixed a tag bearing the name of the owner. 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) Trappers shall mark all of their traps with their name or TWRA ID number.

**SECTION IV. 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.

**SECTION V. 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:

- (a) disabled veterans
  - (b) landowners hunting on their own land
  - (c) lifetime license holders
  - (d) residents of Tennessee under 13 years of age
  - (e) residents of Tennessee who are 65 or older
  - (f) 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 Blue, Snow, and Ross' Geese Conservation season, waterfowl hunters may use unplugged shotguns and electronic calls.

#### SECTION VI. 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, documentation on approved TWRA forms or TWRA mobile application 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.

- (2) All harvested bears must be checked in at any approved 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) Elk shall be checked in as instructed in the hunter's informational packet.
- (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.

#### SECTION VII. MISCELLANEOUS

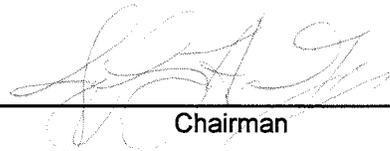
- (1) Where hunting is allowed from vessels, it is legal to hunt from any vessel, so long as the vessel is not under forward motion from any influence of mechanical means or sail. On private property, it is legal to hunt from any motorized vehicle (to include ATVs, golf carts, etc.), provided the vehicle is stationary. Nothing in this subsection (1) shall be construed as authorizing hunting from a vessel, automobile or other motor vehicle while under power. 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 firearms.
- (8) During archery deer/bear seasons a properly licensed big game hunter may use air guns .25 caliber or smaller to hunt small game while archery hunting for deer/bear. During the muzzleloader and gun deer/bear season, a legal deer or bear hunter may use rimfire or air guns .25 caliber or smaller to hunt small game.
- (9) During an archery only or muzzleloader/archery only deer, bear or elk season, furbearers may not be taken with rifles and handguns using centerfire ammunition. During the gun/muzzleloader/archery seasons, furbearers may be taken by legal big game hunters licensed for the 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.

#### SECTION VIII. REPEAL OF PRIOR PROCLAMATION

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 13-08.

Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission



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Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission on the 23rd day of May, 2014.



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Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23 day of May, 2014.

Lisa Crawford  
Notary Public

My commission expires on: 9-3-15

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Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

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