



2023-24

HUNTING PLANNER SEASON SUMMARY

Please refer to the Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide or tnwildlife.org for detailed hunting dates, bag limits, zones, units, WMA Regulations and required licenses and/or permits.

G=Gun

M=Muzzleloader

A=Archery

S=Shotgun

DEER - 2023-24

Units A, B, C, D, L bag limit: 2 antlered deer (No more than 1 per day). Unit CWD bag limit: 3 antlered deer (No more than 1 per day; with all taken solely in Unit CWD or in combination with no more than two (2) deer taken outside Unit CWD). See the Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for deer units and county listings. The only way to exceed the statewide bag limit of 2 Antlered deer is to harvest one in Unit CWD.

A - Aug. 25-27 - Units A, B, C, D, L
Private Lands, Antlered deer only.

G/M/A - Aug. 25-27 - Unit CWD
Antlered deer only. Private lands and select public lands (see hunting guide for details)

A - Sep. 23-Oct. 27; Oct. 30-Nov 3 - Units A, B, C, D, L
Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, & D=4; Unit L = 3/day, no season limit

A - Sep. 23-Oct. 27 - Unit CWD
Antlerless bag: 3/day, no season limit

**G/M/A Young Sportsman (ages 6-16) Oct. 28-29;
Jan. 13-14 - Statewide**
Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, & D=2; Units L & CWD=3/day

M/A - Nov. 4-17 - Units A, B, C, D, L
Antlerless bag: Units A & B=2; Units C & D=1; Unit L=3/day

G/M/A - Oct. 30 - Jan. 12; Jan. 15-31 - Unit CWD
Antlerless bag: 3/day

G/M/A - Nov. 18 - Jan. 7 - Units A, B, C, D, L
Antlerless bag: Unit A=2; Unit B=1; Unit C=1 (Nov. 18-Dec. 3 only); Unit D=1 (Nov. 18-24 only); Unit L=3/day

G/M/A - Jan. 8-12 Private Lands Only - Unit L
Antlerless bag: 3/day. No antlered deer in Unit L

FALL TURKEY - 2023

Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey, per county, only in counties open to fall turkey hunting. See the Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for listing.

A - Sep. 23 - Oct. 27, Oct. 30 - Nov. 3
S - Oct. 14-27

SPRING TURKEY - 2024

S/A - Young Sportsman (ages 6-16) April 6-7 Daily bag: 1 bearded turkey per day. Counts toward spring season bag of two (2), only one can be a jake.

S/A - General Season April 13 - May 26
Bag limit: 2 bearded turkeys, only one can be a jake; no more than 1 per day. Adult gobbler must have at least one of the following: a beard longer than 6 inches, tail feathers are all the same length, wing feathers have white barring all the way to the tip, a spur that is at least 1/2 inch long.

ELK (QUOTA HUNT) - 2023

A - Sep. 30 - Oct. 6: 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit

G/M/A - Young Sportsman (resident only, ages 13-16), Oct. 7-13: 1 permit for 1 antlered elk

G/M/A - Oct. 14-20: 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit

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BEAR - 2023

Bag limit: 1 per season. Cubs under 75 lbs. are prohibited.

No dogs

A - Sept. 23 - Oct. 20, All Zones

G/M/A - Young Sportsman, (Ages. 6-16): Oct. 28-29, Zone 1, 2, 3

G/M/A - Nov. 18-21 - Zone 1, 2, 3

Dogs Allowed - G/M/A

Oct. 7-9, 14-15 - Zone 1

Oct. 7-10, 13-15 - Zone 2

Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Oct. 7-13 - Zone 3

Nov. 6-13 - Zone 1

Oct. 30-Nov. 3 - Zone 2, 3

Nov. 27-Dec. 13 - Zone 1

Nov. 27-Dec. 21 - Zone 2

Nov. 27-Dec. 10 - Zone 3

Dec. 28-31 - Zone 3

Restrictive Bear Hunt

Sept. 16-22 - Private lands within Kettlefoot/Laurel Fork Reserves

Small Game - 2023-24

Squirrel - Aug. 26 - March 15: Daily bag 10

Spring Squirrel (2024) - May 11 - June 9: Daily bag 10

Rabbit - Nov. 4 - Feb. 29: Daily bag 5

Bullfrog - Year-round - 20 per person per night

Bullfrog - TWRA Managed Lakes - June 1-30 - 20 per person per night

Game Birds - 2023-24

Grouse - Oct. 14 - Feb. 29: Daily bag 3

Quail - Nov. 4 - Feb. 29: Daily bag 6

MIGRATORY BIRDS - 2023-24

Sandhill Crane

- Statewide Zone - Dec. 2 - Jan. 30

- Southeast Zone - Dec. 2 - Jan. 11, Jan. 15 - 30

Mourning Dove - Sep. 1-28, Oct. 14-Nov. 5, Dec. 8 - Jan. 15: Daily bag 15

Woodcock - Nov. 11 - Dec. 3, Jan. 10 - Jan. 31: Daily bag 3

Snipe - Nov. 14 - Feb. 28: Daily bag 8

Crow - See Hunting Guide

Canada Goose - Sep. 1-17: Daily bag 5

Wood Duck/Teal - Sep. 9-13: Daily bag 6, not to exceed 2 wood ducks/day

Teal-only - Sep. 14-17: Daily bag 6

Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers - Nov. 25-26, Dec. 5 -

Jan. 31 - Bag limit is 6 ducks per day with restrictions.

Statewide Young Sportsman - Feb. 3 and Feb. 10 -ages 16 and under

Veteran, Active Military - Feb. 4 and Feb. 11

See the Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for more information on these seasons, as well as sandhill crane and other goose seasons.

FURBEARERS - 2023-24 - Hunting*

Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Otter, Spotted Skunk, Weasel - Nov. 17 - Feb. 29 - No limit

Bobcat - Nov. 17 - Feb. 29 - 1 per day

Bobcat Private Land - Sept. 23 - Nov. 16 - 1 per day

Armadillo, Beaver, Coyote, Groundhog, Striped Skunk allowed year-round - No limit

Private Land Raccoon Season - Sunset July 1 - Sunrise Sep. 15: Nightly bag 2. Closed in Scott, Morgan, Roane, Rhea, Hamilton, and all other counties east of those counties.

Statewide Raccoon Season - Sunset Sep. 15 - Sunrise March 15: Nightly bag: 4

Training Season - Year-round, except where prohibited by local ordinances. No take permitted.

Opossum can be taken during the raccoon hunting seasons. Night is defined as one 24-hour period beginning at sunset.

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