



2025-2026 HUNT PLANNER

Please refer to the Tennessee Fishing, 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 - 2025-26

Statewide antlered bag limit: 2 deer (No more than 1 per day). See Tennessee Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Guide for Deer Management Units (DMUs), county listings & other details.

A - Aug. 22-24, Statewide

Private Land and Select WMAs, Antlered Deer Only.

A - Sept. 27-Oct. 24;

Oct. 27-Nov. 7, Statewide

Antlerless bag limit: Units 1, 2, 3 = 3/day;
Units 4, 5, 6 = 4

G/M/A - Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)

Oct. 25-26; Jan. 10-11, Statewide

Antlerless bag limit: Units 1, 2, 3 = 3/day;
Units 4, 5, 6 = 2

M/A - Nov. 8-21, Statewide

Antlerless bag limit: Units 1, 2, 3 = 3/day;
Units 4, 5, 6 = 2

G/M/A - Nov. 22-Jan. 4, Statewide

Antlerless bag limit: Units 1, 2, 3 = 3/day;
Units 4, 5, 6 = 2

FALL TURKEY - 2025

Bag Limit: 1 male turkey statewide.
Fall season is closed in the following counties:
Crockett, Dyer, Giles, Haywood, Lake,
Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lincoln, Shelby, Tipton,
and Wayne.

A - Sept. 27-Oct. 24, Oct. 27-Nov. 7

S/A - Oct. 11-24

BEAR - 2025

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

Dogs Allowed - G/M/A

Oct. 4-6, 11-12; Nov. 10-17; Dec. 1-17 - BHZ 1

Oct. 4-19; Oct. 27-31; Dec. 1-16 - BHZ 2

Oct. 4-5, 11-17; Oct. 27-31; Dec. 1-14, 25-28 - BHZ 3

Dec. 13-14 (Private Land Only) - BHZ 4

Sept. 20-26: Restricted Bear Reserve Hunt

(Private land within Kettlefoot/Laurel Fork Reserves)

No Dogs

A - Sept. 27-Oct. 24 - All BHZs

G/M/A Young Sportsman (Ages 6-16)

Oct. 25-26 - BHZ 1-5 (4-5 Private Land Only)

G/M/A - Nov. 22-25 - BHZ 1,2 & 3

G/M/A - Dec. 13-14 (Private Land Only) - BHZ 5

SPRING TURKEY - 2026*

S/A - Young Sportsman (ages 6-16) April 4-5

Daily bag: 1 male turkey per day. Counts toward spring season bag of two (2), only one can be a jake.

S/A - General Season April 11-May 24

Bag limit: 2 male 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.

***No hens (including bearded hens) are legal to harvest.**

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MIGRATORY BIRDS - 2025-26

Mourning Dove (opens at noon on Sept.1) - **Sept. 1-28, Oct. 11-Nov. 2, Dec. 8-Jan. 15:**

Daily bag 15

Woodcock - **Nov. 8-30, Jan. 10-31:** Daily bag 3

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

Crow - See Hunting Guide

Gallinule and Moorhen - **Sept.1-Nov. 9:** Daily bag 15

Rails (Virginia and Sora) - **Sept.1-Nov. 9:** Daily bag 25

Canada Goose - **Sept. 1-21:** Daily bag 5; **Oct. 11-22, Nov. 29-30, Dec. 5-Feb. 14:** Daily bag 3

White-Fronted Goose - **Nov. 29-30, Dec. 5-Feb. 14:** Daily bag 3

Brant - **Sept. 1-21, Oct. 11-22, Nov. 29-30, Dec. 5-Feb. 14:** Daily bag 1

Blue, Snow & Ross's Geese (Light Geese) - **Sept. 1-21, Oct. 11-22, Nov. 29-30, Dec. 5-Feb. 14:** Daily bag 20

Light Goose Conservation Season - **Feb. 15-Mar. 31:** No limit

Wood Duck/Teal - **Sept. 13-17:** Daily bag 6, not to exceed 2 wood ducks/day

Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers - **Nov. 29-30, Dec. 5-Jan. 31:**

Daily bag is 6 ducks with species restrictions.

Statewide Young Sportsman Waterfowl - **Feb. 7 and Feb. 14:** ages 16 and under

Veteran, Active Military Waterfowl - **Feb. 1 and Feb. 8**

Sandhill Crane (Quota Permit Required)

- **Statewide Zone** - **Dec. 3-Jan. 31**

- **Southeast Zone** - **Dec. 3-Jan. 15, Jan. 19-31**

See the Tennessee Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Guide for more information on these seasons.

FURBEARERS - 2025-26 - Hunting*

Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Otter, Least Weasel - **Nov. 21-Feb. 28:** No limit

Bobcat - **Nov. 21-Feb. 28:** Daily bag 1

Bobcat Private Land - **Sept. 27-Nov. 20:** Daily bag 1

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

Coyote and Bobcat Night Season:

Private Land only. Sunset June 7-Sunrise Aug. 10, 2025; Sunset Jan. 17-Sunrise March 8, 2026;

Sunset June 6-Sunrise August 9, 2026: No limit on Coyotes, 1 Bobcat/ night.

Raccoon and Opossum:

Private Land Season - **Sunset July 1-Sunrise Sept. 19:** Nightly bag of 2. Closed in Scott, Morgan, Roane, Rhea, Hamilton, and all counties to the east.

Statewide Raccoon Season - **Sunset September 19-Sunrise March 15:** Nightly bag of 4.

Dog Training Season - **Year-round on private land except where prohibited.**

No take Sunrise March 15-Sunset July 1.

***2025 - 26 Trapping Season: Nov. 21 - Feb. 28.** See the Tennessee Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Guide for regulations.

Small Game - 2025-26

Rabbit - **Nov. 1-Feb. 28:** Daily bag 5

Grouse - **Oct. 11-Feb. 28:** Daily bag 3

Quail - **Nov. 1-Feb. 28:** Daily bag 6

Squirrel - **Aug. 23, 2025-March 15, 2026;**

May 9, 2026-June 14, 2026. Bag limit of 10.

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