

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission
Proclamation
Statewide Elk Hunting Seasons and Bag Limit

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 70-4-107 and 70-5-108, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission hereby proclaims the statewide elk hunting seasons and bag limits, effective August 1, 2012.

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:

	Elk Hunting Zone (EHZ)	Season Type	Season Dates	Permits	Bag Limit
1	Chestnut Ridge & Fork Mountain	Gun/ Muzzleloader/ Archery	3 rd 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 rd 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. Upon harvesting an elk, the hunter must immediately attach the elk harvest tag provided by TWRA to the carcass. 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.

D. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 11-01.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission


Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission on the 10th day of February, 2012.

Edd Carter
Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 10 day of February, 2012.

Lisa Crawford
Notary Public



My commission expires: 5-5-15

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Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

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