

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission
 Proclamation
 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 Wildlife Resources Commission hereby proclaims the statewide big game seasons and bag limits, effective August 1, 2009.

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. Benton, Bledsoe, Bradley, Clay, Crockett, Cumberland, DeKalb, Dyer, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Lake, Lauderdale, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Overton, Perry, 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, Cannon, Carroll, Cheatham, Chester, Coffee, Davidson, Decatur, Dickson, Fayette, Franklin, Gibson, Giles, Hardeman, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Marshall, Maury, McNairy, Montgomery, Moore, Obion, 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	Sep. 26, 2009 - Oct. 30, 2009 Nov. 2, 2009 - Nov. 6, 2009 Dec. 7, 2009 - Dec. 18, 2009	3	3/day	4	2
Muzzleloader	Nov. 7, 2009 - Nov. 20, 2009		3/day	4	See Section C
Gun	Nov. 21, 2009 - Dec. 6, 2009 Dec. 19, 2009 - Jan. 10, 2010		3/day*	See Section D	See Section D
Young Sportsman**	Oct. 31, 2009 – Nov. 1, 2009		3/day	2	1
	Jan. 16, 2010 – Jan 17, 2010		3/day	2	1

* 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 permitted during the muzzleloader and gun seasons while muzzleloading equipment is permitted during the gun season.

C. Antlerless hunts during Unit B Muzzleloader.

The antlerless bag limit during the Unit B muzzleloader season is one (1) per hunter. This antlerless deer may be harvested under the guidelines listed below.

Unit B Counties	Either Sex Muzzleloader Hunting Days
Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Jefferson, Johnson, Loudon, Monroe, Sevier, Unicoi, Union, Washington	Nov. 7 – 11, 2009
Fentress, Hawkins, Knox, Morgan, Pickett, Polk, Scott, Sullivan	Nov. 7 – 20, 2009

D. Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Hunts

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

Quota Hunts -- *Special quota permit required, except for landowners hunting under the landowner exemption (as described in T.C.A. 70-2-204).* Bag-limit one deer per permit except where noted. Note: Blount, Roane, Sevier, and Sullivan counties allow a bag limit of 2 deer per permit.

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.

COUNTY	Quota Hunts						Non-Quota Hunts		
	Nov 21- Nov 22	Nov 23- Nov 26	Nov 29- Dec 1	Dec 2- Dec 6	Dec 19- Dec 21	Dec 19- Dec 27	Dec 19 – Dec 27	Dec 28 – Jan 3	Jan 4 – Jan 10
	NUMBER OF PERMITS PER HUNT						NUMBER OF DEER PER HUNT		
Anderson						400			
Benton	200	200	200	200			2	2	2
Blount* ¹						200			

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

COUNTY	Quota Hunts						Non-Quota Hunts		
	Nov 21- Nov 22	Nov 23- Nov 26	Nov 29- Dec 1	Dec 2- Dec 6	Dec 19- Dec 21	Dec 19- Dec 27	Dec 19 – Dec 27	Dec 28 – Jan 3	Jan 4 – Jan 10
Bradley		500	500						
Carter ²						200			
Claiborne						250			
Clay			200						
Crockett	200	200	200	200			2	2	2
DeKalb								2	2
Dyer	200	200	200	200			2	2	2
Grainger						400			
Greene ²						250			
Grundy			300						
Hamblen						100			
Hamilton		500					2		
Hancock						400			
Hardin	200	200	200	200			2	2	2
Hawkins	200						1		
Jefferson						250			
Johnson ²						200			
Knox							2		
Lake							2	2	2
Lauderdale	200	200	200	200			2	2	2
Loudon east of I-75						250			
Loudon west of I-75							1		
McMinn		750	750		750				
Marion			400	400					
Marion ³			150						
Meigs		750	750		750				
Overton			200						
Perry								2	2
Putnam			200						
Rhea		750	750		750				
Roane*		750	750		750				
Sevier ⁴						200			
Sullivan ²						400			
Tipton							2	2	2
Van Buren			300						
Warren								2	2
White			250	250					

* - Indicates bag limit of 2 deer per permit for quota hunts.

2 Excludes Cherokee WMA.

3 West of TN River and south of I-24

4 Sevier county north of Highway 411

Section II. Feral Hog Seasons (No hunting with dogs allowed except where indicated.)

Feral hogs are defined as any wild hog found in Tennessee except on Catoosa, South Cherokee, and Foothills WMA's. Feral hogs are considered big game but are not required to be tagged or checked in at big game checking stations.

Private lands (Public Hunting Areas are considered private land)

Year round season, except in holdings on Catoosa WMA and South Cherokee where season is open with statewide deer seasons with dogs prohibited. No limit -either sex

Publicly owned lands

Open during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise specified. No limit -either sex

Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area is also open from Jan. 20-Feb. 28, 2010. No limit -either sex

In the following counties dogs may be used for feral hog hunting on the dates indicated⁴:

Monroe, Polk (East of Hwy. 411 & North of Hwy. 64)

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Oct. 5-12, 17-18, 2009
(Dogs Permitted) No limit-Either Sex

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

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2009
(Dogs Permitted) No limit-Either Sex

Blount, Cocke, Jefferson (East of Hwy 411), Monroe, Polk (East of Hwy. 411 & North of Hwy. 64) and Sevier

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Nov. 2-5, 2009
(Dogs Permitted) No limit-Either Sex

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Dec. 3-16, 2009
(Dogs Permitted) No limit-Either Sex

Section III. Black Bear

A. Black Bear Bag Limits and Season Dates

The Following Counties Are Open For Bear Hunting:

Blount, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Jefferson (East of Hwy 411), Johnson, Monroe, Polk (that portion east of Hwy. 411 and north of Hwy. 64), Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Nov. 2-5, 2009
(Dogs Permitted) 1 per year-Either Sex

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Dec. 3-16, 2009
(Dogs Permitted) 1 per year-Either Sex.

⁴ Dates inclusive.

Monroe, Polk (East of Hwy. 411 & North of Hwy. 64

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery (Dogs Permitted)	Oct. 5-6, 17-18, 2009 1 per year-Either Sex.
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Blount, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Jefferson (East of Hwy 411), Johnson, Monroe, Polk (that portion east of Hwy. 411 and north of Hwy. 64), Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington

Archery Only (No Dogs)	Sept. 26– Oct. 30, 2009 1 per year-Either Sex.
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Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery (No Dogs)	Nov. 26-29, 2009 1 per year-Either Sex
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Blount, Cocke (South of I-40), Jefferson (East of Hwy 411), and Sevier

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery (Dogs Permitted)	Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2009 1 per year-Either Sex.
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The Following Counties Are Open For A Bear Dog Training Season:

Blount, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Jefferson (East of Hwy 411), Johnson, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington

Aug. 29 - Sept. 20, 2009. 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.
3. All harvested bears must be checked out at an official checking station. Bears may be whole or field dressed, but must weigh 75 pounds or greater when checked in.
4. The reproductive sex organs shall remain attached to each bear harvested at least until the bear has been officially checked out at an official bear checking station.

Section IV. General Regulations for 2010 Spring Turkey Harvest

A. Prohibited Acts

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 WMAs where prohibited) and assist him/her in calling, but may not have a gun or bow in his possession.

B. 2010 Statewide Spring Turkey Season Dates

1. Spring Turkey Season Dates

April 3 through May 16, 2010

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

March 27-28, 2010. 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. Turkeys taken on all quota hunts and specially designated WMA's are bonus turkeys.

Young Sportsmen hunt - One (1) bearded turkey. Turkey counts toward statewide bag unless taken on WMA where turkey is listed as bonus bird.

D. Spring Turkey Shooting Hours

Thirty (30) minutes before sunrise to sunset

Section V. 2009 Fall Turkey Hunting (Shotgun/Archery)

The following counties are open for archery only fall turkey hunting during fall archery only deer seasons. Bag limit for this season is one turkey either-sex. These same counties are open for one quota gun fall turkey hunt on Dec 7-18, 2009 with a bag limit of one turkey either-sex per permit with the exception that those counties indicated by an asterisk (*) have a bag limit of three (3) either-sex turkeys per permit.

County	Hunter Quota	County	Hunter Quota
Anderson	50	Johnson	50
Bedford*	800	Knox	50
Benton	200	Lawrence*	1000
Blount	50	Lewis*	600
Cannon*	400	Lincoln*	1200
Carroll	200	Macon*	1000
Carter	50	Madison	200
Cheatham*	1000	Marion*	300
Claiborne	100	Marshall*	1000
Clay	100	Maurry*	1000
Cocke	100	McNairy	50
Coffee*	400	Montgomery*	1200
Davidson *	500	Moore*	300
Decatur	50	Morgan	50

DeKalb*	500	Overton	50
Dickson*	1500	Perry	50
Fayette	100	Pickett	50
Fentress	50	Putnam	50
Franklin*	600	Robertson*	800
Gibson	50	Rutherford*	800
Giles*	1000	Scott	50
Grainger	100	Sevier	100
Greene	150	Smith*	1000
Hamblen	50	Stewart	100
Hancock	100	Sullivan	50
Hardeman	100	Sumner*	600
Hardin	50	Trousdale*	1000
Hawkins	150	Union	50
Henderson	50	Warren	300
Henry*	500	Washington	50
Hickman*	1000	Wayne*	750
Houston	100	Weakley	200
Humphreys	100	White	300
Jackson	50	Williamson*	1000
Jefferson	100	Wilson*	1000

Section VI. Special Regulations.

Big Game Tagging – It is unlawful to move, transport, or field dress any big game animal, except for feral hogs without invalidating a properly completed temporary kill tag. If additional animals are to be harvested on that calendar day, the hunter is not required to stop hunting and tag the animal until he/she is ready to move, transport, or field dress the animal. All animals harvested must be accompanied by one animal with an invalidated temporary kill tag and must be checked in within a thirty-six (36) hour period at a big game checking station or a TWRA internet site where one new temporary kill tag will be issued. It shall be illegal for the hunter to hunt on the subsequent calendar day(s) until the previously harvested animal(s) are checked in and a new temporary kill tag is issued. Evidence of species and sex must be available for inspection by Wildlife Officer or Agency designated personnel prior to issuance of permanent game tag. The permanent harvest tag is a legal document and must be signed by the hunter. By signing the permanent harvest tag, the hunter is affirming that the information, as it appears on the permanent tag, is correct and valid. The permanent game tag must remain with each carcass until final processing. Persons legally hunting without a license are also required to take any big game animal harvested to a check station. After receiving a temporary harvest tag from checking in their first kill, these persons must comply with all tagging regulations. All big game taken to a taxidermist to be mounted must be accompanied by documentation showing the permanent game tag number, checking station number, and date of kill.

- 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.
- Deer and turkey defined as "bonus" animals do not count toward statewide, seasonal, or daily bag limits.

Section V. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 08-07, dated May 22, 2008.

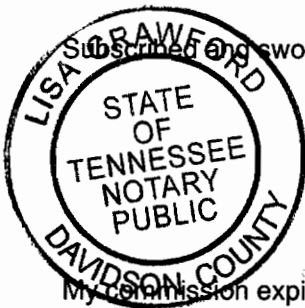
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission

Johnny F. Coleman
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 21st day of May, 2009.

Ed Carter
Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 2 day of June, 2009.



Lisa Crawford
Notary Public

My commission expires: 8-23-11

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Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

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