

2017-18 Tennessee Hunting Seasons Summary



Please refer to the *2017-18 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for detailed hunting dates, bag limits, zones, units, and required licenses and/or permits.

G = Gun • M = Muzzleloader • A = Archery • S = Shotgun

DEER

- Statewide bag limit: 2 antlered deer. No more than 1 per day. See the *2017-18 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for deer units, county listings, and the new definition of antlered deer.

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

G/M/A **Young Sportsman (ages 6-16):**
Oct. 28-29, Jan. 13-14, 2018
Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=2; Unit L=3/day

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

G/M/A **Nov.18-Jan. 7, 2018**
Antlerless bag: Unit A=2, Unit B = 1, Unit L=3/day
Unit C (Nov. 18 - Dec. 3 only) = 1
Unit D (Nov.18 - Nov. 24 only) = 1

G/M/A **Unit L - private lands: antlerless only; Jan. 8-12, 2018: 3/day; no antlered deer**

ELK (QUOTA HUNT)

A **Sept. 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

BLACK BEAR

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

A **No dogs: Sep. 23-Oct. 20**
Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, Transitional

G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Sep. 25-Oct. 1** **Zone 2**

G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Sept. 30-Oct. 8** **Zone 3**

G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Oct. 2-6** **Zone 1**

G/M/A **No dogs, Young Sportsman (ages 6-16):**
Oct. 28-29 **Zones 1, 2, 3**

G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Oct. 30-Nov. 3** **Zones 1, 2, 3**

G/M/A **No dogs: Nov. 18-21** **Zones 1, 2, 3**

G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Nov. 27-Dec. 10** **Zone 3**

G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Nov. 27-Dec. 16** **Zone 1**

G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Nov. 27-Dec. 21** **Zone 2**

G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Dec. 28-31** **Zone 3**

FALL TURKEY

- Bag Limit: 1 turkey, either sex, per county, only in counties open to fall turkey hunting. See the *2017-18 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for listing.

A **Sep. 23-Oct. 27, Oct. 30-Nov. 3**

S **Oct. 14-27**

SPRING TURKEY

S/A **Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Mar. 24-25, 2018**
Daily bag: 1 bearded bird per day. Counts toward spring season bag of four (4).

S/A **Mar.31-May 13, 2018**
Bag limit: 4 bearded birds. No more than 1 per day.

GAME BIRDS

Grouse	Daily bag: 3	Oct. 14-Feb. 28, 2018
Quail	Daily bag: 6	Nov. 4-Feb. 28, 2018

MIGRATORY BIRDS

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

Woodcock	Daily bag: 3	Nov. 11-Dec. 25
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Snipe	Daily bag: 8	Nov. 14-Feb. 28, 2018
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Canada Goose	Daily bag: 5	Sep. 1-15
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Wood Duck/Teal	Daily bag 6; not to exceed 2 wood ducks/day	Sep. 9-13
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Teal-only	Daily bag: 6	Sep. 14-17
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Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers - Bag limit is 6 ducks per day.

Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 11-12, Dec. 2-Jan. 28, 2018
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Statewide Zone	Nov. 25-26, Dec. 2-Jan. 28, 2018
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Young Sportsman	All zones, ages 15 and under Feb. 3 and Feb. 10, 2018
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See the *2017-18 Tennessee Waterfowl Hunting Guide* for more information on these seasons as well as Sandhill Cranes and other Goose Seasons.

SMALL GAME

Squirrel	Daily bag: 10	Aug. 26-Feb. 28 May 12-Jun. 10
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Rabbit	Daily bag: 5	Nov. 4-Feb. 28
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RACCOON

- See the *2017-18 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information.

Private Land Season	Sunset Jul. 1 - Sunrise Sep. 15 Nightly bag: 1
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Statewide Season	Sunset Sep. 15 - Sunrise Feb. 28, 2018 Nightly bag: 2
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Training Season	Year-round, except where prohibited by local ordinances. No take permitted.
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