

2016-17 Tennessee Hunting Seasons Summary

Please refer to the *2016-17 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 *2016-17 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for deer units, county listings, and the new definition of antlered deer.

A Sep. 24-Oct. 28, Oct. 31-Nov. 4
Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=4; Unit L=3/day, no season limit

**G/M/A Young Sportsman (ages 6-16):
Oct. 29-30, Jan. 14-15, 2017**
Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=2; Unit L=3/day

M/A Nov. 5-Nov. 18
Antlerless bag: Units A, B=2; Units C, D=1
Unit L=3/day

G/M/A Nov. 19-Jan. 8, 2017
Antlerless bag: Unit A=2; Units B, C, D=1
Unit L=3/day

**G/M/A Unit L - private lands: antlerless only; Jan. 9-13,
2017: 3/day; no antlered deer**

ELK (QUOTA HUNT)

A Oct. 3-7
5 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit

**G/M/A Young Sportsman (resident only, ages 13-16):
Oct. 22-23; 1 permit for 1 antlered elk**

G/M/A Oct. 17-21
5 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit

BLACK BEAR

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

A No dogs: Sep. 24-Oct. 21
Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, Transitional

G/M/A Dogs allowed: Sep. 26-Oct. 2 Zone 2

G/M/A Dogs allowed: Oct. 1-9 Zone 3

G/M/A Dogs allowed: Oct. 3-7 Zone 1

**G/M/A No dogs, Young Sportsman (ages 6-16):
Oct. 29-30 Zones 1, 2, 3**

G/M/A Dogs allowed: Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Zones 1, 2, 3

G/M/A No dogs: Nov. 19-22 Zones 1, 2, 3

G/M/A Dogs allowed: Nov. 28-Dec. 11 Zone 3

G/M/A Dogs allowed: Nov. 28-Dec. 17 Zone 1

G/M/A Dogs allowed: Nov. 28-Dec. 22 Zone 2

G/M/A Dogs allowed: Dec. 29-Jan. 1, 2017 Zone 3

FALL TURKEY

- Bag Limit: 1 turkey, either sex, per county, only in counties open to fall turkey hunting. See the *2016-17 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for listing.

A Sep. 24-Oct. 28, Oct. 31-Nov. 4

S Oct. 15-28

SPRING TURKEY

S/A Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Mar. 25-26, 2017
Daily bag: 1 bearded bird per day. Counts toward spring season bag of four (4).

S/A Apr. 1-May 14, 2017
Bag limit: 4 bearded birds. No more than 1 per day.

GAME BIRDS

Grouse	Daily bag: 3	Oct. 8-Feb. 28, 2017
Quail	Daily bag: 6	Nov. 5-Feb. 28, 2017

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Mourning Dove	Daily bag: 15	Sep. 1-28
		Oct. 8-30
		Dec. 8-Jan. 15

Woodcock	Daily bag: 3	Oct. 29-Dec. 12
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Snipe	Daily bag: 8	Nov. 14-Feb. 28, 2017
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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. 10-14
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Teal-only	Daily bag: 6	Sep. 15-18
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Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers - Bag limit is 6 ducks per day. See the *2016-17 Tennessee Waterfowl Hunting Guide* for more information.

Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 12-13, Dec. 3-Jan. 29, 2017
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Statewide Zone	Nov. 26-27, Dec. 3-Jan. 29, 2017
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Young Sportsman	All zones, ages 15 and under Feb. 4 and Feb. 11, 2017
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SMALL GAME

Squirrel	Daily bag: 10	Aug. 27-Feb. 28
		May 13-Jun. 11

Rabbit	Daily bag: 5	Nov. 5-Feb. 28
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RACCOON

- See the *2016-17 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information.

Private Land Season	Sunset Jul. 1 - Sunrise Sep. 16
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	Nightly bag: 1
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Statewide Season	Sunset Sep. 16 - Sunrise Feb. 28, 2017
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	Nightly bag: 2
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Training Season	Year-round, except where prohibited by local ordinances. No take permitted.
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