

Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission
Proclamation 16-XX

Wildlife Management Areas, Public Hunting Areas, and Refuges
Hunting Seasons, Limits and Miscellaneous Regulations

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 70–4–107 and 70–5–108, the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission hereby proclaims the wildlife management areas, public hunting areas, and refuges hunting seasons, limits and miscellaneous regulations, effective August 1, 2016.

Note: Migratory Bird Season Dates and Limits are pending in lieu of Federal Frameworks.

Section 1. General

A. Hunting Season

1. On WMAs open with statewide seasons, the season dates, bag limits, weapon types, and ammunition types that pertain to the county where the WMA is located apply to that WMA. Special regulations listed specifically for those WMAs still apply.
2. Small Game: All species identified in the current Small Game, ~~Furbearer,~~ Early Migratory Bird, Late Migratory Bird, and Dove Duck, Goose, and Crane, and Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Crow, and September Waterfowl hunting seasons proclamations.
Big Game: All species identified in the current Big Game Proclamation.
3. Small game hunting and dog training closed at sunset on the day before and during scheduled big game hunts on the following wildlife management areas, unless special exception indicated: AEDC, Bridgestone-Firestone Centennial Wilderness, Catoosa, Chuck Swan State Forest, Happy Hollow, Hiwassee Refuge, Laurel Hill, Prentice Cooper State Forest, the Thief Neck Island Unit of Watts Bar, Williamsport, and Yuchi Refuge.
4. Crow may be taken on scheduled small game hunt days that coincide with statewide crow season unless an exception is noted.
5. Red fox may be taken during the statewide trapping season except where regulated by legislative act or unless otherwise specified.
6. Falconry open with statewide falconry seasons unless an exception is noted.
7. Small game (except raccoon) and retriever field trials permitted year-round with 30-day advanced approval of the area manager unless otherwise specified.
8. Raccoon hound field trials permitted Sep. 1–Apr. 30 unless prohibited.
9. Dog training is year-round unless otherwise indicated.
10. On all WMAs open to the late duck season, the statewide Youth Waterfowl Season is open, unless exception is noted. On all WMAs, the legal hunting hours during the Youth Waterfowl Season comply with federal regulations for migratory birds (30) minutes before official sunrise to sunset), unless exception is noted.
11. All game killed or crippled shall be retrieved if possible and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field. No game may be discarded on the premises of the management area.
12. Persons participating in a sanctioned field trial on a WMA, as authorized by the TWRA, may shoot to retrieve mallards. Mallards used in these trials must be held and released in accordance with all state laws, rules and regulations governing captive wildlife.
13. All refuges are closed Nov. 15–last day of Feb. to all forms of use and trespass unless otherwise indicated. Designated observation areas will be open year round, unless otherwise noted.
14. On WMAs open with the statewide season, quail season runs from the 1st Saturday in November until January 15th unless otherwise noted.

B. Bag and Possession Limits

1. Statewide bag and possession limits shall apply unless special exception is indicated.
2. One deer may be taken on each managed hunt where a permit is required except as otherwise indicated. Deer taken on buck-only hunts must have antlers a minimum of three inches (3") in length.

3. For the spring turkey season, one bearded turkey per day, not to exceed four per season, except as otherwise indicated. Turkeys taken on quota hunts are bonus turkeys, unless otherwise noted.

C. Miscellaneous Regulations

1. Small game WMA permit is required to trap on all areas that require a small game hunt permit.
2. Possession of shotgun ammunition loaded with more than one solid ball is specifically prohibited while hunting deer, elk, or bear.
3. Dogs permitted for small game hunting unless otherwise indicated. Special regulations apply where indicated.
4. On all "Young-Sportsman Hunts," youths, ages 6–16, may participate but must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Adults cannot hunt except as indicated otherwise. Adults must comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters when accompanying Young Sportsmen on "Young-Sportsman Big Game Hunts," except as indicated.
5. Youths, ages 6–16, may participate on other WMA hunts (big game, small game, waterfowl, etc.) but must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device except as otherwise noted.
6. During the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season, youth hunters must be 15 years of age or younger. Those, who are 16 years of age or older and are accompanying these youths, cannot duck hunt during the Youth Waterfowl Season but may participate in other open seasons. On WMAs, an adult at least 21 years of age must accompany youth hunters, ages 6–15, into the field. This adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons.
7. The placement or depositing of any type of food to feed or attract wildlife on WMAs, PHAs, and Refuges is prohibited.
8. Where persons are required to wear fluorescent orange, they must wear on their upper body and head a minimum of 500-square inches of daylight fluorescent orange visible front and back.
9. Wheelchair-bound hunts, zones, or blinds are open to hunters who are totally and permanently confined to a wheelchair as certified by a physician.
10. On wheelchair-bound big game hunts, each wheelchair-bound hunter must be accompanied by a non-hunting assistant (age 16 years or older) except on Cordell Hull WMA and Cordell Hull Refuge where the assistant may also participate in hunting. On wheelchair-bound waterfowl hunts, each wheelchair-bound hunter must be accompanied by at least one, but not more than three assistants (at least one of whom must be age 16 years of age or older), who may also participate in hunting.
11. Persons already holding a blind permit may not participate in wheelchair-blind permit drawings. If a wheelchair-bound blind is not occupied by legal shooting hours, it may be occupied by another wheelchair-bound hunter for that day. Applications for wheelchair-bound waterfowl blind permits must be received by the appropriate regional office by noon on the 4th Friday in Oct.
12. Release or possession of pen-raised quail is prohibited except on approved field trial areas on Percy Priest and Tellico Lake WMAs (Manager approval required).
13. Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds: no blinds, blind materials, boats, or decoys left overnight unless otherwise specified by rule or proclamation. A temporary blind is either a structure assembled or placed for a hunt or boat that is used for hunting; or a site consisting of the use of natural vegetation or conditions for concealment for a specified hunt.
14. Treestands must be marked with the hunter's TWRA identification number.
15. Access to all caves on agency controlled lands is closed except to authorized personnel only, unless designated differently through signage or agency brochures.

Comment [JS1]: To open up appropriate opportunity that was originally intended when this reg. was initially established

Section II. Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges – Seasons and Bag Limits

AEDC and Woods Reservoir Refuge

Unit 1 (Previously the TNARNG Maneuver Area)

Public access only through gate on Rifle Range Road north of railroad tracks

Turkey Closed to spring turkey

Small Game Closed to small game hunting.

Trapping Closed to trapping.

Deer (Special Regulations) All deer hunting season dates are subject to coordination with military training mission. Hunt dates will be confirmed a month in advance and advertised on the TWRA website and posted at the sign-in stations. Special quota permits will be sold by REAL system license agents or purchased on-line through the TWRA website.

Deer (Shotgun–Muzzleloader) Four potential hunt dates: Nov. 5-6, 11-13, 19-20, Nov. 25-27. 100 hunter quota. Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer(Young-Sportsman)(Shotgun-Muzzleloader) One hunt. Potential Hunt Dates: Oct. 1-2. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex only one may be antlered (bonus deer).

Unit 2

(Old Camp Forrest area from golf course to UTSI Road and Wattendorf Memorial Hwy. to southern property boundary)

Public access only through gate west of fire tower field.

Small Game Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. The area will be open to hunting as military training allows. Dates will be posted on the TWRA website and at sign-in stations. Hunting closed during deer hunts.

Trapping Closed to trapping.

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Deer/Turkey (Archery) Three hunts. Potential hunt dates: Oct. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23. No hunter quota, Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.

Deer(Young-Sportsman)(Shotgun-Muzzleloader) One hunt. Potential hunt dates: Oct. 1-2. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Shotgun-Muzzleloader) Two potential hunt dates: Nov. 11-13, 25-27. 200 hunter quota. Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered. Bonus deer).

Turkey (Fall) One hunt. Dec. 3-11. No hunter quota, Three turkeys, either sex.

Turkey Same as statewide season except open only on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Units 3, 4, 5, and 6 (Remainder of WMA)

Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting closed during deer hunts. Quail Nov. 5-Jan.15
Deer/Turkey (Archery)	Three hunts. Oct. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23. No hunter quota, Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.
Deer (Young-Sportsman)(Shotgun-Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct. 1-2. No hunter quota, Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Shotgun-Muzzleloader)	Two hunts. Nov. 11-13, 25-27. 600 quota, Two deer, either sex, only one may be antlered (bonus deer).
Turkey (Fall)	One hunt. Dec. 3-11. No hunter quota. Three turkeys either sex.
Turkey	Same as statewide season, except open only on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
Waterfowl	Same as statewide season, except open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday of the late duck season and the first and last day of each segment. Hunting from registered blind sites only on Woods Reservoir. During the early duck and goose season hunting is allowed outside of registered blind sites, except 150 yards from the bank starting at the pumping station going west to the Rowland's Creek causeway. Waterfowl hunting is allowed from drawn blind sites during big game deer hunts.
Dog Training	Sep. 1– Feb. 28.
Woods Reservoir Waterfowl Refuge	Dec.1– Jan 31. All forms of trespass are prohibited.
Special Regulations	All access will be strictly controlled. Big Game and Small Game hunters are required to sign in at one of the three hunter sign-in stations. All hunters must fill out a sign-in card and keep a portion of the card on their persons while hunting. Deer hunters will be required to fill out an observation card at the end of each hunt and deposit it at one of the sign-in stations. Certain areas may be closed due to military training. The barricades at the designated entry points will be closed and appropriate signs will be displayed. If the barricades are locked, the area is closed to all public activity, including hunting. Deer-Archery Zones may be hunted on any scheduled deer hunt with archery equipment only. These areas are closed to Small Game hunting and Spring Turkey hunting. ATVs are prohibited on the AEDC WMA. The use of metal detectors is prohibited.

Digging is prohibited.
Buried and unexploded ordnance (UXO) could be encountered and unauthorized ground disturbance is a violation of federal law.
Rifles, center fire and rim fire, are prohibited. All handguns, including muzzleloading pistols are prohibited. Air rifles are allowed for small game hunting, except for migratory birds.

Alpine Mountain

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping
Dog Training

Same as statewide seasons
Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

Arnold Hollow

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons

Anderson Pond PHA

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons

Comment [JS2]: Newly proclaimed area

Bark Camp Barrens

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping
Rabbit
Dog Training (Rabbit & Quail Only)

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Nov. 5 – Jan. 15

Sept. 1 – Jan. 15. Dog training for the remainder of the year is open to all species.

Comment [JS3]: Clarification

Barkley Unit I

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping
Waterfowl

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

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During the late duck season, all activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments when waterfowl hunting is closed.
Duck seasons 45 days or longer:
Hunting of waterfowl during the late duck and goose seasons permitted only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck and goose seasons.
Duck seasons under 45 days: Hunting of waterfowl during the late duck and goose seasons permitted only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck and goose seasons.

Dog Training
Special Regulations

Sep. 1–Mar. 15, except closed during the late duck season.
All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before each opening day of the statewide duck season.
Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the late duck season(s).
Deer and Small Game hunting is only allowed on days waterfowl hunting is closed during the late duck seasons.

Barkley Unit II

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons

Battle Creek PHA

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons

Comment [JS4]: Newly proclaimed area

Bean Switch Refuge

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to dove and waterfowl hunting.

Turkey

One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.

Closed to fall turkey hunting.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

Bear Hollow Mountain

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons and bag limits, except as noted. Only one antlerless deer per day.

Special Regulations

ATVs may be used only on existing roads and only to retrieve harvested deer.
No littering. Hunter camping allowed only at designated campground (Lakeview). Fires permitted only in designated campground. Bear Hollow, Cave Springs, Keith Springs, Poplar Springs, and Rock House Roads will be opened for scouting on the 4th Saturday in Aug.
During daylight hours, all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or out of camp must wear fluorescent orange during the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.
Horseback riders must stay on designated trails and park their vehicles in designated parking areas at all times.
Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while

horseback riding. No tying horses to trees.

Beason Creek

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Turkey

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted

Comment [JS5]: Newly proclaimed area

Closed to fall turkey season

Beaver Dam Creek

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

Beech River

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Turkey

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted

Comment [JS6]: Newly proclaimed area

Closed to fall turkey

Big Spring Access PHA

Special regulations

ATV and OHV operation and horseback riding are prohibited

Comment [JS7]: Newly proclaimed area

Dove, Grouse, Opossum, Quail, Rabbit, Raccoon, Snipe, Squirrel, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Small game hunters (except raccoon and opossum hunters between sunset and sunrise) must wear 500-square inches of fluorescent orange during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts.

Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.

Groundhog, fox, and skunk may be taken on any small game hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.

Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapons legal for the scheduled hunt. No dogs allowed.

Deer, Turkey

Same as statewide seasons

Big Sandy and Gin Creek

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Waterfowl

Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl

Dog Training
Special Regulations

during the late duck and goose seasons permitted only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck and goose seasons.

Sep. 1–Mar. 15, except closed during the late duck season.

All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before each opening day of the statewide duck season.

During the late duck season, all activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments when waterfowl hunting is closed.

Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the late duck season(s).

Black Bayou Refuge

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only.

Archery equipment only during the muzzleloader season.

Closed to Young Sportsman deer hunts.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Open with statewide young sportsman season

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Nov. 14.

Blackburn Fork WMA

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons

Dog Training

Sept. 1 – Mar. 15.

Special Regulations

Use of motorized vehicles or horsebackriding prohibited.

Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.

Bogota

Deer, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Areas within 150 yards of draw waterfowl pools are closed during small game, trapping and statewide deer gun season(s).

Special Dove (Youth)

Sept. 3, noon until sunset. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Designated fields only.

Dove

Sept. 4 through the remainder of the 1st and 2nd segments of the statewide season. Designated fields only.

Waterfowl (Designated Pools Only)

Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck season permitted only on Tuesday,

Special Regulations	<p>Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season; and the youth waterfowl season. Goose seasons to coincide with statewide season after the youth waterfowl season, no pool restrictions or drawings.</p> <p>All hunting shall cease at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.</p> <p>Designated pools (except Pool 1) will be allocated by computer draw. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. No waterfowl hunters permitted in pool 1 or access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s).</p> <p>No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed daily.</p> <p>Hunters are restricted to pools or numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually.</p> <p>Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day.</p>
Turkey	<p>One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.</p>
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	<p>Same as statewide season</p>
Dog Training	<p>Sep. 1–Oct. 31.</p>
Bridgestone-Firestone Centennial Wilderness	
Small Game	<p>Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.</p> <p>Closed to quail hunting. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 through 4th Friday in Aug., except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons.</p>
Big Game	<p>Same as statewide seasons, except deer season is closed Nov. 11-18 and after Dec. 9.</p>
Dog Training	<p>Sep. 1–Mar. 15.</p>
Special Regulations	<p>No ATV, motorcycle, or horseback riding permitted.</p> <p>Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts, except during spring turkey season non-hunting activities are closed only until 12 noon CDT.</p> <p>Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.</p> <p>Antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one</p>

antler or a 15-inch minimum outside antler spread on all hunts.

(Big Bottom Unit)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Closed to quail hunting.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Special Regulations

Unauthorized entry is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts

Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

Browntown

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

Buffalo Springs

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Special Regulations

Waterfall parking area closed one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise.

Use or possession of alcohol is prohibited in the waterfall area.

Quail hunting closed. Quail training only during statewide quail season.

C. M. Gooch

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except Units A and E are closed during the waterfowl seasons and are closed to all activities five days before each opening of the late duck seasons.

Turkey

One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.

Closed to fall turkey season

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

Waterfowl

Same as statewide season, except Gooch waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 p.m. on Units A and E.

Waterfowl hunting on the last day of each segment of the duck and remaining goose seasons closes at sunset.

Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl is prohibited in Units A and E during the late duck seasons. On Gooch Unit E, no waterfowl hunters permitted on the unit or access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s).

No permanent blinds. All temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed from Unit E daily.

Gooch Unit E will be allocated by computer draw. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. Decoys may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Draw hunts will be Opening weekend (s), Monday-Thursday, and Friday-Sunday.

Camden Unit I

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Waterfowl

Waterfowl hunting shall close at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of each segment of the late duck season and remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15, except closed during the late duck season.

Special Regulations

All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before each opening day of the statewide duck season.

Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited during the late duck season(s).

Camden Unit II

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Deer

Deer hunting will be with archery equipment only during waterfowl seasons. Archers must comply with the legal blaze orange requirements during the deer gun season.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15, except closed during late duck season.

Waterfowl (Wheelchair Bound only Blind Sites)

Application must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on the 4th Friday in Oct. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchair-bound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for that day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked

wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds.

Catoosa

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Raccoon and opossum season is Nov. 1 to sunrise Dec. 31. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season. Trapping and small game hunting closed during wild hog control season. Closed to quail hunting.

Deer (Archery)

Three hunts. Oct. 8-10, 11-13, 14-16. Archery equipment only. Area checking stations operated. Entire area open. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader)

One hunt. Nov.17-20 Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun)

One hunt. Nov. 10-13 Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)

One hunt. Oct. 29-30. ~~Station quota: Genesis 100; Bicolor 400.~~ Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Comment [JS8]: Response to public request that is feasible and increases opportunity

Wild Hog (Control Season) (Dogs Permitted)

Dec. 7-11 Jan. 4-8 Entire area open. No limit, either sex.
 All participants in the hog control season must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange, visible front and back.
 Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking Deer, Bear or Elk.
 Legal hours—One-half hour before sunrise and to one-half hour after sunset.
 Checking stations open on Catoosa—all hogs must be transported whole to the checking stations for data collection.

Deer (Gun)

One hunt. Dec.1-4 Entire area open. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).

Bullfrog

Apr. 1–Sep. 1. No hunting during turkey hunts.

Turkey

Six hunts. Apr. 7-9, 11-13, 18-20, 21-23, 25-27 Apr. 28-30. One turkey per hunt, not to exceed four per season.

Turkey (Young-Sportsman)

One hunt. Apr. 15-16. One turkey (bonus bird).

Trapping

Dec. 15- Feb. 28.

Dog Training

Dog training is closed.

Special Regulations

Hunters required to check out big game and wild hogs at WMA check stations when stations are in operation.
 Walk-in hunting and trapping only from Feb. 1–last day of

Feb.

Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 through 4th Friday in Aug., except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons.

Antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler or a 15-inch minimum outside antler spread on all hunts.

Catoosa WMA will be closed to all users Feb. 1–last Friday in Mar., except walk-in hunters and trappers will be permitted Feb. 1–last day of Feb.

Guides prohibited on all hunts.

ATVs and motorized bikes are permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit from the 4th Saturday in Aug. through the spring squirrel season. No entry onto the area except through gated TWRA access points.

Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

Rifles and handguns using center-fire ammunition are legal for hunting beaver, bobcat, foxes, coyotes, groundhogs, and crows only during big game seasons and the hunter must be a licensed legal big game hunter.

During big game hunts coyotes may be taken with any weapon legal for that hunt.

Chasing fox, coyote, or bobcat with dogs is not permitted.

Firing Range (Genesis Checking Station)

Open daily except during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only.

Firing Ranges (Peavine Campground)

Open Apr. 1 – Jan. 31, except closed during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Daylight hours only.

Cedar Hill Swamp

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Archery equipment only for Big Game.

Chambers Creek

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted

Turkey

Closed to fall turkey season

Comment [JS9]: Newly proclaimed area

Charlotte Ann Finnell Neal

Deer, Turkey, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season closes Dec. 9. Archery equipment only for deer.

Small Game

Dec. 10–last day of Feb, except as noted. Squirrel season open from last Saturday in Aug. to Sep. 23, and during spring squirrel season. Dogs are not permitted during

Dog Training
Special Regulations

spring squirrel season.
Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
Use of motorized vehicles prohibited.

Cheatham

Deer, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Buck only during muzzleloader and gun seasons.

Turkey

One hunt. Oct. 10-21. Hunter quota 150. Two turkeys, either sex.

Turkey

Same as statewide spring season.

Dog Training

Daylight hours only.

Firing Range

Open 12 noon until one hour after sunset daily. Automatic weapons prohibited.

Archery Range

Open daily. Field points only.

Cheatham Lake

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons on Sycamore Creek upstream from railroad trestle, Harpeth River upstream from Highway 49, and on Johnson Creek upstream from Johnson Creek Bridge.

Hunting on remainder of Cheatham Lake WMA same as statewide season, except during the late duck season when hunting is open only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and the last day of each segment of the late statewide duck season.

Waterfowl hunting is permitted only from registered blind sites and from staked temporary blind sites during the late duck season.

Hunting on Harpeth Island, Marks Creek, and Bluff Creek wade-in areas is not restricted to registered or staked temporary sites.

Night hunting, trapping, and fishing prohibited in waterfowl impoundments during the waterfowl season.

The sub-impoundment units as posted are closed to all types of activity five days before the opening of the first segment of the late duck season.

Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound only blind site)

Applications must be received by the TWRA Region II Office by noon on the 4th Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible.

Dove

Same as statewide. Hunting permitted from designated fields only.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15, except closed during duck seasons.

Cheatham Lake – Pardue Pond Refuge and Dyson Ditch Refuge

Big Game, Small Game	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer.
Turkey	One hunt. Oct. 10-21 Hunter quota 50. Two turkeys, either sex.
Special Regulations	Access by boat only.

Cherokee

Special Regulations	<p>Horseback riding on properties owned by the U.S. Forest Service shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service regulations. On those properties owned or leased by the TWRA, horseback riding is only permitted upon roads opened for vehicle travel: no riding off roads into openings, fields, trails, or through streams.</p> <p>Bobcat hunting with dogs prohibited. Dog training prohibited, except for Bear Dog Training Season in Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, Monroe, Polk, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties, or as otherwise specified.</p>
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The use of and/or possession of any tracking device for dogs from Mar. 1–Aug. 15 is illegal. Hunting of coyotes with dogs prohibited.

North Cherokee	That portion of the Cherokee WMA lying north of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
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South Cherokee	That portion of the Cherokee WMA lying south of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
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North Cherokee

Special Regulations	<p>On property that is owned or leased by TWRA, ATV and OHV operation is prohibited at all times at any location inside the boundaries of these properties.</p> <p>Only pointing breed dogs are permitted in the bear reserve one day before and during bear hunts <u>that allow the use of dogs. During bear hunts that do not allow the use of hounds, small game hunters in the bear reserves are limited to 2 dogs per vehicle.</u></p>
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Wild hogs may be taken on any big game hunt with the weapon legal for that hunt, except wild hogs may not be taken in the bear reserves during bear season.

Comment [JS10]: To increase opportunity for raccoon hunters during the bear still hunts. Any compromise of the function of the bear reserve regarding protection of bears should be minimal.

Dove, Grouse, Quail, Rabbit, Snipe, Squirrel, Trapping	<p>Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.</p> <p>Small game hunters (except raccoon and opossum hunters between sunset and sunrise) must wear 500-square inches of fluorescent orange during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts.</p> <p>Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.</p> <p>Groundhog, fox, and skunk may be taken on any small</p>
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game hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Fox closed in Washington County.

Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapons legal for the scheduled hunt. No dogs allowed.

Spring squirrel season is closed.

~~Dates are s~~Same as statewide seasons, ~~except closed to special county antlerless hunts.~~ ~~Bag limit of two bucks.~~ (counts toward statewide limit)

Bag limit of 4 antlerless (counts toward statewide limit)

Bag limit of 1 antlerless(counts toward statewide limit)

Bag limit of 2 antlerless(counts toward statewide limit)

Closed to antlerless hunting

Same as statewide season

Comment [JS11]: To prevent a potential change in county antlerless bag limits from affecting the antlerless bag limits on this area.

Deer

Deer (Archery)

Deer (Muzzleloader)

Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)

Deer (Gun)

Turkey

Opossum, Raccoon

Oct. 7–last day in Feb. Season closed Oct.7, Oct. 30 - Nov.4, Nov.27-Dec.17 in all bear reserves.

Bear Dog Training Season

Sep.6-Oct. 1. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. No training in bear reserves.

Bear

Same as statewide season, except closed Sep. 24–Oct. 2

South Cherokee

Dove, Grouse, Quail, Rabbit, Snipe, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Woodcock

Same as statewide, except as noted.

Small game hunters, except raccoon and opossum hunters, must wear 500-square inches of fluorescent orange during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts.

Spring squirrel season is closed.

Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 – 4th Friday in Aug., except during turkey season.

Small game hunting in bear reserves and party hunt area during scheduled party hunts prohibited one day before and during bear (dogs permitted) hunts.

~~The use and/or possession of any tracking device for squirrel dogs is prohibited.~~ Squirrel hunters utilizing dogs are limited to a maximum of 2 dogs per vehicle.

Comment [JS12]: Creates consistency in regulations concerning raccoon hunters and squirrel hunters using dogs.

Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting outside of Bear Reserves during bear dog hunts and Jan.1 – last day of Feb.

It is illegal to possess firearms with any breed of dog other than pointing breeds during daylight hours, excluding bear season, except as provided.

Season open on groundhog, fox and skunk during any small game hunt with weapons legal for that small game hunt. Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapon legal for that scheduled hunt. Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal

	for that hunt.
Deer/Bear (Archery)	One hunt. Sep.17-29. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). One bear, either sex, outside of bear reserves.
Deer (Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct.24-30. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. Oct.15-16. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)	Two hunts. Nov.19-27, Dec.12-26. Two deer, buck only (bonus deer).
Bear (Gun)(Dogs Permitted)	Four hunts. Oct.1-9, Oct. 31-Nov 4, Nov. 28-Dec.11, Dec. 29-Jan.1. One bear, either sex. Hunting confined to that area outside the Ocoee and Tellico Bear Reserves.
Bear Party-Dog Hunts (Gun)(Dogs Permitted)	Four hunts. Oct.1-2, Oct.8-9, Oct. 31-Nov.1, Nov. 28-29 Quota party dog hunts, 75 permits per party. One party permitted in each of the following areas: Upper Tellico, Lower Tellico, Upper Bald River, and Lower Bald River. One bear, either sex. Party-Dog Area closed during scheduled quota party-dog hunts. Non-hunting juveniles under the age of 13 may accompany an adult hunter (18 years old or older) who has a valid party-hunt permit. Juveniles must also comply with all regulations specified for permitted hunters.
Opossum, Raccoon	Outside of Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Nov. 5 - 17, Jan. 2-last day of Feb. Inside Tellico and Ocoee Bear Reserves Jan. 2-Feb. 1, limited to a maximum of two dogs per vehicle.
Bear Dog Training Season	Sep.7-16. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. No training in bear reserves.
Turkey	Same as statewide spring turkey season.
Trapping	Jan. 2– Feb. 28.
Special Regulations	Bear reserves are closed to all big game hunting when the bear (dogs permitted) season is open on the South Cherokee. 22 caliber short, and long rifle are the only legal weapons on a raccoon hunt. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer or bear hunt with no limit.
Chickamauga	
(Shelton Bottoms, Mud Creek, New Bethal, Moon Island, Cottonport, Washington Ferry, Goodfield Creek, Gillespie Bend, Agency Creek, Ledford Island, Sugar Creek, South Mouse Creek Units).	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide hunting and trapping seasons. No waterfowl hunters permitted on Units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the duck season(s). Closed to quail hunting.

(Candies Creek, Rogers Creek, Yellow Creek, Johnson Bottoms Units)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except units closed to all forms of trespass including fishing, trapping and hunting for all species except waterfowl from the first opening day of the late duck season until the last day of the late duck season and on the day before and during the Youth Waterfowl hunts. Closed to quail hunting.

Waterfowl

Designated blind sites will be allocated by computer draw. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to blind sites or numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually.

All hunters in a party are required to hunt in the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn.

Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out over the specified hunt but decoys must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day.

Only waterfowl hunting permitted on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and the opening and closing day of the duck season.

Waterfowl hunting ends at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

No waterfowl hunters or other activities permitted on Units from two hours after the end of the waterfowl hunting hours until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the duck season(s).

Youth hunters during the Youth Waterfowl season must enter the hunting area only from established TWRA parking areas.

Dog Training

Sep. 1-Mar. 15, except closed during late duck season.

(Soddy and Sale Creek Units)

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.

Special regulations

Deer hunting with archery equipment only. Archery hunters must comply with hunter orange requirements during the statewide deer gun or muzzleloader seasons.

Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl). Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with No. 2 shot or smaller.

Chickasaw State Forest

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

Chuck Swan

Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting is closed as posted.

Raccoon

Seven 1–night hunts. Nov. 6-12. Hunters must check out by 1:00 a.m. All raccoons must be checked out. One raccoon per party. A party is defined as all the occupants of a single vehicle.

Coyote

Jun 5 – Aug 13, 2017. Centerfire allowed. Free permit required

Deer (Archery)

One hunt. Oct. 14-15. Hunter quota 400. One deer, either sex. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)

One hunt. Oct. 29-30. Hunter quota 200. One deer, either sex. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Gun)

Two hunts. Dec. 2-3, 9-10. Hunter quota 650. One deer, buck only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Deer (Muzzleloader)

One hunt. Nov. 25-26. Hunter quota 650. One deer, buck only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

Turkey

Five hunts: Mar. 23-25, Mar.30-Apr.1 , 6-8, 13-15, 20-22. Hunter quota 150. One turkey per hunt (bonus bird). Hunting ends at noon each day. Hunter must sign in and out at check station and be out by 1:00 p.m.

Trapping

Jan.2-Feb 28. No raccoons. Quota is one party per compartment. Trappers must apply at WMA office. No snares or conibear traps. Trappers must report catch annually.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15, daylight hours only. Pointing breed dogs prohibited.

Special Regulations

Guides, deer driving, loud noises, and harassment on all deer hunts, and entering the wildlife management area from Norris Lake during the deer and turkey hunts prohibited.

Horses, ATVs, ORVs, bicycles, non-licensed passenger vehicles, and motorcycles are prohibited on the Main Forest Road. The Main Forest Road is defined as the road beginning at the big game checking station and ending at the intersection of the Back Valley, Forks of the River, and Big Loop roads.

A licensed vehicle is defined as a vehicle that is tagged, registered, and insured and is legal to operate on county, state, and federal highways.

Organized competition events for motorized/non-motorized vehicles prohibited. The maximum noise limit for all motorized vehicles is 86 dBa, as measured 50 feet from the exhaust, except as otherwise permitted.

The maximum speed limit is 25 mph or less if otherwise

posted.

Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.

Groundhog, fox, and skunk may be taken on any small game hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.

Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapon legal for the scheduled hunt.

Range open Thur/Fri from noon-sunset and Sat/Sun from sunrise to sunset. Closed during all big game quota hunts. No buckshot allowed on range.

Col. Forrest V. Durand

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Turkey

Cordell Hull

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

(Defeated Creek Unit)

Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only Zone)

Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only Zone

Dog Training

Cordell Hull Refuge

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted

Closed to fall turkey season

Same as statewide seasons, except deer hunting ends Dec. 9. Wheelchair-bound hunter zone open to wheelchair-bound hunters only. Deer bag limit is two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer) in the wheelchair-bound zone on Nov. 19-20. Closed to quail hunting.

Same as statewide seasons except as noted. Closed to quail hunting. Archery equipment only for deer hunting. Shotguns only for small game hunting. Defeated Creek Unit is that area of Defeated Creek that extends from the main river channel to the corps of Engineers boundary along Defeated Creek excluding Defeated Creek Recreational Area.

Apr.1-May 14. Wheelchair-bound hunters only. Two turkeys, either sex (bonus bird).

That area in the old "Corps of Engineers Roaring River Campground" area of Cordell Hull WMA (north of Hwy. 135, north of Roaring River, south and east of Hwy. 85, and west of Old Roaring River Iron Bridge Road.

Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season is Sep. 26-Nov.1

Comment [JS13]: Newly proclaimed area

Deer (Archery)(Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only)	Closed to quail hunting.
Deer (Gun)(Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only)	One hunt. Sep. 24-25. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Dog Training	One hunt. Nov. 5-6. One deer, either sex (bonus deer)
Special Regulations	Sep. 1–Mar. 15, daylight hours only.
	Fishing by boat allowed during refuge closure in marked river channel only.
Cove Creek	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons.
Cowan Swamp PHA	Same as statewide seasons
Cummings Cove	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
Cypress Pond Refuge	
Big Game, Small Game	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to waterfowl hunting.
Dove	Sept 1, noon-sunset. Closed Sept 2. Re-opens Sept. 3 continuing with statewide season.
Dog Training	Closed.
Dry Creek	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons.
Eagle Creek	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons.
Eagle Lake Refuge	
Big Game, Small Game	Same as statewide seasons and bag limits, except as noted. Hunting allowed Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday only. Waterfowl season is closed.
Turkey	One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Hunt days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit

Comment [JS14]: Newly proclaimed area

Turkey (Young Sportsman)
Dog Training
Special Regulations

Same as statewide season and bag limit
Closed
Except for the Bomprezzi Unit, Eagle Lake Refuge is closed to all hunting Nov. 15–last day of Feb.
Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting.
Access to the south end of Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area WMA through Eagle Lake Refuge will be permitted during hunting seasons.
Observation tower open only during Meeman Shelby Forest hunt days that coincide with the hunting season.

(Bomprezzi Unit of Eagle Lake Refuge)

Big Game, Small Game
Turkey

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the statewide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)
Special Regulations

Same as statewide season and bag limit
Shotgun only for small game.
Center-fire rifles prohibited for deer.
No antlerless deer may be taken during the statewide deer gun season.

Edgar Evins State Park

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to spring squirrel hunting on north side of Center Hill Lake.

~~Deer (Safety Zone)(Archery)~~

~~One hunt. Oct. 12-13. Hunter quota 150. Bag limit two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). Sign up for hand held drawing which will be from 8am-12 noon CST Sept. 9 at Park office.~~

Comment [JS15]: Park staff requests that we not have this hunt this year. This hunt is typically occurs every other year.

Dog Training

Same as statewide seasons, except closed on north side of Center Hill Lake.

Enterprise South Nature Park

~~Deer (Shotgun – Hunts for Warriors)~~

Closed to hunting, trapping and dog training, except as noted.

~~One hunt. Oct. 17-18. Hunter quota 15. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer)~~

Comment [JS16]: Data shows deer population has reached desired levels. Recommend having this hunt every other year to maintain current population status unless continued monitoring shows different needs.

Special Regulations

Hunters are required to check out big game at WMA check stations when stations are in operation.

Ernest Rice, Sr.

Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide season, except small game hunting is closed during the big game gun hunts except as noted.
Waterfowl, Raccoon, Opossum	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl, raccoon, and opossum seasons are not closed during the big game hunts.
Deer	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only. Bucks must be spike or nine antler points or better. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during Muzzleloader and Gun seasons.
Deer (Gun)	One hunt. Beginning the third Saturday of December to run 7 consecutive days. One deer, antlered only. Bucks must be spike or nine antler points or better.
Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)	Open with statewide seasons. No antler requirement on this hunt
Turkey	One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide season
Dog Training	Closed.

Fall Creek Falls State Park

Squirrel	Dec. 1–last day of Feb. Shotguns only. Spring squirrel season is closed.
Deer (Archery)	Four hunts. Nov. 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, Dec. 16-18. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). One turkey either sex.
Deer (Hunts for Warriors) (Shotgun/Muzzleloader)(Golf Course Zone)	One hunt. Nov. 29 – 30 . Hunter quota 15. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).
Turkey (Archery)	One hunt. Apr. 1-9. One turkey per day, not to exceed two turkeys (bonus bird).
Dog Training	Closed.
Special Regulations	Vehicle parking restricted to designated parking areas only during the hunting season. No parking permitted at all on roadside grass. All deer and turkey hunters must sign register at horse stables before hunting. Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

Flintville Hatchery

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer. Guns may be used on Young-Sportsman hunts and during fall turkey season.

Dog Training

Daylight hours only.

Foothills

~~Big Game~~ Bear, Turkey, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Closed to hunting Mar. 1st through 4th Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey.

Deer

Dates are same as statewide season. Bag limit of two bucks (counts toward statewide limit).

Deer (Archery)

Bag limit of 4 antlerless (counts toward statewide limit)

Deer (Muzzleloader)

Bag limit of 1 antlerless (counts toward statewide limit)

Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)

Bag limit of 2 antlerless (counts toward statewide limit)

Deer (Gun)

Closed to antlerless hunting

Quail

Closed

Opossum, Raccoon

Jan. 1-Feb. 28.

Dog training

Closed.

Special Regulations

Motorized vehicles and horseback riding prohibited. The use of and/or possession of any tracking device for dogs from Mar. 1 to Aug. 31 is not permitted.

Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).

Wild hogs may be taken during any hunt.

Forks of the River

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All hunting is closed from Mar. 1 through 4th Friday in Aug., except for spring squirrel and spring turkey season. Pigeon is open with dove season. Sep. waterfowl seasons closed.

Dove

Sep. 1,3, 5 and the remainder of the statewide season. Designated youth field will be closed until Sep.3

Dove (Youth/Adult)

Youth/Adult field will be open Sep. 5 to youths who must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt this field. Returns to same as statewide beginning Sept.6

Comment [JS17]: To prevent a potential change in county antlerless bag limits from affecting the antlerless bag limits on this area.

Comment [JS18]: Clarification

Falconry and Crow Special Regulations	<p>Opens 2nd Sat. in Sept. and runs concurrent with statewide season</p> <p>Shotguns, Muzzleloader, and Archery equipment only. Area closed one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, except for raccoon and opossum hunters and scheduled events.</p> <p>From Sept 4 – Feb 28. Closed on Tues. and Thurs. to non-hunters except for the paved greenway and Whaley trail. On Sat and Sun area closed to non-hunters till noon except for the paved greenway and Whaley trail.</p> <p>From Apr. 1 - May 14 (Spring turkey) area closed to non-hunters till noon except for the paved greenway and Whaley trail.</p> <p>Paintball guns and accessories prohibited. All animals accompanied by a non-hunting person are required to be leashed.</p>
Fort Loudoun	
Waterfowl	Same as statewide seasons, except open only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, one-half hour before sunrise until noon. Size BBB or smaller required.
Dog Training	Closed.
Fort Ridge	
Big game, small game, and trapping	Same as statewide seasons except as noted.
Turkey	One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit. Closed to fall turkey season.
Turkey (Young-Sportsman)	Same as statewide season.
Fourth Fractional Township	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for big game. Small game hunting with shotguns only, using No. 6 shot or smaller.

Beagles and pointing breeds only. Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.

Dog Training

Beagles and pointing breeds only. No dog training allowed during spring turkey season

Special Regulations

ATVs and motorcycles prohibited.

Gallatin Steam Plant (*Free Gallatin Steam Plant Permit required in addition to WMA Permit)

Deer/Turkey

Same as statewide season, except as noted. Archery equipment only.

Dog Training

Closed.

Special Regulations

Parking in designated areas. No camping. Scouting begins one week prior to opening day.

Grays Creek

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons except as noted.

Comment [JS19]: Newly proclaimed area.

Turkey

Closed to fall turkey.

Haley-Jaqueth

Deer, Turkey

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only for deer.

Dove

Sep. 3 Youth only (6-16) accompanied by a non-hunting adult and shooting is from staked positions only. Sep. 5 and every Saturday thereafter of the 1st segment open to all ages. All hunting is on designated field only.

Designated field only for dove.

Dog Training

Daylight hours only.

Hampton Crossroads PHA

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons. Archery equipment only for deer.

Comment [JS20]: Newly proclaimed area

Happy Hollow

Small Game	Same as statewide season. No hunting the night before or during big game hunts.
Deer (Archery, Muzzleloader, Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide season
Deer (Gun)	Three hunts. Nov. 19-21, Dec. 10-12, 24-26. Hunter quota 80. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).
Turkey	Two hunts. Apr. 1-4, 20-23. Hunter quota 50. One bearded bird. Closed to fall turkey season.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide season
 Harmon Creek	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons.
 Harp	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons
Dog Training	Sep. 1 – Mar. 15.
 Hart's Mill	
Big game, small game, trapping	Same as statewide seasons and bag limits except as noted.
Turkey	One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit. Closed to fall turkey season.
Turkey (Young-Sportsman)	Same as statewide season.
 Haynes Bottom	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. During the late duck season, waterfowl and small game hunting is open only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late statewide duck season.
Waterfowl	Waterfowl hunting permitted only from registered blind sites beginning with the first day of the late duck season.
Special Regulations	Night hunting, trapping, dog training, and fishing prohibited

in the waterfowl impoundment from Oct. 15-May 31.
Participating waterfowl hunters only in the bottoms during waterfowl seasons.

No horseback riding during big game hunts.

Dog Training

Open year round. Daylight hours only

Headwaters

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.

Blaze orange required by all users during deer muzzleloader and gun hunts

Night hunting prohibited

Dog training daylight hours only

Horseback riding on designated trail only

No ATVs permitted

Parking in designated areas only

No parking at Blanton School Road gate (May 31-Sept 15).
Use River Road Trail access/parking during Blanton School gate closure.

Henderson Island Refuge

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training, excluding raccoon and opossum, closes at 4pm.

Rabbit

Nov. 1–14.

Quail

Closed.

Dog training

Rabbit and quail: Oct. 1–Nov. 14.
All other: Mar. 1–Oct. 31.

Special Regulations

Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted.
All small game hunting is Youth/Adult only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt.
Public entry and fishing permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge.
Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).
Horses prohibited.

Henderson Swamp PHA

Special Regulations

Dove, Grouse, Opossum, Quail, Rabbit, Raccoon, Snipe, Squirrel, Trapping

ATV and OHV operation and horseback riding are prohibited.

Comment [JS21]: Newly proclaimed area

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Small game hunters (except raccoon and opossum hunters between sunset and sunrise) must wear 500-square inches of fluorescent orange during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts.

Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapon legal for that hunt.

Groundhog and skunk may be taken on any small game hunt with weapon legal for that hunt. Fox hunting closed.

Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season with weapons legal for the scheduled hunt. No dogs allowed.

Deer, Turkey

Same as statewide seasons

Hick Hill

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

Hickory Flats

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

Hiwassee Refuge

Dove

Sep. 1, ~~4~~¹⁵. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.

Dove (Youth)

Sep. ~~3~~¹⁰. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.

Comment [JS22]: Shift dove hunt dates around to allow for the best opportunities for youth and provide an adequate rest period between hunts.

Squirrel

Same as statewide seasons except as noted.

Rabbit

Oct.31-Nov.14. Bag limit of three per day

Opossum, Raccoon

Sep. 6-Nov.5. Hunting will be limited to Tuesday and Wednesday nights only.

Canada Goose

Sep. 1–15. No goose hunters permitted on refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day.

Wood Duck/Teal	Same as Sep. Wood Duck/Teal season. No duck hunters permitted on the refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day.
Deer (Shotgun–Muzzleloader)(Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. Sep. 17-18. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Archery)	One hunt. Sep. 23-25. Hunter quota 200. Two deer no more than one antlered, one turkey either sex. (bonus deer).
Deer (Archery)	One hunt. Oct 7-9. Two deer, no more than one antlered, one turkey either sex. (bonus deer).
Deer (Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct. 21-23. Hunter quota 150. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct. 28-30. Hunter quota 150. Two deer, no more than one antlered. (bonus deer).
Turkey	Same as statewide spring turkey season.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15, daylight hours only.
Retriever Dog Field Trials	Pre–approved by Area Manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.
Special Regulations	<p>During refuge closure, public entry and fishing is permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting.</p> <p>Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season. Beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. Season open on groundhog, fox and skunk during any scheduled small game hunt</p>
Holly Fork	Closed to hunting, trapping, and dog training.
Hop–In Refuge	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to dove and waterfowl hunting.
Turkey	<p>One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.</p> <p>Closed to Fall Turkey Season</p>
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide season

Special Regulations	Closed Nov. 1–last day in Feb. to all forms of use and trespass unless otherwise indicated.
Horns Bluff Refuge	
Big Game, Small Game	Refuge Closed November 15 to Feb 15. Observation areas closed sunset to sunrise. Same as statewide seasons except for closure dates. Deer hunting with archery equipment only. Closed to Quail hunting or taking.
Turkey	One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide season and bag limit
Waterfowl	North unit (portion of refuge north of Middle Fork Forked Deer River Canal) open to waterfowl hunting on Saturday and Sunday during late duck season(s). Walk-in only. No blinds, decoys, materials may be left overnight. All hunting shall cease at 3pm except the last day of the season when hunting closes at sunset. No access before 4am or after 5pm. No access during refuge closure dates except for waterfowl hunters on open hunt days..
Jackson Swamp	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.
Dove	One hunt. Sep.1 by handheld drawing. Sep.2-remainder of statewide season, open with statewide season
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
Jarrell Switch Refuge	
Big Game, Small Game	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to waterfowl hunting.
John Tully	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Antlered deer must be spikes or must have 9 points or

	more.
	No antlerless deer to be taken during the gun season.
Turkey	One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide season
Dove	Open at noon September 3 through the remainder of the statewide seasons. One youth-only field and two adult fields.
Waterfowl	Same as statewide seasons. Hunting ends at 3:00 p.m. except the last day of the late waterfowl season(s) and youth season(s) when hunting ends at sunset.
Waterfowl (Fig Field Unit/Fullen North and South Tracts)	Fig Field Unit is that land North of Grammer Road. Open with statewide seasons. Waterfowl Hunting will be allocated by hand held weekly draw hunts For 3 day hunts Friday-Sunday and Opening weekend(s). The hand held drawing will be held on the Monday prior to the hunt at 6:00 pm at the John Tully Field Office. Hunting will only be allowed from designated locations. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 pm except the last day of the late waterfowl season(s) and youth seasons(s) when hunting ends at sunset.
Keyes-Harrison	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season. Closed to quail hunting.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
Kingston Refuge	
Closed to hunting, trapping and dog training.	
Kyker Bottoms Refuge	
Big Game, Small Game	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer hunting is open during archery and youth only. Turkey is Youth/Adult only. Open Friday-Sunday only. Youth must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt.
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 1–14. Quail bag limit 2/day, rabbit and quail hunting closes at 4pm.

Raccoon	Sept. 9-10, 16-17
Dog training	Rabbit and quail: Oct. 1–Oct. 31.
Special Regulations	<p>Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted.</p> <p>All small game hunting is Youth/Adult only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt.</p> <p>Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).</p> <p>Wild hogs may be taken on any deer and turkey hunt with hunting devices legal for those hunts.</p>
Kyles Ford	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training excluding raccoon/possum closes at 4pm.
Quail	Open to dog training only. Quail dog training open only during quail season.
Rabbit Dog Training	Oct.1 – Oct. 31
Special Regulation	Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).
Land Between the Lakes	
Squirrel	The 3 rd Saturday in Aug.–the Friday before the 4 th Saturday in Sep., Oct. 1–14, and Dec. 1–last day of Feb. Spring season same as statewide season.
Dove, Snipe, Woodcock	According to state and federal regulations, open on small game hunt dates that coincide with state seasons.
Fox, Quail, Rabbit	Dec. 1–last day of Feb., except quail to close on Jan. 15.
Bobcat/Otter	Dec. 1-- Last day of February.
Coyote, Armadillo, Ground Hog	<p>May be taken during daylight hours only by legally licensed hunters during any open season with weapons specified for that season.</p> <p>Also may be taken with centerfire rifles, handguns, and shotguns with shot size T or smaller during the month of Feb.</p>

Opossum, Raccoon	Sunset Dec. 1– sunrise the last day of February. Two raccoons per person per night.
Crow	Open during any LBL small game season that coincides with the statewide crow season.
Fox Chasing	From sunset to sunrise, 3 rd Saturday in Aug. through the 3 rd Saturday in Sep. LBL Hunter Use Permit required.
Geese	Same as the statewide goose season, except closed on LBL deer quota hunt dates.
Ducks	Early duck season same as statewide season.
Waterfowl Hunting	Waterfowl hunting will be permitted during the statewide season throughout the Tennessee portion of LBL, except on designated, signed, refuge areas, nature watch areas, and public use areas, and on deer quota hunt dates. Permanent blinds are not allowed on LBL.
Trapping	Fourteen consecutive days beginning the 2nd Monday in Jan. LBL hunt areas as designated in LBL. Designated problem areas as assigned. All species equipment and methods to conform with statewide regulations. Trappers must obtain a trapping permit in advance at the Golden Pond Administration Office, and report their harvest in accordance to LBL instructions. Additional beaver trapping season: Feb. 1–last day of Feb. All areas open, except Nature Watch Area, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and other areas posted as closed to hunting.
Dog Training	Quail, rabbit and raccoon chasing only. Oct. 1–31. Except closed from sunset Friday until sunrise Monday of the youth deer hunt weekend. LBL Hunter Use Permit required. Training permitted only in designated areas.
Bullfrog	May 15–Aug. 31. Gigs only. Bag limit 15.
Small Game (Archery Only)	Squirrel, groundhog, and fox may be taken during deer archery season only by legally licensed and equipped deer archery hunters. Statewide limits apply. Arrows must be equipped with broad-heads according to deer regulations or small game points.
Deer	During the September through January deer seasons, there is an LBL-wide one antlered buck limit per hunter, whether by gun, bow, quota, or non-quota, TN or KY hunt.
Deer/Turkey (Archery)	The 4 th Saturday in Sep. through the end of the statewide season, except for quota hunt days and one day immediately before each quota hunt. Archery equipment to conform to state regulations. One turkey, either sex (bonus bird). Two white-tailed deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). <u>Counts toward statewide bag limit.</u>
Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)	One two-day hunt, beginning the third Saturday in October. Hunter quota 800. One white-tailed deer, either sex (bonus deer). Youths must be accompanied by an adult, and all youths must have received hunter safety instructions (see LBL website at www.lbl.org).
Deer (Gun)	One two-day hunt, beginning two Fridays before

<p>Deer (Gun)</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Day. Hunter quota 1,000. One white-tailed deer, either sex (bonus deer). <u>Counts toward statewide bag.</u></p>
<p>Deer (Other)</p>	<p>One two-day hunt, beginning on Saturday after Thanksgiving Day. Hunter quota 1,000. One white-tailed deer, either sex (bonus deer). <u>Counts toward statewide bag.</u></p>
<p>Turkey (Young-Sportsman)</p>	<p>Up to 100 permits may be issued for special hunts.</p>
<p>Turkey</p>	<p>One two-day hunt, beginning on Saturday after the Saturday closest to April 1. Hunter quota 200. One turkey (bonus bird).</p>
<p>Turkey</p>	<p>One two-day hunt on Tuesday and Wednesday before the Saturday closest to April 15. Hunter quota 250. One two-day hunt beginning on the Saturday closest to April 15. Hunter quota 200. One turkey (bonus bird). <u>Counts toward statewide bag.</u></p>
<p>Turkey</p>	<p>One seven-day non-quota hunt, beginning Monday following the Saturday closest to April 15. One turkey (not bonus). <u>Counts toward statewide bag.</u></p>
<p>Turkey</p>	<p>One seven-day nonquota hunt beginning the second Monday following the Saturday closest to April 15. One turkey (not bonus). <u>Counts toward statewide bag.</u></p>
<p>Baiting</p>	<p>The placement of any bait to attract wildlife, including food or mineral substances is prohibited on LBL.</p>
<p>Areas open to hunting</p>	<p>All areas lying in Tennessee portion are open to hunting except: Nature Watch Area, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and areas posted as closed. The back half of Rushing Bay is closed to all activity Nov. 1–Mar. 15.</p>
<p>Field Trials:</p>	
<p>Raccoon Field Trials, Bird Dogs, Beagles and Retriever Field Trials</p>	<p>July 1–Mar. 31. Forest Service Special Use permit required.</p>
<p>Laurel Hill</p>	
<p>Small Game</p>	<p>Same as statewide season except as noted.</p> <p>Coyote may be taken during daylight hours only during any open season with weapons specified for that season.</p> <p>Bobcat may be taken on any scheduled big game or small game hunt that coincides with statewide bobcat season with weapon legal for that hunt.</p>
<p>Raccoon/Opossum</p>	<p>Sept. 9 - Feb. 28. Bag limit 2 raccoon per person per night. Opossum: no limit. Hunting closed at sunset the day before and during big game hunts</p>

Dove	Same as statewide dove season. All fields open.
Fox Chasing	No fox chasing permitted.
Deer(Archery)	One hunt. Sep. 17 - Oct. 2. archery equipment only. Three deer, either sex, <u>only one buck</u> (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. Oct.15-16. One deer, either sex (bonus deer), no antler restrictions.
Deer (Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct. 20-23. Hunter quota 500. One deer, Buck only (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)	Three hunts. Nov. 11-13, Nov. 25-27, Dec.2-4. Hunter quota 500. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).
Turkey	Same as statewide spring turkey season.
<u>Waterfowl</u>	<u>On the WMA only goose hunting is permitted and only in the fields. Second Saturday in Jan. to the last Sunday in Jan. Same as statewide seasons. On Laurel Hill lake, waterfowl hunting (duck and goose) is allowed by boat only.</u>
Trapping	Dec. 1–Feb. 11.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15, daylight hours only. No training during big game hunts.
Special Regulations	Special buck regulations apply on all deer hunts. Bucks must have at least four antler points on one side or a 15 inch minimum outside spread. All horses must be ridden on designated trails or roads open to motorized vehicles. Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while horseback riding. Foot traffic only beyond cables/gates during spring turkey season
Shields Farm Unit	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Centerfire rifles and handguns prohibited.
Lick Creek	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons.
Lick Creek Bottoms	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training excluding raccoon/opossum closes at 4pm.
Quail	Open to training only. Training open only during the statewide quail season.

Comment [JS23]: Clarification

Comment [JS24]: To create opportunity where feasible. This season was historically present on Laurel Hill Lake prior to 2007.

Rabbit Dog Training	Oct.1-Oct.31
Dove	Sep. 1,remainder of statewide season. Sept. 3, Youth/Adult only, from sunrise to noon then open to all hunters.
Waterfowl (Early seasons)	Wood Duck/Teal, Teal only, Canada Goose. Same as statewide seasons.
Waterfowl (Late seasons)	<p>South Mohawk, Skinner, and Foxgate units open on Tues., Sat. and closing day of the season only. Hunting closes at noon except for the last day that ends at sunset. Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by hand held weekly drawings. Hunting allowed from staked positions or designated pools only. Hunters may be accompanied by up to three guests.</p> <p>Remainder of the area is open with statewide seasons with no stake/pool restrictions. No access prior to 4am.</p> <p>After the closing of youth waterfowl season, goose season is open with statewide season with no stake/pool restrictions or drawings.</p>
Waterfowl (Youth)	<p>South Mohawk, Skinner, and Foxgate Units are open with the statewide season on a first come, first serve basis at designated stakes and pools as posted.</p> <p>Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game (including dove) hunting in the Mohawk Field.</p>
Special Regulations	<p>Blaze orange required by small game hunters during big game muzzleloader and gun hunts (excluding spring turkey).</p> <p>No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials and boats must be removed at the end of legal hunting.</p>
Joachim Bible Waterfowl Refuge Unit (that portion of Lick Creek WMA between Murray Bridge Road, Bibles Chapel Road, and South Mohawk Road)	
Big Game, Small Game	Same as statewide, except as noted. All small game hunting and dog training, excluding raccoon/opossum, closes at 4pm.
Dove	Sep. 3 and everyday thereafter during the first and second segments.
Quail	Closed.
Rabbit	Nov. 1–14. Bag limit 2 rabbits/day.
Dog training	Rabbit and quail: Oct.1-Oct. 31. All other: Mar. 1–Oct. 31.
Special Regulations	Waterfowl Closed Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

required for small game (including dove) hunting.
All small game hunting is Youth/Adult only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt.

Long Branch PHA

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons. Archery equipment only for deer.

Comment [JS25]: Newly proclaimed area

Luper Mountain

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Dogs are not permitted during the spring squirrel season.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Maness Swamp Refuge

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Turkey

One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Closed to fall turkey season

Same as statewide season

Special Regulations

Closed Nov. 1–Feb. 14 to all forms of use and trespass unless otherwise indicated.

Maple Springs

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

McGlothin-Largen

Deer, Turkey, Waterfowl

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer season Closes Dec. 9. Archery equipment only for deer. Waterfowl season closed for Sep. wood duck, teal, and Canada goose seasons.

Rabbit

Dec. 10 to last day of Feb. on Sat. and Sun. only. Bag limit of three per day.

Squirrel

Last Saturday in Aug. to Sep. 23; Dec. 10–last day of Feb, and during spring squirrel season except as noted. Shotguns with Number 6 shot or smaller only.

Dove

Sep. 1, 3. Noon to sunset only on Sept 1

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15. Beagles and pointing breeds only.

Special Regulations

Use of motorized vehicles prohibited

Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area

Special Squirrel Hunt (Youth) Big Game, Small Game	3 rd Saturday in Aug. Open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday within statewide seasons, except as noted. No antlerless deer may be taken during the statewide deer gun season. Spring Squirrel season is closed.
Waterfowl	Waterfowl Hunting Draw Zone. Late season Waterfowl hunting will be allocated by computer draw and is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to numbered stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. Decoys may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day. Draw hunts will be Opening day(s) and Thursday-Saturday. Hunting will be limited to designated areas. Waterfowl Hunting Non-Draw Zone. Same as statewide seasons on Opening day(s) and Thursday-Saturday.
Waterfowl (Youth)	Saturday(s) of the Statewide Youth Waterfowl season.
Turkey (Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. The Sat. (Mar. 25) of the Statewide youth turkey season. One bearded turkey.
Turkey	One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Hunt days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit
Trapping	Beaver trapping by special permit only. Trapping of all other species prohibited.
Dog Training	Open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
Field Trials	Sep. 1–Apr. 30.
Special Regulations	Shotgun, muzzleloader, and archery equipment only. Rifles and handguns prohibited. Small game hunters must meet hunter orange requirements.

Mingo Swamp

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping Same as statewide seasons.

Moss Island

Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except small game hunting is closed during the big game gun hunts except as noted.
Waterfowl, Raccoon, Opossum	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl, raccoon, and opossum seasons are not closed during the big game hunts.
Deer	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Archery equipment only. Bucks must be spike or nine antler points or better. Archers must comply with legal blaze orange requirements during Muzzleloader and Gun Seasons.
Deer (Gun)	One hunt. Beginning the third Saturday of December to run 7 consecutive days. One deer antlered only. Bucks must be spike or nine antler points or better.
Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)	Open with statewide seasons. No antler requirement on this hunt.
Turkey	One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide season
Dog Training	Closed

MTSU

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping Same as statewide seasons.

Mt. Roosevelt

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping Same as statewide season except as noted. Closed to September Archery Bear Season

Dogs are not permitted during spring squirrel season.

Deer same as statewide Unit A deer season. Closed to ~~special~~ antlerless deer hunting during gun seasons.

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Closed to all non-hunting activities during big game hunts.

ATVs and motorized bikes are permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit.

Dog Training

Special Regulations

Comment [JS26]: To prevent a potential change in county antlerless bag limits from affecting the antlerless bag limits on this area.

Mullins Island PHA

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Comment [JS27]: Newly proclaimed area

Special Regulations

Small game hunters (except waterfowl) must wear fluorescent hunter orange during Big Game hunts.

No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blind materials, and boats must be removed at end of legal hunting hours.

Natchez Trace State Forest

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping Same as statewide seasons.

New Hope

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping Same as statewide seasons.

Nolichucky

Big Game, Small Game Same as statewide seasons except as noted.

Waterfowl Blinds, blind materials, and decoys must be removed daily at the end of legal shooting hours. During all waterfowl seasons, boats may not be anchored, moored, or aground more than 1 hour after legal waterfowl hunting hours or earlier than 1 hour before legal shooting hours.

Normandy

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping Same as statewide seasons.

North Chickamauga Creek

Big Game, Small Game Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Hunting only allowed on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
Closed to quail hunting. Bag limit for rabbits is three per day.

Waterfowl hunting also open on the first and last day of the statewide season. Hunting ends at noon each day.

Hixson, Rogers, Vandergriff, and Varner Units closed to all forms of trespass except hunting and trapping during the late waterfowl seasons.

Deer hunting with archery equipment only. Archery hunters must comply with hunter orange requirements during the statewide deer gun or muzzleloader seasons.

Turkey hunting ends at noon each day.

Deer (Archery) (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only) Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting only
(Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only) allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only) Same as statewide season, except as noted. Hunting only
(Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only)

	allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Turkey hunting ends at noon each day. Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only.
Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound Hunter Only) (Varner Unit Wheelchair Accessible Blind Site Only)	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting only allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Hunting ends at noon each day. Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with #2 shot or smaller.
Dove	Sep. 1 and every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of the statewide dove season. Dove hunting from noon to sunset only. No dove hunters or dove hunting equipment on dove fields prior to 7:00 a.m. on opening day of the first segment on the dove season.
Trapping	Friday before Thanksgiving–Jan. 31. Traps must be checked each day.
Dog Training (all breeds)	Sep. 1–Jan. 31. Hixson, Rogers, Varner and Vandergriff Units closed to dog training from the first opening day of the late duck season until the end of duck season.
Special Regulations	Trespass prohibited by non-hunters on hunt days. No motorized vehicles outside parking areas. Units closed after sunset, except to opossum and raccoon hunters. All hunting ends on Jan. 31, except spring squirrel season and spring turkey season. Shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl). Waterfowl hunting restricted to use of shotguns loaded with #2 shot or smaller.
Patton Unit	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide season, except as noted.
Special Regulations	Possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited.
North Cumberland	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to hunting Mar. 1 through 4 th Friday in Aug., except for spring turkey. Coyote hunting with centerfire weapons only allowed during deer gun seasons by licensed deer hunters. Spring squirrel season is closed.
Beaver Trapping	Restricted to designated compartments. Contact WMA manager for information. Annual harvest log must be maintained and submitted to WMA Manager by Jan. 15.
Deer	All deer count toward statewide bag limits
Deer (Archery)	Dates same as statewide. One antlered and one antlerless.

Deer (Muzzleloader)	Two hunts. Nov. 5-18 one antlered. Nov. 12-18 one antlerless.
Deer (Gun)	Two hunts. Nov.19-Dec.18, one antlered. Dec.19-Jan.1, one antlered. This deer may be either sex Dec.19-25.
Deer (Young-Sportsman)	Dates and bag limits same as statewide.
Turkey	Closed to fall turkey hunting
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
Ginseng	Same as statewide season.
Special Regulations	<p>All users should be aware that hazards associated with mining (deep and strip) exist on this area. Public use is permitted during all hunts. During daylight hours, all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or out of camp must wear fluorescent orange during the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.</p> <p>No person shall remove minerals, including coal, trees, plants (including vines), or building stone from the area without specific authorization.</p> <p>Camping is permitted on the entire area.</p> <p>ORV, horseback riding, bicycles, and all other vehicles are restricted to roads marked “open to vehicular traffic.”</p> <p>Night-time use by the general public and raccoon hunters is permitted area-wide.</p> <p>Organized competition events for motorized/non-motorized vehicles prohibited.</p> <p>Maximum noise limit of 86 dBa for all motorized vehicles, as measured 50 feet from the exhaust.</p> <p>Speed limit is 25 mph.</p> <p>Wild hogs may be taken on any hunt. Chasing fox, coyote, bobcat, or wild hogs with dogs not permitted.</p>
Oak Ridge	
Deer (Shotgun–Muzzleloader)(Gun zones only)	Three hunts. Oct. 29-30, Nov. 12-13, Dec. 10-11. Hunter quota 450. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Archery)(Archery Zone)	Three hunts. Oct. 29-30, Nov. 12-13, Dec. 10-11. Hunter quota 600. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.
Canada Goose	Sep. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and Oct.8, 9, 15, 16. One-half hour before sunrise to noon. Hunting on Solway and Freels Bend only from the shoreline to Solway Bend Farm Road

and from shoreline to Freels Bend Farm Road. Boat access only. Hunting from temporary blinds only.

Wood Duck/Teal

Sep. 10-11. One-half hour before sunrise to noon. Hunting on Solway and Freels Bend only from the shoreline to Solway Bend Farm Road and from shoreline to Freels Bend Farm Road. Boat access only. Hunting from temporary blinds only.

Turkey

Two hunts. Apr. 8-9, ~~14-15~~~~22-23~~. Hunter quota 225. One turkey (bonus bird). Hunting ends at noon daily. Successful hunters must be at the check station by 1:00 p.m.

Comment [JS28]: Shifted dates to move hunt off of Easter weekend to prevent hunter conflict and improve potential participation.

Dog Training

Closed.

Special Regulations:

Hunters required to check out big game and coyotes at WMA check stations when stations are in operation. All listed times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time or Eastern Standard Time.

On big game quota hunts and on approved scouting days for all zones, ~~except Tower Shielding and Chestnut Ridge/Park City Road Zone~~~~except behind all security checkpoints~~, a non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (21 years old or older) who has a valid Oak Ridge WMA quota permit. However, these non-hunting juveniles may not accompany hunters into any area requiring entry through a Security Portal or Security Police Officer Check Point (e.g. Tower Shielding Facility, Chestnut Ridge/Park City Road or any badged-only hunting areas).

Comment [JS29]: DOE has requested that non-hunting juveniles not be allowed behind security checkpoints due to security reasons.

During deer hunts, non-hunting juveniles must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations specified for legal hunters.

Scouting dates: 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 22 for the Oct. 29-30 permit holders. Nov. 5 for the Nov. 12-13 permit holders. Dec. 3 for the Dec. 10-11 holders. Haw Ridge Park will not be open for scouting on Oct. 22.

For deer hunts those hunters who have a DOE security badge for Oak Ridge and possess an Oak Ridge archery hunt permit may hunt in the Badged Only Archery-Only Hunting Zones as designated on the current Deer Hunt Map during the hunt date for which they have a permit.

Turkey scouting date: 7:00 a.m. to noon Mar. 25 for the Apr. 8-9 and Apr. 22-23 permit holders and approved youths only. For turkey hunts, those hunters who have a DOE Security Badge for Oak Ridge and possess an Oak Ridge WMA quota turkey permit may hunt in the Badged-Only Security Hunting Zones as designated on the current Turkey Hunt map during the hunt dates for which they have

a permit.

No boat access during deer hunts, except for Haw Ridge Park. Boat access only for waterfowl hunters accessing Solway and Freels Bend on during the designated Sep. and Oct. hunting dates.

During October, November and December big game hunts, all hunters must wear fluorescent orange including archery hunters in the Archery-Only zones.

Hunters must carry, at all times, hunting license and permit, valid picture identification (youth excluded), and signed current hunt map.

Coyotes may be taken on any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

Obion River

All Units (special regulations apply to Maness Swamp Hunting Unit)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Turkey

One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.

Closed to fall turkey season

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

Special Regulations

Adjacent Big Cypress Tree State Natural Area is open to hunting same as Obion River WMA. Hunting or access to hunt from the boardwalk structure is prohibited.

Maness Swamp Hunting Unit (North of State Hwy. 445 bordered by the South Fork and Middle Fork of the Obion Rivers as marked)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Turkey

One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the statewide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey, counts toward statewide bag limit.

Closed to fall turkey season

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season

Waterfowl

Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck season(s) permitted only on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season(s). All hunting shall cease at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of the season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting

	closes at sunset.
Special Regulations	Closed to all activities five days before each opening of the late duck season(s). All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the late duck season. No waterfowl hunters permitted on Unit or Access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s).
Old Hickory	
Unit I (Hwy. 109 upstream to River Mile 267)	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Dove (Youth/Adult)	Youth/Adult only hunt is Sep. 3 on Barton's Creek. Hunting begins at 6 am
Dove	Same as statewide season, except for Barton's Creek. Barton's Creek opens Sep. 5 and every Wednesday and Friday-Sunday thereafter during the first segment of the statewide season.
Waterfowl	Hunting is permitted only from registered blind sites and staked temporary blind sites during the late duck season. Same as statewide season, except waterfowl hunting shall cease at 3:00 p.m. (CST) during the late duck season, except hours same as statewide on the last day of each segment of the late duck season.
Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound only blind site)	Applications must be received by the TWRA Region II Office by noon on the 4 th Friday in Oct. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15, except closed during duck seasons.
Special Regulations	Small game hunting is closed after 3:00 p.m. (CST) during the late duck season. The sub-impoundment units as posted are closed to all types of activity five days prior to the opening of the first segment of the late duck season. Raccoon and opossum hunting, trapping, and fishing are prohibited in sub-impoundments during the late waterfowl season.
Unit II – (Hwy. 109 downstream to Old Hickory Dam)	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Waterfowl	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting from registered blind sites only, except during the early duck season. All goose hunting is from registered blinds only.
Unit III – (River Mile 267 upstream to River Mile 281)	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Waterfowl	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Hunting from temporary blinds only. Decoys must be picked up

each day.

Old Hickory Lock 5 Refuge

Special Regulations Public entry and fishing permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge.

Old Hickory Lock 5 Refuge (North of the Cumberland River)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Old Hickory Lock 5 Refuge (South of the Cumberland River)

Deer, Turkey (Young Sportsman Only) Sept. 24-25, Oct. 1-2, 8-9,15-16. Archery equipment only.

Deer, Turkey (Young Sportsman Only) Oct. 22-23, Oct.29-30, 5-6. Archery and muzzleloader equipment only.

Turkey (Young Sportsman Only) Same as statewide spring turkey season.

Special Regulations Boat access only.

Owl Hollow Mill

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Dove (Youth Only) Sep. 3. Youth only (6-16) must be accompanied by a licensed non-hunting adult. Maple Bend Road field only. Rest of WMA closed.

Dove Sep. 4. Entire WMA open to all ages for the remainder of the statewide dove season.

Paint Rock WMA

Big Game, Small Game Same as statewide, except as noted.
Archery equipment only for deer.
Small game hunting restricted to shotguns only..

Dog Training Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Parker Branch

Big Game, Small Game Same as statewide seasons except as noted

Turkey One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit.

Turkey (Young Sportsman) Same as statewide season and bag limit

Dog Training Nov 1 – Mar 15

Quail Closed to hunting

Special Regulations	Farm pond closed to fishing sunset to sunrise
 Pea Ridge	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide Unit A seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15
 Percy Priest	
Special Regulations	Centerfire prohibited on all units
 Unit I	
Dove	Sep. 1, and each Saturday and Sunday thereafter, and Labor Day during the 1 st and 2 nd segments of the statewide season. Shooting from staked positions only. On Sep. 1, staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10:00 a.m. and hunters must check out at the conclusion of their hunt. Successful applicants must be at their staked position at the start of shooting hours.
Squirrel	Same as statewide season, except as noted.
Quail, Rabbit (Youth)	Same as statewide seasons, except Monday through Thursday only. Shotguns only. Each Youth must be accompanied by an adult who may not hunt or carry weapons. Each adult must possess a valid hunting license and an area permit.
Deer/Turkey (Archery Only)	Same as statewide seasons.
Deer (Muzzleloader Only)	Nov. 7-10, 14-17 except open Monday through Thursday only. Remainder of deer season is archery only.
Turkey	Same as statewide spring turkey season, except closed Friday–Sunday until Apr. 30.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Apr. 30. Small game permit required. Training from horseback prohibited before Oct. 1. Participants of sanctioned field trials may train 72 hours prior to and after scheduled dates without a small game permit. Blank ammunition only. Night time dog training prohibited.
Retriever Dog Training and Trials	Year-round in designated areas only. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager and special field trial permits must be obtained from the TWRA Region II Office at least 30 days in advance of trial dates. Participants of sanctioned field trials may train 72 hours before and after scheduled dates without a small game hunt permit.
Bird and Rabbit Dog and Fox Hound Trials	Sep. 1–Apr. 30. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager and special field trial permits must be obtained from the Region II Office at least 30 days in advance of trial dates. Field trial gallery must be kept out of standing or planted crops by Marshals provided by sponsoring club.

Special Regulations

Fox hound trials subject to special regulations

Unit I closed to all activity from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except as noted.

Trucks and ATVs allowed off-road during sanctioned field trials and training only.

All activities, except dove hunts on designated fields and scheduled field trials, prohibited on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from Sep. 1–Apr.30

Additional WMA closures for special field trial dates as determined by the manager.

Unit II

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer is shotgun–muzzleloader–archery only. Fall turkey is archery only

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Apr. 30. No hunting or training from horseback.

Archery Practice

Open year–round designated range site (Poole Knobs) only. Target arrows only.

Perry Switch

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted

Turkey

Closed to fall turkey season

Comment [JS30]: Newly proclaimed WMA

Pickett State Forest

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Prentice Cooper State Forest

Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Closed to quail hunting.

Fox, Opossum, Raccoon

3rd Friday in Oct.–Jan. 31, except hunting will be limited to Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday nights only. All hunting ends Jan. 31. Bag limit is one per party per night.

Deer (Archery)

One hunt. Sep. 17-19. Hunter quota 400. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Archery)

One hunt. Sep. 20-23. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). No area checking station operated.

Deer (Muzzleloader)

Two hunts. Oct. 6-8, 27-29. Hunter quota 250. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)

One hunt. Oct. 22-23. Two deer, no more than one

	antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)	One hunt. Nov. 4-6. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)	One hunt. Nov. 26– Dec 1. Two deer, buck only (bonus deer).
Turkey	Six hunts. Apr 4-6, 7-9, 12-14, 20-22, 25-27, Apr. 28-30 One turkey per day, not to exceed the statewide bag limit.
Trapping	Dec. 13-25.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
Special Regulations	Hunters required to check out big game at WMA check stations when stations are in operation. Organized competition events for motorized vehicles prohibited. The maximum noise limit for all motorized vehicles is 86 dBa, as measured 50 feet from the exhaust, except as otherwise permitted. The maximum speed limit is 25 mph or less if otherwise posted. All side roads and trails will be closed to motorized vehicles Dec. 18–Mar. 15. Closed to all hunting Mar. 1 through 4 th Friday in Aug., except during turkey and spring squirrel seasons. Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays only, during daylight hours. Closed during big game hunts.
Firing Range	

Presidents Island

Deer (Archery)(Excluding Ensley Unit)	One antlerless hunt Oct. 14-16. Hunter quota 150. Bag limit 2 deer (Bonus deer), which may antlerless or spike bucks. Scouting date Oct. 13. Permit holders only.
Deer (Archery)(Excluding Ensley Unit)	One hunt. Dec. 2-4. Hunter quota 50. Two deer, one antlered buck, and one antlerless (bonus deer). Bucks must have at least nine antler points. Scouting date: Dec. 1 for the Dec. 2-4 permit holders only.
Special Regulations (Excluding Ensley Unit)	Hunters must check in at hunter check station before hunting and check out at completion of each day's hunt. Permit will be held while hunters hunt. Access permitted from Farm Road only. No access permitted from Mississippi River, McKellar Lake, or from the Causeway. Access permitted only to TWRA authorized personnel and permit holders.
Deer (Archery)(Ensley Unit)	One hunt. Dec. 2-4. Hunter quota 30. One deer, buck only (bonus deer). Bucks must have at least nine antler points. Scouting date: Dec. 1 for the Dec. 2-4 permit holders only.
Special Regulations (Ensley Unit)	Access permitted from Shelby Drive only. Access permitted only to TWRA authorized personnel and permit holders.

Rankin

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping
Special Regulations

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Small game hunters (except waterfowl) must wear fluorescent hunter orange during Big Game hunts.

No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed at end of legal hunting.

Reelfoot

Small Game, Trapping
Opossum, Raccoon

Same as statewide, except as noted.

Sunset, last Friday in Aug. – last day of Feb. No limit. No limit.

Deer

Same as statewide season except archery only from the first segment of the late waterfowl season until end of the statewide deer seasons and buck only during muzzleloader season. Deer count toward statewide bag limit

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Open with statewide season.

Waterfowl

Same as waterfowl zone seasons. Waterfowl hunting closed at 3:00 p.m. (CST), except for last day of each segment of the late duck and the remaining Reelfoot goose seasons when hunting ceases at sunset.

Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound only blind sites)

Application must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on the 4th Friday in Oct. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchair-bound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for that day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds.

Youth Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound only blind sites)

Application must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on the 4th Friday in Oct. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. Youths, age 6-15, must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in position to take immediate control of the hunting device except as otherwise noted. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchair-bound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for that day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds.

Shady Park PHA

Same as statewide seasons

Comment [JS31]: Newly proclaimed area

Shelton Ferry

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Deer is archery equipment only, except during Young-Sportsman hunts.

Skinner Mountain

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons. Trapping and small game hunting closes at sunset the day before hog control season. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Wild Hog (Control Season)(Dogs Permitted)

Jan. 13-15. No limit, either sex.

All participants in the hog control season must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange, visible front and back.

Participants may use any legal weapon and ammunition that is legal for taking Deer, Bear or Elk.

Legal hours—One-half hour before sunrise and to one-half hour after sunset.

Special Regulations

ATVs and motorized bikes are permitted only by individuals possessing a valid hunting and fishing license and WMA permit from the 4th Saturday in Aug. through the spring squirrel season

South Fork Refuge

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except closed to all activities five days before the first opening of the late duck season to Feb 15. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the late duck season. No access during refuge closure dates except for waterfowl hunters on open hunt days. Fall turkey season closed.

Turkey

One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season and bag limit

Waterfowl

Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck season permitted on Saturday and Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season. All hunting ceases at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of the season when hunting closes at sunset. Walk-in only. No blinds, decoys, materials

may be left overnight. No access before 4am or after 5pm.

Spring Creek

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted

Comment [JS32]: Newly proclaimed area

Turkey

Closed to fall turkey season

Standing Stone State Forest

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. ~~Closed to special season antlerless season. Buck only during statewide muzzleloader seasons.~~

Comment [JS33]: To create consistency with county regulations as is feasible and increases opportunity.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.

Tellico Lake

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide season, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters

Special Regulations

No blinds or decoys left overnight.

Wear's Bend Unit – (That portion of Tellico Reservoir Development Agency Industrial Park at LTRM 18.0 on the North side of Tellico Reservoir)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide season, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters Closed to special season antlerless hunts.

Special Regulations

No blinds or decoys left overnight

Tellico West Unit – (That portion of Tellico Reservoir Development Agency Industrial Park at LTRM 18.0 on the North side of Tellico Reservoir)

Deer (Archery)

Four hunts. Sept. 17-18, Oct 15-16, Nov 12-13, Dec 17-18. Hunter quota 30 each hunt. Two deer, not more than one antlered (bonus deer)

Turkey (Young-Sportsman)

One hunt. Mar. 25-26. Hunter quota 5. One turkey (bonus bird).

McGhee-Carson Unit – (That peninsula of Ft. Loudoun State Historic Park at LTRM 21.0)

Dove

Sep. 5. Opens at noon

Rabbit, Squirrel	Nov 26-27, Dec 17-18, Dec 24-25, Dec 31- Jan 1 , Jan 7-8 Bag limit 3 rabbits per day. Shotguns only..
Deer (Shotgun only)(Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. Dec. 10. Hunter quota 35. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Turkey (Young-Sportsman)	One hunt. Mar. 25-26. Hunter quota 5. One turkey (bonus bird).
Dog Training	Closed during field trials and big game hunts. Daylight hours only.
Dog Field Trials	Field Trial Permit Required. Sep. 1–Apr. 30. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager and special field trial permit must be obtained from the TWRA Region III Office at least 30 days before trial dates.
Special Regulations	All hunting is Youth only. Each youth must be accompanied by an adult who may not hunt or carry weapons. Each adult must possess a valid hunting license and an area permit Horses permitted during dog training and field trials
Chota Refuge Unit –(That portion from LTRM 26.0 upstream to the Hiwassee – Alcoa Power line at LTRM 29.7)	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide, except as noted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer or bear hunt by legal deer or bear hunters. No deer hunting Oct. 29-Nov. 4. Steel shot is required for dove.
Rabbit, Quail	Oct. 29-Nov. 4.
Dog Training	Mar. 1–Oct. 31
Dog Field Trials	Mar 1–Oct. 31. Field Trial Permit Required. Trials must be scheduled with Area Manager and special field trial permit must be obtained from the TWRA Region III Office at least 30 days before trial dates.
Special Regulations	Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service required for small game hunting as posted. Wild hogs may be taken during any deer hunt by legal deer hunters.
The Boils	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except closed to quail hunting.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar. 15.
Thorny Cypress	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Areas within 150 yards of draw waterfowl pools are closed during small game, trapping and statewide deer gun season(s).

Comment [JS34]: Park will not be open On Dec 25 or Jan 1 so hunters will not have access to the hunt area.

Turkey One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit

Turkey (Young Sportsman) Same as statewide seasons.

Waterfowl Same as statewide season, except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck season permitted only on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season and the youth waterfowl season. Goose season to coincide with statewide season after the youth waterfowl season, no pool restrictions or drawings. All hunting shall cease at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of each season and the remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

Special Regulations: Designated pools (except Pool 10, Pool 11 and Pool 12) will be allocated by computer draw. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to temporary blind sites. Hunters are restricted to pools or number stakes as specified by special instructions supplied by TWRA annually. All hunters in a party are required to hunt in the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out over the specified hunt but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day.

No waterfowl hunters permitted in Pool 10, Pool 11 or Pool 12 or access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s). No permanent blinds. All decoys, temporary blinds, blind materials, and boats must be removed daily.

Dog Training

Three Rivers (East and West Units)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Turkey

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Waterfowl

Tie Camp

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit

Closed to fall turkey season

Same as statewide season

No waterfowl hunters permitted on unit or access area from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during late duck season(s).

Sept. 1 – Oct.31

Comment [JS35]: To be consistent with Bogota WMA and because year-round training is interfering with waterfowl unit management

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons.

Tigrett

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

All small game hunting (excluding waterfowl hunting) closed on this area during the Young-Sportsman hunts.

Turkey

One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season and bag limit

Waterfowl

Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset. No access to WMA by waterfowl hunters before 4am

Tull Bottom

Big game, small game, trapping

Same as statewide seasons and bag limits except as noted.

Turkey

One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the statewide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit. Closed to fall turkey season.

Turkey (Young-Sportsman)

Same as statewide season.

Tumbleweed

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Turkey

One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit. Closed to fall turkey season.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Open with statewide season

Watts Bar

Deer, Turkey, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide season, except as noted.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15.

Iron Hill Island, Long Island, and Thief Neck Island Units

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Archery equipment only for deer except juveniles may use shotguns or muzzleloaders during statewide Young-Sportsman hunts. Small Game hunting is Shotgun-Archery only.
No Trapping during the duck season on the Long Island Unit.

West Sandy

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons,

Waterfowl

Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting closes at sunset.

Waterfowl (Wheelchair-bound blind)

~~Application must be received by the TWRA Region I Office by noon on the 4th Friday in Oct. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchair-bound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for that day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair-hunting zone at designated blinds. Wheelchair-bound blind provided—first come, first serve. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair hunting zone.~~

Comment [JS36]: Clarification

Dog Training

Sept. 1–Mar. 15, except closed during the late duck season.

Special Regulations

All activities are prohibited in the sub-impoundments five days before each opening day of the statewide duck season.
Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the sub-impoundments during the late duck season.

White Lake Refuge

Big Game, Small Game

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to dove, fall turkey, and waterfowl.

Turkey

One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit. Closed to fall turkey season.

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

Same as statewide season.

~~Dog Training~~

~~Closed~~

Comment [JS37]: Clarification

White Oak

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Sept 1, noon-sunset. Closed Sept 2. Re-opens Sept. 3

Dove	continuing with statewide season.
Quail	Nov.30 - Dec. 31
Deer	Same as statewide seasons, except archery-only deer hunting after Nov.27, archers must meet legal blaze orange requirements during this period. Closed to January Young-Sportsman deer hunt.
Turkey	Fall turkey season closed.
Waterfowl	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 p.m. (CST) during the late duck season(s) and all types of water traffic prohibited after 5:00 p.m. No waterfowl hunters permitted on the area or access areas before 4:00 a.m. opening day(s), and from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. the following days during the late duck season.
Waterfowl (Lebanon Pond)	Special Regulations: Lebanon Pond waterfowl hunting area will be allocated by computer draw as specified in the waterfowl quota hunt computer drawing and allocation procedures. Draw hunts will be Opening weekend (s), Monday-Thursday, and Friday-Sunday within the late waterfowl seasons. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to ten temporary staked blind sites designated by GPS coordinates. Successful applicants and guests will be required to hunt within 25 yards of staked blind sites and are required to hunt at the same temporary blind site for which they are drawn. Decoys and temporary blinds may be left out over the specified hunt period but must be removed upon completion of the hunt on the last day of that period.
Special Regulations	All small game hunting closed during Young-Sportsman deer hunts. All water traffic prohibited five days before the opening day(s) of the statewide duck season.
<u>Whites Creek PHA</u>	<u>Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.</u>
<u>Big Game, Small Game, Trapping</u>	
Whites Mill	
Waterfowl/Snipe	Youth/Adult only. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt. Saturdays only from staked positions.
Bullfrog	Mar. 1–Nov. 14, gigs only.
Special Regulations	Closed to all activity from Nov. 15 to the last day of the youth

waterfowl season except legal hunters on Saturdays.

Williamsport

Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Dove

Same as statewide season, except open only on Sep. 1 and every Saturday during the first segment. Designated fields only. Shooting from staked positions only on Sep. 1. On Sep. 1, staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10:00 a.m. Hunters must be present at drawing and must check out at the conclusion of the hunt. Successful applicants must be at the staked position at legal shooting hours.

Deer (Archery)

Three hunts. Sep. 24-26, Oct. 1-3, Oct. 8-10 Two deer, either sex but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)

Two hunts. Oct. 15-16, 22-23. Two deer, either sex but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Muzzleloader)

One hunt. Nov. 5-7. Hunter quota 100. Two deer, either sex but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

Deer (Gun)

Four hunts. Nov. 19-21, 26-28, Dec. 10-12, 17-19 Hunter quota 100. Two deer, either sex but only one can be antlered (bonus deer).

Turkey (Young Sportsman)

One hunt. Mar. 25-26. One bearded bird.

Turkey

Two hunts. Apri. 1-4, 15-18. One bearded bird per hunt

Crow

Sep. 1–Feb 28. All crow hunting is limited to Saturdays during the month of September during the first segment of dove season, thereafter on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Dog Training

Sep. 1–Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

Special Regulations

Open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset on hunt days.

No horseback riding during scheduled Big Game hunts.

Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Wolf River

Unit I (that portion south of Hwy 57)

Big Game, Small Game, Trapping

Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.

Dove

Sep. 1 at noon and everyday thereafter during the remainder of the statewide dove seasons.

Quail

Closed to quail hunting; dog training permitted.

Rabbit

3rd Sat. in Nov - Jan. 31.

Deer

Deer hunting is archery equipment only after the 3rd Fri. in Nov. through the end of statewide deer seasons. Archers

	must meet legal blaze orange requirements during this period. Closed to January Young-Sportsman deer hunt.
Turkey	One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit. Closed to fall turkey season.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	Same as statewide season
Waterfowl	Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day during the late duck season(s), except the last day of each segment of the season(s) when hunting closes as sunset. Temporary blinds only.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Jan.31 except closed during deer gun hunts.
Special Regulations	Adjacent Ghost River State Natural Area open same as Wolf River WMA. Hunting or access to hunt from the boardwalk structure is prohibited. All small game hunting is closed during Young-Sportsman deer hunts.
Firing Range	Rifle Sight-In Range open in Oct.
Unit II (that portion north of Hwy 57)	
Big game, small game, trapping	Same as statewide seasons and bag limits except as noted.
Turkey	One non-quota hunt from the third Saturday of the statewide spring turkey season until the sixth Sunday of the state wide spring turkey season. Bag limit one bearded turkey counts toward statewide bag limit. Closed to fall turkey season.
Turkey (Young-sportsman)	Same as statewide season.
Yanahli	
Big Game, Small Game, Trapping	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted.
Firing Range	Automatic weapons prohibited.
Special Regulations	Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while horseback riding. During daylight hours, all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or out of camp must wear fluorescent orange during the deer gun and muzzleloader seasons.
Yuchi Refuge	
Small Game	Same as statewide seasons, except as noted. Closed to quail hunting.

	Small game seasons closed in Wetland Zone from Nov. 15–last day of Feb.
	Dove season Sept. 5 until end of first segment, except Youth hunt on Sep. 3
	Raccoon, opossum hunting permitted on Tuesday and Wednesday only, sunset to sunrise. Closed after Nov. 14. All dogs need to be removed from the area before sunrise on Friday. Bag limit on raccoons, one per party per night.
Rabbit	Oct. 31-last day of Feb. Bag limit on rabbits is three per day.
Deer/Turkey (Archery)	Two hunts. Sep. 24-25 Oct 1-2 , Oct. 8-9 15-16 . Hunter quota 100 each hunt. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.
Deer (Gun)(Young-Sportsman)	Two hunts. Oct. 4-28-9 , 22-23 29-30 . Hunter quota 75 each hunt. Two deer, only one antlered (bonus deer).
Deer (Muzzleloader)	One hunt. Oct. 15-16 22-23 . Hunter quota 50. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Deer (Gun)	One hunt. Oct. 29-30 Nov.5-6 . Hunter quota 50. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Deer (Wheelchair-bound Only)	One hunt. Nov. 5-6 12-13 . One deer, either sex (bonus deer).
Turkey (Wheelchair-bound Only)	One hunt. Mar. 31 - April 2. One turkey, either sex (bonus bird). Hunting ends at noon.
Turkey	Five hunts. Apr. 7-9, 14-16 , 21-23, Apr. 25-27 28-30 , May 2-4, May 9-11 . Hunter quota 10. One turkey (bonus bird). Hunting ends at Noon. Walk-in only.
Turkey (Young Sportsman)	One hunt. Mar 17-19. Hunter quota 10. One turkey either sex (bonus bird). Hunting ends at noon. Walk-in only,
Retriever Dog Field Trials	Pre-approved by Area Manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.
Dog Training	Sep. 1–Mar.15 in Upland Zone. Sep. 1–Nov.14 and Mar.1–15 in Wetland Zone. Daylight hours only. No fox or coyote chasing.
Special Regulations	Hunters required to check in big game at WMA check stations when stations are in operation. Nontoxic shot only in Wetland Zone. No boat access. No ATV, ORV, or horseback riding permitted. Wetland Zone closed to all forms of public use, including all forms of trespass from Nov. 15–last day of Feb. Antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler or a 15–inch minimum outside antler spread on all hunts. On big game quota hunts one non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (18 years old or older) who has a valid WMA quota permit. During deer gun hunts non-hunting juvenile must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations specified for legal hunters.

Comment [JS38]: Move all hunts later in the year to provide for better hunter participation and harvest success. Hunters have requested this change. This adjustment should allow for consistency in setting dates for future years.

Comment [JS39]: Adjust hunt dates to reduce hunter conflicts with Easter Weekend which has had low participation in the past. This move should increase hunter participation and harvest.

SECTION III. REPEAL OF PRIOR PROCLAMATIONS

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 15-04

Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission

Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission on the _____ day of May, 2016.

Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

Proclamation No. 16-XX received and recorded this _____ day of _____, 2016; to be effective the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Tre Hargett, Secretary of State