2020-21 Tennessee Hunting Seasons Summary

Please refer to the 2020-21 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for detailed hunting dates, bag limits, zones, units, and required licenses and/or permits.

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**DEER**

Statewide bag limit: 2 antlered deer. No more than 1 per day. See the 2020-21 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for deer units and county listings.

**A**  
Aug. 28-30  
Units A, B, C, D, I  
Private land, antlered deer only.

**G/M/A**  
Aug. 28-30  
Unit CWD  
Antlered deer only. Private lands and select public lands (see hunting guide).

**A**  
Sep. 26-Oct. 30, Nov. 2-6  
Statewide  
Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D; Units L, CWD=3/day.

**G/M/A**  
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Jan. 9-10, 2021  
Statewide  
Young Sportsman (ages 6-16). Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D; Units L, CWD=3/day.

**M/A**  
Nov. 20  
Unit CWD  
Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D, I.

**G/M/A**  
Nov. 7-Jan. 3, 2021  
Unit CWD  
Antlerless bag: 3/day.

**G/M/A**  
Nov. 21-Jan. 3, 2021  
Units A, B, C, D, I  
Antlerless bag: Unit A=2; Unit B=1; Unit L=3/day; Unit L=3/day.

**G/M/A**  
Jan. 4-8, 2021  
Units L, CWD  
Antlerless bag: 3/day. No antlered deer in Unit L. Antlered deer may be harvested in Unit CWD (statewide limit applies).

**BLACK BEAR**

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

**A**  
No dogs: Sep. 26 - Oct. 23  
Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, Transitional

**G/M/A**  
Dogs allowed: Oct. 10-13, 16-18  
Zone 2

**G/M/A**  
Dogs allowed: Oct. 3-4, 10-16  
Zone 3

**G/M/A**  
Dogs allowed: Oct. 3-5,10-11  
Zone 1

**G/M/A**  
No dogs, Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 only; Unit D=1 (Nov. 21-27 only).

**G/M/A**  
Dogs allowed: Nov. 2-6  
Zones 2, 3

**G/M/A**  
Dogs allowed: Nov. 9-16  
Zone 1

**G/M/A**  
No dogs: Nov. 21-24  
Zones 1, 2, 3

**G/M/A**  
Dogs allowed: Nov. 30 - Dec. 13  
Zone 3

**G/M/A**  
Dogs allowed: Nov. 30 - Dec. 16  
Zone 1

**G/M/A**  
Dogs allowed: Nov. 30 - Dec. 24  
Zone 2

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

**ELK (QUOTA HUNT)**

**A**  
Sep. 26 - Oct. 2: 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit

**G/M/A**  
Young Sportsman (resident only, ages 13-16)  
Oct. 3-9: 1 permit for an antlered elk

**G/M/A**  
Oct. 10-16: 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit

**FALL TURKEY**

Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey, per county, only in counties open to fall turkey hunting. See the 2020-21 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for listing.

**A**  
Sep. 26 - Oct. 30, Nov. 2 - Nov. 6

**S**  
Oct. 17-30

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**SPRING TURKEY**

**S/A**  
Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)  
Mar. 27-28, 2021*  
Daily bag: 1 bearded turkey per day. Counts toward spring season bag of three (3).

**S/A**  
General Season  
April 3 - May 16, 2021*  
Bag limit: 3 bearded turkeys, no more than 1 per day.

*Some west and southern middle Tennessee counties have shortened seasons and reduced bag limits. See the 2020-21 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for more information.

**GAME BIRDS**

**Grouse**  
Oct. 10 - Feb. 28, 2021: Daily bag 3

**Quail**  
Nov. 7 - Feb. 28, 2021: Daily bag 6

**MIGRATORY BIRDS**

**Mourning Dove**  
Sep. 1-28: Daily bag 15  
Oct. 10 - Nov. 1: Daily bag 15  
Dec. 8 - Jan. 15, 2021: Daily bag 15

**Woodcock**  
Nov. 14 - Dec. 6: Daily bag 3  
Jan. 10 - Jan. 31: Daily bag 3

**Snipe**  
Nov. 14 - Feb. 28, 2021: Daily bag 8

**Canada Goose**  
Sep. 1-20: Daily bag 5

**Wood Duck/Teal**  
Sep. 12-16: Daily bag 6, not to exceed 2 wood ducks/day

**Teal-only**  
Sep. 17-20: Daily bag 6

**Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers** - Bag limit is 6 ducks per day.

**Reelfoot Zone**  
Nov. 14-15, Dec. 5 - Jan. 31, 2021

**Statewide Zone**  
Nov. 28-29, Dec. 5 - Jan. 31, 2021

**Young Sportsman**  
Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, 2021: All zones, ages 6-16

**Veteran, Active Military**  
Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, 2021: All zones

See the 2020-21 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for more information on these seasons, as well as sandhill crane and other goose seasons.

**SMALL GAME**

**Squirrel**  
Aug. 22 - Feb. 28: Daily bag 10

**Spring Squirrel**  
May 8 - June 13, 2021: Daily bag 10

**Rabbit**  
Nov. 7 - Feb. 28: Daily bag 5

**Bullfrog**  
Year around (except on TWRA Managed Lakes)

**FURBEARERS**

**Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Otter, Spotted Skunk, Weasel**  
No limit

**Bobcat**  
Nov. 20 - Feb. 28  
1 per day

**Armadillo, Beaver, Coyote, Groundhog, Striped Skunk**  
Year around  
No limit

**RACCOON**

See the 2020-21 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for more information.

**Private Land**

**Sunset July 1 - Sunrise Sep. 18:** Nightly bag 1. Closed in Scott, Morgan, Roane, Rhea, Hamilton, and all other counties east of those counties.

**Statewide Season**

**Sunset Sep. 18 - Sunrise Feb. 28, 2021:** Nightly bag 2

**Training Season**  
Year-round, except where prohibited by local ordinances. No take permitted.