

# 2022-23 Tennessee Hunting Seasons Summary

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



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

## DEER

Units A, B, C, D, L bag limit: 2 antlered deer. No more than 1 per day. Unit CWD bag limit 3 antlered deer. See the *Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for deer units and county listings.

A	Aug. 26-28, 2022 Private Lands Only	Units A, B, C, D, L
	Antlered deer only.	
G/M/A	Aug. 26-28, 2022	Unit CWD
	Antlered deer only. Private lands and select public lands (see hunting guide for details)	
A	Sep. 24-Oct. 28, 2022; Oct. 31-Nov 4, 2022	Units A, B, C, D, L
	Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=4; Unit L, 3/day, no season limit	
A	Sep. 24-Oct. 28, 2022	Unit CWD
	Antlerless bag: 3/day, no season limit	
G/M/A	Oct. 29-30, 2022; Jan. 14-15, 2023	Statewide
	Young Sportsman (ages 6-16). Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=2; Units L, CWD=3/day	
M/A	Nov. 5-18, 2022	Units A, B, C, D, L
	Antlerless bag: Units A, B=2; Units C, D=1; Unit L=3/day	
G/M/A	Oct. 31- Jan. 13; Jan. 16-31, 2023	Unit CWD
	Antlerless bag: 3/day	
G/M/A	Nov. 19-Jan. 8, 2023	Units A, B, C, D, L
	Antlerless bag: Unit A=2; Unit B=1; Unit L=3/day; Unit C=1 (Nov. 19-Dec. 4 only); Unit D=1 (Nov. 19-25 only)	
G/M/A	Jan. 9-13, 2023 Private Lands Only	Unit L
	Antlerless bag: 3/day. No antlered deer in Unit L	

## BLACK BEAR

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

A	No dogs: Sep.24 - Oct. 21	
	Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, Transitional	
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Oct. 8-11, 14-16	Zone 2
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Oct. 1-2, 8-14	Zone 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: 1-3, 8-9	Zone 1
G/M/A	No dogs, Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Oct. 29-30	Zones 1, 2, 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Oct. 31-Nov. 4	Zones 2, 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 7-14	Zone 1
G/M/A	No dogs: Nov. 19-22	Zones 1, 2, 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 28-Dec. 11	Zone 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 28-Dec. 14	Zone 1
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 28-Dec. 22	Zone 2
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Dec. 29-Jan. 1	Zone 3

### Restrictive Bear Hunt

G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Sept. 17-23	Kettlefoot/Laurel Fork
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## ELK (QUOTA HUNT)

G/M/A	Sep. 24 - Sept. 30: 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit
	Young Sportsman (resident only, ages 13-16)
G/M/A	Oct. 1-7: 1 permit for 1 antlered elk
G/M/A	Oct. 8-14: 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 *Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for listing.

A	Sep. 24 - Oct. 28, Oct. 31 - Nov. 4
S	Oct. 15-28

## SPRING TURKEY

S/A	Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)	April 8-9, 2023
	Daily bag: 1 bearded turkey per day. Counts toward spring season bag of two (2), only one can be a jake.	
S/A	General Season	April 15 - May 28, 2023
	Bag limit: 2 bearded turkeys, only one can be a jake; no more than 1 per day. Adult gobbler must have at least one of the following: a beard longer than 6 inches, tail feathers are all the same length, wing feathers have white barring all the way to the tip, a spur that is at least 1/2 inch long.	

## GAME BIRDS

Grouse	Oct. 8- Feb. 28, 2022: Daily bag 3
Quail	Nov. 5 - Feb. 28, 2022: Daily bag 6

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

Mourning Dove	Sep. 1-28: Daily bag 15
	Oct. 8-30: Daily bag 15
	Dec. 8 - Jan. 15, 2023: Daily bag 15
Woodcock	Nov. 12 - Dec. 4: Daily bag 3
	Jan. 10 - Jan. 31, 2023: Daily bag 3
Snipe	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28, 2023: Daily bag 8
Canada Goose	Sep. 1-18: Daily bag 5
Wood Duck/Teal	Sep. 10-14: Daily bag 6, not to exceed 2 wood ducks/day
Teal-only	Sep. 15-18: Daily bag 6

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

Statewide	Nov. 26-27, Dec. 5 - Jan. 31, 2023
Young Sportsman	Feb. 4 and Feb. 11, 2023
	ages 16 and under

Veteran, Active Military Feb. 5 and Feb. 12, 2023

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

## SMALL GAME

Squirrel	Aug. 27 - March 15: Daily bag 10
Spring Squirrel	May 13 - June 11, 2023: Daily bag 10
Rabbit	Nov. 5 - Feb. 28: Daily bag 5
Bullfrog	Year-round (except on TWRA Managed Lakes June 1-30) 20 per person per night

## FURBEARERS

Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Otter, Spotted Skunk, Weasel	Nov. 18 - Feb. 28, 2023	No limit
Bobcat	Nov. 18 - Feb. 28, 2023	1 per day
Armadillo, Beaver, Coyote, Groundhog, Striped Skunk	allowed year-round	No limit

## RACCOON

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

Private Land Season	Sunset July 1 - Sunrise Sep. 16: Nightly bag 2. Closed in Scott, Morgan, Roane, Rhea, Hamilton, and all other counties east of those counties.
Statewide Season	Sunset Sep. 16 - Sunrise March 15, 2023: Nightly bag: 4
Training Season	Year-round, except where prohibited by local ordinances. No take permitted.

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