



**2025**

# **EARLY SEASON WMA WATERFOWL QUOTA HUNT**



Application Period:  
Open 9/24/25  
Close 10/14/25

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## WHERE TO APPLY

Apply using any one of the following methods:

- Online at [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](https://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com)
- Via the TWRA mobile app
- At one of the TWRA Regional Offices
- At any TWRA License Agent

**No applications will be accepted by mail.**

**Application Deadline: October 14**

**Claim Permit Deadline: October 27**

## GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

- A **\$12 application fee** and a **vendor fee**, that varies based on method of submission, is assessed to each application, except for individuals possessing a valid Annual, Lifetime or Senior Sportsman License. **Application fees are non-refundable.** Receipt and deposit of application fees does not constitute permission to participate in the hunt.
- Verify that all the information on your application is accurate prior to submission.
- Ensure that you have a **valid and accurate email address** on your [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](https://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) account. A receipt, which serves as proof of application and hunt choices, will be sent to the email address on your account.
- Once your application is complete, you may review your application (including party members) by logging into your [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](https://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) account. Applications may be edited until the deadline.
- **No applications will be accepted or edited after the deadline.**
- No person may apply for a particular quota hunt more than once. Any person violating this regulation is subject to having their permit and/or hunting privileges revoked and may be subject to prosecution.
- **Permits are not transferable.**

## EARLY SEASON WATERFOWL SPECIFICS

- The application period opens on **September 24, 2025**. The deadline is **October 14, 2025**, at 11:59 p.m. CDT.
- Applicants must be at least **16 years old**.
- This hunt utilizes the **priority point system**. Applicants will be considered with the same number of priority points as the member of their party with the most Early Season Waterfowl priority points.
- **Parties of 4-8 applicants are required.** Applications that do not have at least 4 party members will be **disqualified**.
- Party leaders may select up to **48 hunt choices** on their application.
- **Successful applicants must claim their permit** by logging into [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](https://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) and selecting the **"claim award"** option next to their Early Season Waterfowl application. **The deadline to claim the permit is 11:59 p.m. CDT on October 27, 2025.**
- Only applicants that claim their permit by the deadline will be awarded a valid permit.
- If no one in a successfully drawn party claims their permit by the deadline, the **party forfeits that site**, and the site will be allocated through an in-person leftover drawing.
- Successful applicants may bring up to 7 additional hunters with them on the hunt. The number of adult hunters may not exceed 8 at any time during the hunt, one of which must have a permit.
- If you are drawn for a blind, your priority points will reset to zero, even if you do not claim your permit.



## PARTY AND POINT ONLY APPLICATIONS

- Applicants may create a party, join a party, or submit a point only application.
- **Parties must have 4-8 party members** to be considered in the drawing.
- A party must be established by an applicant that acts as the party leader. The party leader selects the hunt choices for the party, and ranks them in the order of their preference.
- A **party number** will be assigned to the party leader once their application has been submitted. The party number can be found on the party leader's receipt or on their [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](https://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) account.
- **The party leader must share their party number** with the applicants they want to join their party. The **party members** must select the **"join a party"** option on their application, and input the leader's party number to join their party.
- Party members must join before the application deadline.
- Point only applications can only be submitted individually (no parties). Applicants will be awarded one priority point, after the drawing is finalized, that will be added to their current priority points for the Early Season Waterfowl quota hunt. **Applicants cannot submit a point only application and an application to enter the drawing in the same year.**

## DRAWING INFORMATION

TWRA's priority drawing system gives one priority point to applicants each year they apply and are not successfully drawn for the Early Season Waterfowl quota hunt. Applicants who were successful last year will start over with a priority of zero. If applicants in a party have varying priority points, the entire party will be considered in the priority point group of the party member with the most Early Season Waterfowl priority points. If a party is unsuccessful, each party member's individual priority will increase by one point.

All applications are assigned a unique random number by the drawing system. Applications are automatically sorted by priority point groups, from highest to lowest. The lowest random number in the highest priority point group is selected first for review, then each subsequent random number in that priority point group is selected before the program moves to the next priority point group. When an application is selected for review, the hunt choices are compared, in the order they were ranked on the application, to the remaining quota for that hunt; if there is quota available, the application is awarded the hunt. If there is no quota remaining for any of the hunt choices selected on the application when it is reviewed, then the application is unsuccessful. If one member of a party is drawn for a hunt, then the entire party is drawn.

## CLAIMING A PERMIT

**Successful applicants must claim their permit by October 27, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. CDT.** To claim their permit, successful applicants must log into their [GoOutdoorsTennessee.com](https://GoOutdoorsTennessee.com) account and select the "claim award" option next to their Early Season Waterfowl application. Successful applicants do not have a valid permit until they claim their permit. If no one in a successfully drawn party claims their permit by the deadline, the **party forfeits that site**, and the site will be allocated through an in-person leftover drawing.

## LEFTOVER PERMITS

Any hunt choices that remain after the drawing, and any sites that were unclaimed by the deadline, will be allocated by in-person drawings. The leftover drawings will take place on **Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. local time**. The locations for the drawings are listed on page 85 of the *Tennessee Fishing, Hunting, & Trapping Guide*.

## The logo of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is a circular emblem. It features a brown bear in the upper half and a green fish in the lower half, both set against a green background. The words "TENNESSEE" and "WILDLIFE RESOURCES" are written in white across the top, and "AGENCY" is written in white across the bottom. The entire emblem is surrounded by a gold-colored border.

Site 51	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8, 10-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 13-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15, 17-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 20-21	Boat Access Only



## The logo of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is a circular emblem. It features a brown bear in the upper half and a green fish in the lower half, both set against a light blue background. The words "TENNESSEE" and "WILDLIFE RESOURCES" are written in white capital letters along the top inner edge, and "AGENCY" is written in white capital letters along the bottom inner edge. The entire emblem is surrounded by a gold-colored border.

Site 28	Nov. 29-30	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 5-7	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 8-11	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 12-14	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 15-18	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 19-21	Walk-In/Boat Access

# 2025 Early Season Waterfowl



## Early Season Waterfowl Sites

### Old Hickory Unit 1

Site 29	Nov. 29-30	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 5-7	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 8-11	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 12-14	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 15-18	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 19-21	Walk-In/Boat Access

### Reelfoot

Site 8	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only

Site 15	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only

Site 36	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only

Site 55	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only

Site 60	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only

### Rogers Creek

Site 1	Nov. 29-30	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 5-7	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 11-14	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 18-21	Walk-In Only

Site 2	Nov. 29-30	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 5-7	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 11-14	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 18-21	Walk-In Only

### Shelby Forest

Pool 1	Nov. 29	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 5-6	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 11-13	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 18-20	Walk-In/Boat Access

Pool 2	Nov. 29	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 5-6	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 11-13	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 18-20	Walk-In/Boat Access

Pool 3	Nov. 29	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 5-6	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 11-13	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 18-20	Walk-In/Boat Access

Pool 6	Nov. 29	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 5-6	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 11-13	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 18-20	Walk-In Only

Pool 7	Nov. 29	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 5-6	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 11-13	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 18-20	Walk-In Only

Pool 8	Nov. 29	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 5-6	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 11-13	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 18-20	Walk-In Only

Pool 9	Nov. 29	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 5-6	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 11-13	Walk-In Only
	Dec. 18-20	Walk-In Only

Pool 10	Nov. 29	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 5-6	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 11-13	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 18-20	Walk-In/Boat Access

Pool 11	Nov. 29	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 5-6	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 11-13	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 18-20	Walk-In/Boat Access

Pool 12	Nov. 29	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 5-6	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 11-13	Walk-In/Boat Access
	Dec. 18-20	Walk-In/Boat Access

### Thorny Cypress

Pool 1	Nov. 29-30	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 5-7	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 9	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 12-14	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 16	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 19-21	ATV/Walk-In

Pool 2	Nov. 29-30	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 5-7	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 9	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 12-14	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 16	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 19-21	ATV/Walk-In

### Thorny Cypress

Pool 3	Dec. 12-14	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 16	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 19-21	ATV/Walk-In

Pool 4	Nov. 29-30	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 5-7	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 9	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 12-14	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 16	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 19-21	ATV/Walk-In

Pool 5	Nov. 29-30	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 5-7	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 9	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 12-14	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 16	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 19-21	ATV/Walk-In

Pool 6	Nov. 29-30	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 5-7	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 9	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 12-14	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 16	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 19-21	ATV/Walk-In

Pool 7	Dec. 19-21	ATV/Walk-In
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Pool 8	Dec. 12-14	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 16	ATV/Walk-In
	Dec. 19-21	ATV/Walk-In

Pool 9	Dec. 19-21	ATV/Walk-In
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### Tigrett

Site A1	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only

Site A2	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only

Site A4	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only



## Early Season Waterfowl Sites

### West Sandy

Site 4	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only
Site 25	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only

### White Oak

Site 1	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only
Site 2	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only
Site 3	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only
Site 5	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only
Site 6	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only
Site 7	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only
Site 9	Nov. 29-30	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 5-7	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 8-11	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 12-14	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 15-18	Boat Access Only
	Dec. 19-21	Boat Access Only

### Yellow Creek

Site 1	Nov. 29-30	Walk-In/Paddlecraft
	Dec. 5-7	Walk-In/Paddlecraft
	Dec. 11-14	Walk-In/Paddlecraft
	Dec. 18-21	Walk-In/Paddlecraft
Site 2	Nov. 29-30	Walk-In/Paddlecraft
	Dec. 5-7	Walk-In/Paddlecraft
	Dec. 11-14	Walk-In/Paddlecraft
	Dec. 18-21	Walk-In/Paddlecraft
Site 3	Nov. 29-30	Walk-In/Paddlecraft
	Dec. 5-7	Walk-In/Paddlecraft
	Dec. 11-14	Walk-In/Paddlecraft
	Dec. 18-21	Walk-In/Paddlecraft