

2019-20 Tennessee Hunting Seasons Summary



Please refer to the *2019-20 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for detailed hunting dates, bag limits, zones, units, and required licenses and/or permits.

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

DEER

Statewide bag limit: 2 antlered deer. No more than 1 per day. See the *2019-20 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for deer units, county listings, and the new definition of antlered deer.

- A **Aug. 23-25:** Private land, antlered deer only.
Sep. 28 - Oct. 25, Oct. 28 - Nov. 8: Antlerless bag. Units A, B, C, D=4; Unit L=3/day, no season limit
- G/M/A **Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)**
Oct. 26-27, Jan. 11-12, 2020: Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=2; Unit L=3/day
- M/A **Nov. 9-22:** Antlerless bag. Units A, B=2; Units C, D=1; Unit L=3/day
- G/M/A **Nov. 23 - Jan. 5, 2020**
Antlerless bag: Unit A=2; Unit B=1; Unit L=3/day; Unit C=1 (Nov. 17 - Dec. 2 only); Unit D=1 (Nov. 17-23 only)
- G/M/A **Unit L - private lands - Jan. 6-10, 2020:** Antlerless only: 3/day, no antlered deer

ELK (QUOTA HUNT)

- A **Sep. 28 - Oct. 4:** 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit
- G/M/A **Young Sportsman (resident only, ages 13-16)**
Oct. 5-11: 1 permit for 1 antlered elk
- G/M/A **Oct. 12-18:** 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit

BLACK BEAR

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

- A **No dogs: Sep. 28 - Oct. 25**
Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, Transitional
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Oct. 12-18** **Zone 2**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Oct. 5-13** **Zone 3**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Oct. 5-7, 12-13** **Zone 1**
- G/M/A **No dogs, Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Oct. 26-27** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Oct. 28 - Nov. 1** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A **No dogs: Nov. 23-26** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Dec. 2-15** **Zone 3**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Dec. 2-21** **Zone 1**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Dec. 2-26** **Zone 2**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Dec. 26-29** **Zone 3**

FALL TURKEY

Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey, per county, only in counties open to fall turkey hunting. See the *2018-19 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for listing.

- A **Sep. 28 - Oct. 25, Oct. 28 - Nov. 8**
- S **Oct. 12-25**

SPRING TURKEY

- S/A **Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Mar. 28-29, 2020**
Daily bag: 1 bearded bird per day. Counts toward spring season bag of four (4).
- S/A **April 4 - May 17, 2020:** Bag limit: 4 bearded birds. No more than 1 per day.

GAME BIRDS

- Grouse **Oct. 12 - Feb. 29, 2020:** Daily bag 3
- Quail **Nov. 2 - Feb. 29, 2020:** Daily bag 6

MIGRATORY BIRDS

- Mourning Dove **Sep. 1-28:** Daily bag 15
Oct. 12 - Nov. 3: Daily bag 15
Dec. 8 - Jan. 15, 2019: Daily bag 15
- Woodcock **Nov. 9 - Dec. 1:** Daily bag 3
Jan. 10 - Jan. 31: Daily bag 3
- Snipe **Nov. 14 - Feb. 28, 2020:** Daily bag 8
- Canada Goose **Sep. 1-22:** Daily bag 5
- Wood Duck/Teal **Sep. 14-18:** Daily bag 6, not to exceed 2 wood ducks/day
Sep. 19-22: Daily bag 6
- Teal-only **Sep. 19-22:** Daily bag 6

- Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers - Bag limit is 6 ducks per day.**
- Reelfoot Zone **Nov. 9-10, Dec. 5 - Jan. 31, 2020**
- Statewide Zone **Nov. 29- Dec. 2, Dec. 7 - Jan. 31, 2020**
- Young Sportsman **Feb. 1 and Feb. 8, 2020:** All zones, ages 15 and under

See the *201-20 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information on these seasons, as well as sandhill crane and other goose seasons.

SMALL GAME

- Squirrel **Aug. 24 - Feb. 29:** Daily bag 10
May 9 - Jun. 14: Daily bag 10
- Rabbit **Nov. 2 - Feb. 29:** Daily bag 5

RACCOON

See the *2018-19 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information.

- Private Land **Sunset July 1 - Sunset Sep. 18:** Nightly bag 1. Closed in Scott, Morgan, Roane, Rhea, Hamilton, and all other counties east of those counties.
- Statewide Season **Sunrise Sep. 19 - Sunrise Feb. 29, 2020:** Nightly bag: 2
- Training Season Year-round, except where prohibited by local ordinances. No take permitted.