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.

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
  - 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. 23 - Dec. 8 only); Unit D=1 (Nov. 23-29 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
  - Zoons 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. 5, 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
  - 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 2018-19 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.

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