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. 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

UNIT CWD*
M/A Aug. 23-25: Private lands and the following public lands may be hunted during the August season: Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and State Natural Area; Eagle Lake Refuge; Wolf River WMA and Ghost River State Natural Area; Chickasaw State Forest WMA; Gray’s Creek WMA; Oak Dain Portion of Whitelee State Lake Fishing Area; Big Hill Pond State Park; Tall Bottom WMA; South Fork Refuge; Spring Creek WMA; Colonel Forest V Durand WMA; Fort Ridge WMA; and Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge (the portion lying within Tipton County).
G/M/A Young Sportsman (ages 6-16) Oct. 26-27, Jan. 11-12
A Sep. 28 - Oct. 25
M/A Oct. 28-Nov. 8: Any deer taken in Chester, Haywood, Madison, McNairy, Shelby, or Tipton County on the first weekend of the Muzzleloader season must be checked in at a physical check station.
G/M/A Nov. 9-Jan. 5: Any deer taken in Chester, Haywood, Madison, McNairy, Shelby, or Tipton County on the opening weekend of Gun season must be checked in at a physical check station.
G/M/A Unit CWD private lands - Jan. 6-10 a - The statewide bag limit of two (2) antlered deer may be exceeded within Unit CWD if: 1) Taken under the Earn-A-Buck Program; or 2) Taken under the Replacement Buck Program.

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

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

FALL TURKEY
Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey, per county, only in counties open to fall turkey hunting. See the 2019-20 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
Quail Nov. 2 - Feb. 29, 2020: Daily bag 6

MIGRATORY BIRDS
Snipe Nov. 14 - Feb. 28, 2020: Daily bag 8
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

SMALL GAME
Rabbit Nov. 2 - Feb. 29: Daily bag 5

RACCOON
See the 2019-20 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for more information on these seasons, as well as sandhill crane and other goose seasons.

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