

2018-19 Tennessee Hunting Seasons Summary

Please refer to the *2018-19 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 *2018-19 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for deer units, county listings, and the new definition of antlered deer.

- A **Aug. 24-26:** Private land, antlered deer only. Bag limit: 2 antlered deer
Sep. 22 - Oct. 26, Oct. 29 - Nov. 2: Antlerless bag. Units A, B, C, D=4; Unit L=3/day, no season limit
- G/M/A **Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)**
Oct. 27-28, Jan. 12-13, 2019: Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=2; Unit L=3/day
- M/A **Nov. 3-16:** Antlerless bag. Units A, B=2; Units C, D=1; Unit L=3/day
- G/M/A **Nov. 17 - Jan. 6, 2019**
 Antlerless bag: Unit A=2; Unit B=1; Unit L=3/day; Unit C=1 (Nov. 18 - Dec. 3 only); Unit D=1 (Nov. 18-24 only)
- G/M/A **Unit L - private lands - Jan. 7-11, 2019:** Antlerless only: 3/day, no antlered deer

ELK (QUOTA HUNT)

- A **Sep. 29 - Oct. 5:** 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit
- G/M/A **Young Sportsman (resident only, ages 13-16)**
Oct. 6-12: 1 permit for 1 antlered elk
- G/M/A **Oct. 13-19:** 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit

BLACK BEAR

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

- A **No dogs: Sep. 23 - Oct. 19**
 Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, Transitional
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Oct. 6-12** **Zone 2**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Sep. 29 - Oct. 7** **Zone 3**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Oct. 6-8, 13-14** **Zone 1**
- G/M/A **No dogs, Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Oct. 27-28** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Oct. 29 - Nov. 2** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A **No dogs: Nov. 17-20** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Nov. 26 - Dec. 9** **Zone 3**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Nov. 26 - Dec. 15** **Zone 1**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Nov. 26 - Dec. 20** **Zone 2**
- G/M/A **Dogs allowed: Dec. 27-30** **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. 22 - Oct. 26, Oct. 29-Nov. 2**
- S **Oct. 13-26**

SPRING TURKEY

- S/A **Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Mar. 23-24, 2019**
 Daily bag: 1 bearded bird per day. Counts toward spring season bag of four (4).
- S/A **Mar. 30 - May 12, 2019:** Bag limit: 4 bearded birds. No more than 1 per day.

GAME BIRDS

- Grouse **Oct. 13 - Feb. 28, 2019:** Daily bag 3
- Quail **Nov. 3 - Feb. 28, 2019:** Daily bag 6

MIGRATORY BIRDS

- Mourning Dove **Sep. 1-28:** Daily bag 15
Oct. 13 - Nov. 4: Daily bag 15
Dec. 8 - Jan. 15, 2019: Daily bag 15
- Woodcock **Nov. 10 - Dec. 24:** Daily bag 3
- Snipe **Nov. 14 - Feb. 28, 2019:** Daily bag 8
- Canada Goose **Sep. 1-16:** Daily bag 5
- Wood Duck/Teal **Sep. 8-12:** Daily bag 6, not to exceed 2 wood ducks/day
Sep. 13-16: Daily bag 6
- Teal-only **Sep. 13-16:** Daily bag 6

- Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers - Bag limit is 6 ducks per day.
- Reelfoot Zone **Nov. 10-11, Dec. 1 - Jan. 27, 2019**
- Statewide Zone **Nov. 24-25, Dec. 1 - Jan. 27, 2019**
- Young Sportsman **Feb. 2 and Feb. 9, 2019:** 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. 25 - Feb. 28:** Daily bag 10
May 11 - Jun. 9: Daily bag 10
- Rabbit **Nov. 3 - Feb. 28:** Daily bag 5

RACCOON

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

- Private Land **Sunset Jul. 1 - Sunrise Sep. 15:** Nightly bag 1. Closed in Scott, Morgan, Roane, Rhea, Hamilton, and all other counties east of those counties.
- Statewide Season **Sunset Sep. 15 - Sunrise Feb. 28, 2019:** Nightly bag: 2
- Training Season Year-round, except where prohibited by local ordinances. No take permitted.