



TWRA NEWS

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On December 11, 2007, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) will once again stock lakes in West Tennessee with rainbow trout for the winter months.

Lakes to be stocked in West Tennessee and the approximate number of rainbow trout to be released are as follows.

December 11, 2007:

- Lake Graham, Jackson, TN (1,000 fish)
- Cameron Brown Park Lake, located on Farmington Rd. in Germantown, TN (1,500 fish).
- McKenzie City Park Lake, McKenzie, TN (750 fish).
- Martin City Pond, Martin, TN (500 fish).
- Johnson Park Lake, located on Shelton Rd. in Collierville (1000 fish).
- Bartlett City Park Lakes (Yale Road, and Stone Ridge) (500 fish each lake).
- Valentine Park Lake, Munford, TN (1000 fish).
- Union City, Reelfoot Packing Site (500 fish)

“The urban trout program has been a huge success over the last three years, “ stated Dave Rizzuto, TWRA Region I Lakes Biologist. “This stocking program is strictly a put and take fishing opportunity for West Tennessee anglers. Most of the rainbow trout released will be between 9 and 13 inches long and will make excellent table fare.”

A trout license (Type 022) will be required along with any other appropriate license (except for lifetime and sportsman license holders) for anglers 16 and older. There is no size limit on the trout, but the daily creel limit is 7. These lakes will also be stocked a second time in mid-January.

While some Tennessee waters support trout year round, none of the urban waters in West Tennessee will support them once spring arrives and water temperatures increase. Trout are cold-water species and require water temperatures in the 50's.

Rod and Reel anglers should use light equipment with 4 to 6 pound line. Hooks should be small, #10, 12 or 14 depending on the bait chosen. Popular trout baits are corn, salmon eggs (chartreuse and orange are good colors), night crawlers or red worms. Good choices for artificial bait include small spinner baits (1/16 ounce) or smaller in various colors.

TWRA HAS THE GIFTS FOR THOSE ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST

Are you looking for a last minute gift for the angler, hunter or wildlife watcher in your family? If so, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) has just the gift for that hard to buy for person.

Wildlife License Plates:

Your gift recipients can show their support for wildlife by putting one of TWRA's wildlife license plates on their vehicle. The TWRA now has four special plates available for the wildlife enthusiast. Purchasers can select between the bluebird, black bear, wild turkey, or the smallmouth bass plate. Each of the plates will cost \$35 above the regular cost of registering your vehicle. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these plates will go toward the management and protection of Tennessee's wildlife (both game and non-game species) and their habitats. The "Watchable Wildlife" plate, the familiar bluebird, is still available with proceeds from that plate continuing to go into an endowment fund for the management of Tennessee's non-game and endangered wildlife.

Tennessee Wildlife Magazine:

A gift subscription to Tennessee Wildlife magazine may be just what you've been looking for. Each issue is packed with stories about fish and wildlife right here in our state. Learn the latest hunting strategies, fishing techniques or get an update on Tennessee's management programs. Find the best areas for wildlife viewing and get up-close-and-personal with some of our state's most interesting creatures.

A gift subscription for one year (6 issues) is just \$10, and includes the ever popular July/August calendar issue. If you wish to make the gift last longer, a two-year subscription is \$17 and three years is \$25.

To complete your order, go to our website and print off a subscription form at www.tnwildlife.org.

In order to have something to wrap for Christmas, just print the form, clip and wrap the top half, to let them know that you're providing them an opportunity to enjoy Tennessee Wildlife Magazine for a full year. Fill out and mail in the bottom portion of the form with your payment.

Lifetime Sportsman License:

Another item available from TWRA that would make a wonderful gift for the current or even future angler or hunter in your family is the Resident Lifetime Hunting/Fishing License. This is one of the few gifts that will have the same value Christmas after Christmas. Someone who gets this for a gift will never have to worry about another Tennessee license.

The Lifetime Hunting/Fishing is available to all ages, with the youngest sportsmen among us--actually future sportsmen--eligible for the best deal. If you think a newborn or toddler might one day be a hunter or fisherman, it's hard to beat the price of a Lifetime License.

Applications for a Lifetime License can be obtained at TWRA Regional Offices or the TWRA Central Office or printed from the TWRA web page at www.tnwildlife.org.

The following are current resident license costs, which are based on age:

- Applicants under 3 years of age - \$200
- Applicants 3 years of age through 6 years of age - \$540
- Applicants 7 years of age through 12 years of age - \$810
- Applicants 13 years of age through 50 years of age - \$1,620
- Applicants 51 years of age through 64 years of age - \$945
- Applicants 65 years of age or older - \$270

Permanent Senior Citizen License:

If your parent or grandparent is a Tennessee resident and has reached the age of 65, you can purchase him/her a Permanent Senior Citizen License for \$11.00. This license is available at all license agents and can only be purchased when the 65th birthday is reached. When purchasing this license, you will need to have the recipient's valid Tennessee driver's license or proof of age and residency with you. No supplemental licenses are required, but special season and WMA permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.