



TWRA NEWS

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During its August 24th meeting, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission set the 2006-2007 waterfowl seasons. The seasons are as follows:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>SEASON OPENS</u>	<u>SEASON</u>
<u>CLOSES</u>		
A. Ducks, Coots, and mergansers		
Reelfoot Duck Zone		
	Nov. 11	Nov. 12
	Dec. 2	Jan. 28

Reelfoot Duck Zone shall include the waters of Reelfoot Lake.

Remainder of State

Nov. 25
Dec. 2

Nov. 26
Jan. 28

B. Youth Waterfowl Hunting

Reelfoot Duck Zone:

Feb. 10

Feb. 11

Remainder of State

Feb. 3

Feb. 4

Youth waterfowl hunters must be 6-15 years of age. An adult at least 21 years of age must accompany the youth hunter into the field. This adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons.

C. White-Fronted Geese

Dec. 2

Feb. 11

D. Blue and Snow Geese

Nov. 11

Feb. 25

E. Brant

Nov. 25

Jan. 31

F. Canada Geese

SEASON OPENS

SEASON CLOSURES

Northwest MVP Zone

Dec. 2

Feb. 11

Southwest MVP Zone

Oct. 7
Dec. 10

Oct. 15
Jan. 28

Kentucky/Barkley Lake Zone

Oct. 7
Dec. 10

Oct. 15
Jan. 28

Remainder of the State

Oct. 7
Dec. 2

Oct. 15
Jan. 31

The remainder of the state includes all counties east of State Hwy.13.

Goose hunters will need to refer to the 2006-2007 Tennessee Waterfowl

Guide to see what counties make up the different zones.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

A. Ducks and Mergansers

Daily Bag Limit: The daily bag limit of ducks is 6, and may include no more than 4 mallards (**no more than 1 of which may be a female**), 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvas back, 2 scaup and 2 redheads.

The daily bag limit of merganser is 5, only 2 of which may be a hooded merganser.

Possession Limit: The maximum number of birds which could have legally been taken in two (2) days. (**Except on opening day. Opening day possession limit is the daily bag limit.**)

	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
B. Coots and Gallinules	15	30
C. Virginia and Sora Rails	25	25
D. Blue and Snow Geese	20	No Limit
E. White-fronted Geese	2	4
F. Brant	2	4
G. Canada Geese	2	4

Federal regulations relative to baiting, bag and possession limits, and methods of hunting are applicable to all migratory bird hunting in Tennessee.

No person shall hunt migratory game birds with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with an one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

Shooting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily, for all species and seasons.

2006 TENNESSEE HUNTING AND TRAPPING GUIDES NOW AVAILABLE

The *2006 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* booklets have been printed and are being distributed to license agents across the state, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

This year, in addition to the hunting seasons, bag limits, and rules and regulations for fall and winter hunting, the guide for August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007 includes the 2007 Spring Turkey hunting regulations.

Also included in the guide are sections covering locations and regulations of TWRA wildlife management areas, public hunting areas and refuges. Other information from locations of TWRA firing ranges to a section that covers common questions and answers can also be found.

TWRA urges all hunters to pick up a guide and review it. Major changes for the 2006-07 seasons can be found on page 1 of the guide.

Hunters, traveling out of state for deer or elk, should read the section on page 6 about carcass importation laws in effect to stop the spread of chronic wasting disease.

The *2006 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* is available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold and at all TWRA offices. A copy can be read and printed from the TWRA web site at www.tnwildlife.org.

TWRA REGION I FISHING REPORT

High temperatures have slowed fishing. Best fishing is early morning or late afternoon.

BROWNS CREEK LAKE (located ten miles south of I-40 in Natchez Trace State Park):

Creel Limits- Bass- 5 (16"-21" PLR) only one per day greater than 21", Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie - 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is slow, fish are being caught on plastic worms and lizards. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is fair. Fish being caught deep on crickets and red worms.

CARROLL LAKE (located on Hwy. 22 between McKenzie and Huntingdon):

Creel Limits- Bass- 5, Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie - 30 (10"minimum). Bass fishing is slow, fish are being caught on spinner baits early morning or late afternoon.. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is fair. Fish being caught on wax worms and crickets.

DAVY CROCKETT LAKE (located 4 miles west of Humboldt off Hwy. 152):

Creel Limits- Bass-10, Blue and Channel Catfish- 5, Crappie-30 (10" minimum).). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is fair in deep water using plastic lizards. Crappie fishing is slow, fish being caught in deep water on small minnows and white/chartreuse jigs. Bluegill/shellcrackers are being caught on wax worms and crickets.

GARRETT LAKE (located on Hwy. 190 near Dresden):

Creel Limits- Bass- 5, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie-30 (10" minimum).). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is slow using plastic worms. Crappie fishing is slow Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is fair on crickets and red worms.

GIBSON CO. LAKE (located at Trenton)

Creel Limits – Bass – 5 (14-18" PLR) only 1 bass per day greater than 18", Bluegill/Redear (in combination) – 20, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Catfishing is fair. Fish being caught on night crawlers and turkey livers. Bass fishing is slow, fish being caught using plastic lizards. Crappie fishing is slow. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is fair using wax worms, crickets and red worms.

GLENN SPRINGS LAKE (located on Glenn Springs Rd, 12 miles northeast of Millington):

Creel Limits- Bass - 5 (14"-18" PLR) only one per day greater than 18", Bluegill/Redear (in combination) – 20, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is slow, some fish being caught using crank baits and plastic lizards. Crappie fishing is slow. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish are being caught on red worms, crickets and jigs tipped with wax worms.

HERB PARSONS LAKE (located 8 miles north of Collierville off Collierville-Arlington Road): **Creel Limits-** Bass - 10 (14"-18" PLR) only one per day greater than 18", Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie - 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is slow. Catfishing is good, being caught on chicken/turkey liver. Crappie is slow. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is fair. Fish being caught on wax worms, red worms and crickets.

LAKE GRAHAM (located 5 miles east of Jackson on Cotton Grove Road):

Creel Limits- Bass - 10 (14"-18" PLR) only one bass per day greater than 18", Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is fair, fish being caught on plastic lizards. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfishing is fair, some being caught on turkey livers and night crawlers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is fair. Fish being caught using red worms and small jigs tipped with wax worms.

MAPLES CREEK LAKE (located 4 miles north of I-40 in Nathez Trace State Park):

Creel Limits- Bass -5, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie - 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is fair, fish are being caught on plastic worms. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is fair. Fish being caught on red worms and crickets.

WHITEVILLE LAKE (located 2 miles south of Whiteville off Hwy. 64):

Creel Limits- Bass - 5, Blue and Channel Catfish- 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is slow. Fish being caught on plastic lizards. Catfishing is fair. Fish being caught on night crawlers and turkey livers. Crappie is slow. Some fish being caught on small minnows. Bluegill and shellcracker fishing is fair. Fish are being caught on red worms, crickets and wax worms.

REELFOOT LAKE:

Creel Limits- Bass – 5 (minimum length 15 inches), Crappie – 30 (no size limit). Water temps in the upper 80's, which has slowed fishing. Lake level is below summer pool. Bass fishing is slow. Fish being caught on spinner baits and plastic worms early and late around stumps in 3-4 ft water. Crappie fishing is slow. Some fish being caught in 6-8 ft. water. Bluegill fishing is fair, fish being caught on jigs tipped with wax worms. Catfish are fair, some are being caught on nightcrawlers.

KENTUCKY LAKE:

Creel Limits- Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass – 5 (minimum length 15 inches), Crappie – 30 (minimum length 10 inches) Sauger – 10 (minimum length 14 inches), Catfish (only one catfish over 34 inches per day. No limit on fish under 34 inches)

North of I-40: Water temps in the low 90's. Bass fishing is slow. Fish being caught around weeds and logs on plastic lizards or worms early or late. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on turkey livers or night crawlers on main channel. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is slow. Fish being caught on gravel bars on jigs tipped with wax worms.

South of I-40: Water temps in the low 90's. Bass fishing is slow. Some fish being caught on main river points on plastic worms. Crappie fishing is slow. Some fish are being caught deep on minnows and jigs. Catfishing is fair. Fish being caught on the main channel using turkey liver. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is slow.

PICKWICK LAKE:

Creel Limits: Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass – 5 (15 inch minimum length limit on bass). Crappie – 30 (minimum length 9 inches). Water temps are in the low 90's. Largemouth bass fishing is fair. Fish being caught on plastic lizards or jigs. Smallmouth fishing is fair. Some fish being caught early and late around grass beds. Crappie fishing is slow. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing fair. Fish being caught on crickets and jigs tipped with waxworms.

LAKE BARKLEY:

Creel Limits: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass – 5 (minimum length limit 15 inches on bass). Crappie – 30 (minimum length limit 10 inches). Water temps in the low 90's. Bass fishing is fair. Fish being caught on jigs and plastic worms along main river points. Crappie fishing is slow. Fish are scattered, some being taken around stumps and other cover in deep water along edge of creek channels on minnows. Catfishing is fair. Some fish being caught on night crawlers and turkey livers on main channel.