



# TWRA NEWS

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## **SOME WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS SCHEDULED FOR YOUNG SPORTSMAN DEER HUNTS ON OCTOBER 7 & 8**

Young deer hunters across the Volunteer State will be able to hunt deer on several Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) on October 7 & 8, 2006 according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

These hunts are open to youths 6 through 16 years of age, who must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult. The adult does not need a hunting license, but hunter and adult must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange. Participating young hunters are required to carry proof of successful completion of a Hunter Education course. Adults who accompany must be close enough to take immediate control of the hunting device (gun or bow). The bag limit is one deer either-sex.

Hunters 6 through 12 years of age do not have to have a license for the youth hunt, but must purchase a WMA permit if required on the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) they are hunting on. Youths between 13-15 must have the Junior Hunt/Trap/Fish license and would also be required to purchase a WMA permit, if needed. Residents who are already 16 must purchase adult licenses and permits. Non-resident youths 13-16 must have a type 073 or 074 license plus the WMA permit if required. All youths 10 years of age and older must process proof they have successfully completed a hunter education course.

A list of all Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and their scheduled hunts can be found on pages 23 - 53 in the 2006-2007 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide.

Wildlife Management Areas in West Tennessee scheduled for the October 7 & 8 hunts are: Barkley Unit I & II, Big Sandy, Camden Unit I & II, Chickasaw, Gooch, Harmon Creek, Hop-In

Refuge, Lick Creek, Maness Swamp Refuge, New Hope, Obion River, Tigrett, West Sandy, White Oak and Wolf River.

Further information on hunting rules and regulations may be found in the 2006-2007 Hunting and Trapping Guide available anywhere hunting and fishing licenses are sold and at all TWRA regional offices or go on-line at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org).

**2006 BOGOTA WMA WATERFOWL RESERVATION APPLICATIONS NOW  
AVAILABLE**

Reservation applications for the waterfowl hunts scheduled on Bogota WMA for the 2006-2007 season are now available at license agents or online according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

All applications must be processed at a TWRA license agent, TWRA regional office or on-line at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org). No mail-in applications will be accepted. There is no fee for current Annual Sportsman License holders, Lifetime Sportsman License holders or senior citizens possessing a type 167 permit. For all other applicants, there is a \$10.00 non-refundable permit fee plus a \$1.00 agent fee (if applied for at a license agent) or a \$2.50 internet usage fee (if applied for on-line). The deadline is midnight, October 18, 2006.

Hunters will get to choose from 11 different hunt dates listed for the five pools available for hunting. Youths, ages 6-16 by the date of the hunt, may apply. However they must apply and hunt with a party with a least one adult, 21 years of age or older, who remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. A computer drawing will be held to determine successful applications based on the Priority Drawing System.. Reservation cards will be issued to successful applicants.

For all the information pertaining to applying for the Bogota WMA hunts, please go on-line at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org).

**REPLACEMENT HUNTER EDUCATION CARDS NOW ON R.E.A.L.**

With hunting seasons underway, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) would like to remind hunters to make sure they have their hunter education cards. Anyone born on or after January 1, 1969, must possess proof of satisfactory completion of a hunter education class in order to hunt any species in Tennessee.

Those hunters under the age of ten may hunt without taking the hunter education class, but they must be accompanied by someone at least 21 years of age.

If you've lost your hunter education card, you can now get a replacement card from any vendor that sells hunting and fishing licenses. All you need is your TWRA I.D. number on your current license and the agent will give you a printout that shows if you have successfully passed a hunter education course. In a few weeks, a permanent card will be mailed to your current address.

The fee for replacement of hunter education cards is \$7.00.

**MORE THAN \$1.6 MILLION IN WETLAND RESERVE PROGRAM FUNDING NEWLY  
AVAILABLE TO TENNESSEE LANDOWNERS**

***APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED ASAP TO RECEIVE SPECIAL FUNDING PRIORITY***

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is making an additional \$1.6 Million in new funds available to Tennessee landowners interested in participating in the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). The WRP

is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial support to help landowners with their wetland restoration efforts.

State Conservationist James W. Ford says the additional funds come at a very good time for the state's landowners. "NRCS has already committed funding to the eligible WRP applications we have received, so if Tennesseans have been wanting in on this program and can get an application in quickly, it will receive special priority if it meets the eligibility requirements."

The NRCS goal is to achieve the greatest wetland functions and values, along with optimum wildlife habitat, on every acre enrolled in the program. WRP offers landowners an opportunity to establish long-term conservation and wildlife practices and protection.

Anyone interested in the Wetlands Reserve Program can sign up at their nearest USDA Service Center.

## **TWRA REGION I FISHING REPORT**

### **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 70's, which has improved fishing. Lake level is below summer pool. Bass fishing is fair. Fish being caught on spinner baits and plastic worms early and late around stumps in 3-4 ft water. Crappie fishing is fair. 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 upper 70's. Bass fishing is fair. Fish being caught around weeds and logs on plastic lizards or worms early or late. Crappie fishing is fair. Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on turkey livers or night crawlers on main channel. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is fair. Fish being caught on gravel bars on jigs tipped with wax worms.

South of I-40: Water temps in the upper 70's. Bass fishing is fair. Some fish being caught on main river points on plastic worms. Crappie fishing is fair. 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 fair.

**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 upper 70'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 fair. 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 upper 70's. Bass fishing is fair. Fish being caught on jigs and plastic worms along main river points. Crappie fishing is fair. 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.

