



# TWRA NEWS

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## **TENNESSEE’S DEER ARCHERY SEASON OPENS SEPTEMBER 23**

Tennessee’s 2006 deer archery season will open across the state on Saturday morning, September 23, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

The archery season dates in Unit A and Unit L (Middle and West Tenn.) this year will be September 23 – October 27, October 30-November 3, November 11-17 and December 11 - December 15.

Unit B (East Tenn.) will be September 23 – October 27, October 30 - November 3 and November 11-17.

The TWRA urges all archery hunters to pick up a *2006 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* to review and become familiar with the counties and bag limits for each of the different deer management units.

Hunters are reminded that they must possess the appropriate licenses and permits. Hunters born on or after January 1, 1969 must also have, in their possession, proof they have successfully completed a hunter education course.

Check out the TWRA web page ([www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)) for a list of classes.

### **FIRST SEGMENT OF DOVE SEASON CLOSES SEPTEMBER 26**

The first segment of the 2006 dove season comes to a close on September 26, 2006. The second segment will begin on October 7th.

The majority of doves harvested in Tennessee are taken the first week of the season. Results this year have been mixed. Opening day results were good in some areas and poor in others.

The remaining statewide dove seasons for 2006 - 2007 are:

October 7 - October 22, bag limit 15

December 16 - January 2, 2007, bag limit 15

For all information on the 2006-2007 small game seasons, pick up a 2006 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide. Guides are available at all locations that sell hunting and fishing licenses and at all TWRA Regional Offices. Or go online at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org).

### **TWRA URGES CAUTION WITH TREE STANDS**

Tennessee's deer seasons will officially begin for 2006 with the September 23 opening of the archery season and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) is urging hunters to use care when hunting from a tree stand.

Many deer hunters find hunting from an elevated stand to be advantageous. It is often more difficult for a deer to detect a hunter in a tree stand than one on the ground, but the TWRA is urging hunters to be cautious anytime they use a stand.

The most common cause of tree stand accidents is a fall. All of these falls could be prevented with the proper use of a safety harness attached to the tree. Many falls occur when permanent, wooden stands, which have been left out in the weather attached to a tree, decay and become unsafe. Eventually, the weight of a hunter can cause the stand to collapse.

If possible, use temporary stands that may be stored in a dry area after the deer season. If a permanent stand must be used, always check it before hunting to make certain it is safe and securely attached. Whether using a permanent or temporary stand, always use a safety harness.

**Ten rules for tree stand safety are:**

1. Always wear a safety harness while hunting from a tree stand, including while ascending and descending.
2. Never climb into a permanent stand you have not built yourself or carefully checked out.
3. Never hunt from tree limbs.
4. Be sure the commercial stand you have is safe. Practice with it before using it in the woods.
5. Never climb a tree that is too small or too large for your stand to fit safely.
6. Be sure your stand is level at the height you wish to hunt.
7. Always stand up slowly and be sure of your balance.
8. Be sure you are steady and braced before shooting.
9. Always use a haul line for your bow. Never climb with your equipment.
10. Never climb a dead tree or one with dead limbs above your head.

**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 upper 80'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 upper 80'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 upper 80'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 upper 80'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.