

Quota Hunts

Deer

All refuge quota hunts require an application. See section “How to Apply.” All deer killed on the refuge must be checked at the nearest check station. Make sure Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge is noted as “location of kill.”

Deer taken during refuge **quota** hunts **are not counted** in regular season bag and possession limits.

Scouting during quota hunts and youth hunts is prohibited.

If drawn, hunters must have on his person a quota hunt permit in addition to the Annual Hunt Permit and a valid State license.

Earn-a-Buck

One antlerless deer must be taken before harvesting an antlered deer. This requirement is only applicable for the two firearms quota hunts.

How to Apply for Quota Hunts

To apply for a quota hunt you must obtain a separate computer scanned application form. Submissions of any person’s name more than once for the same Hunt Type will result in disqualification.

Mail application form to **Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge, 643 Wildlife Rd, Dover, TN 37058.** Application forms must be **received, not postmarked** by August 1. After August 1, the drawing will be conducted by random computer drawing. If drawn, the hunter will receive a quota hunt permit by mail. Rejection notices will be mailed out to those not successfully drawn. Adults may be drawn only once for any firearms hunt. Youth hunters may be drawn for a youth hunt in addition to a firearms hunt. **A successfully drawn applicant must purchase a Refuge Annual Hunt Permit at a cost of \$12.50.** (See box under Permits) Quota hunt permits are non-transferable.

Preference Points:

The refuge will no longer be allowed to offer preference points for the deer quota hunt drawing. The refuge is not permitted to collect a TWRA number that is necessary to record the preference point priority in the quota hunt drawing database. We apologize for this inconvenience, but this is a national policy change for the Fish and Wildlife Service and one that affects hunting programs on Refuges across the country.

Group Applications:

Up to five hunters may apply as a party hunt by completing an application for each hunter and returning all applications together in the same envelope. Separate party hunts must come in separate envelopes. **To avoid errors only one computer application from each party hunt should have the group’s Hunt Code choices and Hunt Area choices marked.**

Quota Hunt Application – Instructions – Side 1

The accuracy of data from a computer-scanned application depends on the person filling out the application. Please read and follow all instructions exactly! Do not put additional folds or staples in the applications. **Use original applications only; the computer cannot scan copies.**

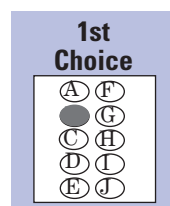
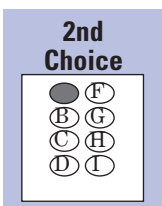
Hunt Code

Mark only one 1st choice and one 2nd choice.

Hunt Type	Hunt Code	Date	Bag Limit
Firearms Guns/Archery/ Muzzleloader	A	Oct. 16-18 (Fri.–Sun.)	Three deer; only 1 can be antlered
	B	Nov. 6-8 (Fri.-Sun.)	Three deer; only 1 can be antlered

Example: Hunters applying for a Firearms permit for October 16 - 18 (Hunt Code A) first choice; Firearms permit for November 6 - 8 (Hunt Code B) second choice would indicate their selection as follows:

Hunt Code



Hunt Area: Mark only one 1st choice, one 2nd choice and one 3rd choice. If you do not have a hunt area preference, leave this section blank and the computer will assign an area. Please see Map and Hunt Area Table for Hunt Area choices.

Application - Side 2 - Name, address, etc. must be completed for each hunter in the group. Please fill in ovals for **ALL** information. Provide all requested information by printing clearly in the appropriate squares, and then darkening the corresponding oval below each square. Be sure to leave a space between street number and street name. **Applications that are not completed will be returned!**

Hunt Area Location	Hunt Area Number	Permits Available (per quota hunt)
South Side: Northwest of Pool 5 Bridge	1	40
South Side: Southeast of Pool 5 Bridge	2	40
North Side of the Cumberland River	3	70

2009-2010 Season Dates and Regulations for Non-Quota Hunts

Except for beaver, coyote, armadillo and feral hog, the hunting of any species not listed below is considered closed. This includes but is not limited to bobcat, river otter and fox. All state bag limits, season lengths and weapon regulations apply unless otherwise specified.

Type	Season Dates/Bag Limits	Refuge Specific Regulations
Turkey Spring Fall Season	Spring turkey season open with statewide season. Fall season closed during weekend quota deer hunts and refuge youth hunt, Bag limit is one bearded turkey for spring season; statewide bag limit for fall season. Turkeys taken on refuge are part of the statewide bag limit.	Check turkeys at nearest check station and make sure that Cross Creeks NWR is noted as “location of kill.” Calling or attempting to call turkeys on the refuge is prohibited from March 16 until the opening of turkey season.
Deer/Turkey (Archery only)	Statewide season through November 14. Season closed during weekend quota deer hunts and refuge youth hunt State bag limits apply. Deer and turkey taken are counted as part of the statewide bag limit.	Check deer at nearest check station and make sure that Cross Creeks NWR is noted as “location of kill.” Scouting during quota hunts and youth hunt is not permitted.
Squirrel	Fourth Saturday in August through November 15. Season closed during weekend quota deer hunts, refuge youth hunt and primitive weapons hunts. State bag limits apply.	Dogs are permitted.
Resident Canada Goose	September 1; Coincides with state season. Closed the day before the start of the early wood duck/teal season.	We permit the use of dogs to retrieve geese. Hunting from an agricultural field that was not harvested is prohibited with the exception of winter wheat. Hunting within 50 yards of public use roads or buildings on the refuge is prohibited. Shooting across any public use road is prohibited. It is illegal to cut corn stalks or other vegetation on the refuge. You may use only portable blinds, and you must remove all boats, blinds, and decoys from the refuge at the end of each day’s hunt. Permanent and/or pit blinds are prohibited
YOUTH Deer Gun/Archery/ Muzzleloader	October 10 – 11. Bag limit is 3 deer and only one can be antlered. Deer counts as a bonus deer.	A Refuge Annual Hunting permit is not required for youth under the age of 16, but it is required for the supervising adult.

Cross Creeks

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2009-2010

The Refuge

The 8,862 acre Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1962, is located along the rolling hills, high rocky bluffs and fertile bottomlands adjacent to the Cumberland River in the northwest part of middle Tennessee in Stewart County. Rich bottomlands, hardwood forests, crop lands, brushy fields and open water provide an ideal setting for a wide diversity of wildlife.

Cross Creeks General Hunting Regulations

The refuge is open to hunting during specific refuge seasons for the following species only: squirrel, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and Canada goose. Beaver, coyote, Feral Hog and armadillo may be taken on a scheduled hunt for other species with any weapon legal for that hunt. No taking of turtles or bullfrogs on refuge. Hunting is permitted on various portions of Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge with the exception of those areas marked "Closed" on the map or by "Closed Area" signs on refuge lands or waters. Applicable Federal and State law and regulations apply.

- Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on the Refuge. Vehicles must remain on Refuge roads that are shown on map and designated as open. ATV & golf cart use on the Refuge is prohibited.
- It is unlawful to hunt within 100 yards of a private dwelling, and to access the refuge across private land without permission from the private landowner. Shooting across any road is prohibited.
- Except for raccoon and opossum hunting, access to the Refuge is allowed 2 hours before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset.
- Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks, or explosives on a national wildlife refuge is prohibited. Firearms are permitted only during authorized hunts and must be unloaded and either dismantled or encased when transported in vehicles and boats while on the Refuge or as authorized by state law. Weapons legally possessed for hunting are the same as those prescribed by the state of Tennessee.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- Camping and campfires on the refuge are prohibited.

- Horses and mules are prohibited on all refuge hunts.
- Dogs are allowed for small game hunting and retrieval of geese during the early goose season. All dogs must be restrained by chain or leash if not being legally used for hunting. Dog owners/handlers must have a collar on each dog with the owners name, and address/ or telephone number.
- Temporary blinds or stands permitted on the day of the hunt only. All blinds and stands must be removed at the end of each day's hunt.
- It is unlawful to mark any tree or other feature with paint or similar substance. Please remove all flagging tape and other marking material upon leaving the Refuge.
- All hunters born after Jan. 1, 1969, must have completed a hunter safety course as demonstrated by card or certificate.
- Hunters must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange during all refuge quota, youth and primitive weapon hunts.
- Field dressing deer within 50 yards of a public road or trail is prohibited.
- Boats cannot be left on the refuge overnight. Swimming is prohibited.
- It is illegal to cut corn stalks, trees or other vegetation on the refuge.

Permits

Each quota or non-quota hunter, age 16 and older, must have on his person a valid State hunting license AND a Refuge Annual Hunting Permit. There is a \$12.50 fee for this permit which is valid for all quota and non-quota hunting. If you have been drawn for a quota hunt and already have your Refuge Annual Hunting Permit, there is no additional permit fee. To obtain a Refuge Annual Hunting Permit, you may come by the Refuge Headquarters at 3006 Dinkins Lane in Paris from 7 – 3:30 Monday – Friday. The permit fee is non-refundable and the permit is non-transferable. The permit is valid on both Cross Creeks and Tennessee National Wildlife Refuges.

Refuge Annual Hunting Permits may now be obtained from licensing agents through TWRA at county clerks, area sporting good stores, hardware stores and interested merchants. Please use code 064 when purchasing a refuge permit through a TWRA licensing agent. The Refuge Headquarters office will no longer accept credit cards or sell the permit by mail.

Youth Hunters

Hunters between the age of 6 and 16 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older who has a refuge hunting permit on his person. The adult must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the youth supervised. For small game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than 2 youths. For big game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than one youth.

Please respect the following signs

Millions of people visit national wildlife refuges each year. The impact of human activity, if not regulated, can degrade these wild lands. Signs help control recreational activities and respect private property while protecting natural resources on the refuge.



This sign and yellow paint clearly marks all refuge property. **It is your responsibility to know where the property lines are and hunt within the boundaries.**



This area is closed to all entry. No entering, hunting or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails beyond this sign are open to the public. Some of these signs may have dates indicating the length of time the area is closed.



This area is closed to **all** vehicles, and horseback riding. Entry is only permitted by foot or bicycle.



This area is closed to all hunting. Firearms and archery equipment are strictly prohibited. (see map)

Cross Creeks
National Wildlife Refuge
643 Wildlife Road
Dover, TN 37058
931/232 7477
<http://www.fws.gov/crosscreeks>

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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Changes to the Hunt Program.

- n Refuge Annual Hunt Permits now sold through TWRA's licensing agents using code 064
- n Hunters **must** know the refuge boundary and not go onto private property. Hunters will be subject to a violation notice if they do not strictly comply.
- n The refuge will no longer be allowed to offer preference points for the deer quota hunt drawing.