

Cross Creeks General Hunting Regulations

Established in 1962, the 8,862 acre Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge is one of 555 National Wildlife Refuges across the country. Cross Creeks is open to hunting during specific refuge seasons for the following species: squirrel, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and resident Canada goose. Beaver and coyote, may be taken on a scheduled hunt for other species with any weapon legal for that hunt. No taking of turtles, crawfish 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.

Refuge Annual Hunting Permits

Each quota or non-quota hunter, age 17 and older, must have on his person a valid State hunting license AND a Refuge Annual Hunting Permit. There is a \$15.00 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. 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 can be obtained from all Tennessee (TWRA) licensing agents. Please use code 064 when purchasing a refuge permit through a TWRA licensing agent.

Youth Hunters

Hunters age 6 through 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 two youths. For big game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than one youth.

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 or kill code 104.”

Deer taken during refuge quota hunts and youth hunt 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 their 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

Online Applications

You can now apply for quota hunts online at <http://www.fws.gov/CrossCreeks>. Online applications are the quickest and easiest way to apply and provide you with a confirmation number for your records once your application is complete. If at all possible, complete an online application.

Paper Applications

If needed, you can also download a quota hunt application form at our web site or by calling the refuge office at 931/232 7477. If you choose to submit a paper application, it must be received, not postmarked by August 1, 2013. Please mail completed applications to Cross Creeks NWR, c/o Kinsail Corporation, P.O. Box 7087, Arlington, VA 22207. Be sure to clearly and accurately complete all the information on the application form as incomplete or illegible applications will be discarded. Online applications are strongly encouraged to ensure that applications are received in a timely and complete manner.

Please note, submissions of any person’s name more than once for the same Hunt Type will result in disqualification.

Group Applications:

Up to five hunters may apply as a hunt party. If you are applying online, you will be able to enter the other members of your group during the online application process. You will only need to enter your hunt selections once during the process, but you will need the name and address information for the other hunters in your group. Any online applications that are received separately will be treated as separate groups.

If you are applying by paper application form, you will need to complete a separate application form for each hunter in your group and submit them all together to the address listed above. Only complete the hunt selections on one application. Any paper applications that are received separately will be treated as separate groups.

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Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on the Refuge.

Preference Points

Hunters will now have the opportunity to gain preference points in the draw. Each time you apply and are not drawn for a permit you will receive one preference point. Groups of individuals with the highest average preference points will be drawn first, groups and individuals with the next highest will be drawn second, etc. until all permits are filled. After you are drawn for a quota hunt permit, your preference points equal zero. The preference points for a hunt party will be determined by taking an average of all the hunters in the party. **When applying, hunters will need to use the same name as it appears on their driver’s license. If your official name changes, please contact the refuge office.**

Drawing Notification

The drawing will be held after August 1st and notifications will be sent out on August 6th. If you applied by paper application, your notification complete with a confirmation number will be mailed to you. If you applied online, your notification will be sent by e-mail. If you do not receive your notification e-mail, be sure to check your spam folder. If you applied online, you can also check your status and download your permit on the refuge website at www.fws.gov/CrossCreeks. You will need your confirmation number and your email address submitted for the application. If you do not receive notification on the drawing or cannot check it on the refuge website, please contact Kinsail Corporation at 703/994 4194 or by email at service@kinsail.com.

Hunt Area Location	Hunt Area Number	Permits Available (per quota hunt)
South Side: Northwest of Pool 5 Bridge	1	30
South Side: Southeast of Pool 5 Bridge	2	40
Northside: East of North Cross Creek Rd.	3	20
Northside: West of North Cross Creek Rd.	4	40

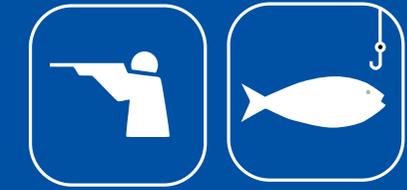
2013-2014 Season Dates and Regulations for Refuge Hunts

Except for beaver and coyote, 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
Squirrel	Statewide Season through November 14. Season closed during the weekend quota hunts and refuge youth hunt.	State bag limits apply.	Dogs are permitted.
Resident Canada Goose	September 1: coincides with state season. Closed the day before the start of early wood duck/teal season. Goose hunting is allowed in fields and water in hunt areas 1 and 2 only.	State bag limits apply.	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. 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.
Deer/Turkey (archery only)	Statewide season through November 14. Season closed during the weekend quota deer hunts, refuge youth hunt, and statewide youth hunt.	Three deer, only one can be antlered. Turkey and deer taken are counted as part of the statewide bag limit.	State tagging regulations apply. Make sure that Cross Creeks NWR is noted as “ location of kill or kill code 104 ”. Scouting during quota hunts and youth hunt is prohibited.
Deer-Quota Hunt (gun/archery/muzzleloader)	October 18 - 20 November 1 - 3	Three deer, only one can be antlered. One antlerless deer must be taken before harvesting an antlered deer. Deer taken are bonus deer.	Quota Hunt Permit required. State tagging regulations apply. Make sure that Cross Creeks NWR is noted as “ location of kill or kill code 104. ” Scouting during quota hunts and youth hunt is prohibited.
Youth Deer (gun/archery/muzzleloader)	October 5 - 6	Three deer, only one can be antlered. Deer taken are counted as bonus deer.	A Refuge Annual Hunt Permit is not required for a youth hunter, but is required for the supervising adult. State tagging regulations apply. Make sure that Cross Creeks NWR is noted as “ location of kill or kill code 104. ” Scouting during quota hunts and youth hunt is prohibited.
Spring Turkey	Spring turkey season is open during statewide season.	State bag limits apply. Turkeys taken are counted as part of the statewide bag limit.	A Refuge Annual Hunt Permit is not required for a youth hunter, but is required for the supervising adult. Calling or attempting to call turkeys on the refuge is prohibited from March 1 until the opening of turkey season.

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National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2013-2014



Vehicles must remain on Refuge roads that are shown on map and designated as open. ATV and golf cart use on the Refuge is prohibited. Parking must not impede the flow of traffic or block gates.

Littering, vandalism or tampering with water control structures is strictly forbidden.

Public access to the refuge is limited to daylight use only, (30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset).

During hunting season, hunters may access the refuge two hours prior to sunrise and two hours after sunset.

Facilities and activities accessible to the disabled are available. Please ask for details.



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.

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.

Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks, or explosives on a national wildlife refuge is prohibited.

Firearms are permitted in accordance with state laws.

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 January 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 hunts and youth hunt.

Field dressing deer within 50 yards of a public road or trail is prohibited.

It is illegal to cut corn stalks, trees or other vegetation on the refuge.

Hunting within 50 yards of a public road is prohibited.

Cross Creeks General Fishing Regulations

Sport fishing is permitted on Cross Creeks at a level compatible with the environment, providing recreational opportunities and permitting the use of a renewable resource.

The regulations listed supplement the general regulations governing fishing on a national wildlife refuge as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 32. Sport fishing will be in accordance with applicable state regulations, subject to the following special regulations.

The open season for Elk and South Cross Creek Reservoirs and all the refuge pools is from March 16 through November 14 during daylight hours. Sport fishing from a boat is permitted year-round, 24 hours a day, in the waters of Barkley Lake.

All waters on Cross Creeks shall follow Barkley Reservoir state creel and size limits.

Trotlines, limblines, jugs, and slat baskets are not permitted in refuge pools, impoundments and on Elk Reservoir and South Cross Creeks Reservoir.

We do not allow taking of frogs, turtles and crawfish.

We prohibit leaving boats unattended on the refuge after daylight use hours.

We allow bow fishing in refuge impoundments and on Barkley Lake.

Boats are restricted to "idle speed/no wake" on all refuge pools and impoundments.

Swimming is prohibited in refuge impoundments, or from boat docks and boat ramps.



Improved and unimproved boat launching ramp. (See map for ramp locations).

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

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- Hunters age 6 - 16 are considered youth hunters. Hunters age 17 and up are considered adult hunters.
- The Refuge Annual Hunt Permit may be purchased only through TWRA licensing agents **using code 064.**
- When checking deer or turkey taken on the refuge, **use kill code 104.**
- Hunters must know the refuge boundary and not go onto private property.

Hunt Areas

-  Hunt Area 1
-  Hunt Area 2
-  Hunt Area 3
-  Hunt Area 4
-  No Hunt Zone

-  Woodpecker Trail
-  Refuge headquarters
-  Boat ramps
-  Highway 79
-  Paved Access Road
-  Foot Traffic Seasonally
-  Road Closed Nov. 15 - Mar. 15
-  Refuge Boundary
-  Pools / Impoundments
-  Barkley Lake

