

Quota Hunts - Deer

All refuge quota hunts require an online application. See section "How to Apply." All deer killed on the refuge must be checked at the nearest check station or online, or by using TWRA mobile app. Use kill code 152 for checking at a check station. When checking a deer online use Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge as the location.

Deer taken during refuge youth hunt, primitive weapons hunt, and quota hunts **are not counted** in regular season bag and possession limits.

Scouting during quota hunts, youth hunts and primitive weapons hunt 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.

How to Apply for Quota Hunts

Online Applications

You can apply for quota hunts online at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/tennessee>. Each hunter will be required to create an account with RecAccess. You will only be required to do this once, this will make it easier to apply in future years. Each hunter will be assigned a RecAccess Identification (RAID) number that will be an individual hunter's identification number that will remain consistent from year to year. Deadline to apply is midnight on **August 1st**.

Application Fee

There will be a \$5.00 application fee per hunter charged with each online quota hunt application. There are no refunds for application fees.

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. One hunter will need to apply for the entire hunt party during the online application process. You will need each hunter's RAID number in that hunt party to apply. **All application fees for that hunt party will be charged at one time to the individual applying for the party.** There are no refunds for application fees.

Preference Points

Hunters will 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 or 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.

Drawing Notification

The drawing will be held after August 1st and notifications will be sent out on **August 10th** by email. If you do not receive your notification email, be sure to check your spam folder. You can also check your status and download your permit on the refuge website at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/tennessee>. You will need your RecAccess account user name and password.

September Resident Canada Goose

See separate hunt regulations handout available at refuge headquarters and information kiosks on the refuge.

| Hunt area location | Hunt area number | Permits available (per quota hunt) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sulphur Wells/ Britton Ford | 1 | 25 |
| Big Sandy Peninsula | 2 | 100 |
| Duck River Bottoms | 3 | 75 |
| Duck River Remainder | 4 | 100 |
| Busseltown | 5 | 35 |

2020-2021 Season Dates and Regulations for Refuge Hunts

Hunters may only take coyote and beaver incidental to scheduled refuge hunts listed below. The hunting of any other species not listed below is not permitted. 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 limit | Refuge specific regulations |
|--|---|--|--|
| Squirrel | August 22 - November 14. Spring squirrel open with statewide season. Season closed during the weekend quota hunts, refuge youth, statewide youth, and primitive weapons hunts. | State bag limits apply. | Dogs are permitted. |
| Resident Canada goose | Open during the September statewide season from September 1 through the day before the start of the early wood duck/teal season. | State bag limits apply. | Resident Canada Goose hunt is non-quota. See separate hunt regulations handout available at the refuge headquarters and at refuge kiosks. |
| Deer (archery only) | Statewide Season - November 14. Season closed during the weekend quota deer hunts, refuge youth hunt, primitive weapons, and statewide youth hunts. | State bag limits apply. Deer taken are counted as part of the statewide bag limit. | State tagging requirements apply. Use kill code 152 for checking at a check station. When checking a deer online use Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge as the location. Scouting during quota hunts, primitive weapons, refuge and statewide youth hunt is prohibited. |
| Primitive Weapons | October 10-11, 2020 | Three deer; only one can be antlered. Deer taken are bonus deer. | Hunt limited to Long Bow, Recurve Bow and Side-hammered muzzleloader with iron sites only. State tagging requirements apply. Use kill code 152 for checking at a check station. When checking a deer online use Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge as the location. |
| Deer - Quota Hunt (gun/archery/muzzleloader) | October 23-25, 2020 November 6-8, 2020 | Three deer; only one can be antlered. Deer taken are bonus deer. Hunters are NOT required to shoot a doe first before shooting a buck. | Quota hunt permit required. State tagging requirements apply. Use kill code 152 for checking at a check station. When checking a deer online use Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge as the location. |
| Youth Deer (gun/archery/muzzleloader) | October 3-4, 2020 Also open during statewide youth hunt, October 31-November 1, 2020. | Deer taken during statewide youth hunt will be counted as part of the statewide bag limit. Three deer; only one can be antlered. Deer taken are bonus deer during refuge youth hunt October 3-4, 2020. Deer taken during statewide youth hunt will be counted as part of the statewide bag limit October 31 - November 1, 2020. | A Refuge Annual Hunt Permit is not required for a youth hunter, but it is required for the supervising adult. Use kill code 152 for checking at a check station. When checking a deer online use Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge as the location. Multiple youth may now be accompanied by a single non-hunting adult. The adult must remain in a position to take immediate control of hunting device. |
| Deer (muzzleloader) | November 9-14, 2020. | State bag limits apply. | State tagging requirements apply. Use kill code 152 for checking at a check station. When checking a deer online use Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge as the location. |
| Raccoon | Opens the same as statewide season - October 2, October 5-9, 12-22, 26-30, November 2-5, 2020. | State bag limits apply. | Dogs are permitted. Hunting begins at sunset on first day of each hunt and ends at sunrise on last day of each hunt. |
| Turkey (shotgun/archery) | Spring and fall turkey season open during statewide season, including youth hunt. | State bag limits apply. Turkeys taken are counted as part of the statewide bag limit. | Calling or attempting to call turkeys on the refuge is prohibited from March 1 until opening of spring turkey season. |

The Refuge

The Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 568 national wildlife refuges across the country. A primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the management and protection of all species of wildlife. Hunting is one tool used to manage wildlife populations.

General Hunting Regulations

The refuge is open to hunting during specific refuge seasons for the following species only: squirrel, raccoon, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and Canada goose. Hunters may only take coyote and beaver incidental to a **scheduled refuge hunt** for the species **listed in this brochure** with any weapon legal for that particular hunt. No taking of turtles, crawfish or bullfrogs on refuge. Hunting is permitted on various portions of Tennessee 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. Mobility impaired hunters can contact the refuge office for accessible areas.

- Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on the Refuge. Vehicles must remain on Refuge roads that are shown on map and designated as open. Parking must not impede the flow of traffic or block gates. ATV and 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 from or across any road is prohibited.
- Except for raccoon hunting, hunters may access the Refuge two hours before sunrise to two hours after legal sunset.
- Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks, or explosives on a national wildlife refuge is prohibited. Firearms are permitted in accordance with 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.
- Bicycles can be used on refuge hunts but must remain on refuge paved or graveled roads.
- 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, youth hunts, primitive weapons hunt, and muzzleloader hunt.
- Field dressing deer within 50 yards of a public road or trail is prohibited.
- Boats cannot be left on the refuge overnight.
- It is illegal to cut corn stalks, trees or other vegetation on the refuge.

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 may now be obtained from licensing agents through TWRA, online at gooutdoorstennessee.com, or on the TWRA mobile app. Please use code 064 when purchasing a refuge permit through a TWRA licensing agent.**

Youth Hunters

Hunters age of 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 a position to take immediate control of hunting device. Multiple youth may be accompanied by a single qualifying adult.

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 sign marks areas closed to all hunting.

Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge
1371 Wildlife Drive
Springville, TN 38256
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<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/tennessee>

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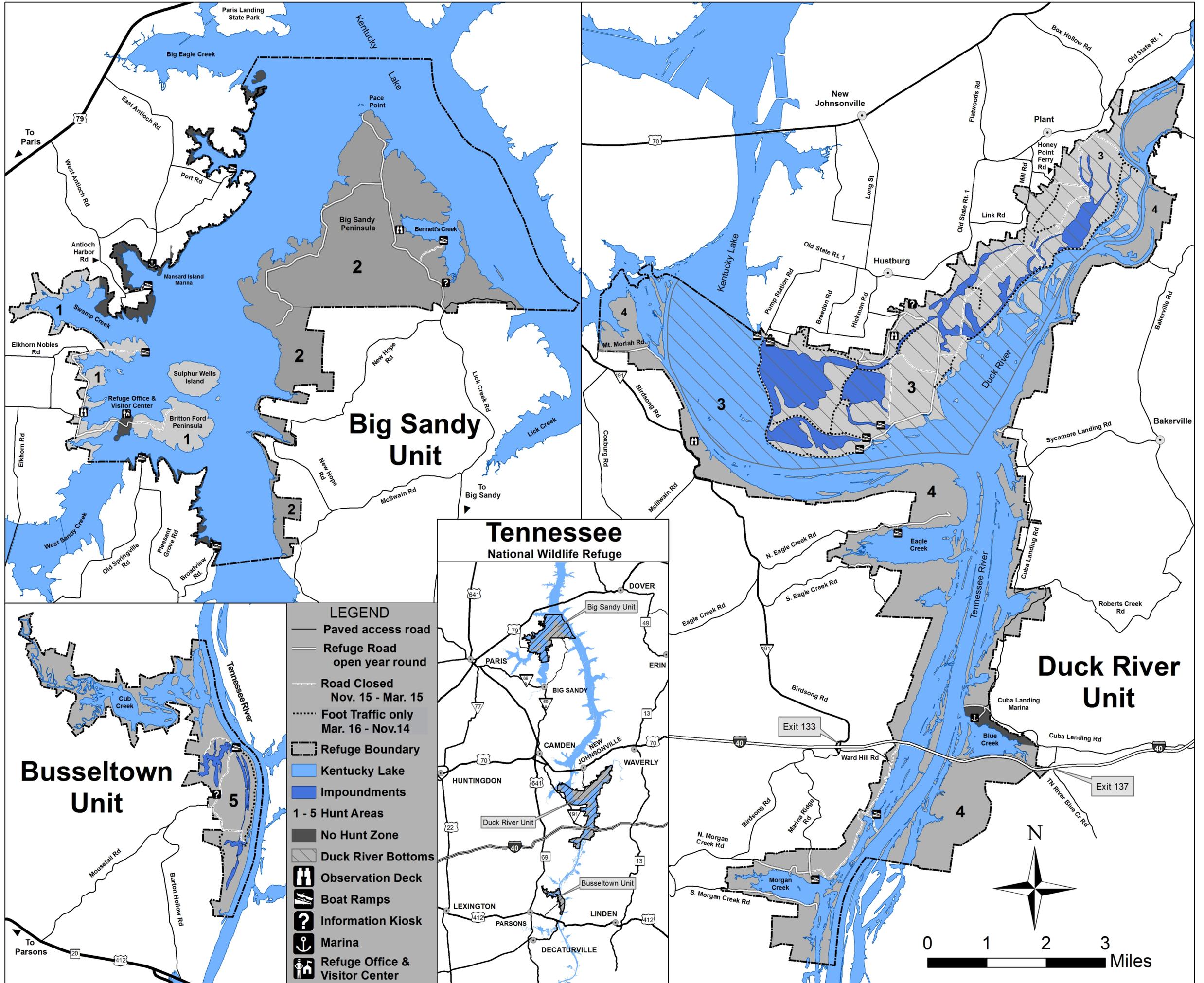
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Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2020-2021



- The Refuge Annual Hunt Permit may be purchased only through TWRA licensing agents using code 064.
- There will be a \$5.00 application fee per hunter charged with each online quota application. There are no refunds for application fees.
- **Hunters are NOT required to shoot a doe first before shooting a buck on refuge quota hunts.**
- When checking a deer into a physical check station, use kill code 152 for the location. When checking a deer online use Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge as the location.
- Quota hunt application deadline is midnight on August 1st.

Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge



LEGEND

- Paved access road
- Refuge Road open year round
- Road Closed Nov. 15 - Mar. 15
- Foot Traffic only Mar. 16 - Nov. 14
- Refuge Boundary
- Kentucky Lake
- Impoundments
- 1 - 5 Hunt Areas**
- No Hunt Zone
- Duck River Bottoms
- Observation Deck
- Boat Ramps
- Information Kiosk
- Marina
- Refuge Office & Visitor Center

