

General Provisions

The Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 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. The hunting of animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations.

General Hunting Regulations

The refuge is open to hunting the following species only: squirrel, raccoon, deer, and turkey. Beaver, and coyote may be taken on a scheduled hunt for other species with any weapon legal for the hunts. No taking of turtles 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 laws and regulations apply.

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, mail in the form at the end of this brochure or come by the Refuge Headquarters at 3006 Dinkins Lane in Paris from 7 - 3:30 Monday - Friday. Enclose \$12.50 and a completed form for each permit requested. The permit fee is non-refundable and the permit is non-transferable.

ATV use on the refuge is prohibited.

Camping and campfires on the refuge are prohibited.

Vehicles must remain on refuge roads that are shown on map and designated open. Horses and mules are prohibited on all refuge hunts.

Boats cannot be left on the refuge overnight. Swimming is not permitted.

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts is prohibited.

Firearms being transported in vehicles must be unloaded and encased or dismantled. Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the priming powder or cap is removed.

All blinds and stands must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt. Portable or temporary blinds or stands permitted only.

Except for raccoon hunting, access on the refuge is 1 1/2 hours before sunrise until 1 1/2 hours after sunset.

All hunters born after January 1, 1969, must have completed a hunter safety course as demonstrated by card or certificate.

Youth Hunters

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

Non-Quota Hunts

Squirrel

Fourth Saturday in August through October. Season closed during weekend quota hunts. State bag limits apply.

Deer/Archery

Fourth Saturday in September through October. Season closed during weekend quota hunts. State bag limits apply. Check deer at nearest check station and make sure Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is noted as “location of kill”. Deer taken are counted as part of the statewide bag limit.

Turkey

State season applies through October. Season closed during weekend quota hunts. State bag limits apply. Calling or attempting to call turkeys on the refuge is prohibited from March 1 until the opening of turkey season. Check turkey at nearest check station and make sure Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is noted as “location of kill”. Turkeys taken on the refuge are part of the statewide bag limit.

Raccoon

Oct. 13, 14, 15 and Oct. 27, 28, 29 only. State bag limits apply.

Quota Hunts

Deer

Note: All refuge quota hunts require an application. See section “How to Apply”. All deer killed on the refuge must be checked into the nearest check station. Make sure Tennessee 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 is prohibited.

How to Apply for Quota Hunts

To apply for a quota hunt you must obtain a separate computer-scanned application form. Mail application form to **Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge, 3006 Dinkins Lane, Paris, TN 38242**. Application forms must be received 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. **A successfully drawn applicant must purchase a Refuge Annual Hunt Permit at a cost of \$12.50.** (See box under General Hunting Regulations). Quota hunt permits are non-transferable.

Preference Points: Each time you apply and are not drawn for a permit, you will receive one preference point. For the deer quota drawing, the computer will search the previous three-year is record and calculate the average preference points for you or your group. Groups and 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.

Application Instructions: 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.**

Applicants can apply alone or as a group. 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. Hunters may be drawn only once for each type of hunt (i.e. archery, youth, firearm).

Application Side 1: To avoid errors only one computer application from each party hunt should have the group’s Hunt Code choices and Hunt Area choices marked.

Hunt Code: Mark only one 1st choice, one 2nd choice, and one 3rd choice.

Hunt Type	Hunt Code	Date	Bag Limit
Pre-Season Archery	A	Sept. 20-21 (Sat.-Sun.)	Two deer either sex
Youth G/A/M	B	Oct. 4-5 (Sat.-Sun.)	Two deer either sex
Firearms G/A/M	C	Oct. 11-12 (Sat.-Sun.)	Two deer (antlerless only)
Firearms G/A/M	D	Oct. 25-26 (Sat.-Sun.)	Two deer (one must be antlerless)

G/A/M - Gun/Archery/Muzzleloader

Example: Hunters applying for a Firearms permit for October 25-26 (Hunt Code D) first choice; Firearms permit for October 11-12 (Hunt Code C) second choice; and Pre-Season Archery permit Sept. 20-21 (Hunt Code A) third choice would indicate their selection as follows:

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Hunt Area: Mark only one 1st choice, one 2nd choice, and one 3rd choice of hunt areas. If all three hunt area choices are full when your group is drawn, you will be assigned to another available area. If you do not have a hunt area preference, leave this section blank and the computer will assign an area. Please see map and table on the back side of the brochure 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!**

To apply for a Quota Hunt you must obtain a blank computer-scanned application form separate or inserted in this brochure. Submission of any persons name more than once for the same type of hunt will result in disqualification.

Refuge Hunt Area	Hunt Area	Permits Available (per quota hunt)
Sulphur Well/Britton Ford	1	35
Big Sandy Peninsula	2	75
Duck River Bottoms	3	100
Duck River Remainder	4	50
Busseltown	5	50

Request Form For Refuge Annual Hunting Permit

To receive your refuge hunting permit, tear off form, fill out all information and send with a check or money order for \$12.50. Make checks payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Name: _____

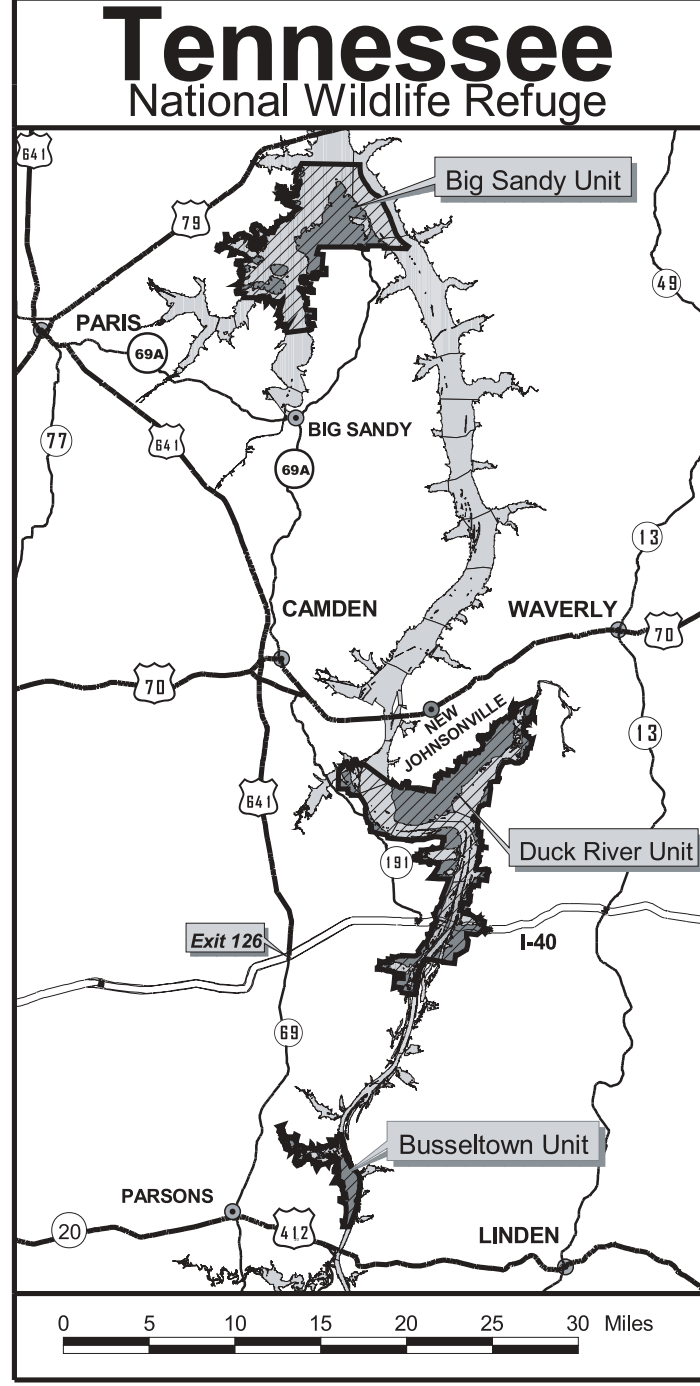
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TWRA ID# _____
(found on state license or by calling 1-888/891 8972)

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Mail this request form to the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge, 3006 Dinkins Lane, Paris, TN 38242. A Refuge Annual Hunting Permit will be mailed back to you. This permit is nontransferable and nonrefundable.



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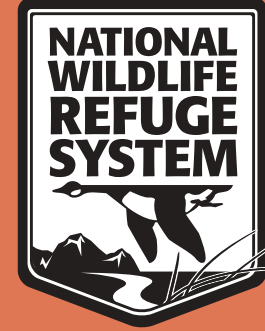
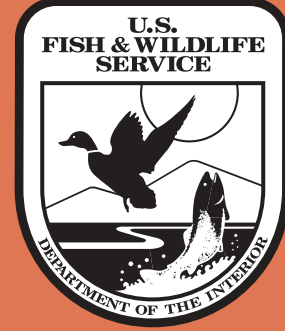
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