

Permits

Each quota or non-quota hunter, age 16 and older, must have on his person a valid State hunting license AND for those age 16 and older, 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, come by the refuge office at 643 Wildlife Road in Dover from 7 am - 3:30 pm Monday through Friday. The permit fee is non-refundable and the permit is non-transferable. This 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 area sporting goods 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.**

2008-2009 Season Dates and Regulations Non-Quota Hunts

All state bag limits, season lengths and weapons regulations apply unless otherwise specified. Game taken on the refuge during non-quota hunts is part of the statewide bag limit. Check game at nearest check station and make sure that Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge is recorded as location of kill. Consult the Refuge Hunting Regulations brochure for additional information.

Quota hunts

Deer

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

Scouting during quota deer hunts and youth hunts is prohibited.

Hunters must wear on the upper portion of body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange during all refuge quota hunts.

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 per season for spring season; statewide bag limit for fall season.	Calling or attempting to call turkeys on the refuge is prohibited from March 16 until 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.	Scouting during quota hunts and youth hunt is not permitted.
Squirrel	Fourth Saturday in August through November 14. Season closed during weekend quota deer hunts and refuge youth hunt. State bag limits apply.	Dogs are permitted.
YOUTH Deer Gun/Archery/ Muzzleloader	October 11 – 12. Bag limit is 3 deer and only one can be antlered. Refuge youth hunt may not coincide with statewide youth hunt. Check state hunt brochure for details.	A Refuge Annual Hunting permit is not required for youth under the age of 16, but it is required for the supervising adult.
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.

Earn a Buck Program

Only during the firearms quota hunts; one antlerless deer must be taken before harvesting an antlered deer. For tagging, see State Regulations.

How to Apply for Quota Hunts

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

Mail the application form to **Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge, 643 Wildlife Road, Dover, TN 37058.** Application forms must be **received, not postmarked,** by August 1. After August 1, the drawing will be conducted by random 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. **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

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 years

records 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.

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.

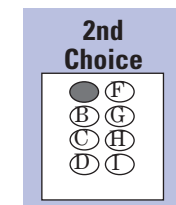
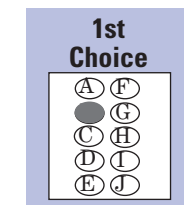
Hunt Type	Hunt Code	Date	Bag Limit (per hunt)
Firearms (G/A/M)	A	Oct. 17-19 (Fri-Sun)	Three deer, only 1 can be antlered; must kill 1 antlerless first
Firearms (G/A/M)	B	Oct. 31-Nov. 2 (Fri-Sun)	Three deer, only 1 can be antlered; must kill 1 antlerless first

G/A/M = Gun/Archery/Muzzleloader

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

Example

Hunters applying for a Firearms permit for October 31 - November 2 (Hunt Code B) first choice; and Firearms permit for October 17-19 (Hunt Code A) second choice would indicate their selection as follows:



Cross Creeks

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2008-2009

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.

General Hunting Regulations

Public hunting is permitted on approximately 6,200 acres during specific refuge seasons for the following species: squirrel, deer, turkey and Canada geese. Beaver and coyote may be taken on a scheduled hunt for other species with any weapon legal for the hunts. Taking of turtles or frogs is not allowed. To ensure hunter safety and continued sport hunting on Cross Creeks, please take the time to become familiar with the regulations in this leaflet. Please see the map that shows closed areas to hunting. These areas will be posted along roadways with No Hunting Zone signs. It is the responsibility of the hunter to remain within the refuge hunt area as shown on the map and as marked on the ground by refuge boundary signs and yellow boundary paint.

The following regulations apply to all refuge hunts. Sportsmen are encouraged to consult the Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for state regulations before hunting on the refuge. All hunting will be in accordance with State and Federal laws. Appropriate Tennessee hunting licenses are required.

Hunt permits may be voided at any time if rules and regulations are not properly followed. All permit holders must produce proper licenses and personal identification upon request.

- ATV use on the refuge is prohibited.
- All vehicles must remain on maintained roads and parked so as not to interfere with other traffic. Vehicle travel around or through a closed gate is prohibited.
- Vehicles must remain on refuge roads shown on the map and designated as open. Horses and mules are prohibited.
- It is unlawful to hunt within 100 yards of a private dwelling and to access the refuge across private land without permission. Shooting across any road is prohibited.

- Camping and campfires on the refuge are prohibited.
- 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 by boat and in vehicles must be unloaded and encased or dismantled. Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the priming powder or cap is removed.
- Only portable blinds are allowed and you must remove all boats and blinds from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.
- Access onto the refuge is allowed 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset.
- All hunters born after January 1, 1969, must have completed a hunter safety course as demonstrated by card or certificate.
- Flagging and trail markers must be removed after each hunt, unless biodegradable.
- 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.
- Field dressing deer within 50 yards of a public road or trail is prohibited.

Youth Hunters

Hunters between the ages of 6 -16 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older who has a refuge hunting permit (and a state hunting license) on his person and who 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 adults may supervise no more than one youth.

Cross Creeks
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<http://www.fws.gov/crosscreeks>

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- Refuge Annual Hunt Permits now sold through TWRA's licensing agents using code 064
- 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.