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# NEW 2010 REGULATIONS

## STATEWIDE

- Several new regulations that limit the sale, use, and collection of live bait are listed in detail on pages 14–15.
- Sport anglers must mark or tag their trotlines, limblines, and jugs with either their name and address or their current TWRA identification number.

## REGION 3

**CANEY FORK RIVER:** Center Hill Dam downstream to Cumberland River, including tributaries

- ♦ **Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout:** creel limit 5 per day in combination.
- ♦ **Rainbow Trout:** 14–20 inches PLR, only one fish over 20 inches may be harvested.
- ♦ **Brook Trout:** 14–20 inches PLR, only one fish over 20 inches may be harvested.
- ♦ **Brown Trout:** 1 per day, 24 inch minimum length limit.

### CORDELL HULL:

- ♦ **Largemouth Bass:** 17–23 inch protected length range (PLR), daily creel is limited to 1 fish over 23 inches, and 2 fish under 17 inches.

### DALE HOLLOW RESERVOIR:

- ♦ **Muskellunge:** creel limit 1 per day, 50 inch minimum size limit.

### FALL CREEK LAKE, FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK:

- ♦ **Black Bass:** 5 per day, no size limit.
- ♦ **Bluegill and Redear Sunfish:** creel limit 20 per day in combination, no size limit.

**FALLING WATER LAKE, BURGESS FALLS SP:** Statewide regulations apply for all species.

## REGION 4

### BOONE RESERVOIR:

- ♦ **Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

### CHEROKEE RESERVOIR:

- ♦ **Paddlefish:** 1 per day. No size limit. Season is open from March 1–15. Fish may not be released when caught during season.

### MELTON HILL RESERVOIR:

- ♦ **Muskellunge:** creel limit 1 per day, 50 inch minimum size limit.
- ♦ **Striped Bass:** Special regulation (32–42 inch PLR, only one fish over 42 may be harvested) includes Clinch River upstream to Highway 61 Bridge at Clinton.

### NORRIS RESERVOIR:

- ♦ **Smallmouth Bass:** 17–22 inch PLR, daily creel is limited to 1 fish over 22 inches, and 1 fish under 17 inches.

### SOUTH HOLSTON RESERVOIR:

- ♦ **Trout:** Season is open year-round.
- ♦ **Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

### WATAUGA RESERVOIR:

- ♦ **Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit



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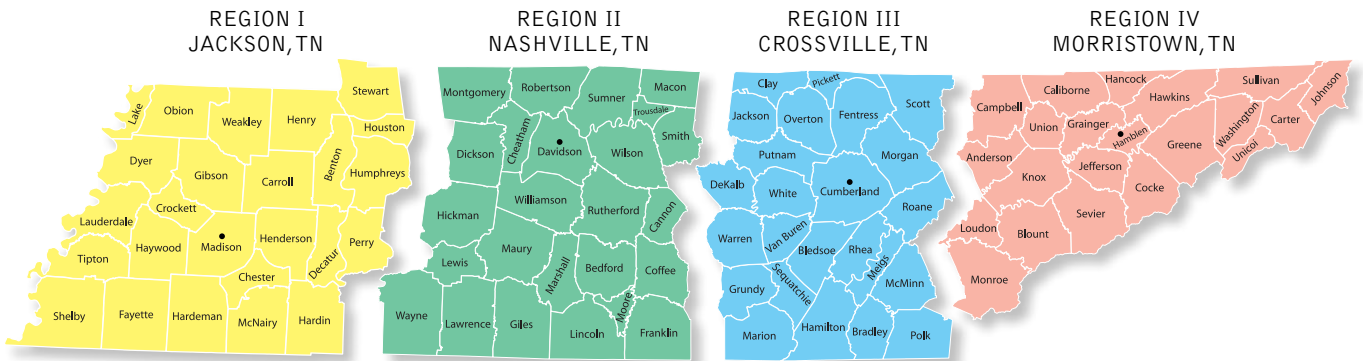
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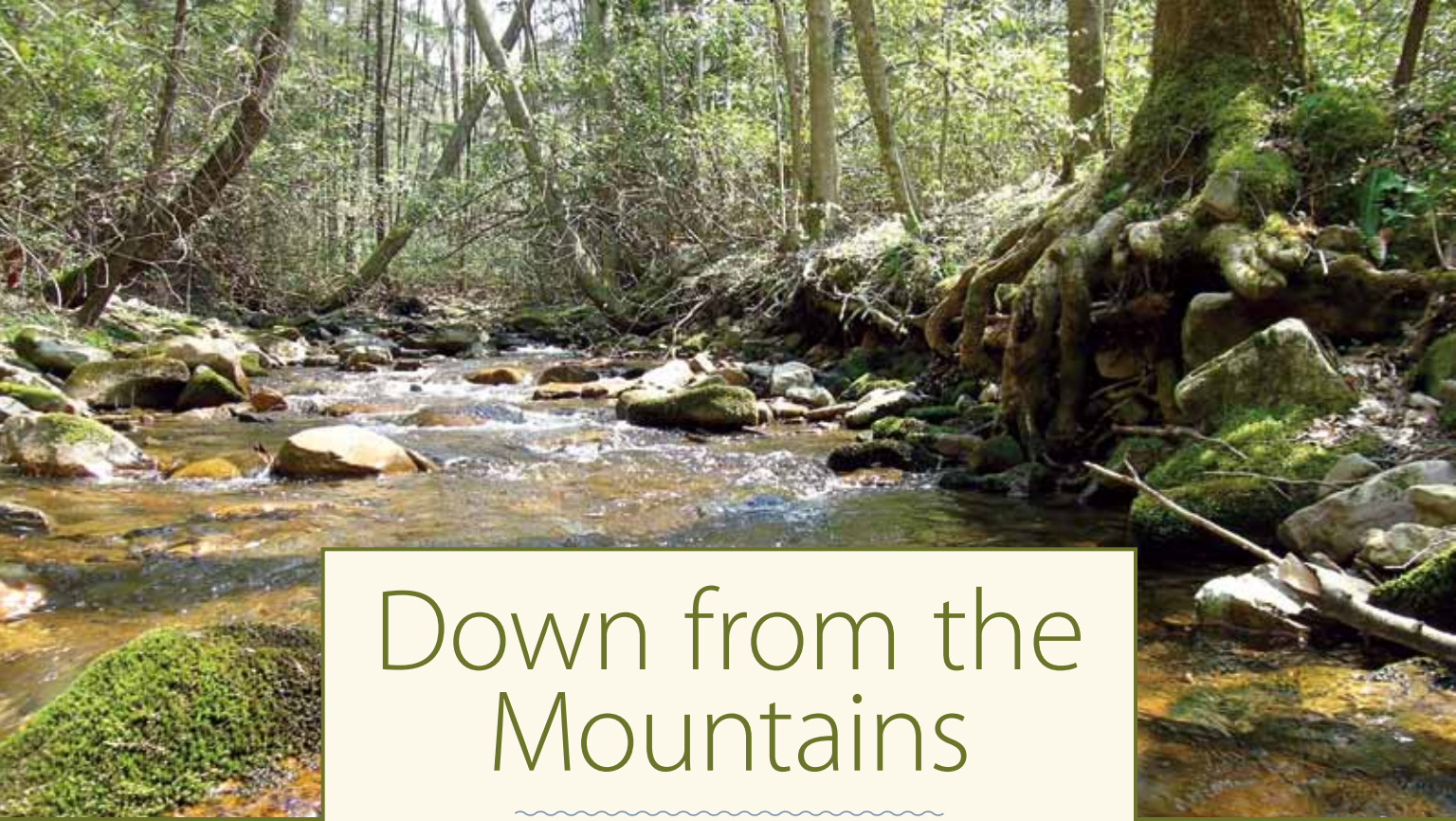
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# Down from the Mountains

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Frank Fiss, Fisheries Biologist

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Tennessee's wild brook trout populations are typically found above elevations of 3,000 feet. Many brookie streams are located in the Cherokee National Forest and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Life is hard in the high country. These streams are low in nutrients and trout food is limited, so growth rates are relatively slow. On top of that, these populations suffer high mortality rates due to drought, flood and famine, so individuals rarely exceed 3 years of age. With slow-growing, short-lived fish, it's not surprising most brook trout caught in mountain streams are between 4 and 7 inches long, and a 10 inch trout is real trophy. Given this knowledge, TWRA biologists set 10 inches as the trophy size for brook trout for the Tennessee Angler Recognition Program (TARP, see page 36–37).

In 1999, TWRA's trout biologists considered the possibility of growing larger brook trout in one of Tennessee's more productive tailwaters where rainbow and brown trout were already thriving. The goal was to have brook trout play a relatively minor role in the fishery, representing the smallest fraction of trout by number. This would prevent overstocking, provide additional diversity, and give anglers another challenge each fishing trip--to catch all three species.

The Watauga River seemed like an ideal place to introduce brook trout because it had plenty of cold water and rocky habitat. However, repeated stockings of brook trout into the Watauga River from 2001 to 2008 produced few brook trout for anglers and even

fewer in TWRA's annual electrofishing surveys. Conse-

quently, TWRA funded a research project with the Tennessee Cooperative Fisheries Research Unit to sort out the problem. The study confirmed that brook trout growth and survival were poor in the Watauga River and that many fish emigrated to tributaries where they perished without providing a fishery. With no apparent solution to the problem TWRA ceased stocking brook trout into the Watauga River in 2009.

There were no brook trout being produced at TWRA hatcheries in 2001, so it was necessary to rely on surplus fingerlings from West Virginia DNR and surplus eggs from the Utah Department of Wildlife Resources. TWRA hatchery drivers made the long haul to WV to obtain the fingerlings, while eggs were shipped in from Utah. Over 500,000 brook trout from these sources were stocked into the Watauga River and by the end of the project, Dale Hollow National Fish Hatchery (DHNFH), in Celina Tennessee was also preparing to rear brook trout.

Following establishment of a supply line (and lack of success in the Watauga River), managers wanted to try brook trout in other tailwater rivers. In May 2007, TWRA's Buffalo Springs Hatchery delivered 100,000 fingerling brook trout from West Virginia to the Clinch River. These 4-inch trout grew very well in this productive river. Some had reached nearly 11 inches by the next electrofishing survey in February 2008, which is as fast as they would grow in a hatchery during that time. The first stockings of brook trout were delivered from DHNFH to the Caney Fork and Obey rivers in April 2008, and results there have been similarly impressive.

Not all tailwater rivers are suitable for brook trout. Some are too warm for brookies, such as the Hiwassee, Holston, and Elk rivers.





A decent mountain brookie.

Managers are very concerned about using brook trout in the South Holston tailwater because it has a phenomenal naturally-reproducing brown trout population, and brook trout, which also spawn in the fall, could disrupt their spawning success. It is unlikely that brook trout will successfully spawn in the Clinch, Caney Fork, or Obey rivers because suitable habitat is not available.

Biologists do not yet know the growth potential for brook trout in our tailwaters. It was not surprising to see them reach 14 inches, as they now have in the Clinch and Caney Fork. The surprise was how fast they did it—just over a year in the Caney Fork. We expect to see even bigger fish caught regularly in 2010 and beyond. Regulations on both the Clinch and Caney Fork rivers protect brook trout between 14 and 20

inches, so these fish have an even better opportunity to grow. Imagine landing a 20 inch brook trout! If you catch a fish in the protected length range you can still apply for a TARP certificate, simply release the fish after you get a photo or witness to document the catch.

It will be easier for many anglers to catch a TARP brook trout in these tailwaters compared to mountain streams. Currently, there have been 105 TARP brook trout awards and only 16 of these were caught in mountain streams. Despite the abundance of bigger brookies in tailwaters, TWRA intends to keep the trophy size at 10 inches. Not all TARP length requirements are designed to be hard to get; some may just require a bit of travel. For brook trout, Tennessee anglers can now come down from the mountains.



A happy angler with a TARP brook trout from the Caney Fork in 2009.

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<b>Gatlinburg Trout—Daily (Type 099)</b> Required for both residents and nonresident ages 13–64 in addition to the appropriate fishing licenses except for nonresidents who purchase the (Type 097) permit. For information on fishing in the Gatlinburg area, contact the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce, 1-800-568-4748 or the Gatlinburg trout facility at 865-436-4558.	<b>\$3.50</b>

## RESIDENT PERMANENT LICENSES

The following licenses are available only by application from the TWRA Sales Office located in Nashville. Applications are available at regional offices and online. A doctor's statement will be required as defined on the application. Licenses are available for a one-time fee and are valid for the rest of the license holder's life. They are not Lifetime Sportsman Licenses. Additional permits may be required. A trout license is not required.

<b>Sport Fishing License for the Blind (Type 197)</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Permanent Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing (Type 189)</b>	<b>\$10</b>
Application must be accompanied by a doctor's statement stating that the applicant is permanently confined to a wheelchair.	
<b>Permanent DAV Hunting and Fishing (Type 198)</b>	<b>\$10</b>
Available to resident veterans certified by the VA as 30 percent disabled by reason of war service or 100% service connected.	
<b>Mentally Challenged (Type 199) SPORT FISH ONLY</b>	<b>\$10</b>
Must be receiving SSI Benefits due to mental retardation.	

## WHO MUST HAVE A TENNESSEE LICENSE?

If you take, or attempt to take fish (including crayfish) by any method or if you assist someone else to do so, you must have a valid fishing license.

### There are some exceptions:

- If you are under 13 years of age (resident or nonresident).
- Landowners, their spouses and children, who fish on their farm land which is owned by an individual or a family. Landowners, their spouses and children must be residents of Tennessee but need not reside on the land.
- Tenants, their spouses and dependent children who fish on farm land owned by an individual or a family. Tenants, their spouses and dependent children must be residents of Tennessee and must actually reside on the land and have permission of the landowner to fish. A tenant is a person who, for money, free rent, or other consideration, cares for farmland. The tenancy must be agricultural in nature.
- Resident grandchildren (under 16) and resident great-grandchildren (under 16) who fish on farm land which is owned by their resident grandparents or great-grandparents.
- First cousins who own farmland jointly or in common may fish on the farmland. Their children may fish as well.
- You are on military leave, carrying a copy of your leave orders. A pass does not meet this requirement.
- You are a resident who was born before March 1, 1926. (To qualify for this exemption, you must carry proof of your age and residency to show to a wildlife officer, if requested.)
- **It's Free Fishing Day!** This year it falls on June 12 (see page 15).
- **It's Free Fishing Week!** All children, ages 15 and younger can fish free between June 12–18 inclusive (see page 15).

**NOTE:** Giving false information to obtain a license is a misdemeanor punishable by fine and loss of license. Licenses are not transferable.

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

**Notice of inspection law:** It is the duty of every person participating in the privileges of taking or possessing wildlife to permit agency officers to ascertain whether the requirements of this title are being faithfully complied with, including the possession of a proper license. It is a violation of law to refuse such inspection or to interfere with an officer attempting such inspection. TCA 70-6-101(b)(1)

## BASIC LAWS AND DEFINITIONS

- Stocking of any fish into public waters is strictly prohibited.
- Explosives, chemicals and electrical shocking devices are strictly forbidden, and their use carries heavy penalties.
- Shooting in the water with any type of firearm to injure or take fish or turtles is prohibited.
- All boaters and passengers must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket within the area designated and appropriately marked as a hazardous area below any dam and/or lock.
- It is illegal to take any fish or turtle that is endangered, threatened or listed as in need of management.
- It is illegal to sell or offer to sell fish or turtles without a commercial fishing license.

**Umbrella rig restriction:** Umbrella rigs are defined as an array of more than 3 artificial lures or baits (with or without hooks) used by a single rod and reel combination. If the hook size is 6 or larger, then only one lure or bait may have a hook and that hook must be a single hook.

**Single hook:** a hook with only one point.

**Bait:** Any living or dead organism, or prepared substance designed to attract fish by taste or odor. For the purpose of this proclamation bait includes, but is not limited to, fish, fish eggs, crayfish, worms, grubs, crickets, corn, cheese, bread, pork rinds, putty or paste-type products, and flavors or scents applied to or impregnated into artificial lures.

**Gigging:** The taking of fish by means of a hand-held pole or spear with a tip consisting of a single, sharpened point or one or more sharpened barbed points. This includes, but is not limited to gear known as the Hawaiian sling.

**Spear gun:** Any device designed to propel a spear through water and is drawn or held by a mechanical device.



## RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

Tennessee has several reciprocal agreements with adjacent states. These agreements have been arranged so that any fishing license from either Tennessee or the corresponding state is valid in the following waters.

### ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI

**Pickwick Lake:** Applies to anyone with a valid Sport Fishing License from Tennessee, Alabama or Mississippi. Resident anglers of the three states may fish without purchasing a nonresident license anywhere within the boundaries covered by the agreement. The reciprocal area includes all impounded water from Pickwick Dam upstream to Tennessee River Mile 224.8 at the mouth of Bear Creek but does not include Bear Creek and does not include that portion of Yellow Creek above the Hwy. 25 Bridge. Sport fishing license holders shall abide by the regulations of the state in whose waters they are fishing.

### ARKANSAS

This state agrees to honor either license on the flowing waters of the Mississippi River, adjacent sloughs, bayous and old river runs, which are accessible by boat from the river proper, and the old river chutes forming a common boundary, excluding all wildlife management areas established by either state and the Wolf, Loosahatchie, Hatchie, Forked Deer and Obion rivers. The following common regulations apply:

- **Black bass:** creel limit 10, no length limit
- **Bream:** creel limit 50, no length limit
- **Catfish:** no creel limit, only one per day over 34 inches
- **Crappie:** creel limit 50, no length limit
- **Striped bass and Hybrid striped bass:** creel limit 6, no length limit
- **Sauger:** creel limit 6, no length limit
- **White bass:** creel limit 30, no length limit

All anglers must follow Arkansas regulations governing creel and size limits, trotlines, and other equipment requirements on Ikes Chute, Hopefield Chute, Mosquito Lake, Mound City Lake, Island 40 Chute and Lake Neark.

### KENTUCKY

**Dale Hollow Lake:** Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized in Wolf River including Illwill Creek, beginning at a line crossing the Wolf River at its mouth where it joins the Obey River. Creel limits and other regulations of the state where the license was issued apply.

**Big South Fork of the Cumberland River:** Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized from Leatherwood Ford Bridge (Hwy. 279) in Tennessee, downstream to the Hwy. 92 bridge at Yamacraw, Kentucky. Creel limits and other regulations of the state where the license was issued apply.

**Kentucky Lake:** Each state will recognize the sport fishing licenses for the other state on the portion of Kentucky Lake south of the Eggners Ferry Bridge (US 68 & Hwy. 80) in Kentucky and north of the Governor Ned McWherter Bridge (US 79 & Hwy. 76) in Tennessee. This includes all embayments and tributaries within this portion of Kentucky Lake except the Blood River embayment. Blood River embayment shall be defined as a straight line between opposite points where the embayment connects to the main body of Kentucky Lake. A sport fishing license holder from either state may fish from the bank or attach legal sport fishing trot or limb lines in this described portion of Kentucky Lake. Sport fishing license holders shall abide by the regulations of the state in whose waters they are fishing. Wildlife enforcement officials in either state shall have the right to inspect the licenses, permits, catches and equipment of any person on this portion of Kentucky Lake subject to the laws of either state.

### MISSOURI

Persons possessing a valid sportfishing license in either state may fish in the Mississippi River and its backwaters within the boundaries of the other state and any oxbow lakes through which the Missouri-Tennessee boundary passes. They may fish from or attach any device or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of the other state. Persons licensed in only one state may not fish in the Mississippi River tributaries of the other state. Anglers must comply with the fishing regulations of the state where they are fishing and when fishing where they are not licensed will comply with the most restrictive state's regulation. Persons legally exempted from license requirements of either state are entitled to these privileges and provisions.

Except where it is shown to be elsewhere, the center of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation channel will be the boundary between Tennessee and Missouri.

### NORTH CAROLINA

Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized in all of *Calderwood Reservoir* while fishing from a boat and in that portion of Slickrock Creek which constitutes the boundary between the two states. (See chart on page 27 for trout regulations on Calderwood Reservoir and Slickrock Creek.)



# LIMITS AND REGULATIONS



## STATEWIDE CREEL AND SIZE LIMITS

The following are the creel and size limits that apply statewide. Several waters have exceptions to these limits. Refer to the pages listed in red at the bottom of this page to see exceptions to the statewide regulations. If you are fishing a location that does not have exceptions listed in this guide, then the statewide limits apply.

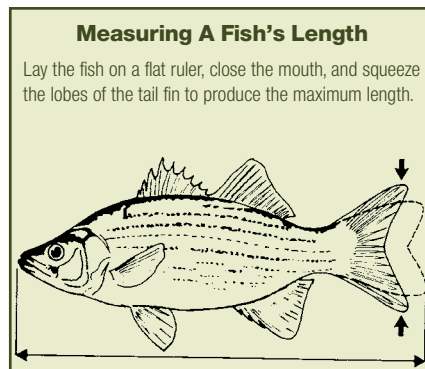
SPECIES	CREEL LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT
<b>Black Bass</b> (includes Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted and Coosa)	5 No more than 5 black bass per day in any combination may be taken.	none
<b>Crappie</b> (all species combined)	15	10 inches
<b>Region 1 Crappie Exception:</b> unless otherwise noted for specific waters.	30	10 inches
<b>Rock Bass or Redeye</b>	20	none
<b>Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass (any combination)</b>	2	15 inches
<b>White Bass</b>	15	none
<b>Muskellunge</b>	1	36 inches
<b>Sauger or Sauger/Walleye hybrids</b>	10	15 inches
<b>Walleye</b>	5	16 inches
<b>Trout</b> (all trout species combined)	7	none
<b>Lake Trout</b>	Only 2 trout may be lake trout.	—
<b>Brook Trout</b>	—	6 inches
<b>Redear Sunfish or Shellcracker</b>	20	none
<b>Yellow Bass, Bluegill, Bream, Bullheads, Pickerel, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, and nongame species</b>	no limit	none

**Catfish:** Only one catfish over 34 inches may be harvested per day. No harvest limit on catfish less than 34 inches.

**Paddlefish:** Paddlefish may be harvested from April 24 through May 31. Daily creel limit is 2 fish per day with no size limit. Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is not allowed. For exceptions on Center Hill and Cherokee reservoirs, see pages 20 and 21.

## EXCEPTIONS TO THE STATEWIDE LIMITS AND OTHER REGULATIONS:

- Streams and Rivers ..... this page
- Small Impoundments..... page 12
- State Park Lakes..... page 13
- TWRA Fishing Lakes ..... page 16
- Reservoirs ..... pages 18–23
- Trout Fisheries..... pages 26–28



**Possession Limits:** The total possession limit is twice the daily creel limit. You may not have more than the daily creel limit with you while afield. It is unlawful to have, while afield, any fish which has been altered so that its species and/or total body length cannot be determined.

**Pole or Rod Limit:** There is no limit on the number of poles, with some exceptions.

## LENGTH LIMITS AND SLOT LIMITS

TWRA's goal is to manage each species of fish with statewide creel and length limits where possible. However, certain waters, because of their unique characteristics, require individual creel and length limits. These regulations improve fishing for all anglers.

**Minimum Length Limits** restrict the harvest of fish below a specified minimum length. For example, a 15-inch minimum length limit allows the angler to keep fish 15 inches or greater. Fish less than 15 inches cannot be harvested. In waters where length restrictions are in place, anglers may not be able to harvest quite as many fish, but they will enjoy catching more fish—as many as two to three times more.

**Slot Limits or Protected Length Ranges (PLRs)** allow anglers to harvest fish above and below a specified length range. For example, a 14–18" PLR protects fish in the 14- to 18-inch length group. Anglers may harvest fish that measure 14 inches or less and they may harvest fish that measure 18 inches or more. For a protected length range to be effective, anglers must harvest fish below the protected range.

## EXCEPTIONS TO STATEWIDE FISHING REGULATIONS ON STREAMS AND RIVERS

ALSO SEE TROUT STREAMS PAGES 26–28

### Buffalo Creek (Grainger County)

Closed to all fishing and minnow seining upstream from the mill dam.

### Caney Fork River (headwaters of Center Hill Reservoir)

Walleye run regulation in effect on the upper end of Center Hill Reservoir, including the Caney Fork River beginning at the boat ramp at Rock Island State Park and extending upstream to Great Falls Dam. Anglers restricted to use of one hook having a single barb or lure containing a single hook with one barb from Jan. 1–Apr. 30. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles may be used.

### Clear Creek (tributary to the Clinch River – Anderson County)

Closed to fishing and minnow seining from Hwy. 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the city of Norris water tower), as posted from Nov. 1–Mar. 31.

# LIMITS AND REGULATIONS

## Clinch River

- Norris Reservoir upstream to Grissom Island: Sauger and Walleye (in combination) — 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit
- Hwy. 25E upstream to state line: 13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

## East Fork of the Obey River (headwaters of Dale Hollow Reservoir)

Walleye run regulation in effect on the East Fork of the Obey River from Compton Boat Ramp upstream to the Hwy. 52 bridge. Anglers restricted to use of one hook having a single barb or lure containing a single hook with one barb from Jan. 1–Apr. 30. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles may be used.

## Forked Deer, Hatchie, Loosahatchie, Obion and Wolf Rivers (includes tributaries)

- Crappie: 30 per day, no length limit

## French Broad River (Hwy. 168 to state line, excluding Douglas Reservoir)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

## Holston River (I-40 bridge upstream to Cherokee Dam and John Sevier Dam upstream to North Fork Holston River)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

## Little River (Rockford Dam upstream to Great Smoky Mountains NP boundary)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

## Little Buffalo River (Laurel Hill WMA)

Closed to fishing during big game hunts.

## Little Pigeon River (from mouth upstream to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary, including the West Prong and East Fork of the Little Pigeon River)

- Smallmouth Bass: 1 per day, 20 inch minimum length limit

## Mississippi River (includes adjacent sloughs, bayous, and all river runs and chutes, that are accessible by boat from the river proper)

- Black Bass: 10 per day, no length limit
- Bream: 50 per day, no length limit
- Catfish: no creel limit, only one per day over 34 inches
- Crappie: 50 per day, no length limit
- Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass: 6 per day, no length limit

- Sauger: 6 per day, no length limit
- White Bass: 30 per day, no length limit

## Nolichucky River (ENKA Dam upstream to state line, includes Davy Crockett Lake)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

## North Fork Holston River (confluence with South Fork Holston River upstream to state line)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

## Pigeon River (from mouth at French Broad River upstream to North Carolina state line)

- Smallmouth Bass: 1 per day, 20 inch minimum length limit

## Powell River (Gap Creek confluence upstream to state line)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

## South Fork Holston River (confluence with North Fork Holston River upstream to Fort Patrick Henry Dam)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

## Stones River (confluence with Cumberland River upstream to J. Percy Priest Dam)

Regulations for Cheatham Reservoir apply (page 18).

## Tellico River (Tellico Reservoir Boundary upstream to state line)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

## Wolf River (South Ford Road Bridge downstream into Dale Hollow Reservoir)

- Smallmouth Bass: 2 per day, 16–21 inch PLR (one under 16 inches and one over 21 inches)

## EXCEPTIONS TO STATEWIDE FISHING REGULATIONS ON SMALL IMPOUNDMENTS

### Allen Branch Pond (Cocke County)

- Catfish: 5 per day, no minimum length

### Beech River Watershed Lakes

- Catfish: 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit
- Crappie: 30 per day

## Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness WMA Ponds

Designated as youth fishing ponds. Fishing is permitted for youths 16 years of age or younger who are accompanied by a non-fishing adult (18 years of age or older). Youths are limited to using one (1) pole or rod while fishing. Fishing is permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

- Bluegill: 10 per day
- Channel Catfish: 5 per day
- Largemouth Bass: catch and release only

## Campbell Lake (Maury County)

Special regulations apply. See regulations posted at the lake.

## Casper Lake (Shelby County)

- Largemouth Bass: 2 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

## Catoosa Wildlife Management Area

All streams and ponds are open from Apr. 1–Dec. 31, except on the dates of managed big game and turkey hunts.

## Davy Crockett Lake (Greene County)

- Crappie: 30 per day, no length limit
- Smallmouth/Largemouth Bass: 5 per day in combination
- Smallmouth Bass: 13–17 inch protected length range, only one over 17 inches
- Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

## Dickson City Lakes (Dickson County)

- Catfish: 5 per day

## Doakes Pond (on Norris Reservoir)

The portion of Norris Reservoir known as Doakes Pond, located adjacent to Hwy. 63 approximately 9 miles NE of LaFollette, is closed to fishing.

## Douglas Reservoir

Henderson Island WMA Rearing Pond is closed to fishing year-round.

## Federal Refuges

Some federal wildlife refuges have closed seasons. For details contact the office of the national wildlife refuge where you wish to fish.

## Gooch Unit E Lake

- Largemouth Bass: 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

## Hiwassee Refuge

Trespassing and fishing are prohibited in embayments and sub-impoundments from Nov. 1–Feb. 28. Boats must remain within the river channel defined by navigational buoys.

## Indian Boundary Lake (Cherokee NF)

- Largemouth Bass: 2 per day, 14 inch minimum length limit
- Catfish: 5 per day
- Crappie: 30 per day, no length limit

# LIMITS AND REGULATIONS

## Kingston Wildlife Refuge

Trespassing and fishing are prohibited in embayments and sub-impoundments from Oct. 15–Feb. 28. Boats must remain within the river channel defined by navigational buoys.

## Lake Kefauver (Madisonville, Monroe County)

- **Bass:** 2 per day, 14 inch minimum length limit
- **Catfish:** 5 per day

## Land Between the Lakes

All waters are open year round with the following provisions:

- Farm ponds are open to fishing unless otherwise posted.
- Bards Lake: Trotlines and limblines are prohibited. Jugs are permitted from Oct. 1–Mar. 21, with a limit of 10 jugs per person.

## New Lake (Lewisburg City Lake)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit
- **Catfish:** 5 per day
- **Crappie:** 15 per day, no length limit

Open one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Only rods and reels and cane poles permitted.

## Paint Rock Refuge (on Watts Bar Reservoir)

Trespassing and fishing are prohibited in embayments and sub-impoundments from Oct. 15–Feb. 1. Boats must remain within the river channel defined by navigational buoys.

## Reelfoot Watershed Lake #18

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

## STATE PARK LAKES

State Park Lakes are managed by the Department of Environment and Conservation (888-867-2757). Unless otherwise posted, statewide fishing regulations apply with the following exceptions:

### Crappie (all species combined):

- All lakes: daily creel limit of 15, no minimum length limit, except:
  - Pin Oak Lake: daily creel limit of 30, no length limit

### Channel or blue catfish or in combination:

- All lakes: daily creel limit of 5 fish

### Black bass from the following lakes must be a minimum of 15 inches:

- Lake Lajoie, Chickasaw State Park
- Lake Placid, Chickasaw State Park

- Byrd Lake, Cumberland Mountain State Park
- Sullivan's Pond, Ft. Pillow State Historic Area
- Indian Mt. "B" Lake, Indian Mountain State Park
- Acorn Lake, Montgomery Bell State Park
- Creech Hollow Lake, Montgomery Bell State Park
- Kelly (Standing Stone) Lake, Standing Stone State Park

### Black bass from:

- Big Ridge Lake, Big Ridge State Park: must be a minimum of 14 inches
- Poplar Tree Lake, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park: 14–18 inch PLR (slot limit)
- Travis McNatt Lake, Big Hill Pond State Park: daily creel limit of 10 bass (no length limit)
- Lake Woodhaven (Montgomery Bell State Park): catch and release only. All black bass caught must be immediately released, unharmed.

### Bluegill and redear sunfish in combination:

- Poplar Tree Lake, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park: daily creel limit of 20 fish
- Fall Creek Lake, Fall Creek Falls State Park: daily creel limit 20 fish

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# LIVE BAIT

## LIVE BAIT REGULATIONS

Bait fish are defined as any fish species that is not listed by proclamation as sport, commercial, endangered, threatened, or in need of management. Under no circumstance shall live fish or crayfish be intentionally released into Tennessee waters away from the waters from which they were harvested. These regulations do not apply to bait that is dead. Dead bait can be sold, transported, and used without restrictions.

For the purposes of this proclamation, a sport angler shall be defined as anyone who attempts to take, kill, injure, capture, or catch any sport fish and every act of assistance thereof. A bait dealer shall be defined as anyone engaged in the business of selling or offering for sale any legal species of live bait fish. All bait dealers must purchase a type 118 (resident) or 116 (nonresident) license annually, and make all necessary reports as required to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The harvest and use of bait fish by commercial fishers shall be regulated in the commercial fishing proclamation.

A licensed sport angler (with all required licenses, permits, and stamps) can harvest game fish (including rainbow trout and sunfish) for use as bait from the wild using legal sport fishing methods. When harvesting game fish, all restrictions in the sport fishing proclamation apply (including creel and length limits, seasons, and license requirements).

## SECTION I—CLASS A Bait Fish

The following species may be 1) harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait; 2) imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by licensed bait dealers and licensed sport anglers; 3) sold in Tennessee by licensed bait dealers. There is no possession limit for Skipjack Herring, Gizzard Shad, Threadfin Shad, Fathead Minnow, and Golden Shiner.

- Skipjack herring  
*Alosa chrysochloris* (Rafinesque)
- Gizzard shad  
*Dorosoma cepedianum* (Lesueur)
- Threadfin shad  
*Dorosoma petenenes* (Guenether)
- Fathead minnow  
*Pimephales promelas* (Rafinesque)
- Golden shiner  
*Notemigonus crysoleucas* (Mitchill)
- Goldfish  
*Carassius auratus* (Linnaeus)
- Sunfishes\*  
*Lepomis* spp. (Rafinesque)
- Rainbow trout\*\*  
*Oncorhynchus mykiss* (Walbaum)

\* All species in the Genus *Lepomis* may be bought and/or sold subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Such fish may be bought and/or sold for bait purposes only.
- (b) Such fish bought and/or sold must not be more than four (4) inches in length.
- (c) Such fish must have been lawfully taken from privately owned lakes and/or ponds.
- (d) Nothing contained herein shall be construed as legalizing the sale of bream taken from any stream or public lake.

\*\* A licensed sport angler may possess rainbow trout 8 inches or less in length without limit for use as bait if purchased from a licensed bait dealer and accompanied by an invoice that was issued by the licensed bait dealer. Such invoices shall be consecutively numbered and must contain the name, license number, and location of the licensed bait dealer, the date of sale or delivery, the number of rainbow trout bought or delivered, and the name and address of the person receiving the rainbow trout. Any person transporting or possessing rainbow trout obtained from a licensed bait dealer for bait must have a copy of this invoice on their person. Rainbow trout larger than 8 inches in length may be purchased by sport anglers and used for bait provided compliance with all sport fishing regulations on the waters being fished (including creel and length limits, seasons, and license requirements).



Skipjack herring

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Gizzard shad

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Threadfin shad

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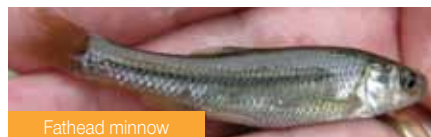
Golden shiner

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Goldfish

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Fathead minnow

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Sunfishes (Bluegill, e.g.)

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Rainbow trout

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Dusky Salamander

## ARE YOU A BASS TOURNAMENT ANGLER?

- ✦ What is the average size bass weighed in for tournaments?
- ✦ How many hours does it take tournament anglers to catch a 5 pound bass?
- ✦ What lake in Tennessee has the highest bass catch rate for tournament anglers?
- ✦ How many bass does the average tournament angler catch?

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# LIVE BAIT

## SECTION II—CLASS B Bait Fish

The following species may be: 1) harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait; 2) imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by licensed sport anglers for use as bait. These species shall not be sold. A licensed sport angler shall possess no more than 100 of each of the bait fish species listed in this section.

Stonerollers

*Campostoma* spp.

Creek Chub

*Semotilus atromaculatus* (Rafinesque)

Bluntnose minnow

*Pimephales notatus* (Rafinesque)

Bullhead minnow

*Pimephales vigilax* (Baird and Girard)



Stoneroller



Creek chub



Bluntnose minnow



Bullhead minnow

## SECTION III—CLASS C Bait Fish

Bait fish that are not listed in Section I or II above and are not listed by proclamation as endangered, threatened, or in need of management may be harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait with the following restrictions: 1) they shall only be used in the water from which they were harvested; 2) they shall not be possessed away from the waters from which they were harvested; 3) they shall not be imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by anyone; 4) they shall not be sold.

## SECTION IV—Amphibians and Crayfish

Dusky salamanders (*Desmognathus fuscus* and *Desmognathus conanti*) and native crayfish species that are not listed by proclamation as endangered, threatened, or in need of management may be harvested without limit by licensed sport anglers for use as bait.

The harvest, use, and possession of crayfish is prohibited in Mill Creek in Davidson and Williamson counties including tributaries and adjacent stream banks.

## SECTION V— Legal Gear for Bait Harvest

Legal gear types for bait harvest are minnow seines, minnow traps, cast nets, shad trawls, and dip nets.

- 1) **Minnow Seine:** A minnow seine consists of a float and lead line to which netting is attached. A minnow seine shall not be longer than 10 feet and the mesh size shall not exceed  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch on the square. Seines must be constantly attended, and may not be fished in a stationary manner.
- 2) **Minnow Traps:** A minnow trap is hereby defined as a device used for the purpose of catching minnows. The mouth opening or openings shall not exceed  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter. All minnow traps shall be clearly and legibly labeled with owners name and address.

3) **Cast Net:** A cast net is defined as a net having a maximum radius of 10 feet and a mesh (square measure) of not less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and not greater than 1 inch on the square.

4) **Shad Trawl:** A shad trawl is one having a mesh size no larger than 1 inch, a hoop diameter no larger than 48 inches, and a net length no larger than 72 inches. Only threadfin or gizzard shad shall be taken with a shad trawl and shad trawling is not allowed within 1,000 yards below any dam.

5) **Dip Net:** A dip net is a net constructed from natural or synthetic fibers, which is attached to a frame that is attached to a pole.

Gear types listed above are legal for licensed sport anglers to harvest bait fish (as defined in first paragraph) and crayfish (provided compliance with Section IV) for personal use.



## FREE FISHING DAY/WEEK

Saturday, June 12, is Free Fishing Day in Tennessee and anyone (resident or non-resident) of any age may fish free without a license in Tennessee's public waters! Even better, if you are 15 years old or younger, you may fish free the entire week, beginning on Free Fishing Day, June 12, and running through the following Friday, June 18.

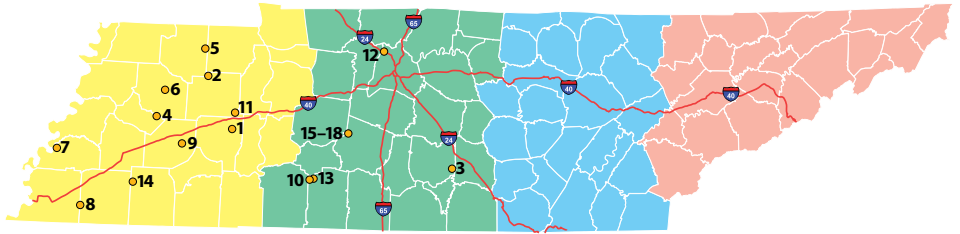
This day and week are annual events in Tennessee and are great opportunities to introduce children to the joys and excitement of a day on the water catching fish! Not only is fishing a great family activity, it helps make us more aware of our natural environment.

Finding a place to fish is easier than ever. Starting in late spring, all you need to do is go to [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) to view the 2010 Kid's Fishing Events. There you will find a variety of activities planned across the state with details as to event locations and times. You can also contact your regional TWRA office to find out what's going on in your area or let them know you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering to help with an event. Anglers and would-be anglers should check the events list often since more fishing rodeos are frequently added. Whatever you do, don't miss the fun!

Free Fishing Day and Week apply to Tennessee's public waters, Agency owned and operated lakes, and state park facilities. Some privately owned pay lakes continue to charge during this special day and week. Please consult with lake operators if you have any questions about the status of a particular facility.

# TWRA FISHING LAKES

**E**ighteen TWRA managed lakes, located in Middle and West Tennessee, are open year-round. Some of these lakes are operated by private concessionaires under contract and offer complete services for the fishing public.



## Hours

The lakes are open to fishing all week. Lakes will open one-half hour before sunrise and close one-half hour after sunset, except Garrett Lake which is open 24 hours a day. Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day the following lakes are closed: Carroll, Gibson Co., Glenn Springs, Herb Parsons, and Lake Graham.

## Permits

A daily lake permit of \$5.00 (available at most lakes), in addition to the regular fishing license, is required to use these lakes, with the exception of Garrett and Whiteville lakes. All residents 16 through 64 years of age, except holders of a Sportsman License and Lifetime Sportsman license, and nonresidents 16 years of age or older must have this permit. Resident anglers 65 years of age and older do not need a lake permit, but do need a fishing license. A \$40.00 Annual Lake Permit may also be purchased at the individual lakes, and is good at all TWRA fishing lakes. **Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake** daily lake permit should be purchased from a license agent in the surrounding area before going to the lake.

**Alcoholic beverages are prohibited** at all Agency lakes.

**Speed boating, personal water craft, water skiing and swimming are prohibited** (except in the recreational zone of Gibson County Lake). Houseboats, sailboats and inboard cruisers are prohibited. On Coy Gaither-Bedford, Marrowbone, VFW, and Williamsport lakes, only trolling motors can be used.

**Boats may be rented** for \$8.00 per day at some lakes. There is no charge for boat cushions or paddles.

## Tackle

Only rods and reels, poles, hand-held lines, and jugs may be used (see page 30 for jug fishing rules at TWRA lakes). Jugging is not allowed on Gibson County Lake. Cast nets, trotlines and limblines are illegal on Agency lakes.

## TWRA FISHING LAKES

### LOCATIONS AND FACILITIES

See more details at [tnwildlife.org](http://tnwildlife.org)

	Licenses sold	Permit required	Rental boats	Outboards permitted	Launching ramp	Fishing piers	Picnic areas	Vending machines	Bait & tackle
1. <b>Brown's Creek Lake</b> (731-423-5725) Henderson Co. 10 miles S of I-40 in the Natchez Trace State Park. (167 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•		
2. <b>Carroll Lake</b> (731-352-3133) Carroll Co. 4 miles E of McKenzie on Hwy 22. (100 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
3. <b>Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake</b> (615-781-6622) Bedford Co. 10 miles SE of Shelbyville on Hwy 269. (47 acres)			•		•	•	•		
4. <b>Davy Crockett Lake</b> (731-784-3889) Crockett Co. 5 miles W of Humboldt on Hwy 152. (87 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•		
5. <b>Garrett Lake</b> (731-423-5725) Weakley Co. 7 miles E of Dresden on Hwy 54. (183 acres)				•	•	•	•		
6. <b>Gibson County Lake</b> (731-855-2990) Gibson Co. 5 miles E of Trenton off of Vaughns Grove Rd. (560 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
7. <b>Glenn Springs Lake</b> (901-835-5253) Tipton Co. 12 miles NE of Millington on Glenn Springs Rd. (310 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
8. <b>Herb Parsons Lake</b> (901-861-5087) Fayette Co. 15 miles N of Collierville on Collierville-Arlington Rd. (177 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
9. <b>Lake Graham</b> (731-422-0950) Madison Co. 9 miles E of Jackson on Cotton Grove Rd. (500 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
10. <b>Laurel Hill Lake</b> (931-762-7200) Lawrence Co. 15 miles W of Lawrenceburg on Hwy 64. (325 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
11. <b>Maples Creek Lake</b> (731-423-5725) Carroll Co. 4 miles N of I-40 in Natchez Trace State Park. (90 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•		
12. <b>Marrowbone Lake</b> (615-876-6012) Davidson Co. 6 miles N of Joelton off of Hwy 41-A. (60 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
13. <b>VFW Lake</b> (931-762-7200) Lawrence Co. 12 miles W of Lawrenceburg off of Hwy 64. (22 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•		
14. <b>Whiteville Lake</b> (731-423-5725) Hardeman Co. 2 miles S of Whiteville on Hwy 64. (158 acres)				•	•	•	•		
15-18. <b>Williamsport Lakes</b> (4 lakes) (931-583-2477) Maury Co. 8.5 miles NW of Columbia on Hwy 50. (164 acres total)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•



## Take it to the bank

Tennessee bank fishing opportunities



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for a list of bank fishing  
locations.

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# TWRA FISHING LAKES

- ◆ Statewide regulations apply for any species not listed.
- ◆ PLR is a Protected Length Range; fish in this length range may not be harvested and only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.

## BROWN'S CREEK LAKE

**Black Bass:** 5 per day, 16–21 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.

**Bluegill:** no creel or length limit

**Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

## CARROLL LAKE

**Black Bass:** 5 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill:** no creel or length limit

**Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

## COY GAITHER-BEDFORD LAKE

**Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 14–18 inch PLR.

Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.

**Bluegill/Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit

## DAVY CROCKETT LAKE

**Black Bass:** 10 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill:** no creel or length limit

**Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

## GARRETT LAKE

**Black Bass:** 5 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill:** no creel or length limit

**Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

## GIBSON COUNTY LAKE

**Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day, 14–20 inch PLR.

Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.

**Bluegill/Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

## GLENN SPRINGS LAKE

**Black Bass:** 10 per day, 14–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.

**Bluegill/Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 8 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

## HERB PARSONS LAKE

**Black Bass:** 10 per day, 14–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.

**Bluegill:** no creel or length limit

**Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

## LAKE GRAHAM

**Black Bass:** 10 per day, 14–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.

**Bluegill:** no creel or length limit

**Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

## LAUREL HILL LAKE

One embayment is for juvenile fishing, only youths 16 and under may fish. Nursery ponds may be closed as posted.

**Largemouth Bass:** 10 per day, 13–18 inch PLR.

Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.

**Bluegill/Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit

## MAPLES CREEK LAKE

**Black Bass:** 5 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill:** no creel or length limit

**Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

## MARROWBONE LAKE

**Black Bass:** 5 per day, 14–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.

**Bluegill:** no creel or length limit

**Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

## VFW LAKE

**Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit

## WHITEVILLE LAKE

**Black Bass:** 5 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill:** no creel or length limit

**Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

## WILLIAMSPORT LAKES (4 LAKES)

Whippoorwill Lake is for juvenile fishing, only youths 16 and under and an accompanying adult may fish. Two wetland ponds, Egret and Heron, are closed to fishing.

**Largemouth Bass:** 1 per day, 20 inch minimum length limit

**Bluegill/Redear:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Blue/Channel Catfish:** 5 per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit



# RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

**F**ull pool elevation is the reservoir/stream boundary for harvest restrictions unless otherwise noted.

Statewide regulations apply for any species not mentioned under each listed reservoir section.

## REGION 1

### BARKLEY

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

### KENTUCKY

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit—this includes all dewatering areas.

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

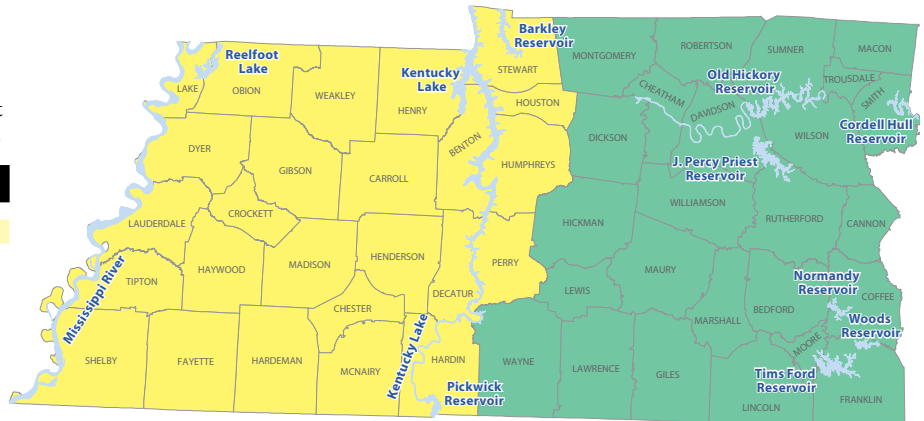
**Sauger:** 10 per day, 14 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Redear Sunfish:** 30 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

## REGION 1



## REGION 2

### PICKWICK

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 9 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

### REELFOOT

Preservation Permit required for lake users except those under 16 years of age and residents 65 years or older. The use of gasoline powered boats is prohibited in TWRA posted areas during April and May.

**Largemouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, no length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

## REGION 2

### BARKLEY LAKE

See Region 1, this page.

### CHEATHAM

Includes Stones River up to J. Percy Priest Dam.

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

### CORDELL HULL

See page 20.

### KENTUCKY LAKE

See Region 1, this page.

### NORMANDY

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

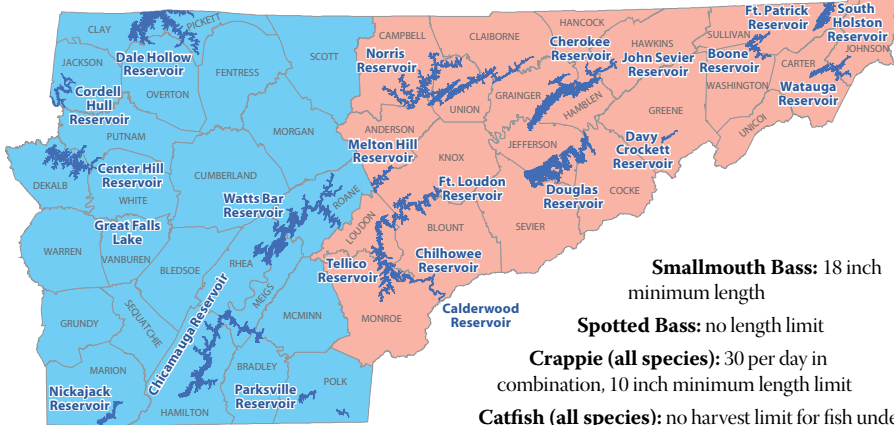
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**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

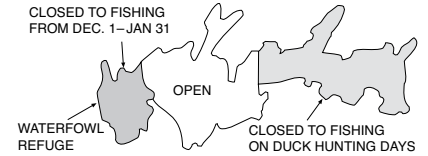
# RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

## REGION 3

## REGION 4



- Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit
- Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit



**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day in combination, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

### OLD HICKORY

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

### PERCY PRIEST

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

### TIMS FORD

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

### WOODS

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth/Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

### WATER RELEASE SCHEDULES FOR DAMS

Water release schedules of TVA and US Army Corps of Engineers dams and observed lake elevations of TVA impoundments can be determined by calling the following number:

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### For lake information on US Army Corps of Engineers impoundments, call:

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Cordell Hull Lake.....	615-735-1050
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# RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

## REGION 3

### CENTER HILL

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** reservoir and its tributaries are closed to taking or possessing paddlefish

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

#### Special Restrictions:

**January 1–April 30:** on Caney Fork River from Rock Island State Park boat ramp upstream to Great Falls Dam, anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point, or one lure with a single hook with one point. No more than three rods and reels or poles per angler may be used.

### CHICKAMAUGA

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination, only one may be a smallmouth bass

**Largemouth bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth bass:** 1 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

### CORDELL HULL

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 17–23 inch PLR, 1 fish over 23 inches, 2 under 17 inches

**Smallmouth bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no minimum length

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 32–42 inch PLR. Only one fish may be over 42 inches.

**Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

### DALE HOLLOW

**All Species:** 3 pole limit per angler from boat and 6 pole limit per angler from bank may be used

**Largemouth/Spotted/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination, only two may be smallmouth bass

**Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 2 per day, 16–21 inch PLR. One fish may be under 16 inches and one may be over 21 inches. Includes Wolf River upstream to South Ford Road bridge.

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 50 inch minimum length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

#### Trout:

**April 1–October 31:** 7 per day but no more than 2 may be lake trout. No length limit.

**November 1–March 31:** 2 per day in combination, 22 inch minimum length limit

#### Special Restrictions:

**January 1–April 30:** on the east fork of the Obey from Compton boat ramp upstream to Hwy. 52 bridge, anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point, or one lure with a

single hook with one point. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles per angler may be used.

### GREAT FALLS

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** no length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

### GUNTERSVILLE

**Largemouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination, no length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 1 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, 9 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

### NICKAJACK

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination, only one may be smallmouth bass

**Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 1 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** From Chickamauga Dam downstream to mouth of South Chickamauga Creek, 15 per day, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

# RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

## PARKSVILLE

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

**Trout:** 7 per day, no length limit

## WATTS BAR

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** April–October: 2 per day in combination. November–March: 2 per day in combination, only one may be a striped bass.

**Striped Bass:**

April–October: 15 inch minimum length limit  
November–March: 36 inch minimum length limit

**Hybrid Striped Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

## REGION 4

### BOONE

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination. This regulation applies from dam upstream to Hwy. 11E Bridge at Bluff City on South Fork Holston arm and upstream to new Austin Springs Bridge on Watauga arm.

**Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:**

April–October: 2 per day in combination  
November–March: 2 per day in combination, only one may be a striped bass

**Striped Bass:**

April–October: 15 inch minimum length limit  
November–March: 36 inch minimum length limit

**Hybrid Striped Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

**Trout:** 7 per day, no length limit

### CALDERWOOD

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** no length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

**Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

**Trout:** 7 per day, no length limit

### CHEROKEE

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination. Size restrictions apply from the

dam upstream to the John Sevier Dam (includes tributaries).

**Largemouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** No harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Walleye:** 5 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit

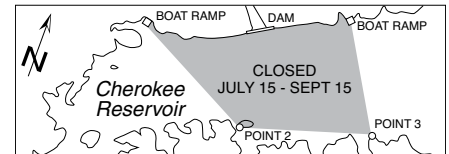
**Sauger:** 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Paddlefish:** 1 per day. Season is open from March 1–15. Fish may not be released when caught during season.

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit



**Special Restrictions:** A closed fishing Zone will be in effect from July 15 through September 15. This Zone is enclosed by lines from the boat ramp at the south end of the dam across the lake to Point 2, from Point 2 to Point 3, and from Point 3 back across the lake to the TWRA boat ramp at the north end of the dam. All bank fishing will be open and the coves along the southeast shoreline will be open to boat fishing, but no fishing for any species will be allowed by boat in the described Zone from July 15 through September 15.

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# RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

## CHILHOWEE

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Walleye/Sauger:** 10 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

**Trout:** 7 per day, no length limit, only two may be lake trout

## DOUGLAS

Restrictions extend from Douglas Dam upstream to the ENKA Dam on the Nolichucky River and the mouth of the Pigeon River on the French Broad. Restrictions on **Walleye** and **Sauger** also include Pigeon and French Broad Rivers upstream to NC state line.

**Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass:** 5 per day in combination, only one may be smallmouth bass

**Largemouth Bass:** no length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 20 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Walleye/Sauger:** 5 per day in combination, includes tributaries.

**Walleye:** 15 inch minimum length limit

**Sauger:** no minimum length limit but only one sauger may be over 16 inches per day

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

## FT. LOUDOUN

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit

**Walleye/Sauger:** 10 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit. Includes tributaries.

**Paddlefish:** 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling, the releasing of harvested fish, is prohibited.*

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

## FT. PATRICK HENRY

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination.

**Largemouth Bass:** no length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

**Trout:** 7 per day, no length limit

## JOHN SEVIER

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** no length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 13–17 inch protected length range, only one Smallmouth bass over 17 inches per day

**Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

**Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit

**Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit

## MELTON HILL

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination

**Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit

**Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit

**Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no minimum length limit

**Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

**Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day in combination, including Clinch River upstream to Highway 61 bridge in Clinton.

**Striped Bass:** 32–42 inch PLR; only one fish may be over 42 inches

**Hybrid Striped Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

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# RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

- White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit
- Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit
- Walleye/Sauger:** 10 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit
- Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 50 inch minimum length limit
- Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit
- Trout:** 7 per day, no length limit

## NORRIS

Includes tributaries and extends from the dam upstream to the Hwy. 25E bridge on the Clinch River arm and upstream to Gap Creek on the Powell River arm.

- Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination
- Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit
- Smallmouth Bass:** 2 per day, 17–22 inch PLR. One fish may be under 17 inches and one fish may be over 22 inches.
- Spotted Bass:** no creel or length limit
- Crappie (all species):** 10 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit
- Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day
- Striped Bass:**
  - April–October:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit
  - November–March:** 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit
- White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit
- Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit
- Walleye/Sauger:** 5 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit (upstream to Grissom Island on the Clinch River)

- Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit
- Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** 30 per day, no length limit

## SOUTH HOLSTON

- Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination
- Largemouth Bass:** no length limit
- Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit
- Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit
- Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit
- Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day
- White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit
- Walleye:** 5 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit. Includes tributaries.
- Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit
- Trout:** 7 per day, only two may be Lake Trout.

## TELLICO

- Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination
- Largemouth Bass:** 14 inch minimum length limit
- Smallmouth Bass:** 18 inch minimum length limit
- Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit
- Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit
- Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

- Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit
- White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit
- Yellow Bass:** no creel or length limit
- Walleye/Sauger:** 10 per day in combination but no more than 5 may be walleye. 15 inch minimum length limit. One walleye may be 24 inches or larger. Includes tributaries.
- Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit
- Trout:** 7 per day, no length limit

## WATAUGA

- Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination
- Largemouth Bass:** 12 inch minimum length limit
- Smallmouth Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit
- Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit
- Crappie (all species):** 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit
- Catfish (all species):** no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day
- White Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit
- Walleye:** 5 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit. Walleye run regulation from Jan. 1–Apr. 30, anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point or one lure having no more than one hook with a single point (artificial or bait) on the following waters: Elk River from the Hwy. 321 Bridge downstream to RM 3.0 (Pt. 11) on the Elk River Arm of Watauga Reservoir, Doe Creek (Old Cabin Private Road downstream to Roan Creek), Roan Creek (Mountain Lake Estates Bridge downstream to Doe Creek), and Watauga River (NC line downstream to the end of Cowntown Road).
- Rock Bass:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day, no length limit
- Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:** no creel or length limit
- Trout:** 7 per day, no length limit, only two may be lake trout

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## ► Protect Tennessee Waters

### ► PREVENT THE SPREAD OF UNWANTED SPECIES BY FOLLOWING THESE RULES AND PRACTICES:

- Do not stock fish. Only TWRA can legally stock a public water body. This includes public reservoirs and all moving waters such as streams, rivers and small creeks, regardless of who owns the land.
- Do not move any aquatic species or even water from one body of water to another.
- Never release live bait of any kind into the water.
- Do not dump your aquarium water and fish into Tennessee waters or storm drains. This can release numerous non-native pathogens and parasites into our state waters.
- Clean your gear when you move from one water body to another. A small piece of weed, algae, or a tiny organism can easily hitchhike on your gear.

### ► HOW TO CLEAN YOUR GEAR

#### Boaters

- 1 Drain all bilge and livewells before you leave the parking lot.
- 2 Remove any plants or debris that are attached to your boat or trailer.
- 3 Clean everything that comes in contact with water—surfaces of boat, anchor, trailer, nets, etc.—with 5% dishwashing detergent.
- 4 Make sure everything stays dry for at least two days.
- 5 For alternative cleaning methods, check out this website: [www.protectyourwaters.net](http://www.protectyourwaters.net)

#### Stream Anglers

Dirty wading boots are the most common and preventable way tiny plants and organisms move from one watershed to the next. It is critical that you clean your boots between trips to different waters.

Rinse off your boots as you leave the river, scrub them clean at your house, then do one of the following:

- 1 Allow them to dry and keep them dry for an additional 2 days, or
- 2 Soak boots in hot water (110–120°F) with a 2% solution of dishwashing liquid for 30 minutes, or
- 3 Freeze them solid.

If you are fishing new waters often it might be practical to rotate between two sets of boots, this way you always have one pair clean. If you have a regular fishing location, dedicate one pair to use in that waterbody.



*Orconectes juvenilis*, an exotic species of crayfish, is becoming common in East Tennessee streams. The new live bait regulations (pages 14–15) were developed to prevent the spread of this exotic species and to protect native crayfish.

## X BANNED IN TENNESSEE

It is unlawful to possess or transport live specimens of the following animals:

- X Silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*)
- X Bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*)
- X Black carp (*Hypophthalmichthys piceus*)
- X Blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*)
- X New Zealand mud snail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)
- X Round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*)
- X Rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*)
- X Ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernua*)
- X Snakeheads (all members of the Family Channidae)
- X Swamp eels (all members of the Family Synbranchidae)
- X Zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*)

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT WITH A TWRA LICENSE PLATE!

Money from the sale of specialty plates is available to the TWRA to fund wildlife habitat protection and enhancement programs, provide public hunting and fishing access, support law enforcement efforts, and improve youth education projects.



TWRA's smallmouth bass license plate is available at county clerk's offices throughout the state. This plate features a smallmouth bass created by renowned wildlife artist Al Agnew from a print titled "Sunlight on Bronze."

As with other specialty license plates, such as the ones mentioned above, the new smallmouth bass plate will cost \$35.00 above the regular cost of registering a vehicle.

## Tennessee's Lake Sturgeon Project

Lake sturgeon are a primitive species that can grow to eight feet in length, weigh up to 300 pounds, and live 150 years. Since 2000, over 70,000 lake sturgeon have been stocked into the French Broad and Holston rivers near Knoxville and the



Cumberland River near Nashville. These stocking efforts are part of a long-term program designed to restore reproducing populations of this primitive species to Tennessee waters. This species is known to travel long distances, so it is very likely that anglers could catch lake sturgeon in waters of the state other than where they were stocked. Angler reports are important to TWRA because they provide important movement and growth information needed to monitor the success of Tennessee's lake sturgeon reintroduction program.

If you catch a lake sturgeon, please be as careful as possible not to harm the fish—avoid holding lake sturgeon by their tails and remember that fish cannot breathe while they are out of the water. Lake sturgeon are endangered in Tennessee and should be released immediately. If possible, note an approximate length before the fish is released. Additionally, TWRA would appreciate a picture of your lake sturgeon catch if you can take one without harming the fish.

In appreciation of your report, TWRA will issue you a numbered Lake Sturgeon Certificate (above) that features a color reproduction of a lake sturgeon drawn by renowned wildlife artist Joseph R. Tomelleri. If you catch a lake sturgeon please call the toll free number for your regional office (see page 4 of this fishing guide) or the Fish Management Division at (615) 781-6575. You will be asked to provide your name, address, and phone number and the following information about your catch: when and where you caught it, an approximate length, and what you were using for bait.

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# TROUT REGULATIONS



## STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

Any combination of trout species:

**Daily Limit** ..... 7

**Minimum Length** ..... None

Exceptions:

- Only 2 trout in a creel may be lake trout
- Brook trout—6 inch min. length limit
- See the following specific regulations

## SPECIAL TROUT REGULATIONS

### Dale Hollow Reservoir

- ◆ **Apr. 1–Oct. 31:** 7 per day (no more than 2 may be Lake Trout). No length limit.
- ◆ **Nov. 1–Mar. 31:** 2 per day (in any combination). 22 inch minimum length limit.

### Caney Fork River (Center Hill Dam to Cumberland River, including tributaries)

- ◆ Total daily creel of all trout (rainbow, brown and brook) in combination is 5 fish
- ◆ **Rainbow Trout:** 5 per day, 14–20 inch protected length range, only one fish over 20 inches may be harvested
- ◆ **Brook Trout:** 5 per day, 14–20 inch protected length range, only one fish over 20 inches may be harvested
- ◆ **Brown Trout:** 1 per day, 24 inch minimum length limit

### Clinch River (Norris Dam, downstream to Hwy. 61 bridge, including tributaries)

- ◆ 14–20 inch protected length range on all trout
- ◆ 7 trout creel limit, only one trout may be greater than 20 inches

### Clear Creek (tributary to Clinch River—Anderson Co.)

- ◆ Closed to fishing and minnow seining from Hwy. 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the city of Norris water tower), as posted from Nov. 1–Mar. 31.

### Hiwassee River

Apalachia Powerhouse downstream to USFS Big Bend Parking Area:

- ◆ 14 inch minimum length limit on brown trout
- ◆ Only 2 trout in daily creel limit may be brown trout

Quality Trout Fishing Area—USFS Big Bend Parking Area downstream to L&N railroad bridge:

- ◆ Daily creel and possession limit is 2 trout
- ◆ 14 inch minimum length limit
- ◆ Use or possession of any bait is prohibited
- ◆ Trout less than 14 inches may not be in possession

### South Holston River (South Holston Dam to Hwy. 37 Bridge at Bluff City)

- ◆ 16–22 inch protected length range on all trout
- ◆ 7 trout creel limit, only one trout may be greater than 22 inches
- ◆ Closed to all fishing Nov. 1–Jan. 31 in the following areas:
  - 1) Hickory Tree Bridge upstream to the confluence with Bottom Creek
  - 2) downstream point of Boy's Island (first island downstream of Weaver Pike Bridge) upstream to the top of the first island above Webb Road Bridge

### Watauga River (Quality Trout Fishing Area Smallings bridge downstream to CSX railroad bridges)

- ◆ 14 inch minimum length limit
- ◆ 2 trout creel limit
- ◆ Use or possession of any bait is prohibited.
- ◆ Trout less than 14 inches may not be in possession

### Polk County (Big Creek, Big Lost Creek, Goforth Creek, Spring Creek, and their tributaries in Polk County)

- ◆ Closed to fishing on Fridays from Mar. 1–Jul. 1 except for state and federal holidays
- ◆ Only one single hook lure or baited single hook is permitted
- ◆ The use or possession of lures or baits with multiple hooks is prohibited
- ◆ Fishing is permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
- ◆ Fishing equipment or tackle is prohibited on the stream banks except during legal fishing hours

### Horse Creek (Greene County, US Forest Service Boundary Line upstream to the junction of Squibb Creek)

- ◆ Daily limit: 7 per day except from May 1–Sep. 30 daily limit is 2. Fishing is limited to ages 12 and under, ages 65 and older, and physically challenged individuals.

## DELAYED HARVEST AREAS

In the areas listed below, the harvest or possession of trout will be prohibited during the catch-and-release season. During the catch-and-release season, only artificial lures are permitted and the use or possession of bait is prohibited.

### Paint Creek (Paint Creek Campground downstream to mouth at French Broad River)

- ◆ Catch-and-release season is October 1 through February 28

### Tellico River (Mouth of Turkey Creek upstream to the mouth of North River):

- ◆ Catch-and-release season is October 1 through March 14

## GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Most of the streams in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park provide trout fishing opportunities. For detailed fishing information and regulations, contact: Park Headquarters, Gatlinburg, TN 37738; phone (865) 436-1200.

## FORT CAMPBELL MILITARY RESERVATION

Several streams on Fort Campbell Military Reservation including Noah's Spring Branch, Little West Fork and Fletcher's Fork are stocked with rainbow and brown trout. Special fishing regulations apply and a Post Fishing Permit is required in addition to a valid Tennessee fishing license and trout stamp. For details, contact the Community Recreation Division, Hunting and Fishing Unit, Fort Campbell, KY 42223-5000; phone (270) 798-2175.

## WINTER TROUT PROGRAM

Several waters are stocked with rainbow trout from December through March. Statewide regulations apply. Schedules are posted on [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) in November.

## TAILWATER TROUT

TWRA stocks fingerling and adult trout into coldwater tailwaters below dams to provide fishing opportunities. In many tailwaters trout fishing can be good year-round. Catchable size fish are stocked routinely during the following months. Use caution below dams. Call TVA at 1-800-238-2264 to check dam discharge and generation schedules.

RIVER	BELOW	TROUT SPECIES	STOCKING SCHEDULE
Elk River	Tims Ford Dam	rainbow and brown	March through November
Duck River	Normandy Dam	rainbow and brown	November through June
Caney Fork River	Center Hill Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	March through December
Stones River	J. Percy Priest Dam	rainbow	December through March (Trout fishing is only productive during the stocked period.)
Obey River	Dale Hollow Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	January through December
Hiwassee River	Appalachian Dam	rainbow and brown	January through December
Ocoee River	Ocoee Dam #1—Parksville	rainbow	March and April
Clinch River	Norris Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	March through September
S. Holston River	S. Holston Dam	rainbow	March through September
Watauga River	Wilbur Dam	rainbow and brown	March through September
Wilbur Reservoir	Watauga Dam	rainbow	February through June
Holston River	Cherokee Dam	rainbow and brown	November through April
S. Holston River	Fort Patrick Henry Dam	rainbow and brown	March and April

# TROUT REGULATIONS

## GATLINBURG TROUT FISHING

TWRA and the City of Gatlinburg offer a variety of trout fishing opportunities in four streams. All streams are closed on Thursday each week and a Gatlinburg permit is required (page 9). Some areas are managed especially for children 12 and under. For more information contact the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce, (800)568-4748 or the Gatlinburg trout facility at (865)436-4558.

The taking of trout using a Gatlinburg Permit is allowed only within the designated streams, designated times, and under the restrictions listed in the following paragraphs.

### General Streams

- ◆ West Prong Little Pigeon River from Park Boundary to Gnatty Branch except those sections set aside as Children's Streams.
- ◆ Dudley Creek from Park Boundary to West Prong Little Pigeon River, except those sections set aside as Children's Streams.

- ◆ Roaring Fork from the Park Boundary to West Prong Little Pigeon River.
- ◆ Leconte Creek from Painter Branch to West Prong Little Pigeon River.

### Children's Streams (May only be fished by children 12 and under, unless otherwise posted.)

- ◆ Leconte Creek from Painters Branch upstream to Park Boundary.
- ◆ West Prong Little Pigeon River from 100 yards above entrance of Herbert Holt Park downstream to Gatlinburg By-pass Bridge.
- ◆ Dudley Creek from Highway 441 Bridge to West Prong Little Pigeon River.

Fishing permitted year-round, except on Thursday, from ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset. Fishing is permitted with one hand-held rod and single hook only.

### Season and Creel Limits

#### From December 1 through March 31:

- ◆ Possession of any trout shall be prohibited.

- ◆ All trout caught must be immediately returned to the water.

- ◆ Use or possession of bait is prohibited. Use or possession of any artificial lures other than single hook artificial flies, spinners, and spoons is prohibited. The use of one dropper fly having a single hook which is separated from a legal lure by a length of line is permissible.

#### From April 1 through November 30:

- ◆ **General Streams:** The creel limit is five (5) trout per day. Bait and artificial lures permitted.
- ◆ **Children's Streams:** The creel limit is two (2) per day.
- ◆ Total possession limit shall not exceed twice the daily creel limit.
- ◆ While fishing or when afield, possession of more than the daily creel limit shall be prohibited, regardless of whether the trout are fresh, stored in an ice chest, in a vehicle, or otherwise preserved.

## TROUT REGULATIONS ON CHEROKEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

### NAME OF TROUT STREAM

Only one rod or pole permitted per angler on the waters listed below except Calderwood.

NAME OF TROUT STREAM	TELLICO-CITICO DAILY PERMIT REQUIRED	CLOSED THU/FRI EXCEPT STATE & FEDERAL HOLIDAYS	CREEL LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT	HOURS OPEN	GEAR/TACKLE ALLOWED
<b>TELLICO RIVER</b> upstream from Turkey Creek to NC state line*	3/15 – 9/15	3/15 – 9/15	7	6" Brook, No size limit on Rainbow or Brown	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset	All
<b>CITICO CREEK</b> upstream from Little Citico Creek*	3/15 – 9/15	3/15 – 9/15	7			All
<b>GREEN COVE POND</b> Fishing limited to handicapped** individuals, children under age 13, and adults 65 years of age and older.	Year-round	Year-round	7			All (No minnows)
<b>NORTH RIVER</b> and tributaries	No	No	3	6" Brook, 9" Brown and Rainbow	One single-hook artificial lures and flies are permitted. Use or possession of multiple hook lures, or bait is prohibited.	
<b>BALD RIVER</b> and tributaries	No	No	3			
<b>NORTH FORK CITICO CREEK</b> and tributaries	No	No	3			
<b>SOUTH FORK CITICO CREEK</b> and tributaries	No	No	3			
<b>LAUREL FORK</b> and tributaries beginning at cable crossing ½ mile upstream from Dennis Cove Recreation Area and extending upstream	No	No	3			
<b>GEE CREEK</b> and tributaries in Polk County	No	No	3			
<b>WOLF CREEK</b> and tributaries in Polk County	No	No	3			
<b>BEAVERDAM CREEK</b> and tributaries from its confluence with Birch Branch downstream to Tank Hollow Road (USFS Rd. 300)	No	No	3			
<b>PAINT CREEK</b> and tributaries in Greene Co. from USFS campground upstream to US Forest Service boundary line south of Hwy 70 near Munday Gap	No	No	3			
<b>ROCKY FORK</b> and tributaries	No	No	7 trout, only 3 Brook trout			6" Brook, No size limit on Rainbow or Brown
<b>HIGGINS CREEK</b> and tributaries	No	No				
<b>SQUIBB CREEK</b>	No	No				
<b>SARVIS COVE</b>	No	No				
<b>DRY CREEK</b> and tributaries (Greene Co.) upstream from US Forest Service boundary	No	No				
<b>SYCAMORE CREEK</b> and tributaries	No	No				
<b>ROUGH RIDGE CREEK</b> and tributaries	No	No				
<b>LITTLE JACOB CREEK</b> (Sullivan Co.)	No	No				
<b>LEFT PRONG HAMPTON CREEK</b> (Carter Co.)	No	No				
<b>SLICKROCK CREEK</b> that portion which constitutes boundary between NC and TN	No	No		4	All trout 7"	
<b>CALDERWOOD RESERVOIR</b> (limblines and trotlines prohibited)	No	No	7	None	24 hrs.	All
<b>ALL OTHER STREAMS IN CHEROKEE WMA</b> (not listed above)	No	No	7	Gen. Reg.	24 hrs.	All

\* The possession of fishing equipment and/or tackle is prohibited on stream banks except during legal fishing hours.

\*\* Handicap – Any person who is mentally or physically impaired (including blindness) because of injury or disease, congenital or acquired, which permanently renders him/her so severely disabled as to be unable to move without aid of crutches or a wheelchair, or a person who has 80% permanent impairment of a hand or arm as determined by a physician using standards outlined in the "Guide to Evaluation of Permanent Rating," published by the AMA or other accepted rating system.



# CONTAMINANTS IN FISH

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Division of Water Pollution Control issues advisories for the consumption of fish from certain Tennessee waters. The following information is subject to change and was copied from TDEC's site. Concerned individuals should visit TDEC's site for more information about these advisories, bacteriological advisories, and tips on how to reduce risks from contaminated fish.

For specific information regarding aquatic contaminants or affected waters, contact:

TDEC's Water Pollution Control Office  
(615) 532-0699

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/publications/advisories.pdf>

FISH TISSUE ADVISORIES (April 2007. This list is subject to revision.)				
STREAM	COUNTY	PORTION	POLLUTANT	COMMENTS
<b>West Tennessee</b>				
Beech Reservoir	Henderson	Entirety (877 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Loosahatchie River	Shelby	Hwy 14, Austin Peay Highway (Mile 0.0 – 17.0)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
McKellar Lake	Shelby	Entirety (13 miles)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
Mississippi River	Shelby	MS state line to just downstream of Meeman-Shelby State Park (31 miles)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish. Commercial fishing prohibited by TWRA.
North Fork Forked Deer River	Dyer, Gibson	From mouth of the Middle Fork Forked Deer River (Mile 17.6) upstream to State Highway 188 (Mile 23.6)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Nonconnah Creek	Shelby	From mouth to Kansas Street (Mile 0.0 – 1.8)	Chlordane, other Organics	Do not eat the fish. Advisory ends at Horn Lake Road bridge.
Wolf River	Shelby	From mouth to Germantown Road (Mile 0.0 – 18.9)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
<b>Middle Tennessee</b>				
Buffalo River	Humphreys, Perry	From mouth upstream to Highway 438 (Mile 31.6)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for smallmouth bass.*
Duck River	Humphreys, Hickman	From mouth of Buffalo River (Mile 15.8) upstream to Interstate 40 (Mile 31.8)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass.*
Woods Reservoir	Franklin	Entirety (3,908 acres)	PCBs	Catfish should not be eaten.
<b>East Tennessee</b>				
Boone Reservoir	Sullivan, Washington	Entirety (4,400 acres)	PCBs, Chlordane	Precautionary advisory for carp and catfish.*
Chattanooga Creek	Hamilton	From mouth to GA State line (11.9 miles)	PCBs, Chlorade	Fish should not be eaten. Also, avoid contact with water.
East Fork of Poplar Creek and Poplar Creek Embayment	Anderson, Roane	From mouth to New Hope Pond (Mile 0.0 – 15.0)	Mercury, PCBs	Fish should not be eaten. Also, avoid contact with water.
Emory River	Roane, Morgan	From Hwy 27 near Harriman (Mile 12.4) upstream to Camp Austin Road Bridge (Mile 21.8)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for all fish.*
Fort Loudoun Reservoir	Loudon, Blount	Entirety (14,600 acres)	PCBs Mercury (upper portion only)	Commercial fishing for catfish prohibited by TWRA. No catfish or largemouth bass over two pounds should be eaten. Do not eat largemouth bass from the Little River embayment. Due to mercury, precautionary advisory for any sized largemouth bass from Highway 129 to the confluence of Holston and French Broad rivers (534 acres).*
French Broad River	Cocke	From Rankin Bridge (Mile 71.4) to Hwy 321 near Newport (Mile 77.5)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Hiwassee River	Meigs, McMinn, Bradley	From Hwy 58 (Mile 7.4) upstream to the railroad bridge just upstream of U.S. Hwy 11 (Mile 18.9)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Holston River	Sullivan, Hawkins	From the mouth of Poor Valley Creek embayment (Mile 89.0) upstream to confluence of the North and South Forks of the Holston near Kingsport (Mile 142.3)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for all fish.*
Melton Hill Reservoir	Knox, Anderson	Entirety (5,690 acres)	PCBs	Catfish should not be eaten.
Nickjack Reservoir	Hamilton, Marion	Entirety (10,370 acres)	PCBs	Precautionary advisory for catfish.*
Norris Reservoir	Campbell, Anderson, Union, Claiborne, Grainger	Clinch River portion (Powell River embayment not included in advisory) (15,213 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass, striped bass, smallmouth bass, and sauger.*
North Fork Holston River	Sullivan, Hawkins	VA Stateline (Mile 0.0 – 6.2)	Mercury	Do not eat the fish. Advisory goes to TN/VA line.
Sequatchie River	Marion	From the Tennessee River (Mile 0.0) upstream to State Highway 283 near Whitwell (Mile 22.1)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
South Holston Reservoir	Sullivan	Portion within Tennessee (7,206 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Tellico Reservoir	Loudon, Monroe	Entirety (16,500 acres)	PCBs, Mercury	Catfish should not be eaten.
Watauga Reservoir	Carter, Johnson	Entirety (6,427 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass and channel catfish.*
Watts Bar Reservoir	Roane, Meigs, Rhea, Loudon	Tennessee River portion (38,000 acres)	PCBs	Catfish, striped bass, and hybrid (striped bass-white bass) should not be eaten. Precautionary advisory for white bass, sauger, carp, smallmouth buffalo, and largemouth bass.*
Watts Bar Reservoir	Roane, Anderson	Clinch River Arm (1,000 acres)	PCBs	Striped bass should not be eaten. Precautionary advisory for catfish and sauger.*

\*Precautionary Advisory: Children, women who might become pregnant, pregnant women, and nursing mothers should not consume the fish species named. All other persons should limit consumption of the named species to one meal per month.

# METHODS OTHER THAN ROD & REEL

## TROT LINES, LIMBLINES AND JUGS

Trotlines consist of a main line with drop lines to which single hooks are attached. Drop lines must not be closer than 24 inches. Nongame fish, except paddlefish, may be taken without limit; game fish, except catfish, may not be taken. There is no limit on catfish, except only 1 fish may exceed 34 inches.

Sportfishing trotlines, limblines and jugs must be tagged and/or marked with the owner's name or current TWRA identification number. Trotlines attached to the bank must be tagged on the line within five feet of the bank. Other trotlines must be tagged within five feet of either end, and floating trotlines must be marked on floats. The holder of a sport fishing license may use one or more trotlines not having a combination of more than 100 hooks. Limblines (including yo-yos) must be tagged above water level and are allowed only one hook per line. Sport anglers are limited to 25 limblines. Sport anglers are limited to 50 jugs or blocks and each with only one hook.

Trotlines, limblines and jugs must be run at least once each day and are prohibited within 1,000 yards below any TVA or Corps of Engineers dam. Trotlines may not be set within 100 yards of the mouth of any river, creek or slough.

### EXCEPTIONS:

**Allen Branch Pond and Chilhowee (McKamy) Pond in Cherokee WMA:**  
Closed to jugs and trotlines.

**Bards Lake on Land Between the Lakes:**  
Closed to trotlines and limblines. Jugs permitted from October 1–March 21.

**Beech River Watershed Development Authority:**  
20 jugs or blocks per boat. Trotlines prohibited.

**Calderwood:** Trotlines and limblines prohibited.

**Danville Railroad Bridge Dikes:** Trotlines prohibited within 50 yards of dikes.

**Indian Boundary Lake:** Closed to trotlines, jugs and limblines.

**New Johnsonville Steam Plant Harbor:** 10 jugs or blocks per angler. Trotlines prohibited.

**Norris Reservoir:** From January 1 through April 30, trotlines, limblines and jugs are prohibited between River Mile 32 (Point 15) and Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Powell River arm and Between River Mile 137 (Point 31) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Clinch River arm.

**TWRA Lakes:** 10 jugs or blocks per boat daily except, from April 1–September 30, jug fishing is not allowed on Saturday, Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. Trotlines and limblines prohibited. **Exception: No jugging allowed on Gibson County Lake.**

## SLAT BASKETS

Holders of annual sport fishing license, Sportsman License, Lifetime Sportsman License, Jr. Fishing license, Lifetime Senior Citizens license or residents 65 and over (prior to March 1, 1991) or under 13 may fish with one slat basket, provided the slat basket is marked with a metal tag, obtainable from the TWRA for an annual fee of \$8.00. Possession or use of more than one slat basket is prohibited. A slat basket

is defined as a device used for taking nongame fish and catfish only. Slat baskets may have only one outside funnel opening and must be made of wood, plastic or cane slats which are placed lengthwise and so constructed that there must be a minimum of four openings in the catching area, each being at least 1½ inches wide and 6 inches long. **Fish taken may not be sold.**

Slat baskets may not be set within 100 yards of the mouth of any river, creek or slough.

Applications for metal tags can be obtained by writing to: Administrative Services, TWRA, P. O. Box 40747, Nashville, TN 37204. If you are applying in person and need directions to the TWRA central office, call 615-781-6585.

## GRABBLING, GIGGING, GRAB HOOKS, SNAGGING, TUBBING, ARCHERY, CROSSBOW, SPEARGUN, DIPPING AND CAST NETTING

Nongame fish, except paddlefish, may be taken without limit; game fish, except catfish, may not be taken. Season open year round in all waters except:

- where closed to fishing or expressly prohibited.
- within 100 yards below dams. At Pickwick Dam the closed area extends downstream to the first moorage cell across from ramp.
- at John Sevier Steam Plant the discharge channel is closed.

*B and C do not apply to cast netting or dipping.*

**Cast nets** must be no more than 10 feet in radius with a mesh size no smaller than one quarter inch, and no larger than one inch on the square.

**Gigging** is prohibited in Bedford, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, Maury, and Wayne counties. Snagging, grabbling, grabhooks, tubing, archery, speargun, dipping, and cast nets are legal methods in these counties.

**Gigging** is closed on the East Fork of the Obey River and its tributaries from Jan. 1–Apr. 30.

**Snagging** is prohibited year round on the South Holston tailwater (from South Holston Dam to the headwaters of Boone Reservoir), Center Hill Reservoir, and the Cumberland Fossil Plant discharge channel into Barkley Reservoir.

**Grabbling, gigging, grab hooks, snagging, tubing, archery, crossbow, speargun and dipping is prohibited on the following waters from Jan. 1–Apr. 30:**

- ◆ **Norris Reservoir:** between River Mile 32 (Point 15) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Powell River arm and between River Mile 137 (Point 31) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Clinch River arm
- ◆ **Elk River in Carter County:** from the Hwy. 321 Bridge downstream to River Mile 3.0 (Point 11) on the Elk River arm of Watauga Reservoir
- ◆ **Doe Creek:** Old Cabin Private Road downstream to Roan Creek
- ◆ **Roan Creek:** Mountain Lakes Estates Bridge downstream to Doe Creek
- ◆ **Watauga River:** NC state line downstream to end of Cownstown Road

## TURTLES

A sport fishing license is required and only the common snapping turtle may be taken. Turtles taken by sport fishing methods may not be sold.

Common snapping turtles may be taken by all legal sport fishing methods except archery, spearguns and dipping. Daily limit is 5 with a minimum legal length of 12 inches. (Length is determined by measuring the upper shell from front to back.) Sport fishermen may also take snapping turtles by the use of up to three hoop nets, with minimum net size of three inches on the square in Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy, Madison, Obion, Perry, Shelby, Stewart, Tipton, and Weakley counties. Each net must be marked with the name and address of the owner. Each net must be set so that a portion of the catch area is above the water.

No turtle may be possessed while afield which has been altered to the extent that its species and/or length cannot be determined.

## TENNESSEE FIRST FISH AWARD FREE!

The First Fish Award is designed to commemorate that special moment in every boy or girl's life, the landing of their first fish.



The award is an 8.5 x 11 certificate, suitable for framing, identifying the child, the fish caught, and other details of that special moment. Size of the fish and age of the angler have no bearing, only that the fish is their first and that it was caught in Tennessee.

Visit [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)  
or call (615) 781-6575  
for further information.

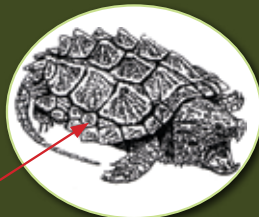


## ATTENTION ANGLERS

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is conducting an alligator snapping turtle restoration project in West Tennessee which involves the release of live alligator snapping turtles. Both adult and juvenile turtles have been released to restore this rare, native species. **Alligator snapping turtles are listed in Tennessee as *In Need of Management* and are illegal to take.**

### ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE

- » Alligator snapping turtles have three large prominent ridges along the back, a large head, and a prominently hooked beak.
- » Often reaches weights in excess of 30 pounds.
- » Alligator snapping turtles have an extra row of scutes (scales) between the outer scale row and the large center scales.



### COMMON SNAPPING TURTLE

- » Common snapping turtles have a smoother, rounded shell (especially as adults) without the three ridges, and a smaller head and weakly hooked beak.
- » Rarely exceeds 30 pounds.
- » Common snapping turtles do not have the extra row of scutes (scales) between the outer scale row and large central scales.



For more information or to report sightings of alligator snapping turtles, contact TWRA at 731.423.5725, or write to 00 Lowell Thomas Dr. Jackson TN 38301



## FISH FOR POND STOCKING

TWRA provides fingerling largemouth bass and bluegill for stocking new or renovated ponds that meet minimum qualifications. To defray the cost of the program, a fee is charged, based on pond acreage. If you prefer, we can help you locate a commercial source for fish. Regardless of where you get your fish, the decision on who can or can't fish on your property is always up to the pond owner.

More information and applications are available from your local TWRA office and on the Agency's web site.

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# TENNESSEE'S WILD SIDE

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EPT—East TN Public Television, Channels 2 & 15, Knoxville, TN: Sat. at 6 p.m. EST

WCTE—Channel 22, Cookeville, TN: Sat. at 9:30 a.m.

WLJT—Channel 11, Martin, TN: Fri. at 10 p.m.

KET—Kentucky Educational Television: Tues. at 5:30 p.m.

WTCI—Channel 45, Chattanooga, TN: Sat. at 5 p.m. EST



# IDENTIFYING YOUR FISH

**STRIPED BASS**



Tooth patch on tongue is distinctly split

**WHITE BASS**

(Rarely exceeds 4 lbs.)



Single tooth patch on tongue

**HYBRID STRIPED BASS OR CHEROKEE BASS**

(Striped Bass x White Bass)



Tooth patch on tongue is mostly split

**YELLOW BASS**



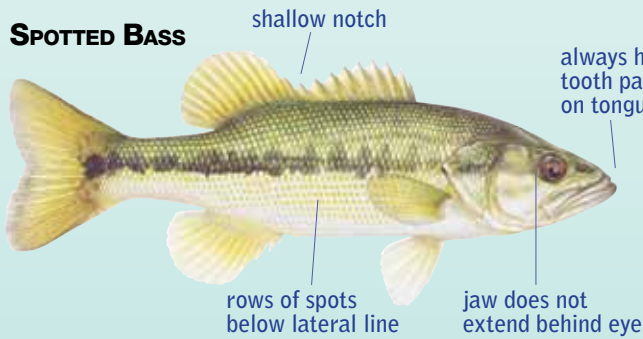
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**ROCK BASS OR REDEYE**



5 anal spines

**SPOTTED BASS**



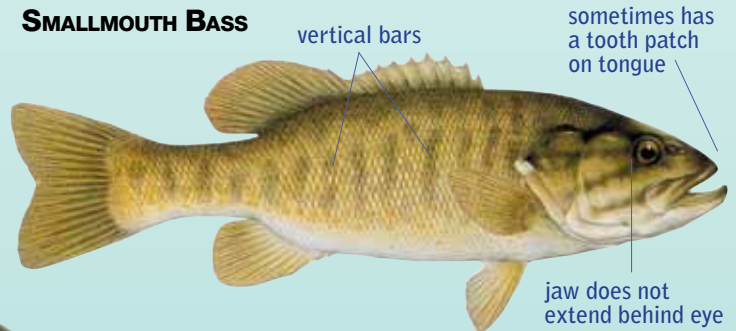
shallow notch

always has a tooth patch on tongue

rows of spots below lateral line

jaw does not extend behind eye

**SMALLMOUTH BASS**

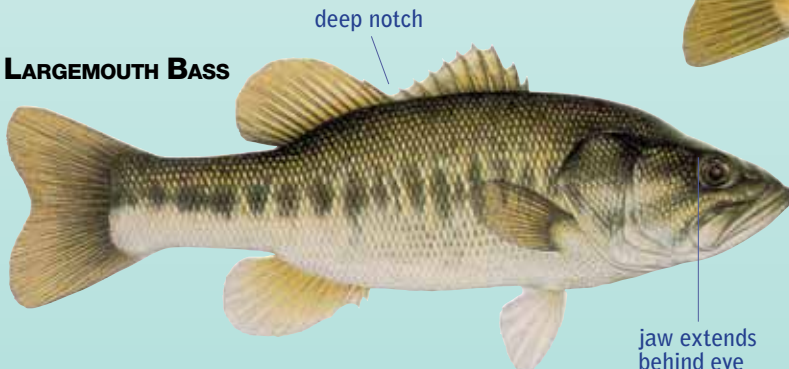


vertical bars

sometimes has a tooth patch on tongue

jaw does not extend behind eye

**LARGEMOUTH BASS**



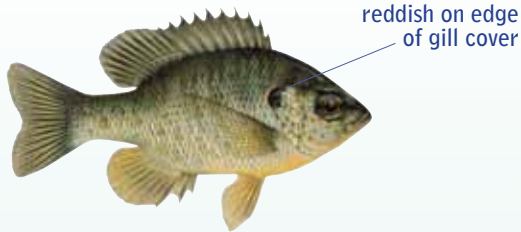
deep notch

sometimes has a tooth patch on tongue

jaw extends behind eye

# IDENTIFYING YOUR FISH

**REDEAR SUNFISH OR SHELLCRACKER**



**BLACK CRAPPIE**



**BLUEGILL**  
black spot on dorsal fin



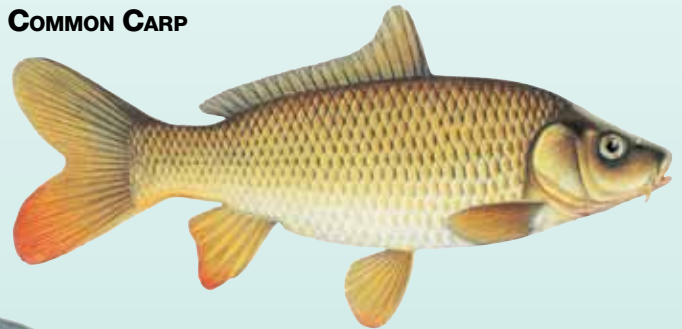
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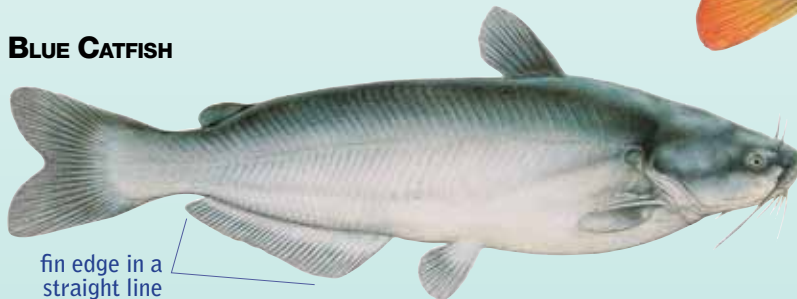
**FRESHWATER DRUM**



**COMMON CARP**



**BLUE CATFISH**



**CHANNEL CATFISH**



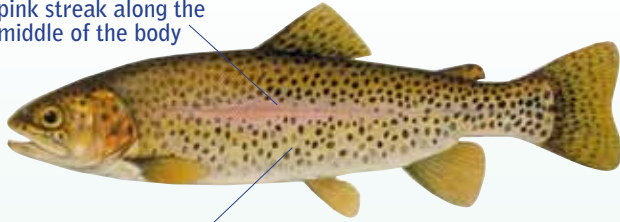
**FLATHEAD CATFISH**



# IDENTIFYING YOUR FISH

## RAINBOW TROUT

pink streak along the middle of the body

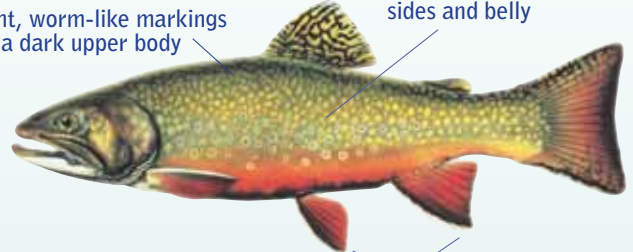


small black dots throughout the body that extend into the bottom of the tail

## BROOK TROUT

light, worm-like markings on a dark upper body

red, yellow or orange spots on the sides and belly



tricolor lower fins, leading edge is white followed by black and red

## BROWN TROUT

tail slightly forked, no spots on the bottom of the tail



brown body with large dark spots and reddish dots, many having halos

## LAKE TROUT

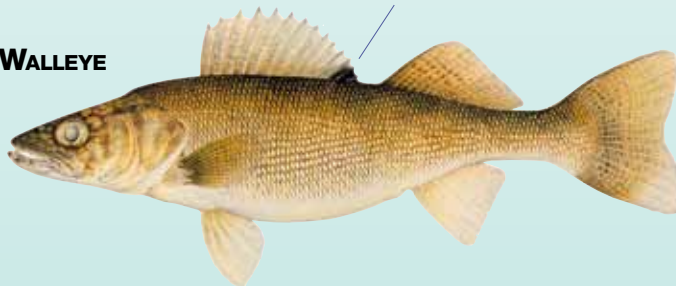
deeply forked tail



white leading edge on lower fins

## WALLEYE

dark area at base of dorsal fin



round spots on dorsal fin

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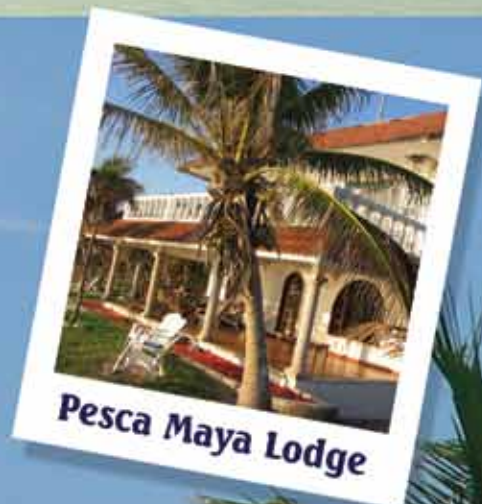
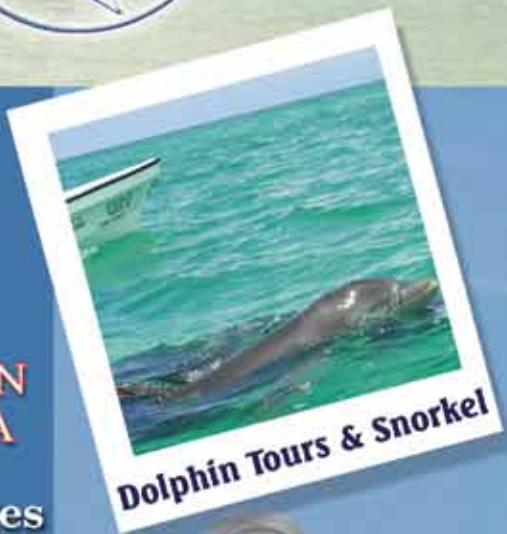
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# TENNESSEE ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

**T**he Tennessee Angler Recognition Program (TARP) gives anglers an opportunity to have their trophy-size fish recognized by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Anglers of any age, who catch large fish that meet or exceed qualifying lengths, can apply. The TWRA Fisheries Management Division sends these accomplished anglers TARP certificates featuring color reproductions of fish artwork by renowned wildlife artist Joseph R. Tomelleri.

The program is designed to acknowledge anglers for outstanding sportfishing accomplishments, to encourage catch and release of trophy size fish and to provide the TWRA with information on large fish caught throughout the state.

Not to be confused with the State Record Fish program, TARP recognizes anglers who catch trophy-size fish that are not necessarily state records.

## TROPHY FISH/MASTER ANGLER CERTIFICATES

TARP features five levels of angler recognition. Anglers catching a fish that meets or exceeds the minimum “trophy” length requirements will receive a Trophy Fish certificate. These certificates feature Tomelleri artwork representing the species caught by the applicant. After anglers submit five trophy-size fish, in any combination, a Master Angler Level I certificate and patch will be awarded at no cost to the angler. Anglers submitting five different trophy-size fish will receive a Master Angler Level II certificate and patch. The Master Angler Level III will be awarded to anglers submitting ten different trophy-size fish. In addition to a certificate and patch, the angler will receive a “tackle package,” courtesy of Bass Pro Shops—Sevierville. The newest level, Master Angler IV will be awarded to anglers submitting fifteen different trophy fish. The award will consist of a certificate, patch and an engraved trophy.

## HOW DO YOU QUALIFY?

- ♦ The fish must meet or exceed the minimum Trophy Fish Length listed on the right of this page.
- ♦ Persons 13 years of age and older must be licensed anglers and must provide their license number (TWRA #) on the application.
- ♦ The fish must be caught legally (in accordance with Tennessee Sportfishing Regulations) in Tennessee waters, by sportfishing methods only (rod and reel or cane pole).
- ♦ The length of the fish must be verified by either a witness or a photograph. The witness must complete the section on the application and/or the photo must be of the fish lying flat on top of or beside a flat measuring rule or tape and included with the application. Be aware that photos may be used on the TWRA web site and in TWRA publications.

If you believe your catch exceeds the current state record for that species, you should immediately contact a TWRA Fisheries Biologist for positive identification of the fish (see page 39).

Minimum Trophy Fish Lengths	
Species	Length (inches)
Largemouth Bass	22
Spotted Bass	18
Smallmouth Bass	20
Striped Bass	40
Hybrid Striped Bass (Cherokee) — reduced length	28
White Bass	18
Black Crappie	14
White Crappie	14
Bluegill	10
Redear Sunfish	11
Rock Bass	10
Sauger	20
Walleye	28
Yellow Perch — new species	11
Muskellunge	40
Brook Trout	10
Brown Trout	26
Rainbow Trout	24
Lake Trout	28
Channel Catfish	30
Blue Catfish	34
Flathead Catfish	34
Common Carp	34
Freshwater Drum	28

## TROPHY FISH APPLICATION FORM

FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY. PLEASE PRINT.

Angler's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you qualify for a Master Angler Award?  Yes  No  
 Fishing license number (TWRA #): \_\_\_\_\_

**FISH INFORMATION:** KIND OF FISH (SPECIES): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE CAUGHT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Body of water where caught: \_\_\_\_\_ Was the fish released?  Yes  No  
 Type of Water:  Pond  Reservoir/Lake  River/Stream Bait:  Natural  Artificial  
 County: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of fish (to nearest ¼ inch): \_\_\_\_\_ Length certification: (A or B)

**A. Witness signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Photo:** Print your name, birth date, and fish species on back of photo and enclose with application.  
 Photos become property of TWRA and are not returned. Photos may be used in publications.

(Angler sign here) I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby affirm that the above information is true and in taking this fish I complied with all state fishing regulations and rules of the Tennessee Angler Recognition Program and that the witness actually witnessed the measuring of the fish and/or the photo is accurate and was not altered in any way.

Enclose a check or money order for \$5.00 payable to TWRA and mail to:

**TARP**  
**Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency**  
**P.O. Box 41729**  
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# TENNESSEE ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

## HOW DO YOU APPLY?

An application form is located on the opposite page. Complete one application form for each fish you are registering. You may include more than one application form per envelope. If the fish length is being verified by photo, the picture must be enclosed with the application. For Trophy Fish Certificate only, a \$5.00 processing fee, per application, must also be enclosed and mailed within 60 days from the date of catch. Make check or money order payable to TWRA and mail, with the application(s), to the address at the bottom of the application. The processing fee is non-refundable for non-qualifying applications. For further information about TARP or the State Record Fish program, call (615) 781-6575, or visit [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org).

## MEASURING YOUR FISH

Please refer to the instructions on page 11.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**1** If I am casting from my own property while I fish, do I need a fishing license to fish in a public lake or reservoir? Yes. You do not qualify for a landowner exemption because you do not own the waterbody that you are fishing.

**2** Can I stock fish? No! Releasing fish or any other animal into a stream, river or reservoir can irreversibly ruin the fishing in that location. It is easy to imagine how an exotic species released from an aquarium could harm our native fish populations. But even the release of species such as a bass that might already live in that water body could introduce harmful viruses or diseases. For this reason only TWRA has the authority to stock public waters which includes all streams and rivers, and all public lakes and reservoirs. It is illegal to stock the waters of Tennessee, and only privately owned ponds may be stocked without TWRA approval.

**3** Can I clean/dress my fish in any way, while on the water? Yes. However, it is unlawful to possess while afield any fish which has been altered to the extent that its species and/or total body length cannot be determined.

**4** Do I need a trout license if I do not plan on keeping trout? If you are fishing for trout, you need a trout license whether or not you possess trout.

**5** Do I need a fishing license to fish a private farm pond? Yes, unless you are not required to have a license under a landowner, age, or military exemption. See "Who Must Have a Tennessee License" section on page 9.

**6** What licenses are required to fish on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)? No license is required if you are under the age of 13, or are military personnel on furlough with papers. Otherwise, you only need the proper fishing license. Generally there are no special WMA licenses required. However, a Tellico-Citico permit is required for all ages on certain waters within the Cherokee National Forest (Cherokee WMA). In addition, certain WMAs are periodically closed.

**7** As I was cleaning a fish, I noticed a black, white or yellow grub or worm in them. What are these and are the fish safe to eat? These are small parasites that are referred to as Trematodes. Commonly known as black spot, yellow grub and white grub, they are very common in many fish species in Tennessee and worldwide. The parasites have a complex life cycle that involves fish, fish-eating birds and other invertebrates such as snails. While the appearance may be unappetizing, fish that are properly cleaned and completely cooked cannot transmit any parasite or disease to people who eat the fish. The parasites usually do not affect the health of the fish except under unusual conditions.

**8** What is a thermocline and what effect does it have on reservoir fish populations? As the surface water warms in the late spring, a distinct temperature gradient is formed between the warm surface water and the cool water below. This thermocline does not allow the cold water to mix with the warm, oxygenated water above. The cold water slowly loses oxygen due to the decay of organisms and lack of photosynthesis.

In certain reservoirs, the cold water loses enough oxygen during the summer that it can no longer support certain cool water species like striped bass.

**9** When do our reservoirs "turn over"? Northern reservoirs experience a spring and fall "turn over," but our lakes destratify only in the fall. It occurs when the surface water cools sufficiently to mix with the cold water below. Prior to the cooling period, the warm surface water cannot mix with the denser water below because of thermal stratification (see the previous question).

**10** What are those jelly-like masses that are attached to tree limbs, bushes and other objects in the water? They are colonies of harmless microscopic animals called Bryozoans. They have miniature tentacles to capture prey and are permanently attached to the colony mass. Large colonies can exceed two feet in diameter, but most are less than one foot.

**11** How many rods or poles may an angler fish with? There is no limit to the number of rods that can be fished in MOST of our reservoirs, but there are exceptions. Only three rods may be used when fishing for walleye in Center Hill and Dale Hollow. Also, there are certain trout waters where an angler is limited to one hand-held rod. It is always best to consult the fishing regulations for the specific water fished prior to any trip.

# STATE RECORDS

TENNESSEE ANGLING RECORDS as of January 1, 2010					
CLASS A—Sport Fishing Methods					
	COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	LOCATION	ANGLER	DATE
BLACK BASS	Coosa (Redeye)	1 lb. 15 oz.	Parksville Reservoir	Harry E. Parker	Aug. 18, 1991
	Smallmouth*	11 lbs. 15 oz.	Dale Hollow Reservoir	D. L. Hayes	July 9, 1955
	Largemouth	14 lbs. 8 oz.	Sugar Creek (Lawrence Co.)	James "Logue" Barnett	Oct. 17, 1954
TRUE BASS	Spotted	5 lbs. 14 oz.	Parksville Reservoir	Jack Paul Watson	Dec. 31, 2008
	Striped (Rockfish)	65 lbs. 6 oz.	Cordell Hull Reservoir	Ralph H. Dallas	May 1, 2000
	Hybrid Striped (Cherokee)	23 lbs. 3 oz.	Stones River	Ray Pelfrey	April 17, 1998
	White	5 lbs. 10 oz.	Mississippi River	Bill Nelson	Sept. 29, 2003
	Yellow*	2 lbs. 9 oz.	Duck River (near Waverly, TN)	John T. Chappell	Feb. 27, 1998
TROUT	Brook	3 lbs. 14 oz.	Hiwassee River	Jerry Wills	Aug. 15, 1973
	Brown	28 lbs. 12 oz.	Clinch River	Greg Ensor	Aug. 30, 1988
	Cutthroat	6 oz.	Obey River	Philip Neyman	June 1, 1969
	Rainbow	16 lbs. 15 oz.	Ft. Patrick Henry Reservoir	Ronnie Rowland	Sept. 6, 2002
	Ohrid*	14 lbs. 5 oz.	Watauga Reservoir	Richard Lynn Carter	Mar. 28, 1986
CRAPPIE	Lake	22 lbs. 2 oz.	Watauga Reservoir	Jack Forbes	July 3, 2008
	Black	4 lbs. 4 oz.	Brown's Creek Lake	Clyde Freeman	Mar. 23, 1985
	White	5 lbs. 1 oz.	Garner Brown's Pond, Dickson County	Bill Allen	April 20, 1968
PERCH	Yellow (Tie)	1 lb. 15 oz.	Hiwassee River	Danny Casson	Dec. 6, 1992
	Sauger	1 lb. 15 oz.	Melton Hill	David C. Lyons	Aug. 25, 1996
	Saugeye	7 lbs. 6 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir (Pickwick tailwater)	Rayford D. Voss	Feb. 19, 1973
	Walleye*	10 lbs. 12 oz.	Melton Hill Reservoir	Chris Vittetoe	July 18, 1998
	Walleye*	25 lbs.	Old Hickory Reservoir	Mabry Harper	Aug. 3, 1960
PIKE	Northern	24 lbs. 8 oz.	South Holston Reservoir	Frank Childers	Mar. 28, 1995
	Muskellunge	42 lbs. 8 oz.	Norris Reservoir	Kyle F. Edwards	April 27, 1983
	Chain Pickerel	7 lbs. 7 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir	Burke Williams	Feb. 2, 1991
	Grass (Redfin) Pickerel			— No Entry —	
SUNFISH	Bluegill (Tie)	3 lbs.	Farm Pond, Bledsoe Co.	Brad Pendergrass	Dec. 19, 1987
	Bluegill (Tie)	3 lbs.	Fall Creek Falls Creek	Thelma Grissom	June 27, 1977
	Pumpkinseed	5 oz.	Dogwood Lake	Lynn Middleton	June 14, 1998
	Green	1 lb. 4 oz.	North Cross Creek	Dwight M. Lehman	June 8, 1991
	Longear	13 oz.	Pond, Overton Co.	Kay Forsberg	May 15, 1985
	Redbreast	1 lb. 5 oz.	Holston River	R. W. Gillespie	June 22, 1974
	Redear	3 lbs. 6 oz.	Private Pond	Annelise S. Houston	Sept. 1, 1979
	Rock Bass	2 lbs. 8 oz.	Stones River	Bill Sanford	1958
	Warmouth	1 lb. 12 oz.	Nolichucky River	Frank E. Garrett	May 26, 1984
	Flier	8 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir	Craig Ellis	June 8, 2001
CATFISH	Orangespotted	5 oz.	Nolichucky River	Donald Daryl Fox	May 30, 1982
	Channel	41 lbs.	Fall Creek Falls Lake	Clint Walters, Jr.	July 30, 1982
	Blue	112 lbs.	Lock C, Cumberland River	Robert E. Lewis	June 7, 1998
	Flathead	85 lbs. 15 oz.	Hiwassee River	Larry Kaylor	July 25, 1993
	Black Bullhead	3 lbs. 6 oz.	Emberton's Pond, Cannon Co.	Hunter Chance Gaither	Feb. 20, 1997
	Brown Bullhead	2 lbs. 14 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	John Thomas Hammond	June 5, 1980
	Yellow Bullhead	4 lbs. 8 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Jessie R. Johnson	April 21, 1979
BUFFALO	Bigmouth	52 lbs. 2 oz.	Percy Priest Reservoir	Greg Megibben	April 6, 2001
	Black	55 lbs. 8 oz.	Cherokee Reservoir	Ed H. McLain	May 3, 1984
	Smallmouth	62 lbs. 7 oz.	Percy Priest Reservoir	Jerry W. Young	April 28, 2001
CARP	Bighead*	90 lbs. 0 oz.	Guntersville Reservoir	Jeffrey J. Rorex	June 2, 2005
	Common	53 lbs.	Marrowbone Lake	John R. Pepper, Jr.	May 21, 1997
	Goldfish	14 oz.	Fishery Park Pond (Unicoi Co.)	Rob Lindbom	Mar. 20, 2008
	Silver			— No Entry —	
GAR	Grass	70 lbs.	Guntersville Reservoir (Nickajack tailwater)	Chad A. Killian	June 4, 2005
	Longnose	38 lbs. 3 oz.	Barkley Reservoir	Mathew A. Norton	April 19, 2002
	Shortnose	6 lbs. 6 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir	Kay Lynn Butterfield	June 15, 2001
	Spotted	9 lbs. 5 oz.	Cross Creeks	Victor Robinson	June 27, 1999
	Black	3 lbs. 1 oz.	South Holston River	Roy Hawk	Feb. 16, 2009
REDHORSE	Blacktail			— No Entry —	
	Golden	2 lbs. 15.5 oz.	South Holston River	W. Powell Partridge, Sr.	Mar. 28, 2008
	River	11 lbs. 10 oz.	Pigeon River	David H. Ray	May 2, 2009
	Shorthead (Smallmouth)			— No Entry —	
	Silver	4 lbs. 8 oz.	Harpeth River	Jimmy A. Filson	June 21, 2008
OTHER	American Eel	5 lbs. 12 oz.	Old Hickory Reservoir	Kelly Rollin, Jr.	July 29, 2008
	Striped Mullet			— No Entry —	
	Bowfin	15 lbs. 7 oz.	Reelfoot Lake	Charles Aaron	June 22, 1983
	Paddlefish	75 lbs.	Center Hill Reservoir	Shane S. Henry	April 28, 1984
	Shovelnose Sturgeon			— No Entry —	
	Creek Chub (Tie)	3 oz.	Roan Creek	Danny Kurtilla	Mar. 13, 2000
	Creek Chub (Tie)	3 oz.	White Oak Creek	Thomas R. Gould	July 23, 2003
	Central Stoneroller (Hornyhead)	10 oz.	Hiwassee River	Roy S. King	May 1, 1983
	Golden Shiner	15 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Dave Littlejohn	Mar. 26, 1999
	Gizzard Shad	3 lb. 3 oz.	Holston River	Preston H. Taylor III	Dec. 13, 2008
Skipjack Herring*	4 lbs. 0 oz.	Watts Bar Reservoir	Chris Vittetoe	Feb. 28, 2004	
Goldeye	14 oz.	Cumberland River	Harold A. Sanders	April 17, 1993	
Mooneye	1 lb. 4 oz.	Hiwassee River	Steve D. Moss	May 5, 2005	
River Carpsucker	1 lb. 9 oz.	Pickwick Reservoir	Dr. Jim Youmans	Feb. 28, 1980	
Quillback Carpsucker	2 lbs. 9 oz.	Melton Hill (Bullrun Cr.)	Billy Davis	May 20, 2009	
White Sucker	1 lbs. 10 oz.	Little War Creek (Hancock Co.)	Jim Habera	April 26, 2007	
Northern Hogsucker	2 lbs. 9 oz.	South Holston River	Roy Hawk	Feb. 16, 2009	
Freshwater Drum*	54 lbs. 8 oz.	Nickajack Reservoir	Benny Hull	April 20, 1972	
Spotted Sucker	3 lbs. 3 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Greg M. Henry	Mar. 9, 2008	
Atlantic Needlefish	1.6 oz.	Pickwick Dam tailwater	J. Wesley Neal	Sept. 20, 2008	

\*Recognized All-Tackle World Record



# STATE RECORDS

## CLASS B—Methods Other Than Rod and Reel

(a) trotline, (b) limpline, (c) jug, (d) slat basket, (e) grabbling, (f) grab hooks, (g) snatch hooks, (h) tubbing, (i) archery, (j) speargun, (k) dipping, (l) commercial gear, (m) cast net

FISH SPECIES

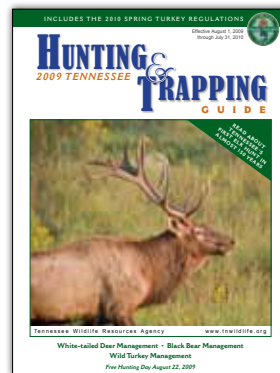
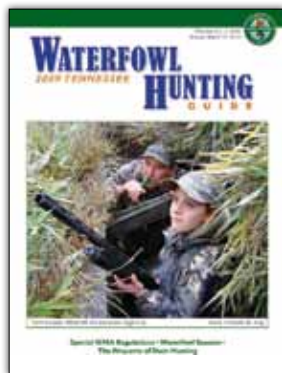
COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	LOCATION	ANGLER	DATE
Bigmouth Buffalo	45 lbs. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Jerry M. Harris	June 20, 2000
Smallmouth Buffalo	64 lbs. (i)	Kentucky Reservoir	Evan Mercer Bobby Hensley Carl Hensley	March 8, 2003
Black Buffalo	80 lbs. (a)	Robco Lake (Shelby Co.)	Hiluard J. DeLoach	April 1, 1980
Bighead Carp	92 lbs. (g)	Reelfoot Lake	Randall Hughes	Mar. 23, 2008
Bowfin	21 lbs. 12 oz. (i)	Cedar Creek	Pat Johns	June 3, 1997
Common Carp	52 lbs. 14oz. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Allen Kimsey	July 24, 2002
River Redhorse	11 lbs. 6 oz. (f)	West Fork of Obey River	John Mark Keisling	April 28, 2007
Black Redhorse	3 lbs. 10 oz. (a)	Chilhowee Reservoir	Lewis Winters	Oct. 26, 2007
Paddlefish	120 lbs. (g)	Center Hill Res. (Bluehole)	John T. Johnson	March 23, 1982
Flathead Catfish	92 lbs. (i)	Mississippi River	Kenneth A. Childress Jackie W. Stafford Jerry L. Stafford	Nov. 30, 2000
Blue Catfish	130 lbs. (i)	Ft. Loudoun Reservoir	J. G. Garland Bill Norman Richard Reagan	Dec. 18, 1976
Black Bullhead	3 lbs. 14 oz. (k)	Lakeland Trout Farm	David Tait	June 18, 1982
Longnose Gar	37 lbs. 1 oz. (i)	Chisholm Lake	Caleb Wilbanks Hunter Jackson	Aug. 11, 2007
Grass Carp	78 lbs. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Allen Kimsey	May 19, 2001
Shortnose Gar	8 lbs. 4 oz. (i)	Chickamauga Reservoir	Scott Simmons	April 15, 1984
Spotted Gar	10 lbs. 8 oz. (i)	Reelfoot Lake (Starve Pond)	Taylor Ricks Nick Winston	April 17, 2009
Freshwater Drum	25 lbs. 7 oz. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Allen Kimsey	April 23, 2002
Skipjack Herring	1 lb. 6 oz. (i)	Cypress Creek	Mike Tolley	May 6, 1984
Central Stoneroller	5 oz. (g)	Doe River	Rex Timbs	Nov. 6, 1997
Spotted Sucker	2 lbs. 10 oz. (i)	Ky. Lk.—Standing Rock Cr. Emby.	Christopher Todd	July 26, 1996
Northern Hogsucker	1 lb. 10 oz. (i)	Ky. Lk.—Standing Rock Cr.	Dale E. Brooks	Aug. 9, 1996
Gizzard Shad	2 lb. 4 oz. (m)	Mississippi River	Scott Creecy	April 9, 2008

## HOW TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A STATE RECORD FISH

The following criteria must be followed when applying for a state record certificate:

- 1) The fish must be weighed on certified scales.
- 2) Two witnesses, one of which must be the scale operator/owner, must sign the application certifying they have observed the declared weight.
- 3) It is the responsibility of the angler to contact a TWRA Fisheries Biologist for positive identification of the fish. The fish should be frozen until positively identified.
- 4) Only two hybrid classifications, the Cherokee Bass (Striped Bass x White Bass) and the Saugeye (Walleye x Sauger), will be considered for a state record certificate.
- 5) The completed application must be forwarded to the TWRA Fisheries Management Division within 30 days of the catch in order to be considered for a state record certificate.

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