

with No. 7 leg bands or department-supplied bands.

MIGRATORY BIRD and WATERFOWL HUNTING

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(USFWS) governs migratory bird and waterfowl hunting. Season dates: Dove – Sept. 1 – Oct. 26, Nov. 24 – Dec. 4, Dec. 17, 2016 – Jan. 8, 2017; Canada goose – Sept. 16-30, Nov. 24, 2016 – Feb. 15, 2017; Ducks – Nov. 24-27, Dec.

5, 2016 – Jan. 29, 2017.

Hunters should consult the early migratory bird and waterfowl hunting guides for complete details, or check Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s website at fw.ky.gov before the season is expected to open.

DEER HUNTING

DEER HUNTING ZONES & SEASONS



DEER	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Modern Gun	Nov. 12-27, 2016 (either sex)		Nov. 12-21, 2016 (either sex)	Nov. 12-21, 2016 (antlered only)
Archery	Sept. 3, 2016 – Jan. 16, 2017 (either sex)			Sept. 3, 2016 – Jan. 16, 2017 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-21 and Dec. 10-15)
Crossbow	Oct. 1-16 and Nov. 12 – Dec. 31, 2016 (either sex)			Oct. 1-16 and Nov. 12 – Dec. 31, 2016 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-21, Dec. 10-15)
Muzzleloader	Oct. 15-16 and Dec. 10-18, 2016 (either sex)			Oct. 15-16 and Dec. 10-15, 2016 (antlered only) and Dec. 16-18, 2016 (either sex)
Youth-only Firearms	Oct. 8-9, 2016 (either sex)			
Free Youth Weekend	Dec. 31, 2016 – Jan. 1, 2017 (either sex)			

Notes: During modern gun deer season, hunters may hunt with modern firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery and crossbow equipment, and must follow season restrictions, zone guidelines and other requirements. During the Free Youth Weekend, hunters ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm without a license or deer permit, but must be accompanied by an adult.

BAG LIMITS

Bag limits and harvest restrictions apply to all hunters. There is no daily bag limit on deer.

A person may take no more than one (1) deer with visible antlers, excluding male fawns (button bucks). How-

ever, on some federally controlled areas, including Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Fort Campbell and Fort Knox military reservations and Blue Grass Army Depot, a bonus antlered deer may be taken, as determined by the governing agency for each area.

In Zone 1 counties, there is no season limit on antlerless deer.

In Zone 2, 3 and 4 counties, the combined season limit is four (4) per hunter. Hunters may choose to take up to one (1) antlered deer and three (3) antlerless deer, or take up to four (4)

antlerless deer total.

In summary, hunters may take a total of four deer statewide, except in Zone 1, where hunters may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer using Additional Deer Permits.

In Zone 3 a hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm.

In Zone 4, an adult hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm (one with a modern firearm and one with a muzzleloader, or both with a muzzleloader). In Zone 4 antlerless deer may only be taken with a firearm by a youth during Youth Season or Free Youth Weekend, or by any person hunting with a muzzleloader during the final three days of the December muzzleloader season.

TYPES OF DEER PERMITS

STATEWIDE DEER PERMIT

All deer hunters ages 16 and older, unless license exempt, must first buy and carry proof of purchasing an annual Hunting License and a statewide Deer Permit while deer hunting. The permit allows a hunter to take two deer: one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless. It does not matter if the antlered or antlerless deer is taken first.

ADDITIONAL DEER PERMIT

To take more than two deer, an Ad-

Carry proof

Hunters who buy their license or permit by phone or internet must carry while hunting: a picture ID and proof of purchase (an authorization number, paper license or computer print out). Paper licenses/permits must be signed and all information completed before hunting.

ditional Deer Permit must be purchased.

The Additional Deer Permit is valid for deer of either sex. The Additional Deer Permit allows a hunter to take up to two additional deer beyond those allowed by the statewide permit in the following combinations: one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless. Regardless of what permit a deer hunter carries, the statewide season limit for antlered deer is one per hunter.

The Additional Deer Permit is not valid unless the hunter has first purchased an annual hunting license and Statewide Deer Permit and is able to show proof of that in the field. A Statewide or Additional Deer Permit may be used on public and private land, and during some quota hunts.

Maps online

See statewide harvest maps, hunting zones and more at fw.ky.gov. Click the "Maps" tab and choose "Game Maps."

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

If you hunt deer in Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia or any other CWD-infected state you may not bring a deer back into Kentucky unless the brain and spinal column have been removed first.

Allowed parts from CWD-infected states and provinces include: quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, boned-out meat, antlers, antlers attached to a clean skull plate, a clean skull, clean teeth, hides and finished taxidermy products.

CWD has not been detected in Kentucky.

CWD has been found in 24 states, 2 Canadian provinces and in **Europe**: **Arkansas**, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Alberta, Saskatchewan and **Norway**.

Up-to-date news regarding CWD can be found online at cwd-info.org.

HUNTING EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

MODERN GUN SEASON

During modern gun deer season, hunters may hunt with modern firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery and crossbow equipment, and must follow season restrictions, zone guidelines and other hunting requirements.

All hunters, including archery and crossbow hunters, and persons accompanying hunters, must wear hunter orange clothing during modern gun season.

Persons ages 15 and under hunting deer with a firearm must be accompanied by an adult who shall be in a po-

sition to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.

ARCHERY SEASON

Hunters using archery equipment during a deer firearms season must follow all firearms season restrictions, zone guidelines and other hunting requirements, and must wear hunter orange clothing.

The only exception is on state owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited.

CROSSBOW SEASON

Hunters using crossbows during a deer firearms season must follow all firearms season restrictions, zone guidelines and other hunting requirements, and must wear hunter orange clothing.

The only exception is on state owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited.

A legal resident hunter age 65 years or older may hunt deer with a crossbow from the first Saturday in September through the third Monday in January.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON

Muzzleloaders, archery and crossbow equipment may be used during this season.

All hunters must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

Youths ages 15 and under hunting deer with a muzzleloader must be accompanied by an adult who shall remain able and in a position to take immediate control of the youth's muzzleloader at all times.

TREE STANDS

Construction and use of tree stands on private lands is regulated by land-owners.

LEGAL DEER HUNTING EQUIPMENT

FIREARMS EQUIPMENT

- Any caliber centerfire rifle or centerfire handgun.
- Rifle or handgun magazines may not be capable of holding more than 10 rounds.
- Rifles or handguns may not be fully-automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull).
- Full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition is prohibited.
- Shotguns, no larger than 10-gauge, shooting slug ammunition only (includes sabotated bullets).
- Muzzleloading rifles, handguns, or shotguns shooting round balls, conical bullets, or sabotated bullets.

ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

- Longbows, recurves and compound bows of any draw weight (no minimum).
- Wood, carbon or metal arrows, but arrows may not be chemically-treated.
- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" wide (when blades extended), but broadheads may not be barbed, or chemically-treated.

CROSSBOW EQUIPMENT

- Crossbows of any draw weight (no minimum), with a working safety.
- Wood, carbon or metal arrows (bolts), but arrows (bolts) may not be chemically treated.

- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" (when blades extended), but broadheads may not be barbed, or chemically treated.

MUZZLELOADING EQUIPMENT

- Muzzleloading rifles or handguns of any caliber, with flint or percussion ignition (including in-lines), shooting round balls, conical bullets or sabotated bullets.
- Muzzleloading firearms equipped with open sights or telescopic sights (scopes).
- Muzzleloading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge, shooting round balls, conical bullets or sabotated bullets.

YOUTH DEER HUNTING

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Youths may hunt deer during any open season, including two special deer seasons for resident and non-resident hunters who have not reached their 16th birthday.

Adults accompanying youth deer hunters during either of these hunts may not use firearms to take deer.

Adults accompanying youth hunters are not required to possess a hunting license or deer permit if the adult is not deer hunting, but by law, the hunter and the accompanying adults must wear hunter orange clothing.

Christmas, resident and nonresident youth 15 years of age and under, who are accompanied by an adult, are eligible to participate in the Free Youth Weekend. Youth hunters may hunt deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide without a hunting license or deer permit.

All bag limits, zone restrictions and deer hunting requirements apply during the special youth deer seasons.

Hunter orange required!

Hunters and people accompanying them must wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest when hunting for any species during the modern gun, muzzleloader and youth firearm deer seasons, or a firearm elk or firearm bear season. However, hunter orange is not required when hunting waterfowl or doves during a gun deer, elk or bear season, or when hunting furbearers at night during a legal furbearer season.

YOUTH-ONLY FIREARMS SEASON/ FREE YOUTH DEER HUNTING WEEKEND

The first special youth deer season is on the second weekend of October. Youth hunters may take deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide. During the October youth-only firearms season, the appropriate hunting license and deer permits are required for hunters ages 12-15. Youth hunters under age 12 are not required to have a hunting license or deer permit.

On the first weekend following

Q: Can a hunter take a deer for someone else?

A: No. Hunters must claim any deer they take as their own. They must use their own license/permit and harvest log, and telecheck the deer using their own Social Security number.

KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BUCKS

BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2015 SEASON - TYPICAL			
SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
183 5/8	Gary Parsons	Union	Archery
182 0/8	Stephen M. Young	Warren	Archery
180 2/8	Mark Lunsford	Woodford	Archery
178 7/8	Jeff Byrd	Hart	Modern gun
175 5/8	Michael D. Gregory	Henry	Modern gun
173 5/8	Michael D. Burton	Letcher	Modern gun
173 3/8	Timothy R. Wakefield	Oldham	Archery
172 6/8	William K. Branscum	Wayne	Muzzleloader
171 6/8	Adam R. Mattingly	Ohio	Muzzleloader
171 0/8	Samuel W. Gingerich	Breckinridge	Modern gun
170 7/8	Allie M. Butler	Breckinridge	Modern gun
170 6/8	Ty Parker	Fulton	Crossbow
170 2/8	Matt Thomayer	Grant	Modern gun
169 4/8	Andrew D. Haycraft	Grayson	Modern gun
169 3/8	Derrick Campbell	Webster	Archery
168 2/8	Brian Tims	Washington	Modern gun
168 0/8	John A. O'Neil	Ohio	Archery
167 7/8	William Peak	Hart	Modern gun
167 0/8	Chris Baldock	Casey	Modern gun
166 5/8	Charles D. Black	Bath	Modern gun
165 2/8	Jarrold Cropper	Lewis	Modern gun
165 2/8	Stephen "Chris" Sivori	Hart	Modern gun
164 7/8	Gary Tracy	Hart	Modern gun
163 7/8	Rex Crouch II	Bath	Archery
163 6/8	Aaron H. Pierce	Meade	Archery
163 0/8	Claude "Billy" White Jr.	Gallatin	Modern gun
162 1/8	David Lee Childress	Crittenden	Archery
161 6/8	Cody M. Wallace	Estill	Crossbow
161 3/8	Patrick Thornton	Simpson	Modern gun
161 5/8	Bob Savko	Shelby	Muzzleloader
160 5/8	Howard Thacker	Pike	Modern gun
160 2/8	Christopher D. Feezor	Fulton	Modern gun
160 2/8	Danny Phillips	Wayne	Modern gun
160 0/8	Amanda W. Denniston	Harrison	Modern gun



173 5/8
Michael D. Burton
 Letcher County
 Typical
 Modern gun

Photo submitted

BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2015 SEASON - NON-TYPICAL			
SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
246 0/8	Austin Musselman	Oldham	Archery
222 3/8	Randy Fox	Lee	Modern gun
211 7/8	Brooke Bentz	Christian	Modern gun
209 3/8	Sara F. Mundy	Webster	Modern gun
201 1/8	Mark Cornette	Muhlenberg	Modern gun
198 5/8	Tommy Sears	Clay	Modern gun
197 6/8	D. Christopher Dickerson	Trimble	Modern gun
196 2/8	James R. Botkins	Harrison	Modern gun
195 1/8	Jim Murphy	Wayne	Modern gun
192 6/8	Joe Nichols	Trigg	Modern gun
192 5/8	Luke A. Carswell	Mason	Modern gun
192 4/8	Steven R. Olt	Green	Muzzleloader
192 3/8	Trey Hutchison	Union	Archery
192 2/8	Michael L. Howell	Laurel	Archery
192 1/8	Donald Bartley	Metcalfe	Modern gun
188 0/8	Ben Oakes	Logan	Modern gun
187 7/8	Jason A. Egan	Rowan	Archery
187 2/8	Kasey Alexander	Webster	Archery
187 1/8	Tim R. Hatton	Powell	Modern gun
186 5/8	Alvin Hoover	Todd	Modern gun
186 2/8	Darrel R. Smith	Ohio	Modern gun

This list includes deer scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. It is possible that unreported bucks taken last year in Kentucky may have scored 160 typical or 185 non-typical or higher.

HOW TO GET ON NEXT YEAR'S TROPHY LIST

To be eligible for next year's trophy list a hunter must take a white-tailed deer in Kentucky this season that officially net scores 160 or higher typical, or net scores 185 or higher non-typical, as determined by the Boone and Crockett scoring system.

No later than May 1, send the completed and signed score sheet with a photo to Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Include the county in which the deer was taken, and the equipment used to harvest the deer. Please send a copy as score sheets and photos will not be returned. Emailed submissions to info.center@ky.gov also will be accepted. To get a list of official Boone and Crockett Club scorers in Kentucky visit: www.boone-crockett.org.