

HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS

Deer and Elk

- Archery: Oct. 1, 2024 – Jan. 15, 2025
Youth Gun: Oct. 18, 2024 – Oct. 20, 2024
Muzzleloader: Oct. 26, 2024 – Nov. 3, 2024
Gun: Nov. 23, 2024 – Dec. 8, 2024
Holiday Antlerless: Dec. 18, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2024

Turkey

- **Fall Archery:** Oct. 1, 2024 - Jan. 15, 2025
- **Fall Shotgun:** Nov. 2, 2024 - Nov. 22, 2024
(Atoka, Choctaw, Coal, Delaware, Latimer, La Flore, Mayes, McCurtain, Ottawa, Pittsburg, Pushmataha, Rogers, and Tulsa counties are closed to Fall turkey gun hunting.)
- **Spring Youth:** Apr. 12, 2025 - Apr. 13, 2025
- **Spring:** Apr. 16, 2025 - May 16, 2025
(shotgun and archery)

Waterfowl*

- Nov. 9, 2024 - Nov. 24, 2024
- Nov. 30, 2024 - Jan. 26, 2025
- Youth & Veteran: Nov. 2, 2024 & Feb 1, 2025

Special Resident Canada Goose*

- Sept. 7, 2024 - Sept. 16, 2024

September Teal*

- Sept. 7, 2024 - Sept. 22, 2024

Dove**

- Sept. 1, 2024 - Oct. 31, 2024
- Dec. 1, 2024 - Dec. 29, 2024

Squirrel

- May 15, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025

Rabbit

- Oct. 1, 2024 - Mar. 15, 2025

Furbearers***

- Dec. 1, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025

* Requires Federal Duck Stamp in addition to HIP permit and Federal Waterfowl Stamp

** Requires Harvest Information Program Permit (HIPP)

*** Bobcat and river otter pelts must be tagged within 10 working days after the furbearer season ends by an authorized employee of the Cherokee Nation Wildlife Department.

Pelt possessors are responsible for ensuring the pelts are legally tagged. For tags, contact the Cherokee Nation Wildlife Department at 918-453-5333. All elk hunters must have written permission from the landowner or lessee (tenant), which must be carried on their person while hunting. Hunters are only permitted to hunt on designated Cherokee tribal lands and on lands for which they have obtained written permission. Landowners, operators, and immediate family members are exempt from this requirement.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can a Cherokee citizen hunt and fish and what documentation is needed?

Cherokee Nation tribal citizens can utilize their tribal ID for hunting and fishing within the Cherokee, Choctaw, Muscogee, and Chickasaw Nations, and soon Seminole Nation. Permission must be obtained from private landowners for access where applicable, and all trespassing laws will be enforced. Outside these reservations, Cherokee Nation citizens must acquire the required licenses and tags for hunting and fishing. Designated lands within Cherokee Nation boundaries are open for Cherokee citizens to hunt and fish, which can be found on the Cherokee Nation Fish and Wildlife Map.

How does a Cherokee Nation citizen check-in their harvest??

Cherokee Nation citizens are required to report their harvest on the Gadugi Portal within 24 hours of leaving the hunt area. Once reported, hunters will receive a confirmation number that must accompany the carcass throughout processing or until it reaches its final destination.

What are the season dates and bag limits for Cherokee Nation citizens?

Citizens must adhere to the season dates and bag limits established by the Council of the Cherokee Nation within the Cherokee Nation Reservation. When hunting or fishing outside the Cherokee Nation Reservation, Cherokee Nation citizens must comply with the regulations and bag limits set forth by the respective tribal or state agency. All applicable wildlife harvest count towards the combined season total limit.

Are Cherokee Nation citizens required to have a HIP Permit and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (federal duck stamp)?

Yes, Cherokee Nation citizens are required to comply with all federal regulations governing migratory birds, which includes obtaining a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. Additionally, all hunters are required to possess a valid Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit, unless exempted. Season dates and bag limits apply.

What happens if a Cherokee Nation citizen receives a ticket for not having a state issued hunting/fishing license?

Please contact the Cherokee Nation Wildlife Department at wildlife@cherokee.org or 918-453-5333.

CHEROKEE NATION CONTROLLED HUNTS

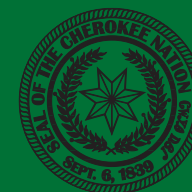
In 2024, the Cherokee Nation will host its 4th annual Controlled Deer Hunts at the Cherokee Nation Sequoyah Hunting Preserve in Sequoyah County, north of Sallisaw, Oklahoma. The hunts will include 10 spots each reserved for youth, Cherokee speakers, elders, veterans, and one hunt reserved for any Cherokee Citizen. As done in the previous years, participants for this year's program will be selected through a random draw. This ensures fairness and equal opportunity for all applicants.

Cherokee Nation is committed to food sovereignty, providing Cherokee citizens access to traditional hunting opportunities that uphold cultural preservation and self-sufficiency. Managed by the Cherokee Nation Wildlife Conservation Department, the selection process prioritizes maintaining sustainable deer populations and fostering responsible stewardship of natural resources. Future participation opportunities may vary based on ongoing assessments of wildlife populations and conservation goals.

Interested individuals can apply through the Gadugi portal at gadugiportal.cherokee.org. Applications will be accepted from August 6 – September 6, 2024.



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CHEROKEE NATION 2024-2025 FISHING REGULATIONS

	SPECIES	DAILY LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Bass*	Largemouth and/or Smallmouth	6 (combined)	Only 1 over 16"
	Spotted Bass	None	None
	Striped Bass	5	None
	Striped Bass Hybrid	20	Only 5 over 20"
	White Bass	None	None
Catfish	Channel and/or Blue	15 (combined)	Only 1 blue over 30"
	Flathead	5	None
Crappie*	White and/or Black	37 (combined)	None
Walleye, Sauger, and/or Saugeye		6 (combined)	14" minimum
Trout** (Lower Illinois River)	Rainbow and/or Brown	3 (only 1 brown)	See regulations below.
Paddlefish		1	None

* Special regulations for daily and size limits apply to specific areas.

** Daily limit on trout is three, only one of which may be a brown trout no less than 20" long. Special regulations for daily and size limits apply to specific areas.

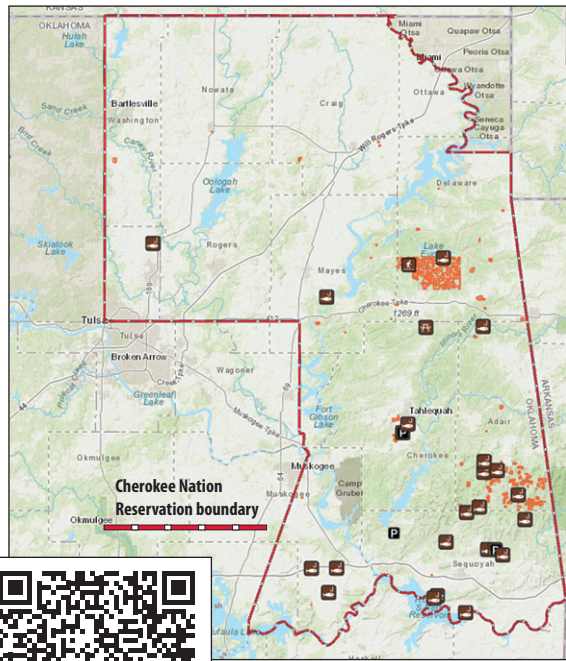
Angler is responsible for determining the size and daily limits for areas with special regulations.

No daily or size limits exist for any fish caught from privately owned ponds and lakes.

Paddlefish Regulations

- Daily Limit: 1 fish
- Annual Limit: 2 fish
- Barbless hooks ONLY
- Only one rod and reel per angler
- All harvested fish must be checked into Cherokee Nation Gadugi Portal within 24 hours at gadugiportal.cherokee.org
- Fish kept must be kept tagged immediately with the angler's tribal ID number.
- Once a fish is kept, it cannot be released (no culling).
- Once a fish is kept, the angler MUST stop snagging for the day.
- Snagging is prohibited from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. east of I-35 and north of I-40.
- Paddlefish permit not required for Cherokee Nation citizens fishing within the Cherokee Nation Reservation.

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Fish and Wildlife Map

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