

## HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS

### Deer

Archery:	Oct. 1, 2023 – Jan. 15, 2024
Youth Gun:	Oct. 20, 2023 – Oct. 22, 2023
Muzzleloader:	Oct. 28, 2023 – Nov. 5, 2023
Gun:	Nov. 18, 2023 – Dec. 3, 2023
Holiday Antlerless:	Dec. 18, 2023 – Dec. 31, 2023

**Elk** - For special regulations, call 918-453-5333.

### Turkey

- **FALL ARCHERY:** OCT. 1, 2023 - JAN. 15, 2024
- **FALL SHOTGUN:** NOV. 4, 2023 - NOV. 17, 2023  
(Tulsa, Rogers, Mayes, Delaware and Ottawa counties are closed to hunting during fall turkey season.)
- **SPRING YOUTH:** APR. 13, 2024 - APR. 14, 2024
- **SPRING:** APR. 16, 2024 - MAY 16, 2024  
(shotgun and archery)

### Waterfowl\*

- NOV. 11, 2023 - NOV. 26, 2023
- DEC. 2, 2023 - JAN. 28, 2024
- YOUTH & VETERAN: NOV. 4, 2023 & FEB 3, 2024

### Special Resident Canada Goose\*

- SEPT. 9, 2023 - SEPT. 18, 2023

### September Teal\*

- SEPT. 9, 2023 - SEPT. 24, 2023

### Dove\*\*

- SEPT. 1, 2023 - OCT. 31, 2023
- DEC. 1, 2023 - DEC. 29, 2023

### Crow\*\*

- OCT. 10, 2023 - NOV. 16, 2023
- DEC. 9, 2023 - MAR. 4, 2024

### Quail\*\*

- NOV. 11, 2023 - FEB. 15, 2024

### Squirrel

- MAY 15, 2023 - FEB. 28, 2024

### Rabbit

- OCT. 1, 2023 - MAR. 15, 2024

### Furbearers

- DEC. 1, 2023 - FEB. 29, 2024

\* Requires HIP and a Federal Waterfowl Stamp

\*\* Requires Harvest Information Program Permit (HIPP)

For a full list of season dates and bag limits visit [www.wildlife.cherokee.org](http://www.wildlife.cherokee.org)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### *Who is eligible to hunt and fish within the Cherokee Nation Reservation?*

Cherokee Nation tribal citizens are eligible to hunt and fish within the Cherokee Nation Reservation in accordance with tribal laws, which requires a Cherokee Nation citizenship “blue” card or Cherokee Nation ID as a valid hunting and fishing license (subject to applicable trespassing laws and respect for private property rights). Individuals who are not Cherokee Citizens are eligible to hunt and fish within the reservation in accordance with state law.

### *What documentation does a Cherokee Nation citizen need to have to hunt/fish on the Reservation?*

You will need proof of valid Cherokee Nation tribal citizenship, which should include your Cherokee Nation-issued Identification card or citizenship “blue” card. Additional forms of ID may be requested to confirm identity.

### *Are Cherokee Nation citizens required to purchase deer or turkey tags?*

No. Under Cherokee Nation law, Cherokee Nation citizens are not required to purchase tags. Bag limits and season dates apply.

### *How does a Cherokee Nation citizen check in their deer, turkey, or paddlefish?*

Cherokee Nation citizens must report applicable fish and game harvests on the Gadugi Portal within 24 hours of leaving the hunt area. Once the harvest is reported, an online confirmation number will be issued. This number must remain with the carcass throughout processing or until it reaches its final destination.

### *Are Cherokee Nation citizens required to have a HIP Permit and Federal duck stamp?*

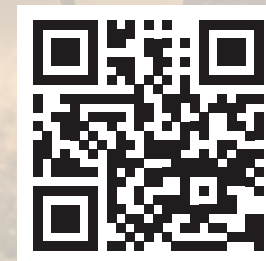
Yes. All federal regulations and requirements related to migratory game bird harvests apply to Cherokee Nation citizens hunting and fishing within the Cherokee Nation Reservation. A valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp is required for every waterfowl hunter 16 and older. All migratory bird hunters are required to carry a valid Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit unless exempt.

## CHEROKEE NATION CONTROLLED HUNTS

In 2023 Cherokee Nation is hosting its 3rd annual Controlled Deer Hunts. The Controlled Deer Hunts will take place on the Cherokee Nation Sequoyah Hunting Preserve located in Sequoyah County, north of Sallisaw, Oklahoma. The controlled hunts will consist of 10 youth, 10 Cherokee speakers, 10 elders, 10 veterans, and 10 spots open to any Cherokee Citizen. Applicants will be selected by random draw to participate in this year's program.

Cherokee Nation's Wildlife Conservation program's decision on the number of citizens selected and hunts offered are decided by studies conducted to determine herd population data and best conservation practices. Future year participation opportunities may vary depending on continued data collection and analysis.

The application can be found in the Gadugi portal at [gadugiportal.cherokee.org](http://gadugiportal.cherokee.org).



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# CHEROKEE NATION 2023-2024 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. See Oklahoma Title 800.

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

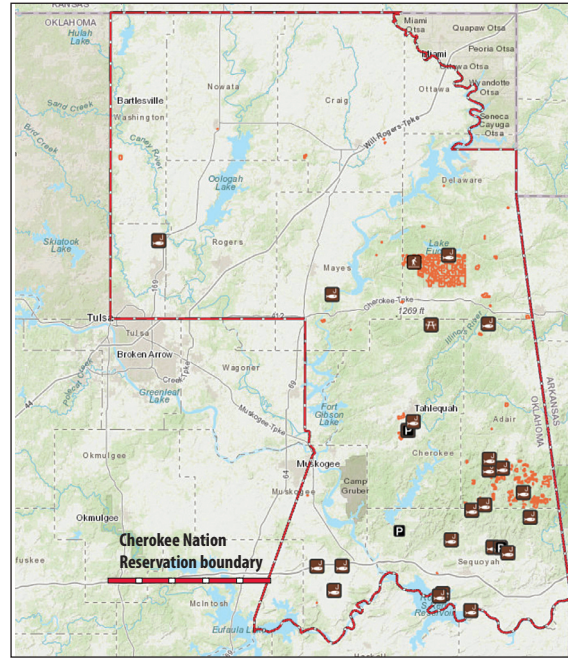
**Angler is responsible for determining the size and daily limits of areas with special regulations.**

**A list of areas with special regulations can be found on our website: [www.wildlife.cherokee.org](http://www.wildlife.cherokee.org)**

## Paddlefish Regulations

- Barbless hooks ONLY
- Only one rod and reel per angler
- Daily Limit: 1 fish
- Annual Limit: 2 fish
- All harvested fish must be checked into Cherokee Nation Gadugi Portal within 24 hours at [www.gadugiportal.cherokee.org](http://www.gadugiportal.cherokee.org)
- Fish kept must be 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.

## Cherokee Nation Natural Resources Wildlife Conservation



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