# BLACKPINE FIELD

# THE DEER SEASON CHECKLIST

2026 EDITION -- KENTUCKY & TENNESSEE

Dates, gear, and pack list -- every spec verified,
nothing claimed we can't back up.

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## Know your dates

Season dates below were verified October 2026. Regulations change -- confirm with the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency before you go. No excuses on opening morning.

- [ ] **KENTUCKY -- modern gun: Sat Nov 14 - Sun Nov 29, 2026**
  16 days. Rifle, muzzleloader where legal -- check the zone regs.
- [ ] **TENNESSEE -- archery: first segment closes Fri Oct 30, 2026**
  Then archery reopens Nov 2 - 6. Don't read 'closes' as 'over.'
- [ ] **Tags + license bought BEFORE the night before**
  Paper tags in a zip bag. Phone screenshot as backup. Both.

## The six -- the Blackpine Hunt shelf

Every one judged on the numbers. Specs from manufacturer listings, compared October 2026. Prices move -- check the shelf at blackpinefield.com for current figures.

- [ ] **Trail cam -- Stealth Cam DS4K Ultimate**
  32MP stills - 4K30 video - 0.2s trigger - 100 ft range. Hang it now, read it all month.
- [ ] **Rangefinder -- Vortex Crossfire HD 1400**
  1,400 yd max - 750 yd on deer - 5x - 4.8 oz. Know the number before you draw.
- [ ] **Grunt call -- Primos Rut Roar**
  All-rubber body - roar to tending grunt - built-in wheeze. November is a conversation.
- [ ] **Boots -- LaCrosse Alphaburly Pro 18" 1600G**
  Fully waterproof - 18" height. Cold wet feet end hunts early.
- [ ] **Climber -- Summit Viper SD**
  20 lbs - 300 lb limit - harness included. Inspect straps before every climb.
- [ ] **Field dress kit -- Gerber Myth Field Dress Kit**
  Two blades - gut hook - sheath sharpener - 5.9 oz. Sharp beats strong.

## Pack list -- the night before

- [ ] **License + tags**
  Paper in a zip bag. Phone screenshot as backup.
- [ ] **Hunter orange**
  Your state's requirement, not your preference.
- [ ] **Safety harness + lifeline**
  Wear it. Every climb, every sit.
- [ ] **Haul line**
  Guns and bows go up unloaded, on a rope.
- [ ] **Knife + sharpener**
  See the six. Dull is dangerous.
- [ ] **Drag rope or game cart**
  A 180 lb deer is heavier than you remember.
- [ ] **Game bags**
  Keep meat clean from field to cooler.
- [ ] **Headlamp + spare batteries**
  Plus a small backup light.
- [ ] **First-aid kit**
  Non-negotiable.
- [ ] **Water + food**
  More water than you think.
- [ ] **Scent control**
  Spray, storage bags, wind plan.
- [ ] **Binoculars**
  Eyes before feet.
- [ ] **Toilet paper + zip ties**
  Trust us.

## Stand check -- day before opener

- [ ] **Straps and cables inspected**
  Sun-rotted straps kill. Replace, don't hope.
- [ ] **Platform bolts tight**
  Wrench, not fingers.
- [ ] **Harness inspected**
  No fraying. Buckles work.

- [ ] **Entry/exit route walked in daylight**
  Quiet in, quiet out.
- [ ] **Wind plan set**
  Hunt the wind, not the calendar.

# Good luck out there.

The full Hunt department -- six deer-season picks,
every one judged on the numbers -- lives at:

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