

HUNTING & FISHING COMPACT FAQ'S

All information provided within this FAQ applies to Cherokee Nation Citizens and is effective January 1, 2022.

- 1. 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 to tribal laws. Compact licenses held by Cherokee Nation citizens are valid until December 31, 2021, after which, Cherokee Nation law will apply.
- 2. Why won't there be new state/tribal compact licenses issued in 2022?** The Oklahoma Governor, Kevin Stitt, refuses to enter into hunting and fishing compacts with the Cherokee Nation and Choctaw Nation. While the Cherokee Nation is always open to future partnership with the state of Oklahoma, at this time Governor Stitt has no prospects for a new compact in 2022. Governor Stitt's actions will cost the State of Oklahoma millions of dollars in revenue and federal funds.
- 3. 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 can include your Cherokee Nation issued Identification card or citizenship blue card. Additional forms of ID may be requested to confirm identity. In addition, Hunter Safety course completion is also required by Cherokee Nation law.
- 4. How does a Cherokee Nation citizen get a copy of their tribal citizenship card?** Contact Cherokee Nation Registration at: <https://www.cherokee.org/all-services/tribal-registration>
- 5. Will a Cherokee Nation citizen be eligible to hunt and fish if my tribal citizenship application has not been processed?** No, only citizens of the Cherokee Nation are eligible to hunt and fish within the Reservation. Non-citizens will need to obtain a hunting and fishing license from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to legally hunt within the Cherokee Nation Reservation.
- 6. Does a Cherokee Nation tribal citizen have to reside in Oklahoma to hunt/fish on Cherokee Nation lands?** No, all Cherokee Nation citizens, regardless of residency, are permitted to hunt and fish on lands owned by the Cherokee Nation in accordance with Cherokee Nation law.
- 7. Where can a Cherokee Nation tribal citizen hunt and fish?** You can only hunt/fish within Cherokee Nation reservation boundaries. All applicable trespassing laws apply and will be enforced. There are lands set aside for Cherokee Nation citizens to hunt and fish. A list of

Cherokee Nation owned properties open to the Cherokee Nation citizens for hunting and fishing can be found at:

<https://vmgis4.cherokee.org/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=707cf27cd5ba4c4c9929deb289899014>

- 8. What if a Cherokee Nation tribal citizen wants to hunt/fish outside of the Cherokee Nation Reservation boundaries?** At this time, you will need a valid State of Oklahoma hunting and fishing license and must follow applicable laws.

- 9. Can a Cherokee Nation tribal citizen hunt/fish in other Native American tribal reservations in Oklahoma?** At this time, you will need a valid State of Oklahoma hunting and fishing license and must follow applicable laws.

- 10. What does a Cherokee Nation citizen need do if they already have a valid Oklahoma Hunting/Fishing license?** No action is necessary on your part. Follow the usual process.

- 11. Where does a Cherokee Nation tribal citizen get deer or turkey tags?** You are not required to pre-purchase tags, but are required to report your harvest via the Gadugi Portal at: <https://gadugiportal.cherokee.org/> or such other means as may be provided before the end of the 2021.

- 12. Are Cherokee Nation citizens required to have a duck stamp?** Yes. Duck tags are federally regulated, and federal guidelines will still apply.

- 13. Can a Cherokee Nation citizen hunt year round?** No, bag limits and season dates adopted by the State of Oklahoma have been adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation and apply within the Cherokee Nation Reservation.

- 14. How does a Cherokee Nation citizen check in their deer, turkey, etc.?** Cherokee Nation citizens may report a game harvest via the Gadugi Portal at: <https://gadugiportal.cherokee.org>

- 15. Can a Cherokee Nation citizen check-in their deer, turkey, etc. from a cell phone?** Yes, but a reliable internet connection or cell service is required for successful submission.

16. Is there a bag limit? Yes, in accordance with Cherokee Nation law, bag limits and season dates adopted by the State of Oklahoma apply within the Cherokee Nation Reservation.

17. What happens if a Cherokee Nation citizen receives a ticket for not having a state issued hunting/fishing license? It is possible that you could be cited for hunting and fishing without a license. Cherokee Nation and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation have cross-deputization agreements to ensure enforcement of tribal and state wildlife laws across the Cherokee Nation Reservation. If you receive a ticket from an Oklahoma game warden while hunting within the Cherokee Nation reservation boundaries, please contact the Cherokee Nation Wildlife Department at fishandgame@cherokee.org

18. What if I'm not a Cherokee Nation tribal citizen? Any Oklahoma resident with a valid State of Oklahoma hunting and/or fishing license can hunt within the Cherokee Nation reservation in accordance with applicable law and respect for private property rights.