



Tennessee
National Wild
Turkey Federation

GET INVOLVED



Tennessee 2024 Accomplishments

13,058 Positively Impacted
Acres in Tennessee 

33 Outreach Events 

18,710 Adult Members 

2,133 JAKES Members 

The **Tennessee State Chapter** committed
\$10,000
for research aimed at
understanding the **effects
of Off-Highway Vehicle
(OHV) use on wild turkeys
and ruffed grouse** on the
North Cumberland WMA.



The **NWTF state chapter** funded a project on North Cumberland WMA in partnership with **The Nature Conservancy** and the **Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency** that was a **start-to-finish conversion of an old cattle farm to wildlife habitat**. A fall herbicide application was made to initially kill pasture grasses. The following spring an additional application of herbicide was applied to control any resprouts. Finally, a prescribed burn totaling **381 acres** was conducted that incorporated the herbicide treated areas as well as an additional **111 acres** of surrounding wooded forest.

Tennessee hosted over
30 education and outreach events
with over **4,000 participants**.
Events included all outreach
programs (JAKES, Wheelin'
Sportsmen and Women in the
Outdoors). Tennessee also hosted
various **Conservation Field Days**.

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NWTF Initiatives Impacting Our State

Habitat for the Hatch Initiative

The purpose of this 10-year initiative is to improve wild turkey nesting and brood-rearing habitat at a landscape scale in the Southeastern states through active management of over 1 million acres by 2033. This will ultimately lead to more robust wild turkey populations and healthier ecosystems across the Southeast.

The National Forestry Initiative

Twenty-four cooperative foresters in 23 states deliver technical and financial assistance through Farm Bill conservation programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service on private lands, much of which are part of a larger overall habitat system. They also help develop forest management plans and advise on best management practices that benefit forest resources and wildlife.

A Nation United by the Life-Changing Power of the Outdoors.

Accomplishing conservation delivery on a scale necessary to turn the tide of diminishing wild turkey populations is accomplished only through many partners coming together with a focus on common goals. The NWTF helps unite these partners to fight the threats to our ecosystem, including: invasive species, catastrophic wildfire, overcrowded and unhealthy forests, habitat loss due to development, conversion to other uses or successional change. These threats may affect turkey nesting, brood-rearing or roosting habitat, watershed health and winter forage. The NWTF and its allies also continue to advocate for the hunter by searching for more hunter access and monitoring policy discussions across the country. We are committed to conservation and the pursuit of the great outdoors.

NWTF Initiatives

FORESTS AND FLOCKS INITIATIVE

Improving critical nesting habitat in the spring, brood-rearing habitat in the summer, and practices that benefit hard and soft mast-bearing trees and shrubs that help wild turkeys make it through the winter in good condition. Forests and Flocks will be building upon historic restoration efforts and ensure the health and vigor of the Northeast's wild turkey population for the future. [CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV]

HABITAT FOR THE HATCH INITIATIVE

Improving forest and field health and resiliency at a landscape scale through active management, specifically enhancing more than 1 million acres of nesting and brooding habitat by 2033. Acres included in Habitat for the Hatch's 1-million-acre goal are those that specifically establish nesting habitats with quality brood range in close proximity. [AL, AR, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MS, MO, NC, OH, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA]

THE NATIONAL FORESTRY INITIATIVE

A national partnership initiative with Natural Resources Conservation Service focused on improving forest health and forest ecosystems on private lands and managing the forestry-related opportunity derived from the Farm Bill. [AR, CO, FL, IA, ID, IN, KY, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NC, NH, NY, OH, SC, TN, TX, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY]

WATERWAYS FOR WILDLIFE

A comprehensive, landscape-level effort to address critically urgent conservation needs in riparian ecosystems along rivers and streams in the Great Plains of the United States. [CO, KS, MT, ND, NE, NM, OK, SD, TX, WY]

Partner Initiatives

THE SHORLEAF PINE INITIATIVE

Improving wild turkey habitat and forest health, and the creation and long-term management of pine/oak savannas. [AL, AR, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OK, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WI, WV]

THE WHITE OAK INITIATIVE

Ensuring the long-term sustainability of America's white oak forests and the economic, social and conservation benefits they create. [AL, AR, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OK, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WI, WV]

THE LONGLEAF RESTORATION INITIATIVE

Working with federal and state agencies, nonprofit organizations, forest industry and private landowners to restore longleaf pine forests. [AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TX, VA]

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESTORATION INITIATIVE

Co-convened by the NWTF and the USDA Forest Service to increase the pace and scale of forest restoration in Colorado. [CO]



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