General Guidelines

1. Emergency, dial 911.
2. See something. Say something. Call 270.924.2000 or Law Enforcement at 877.861.2457.
4. You are responsible for your own safety.
5. Bring your own water and supplies.
6. For campfires, use only dead and downed limbs for fuel. Do Not bring firewood from outside Land Between the Lakes which may introduce devastating pests. Attend the fire at all times and follow Smokey’s rules to put the fire out completely. Use existing fire rings in developed campgrounds during high fire danger seasons.
7. Keep all pets on a 6’ or shorter leash at all times.
8. Protect yourself from bug bites and ticks.
9. Firearms strictly prohibited except during established Land Between the Lakes hunting season by legally licensed hunters with permits.
10. Respect the Resource - leave historical items, plants and flowers for others to enjoy. This includes respecting the homes of our wildlife and respecting our trails and roads during wet conditions.

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Questions about fisheries and wildlife management programs?

Environmental Stewardship Department
Land Between the Lakes
270.924.2065
Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources
800.858.1549
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
615.781.6500

USDA Forest Service
Land Between the Lakes
National Recreation Area
800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000
www.landbetweenthelakes.us

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**Bowfishing and Frog Gigging**

Bowfishing is permitted for nongame fish species along the Land Between the Lakes shoreline of Kentucky and Barkley lakes and in Honker, Energy, and Bards interior lakes when open to fishing. Fishing licenses are required from the respective states where bowfishing is done.

Frog gigging is permitted by gig only (no firearms) in interior ponds, Bards, Energy, and Honker lakes from May 15 through Aug 31. Daily limit is 15. Frog gigging is permitted along the Land Between the Lakes shoreline by gig only in accordance with statewide seasons and regulations. According to Kentucky state law, either a hunting or fishing license may be used for frog gigging. In Tennessee, only a hunting license is valid for frog gigging. Individuals frog gigging in Land Between the Lakes with a hunting license must possess a Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit.

**Monthly Water Levels on Kentucky and Barkley Lakes**

Higher or lower water levels may occur during any season.

**To report illegal fish and wildlife activities call:**
USDA Forest Service Law Enforcement 877.861.2457
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency 800.831.1173
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources 800.252.5378