
General Hunting/Trapping Regulations

- Licensed motorized vehicles permitted on numbered roads only. See our Hunt Recreation Maps and Motorized Vehicle Use Map online under maps at <http://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/visit/maps/>. Other roads are for administrative access only. Parking permitted within one vehicle length of a legal road. Avoid blocking access to any road or trail. Please refrain from rutting fields and roads.
- Unlicensed motorized vehicles allowed only in the Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area and require a permit.
- When transporting firearms, keep them cased and unloaded in both chamber and magazine.
- No Hunting Areas: It is unlawful to hunt within 150 yards of any developed area or trail; waterfowl hunters may not hunt within 200 yards of waterfowl refuges or other blinds. Nature Watch Areas, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and other posted areas are closed to hunting.
- Prohibited: The placement of bait or hunting over bait, including food or mineral substances, is prohibited. Use of any artificial light to locate wildlife is prohibited at all times except while hunting raccoon or opossum. Do not use paint, tape, flagging, or other artificial materials to mark trees, trails, or routes.
- Hunters must not be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- Permanent blinds and pits are not allowed for waterfowl hunting. Hunting above the shoreline at any lake elevation; wading into the water; launching a boat from Land Between the Lakes with a weapon requires a Hunter Use Permit.
- Hand, mouth, or electronic calling devices permitted unless otherwise noted.
- Hunt during daylight hours only unless otherwise noted. Hunt Hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Hunting small game on horseback is permitted.
- No species of wildlife may be harassed or taken except those authorized.

Purchase permits online 24-hours a day, 7 days a week at <https://www.usedirect.com/CampLBL/>



Official Website

Friends of Land Between
the Lakes Facebook



General Guidelines

1. Emergency — dial 911.
2. See something, say something. Call 270-924-2000 or Law Enforcement at 877-861-2457.
3. Pack it in. Pack it out . **Leave no trace behind.**
4. You are responsible for your own safety
5. Campfires—Use only dead and downed limbs for fuel. Attend fire at all times and put the fire out completely. Remove rock fire rings from fields and roads.
6. Wildlife refuges closed to all human entry and activity Nov 1-Mar 15.
7. Protect yourself from bug bites and ticks.
8. Firearms strictly prohibited except during established Land Between the Lakes hunting seasons by legally licensed hunters with permits or on the target range.
9. Respect the Resource — Leave historical items, plants and flowers for others to enjoy. Respect the homes of our wildlife, roads and trails during wet conditions.

Find our camping rules at www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/seendo/camping/camping-rules/.

Please report

- Hog sightings at 270-924-2065
- Poaching at 877-861-2457 | Law Enforcement

All State and Federal Regulations Apply

The two most common hunting violations are carrying a loaded or uncased firearm in a vehicle and driving on illegal roads or fields.

For more information, call our

Environmental Stewardship Department
270-924-2065 Monday through Friday
8am to 4pm Central Time.

Land Between the Lakes

National Recreation Area | USDA Forest Service
1-800-525-7077 or 270-924-2000
www.landbetweenthe lakes.us

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2016-2017 Small Game and Waterfowl Hunting ~ Fact Sheet ~

USDA Forest Service Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area Kentucky | Tennessee

Land Between the Lakes offers a variety of hunting opportunities on approximately 90% of our 170,000 acres in Kentucky and Tennessee. Our seasons and regulations may be different than statewide seasons so be sure to read all regulations carefully.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable hunt!

Hunter Use Permits

We require a Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit for all hunters age 16 and older. This is in addition to state licenses and tags. Permits may be purchased online at www.landbetweenthe lakes.us, at our welcome stations, visitor center, or anywhere Kentucky and Tennessee state hunting licenses are sold. Hunter Use Permits cost \$25. We offer a \$35 combination Hunter Use and Backcountry Camping Permit for hunters age 18 and older. Hunter Use Permits are valid from March 1 through February 28.

To protect the future of hunting at Land Between the Lakes, please remain courteous and helpful to other visitors.



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2016-2017 Small Game Hunting Information

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

Hunter Safety Requirements

All hunters must possess a hunter safety card and all applicable permits and licenses as required by state and federal regulations. Additionally, all youth hunters not required to carry a hunter safety card by the state, must receive basic hunter safety instructions and

carry a verification form signed by a responsible adult. The form and additional information is available on our website. All hunters and youth sponsors must wear visible items of hunter orange, as required.

Hunters with dogs should avoid hunt areas 2, 6, 7, 11 and 13 during the January 9-22, 2017 trapping season.

	Kentucky		Tennessee	
	Season	Limits Daily Possession	Season	Limits Daily Possession
Squirrel				
Aug 20-Oct 14			Aug 20-Sep 23	
Dec 1-Feb 28	6	12	Oct 1-14	20
May 20-Jun 16			Dec 1-Feb 28	
			May 13-Jun 11	
Quail				
Dec 1-Feb 10	8	16	Dec 1- Jan 15	6 12
Rabbit				
Dec 1-Feb 10	4	8	Dec 1-Feb 28	5 10
Raccoon				
Dec 1-Feb 28	No limit		Dec 1-Feb 28	2 per person per night
Opossum				
Dec 1-Feb 28	No limit		Dec 1-Feb 28	No limit
Dove, Woodcock, Wilson Snipe				
Follow KY State Season and Limits			Follow TN State Season and Limits	
Closed Oct 15-Nov 30			Closed Sep 24-Nov 30	
Waterfowl				
Steel shot required; lead shot not allowed -- even in your possession				
We close waterfowl hunting during quota deer hunts for safety				
Follow KY State Season and Limits			Follow TN State Season and Limits	
Closed			Closed	
Oct 22-23			Oct 15-16	
Nov 19-20			Nov 11-12	
			Nov 26-27	
Fox Hunting				
Tennessee prohibits electronic calling devices for taking foxes				
Dec 1-Feb 28	No limit		Dec 1-Feb 28	No limit
Fox Chasing				
Chasing is permitted south of US68/KY80 only, from sunset to sunrise				
Aug 20-Sep 17	None may be taken		Aug 20-Sep 17	None may be taken
Bobcat, Otter				
Statewide limits, reporting, KY Tele-check, and tagging regulations apply				
Legal weapons are the same for small game hunting, during deer archery season, and in February -- the same for coyote hunting.				
Dec 1-Feb 28	Statewide limits		Dec 1-Feb 28	Statewide limits
Coyote, Armadillo, Groundhog				
Hunt during any open hunting season with weapons for that season				
During February, centerfire rifles and handguns, and shotguns with shot size T or smaller may also be used. No harvest limit.				

Legal Weapons for Small Game Hunting

Legal weapons follow state and federal regulations. These include shotguns, rimfire rifles and handguns, air guns, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment. Prohibited weapons include shotguns loaded with slugs or buck shot, centerfire rifles, and centerfire handguns. During February, centerfire rifles and handguns, and shotguns with shot size T or smaller, may only be used for hunting coyotes, armadillos, bobcat, otter and groundhogs.

	Kentucky		Tennessee	
	Season	Limits Daily Possession	Season	Limits Daily Possession
Crow				
Sep 1-Oct 14		No limit	Fri, Sat, Sun only	No limit
Jan 4-Feb 28			Aug 15-Sep 23	
			Dec 1-Feb 28	
Bird Dog, Rabbit Dog, and Raccoon Hound Training				
Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit required				
Dogs must have a current rabies vaccination and wear a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number				
Horses may be used				
Raccoon dog training permitted only in Hunt Areas 1, 9, 13, and 15				
Possession of firearms prohibited				
Oct 1-20	None may be taken or shaken out		Oct 1-13	None may be taken or shaken out
			Oct 17-31	
Dog Field Trials				
Special Use Permit from the Forest Service and approval by the appropriate State wildlife agency required				
Trials must be scheduled at least 2-months in advance to prevent conflicts with hunting seasons or recreational events				
Jul 1-Mar 31	None may be taken or shaken out		Jul 1-Mar 31	None may be taken or shaken out
Trapping-Areas 2, 6, 7, 11, 13				
All trappers must possess a Hunter Use Permit and a Trapping Permit (online or at Administrative office) plus state trapping license				
All trappers issued a trapping permit are required to complete a report at the end of the season				
All state and federal regulations apply for trapping including legal traps, sets, species, limits, reporting and tagging requirements				
All traps must display owner's name and address				
Areas closed to hunting are also closed to trapping				
Jan 9-22	Statewide limits		Jan 9-22	Statewide limits
Beaver Trapping				
All rules and regulations for trapping apply				
Feb 1-28	Statewide limits		Feb 1-28	Statewide limits