Turkey Bay

Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area

Provides 100 miles of designated trails for off-road riding and camping. Centrally located, Turkey Bay offers a variety of topography and trails— for everyone. All riders must sign a liability waiver. By signing, registrants agree to obey all rules and regulations posted at Turkey Bay OHV Area and on Land Between the Lakes’ Literature and website. The permit holder is responsible for all use of registered vehicle, ensuring it is operated in a safe and prudent manner at all times. Trails may close if the ground is saturated in order to prevent resource damage.

Always “Call Before You Haul!” (800-525-7077 or 270-924-2000) or check Alerts and Notices online.

Safety

1. You are responsible for your own safety. Trail use has inherent risks and you may encounter a variety of unexpected and dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to be informed and take precautions.

2. Ride at your own risk. Know your limits.

3. Follow safety practices recommended by the American Medical Association and the American Red Cross and United States Forest Service.

4. Use caution while unloading and while riding in camping areas.

5. Trails have two-way traffic. For safety, drive with headlamps on.

6. Be aware of our emergency helicopter landing zone. Do not park in its borders, denoted by white boundary markers.

7. Hunting small game, archery (deer), and other activities also occur in the Turkey Bay area. Be aware of and courteous to other users on and off the trail at all times.

8. Refer to the bulletin boards at our gatehouse for additional information and emergency procedures.

Turkey Bay OHV Area

80 Turkey Creek Road, Golden Pond, KY 42211

Information at Golden Pond Visitor Center

W 88° 4' 17.57" / N 36° 45' 24.00"

270-924-2233

Please read our sign and instructions at entrance.

Turkey Bay offers basic amenities for a nightly, per camping-unit fee.

Campsite at Turkey Bay: Choose a campsite, fill out a provided fee envelope, insert camping fee into the envelope, and deposit the envelope in the honor fee tube at the entrance. Please do this within 30 minutes of choosing your site.

24-hour generator areas, chemical toilets, and drinking water are available for our guests. See the map for camping area designations.

For faster registration, print and fill out the Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area Registration and Liability Waiver Form. Bring the form to either Turkey Bay OHV Area Gatehouse or Golden Pond Visitor Center to register.

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800-525-7077 | 270-924-2000

Turkey Bay OHV Area

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

238 Visitor Center Drive

Golden Pond, KY 42211

In case of emergency dial 9-1-1

To contact Forest Service Law Enforcement

Call 877-861-2457

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Rules and Regulations

1. All riders are required to wear a U.S. Department of Transportation approved motorcycle safety helmet while riding or operating a vehicle. Exceptions include vehicles with a fully enclosed metal cab or roll bar protection and with functioning seatbelts.

2. Operators and passengers of motorized vehicles must fasten their seatbelts while the vehicle is in use. Exceptions include motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

3. Riding passengers on vehicles not designed by the manufacturer to carry passengers is prohibited. (36 CFR 261.55b) Passengers can only ride in vehicles built by the manufacturer to carry passengers; the vehicle must have an enclosed metal cab or roll bar protection and seatbelts. No aftermarket add-ons allowed, (ex: bump seats)

4. Anyone under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian’s signature to ride.

5. We require direct parental or adult supervision for all persons under the age of 16 operating an OHV. (KY Revised Statute 189.515)

6. No person under age 16 may operate an ATV with an engine size exceeding 70cc displacement. (KY State Law 189.515) No person under age 12 may operate an ATV with an engine size exceeding 90cc displacement. No person under the age of 16 operating an OHV. We require direct parental or adult supervision for all users of this landing are required to register their vehicle at the Turkey Bay Gatehouse via Road 167 immediately upon arrival.

7. Law Enforcement Officers and Turkey Bay staff reserve the right to revoke riding privileges of any rider if misuse or inappropriate behavior occurs.

8. All users must enter and exit Turkey Bay by way of Forest Service Road #167 off Woodlands Trace. All other accesses are prohibited.


10. Operate OHVs from sunrise to sunset only. We post legal riding hours at the gatehouse daily.

11. All OHVs must be registered with Land Between the Lakes before use in Turkey Bay OHV Area. The permit sticker must always be properly displayed on the registered vehicle. Permits are not transferable between vehicles. When the gatehouse is staffed, permits can be obtained there. When the gatehouse is not staffed, riders must obtain a permit from the Golden Pond Visitor Center open all year, 9am-5pm.

12. No exhibition riding permitted.

13. Speed Limits: 15mph on entrance road; 10mph in camping and unloading areas

14. All vehicles and operators must follow all state and federal laws.

15. OHVs must have properly functioning spark arresters and mufflers. Noncompliance will result in removal of permit and riding privileges.

16. Respect all “closed to riding” restoration areas. Responsible riding ensures future riding.

17. Operating a vehicle in a manner that damages, mutilates, or removes any natural feature or other property is prohibited (36 CFR 261.9 a and b). This includes mudding, mud bogging, or creating new trail and travel is strictly prohibited.

18. Stay on designated trails. If a trail is not marked, it is not a legal trail, and travel is strictly prohibited.

19. Users must remain within the boundaries of Turkey Bay OHV Area. The water’s edge serves as the western boundary.

20. Operating any all-terrain vehicle on a Forest Development Road outside of Turkey Bay OHV Area is prohibited (Forest Order 60-11-17, 36 CFR 261.13). “All-terrain vehicle” is defined as any motor vehicle used for recreational off-road purposes. This includes but is not limited to: side-by-sides OHVs and 4 wheelers regardless if state licensed.

21. Golf Carts are not permitted in Turkey Bay OHV Area.


Amphibious ATVs

1. There is only one legal point of entrance and exit for personal water craft and amphibious ATVs at Land Between the Lakes in Turkey Bay OHV Area. You will find this point depicted on the Turkey Bay OHV Area Map.

2. To enter or exit land and water, you must go back to the designated launch point.

3. All users of this landing are required to register their vehicle at the Turkey Bay Gatehouse via Road 167 immediately upon arrival.

4. Only ATVs made by the manufacturer to be operated as an amphibious ATV may enter the water. All Rules and Regulations apply to amphibious ATVs when operated in Turkey Bay OHV Area.

5. The lakeside boundary fluctuates with the summer and winter pool lake levels. The water’s edge serves as the western boundary to Turkey Bay.