Hillman Ferry Camping Rules
Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

Find complete camping rules online at www.landbetweenthelakes.us.

Arrival: Check-in is 4:30pm; you may check in anytime of your arrival date if the site is vacant. Check-out is 3:30pm. A 1 night late fee will be assessed.

After Hours: Refer to posted instructions, occupy your assigned site, and check-in by 9am.

Alcohol: Public consumption of alcohol is prohibited in Kentucky.

Campfires: All campfires must be contained in fire rings. Extinguish fire thoroughly before leaving the site. No trash burning allowed.

Camping Equipment: Camping equipment may not be left unattended overnight.

Campsite: A camping unit is one sleeping tent or one wheeled vehicle--such as a Recreational Vehicle, motorhome, pop-up trailer, truck camper, van camper, or a truck with a topper. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis or at the time of registration by reservation.

We encourage you to reserve and pay for your entire intended stay, your site may not be available for an extension otherwise.

Campsite Capacity: Each paid campsite allows for two vehicles. Additional visitors and vehicles will be charged. Campsites are limited to a maximum of eight people, two camping units in which only one may be wheeled, and up to five overnight vehicles. When the number exceeds the maximum, a second site must be rented, paid for, and occupied by an additional camping unit. Golf carts are an extra vehicle.

Campsite Change: Changing campsites requires staff to check availability before you can move. A fee may be applied. If gatehouse staff is unavailable, check the "After Hours" notice posted on gatehouse information board for guidance.

Campsite gravel Pad: All camping units and equipment must be placed on prepared gravel campsite pads. Stakes can be driven through the gravel campsite pads.

Campsite Occupation: A camping unit must occupy the site immediately after registration and must be fully set up including tents and pop-up trailers. Sites may not be held with a temporary camping unit. At least one adult, 18 years of age or older, and a proper camping unit must occupy the site the first night and may not be left unattended overnight. Campers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Commercial Activities: Require a special use permit. No items shall be sold, advertised or displayed. No solicitation or printed materials.

Drones: Not prohibited in developed campgrounds.

For non-emergency situations or to report a theft, loss, accident, or disturbance -- contact campground staff or call Forest Service Law Enforcement at 877-861-2457.

Glass Containers: Glass containers are not permitted in public areas.

Golf Carts: Are considered an extra vehicle and cost an extra vehicle fee or an annual permit can be purchased.

Group Activity Shelters: All registered campers share activity shelters unless reserved in advance.

Hunting Season: Licensed hunters with a Land Between the Lakes hunter use permit may store unloaded firearms at their campsite.

Late Arrivals: Campers must arrive, check in and occupy the reserved site within 24-hours from the scheduled arrival date. After 24 hours no refund will be given and the site becomes available.

Length of Stay: Regulations limit camping to 21 consecutive days. After 21 days, you must move to another campsite for a minimum of 7 days before returning to previous occupied campsite.

Liability: Land Between the Lakes is neither liable nor responsible for damage, loss, or theft of personal property or for injuries to visitors.

Minimum Stay: We have a two-night minimum stay on weekends and a three-night minimum stay on holidays with reservations.

No Wake Zones: Near swimming areas, boat ramps and fishing docks.

Parking: All vehicles must park on campsite gravel pad or designated overflow areas.

Pets: Pets must be on a leash of 6-feet or less and under physical control at all times while in campground. You are required to clean up after your pet. Pets are not permitted in bathrooms, shower buildings, outspost, and cabins. Pets must not be left unattended.

Prohibited: Fireworks, metal detectors, vehicle maintenance, discharging gray or black water, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

Recycle: Please recycle at recycling stations.

Road Rules: 15 mph speed limit in campgrounds; Follow all state and federal regulations. Golf cart use is allowed on campground roads and only by a state-licensed driver.

Safety: You are responsible for your own safety. Camp and ride at your own risk.

Swimming Beaches: Permitted for registered campers only, during daylight hours. Pets and glass NOT permitted.

Quiet Hours: Quiet hours 11pm to 6am. Generators must be silenced during this time. Limit vehicle traffic to entering and exiting.

Water: Protect our water supply; please use biodegradable products. Discharge gray or black water at designated dump stations only. Do not clean fish or other game in shoe buildings, sinks, or at water faucets and hydrants. Do not wash dishes, brush teeth, or wash up at potable water sources. Do not wash vehicles or trailers at campground. Do not connect hoses to faucets or plug campers into outlets at shower buildings. To help protect our water supply from harmful bacteria, detach hoses from hydrants and remove from area when not in use. Do not tie up pets to hydrants. For your safety, state certified employees monitor our drinking water. Waste water is processed on site through state permitted treatment facilities and eventually discharged into lakes.

Natural Resources: All wildlife and plants are protected. Please do not feed the wildlife. Use fallen branches as firewood. Do not nail, carve, or hang anything, including lanterns, on trees.

Reservations: Reservations may be made beginning 180 to two days before arrival date for a select number of campsites above the flood plain. You can make reservations anytime online at https://www.usedirect.com/Camp/LBL/ or Monday through Friday between 9am and 5pm Central Time when calling 1-800-525-7077.

Reservations are complete when full payment is made via Visa, MasterCard or Discover charge or debit cards. Non-refundable reservation fees will be charged. In addition, change fees and cancellation fees may also be charged. Refer to camping fees for details.

We honor National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands’ Senior and Access passes - offering the cardholder a discount of 50% off the basic site camping fee.

Seasonal Camping Program: A limited number of campers are available for seasonal camping for three to nine months at Hillman Ferry. Annual applications must be submitted by the first week in January; lottery drawings follow. Applications available online in mid-November.

For more information call 270-924-2044.

Target Range: Three targets at 10, 30, and 40 yards. Archery target practice is permitted in designated areas only. Field tips only, no broad heads.

Visitors: All camp-visitors must register at the gatehouse and obtain a current vehicle permit. Visiting hours are 7am to 11pm; vehicle fee is for up to 8 people.

What’s Happening in Land Between the Lakes During Your Stay

Brandon Spring Group Camp
38 Miles | 49 Minutes from Hillman Ferry
reservations required

Woodlands Nature Station
11 Miles | 18 Minutes from Hillman Ferry

Golden Pond Planetarium
18 Miles | 23 Minutes from Hillman Ferry
and Observatory

Homeplace 1850s Working Farm
29 Miles | 38 Minutes from Hillman Ferry

Elk & Bison Prairie
16 Miles | 20 Minutes from Hillman Ferry

Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area
20 Miles | 26 Minutes from Hillman Ferry
Campsites Available for Advanced Reservation
excludes seasonal sites

A: Sites 1-45
B: Sites 1-17, 48-53
C: Sites 41-114
D: Sites 1-7, 11-18
T: 1-13, 31-33, 39-42, 49-50

Call 800-525-7077 or go online www.usedirect.com/campbl