

Frequently Asked Hunting Questions

How big is LBL?

- A. LBL has approximately 110,000 acres in Kentucky and 60,000 acres in Tennessee.

How can I get an application for a quota hunt?

- A. Deer Application Period is July 1 to July 31 go to <https://lblquotahunt.hometracker.com/> *These websites may change for 2021*
- B. Turkey Application Period if February 1 to February 28 go to <https://lblquotahunt.hometracker.com/> *These websites may change for 2021*
- C. You will need to create an account. You must have an email address unique to each hunter per account
- D. For login assistance, you can email lblquotahunt@usda.gov
- E. We cannot create accounts or take applications over the phone.

What are the hunt dates?

- A. Refer to Fact Sheets for Deer, Turkey, and Small Game, Waterfowl and Trapping. They can also find the most current information on the website at <https://www.landbetweenthelakes.us/seendo/outdoor-rec/hunting/>

When is coyote hunting available?

- A. A properly licensed hunter may hunt coyotes may be taken during daylight hours in any open hunting season with weapons specified for that season. During February, center-fire rifles and handguns, and shotguns with shot size T or smaller may be used for coyotes. Night hunting for coyotes is prohibited on LBL. Hog hunting is PROHIBITED.

What licenses and permits are needed to hunt on LBL?

- A. All hunters age 16 and older need a \$25 LBL Hunter Use Permit. A combination Hunting/Dispersed Camping Permit is available for \$75 (or just add a 3-day basic/dispersed camping permit for \$10). Additionally, state hunting license and tags for the type of hunting you are doing, and a Hunter Safety Card are needed according to state regulations for the KY/TN portion of LBL you are in. These can be purchased online, at LBL welcome stations, the Golden Pond Visitor Center, or anywhere KY or TN state licenses are sold.
- B. [Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources](#)
- C. [Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency](#)
- D. [Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area](#)

What maps are available?

- A. The LBL Recreation Map is available at the visitor centers for \$3. It can also be downloaded and printed from our website at www.landbetweenthelakes.us/visit/maps. We can also sell the Z Map \$3.00 + postage and the All-Weather Map \$14.95 + postage and mail to hunter/customer.
- B. **Restricted Road Access** – The roads closed to allow walk-in areas will be barricaded and highlighted on maps at the hunter check stations, and on maps on the website listed above (look for “Turkey Hunt Walk-In Maps”). North & South Maps are available and can be printed from the LBL website. In addition, the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), the habitat maps, and the hunt area maps are available on the website. Maps of the campgrounds are also available.

Can I hunt anywhere or are areas assigned?

- A. Areas are only assigned for quota deer & turkey hunts. Other hunting does not have areas assigned. It is unlawful to hunt within 150 yards of any developed area or trail. Wildlife refuges, Nature Watch Areas, safety zones around facilities, and trails are closed to hunting.

How do we know hunt zone boundaries?

- A. Check the Recreation Map or the Hunt Areas maps on the LBL website landbetweenthelakes.us/visit/maps/. Most of the areas are bounded by roads.

Do I need a hunter safety card?

- A. In Kentucky, anyone born on or after Jan 1, 1975 and in Tennessee, anyone born on or after Jan 1, 1969 must possess a hunter safety card while hunting, unless the person is exempted by state regulations. Children age 12 & up in KY and age 10 & up in TN are required to have one. They can get the regulations at Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources or Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

My child is too young to take the hunter education class. What is needed?

- A. There is a list of safety instructions on our website (<https://www.landbetweenthelakes.us/seendo/outdoor-rec/hunting/>). Look for “*LBL Youth Hunter Safety Instructions.*” For those youth who are not required to have a hunter safety card, print off the page, go over the items with the youth, and sign the page signifying that you have reviewed the items with the youth. The adult accompanying the youth should carry the signed paper with the youth while hunting.

Can I hunt both KY and TN?

- A. You have to have the state licenses for the state where you are hunting. You can hunt in both states if you have licenses in both states. The LBL Hunter Use Permit is valid in both states. For deer hunting, only one antlered deer can be taken in LBL even if you are hunting both states. The Quota Hunt Application System will not allow a hunter to apply in both states for the quota hunt.

Where can I camp? Do I need reservations? What is the cost?

- A. Camping is available at campgrounds and camping areas. Reservations can be made for our larger developed campgrounds and camping is also available on a first-come, first-served basis also. Check out more info on our website at www.landbetweenthelakes.us/seendo/camping

Do you have cabins available?

Camping primitive cabins are available at Energy Lake Campground and Hillman Ferry Campground March 1-November 30 and at Piney Campground and Wranglers Campground year-round. (See *Rates and Hours brochure* for a description of cabin contents at <https://www.landbetweenthelakes.us/visit/rates-hours/>.)

Where can I backcountry camp? Who needs a permit?

- A. Backcountry camping is permitted anywhere in LBL except in the Nature Watch Demonstration Area, Brandon Spring Group Center, fee campgrounds, cemeteries, picnic areas, and within 200 yards of US Hwy 68/80, The Trace, Silver Trail Road, Mulberry Flat Road, and Fort Henry Road. Anyone age 18 or older needs a backcountry/dispersed camping permit, or combination Hunter Use/Dispersed Permit.

What is the current wild hog situation on LBL?

- A. Hogs have been confirmed in Land Between the Lakes. We are working with USDA APHIS and state wildlife agencies to eradicate wild hogs on LBL. As hunting them can disrupt this, hog hunting is **prohibited**.

What licenses and permits are needed to fish on LBL?

- A. All that is needed is the required state fishing license.

Can I hunt deer from a boat?

- A. State regulations limit what species and how those wildlife species can be hunted from a boat, so check current state regulations for the species you are hunting. Generally, it is not legal to hunt from

a boat under motorized power (neither electric or fuel powered engines). TVA and the Corps of Engineers also likely have legal limitations on firing a weapon from the lake surface, which are their legal jurisdictions. Hunters that plan to hunt on LBL but want to access the land using a boat is legal. Note that any deer carcass harvested must not cross a state line when transporting it back to the dock or boat ramp.

How are LBL and NWTF connected?

- A. LBL has a stewardship agreement with the NWTF. They help us with forest and open land management for wildlife.

Will there be any prescribed burns this year & if so, how will it affect hunting?

- A. Yes, there are prescribed burns planned for this upcoming year, weather permitting. They will blacken an area for a short time but in the long run, will help to stimulate and improve wildlife habitat. Check LBL's website (www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/stewardship/fire or www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/alerts- notices) for additional burn information, including location and estimated timing.

Can I hunt fallow deer?

- A. Even though the state of Kentucky may say you can hunt fallow deer elsewhere in the state, they cannot be hunted on LBL.

Is there a place just for a disabled hunter to use?

- A. No, but you can hunt within Turkey Bay OHV area, but you cannot hunt within 150 yards of any trail and cannot have a loaded weapon on a vehicle, and the area only allows archery hunting for deer. You cannot take a motorized vehicle off of a legal road (or trail at Turkey Bay) either.

Can I drive out into a field to get to my stand?

- A. No, you cannot drive or park more than one vehicle length off of a legal road.

Can I ride my ATV out to my stand so I can use it to carry out my deer?

- A. No, Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area is the only designated area for UTV/ATV's. Ifz archery hunting at Turkey Bay, you cannot take a motorized vehicle off of a legal road or trail.

Is there a discount on the LBL Hunting permit for seniors or disabled?

- A. Unfortunately, there is not.

Can a hunter with a concealed carry permit carry a gun that is not for hunting purposes?

- A. Any weapon carried while hunting must be limited to those legal for hunting the game pursued according to state regulations. If the weapon being carried for self-defense is legal for hunting a game animal that is in season and that the hunter is licensed to hunt on LBL, then it would be permissible. It should not be concealed while hunting.

If a hunter has both a KY and TN hunting permit, can the hunter bow hunt in both states?

- A. Yes; Remember that there is still a one buck total for LBL per season, regardless of which state it was harvested.

If a hunter was drawn for the quota hunts, what is the grand total number of deer he can harvest from LBL?

- A. Maximum per state IF you are drawn for a quota hunt also in that state: (*counts toward statewide bag limit*)
 1. Kentucky= 1 during quota + 2 during KY archery + 2 during TN archery= 5 deer total*
 2. Tennessee= 2 during quota + 2 during TN archery + 2 during KY archery= 6 deer total*

*Remember that there is still a one buck total for LBL per season, regardless of which state it was harvested.

If a hunter is drawn for the KY quota hunt, can the hunter archery hunt in KY as well? If so, what is needed?

- A. Yes, all hunters age 16 and older need a \$25 LBL Hunter Use Permit. Additionally, state hunting license and tags for the type of hunting you are doing, and a Hunter Safety Card are needed according to state regulations for the KY/TN portion of LBL you are in. Be sure to pay attention to archery season dates for LBL.

If a hunter is hunting and cannot walk very well, what can he/she use to help carry the deer out of the woods?

- A. You can use anything non-motorized, like a horse, mule, cart, dolly, or hunting partner. ATV/UTV use is not allowed.

Can George have Martha come with him on his hunt to take pictures? Would Martha need a hunting permit?

- A. Someone can accompany you on your hunt to take pictures and does not need a hunting permit as long as he/she is not carrying a weapon. However, if the hunter has 2 weapons useable for hunting carried into the woods with them, then Martha would also have to have a license.

Can someone use a motorized (electric) bicycle on trails or on non-legal access roads (roads where cars cannot legal drive)?

- A. No, all motorized vehicles must stay on the paths where they can be legally driven. On LBL, electric bikes and carts cannot be legally used on trails or access roads.

Duck Hunting:

- A. Duck hunters who hunt from the shores of LBL or launch their boat from an LBL boat ramp or shoreline must carry an LBL hunter use permit. If they are hunting offshore and access that site by boat, then they do not need an LBL hunter use permit. If they come ashore to eat lunch or to cut branches for their blind, they must have a LBL hunter use permit.
- B. Hunters calling to ask about registering to hunt from a blind or looking to participate in a drawing for duck blinds will need to contact the Corps of Engineers for Lake Barkley and TVA for Kentucky Lake; otherwise they should contact the state wildlife agency for more info.

For additional questions about wildlife or hunting at LBL:

- Visit our website at www.landbetweenthelakes.us
- Call us at 800-525-7077 or 270-924-2065 from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday*
*Leave a message as phones are not regularly staffed due to Covid-19 staffing protocols this season
- Email us at lblquotahunt@usda.gov or lblinfo@usda.gov

Other Tips:

- Keep a map handy to reference
- Some areas people call about are State lands, TWA, Army Corps of Engineers have those phone numbers email addresses and websites handy to give out