

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. Purchase permits online at landbetweenthelakes.us/reservations, at our Welcome Stations and facilities. Tennessee permits can also be purchased anywhere TN state hunting licenses are sold.

- Hunter Use Permits | \$25
- Combination Hunter Use and Basic Camping permit for hunters age 18 and older | \$75
- Hunter Use Permits are valid from March 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022

Hunter Safety Requirements

All hunters must possess a hunter safety card as required by state regulations. Additionally, all youth hunters not required to carry a hunter safety card by the states, must carry a verification form available at landbetweenthelakes.us/hunting.

All hunters and youth sponsors must wear visible items of hunter orange as required by state regulations.

Tree Stands and Ground Blinds

We allow portable tree stands, climbing devices and ground blinds. These stands and blinds must not injure trees. Do **not** use nails, spikes, and screw-in devices. All portable stands must display owner's name and address. Portable stands may be placed within two weeks before hunting season opens. They must be removed within one week following the close of hunting season.

Please Report

- You must report your harvest at Welcome Stations or the Hunter Check Station before leaving Land Between the Lakes
 - o Hog sightings at 270.924.2065
 - o Poaching at 877.861.2457

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. For campfires, do not bring firewood from home which may harbor unwanted pests. Use only dead and downed wood for fuel. Attend the fire at all times and follow Smokey's rules to put the fire out completely. Use existing fire rings during high fire danger seasons.
6. Protect yourself from bug bites and ticks.
7. Firearms strictly prohibited except during established Land Between the Lakes hunting season by legally licensed hunters with permits.
8. Respect the Resource - leave historical items, plants and flowers for others to enjoy. This includes respecting our trails and roads during wet conditions.

Find our camping rules at landbetweenthelakes.us/rules

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been reported in southwest Tennessee, but has not been found in Land Between the Lakes. Do not bring any harvested deer, deer parts, or carry them across state lines in Land Between the Lakes. **Exception:** for meat that has the bones removed in Tennessee; quartered or deboned into Kentucky; or antlers attached to a cleaned skull or cleaned skull plate into either state. See Kentucky and Tennessee state regulations for further information on CWD.

Feral Hog sightings, with accurate locations, should be reported at 270.924.2065 or lblquotahunt@usda.gov

It is not legal to hunt feral hogs in Land Between the Lakes. It interferes with removal efforts.

www.landbetweenthelakes.us/feral-hog-info

Land Between the Lakes

National Recreation Area | USDA Forest Service
800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000

www.landbetweenthelakes.us

EMERGENCY or reporting: 911 or 877.861.2457

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2021-2022 Deer Hunting

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Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area Kentucky | Tennessee

Permits

While hunting, hunters must carry on their person the following items: Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit, appropriate state hunting license, deer permit, hunter safety card as required by state regulations, and Quota Hunt permits - if applicable.

Permits can **not** be changed, altered or transferred to another hunter.

Quota Hunts

To participate in our Quota Deer Hunt, hunters must apply online between July 1-31 and be selected in a computer drawing. Archery hunting has split seasons, so check dates.

Apply at

<https://lblquotahunt.usdirect.com/Web/Home.aspx>

New in 2021-22 Season

- The quality of harvested bucks is monitored on Land Between the Lakes; harvested deer are to be checked in at a USFS check station.
- The Archery and Crossbow limits on the Kentucky portion of LBL has increased to two deer, only one antlered
- Crossbows are legal during the entire archery season on both the Kentucky and Tennessee portions of LBL.
- Deer density remains highest in the Tennessee portion of the Land Between the Lakes.
- See table on backside for bag limits.



For more information or to contact the
Environmental Stewardship Department

Call : 270.924.2065

Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm central time

Email: lblquotahunt@usda.gov



2021-2022 Deer Hunting Information

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area



| Hunter Check Stations | Kentucky | Tennessee |
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| | Central Hunter Check Station | South Welcome Station |
| | North Welcome Station | |

Hunters are required to check out harvested deer at hunter check stations before leaving Land Between the Lakes.

| Quota Hunts | Kentucky | Tennessee |
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| | Legal firearms include muzzle loading or conventional shotguns, rifles or handguns per state regulations Deer hunters may also harvest armadillos and coyotes | |
| Dates | November 12-14 | November 20-21 and December 3-4 |
| Dates Youth | November 6-7 | October 23-24 |
| Youth Ages | 15 years old and younger | 6 to 16 years old |
| Youth Sponsor | One adult 21 years or older must accompany one youth | |

| Archery and Crossbow | Kentucky | Tennessee |
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| | Hunters may also harvest one either-sex turkey with state permit, squirrel, woodchucks, armadillo, and coyotes Equipment must conform to state regulations and hunters may NOT carry firearms | |
| Dates | September 25 - November 4 November 8-10 November 15 - January 17, 2022 | September 25 - October 21 October 25- November 18 November 22- December 1 December 5 - January 2, 2022 |

| Licenses and Permits | Kentucky | Tennessee |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| State License and deer permit | 12 years and older | 13 years and older |
| LBL Hunter Use Permit | 16 years and older | 16 years and older |

| Bag Limits | Kentucky | Tennessee |
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| Quota Hunt | One deer of either sex unless an antlered buck has already been harvested in Land Between the Lakes. Counts towards statewide bag limit. | Two deer, including only one antlered buck, unless an antlered buck has already been harvested in Land Between the Lakes, counts toward statewide bag limit. |
| Archery/Crossbow | Two deer, including only one antlered buck, unless an antlered buck was already harvested in Land Between the Lakes, counts towards statewide bag limit. | Two deer, including only one antlered buck, unless an antlered buck was already harvested in Land Between the Lakes, counts toward statewide bag limit. |
| Antlered Buck | Visible antler above hairline. One total per season on Land Between the Lakes. | At least one 3 inch antler. One total per season on Land Between the Lakes. |
| European Fallow Deer | Not legal to hunt | |
| Bonus Deer | Youth Quota Hunt Only | Youth Quota Hunt Only |

General Hunting Regulations

- **Quota and archery harvested deer must be checked before leaving Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. A self-check-out will be available at check stations when closed.**
 - All hunters are responsible to check deer with appropriate state.
 - This information provides for better management of the deer herd.
- Licensed motorized vehicles permitted on numbered roads only. You can find these roads on our Recreation Map and Motorized Vehicle Use Map online at landbetweenthe lakes.us/maps. Other roads are for administrative or emergency access only. Parking is permitted within one vehicle length of a legal road.
- Avoid blocking emergency vehicle access to any road or trail.
- Do **not** rut fields or roads.
- Do not leave campfire rings/rocks in fields or roads.
- Unlicensed motorized vehicles are allowed only in the Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area and require a permit. Turkey Bay is an archery-only area for deer hunting.
- When transporting firearms in a vehicle, keep them cased and unloaded in both chamber and magazine.
- It is unlawful to hunt within 150 yards of any developed area or trail.
- Nature Watch Areas, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and posted areas are closed to hunting.
- The placement of bait at any time or hunting over bait, including food or mineral substances, is prohibited.
- **Deer Hunting Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Use of any artificial light to locate wildlife is prohibited at all times.
- Do not use paint, tape, flagging, or other artificial materials to mark trees, trails, or routes.
- Hunting deer from horseback or with dogs is prohibited.
- Hunters must not be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- Remember to observe all applicable state and federal regulations.
- To protect the future of hunting, please remain courteous and helpful to our visitors.
- **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 in fields.

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