



Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area 2026 Seasonal Camping Program: Frequently Asked Questions

When are the applications open?

The application period is now through January 9, 2026, depending on the campground. Applications are limited to 1 per individual and/or household.

Where do I send my completed application?

Completed applications must be mailed to: Recreation and Engineering Department, Attention: Wanda Crump, Land Between the Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211-9001.

What campgrounds have seasonal camping sites?

Cravens Bay, Taylor Bay, Hillman Ferry, Piney, and Wranglers Campgrounds participate in the seasonal camping program.

How much are the sites and what sites are available?

For complete information on available seasonal camping sites and rates, please refer to the information and application documents on the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area [official website](#).

What are the minimum and maximum stays for seasonal camping sites?

The minimum and maximum stays for all seasonal camping sites are 3 and 9 months, respectively.

Can I preview the sites at the campgrounds?

You may preview sites at Hillman Ferry and/or Piney Campgrounds during daylight hours through the month of November 2025. Taylor Bay, Cravens Bay, and Wranglers are open year-round and can be previewed any month.

Open House: Hillman Ferry - December 6 and January 3, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm;
Piney - December 13 and January 10, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

How does the site selection process work?

The selection process is a true lottery and completely virtual. After we receive your application, we will mail and email detailed information for the live virtual drawings, which will occur on Saturday, January 10 for Hillman Ferry and Wranglers Campgrounds and Saturday, January 17 for Piney, Cravens Bay, and Taylor Bay Campgrounds. Applicants will receive a number before the drawing and if their number is drawn during the live virtual event, they will choose from the available sites. Site selection is the responsibility of the applicant. Once an applicant has been drawn, a maximum of 3 minutes total will be allotted for the applicant to call in and select from available sites. Applications for 9-month sites will be drawn first. After all 9-month applicants have been drawn, 8-month applicants will be drawn, then 7, 6, etc. until no sites or applicants remain.

When will I pay for my site?

Forest Service staff members will call to collect payment after the campground's live virtual event concludes. Payment will be required in the form of credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover). Personal checks, cashier's checks, or money orders will not be accepted.

Do you offer any discounts for the seasonal camping rates?

No discount cards, passes, passports, vouchers, coupons, or any other discount rates will be applicable during the seasonal camping permit arrangement, including federal Senior, Interagency, and/or Access passes.

Can I sublease my site?

Subleasing of sites is prohibited.