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Dear Cravens Bay and Taylor Bay Campers:

We hope you enjoyed your camping experiences this year at Land Between the Lakes. It is time to begin the process for the seasonal camping program for 2026. For your convenience, an application listing available sites and rates in Cravens Bay and Taylor Bay is enclosed. Applications are limited to one per individual and/or household.

If you are interested in applying for a seasonal site, complete the application and return it to the address listed on the application no later than January 9, 2026. PLEASE NOTE: The selection process will be completely virtual. After we receive your application, we will mail and email detailed information for the drawing.

The selection process will be a true lottery. Applicants will receive a number before the drawing and as their number is drawn, they will choose from the available sites. Applications for nine-month sites will be drawn first. After all nine month applicants have been drawn, eight month applicants will be drawn, then seven, six, etc. until no sites or applicants remain. After the initial drawing, if anyone who has less than six months wants more months, the process will be repeated. (For example: John Doe chooses a site for three months in the spring but also wants three months in the fall.) Once a decision has been made, there will not be any changes. Make sure the site and months you choose are what you want. This selection process will be completely virtual and will be held on **January 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**

The drawing will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026, to accommodate all interested parties. Site selection is the responsibility of the applicant. **Please be familiar with the sites.** Once an applicant has been drawn, a maximum of three minutes will be allowed for the applicant to call in and select from available sites. **Site selection must be made by the end of the three minutes.**

Once a site has been selected, payment will be required immediately in the form of credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover). If you will be paying by debit card, be sure to notify your bank ahead of time so the transaction will not be declined.

Confirmed applicants will be mailed a permit for signature. Signed permit will be required to be returned no later than February 24, 2026.



If you choose not to attend the drawing, you may call the following week to find out what sites/months are still available. All documentation is still required to accompany the application.

If you have any questions about the process, please call Wanda Crump at 270-924-2044 or Chuck Ringham at 270-924-2053. We appreciate your support for Land Between the Lakes and hope you will consider a seasonal camping experience this season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamey Thweatt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

JAMEY THWEATT
Recreation and Engineering Staff Officer

Enclosure

2026 SEASONAL CAMPING APPLICATION

Golden Age and Golden Access or Interagency Annual and Lifetime Senior and Interagency Access discount cards, or any other discount rates or coupons will not be applicable during the permit arrangement. **Subleasing of sites is prohibited.**

Please complete this application and mail to: Customer Service Department, Attention Wanda Crump, Land Between the Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211-9001. Application must be received by January 9, 2026.

Name _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone (include area code) HOME _____

CELL _____

Email Address: _____

List names of all immediate household family members (living at the same address) staying in camping unit throughout permit period.

_____, _____, _____
_____, _____, _____
_____, _____, _____

Campground Choice (Check one): Cravens Bay _____ Taylor Bay _____

Number of months requesting: _____

Date requesting: Begin _____ End _____
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Month) (Day) (Year)

Starting dates must begin with the first day of a month and length of stay must be in full month increments. (For example: Begin March 1, 2026; end November 30, 2026). Maximum length of time a permit will be awarded will be nine months.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY ATTEMPT TO SUBMIT A FALSE OR ADDITIONAL APPLICATION TO INCREASE AN APPLICANT'S CHANCE OF BEING SELECTED WILL RESULT IN THAT APPLICANT BEING RESTRICTED FROM APPLYING FOR TWO YEARS.

IMPORTANT

A valid application consists of: 1) proof of ownership of camping unit (copy of title or registration), and 2) a completed application form.

Please allow ample time for delivery as our mail is only delivered two days a week.

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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- All permittees must abide by all Forest Service campground policies and regulations except as listed below.
- Applications are limited to one per individual and/or household. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older at time of application.
- Any requests for changes to an application already submitted must be made by 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date.
- Site will be paid in full on the day of the drawing.
- A permit is to run for a maximum of nine months only within a one year period.
- **Permit allows two camping units, only one of which can be wheeled. Any additional camping unit will be required to occupy and pay for a second campsite.**
- **Permittees must attend their site at least once a week.**
- Permit is for one family unit. "Family unit" is defined as immediate household members. For a visitor or relative not living in the household to occupy site, a member of the permittee's household who is 18 years or older must be present at the site. The permittee is responsible for the actions of visitors to their site. **Subleasing is not permitted.**
- Two vehicles are allowed per site. Please refer to campground regulations for parking policy. The permittee is responsible for the actions of visitors registered to the site.
- **Gray and black water discharge is prohibited according to state regulations except at designated dump stations. No discharge will be dumped in chemical toilets or vault toilets. If you do not want to remove your camper to dump, please use a portable storage tank that can be disconnected to transport to a dump station.**
- Permittee must vacate the area following the termination of this permit and follow all length of stay regulations for the facility in question. Permittee may arrive early to the site with a backcountry permit or pay the proper camping fee. Permittee cannot stay beyond the expiration of the seasonal permit. Any camping unit not removed from the site at the end of the permit will be considered abandoned property and removed at the owner's expense.
- A permit can be extended one time only with the maximum time frame not to exceed nine months.
- Resident Attendant, Chuck Ringham, or Wanda Crump at the Administration Office must be notified if camping unit is removed for an overnight period. If vacating the site before the permit expires, please let one of the afore-mentioned individuals know so the site is available for someone else.
- **Permit holders are allowed one (1) 10x10 canopy for shade/shelter and one (1) 10x10 canopy for storage, or one (1) 10x20 canopy for a combination of shade/shelter and storage. No combination of the three will be allowed.**
- **Chuck Ringham, prior to installation, must approve all storage units, portable decks, and/or patios. All storage units, portable decks, and/or patios must be on gravel impact pad and no post holes may be used for installation. Sites, picnic tables, or fire rings will not be altered to accommodate storage unit, portable deck, and/or patio placement. Portable deck or patio should not be more than one step (8 inches) high and no more than 5ft x 8ft in dimension.**
- Permittee may be **required** to move or remove their camping unit prior to the end of the permit period in cases of flooding from high lake levels, lapses in government funding, or maintenance needs. Refunds are not guaranteed.
- Permit agreement cancellation and refunds will be made due to death or severe illness only. Requests must be made in writing.

- Permit holders are not to dig, plant or landscape on Facility grounds. Examples are plants and flowers not in pots, TV dish antennas set in the ground, mailboxes set in the ground, and fencing.
- Permit holders must limit firewood on site to one rick of wood (a stack 1'by 4'by 8').
- No advertisement for commercial or personal sales on facility grounds without a Forest Service special use permit.
- Permittees who do not comply with any regulation in their permit will be issued a violation notice and/or be barred from applying for a seasonal permit next year.
- **All trailers, (utility, box, etc.) used for bringing in camping equipment will be removed from campground after unloading.** No storage or parking of trailers is allowed in campground.

2026 Seasonal Campsites

Available sites at Cravens Bay:

(Basic Only) Sites 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26

Available Sites at Taylor Bay

(Basic Only) Sites 1, 2, 3, 16, 18, 19, 31, 33, 34, and 35

2026 SEASONAL CAMPSITE FEES

# of Months	Cravens Bay	Taylor Bay
3	486	405
4	648	540
5	810	675
6	972	810
7	1134	945
8	1296	1080
9	1458	1215

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