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ABOUT THE COVER

There are approximately 200,000 small game hunters in Kentucky. Help gather valuable data about the state's small game populations by keeping a daily hunting diary and filling out the hunter cooperator surveys for small game. Click on the "Hunt" tab on fw.ky.gov and choose "Game Species" from the dropdown menu.



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NEW THIS YEAR

Changes from last season are printed in **bright blue** throughout this guide to assist you in noticing those changes.

AREAS

A 601-acre addition to Dr. James R. Rich WMA in Owen County is open to hunting under the regulations currently in place for the WMA.

Indian Creek Tract of Clay WMA in Bath County is open to hunting under the regulations currently in place for the WMA.

Revelation Energy Hunting Access Area in Breathitt, Floyd, Harlan, Knott, Leslie, Martin and Pike counties includes Martin County, Bevin's Branch, Floyd-Knott, Breathitt County, Bledsoe and Wallin's Creek tracts. The area is open for public hunting under statewide regulations. Season dates, bag limits and zone restrictions apply based on the county zone where the area is located. Refer to tract descriptions on fw.ky.gov for elk hunting specifics.

DEER HUNTING

Hardin and Webster counties are now Zone 1. Marion County is now Zone 2.

At Grayson Lake WMA in Carter and Elliott counties, the December muzzleloader season is open under statewide regulations.

At Knobs State Forest WMA in Bullitt County, the youth-only firearm season and free youth weekend are open under statewide regulations.

The one deer per license year limit on Higginson-Henry WMA in Union County has been removed. Statewide bag limits now apply.

Drawn quota hunters may bring one non-hunting person along on their hunt. The non-hunting person is not required to have applied for the quota hunt but must check in and check out with the drawn quota hunter and abide by hunter

orange requirements.

At Big Rivers WMA in Crittenden and Union counties, an archery and crossbow quota hunt will start the Monday following the October youth-only firearms season and continue through November 30, except when closed during the two-day quota hunt that starts the first Saturday in November. All deer hunting seasons on this WMA are closed, except to drawn hunters, during quota hunts.

Except during youth quota hunts, deer taken on Land Between The Lakes in Trigg and Lyon counties are no longer "bonus" deer and will count against a hunter's statewide limit. The archery season on the Kentucky portion of Land Between The Lakes will run from the fourth Saturday in September through the first full weekend in January. The bag limit is one deer during the archery season.

ELK HUNTING

There are two new Limited Entry Areas (LEA). Tug Fork LEA is within the boundaries of the Revelation Energy Hunting Access Area in Floyd, Martin and Pike counties as established by signage. Levisa Fork LEA encompasses Fishtrap Lake WMA in Pike County and is closed to elk hunting due to ongoing elk restoration efforts. Maps detailing the boundaries of these new LEAs are available online at fw.ky.gov.

A drawn elk hunter may use a landowner cooperator permit to hunt on adjacent property if the property is owned by a different landowner who has granted permission to the permit holder.

SMALL GAME

Hunters may now use a rimfire handgun and a .410 gauge handgun to take small game.

Slingshots may be used with manufactured hunting ammunition.

KNOW THE LAW! Please read this guide carefully to prevent being cited for a violation. Make sure you understand Kentucky's hunting and trapping laws before going afield. If you need help understanding a law call 1-800-858-1549, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET. The top five most issued citations related to hunting and trapping are: 1) Hunting or trapping without a license 2) Hunting or trapping without landowner's permission 3) Illegal take of game 4) Taking more game than the bag limit and 5) Failure to tag or check game.

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This is a summary of the laws regarding hunting and trapping, intended solely for informational use. It is not a reprint of any referenced Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) or Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) in its entirety and should not be used as such. The exact wording of Kentucky's hunting and trapping laws can be viewed online at fw.ky.gov. Click on Enforcement, then Regulations, then scroll down to Administrative Regulations.

Throughout the year, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife also produces regulation guides for fishing and boating, spring hunting, waterfowl and other migratory bird hunting (dove, wood duck, teal, woodcock, snipe and crow). These guides are available free wherever licenses are sold, and are posted online.

2016-17 KENTUCKY HUNTING SEASONS

DEER <small>pg 11</small>	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Modern Gun	Nov. 12-27, 2016 (either sex)		Nov. 12-21, 2016 (either sex)	Nov. 12-21, 2016 (antlered only)
Archery	Sept. 3, 2016 – Jan. 16, 2017 (either sex)			Sept. 3, 2016 – Jan. 16, 2017 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-21 and Dec. 10-15)
Crossbow	Oct. 1-16 and Nov. 12 – Dec. 31, 2016 (either sex)			Oct. 1-16 and Nov. 12 – Dec. 31, 2016 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-21, Dec. 10-15)
Muzzleloader	Oct. 15-16 and Dec. 10-18, 2016 (either sex)			Oct. 15-16 and Dec. 10-15, 2016 (antlered only) and Dec. 16-18, 2016 (either sex)
Youth-only Firearms	Oct. 8-9, 2016 (either sex)			
Free Youth Weekend	Dec. 31, 2016 – Jan. 1, 2017 (either sex)			

QUOTA ELK <small>pg 15</small>	Firearms	Archery	Crossbow
Bull (antlered)	Week 1: Oct. 1-7, 2016 Week 2: Oct. 8-14, 2016	Sept. 17-30, Oct. 15 – Dec. 9, Dec. 17, 2016 – Jan. 6 and Jan. 14-16, 2017	Sept. 24-30, Oct. 15 – Dec. 9 and Dec. 17-23, 2016
Cow (antlerless)	Week 1: Dec. 10-16, 2016 Week 2: Jan. 7-13, 2017	Oct. 15 – Dec. 9, Dec. 17, 2016 – Jan. 6 and Jan. 14-16, 2017	Oct. 15 – Dec. 9 and Dec. 17-23, 2016
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	All seasons as noted above		

BEAR <small>pg 17</small>	Chase-only	Archery/Crossbow	Modern Gun	Quota Hunt w/Dogs	Youth-only
	Aug. 1-31, 2016	Oct. 22-28, 2016	Dec. 10-12, 2016	Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 17-18, 2016	Dec. 31, 2016 – Jan 1, 2017

FALL TURKEY <small>pg 19</small>	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 22-28 and Dec. 3-9, 2016	Sept. 3, 2016 – Jan. 16, 2017	Oct. 1-16 and Nov. 12 – Dec. 31, 2016

SMALL GAME <small>pg 20</small>		Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel		Aug. 20 – Nov. 11 and Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017
Rabbit	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-11 and Nov. 14, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 14, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017
	Western Zone	Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 10, 2017	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 10, 2017
Quail	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-11 and Nov. 14, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017	No trapping
	Western Zone	Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 10, 2017	
Grouse		Nov. 1-11 and Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017	
Falconry		Sept. 1, 2016 – March 30, 2017	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week		Dec. 31, 2016 – Jan. 6, 2017	

FURBEARERS <small>pg 22</small>	Hunting	Trapping
Raccoon & Opossum	Oct. 1, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017, day or night (exceptions apply)	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017
Coyote	Year-round, day or night (exceptions apply)	
Bobcat	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 26, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017, daylight hours only	
River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017, daylight hours only	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 31, 2016 – Jan. 6, 2017	

OTHER SPECIES <small>pg 24</small>	Hunting
Crow	One-half hour before sunrise Sept. 1 – Nov. 7, 2016 and Jan. 4 – Feb. 28, 2017, daylight hours only
Bullfrog	Noon May 20 – Midnight Oct. 31, 2016
Groundhog	Year-round
Turtles	Year-round, day or night (exceptions apply)

Special rules such as hunting zones, quotas and species restrictions may apply to these season dates. Please refer to the pages listed above for complete details before you hunt.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LICENSES AND PERMITS

GENERAL HUNTER LICENSING

Persons who take or attempt to take game are considered hunters and therefore subject to licensing requirements.

Unless license exempt, hunters and trappers must obtain and carry while in the field proof that they have met the license requirements for the kind of hunting they are doing. This proof can be either a paper license/permit or a license authorization number.

Persons who can't show they are licensed properly while hunting risk being issued a citation.

Each hunter and trapper must have his or her own license or permit unless exempt. Paper licenses and permits must be signed and the hunter information portion (signature, address, eye and hair color, sex, height and weight) completed before going afield.

LICENSE-EXEMPT HUNTERS

In some cases, a resident hunter may not be required to buy a hunting license or game permits. Here are those situations:

- Resident and nonresident children younger than the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses and permits, except the elk hunt drawing application. Hunters eligible to par-

Other laws apply!

Hunters exempt from buying licenses and permits are required to follow hunting season laws, bag limits, comply with the hunter orange clothing law, and follow hunter harvest recording, checking and tagging requirements. Kentucky landowners, their legal dependents and their tenants are subject to the usual license requirements anytime they hunt somewhere other than their own lands.

ticipate in the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week or Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, and adults who accompany a youth hunter but are not hunting themselves, are not required to have a license or permit during these seasons

- Kentucky resident owners of farmlands, their spouses and dependent children hunting upon their own farmlands during an open season
- Tenants, their spouses and dependent children hunting on farmlands where they reside and work
- Kentucky residents on military leave of more than three days in this state who carry identification and papers verifying their leave status
- Members of the U.S. Armed Forces based in Kentucky engaged in sport hunting or fishing on these Kentucky National

Lose your license or permit?

Replacements can be printed at no cost from the department's website at fw.ky.gov.

Guard properties: Hidden Valley Training Area in Powell County, and the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center in Muhlenberg County

SHOOTING PRESERVE LICENSE

A shooting preserve license, available online only at fw.ky.gov, is valid for one license year only, and only at the shooting preserve indicated at the time of purchase.

HIP SURVEYS

In addition to purchasing a Migratory Bird-Waterfowl Permit, or any license that includes it, hunters who intend to hunt migratory birds must go online or make a phone call and fill out the Harvest Information Program (HIP) questions before they are legal migratory bird hunters. Only those who plan to hunt migratory birds need to complete the HIP survey.

The process takes less than five minutes. On the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife webpage at fw.ky.gov, click on the "My Profile" tab. This takes you to a page that asks for some basic information to confirm your identity. After completing the HIP questions, you will receive a confirmation number that must be written on your hunting license or Kentucky Migratory Game Bird-Waterfowl Hunting Permit.

Those without internet access may call the department at 1-800-858-1549 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays for assistance.

HOW TO BUY LICENSES AND PERMITS

It is the hunter's responsibility to know what type of license/permit is needed.

When buying a license or permit the hunter's date of birth and Social Security number must be provided.

If you have licensing questions call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30

p.m. (Eastern time).

ONLINE

Licenses and permits can be purchased online at fw.ky.gov.

Hunters purchasing licenses or permits online must pay with a Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover

card, or a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife gift certificate. Gift certificates are sold online only at fw.ky.gov.

Hunters who buy licenses or permits online will not be mailed a paper license or permit but will receive an authorization number. The authorization number or a computer printout of the

license or permit and a picture ID must be carried in the field while hunting.

IN PERSON

Licenses and permits can be purchased at various locations throughout the state. A list of license agents can be viewed online at fw.ky.gov.

BY PHONE

Licenses and permits can be pur-

chased by telephone 24 hours a day, by calling toll-free at 1-877-598-2401. All licenses and permits, except a disability license, elk drawing application and youth licenses and permits, can be purchased by telephone.

Hunters purchasing licenses and permits by phone will be charged a small convenience fee, and must pay with a Visa, Mastercard, Discover card, or an e-check. Hunters will be issued an au-

thorization number which serves as the license or permit.

If requested, a paper license or permit (except short-term licenses) will be mailed to the hunter. The paper license must be filled out and signed by the hunter.

The authorization number and a picture ID must be carried in the field while hunting. Both the authorization number and paper license are valid for the license year.

WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT DO I NEED?

The tables below provide a quick overview of current licensing requirements. See the rest of this section for

exemptions and complete residency, licensing and hunter education requirements. Licenses and permits for the

species below are not required for children under the age of 12.

KENTUCKY RESIDENTS	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and over OR Disabled
Deer	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Statewide Deer Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Fall Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Spring Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License	Senior/Disabled License
Trapping	Annual Youth Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Migratory Game Bird-Waterfowl Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Migratory Game Bird-Waterfowl Permit† + Federal Duck Stamp	Senior/Disabled License + Federal Duck Stamp

*Included in Youth Sportsman's License

†Included in Resident Sportsman's License

NONRESIDENTS (must buy nonresident licenses/permits)	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 and over
Deer	Youth Hunting License + Youth Deer Permit	Annual Hunting License + Statewide Deer Permit
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License + Youth Turkey Permit	Annual Hunting License + Fall Turkey Permit
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License + Youth Turkey Permit	Annual Hunting License + Spring Turkey Permit
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License	Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License
Trapping	Annual Trapping License	Annual Trapping License
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License	Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License + Migratory Game Bird-Waterfowl Permit
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License	Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License + Migratory Game Bird-Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

	LICENSE / PERMIT	Resident	Nonresident
LICENSES	Annual Fishing	\$20	\$50
	Joint Husband/Wife Annual Fishing	\$36	Not available
	1-Day Fishing	\$7	\$10
	3-Year Fishing (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$55	Not available
	Nonresident 7-Day Fishing	Not available	\$30
	Nonresident 15-Day Fishing	Not available	\$40
	Trout Permit	\$10	
	Annual Hunting	\$20	\$140
	1-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	\$7	\$15
	7-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	Not available	\$55
	Annual Youth Hunting (ages 12-15 only)	\$6	\$10
	Shooting Area License (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$5	
	Annual Trapping	\$20	\$130
	Annual Landowner/Tenant Trapping	\$10	Not available
Annual Youth (ages 12-15) Trapping	\$5	Not available	
COMBOS	Annual Combination Hunting/Fishing	\$30	Not available
	Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting/Fishing* (includes same license and permits as Resident Sportsman's License, plus additional deer permits.)	\$5	Not available
	Sportsman's License* (Includes combination hunting/fishing, statewide deer permit, spring and fall turkey permits, state migratory game bird-waterfowl permit and trout permit.)	\$95	Not available
	Youth (ages 12-15) Sportsman's License* (Includes youth hunting license, 2 youth deer permits and 2 youth turkey permits.)	\$30	Not available
DEER	Statewide Deer Permit (two deer)	\$35	\$120
	Youth (ages 12-15) Deer Permit (one deer)	\$10	\$15
	Additional Deer Permit (two deer)	\$15	
BIRDS	Spring Turkey Permit (statewide) (two turkeys)	\$30	\$75
	Youth (ages 12-15) Turkey Permit (one turkey, spring or fall)	\$10	\$15
	Fall Turkey Permit (statewide)(four turkeys)	\$30	\$75
	Migratory Bird-Waterfowl Permit	\$15	
	Federal Duck Stamp (available at post offices and online at www.duckstamp.com)	\$25	
	Pheasant Quota Hunt Permit (if drawn)	\$25	
ELK	Elk Drawing Application (deadline April 30; available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$10	
	Youth WMA Elk Drawing Application (deadline April 30; available at fw.ky.gov only)	\$10	
	Quota Bull Elk Permit (if drawn; available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$100	\$550
	Quota Cow Elk Permit (if drawn; available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$60	\$400
	Youth Elk Permit (if drawn; available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$30	\$40
	Out-of-Zone Elk Permit (Nonresident available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$30	\$400
BEAR	Bear Permit	\$30	Not available
	Bear Chase Permit	\$30	Not available
	Youth Bear Chase Permit	\$10	Not available
AREAS	Peabody WMA User Permit	\$15	
	Land Between The Lakes (LBL) Hunter Use Permit	\$25, or \$35 with Backcountry Camping	
	Otter Creek ORA Admission Fees (per person) (available online at fw.ky.gov)	Daily: \$3, annual: \$30, children under 12: free.	
	Otter Creek ORA Special Activity Fees (per person, for use of horse trails, mountain bike trails and shooting range) (available online at fw.ky.gov)	Daily: \$7, annual: \$70	
OTHER	Temporary Hunter Education Exemption Permit (Hunter Apprentice Opportunity; available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$5	
	Habitat Improvement and Public Access Donation (voluntary; available at fw.ky.gov only)	Any amount	

*Peabody, LBL and Otter Creek permits, elk drawing application, elk quota hunt permit, out-of-zone elk permit, bear permit, federal duck stamp and trapping license not included. An additional deer permit is not included with a Sportsman's License. Kentucky's license year begins March 1 and continues through the last day of February. New licenses are required annually, except for the 3-year fishing license. A 1-day or 7-day hunting license is valid only for the period shown on license. Resident and nonresident youth under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses or permits (except the elk drawing application).

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

RESIDENT LICENSING

A resident is any person who has established permanent domicile and legal residence, and has resided in Kentucky for 30 days prior to buying a license, full-time students enrolled in an educational institution for at least six months, or military service personnel on permanent assignment in Kentucky.

NONRESIDENT LICENSING

A person who does not meet the definition of a Kentucky resident is considered a nonresident and must purchase nonresident licenses and permits. Nonresident youth hunters are subject to the same requirements as resident youth hunters. A nonresident who owns land in Kentucky must purchase non-

resident licenses and permits.

YOUTH LICENSING

Resident and nonresident hunters under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses and permits, except for the elk drawing application.

Resident and nonresident hunters ages 12-15 are eligible to purchase dis-

RESIDENT SENIOR OR DISABLED COMBINATION HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

The following are eligible to purchase the Senior or Disabled Combination Hunting and Fishing License (which includes the same license and permits as the Resident Sportsman's License, plus additional deer permits):

- Kentucky residents ages 65 or older. Seniors need only show proof of age and residency to purchase this license.
- Kentucky residents certified totally and permanently disabled by the federal Social Security Administration, a state workers' compensation board, the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System or the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board.
- Kentucky resident employees of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management declared totally and permanently disabled by a recognized authority.
- Kentucky resident veterans at least 50% disabled as the result of a service-connected disability.

Persons with disabilities listed above must first obtain a disability authorization card from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

To obtain a disability license authorization card:

If your disability is through the –

- **Federal Social Security Administration:** To request a Benefit Verification Letter (BEVE), you may: (1) go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount, (2) call 1-800-772-1213 or (3) contact your local office. To request the BEVE on the Social Security website, choose "Create an Account" or "Sign In." Next, click the "Get a Benefit Verification Letter" link. Next select "Customize your letter." The BEVE should include your name, address, date of birth, benefit amount and indicate

that you are disabled. Next, choose "Apply to letter" and then "Print."

If you contact Social Security, please request all of this information to be included on the BEVE. The BEVE will only include the last four digits of your claim number(s). We ask that you write your entire Social Security Number (SSN) on the BEVE before sending it to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. The full SSN is required in order to process the Hunting/Fishing License application. The BEVE that you send to us should not be over six months old from its date of issue.

- **Veterans Affairs:** Contact your local VA office and request a letter that verifies you are at least 50 percent disabled as a result of a service-connected disability. The letter should also have your current address and your Social Security number.
- **State Workers' Compensation Board:** Request an application from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and send the completed form to the state Workers' Compensation Board.
- **U.S. Railroad Retirement Board:** Contact the Board and request a letter stating you are permanently and totally disabled and show current address.
- **Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System:** Contact the Teachers' Retirement System and request written documentation stating you are on disability retirement and show a current address.
- **U.S. Office of Personnel Management:** Contact the federal Office of Personnel Management and obtain certification of employment, obtain certification of being 100 percent

disabled from a recognized authority, and show a current address.

To send disability paperwork to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife:

- By mail: KDFWR Disability License, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601
- By fax: (502) 564-9845

Once the proper documentation is processed, applicants will receive their authorization card by mail.

The authorization card is not a license. It must be presented to the license seller, or the authorization number entered online, at the time of license purchase.

License vendors cannot sell a disability license using an expired authorization card. The Senior or Disabled Combination Hunting and Fishing License is valid through the end of February each year. If you lose your card or license, you can print a copy of both online using the "My Profile" feature at fw.ky.gov.

Q: How long is a disability authorization card valid?

A: A disability authorization card is good for three years (check the expiration date). Every three years you must provide updated paperwork (following the instructions on this page) and get a new card. Those who already have a disability authorization card through Veterans Affairs, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board or U.S. Office of Personnel Management may call 1-800-310-1873 to get a new card.

counted licenses and permits, which are valid for the entire license year, if they are purchased before the youth is 16.

Persons 15 years of age and under who hunt turkey, elk, deer or bear with a firearm must always be accompanied by an adult. Persons under 12 years old, who have passed a hunter education course, may hunt small game and furbearers without being accompanied by an adult.

The annual Youth Hunting License authorizes the holder to hunt all small game species and migratory bird species. Hunters 15 and younger are exempt from purchasing a state Migratory Game

Bird-Waterfowl Permit, and a duck stamp.

A Youth Deer Permit allows the hunter to take one deer. A youth hunter may purchase a total of two Youth Deer Permits. To harvest more than two deer, a youth hunter must purchase an Additional Deer Permit.

The Youth Turkey Permit allows the hunter to harvest one turkey. The Youth Turkey Permit may be used during any turkey season.

Sportsman's License - Save \$55

Available to Kentucky residents only, the Sportsman's License includes a Combination Hunting and Fishing License, Spring and Fall Turkey permits, Statewide Deer Permit, state Migratory Game Bird-Waterfowl Permit and Trout Permit. A Federal Duck Stamp (available at post offices and online at www.duckstamp.com) is required for waterfowl hunting.

The resident-only Youth Sportsman's License includes the annual Youth Hunting license, two (2) Youth Deer permits and two (2) Youth Turkey permits.

RECORDING, CHECKING, TAGGING AND TRANSPORTING

Harvested Deer, Elk, Turkey, Bear, Bobcat and Otter

The following regulations apply to all deer, elk, turkey, bear, bobcat and otter taken by hunters or trappers, including landowners and other license-exempt hunters.

HARVEST LOG

All successful hunters, including those who are license exempt, must fill out a harvest log as soon as the animal is taken and prior to moving the carcass. Information that must be written on the harvest log includes the species and sex of animal taken, date and county where taken.

A telecheck confirmation number must be obtained and recorded on the harvest log.

A harvest log is on the back of any paper license or permit. A printable harvest log is accessible by clicking the "Hunt" tab on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife online homepage and choosing "Hunting Home" from the dropdown menu.

License-exempt hunters, youths under 12 years of age, and those who only have a license authorization number may create their own harvest log by writing the information on a piece of paper or index card.

Hunters and trappers must have the completed harvest log in their possession whenever afield during the current season.

TELECHECK

1-800-CHK-GAME (1-800-245-4263)

All deer, turkey, elk, bobcat and river otters harvested must be telechecked through the toll-free, automated check-in system. Hunters may also check in the animals they harvest online at fw.ky.gov.

Checking a harvested animal takes about five minutes. Entering false information is unlawful. Multiple animals may be telechecked during the same call.

Bears harvested during the modern gun bear season must be telechecked before leaving the check station. Hunters who harvest a bear during the archery-crossbow season or the bear quota hunt with dogs season must telecheck the bear by 8 p.m. Eastern time the day that it was harvested, and also call 1-800-858-1549 within 24 hours of harvest to arrange for a physical check of the animal and receive a tag issued by the department. All other harvested animals must be telechecked by midnight on the day the animal is recovered and prior to processing the carcass. Deer must be telechecked before removing the hide or head.

If the hide or head is removed from the carcass of a harvested elk before the animal is telechecked, the hunter must demonstrate proof of the sex of the elk. See page 17 for details.

Telecheck is available 24 hours a day while hunting seasons are open. Lis-

ten to each question carefully and provide the requested information using the keypad on any touch tone phone.

Callers will be asked their Social Security number and code for the county in which the animal was taken. All youth hunters must use their Social Security number when telechecking an animal.

Callers must also indicate the animal's species and sex. Deer hunters who take male fawns (button bucks) should check the deer as "male" and then choose "no visible antler" when prompted.

Next, callers will be asked about the type of equipment they used to harvest the animal, whether the land was private or public, and the type of license they used. License choices may include: Statewide license, Senior/Disabled license, Landowner, Deer Control Tag, Trapping license, Elk permit or Out-of-Zone Elk permit.

Youths under 12, youths who check deer during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, or license exempt military personnel should select "Statewide license."

Once the harvest information has been entered correctly, the caller will be asked to hold for several seconds while the system submits the survey information. The hunter then will be given a confirmation number which is proof that the harvested animal was legally reported. This number must be re-

KENTUCKY COUNTY CODE NUMBERS FOR TELECHECK

001	Adair	021	Carroll	041	Grant	061	Knox	081	Mason	101	Robertson
002	Allen	022	Carter	042	Graves	062	Larue	082	Meade	102	Rockcastle
003	Anderson	023	Casey	043	Grayson	063	Laurel	083	Menifee	103	Rowan
004	Ballard	024	Christian	044	Green	064	Lawrence	084	Mercer	104	Russell
005	Barren	025	Clark	045	Greenup	065	Lee	085	Metcalfe	105	Scott
006	Bath	026	Clay	046	Hancock	066	Leslie	086	Monroe	106	Shelby
007	Bell	027	Clinton	047	Hardin	067	Letcher	087	Montgomery	107	Simpson
008	Boone	028	Crittenden	048	Harlan	068	Lewis	088	Morgan	108	Spencer
009	Bourbon	029	Cumberland	049	Harrison	069	Lincoln	089	Muhlenberg	109	Taylor
010	Boyd	030	Daviess	050	Hart	070	Livingston	090	Nelson	110	Todd
011	Boyle	031	Edmonson	051	Henderson	071	Logan	091	Nicholas	111	Trigg
012	Bracken	032	Elliott	052	Henry	072	Lyon	092	Ohio	112	Trimble
013	Breathitt	033	Estill	053	Hickman	073	McCracken	093	Oldham	113	Union
014	Breckinridge	034	Fayette	054	Hopkins	074	McCreary	094	Owen	114	Warren
015	Bullitt	035	Fleming	055	Jackson	075	McLean	095	Owsley	115	Washington
016	Butler	036	Floyd	056	Jefferson	076	Madison	096	Pendleton	116	Wayne
017	Caldwell	037	Franklin	057	Jessamine	077	Magoffin	097	Perry	117	Webster
018	Calloway	038	Fulton	058	Johnson	078	Marion	098	Pike	118	Whitley
019	Campbell	039	Gallatin	059	Kenton	079	Marshall	099	Powell	119	Wolfe
020	Carlisle	040	Garrard	060	Knott	080	Martin	100	Pulaski	120	Woodford

corded on the hunter’s log and retained throughout the season.

CARCASS TAG

A hunter shall attach a handmade tag to the carcass of any harvested deer, elk, turkey, bear, bobcat, or otter if transferring possession of the harvested animal to another person.

For example, a carcass tag is required if the hunter gives the animal to another person, drops it off to be processed, or takes the head and cape to a taxidermist.

Q: Due to a cell phone dropped call, a hunter loses a confirmation number. Should the animal be checked in again?

A: Try again until you get the confirmation number, and then contact the department at 1-800-858-1549 the next business day to report the incident.

A harvested animal in a hunter’s possession is assumed to be theirs, unless the carcass tag states otherwise.

The carcass tag must include the hunter’s name, phone number and telecheck confirmation number.

Hunters who harvest bears during the modern gun bear season must attach a department-issued carcass tag before leaving the check station. Hunters who harvest a bear during the archery-crossbow season must attach a department-issued carcass tag after having the bear inspected by department personnel.

CITES TAG

A Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) tag, issued by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, must be attached to the raw fur, pelt or unskinned carcass of any bobcat or river otter taken in Kentucky, if the hunter or trapper intends to sell or export internationally.

To request a CITES tag, log on to “My Profile” from the department’s

homepage at fw.ky.gov. Those without internet access may call 1-800-858-1549 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern) and provide the animal’s telecheck confirmation number.

CITES tags must immediately be attached to the animal or pelt per the instructions included with the mailed tag and remain with the pelt until it is processed. Possession of an unused bobcat or otter CITES tag is prohibited.

TRANSPORTING HARVESTED ANIMALS

Hunters bringing any deer or elk, or parts of deer or elk, into Kentucky shall have proof that the animal was legally harvested elsewhere and shall do so in compliance with the carcass importation law.

An unchecked animal taken in Kentucky may not be transported out of Kentucky.

Furs and hides may only be sold to a licensed fur buyer, fur processor or taxidermist.

GENERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

LANDOWNER PERMISSION

A person shall not enter upon the lands of another to shoot, hunt, trap, fish or for other wildlife-related recreational purposes without the verbal or written permission of the landowner, tenant, or person who has authority to grant permission.

Those who fail to obtain permission are subject to arrest and prosecution.

Railroad tracks and rights-of-way

are privately-owned property and permission to hunt, trap or fish must be obtained prior to entry.

Landowners are under no obligation to allow hunters to retrieve game or hunting dogs from their property.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Persons born on or after Jan. 1, 1975 must carry a valid hunter education card or hunter education exemption permit

while hunting. Persons not required to have licenses or permits are exempt from hunter education certification.

Hunter education courses are held throughout the state. Effective March 1, 2014, pre-registration must be done online at fw.ky.gov. More information about the registration process is available on the website or by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Children must be at least 9 years old to take the hunter

education test. People who complete the course are issued an orange certification card. Hunter education cards issued by other states are valid in Kentucky.

Children younger than 12 years old are exempt from hunter education certification, but must be accompanied by an adult who meets the hunter education requirement. The adult must be in a position to take immediate control of the bow or firearm at all times while hunting. One adult cannot accompany more than two hunters under 12 years old at the same time.

APPRENTICE HUNTING OPPORTUNITY

Persons new to hunting who have not taken the hunter education course may buy a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit online at fw.ky.gov.

This apprentice hunting opportunity allows new hunters in Kentucky to hunt for up to one year (from date of purchase) without a hunter education card. The permit requires its holder to hunt with a licensed, adult hunter (at least 18 years old) who meets the hunter education requirement. The adult shall be in a position to take immediate control of the exempted hunter's bow or firearm at all times while hunting. This law applies even if the exempted hunter is an adult.

After the hunter education exemption permit expires, the hunter is no longer exempt and must successfully complete a hunter education course.

The temporary hunter education exemption permit is valid only in Kentucky. It is not accepted at Blue Grass Army Depot or Fort Campbell.

Resident landowners, spouses and dependent children, tenants, their spouses and their dependent children are only hunter education exempt on property they own, or the property where they reside and work. When hunting elsewhere, they must comply with Kentucky's hunter education law.

REPLACEMENT HUNTER EDUCATION CARDS

Free replacement hunter education cards can be printed online at fw.ky.gov. On the homepage, click on the "Education" tab and select "Hunter Education" from the drop down menu.

HUNTER ORANGE CLOTHING LAW

All hunters, and persons accompa-

nying them, must wear outer garments of hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest when hunting during daylight hours for any species during the modern gun, muzzle-loader and youth firearm deer seasons, or a firearm elk or firearm bear season.

Waterfowl and dove hunters are exempt from this requirement.

Hunter orange garments can be of mesh type material, as long as openings in the mesh weave are no wider than one-quarter inch by any measurement. Garments may display a small portion of another color.

The following are common examples of violations related to hunter orange clothing:

- Wearing camouflage-patterned hunter orange garments without additional solid hunter orange clothing on the head, back and chest.
- Wearing hunter orange clothing while walking to a stand and taking it off when you get there.
- Hunting squirrel, rabbit or quail when and where a firearm deer or elk season is also open without wearing hunter orange clothing.

Hunters using archery equipment during deer firearms seasons must wear hunter orange clothing.

Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange clothing during a firearms season on a state owned or managed WMA where firearms hunting for deer, elk or bear is prohibited.

SHOOTING HOURS

Shooting hours for all species listed in this guide, except raccoons, opossums and frogs, are during daylight hours only – 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. However, hunters may be in the field or stands before and after shooting hours.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken day or night, except during modern gun deer season when raccoon and opossum hunting is permitted only at night.

Exceptions also apply for coyotes. See the Furbearer Hunting & Trapping section.

HUNTING METHOD EXEMPTIONS

The department grants exemptions to hunters with certain physical disabilities to hunt with a crossbow during archery-only seasons, or to use a stationary vehicle as a hunting platform. However, persons

with qualifying physical disabilities must first have an exemption form completed and signed by a licensed physician certifying why the exemption is necessary.

Forms are available online or by calling the department. A completed exemption form serves as the hunter's exemption permit. It should not be returned to the department. Persons who obtain an exemption are still required to have the appropriate hunting license and permits, and must carry the signed exemption form with their hunting license and permits while in the field.

PROHIBITED HUNTING METHODS

- No person shall discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow or other similar device, upon, over, or across any public roadway.
- No person shall take or attempt to take any wildlife, protected or unprotected, from an automobile, or other vehicle, except as prescribed by regulation. Hunting from boats is permitted for small game and furbearers.
- A person shall not pursue, chase or take a deer, elk or turkey (during the spring turkey season) with the aid of dogs; while on horseback; or when a deer, elk or bear is swimming. Dogs may be used to locate and flush turkeys during the fall turkey seasons only.
- It is illegal to feed bears directly or indirectly for any reason.
- No person shall take wildlife with the aid of fire, explosives, smoke or gas.
- Baiting is prohibited on all WMAs, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Daniel Boone National Forest, Jefferson National Forest, Land Between The Lakes and state parks open to hunting.
- Deer and elk hunters shall not use electronic decoys or calls.
- No person shall take a turkey when the turkey is roosting. A roost is the place, typically a tree, where a turkey spends the night.
- A person hunting wild turkeys shall not use live turkeys as decoys.
- Wild turkey or bears shall not be hunted by the aid of bait, nor shall areas be hunted where bait is present. This includes private lands baited for deer. An area is considered baited for 30 days after all bait has been removed. A baited area is any place where feed, grains or other substances capable of luring wild turkeys or bears have been placed. An

area where grains or other feeds exist as the result of legitimate agricultural practices, or as the result of growing or manipulating a crop for wildlife management is legal for hunting.

CONCEALED CARRY DEADLY WEAPONS PERMITS

Anyone who may legally possess firearms may carry firearms while hunting, but any firearms carried concealed must be done so pursuant to KRS 527.020.

CONVICTED FELONS

A person convicted of a felony is prohibited from possessing or hunting with a firearm in Kentucky. Breech and muzzle-loading rifles, shotguns and handguns are all considered firearms. The prohibition on handguns applies to those convicted after Jan. 1, 1975. The prohibition on other firearms applies to those convicted after July 15, 1994. See KRS 527.040 for more details.

SPOTLIGHTING

No person may deliberately cast the rays of a spotlight or other artificial light into any field, pasture, woodlands or forest, whether public or private, where wildlife or domestic livestock may reasonably be expected to be located. Shining artificial lights into private residences or other structures also is prohibited.

This does not apply to: headlights of vehicles engaged in a normal course of travel; lights being used in legitimate agricultural activities; anyone involved in activities legitimate to his or her business or occupation; circumstances including lawful hunting activities; or any landowner, his or her immediate family, or any paid employee while working on his or her land at that time.

No person shall take wildlife, except raccoons, opossums, frogs and fish, using lights or other means designed to blind wildlife or make wildlife visible at night. Exceptions also apply for coyotes. See the Furbearer Hunting & Trapping section.

GAME CALLING DEVICES and RESTRICTIONS

- Hand or mouth-operated calls may be used in hunting all species.
- A hunter may use electronic calls or attracting devices for furbearers during the furbearer season.
- Mechanical or electronic calls may be used to take crows during crow season.

- Deer, turkey and elk hunters shall not use or possess electronic calling devices.

TRANSPORTATION and HOLDING OF LIVE NATIVE WILDLIFE

A person may not take or possess live wildlife without first obtaining a permit when prescribed by regulation.

A person shall not hold live native wildlife in captivity that was not legally taken or possessed. A person shall not buy or sell, offer to buy or sell, trade, or barter native wildlife or parts thereof obtained from the wild. Wildlife acquired prior to obtaining the proper permits may be confiscated and the holder fined.

Orphaned wildlife may only be possessed by a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Persons transporting live deer or other types of cervids (members of the deer family) without proper documentation or permits, or holding live deer captive in unpermitted facilities or pens, are subject to fines and may have their animals confiscated or destroyed.

DOG TRAINING and HUNTING WITH DOGS

Hunters may run or train dogs for rabbits, foxes, coyotes, raccoons and opossums year-round but game may only be harvested during an open hunting season.

Some WMAs have special restrictions on using dogs, so check ahead of time. All members of the party must have a valid hunting license (unless license-ex-

empt) to pursue rabbits or furbearers, even when training dogs without taking game.

Dogs may not be used to chase, molest or hunt deer and elk. Dogs may be used to chase or hunt bears if a legal season is open.

Dogs are permitted for locating and flushing turkeys during the fall turkey season only, and dogs on leash are permitted for tracking and locating wounded deer, elk and bear. Except during the hunting season, raccoon and opossum hunters shall not use any device to force a raccoon or opossum from trees or dens. Raccoon squallers may be used year-round.

BOBWHITE SHOOT-TO-TRAIN SEASON

For the purpose of bird dog training on private lands only, pen-reared bobwhite quail may be harvested Aug. 15 through May 15 (excluding bobwhite hunting season), provided that prior to shooting a person must:

- Submit a completed application to the department
- Possess a valid hunting license, or be license-exempt
- Possess proof of the sale/ownership of the birds
- Possess a captive wildlife permit for pen-reared bobwhite if more than 100 birds are in possession, or if kept for more than 10 days
- Make sure that the training area is free of wild quail
- Band pen-reared birds before release



Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry (KHFH) is a non-profit, volunteer organization that encourages hunters to harvest and donate deer each season for distribution to homeless shelters and food banks throughout the state.

Hunters in Zone 1 counties have a unique opportunity to help. They may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer so long as they have purchased the appropriate additional deer permits.

You can also donate \$2 when renewing your car or truck's registration and help pay the cost of turning venison into a nutritious meal for the less fortunate in communities across Kentucky.

Kentucky Whitetail Access

is a new KHFH program that pairs landowners who need assistance controlling depredating deer with hunters who can help. Visit the KHFH website for more information about this program and application forms.

Detailed instructions about how to donate your deer and a list of participating processors are available online at

kyhuntersforthehungry.info

with No. 7 leg bands or department-supplied bands.

MIGRATORY BIRD and WATERFOWL HUNTING

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(USFWS) governs migratory bird and waterfowl hunting. Season dates: Dove – Sept. 1 – Oct. 26, Nov. 24 – Dec. 4, Dec. 17, 2016 – Jan. 8, 2017; Canada goose – Sept. 16-30, Nov. 24, 2016 – Feb. 15, 2017; Ducks – Nov. 24-27, Dec.

5, 2016 – Jan. 29, 2017.

Hunters should consult the early migratory bird and waterfowl hunting guides for complete details, or check Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s website at fw.ky.gov before the season is expected to open.

DEER HUNTING

DEER HUNTING ZONES & SEASONS



DEER	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Modern Gun	Nov. 12-27, 2016 (either sex)		Nov. 12-21, 2016 (either sex)	Nov. 12-21, 2016 (antlered only)
Archery	Sept. 3, 2016 – Jan. 16, 2017 (either sex)			Sept. 3, 2016 – Jan. 16, 2017 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-21 and Dec. 10-15)
Crossbow	Oct. 1-16 and Nov. 12 – Dec. 31, 2016 (either sex)			Oct. 1-16 and Nov. 12 – Dec. 31, 2016 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-21, Dec. 10-15)
Muzzleloader	Oct. 15-16 and Dec. 10-18, 2016 (either sex)			Oct. 15-16 and Dec. 10-15, 2016 (antlered only) and Dec. 16-18, 2016 (either sex)
Youth-only Firearms	Oct. 8-9, 2016 (either sex)			
Free Youth Weekend	Dec. 31, 2016 – Jan. 1, 2017 (either sex)			

Notes: During modern gun deer season, hunters may hunt with modern firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery and crossbow equipment, and must follow season restrictions, zone guidelines and other requirements. During the Free Youth Weekend, hunters ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm without a license or deer permit, but must be accompanied by an adult.

BAG LIMITS

Bag limits and harvest restrictions apply to all hunters. There is no daily bag limit on deer.

A person may take no more than one (1) deer with visible antlers, excluding male fawns (button bucks). How-

ever, on some federally controlled areas, including Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Fort Campbell and Fort Knox military reservations and Blue Grass Army Depot, a bonus antlered deer may be taken, as determined by the governing agency for each area.

In Zone 1 counties, there is no season limit on antlerless deer.

In Zone 2, 3 and 4 counties, the combined season limit is four (4) per hunter. Hunters may choose to take up to one (1) antlered deer and three (3) antlerless deer, or take up to four (4)

antlerless deer total.

In summary, hunters may take a total of four deer statewide, except in Zone 1, where hunters may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer using Additional Deer Permits.

In Zone 3 a hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm.

In Zone 4, an adult hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm (one with a modern firearm and one with a muzzleloader, or both with a muzzleloader). In Zone 4 antlerless deer may only be taken with a firearm by a youth during Youth Season or Free Youth Weekend, or by any person hunting with a muzzleloader during the final three days of the December muzzleloader season.

TYPES OF DEER PERMITS

STATEWIDE DEER PERMIT

All deer hunters ages 16 and older, unless license exempt, must first buy and carry proof of purchasing an annual Hunting License and a statewide Deer Permit while deer hunting. The permit allows a hunter to take two deer: one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless. It does not matter if the antlered or antlerless deer is taken first.

ADDITIONAL DEER PERMIT

To take more than two deer, an Ad-

Carry proof

Hunters who buy their license or permit by phone or internet must carry while hunting: a picture ID and proof of purchase (an authorization number, paper license or computer print out). Paper licenses/permits must be signed and all information completed before hunting.

ditional Deer Permit must be purchased.

The Additional Deer Permit is valid for deer of either sex. The Additional Deer Permit allows a hunter to take up to two additional deer beyond those allowed by the statewide permit in the following combinations: one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless. Regardless of what permit a deer hunter carries, the statewide season limit for antlered deer is one per hunter.

The Additional Deer Permit is not valid unless the hunter has first purchased an annual hunting license and Statewide Deer Permit and is able to show proof of that in the field. A Statewide or Additional Deer Permit may be used on public and private land, and during some quota hunts.

Maps online

See statewide harvest maps, hunting zones and more at fw.ky.gov. Click the "Maps" tab and choose "Game Maps."

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

If you hunt deer in Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia or any other CWD-infected state you may not bring a deer back into Kentucky unless the brain and spinal column have been removed first.

Allowed parts from CWD-infected states and provinces include: quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, boned-out meat, antlers, antlers attached to a clean skull plate, a clean skull, clean teeth, hides and finished taxidermy products.

CWD has not been detected in Kentucky.

CWD has been found in 24 states, 2 Canadian provinces and in **Europe**: [Arkansas](#), Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Alberta, Saskatchewan and [Norway](#).

Up-to-date news regarding CWD can be found online at cwd-info.org.

HUNTING EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

MODERN GUN SEASON

During modern gun deer season, hunters may hunt with modern firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery and crossbow equipment, and must follow season restrictions, zone guidelines and other hunting requirements.

All hunters, including archery and crossbow hunters, and persons accompanying hunters, must wear hunter orange clothing during modern gun season.

Persons ages 15 and under hunting deer with a firearm must be accompanied by an adult who shall be in a po-

sition to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.

ARCHERY SEASON

Hunters using archery equipment during a deer firearms season must follow all firearms season restrictions, zone guidelines and other hunting requirements, and must wear hunter orange clothing.

The only exception is on state owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited.

CROSSBOW SEASON

Hunters using crossbows during a deer firearms season must follow all firearms season restrictions, zone guidelines and other hunting requirements, and must wear hunter orange clothing.

The only exception is on state owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited.

A legal resident hunter age 65 years or older may hunt deer with a crossbow from the first Saturday in September through the third Monday in January.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON

Muzzleloaders, archery and crossbow equipment may be used during this season.

All hunters must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

Youths ages 15 and under hunting deer with a muzzleloader must be accompanied by an adult who shall remain able and in a position to take immediate control of the youth's muzzleloader at all times.

TREE STANDS

Construction and use of tree stands on private lands is regulated by land-owners.

LEGAL DEER HUNTING EQUIPMENT

FIREARMS EQUIPMENT

- Any caliber centerfire rifle or centerfire handgun.
- Rifle or handgun magazines may not be capable of holding more than 10 rounds.
- Rifles or handguns may not be fully-automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull).
- Full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition is prohibited.
- Shotguns, no larger than 10-gauge, shooting slug ammunition only (includes saboted bullets).
- Muzzleloading rifles, handguns, or shotguns shooting round balls, conical bullets, or saboted bullets.

ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

- Longbows, recurves and compound bows of any draw weight (no minimum).
- Wood, carbon or metal arrows, but arrows may not be chemically-treated.
- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" wide (when blades extended), but broadheads may not be barbed, or chemically-treated.

CROSSBOW EQUIPMENT

- Crossbows of any draw weight (no minimum), with a working safety.
- Wood, carbon or metal arrows (bolts), but arrows (bolts) may not be chemically treated.

- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" (when blades extended), but broadheads may not be barbed, or chemically treated.

MUZZLELOADING EQUIPMENT

- Muzzleloading rifles or handguns of any caliber, with flint or percussion ignition (including in-lines), shooting round balls, conical bullets or saboted bullets.
- Muzzleloading firearms equipped with open sights or telescopic sights (scopes).
- Muzzleloading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge, shooting round balls, conical bullets or saboted bullets.

YOUTH DEER HUNTING

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Youths may hunt deer during any open season, including two special deer seasons for resident and non-resident hunters who have not reached their 16th birthday.

Adults accompanying youth deer hunters during either of these hunts may not use firearms to take deer.

Adults accompanying youth hunters are not required to possess a hunting license or deer permit if the adult is not deer hunting, but by law, the hunter and the accompanying adults must wear hunter orange clothing.

Christmas, resident and nonresident youth 15 years of age and under, who are accompanied by an adult, are eligible to participate in the Free Youth Weekend. Youth hunters may hunt deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide without a hunting license or deer permit.

All bag limits, zone restrictions and deer hunting requirements apply during the special youth deer seasons.

Hunter orange required!

Hunters and people accompanying them must wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest when hunting for any species during the modern gun, muzzleloader and youth firearm deer seasons, or a firearm elk or firearm bear season. However, hunter orange is not required when hunting waterfowl or doves during a gun deer, elk or bear season, or when hunting furbearers at night during a legal furbearer season.

YOUTH-ONLY FIREARMS SEASON/ FREE YOUTH DEER HUNTING WEEKEND

The first special youth deer season is on the second weekend of October. Youth hunters may take deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide. During the October youth-only firearms season, the appropriate hunting license and deer permits are required for hunters ages 12-15. Youth hunters under age 12 are not required to have a hunting license or deer permit.

On the first weekend following

Q: Can a hunter take a deer for someone else?

A: No. Hunters must claim any deer they take as their own. They must use their own license/permit and harvest log, and telecheck the deer using their own Social Security number.

KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BUCKS

BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2015 SEASON - TYPICAL			
SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
183 5/8	Gary Parsons	Union	Archery
182 0/8	Stephen M. Young	Warren	Archery
180 2/8	Mark Lunsford	Woodford	Archery
178 7/8	Jeff Byrd	Hart	Modern gun
175 5/8	Michael D. Gregory	Henry	Modern gun
173 5/8	Michael D. Burton	Letcher	Modern gun
173 3/8	Timothy R. Wakefield	Oldham	Archery
172 6/8	William K. Branscum	Wayne	Muzzleloader
171 6/8	Adam R. Mattingly	Ohio	Muzzleloader
171 0/8	Samuel W. Gingerich	Breckinridge	Modern gun
170 7/8	Allie M. Butler	Breckinridge	Modern gun
170 6/8	Ty Parker	Fulton	Crossbow
170 2/8	Matt Thomayer	Grant	Modern gun
169 4/8	Andrew D. Haycraft	Grayson	Modern gun
169 3/8	Derrick Campbell	Webster	Archery
168 2/8	Brian Tims	Washington	Modern gun
168 0/8	John A. O'Neil	Ohio	Archery
167 7/8	William Peak	Hart	Modern gun
167 0/8	Chris Baldock	Casey	Modern gun
166 5/8	Charles D. Black	Bath	Modern gun
165 2/8	Jarrold Cropper	Lewis	Modern gun
165 2/8	Stephen "Chris" Sivori	Hart	Modern gun
164 7/8	Gary Tracy	Hart	Modern gun
163 7/8	Rex Crouch II	Bath	Archery
163 6/8	Aaron H. Pierce	Meade	Archery
163 0/8	Claude "Billy" White Jr.	Gallatin	Modern gun
162 1/8	David Lee Childress	Crittenden	Archery
161 6/8	Cody M. Wallace	Estill	Crossbow
161 3/8	Patrick Thornton	Simpson	Modern gun
161 5/8	Bob Savko	Shelby	Muzzleloader
160 5/8	Howard Thacker	Pike	Modern gun
160 2/8	Christopher D. Feezor	Fulton	Modern gun
160 2/8	Danny Phillips	Wayne	Modern gun
160 0/8	Amanda W. Denniston	Harrison	Modern gun



173 5/8
Michael D. Burton
 Letcher County
 Typical
 Modern gun

Photo submitted

BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2015 SEASON - NON-TYPICAL			
SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
246 0/8	Austin Musselman	Oldham	Archery
222 3/8	Randy Fox	Lee	Modern gun
211 7/8	Brooke Bentz	Christian	Modern gun
209 3/8	Sara F. Mundy	Webster	Modern gun
201 1/8	Mark Cornette	Muhlenberg	Modern gun
198 5/8	Tommy Sears	Clay	Modern gun
197 6/8	D. Christopher Dickerson	Trimble	Modern gun
196 2/8	James R. Botkins	Harrison	Modern gun
195 1/8	Jim Murphy	Wayne	Modern gun
192 6/8	Joe Nichols	Trigg	Modern gun
192 5/8	Luke A. Carswell	Mason	Modern gun
192 4/8	Steven R. Olt	Green	Muzzleloader
192 3/8	Trey Hutchison	Union	Archery
192 2/8	Michael L. Howell	Laurel	Archery
192 1/8	Donald Bartley	Metcalfe	Modern gun
188 0/8	Ben Oakes	Logan	Modern gun
187 7/8	Jason A. Egan	Rowan	Archery
187 2/8	Kasey Alexander	Webster	Archery
187 1/8	Tim R. Hatton	Powell	Modern gun
186 5/8	Alvin Hoover	Todd	Modern gun
186 2/8	Darrel R. Smith	Ohio	Modern gun

This list includes deer scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. It is possible that unreported bucks taken last year in Kentucky may have scored 160 typical or 185 non-typical or higher.

HOW TO GET ON NEXT YEAR'S TROPHY LIST

To be eligible for next year's trophy list a hunter must take a white-tailed deer in Kentucky this season that officially net scores 160 or higher typical, or net scores 185 or higher non-typical, as determined by the Boone and Crockett scoring system.

No later than May 1, send the completed and signed score sheet with a photo to Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Include the county in which the deer was taken, and the equipment used to harvest the deer. Please send a copy as score sheets and photos will not be returned. Emailed submissions to info.center@ky.gov also will be accepted. To get a list of official Boone and Crockett Club scorers in Kentucky visit: www.boone-crockett.org.

ELK HUNTING

DATES, RESTRICTIONS AND HOW TO APPLY

QUOTA ELK	Firearms	Archery	Crossbow
Bull (antlered)	Week 1: Oct. 1-7, 2016 Week 2: Oct. 8-14, 2016	Sept. 17-30, Oct. 15 – Dec. 9, Dec. 17, 2016 – Jan. 6 and Jan. 14-16, 2017	Sept. 24-30, Oct. 15 – Dec. 9 and Dec. 17-23, 2016
Cow (antlerless)	Week 1: Dec. 10-16, 2016 Week 2: Jan. 7-13, 2017	Oct. 15 – Dec. 9, Dec. 17, 2016 – Jan. 6 and Jan. 14-16, 2017	Oct. 15 – Dec. 9 and Dec. 17-23, 2016
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	All seasons as noted above		

Note: Hunters must follow deer season regulations and use only the legal elk hunting equipment described on this page to take elk from any county not included in the 16-county elk zone (out-of-zone), and must have an Out-of-Zone Elk Permit.

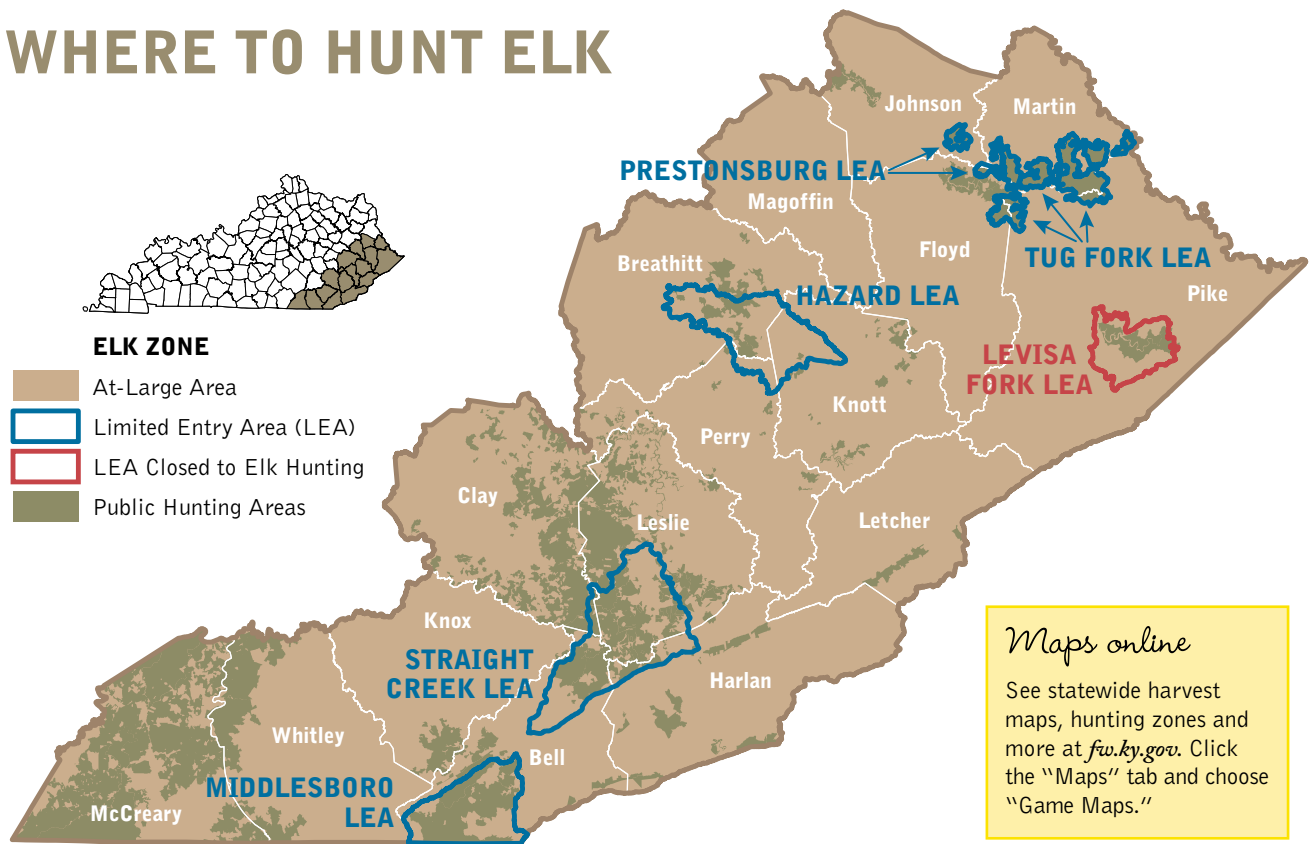
HOW THE QUOTA HUNTS WORK

- Applications go on sale January 1 for the upcoming season's Kentucky elk quota hunts. Hunters must buy their elk quota hunt applications before midnight Eastern time on April 30.
- Elk quota hunt applications can only be purchased online at fw.ky.gov. A person who does not have access to the department's website to apply for any quota hunt may contact the department toll free at 1-800-858-1549 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) for assistance.
- Residents and non-residents are eligible to apply for each of the four permit types (bull or cow firearms, bull or cow archery/crossbow) but can only be drawn for one.
- Each application costs \$10. Only individuals may purchase elk applications, not a party of hunters together.
- Hunters 15 years of age and under may apply for a youth-only quota hunt during the same application period as for the regular elk quota hunt drawing.
- Applicants for the youth-only hunt may also purchase elk applications for the regular elk quota hunts. A youth may not be drawn for the youth-only quota hunt and the regular quota hunt for elk in the same year, and if drawn for the youth-only hunt, will be permanently blocked from applying for the youth-only hunt again.
- A random computer drawing is held in May to select the drawn hunters. Applicants may check to see if they were drawn on fw.ky.gov.
- It is the hunter's responsibility to find a place to hunt in the area they choose or are assigned to hunt. Hunters must get landowner permission to hunt on private land.
- There is no limit to the number of assistants an elk hunter may take into the field, but only the permit holder is allowed to hunt.
- For the 2016-17 elk season, [the Levisa Fork LEA encompassing Fishtrap Lake in Pike County is designated as an Active Restoration Area and is off limits to elk hunting.](#)
- Quota elk permits must be purchased from the department's website (fw.ky.gov) prior to hunting.
- Unless license exempt, hunters drawn for a quota elk permit are required to buy an elk quota hunt permit in addition to an annual hunting license.
- Hunters awarded a bull elk permit will

LEGAL ELK HUNTING EQUIPMENT

- A modern rifle of .270 caliber or larger with a magazine capable of holding no more than 10 rounds.
- A muzzleloading rifle of .50 caliber or larger.
- A muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotgun no smaller than 20-gauge, firing a single projectile (slug, round ball, conical bullet or sabot bullet) only.
- A handgun loaded with centerfire cartridges with a case length of 1.285 inches or larger, firing bullets of .270 caliber or larger designed to expand upon impact.
- Firearms may not be fully-automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull).
- Full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition is prohibited.
- Crossbows or archery equipment (long bows, recurves or compound bow) loaded with a fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" wide (when blades extended), but broadheads may not be barbed, or chemically treated. Crossbows must have a working safety. A person drawn for an archery or crossbow permit may hunt with a crossbow during all archery and crossbow seasons if they are 15 years old or younger, 65 years of age or older or has a crossbow hunting method exemption permit at the time of the hunt.

WHERE TO HUNT ELK



be blocked for three years from applying for another bull elk permit.

QUOTA HUNTS WITHIN THE ELK ZONE

The elk zone includes the following 16 counties: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike and Whitley. Inside this 3.5 million-acre zone, elk may only be taken by hunters drawn for a quota hunt as previously described. All elk hunters must display a department-issued hang tag in their vehicles while hunting.

BAITING

Elk may not be hunted over bait on public or private lands within the elk zone. However, it is legal to hunt elk over bait outside the elk zone.

CALLING

A person shall not mimic the sound of an elk on public land open to elk hunting from Sept. 1 until the opening of the elk archery season.

SHOOTING HOURS

Elk may only be hunted during daylight hours, from 30 minutes before

sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

BAG LIMIT/HUNTER ORANGE

The season bag limit on elk is one per hunter per season, regardless of permit type. Hunters may not take an elk during a quota elk hunt and also take

an elk out-of-zone during the same season. Elk hunters and those who accompany them, or any other person hunting public or private lands in the elk zone during firearm elk seasons, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BULLS

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method	Season
*377 5/8	David Giles	Knott	Modern Gun	2015
*373 4/8	Anthony Brown	Letcher	Archery	2015
*372 6/8	Terrell Royalty	Knott	Modern Gun	2009
371 0/8	Greg Neff	Bell	Modern Gun	2007
368 4/8	Bill Krider	Knott	Modern Gun	2015
*367 7/8	Kelvin Jackson	Harlan	Modern Gun	2008
367 0/8	Bill Auxier	Knott	Modern Gun	2007
*365 5/8	Brent Jones	Knott	Modern Gun	2013
361 5/8	Ryan Wilson	Martin	Archery	2014
361 4/8	Franklin Scott	Knott	Modern Gun	2006

* Non-typical

This list includes the 10 largest bull elk scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. The department is compiling a list of the top 100 elk taken in Kentucky. Please send copies of official (signed) score sheets to: Kentucky Trophy Elk List, KDFWR, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Ky 40601. Emailed submissions to info.center@ky.gov also will be accepted.

ELK HUNTING OUTSIDE THE ELK ZONE

Elk may be taken from any county outside the zone by hunters who possess an annual Kentucky hunting license and an Out-of-Zone Elk Permit. These hunters must follow deer season regulations and use only the legal elk hunting equipment outlined on page 15, but are not required to possess a Statewide Deer Permit.

CHECKING and TAGGING

All elk must be telechecked. Hunters must call 1-800-245-4263 and report the harvest. See the “General Information” section for details.

Once an elk is harvested, a hunter may remove the head of the animal to facilitate its removal from the field prior

to the elk being telechecked. It is still necessary to fill out the harvest log immediately after harvest and telecheck the animal before midnight on the day the elk is harvested or recovered. If the hide or head of the elk is removed in the field – to quarter the animal, for example – it is now necessary to demonstrate proof of sex by retaining the head or keeping the genitalia attached to the carcass.

A carcass tag is required if a harvested elk leaves the hunter’s possession for any reason.

VOUCHER COOPERATOR ELK PERMIT PROGRAM

A recently developed access program by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has created

additional elk hunting opportunity for drawn elk hunters.

The Voucher Cooperator Elk Permit Program links people who own or lease elk hunting land with hunters who have drawn an elk tag. Hunter access is accomplished by offering landowners/lessees an elk tag when they accumulate 20 points (harvested bull = 2 points, harvested cow = 1 point). Hunters will sign up to hunt voucher properties on a first come, first served basis through an online system after the area drawing is complete.

Interested landowners and lessees may contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549 to learn more about the Voucher Cooperator Elk Permit Program.

BEAR HUNTING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

BEAR	Chase-only	Archery/Crossbow	Modern Gun	Quota Hunt w/Dogs	Youth-only
	Aug. 1-31, 2016	Oct. 22-28, 2016	Dec. 10-12, 2016	Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 17-18, 2016	Dec. 31, 2016 – Jan 1, 2017

BEAR HARVEST QUOTAS	
Archery/Crossbow	10 bears or 5 female bears, whichever is reached first.
Modern Gun	15 bears or 5 female bears, whichever is reached first.
Quota Hunt with Dogs	5 bears, either sex
Youth Only	5 bears, either sex

CHASE-ONLY SEASON WITH DOGS

Unless license exempt, participants must purchase a Bear Chase Permit or Junior Bear Chase Permit. Bear Chase Permits may be purchased online at fw.ky.gov from July 1 - Dec. 31.

Bears may be chased with dogs only within the Eastern, Central, and Western Bear Chase Areas (see map). Bears shall only be chased during legal day-

light hours. Hunters shall not chase bears from an area where bait is present or has been present for 30 days. Individual chase groups shall include no more than five (5) people and eight (8) dogs, except a chase party may total seven (7) people if two (2) additional youths accompany the party.

ARCHERY/CROSSBOW SEASON

Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a Bear Permit, in addition to an Annual Hunting License. Bear Permits are available for purchase over-the-counter, by phone (1-877-598-2401), or online at fw.ky.gov.

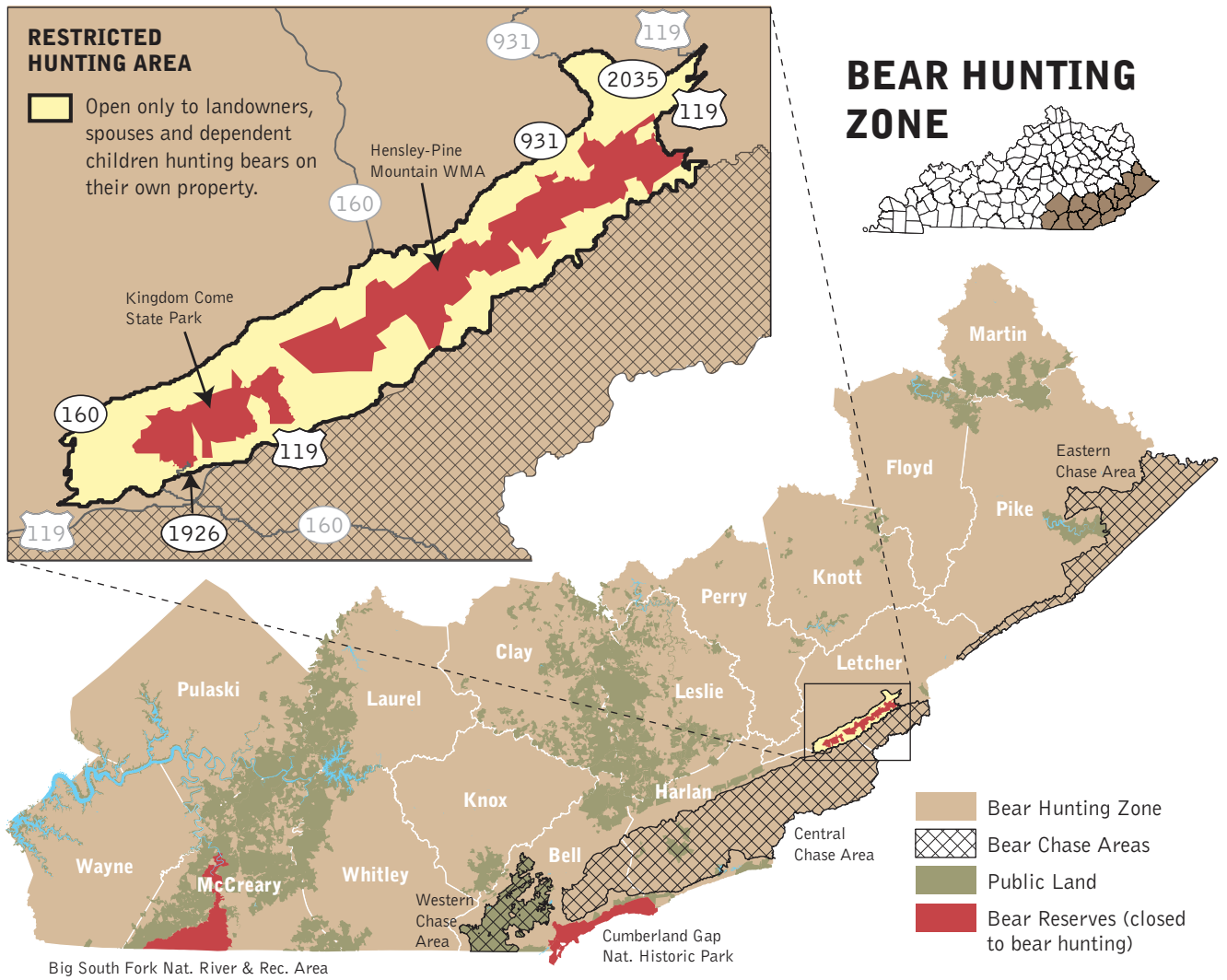
If either harvest quota limit is reached, the season will close 30 minutes after sunset that day. Successful hunters must telecheck their bear by 8 p.m. Eastern time and also call 1-800-858-1549 within 24 hours of harvest to arrange for a physical check of the animal and re-

ceive a tag issued by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Bears physically checked during the archery/crossbow season must include a carcass or an intact hide that contains the skull and proof of sex.

Hunters must call 1-800-858-1549 after 9 p.m. each day of the season to check if the bear quota has been reached. If the quota has not been reached, the season will continue through next day.

MODERN GUN SEASON

Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a Bear Permit, in addition to an Annual Hunting License. Bear Permits are available for purchase over-the-counter, by phone, or online. If either harvest quota limit is reached, the season will close 30 minutes after sunset that day. Bears taken during the modern gun season must be checked immediately after leaving the field at a department oper-



PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS Only portions of these public hunting areas within the bear zone are open to bear hunting.

Asher Hunting Access Area, Beaver Creek WMA, Boone Forestlands WMA, Buck Creek WMA, Buckhorn Lake WMA, Burchell-Beech Creek WMA, Cane Creek WMA, Carr Creek Lake WMA, Corrigan WMA, Cranks Creek WMA, Czar Hunting Access Area, Daniel Boone National Forest, Dewey Lake WMA, Elk Forest WMA, Fishtrap Lake WMA, Fortner-Davis WMA, Jefferson National Forest, Kentenia State Forest, Kentucky Fuel Corporation WMA, Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA, Kentucky Ridge State Forest, Lake Cumberland WMA, Martins Fork Lake WMA, Martins Fork WMA & State Natural Area, Paul Van Booven WMA, Ping-Sinking Valley WMA, Redbird WMA, [Revelation Energy Hunting Access Area](#), Robinson Forest WMA, Shillalah Creek WMA, Stone Mountain WMA & State Natural Area and Wells Hunting Access Area

ated check station by 9 p.m. Eastern time, where successful hunters will be issued a permanent tag by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Hunters must telecheck their bear before leaving the station. Locations of check stations are available online at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

Hunters must call that same number after 9 p.m. on each day of the season to check if the bear quota has been reached. If the quota has not been reached, the season will continue through next day.

BEAR QUOTA HUNT WITH DOGS

Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a Bear Permit and a Bear Chase Permit or Junior Bear Chase Permit, in addition to an Annual Hunting License. Bear Chase Permits are available for purchase online at fw.ky.gov.

If the harvest quota limit is reached, the season will close 30 minutes after sunset that day. Successful hunters must telecheck their bear by 8 p.m. Eastern time and also call 1-800-858-1549 within 24 hours of harvest

to arrange for a physical check of the animal and receive a tag issued by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Bears physically checked during the bear quota hunt with dogs season must include a carcass or an intact hide that contains the skull and proof of sex.

Hunters must call 1-800-858-1549 after 9 p.m. on each day of the season to check if the bear quota has been reached. If the quota has not been reached, the season will continue through the next day.

LEGAL BEAR HUNTING EQUIPMENT

- A modern rifle of .270 caliber or larger, with a magazine capable of holding no more than 10 rounds.
- A muzzleloading rifle of .50 caliber or larger.
- A muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotgun no larger than 10-gauge, and no smaller than 20-gauge, firing a single projectile (slug, round ball, conical bullet or sabot bullet) only.
- A handgun loaded with centerfire cartridges with a case length of 1.285 inches or larger, firing bullets of .270 caliber or larger designed to expand upon impact.
- Firearms may not be fully automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull).
- Full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition is prohibited.
- Archery and crossbow equipment that is legal for deer hunting.

YOUTH-ONLY SEASON

Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a Bear Permit, in addition to a Youth or Annual Hunting License. Bear Permits are available for purchase

over-the-counter, by phone (1-877-598-2401), and online at fw.ky.gov.

If the harvest quota limit is reached, the season will close 30 minutes after sunset that day. Successful hunters must telecheck their bear by 8 p.m. Eastern time and also call 1-800-858-1549 within 24 hours of harvest to arrange for a physical check of the animal and receive a tag issued by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Bears physically checked during the archery/ crossbow season must include a carcass or an intact hide that contains the skull and proof of sex.

Hunters must call 1-800-858-1549 after 9 p.m. each day of the season to check if the bear quota has been reached. If the quota has not been reached, the season will continue through the next day.

HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT

Bear hunters and those who accompany them, or any other person hunting on public or private lands in the bear hunting zone during a firearm season for bears, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law. This requirement also applies to any person chasing bears during the Bear Quota Hunt with Dogs season.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- Bear hunting is open to Kentucky residents only.
- Hunters and houndsmen may not disturb or take bears from dens.

Q: Is it legal to shoot a bear that is feeding at a trash can or dumpster?

A: No. Garbage is considered bait.

- Bear hunting is prohibited on Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Kingdom Come State Park, and the Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA. Additionally, bear hunting within the 12,094 acres surrounding Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA and Kingdom Come State Park is limited to landowners, their spouses and dependent children hunting on their own property.
- See map for detailed bear reserve boundaries.
- Hunters may not take female bears with cubs, or any bear weighing less than 75 pounds.
- Hunters may not use bait during any bear season.
- Dogs may not be used to hunt bears during the archery/crossbow or modern gun seasons, but leashed tracking dogs may be used to recover wounded bears.
- Hunters 15 years old and younger who use a firearm must be accompanied by an adult, who shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm.

FALL TURKEY HUNTING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 22-28 and Dec. 3-9, 2016	Sept. 3, 2016 – Jan. 16, 2017	Oct. 1-16 and Nov. 12 – Dec. 31, 2016

BAG LIMITS

- Four birds total, no more than two (2) of which may be taken with a shotgun.
- No more than one (1) bird may have a beard length of three (3) inches or longer.
- No more than one (1) bird may be taken per day.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Adult hunters: Unless exempt, all fall turkey hunters ages 16 and older must carry with them in the field proof of purchase of a valid Kentucky hunting license and a valid Fall Turkey Permit. Short-term (1- or 7-day) hunting li-

censes are not valid for turkey hunting. The Fall Turkey Permit is valid for the fall archery, crossbow and shotgun turkey seasons and allows a hunter to harvest up to the fall season bag limit of turkeys.

Youth hunters: Youths under the

age of 12 are exempt from license and turkey permit requirements. Youths ages 12-15 are eligible to purchase a Youth Turkey Permit, which is valid during any turkey season for one turkey. Youth hunters must abide by season bag limits and harvest restrictions but can use the youth permit throughout the license year. The Youth Sportsman's License includes two (2) Youth Turkey Permits. Anyone may call turkeys, or assist in the hunt. Callers and assistants are not required to possess a hunting license or turkey permit, and may carry equipment while in the field.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

Turkey hunters may not use firearms to take turkeys during archery or crossbow-only seasons. On some WMAs, special equipment restrictions may apply.

YOUTH SUPERVISION

Firearm turkey hunters 15 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult, who shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's

firearm at all times.

HARVEST RECORDING and TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

The process and requirements for recording, checking and tagging harvested turkeys are the same as for deer and elk. See pages 7 and 8.

POSSESSION/RELEASE OF LIVE TURKEYS

Because of potential disease problems and genetic pollution, it is illegal to possess live wild turkeys. For the same reasons, domestic or pen-raised turkeys should not be released into the wild.

HUNTING TURKEYS OVER BAIT IS ILLEGAL

It is illegal to hunt turkeys over bait – an area where feed, grains or other substances capable of luring wild turkeys have been placed. An area is considered baited until 30 days after the bait has been removed. An area where grain, feed or other substances exists as the result of a bona fide agricultural practice or manipulation of a crop for wildlife

LEGAL FALL TURKEY HUNTING EQUIPMENT

- Breech-loading or muzzle-loading shotguns no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than .410.
- Breech-loading shotguns must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber)
- Lead or non-toxic shot no larger than No. 4
- Longbows, recurve bows and compound bows of any draw weight (no minimum).
- Crossbows of any draw weight (no minimum) with a working safety device.
- Non-barbed broadheads with a minimum cutting diameter of 7/8-inch, whether expandable or non-expandable.

management purposes is legal for turkey hunting.

SMALL GAME HUNTING & TRAPPING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

SMALL GAME		Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel		Aug. 20 – Nov. 11 and Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017
Rabbit	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-11 and Nov. 14, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 14, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017
	Western Zone	Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 10, 2017	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 10, 2017
Quail	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-11 and Nov. 14, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017	No trapping
	Western Zone	Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 10, 2017	
Grouse*		Nov. 1-11 and Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017	
Falconry		Sept. 1, 2016 – March 30, 2017	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week		Dec. 31, 2016 – Jan. 6, 2017	

* In Grouse Zone only. Information about grouse hunting on public areas is available online at fw.ky.gov.

SMALL GAME

The following animals are considered small game: squirrels, rabbits, northern bobwhite (quail) and grouse.

Only rabbits and squirrels may be trapped. Quail and grouse may not be trapped. Hunting bag limits apply. Trapping equipment and restrictions

are the same as those listed in the fur-bearer section.

A trapping license is required for anyone 12 years of age and older.

LEGAL SMALL GAME HUNTING EQUIPMENT and METHODS

Hunters may only use the following to take small game during the fall and winter seasons:

- A rimfire gun or **rimfire handgun**.
- **.410 gauge handgun**.
- Muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge. Breech-loading shotguns must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber).
- Lead or non-toxic shot no larger than number 2.
- Muzzle-loading rifles.
- Archery or crossbow equipment.
- Pellets fired from .177, .20, .22 or .25 caliber air guns.
- Dogs may be used to aid in the hunt.
- Falconry.
- **Slingshots with manufactured hunting ammunition**

Trappers must harvest squirrels and rabbits upon capture, unless they possess a captive wildlife permit from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Seasons on WMAs and other public hunting lands not managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife may be different from statewide seasons. Individual area listings are available online at fw.ky.gov.

BAG LIMITS

- Squirrel: Daily limit is 6; possession limit is 12.
- Rabbit: Daily limit is 4; possession limit is 8.
- Quail: Daily limit is 8; possession limit is 16.
- Grouse: Daily limit is 4; possession limit is 8.

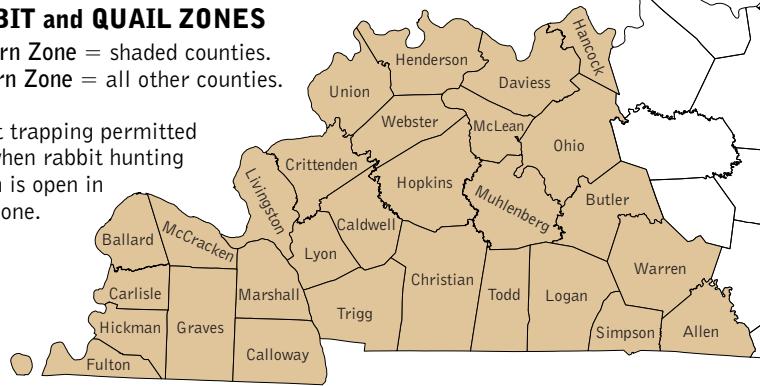
FREE YOUTH WEEK

Resident and nonresident youth hunters and trappers ages 15 and under may hunt and trap small game without

RABBIT and QUAIL ZONES

Western Zone = shaded counties.
Eastern Zone = all other counties.

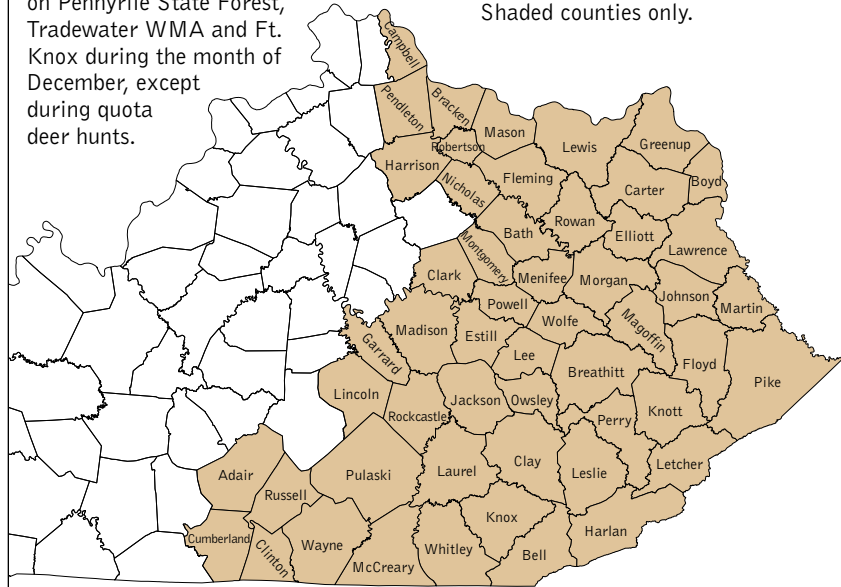
Rabbit trapping permitted only when rabbit hunting season is open in each zone.



GROUSE HUNTING ZONE

Shaded counties only.

Grouse hunting is also allowed on Pennyrite State Forest, Tradewater WMA and Ft. Knox during the month of December, except during quota deer hunts.



a hunting or trapping license for seven consecutive days starting the Saturday after Christmas.

Hunter orange clothing must be worn by all hunters on Dec. 31, 2016 – Jan. 1, 2017 since youth hunters are also permitted to hunt deer with firearms at that time.

Youth hunters must comply with all equipment regulations and bag limits for small game when hunting or trapping. Hunter education is not required for license-exempt hunters. Adults accompanying youth hunters/trappers during the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week do not need a license if they are not hunting/trapping.

FALCONRY SEASON

The limit for this hunting method is two (2) of any small game or furbearer species per falconer per day, except dur-

ing the fall and winter hunting season when the limits are the same as for other methods. Falconers must possess a Falconry Permit, which costs \$75 and is valid for three years, as well as a valid Kentucky hunting license, unless license exempt, and obey all applicable state and federal laws.

Q: Do I have to telecheck my small game?

A: No. However, you can help Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by filling out the hunter cooperater surveys for small game. Click the "Hunt" tab on fw.ky.gov and choose "Game Species" from the dropdown menu.

FURBEARER HUNTING & TRAPPING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

FURBEARERS	Hunting	Trapping
Raccoon & Opossum	Oct. 1, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017, day* or night	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017
Coyote	Year-round, day or night (exceptions apply)	
Bobcat	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 26, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017, daylight hours only	
River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	One-half hour before sunrise Nov. 14, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017, daylight hours only	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 31, 2016 – Jan. 6, 2017	

*See exception in Special Hunting Restrictions

SPECIAL HUNTING RESTRICTIONS

(Daylight hours are defined as 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.)

During modern gun deer season, raccoon and opossum hunters may not hunt during daylight hours. Night hunt-

ing on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 shall conclude by 30 minutes before sunrise on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, which is when shooting hours open for modern gun deer season.

A hunter shall not use a light from a boat to take raccoon or opossum.

A person shall not use the following while chasing raccoon or opossum from noon on March 1 through September 30: a firearm, a slingshot, tree climber or any device to kill, injure, or force a raccoon or opossum from a tree or den.

Coyotes may be hunted year-round with no bag limit.

They can be hunted after daylight hours using lights or night vision equipment from Feb. 1 – May 31. Shotguns are the only legal firearm for night coyote hunting but a shell containing a single projectile may not be used.

Night hunting for coyotes is prohibited on Kentucky lands managed by Big South Fork National River and

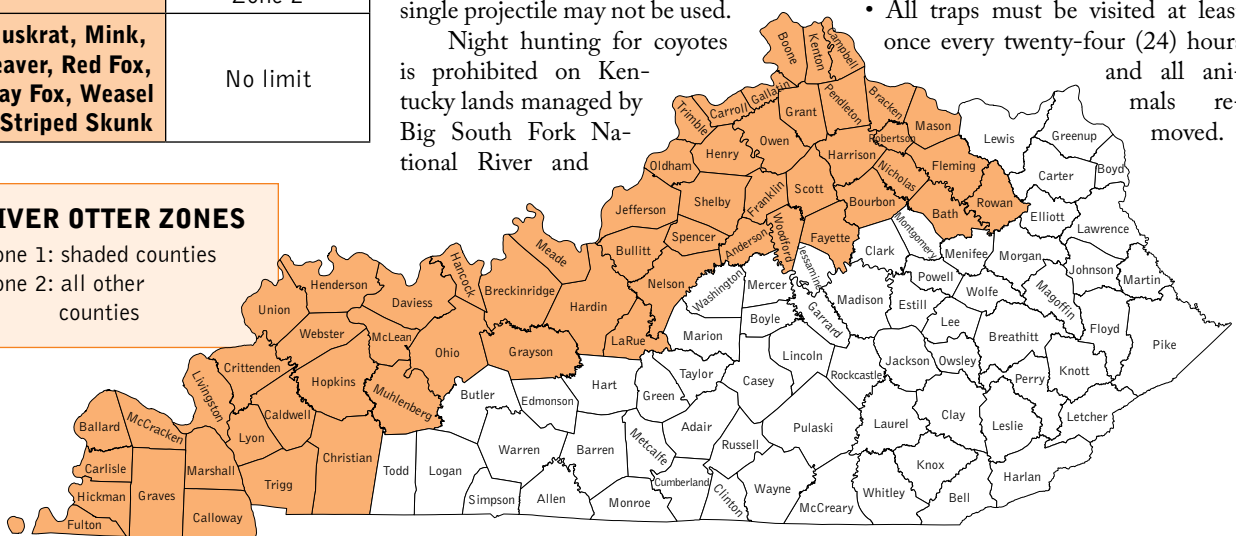
Recreation Area, Daniel Boone National Forest, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area, Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge and Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, including Beaver Creek, Cane Creek, Mill Creek and Pioneer Weapons wildlife management areas (WMAs).

SPECIAL TRAPPING RESTRICTIONS

- All traps must bear a metal tag giving either the name and address of the trapper, or a unique identification number issued by the department AND the 1-800-25-ALERT phone number.
- Any trap found without a tag can be immediately confiscated by the department without a court order.
 - All traps must be visited at least once every twenty-four (24) hours and all animals removed.

FURBEARER BAG LIMITS	
Raccoon & Opossum	No limit
Coyote	No limit
Bobcat	5; no more than 3 of which shall be taken with a gun
River Otter	10; only 6 of which can be taken from Otter Zone 2
Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	No limit

RIVER OTTER ZONES
 Zone 1: shaded counties
 Zone 2: all other counties



LEGAL METHODS and EQUIPMENT FOR HUNTING FURBEARERS

(see Special Hunting Restrictions section for exceptions)

- Centerfire or rimfire gun.
- Shotgun no larger than 10-gauge and plugged to hold a maximum of 3 shells (two in magazine and one in chamber). There is no limit on shot size. Shot shells with a single projectile may only be used during daylight hours. Shotguns must be shoulder fired.
- Bow and arrow or crossbow
- Air guns with pellets that are at least .22 caliber in size
- Hand or mouth operated calls, electronic calls, or attracting devices.
- Falconry.

- Trappers must harvest furbearers upon capture, unless they possess a captive wildlife permit from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
- Spotted skunks are protected year round and may not be taken or possessed. Report incidental trappings to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
- It is illegal to intentionally obstruct or disrupt the right of a person to lawfully take wildlife by trapping.

TELECHECK and CITES TAGGING

Harvested bobcats and otters must be telechecked by calling 1-800-245-4263 by midnight on the day the animal is recovered. A hunter or trapper who wants to have a bobcat or otter mounted shall provide his or her name, telephone number and telecheck confirmation number to the taxidermist. Taxidermists cannot legally accept an unchecked otter or bobcat for mounting.

A Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) tag, issued by Kentucky Fish and Wild-

LEGAL METHODS and EQUIPMENT FOR TRAPPING FURBEARERS

Trappers may use lights from boats or vehicles to check traps.

Traps may not be set in trails/paths commonly used by people or domestic animals.

There shall be no restrictions on the size or type of trap used as a water set.

The following equipment is permitted for dry-land sets, but traps may not be set closer than ten (10) feet apart.

- Deadfall
- Wire cage or box trap.
- Foothold traps with a maximum inside jaw spread of six (6) inches measured perpendicular to the hinges.
- Body-gripping traps with a maximum inside jaw spread of seven and one-half (7.5) inches measured parallel with the trigger.

A snare is a wire, cable, or string with a knot, loop, or a single piece closing device, the deployment of which is or is not spring-assisted, but any spring-assisted device is not for the purpose of applying tension to the closing device.

life, must be attached to the raw fur of any bobcat or river otter taken in Kentucky, if the hunter or trapper intends to sell or export internationally.

To complete and submit a CITES tag request form online, access the "My Profile" feature on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website at fw.ky.gov. Those

without internet access may call the department at 1-800-858-1549 on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) and provide the animal's telecheck confirmation number.

CITES tags must immediately be attached to the animal or pelt per the instructions included with the tag and remain with the pelt until it is processed. Possession of an unused bobcat or otter CITES tag is prohibited.

A person who transfers, but does not sell, a river otter or bobcat to another person or taxidermist, is not required to request a CITES tag. But, this person must attach a handmade carcass tag to the animal that contains the telecheck confirmation number and the hunter or trapper's name and phone number.

BUYING and SELLING HIDES

There is no time restriction on the holding of raw furs of furbearers by a trapper or hunter after the close of furbearer season. Raw furs may be sold only to licensed taxidermists, licensed fur buyers or licensed fur processors.

FREE YOUTH WEEK

Resident and nonresident youth hunters and trappers ages 15 and under may hunt and trap small game without a hunting or trapping license for seven consecutive days starting the Saturday after Christmas.

Please refer to the hunter orange clothing law section for guidelines.

Youth hunters must comply with all equipment regulations and bag limits for furbearers when hunting or trapping. Hunter education is not required for license-exempt hunters. Adults accompanying youth hunters/trappers during the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week do not need a license if they are not hunting/trapping.



Sample trap tags



FURBEARER HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Kentucky Fish & Wildlife is collecting lower canines from harvested bobcats and river otters for a population study. Please contact the department at 1-800-858-1549 to request a sample packet and instructions. Thank you for your contribution to furbearer management.

OTHER SPECIES

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

OTHER SPECIES	Hunting
Crow	One-half hour before sunrise Sept. 1 – Nov. 7, 2016 and Jan. 4 – Feb. 28, 2017, daylight hours only
Bullfrog	Noon May 20 – Midnight Oct. 31, 2016
Groundhog	Year-round
Turtles*	Year-round, day or night

* Alligator snapping turtles may not be harvested.

CROW SEASON

A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt. A Migratory Bird-Waterfowl Permit is not required.

Electronic or mechanical calling devices may be used during the open seasons. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset. However, hunters may be in the field before and after shooting hours.

There is no daily or possession limit on crows.

Crows observed committing or about to commit acts of depredation may be taken year-round; however, persons attempting to take depredating crows shall not use blinds, decoys, calls or other lures to attract birds into shooting range during the closed season.

BULLFROG SEASON

The daily limit (noon to noon) is 15. The possession limit is 30. If bullfrogs are taken by gun or bow and arrow, a hunting license is required. If taken by pole and line, a fishing license is required.

If frogs are taken by gig or by hand, either a hunting or fishing license is valid. It is illegal to possess a gig on a

stream or lake, or in a boat, from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31.

TURTLES

Snapping turtles (except alligator snapping turtles) and soft shell turtles may be taken year-round with no bag limit but may not be harvested for commercial purposes.

A hunting license is required if turtles are taken by gun or bow and arrow. Consult the Kentucky Fishing & Boating Guide for information on other legal means of harvest.

WILD PIGS

Wild pigs may be hunted year-round, with no bag limit, except on Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area (see page 33).

Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. However, hunters may be in the field before and after shooting hours. A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt.

Landowners are strongly encouraged to work with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to remove wild pigs from their property. Trapping is the most effective method of removal.

Tell your local conservation officer about the use of snares and/or corral traps on your property.

Wild pigs must be killed at the trap site, and not released. It is illegal to possess, sell or transport wild pigs in

Kentucky.

To report sightings, illegal activities related to wild pigs, or to get advice on effective control, contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549.

GROUNDHOGS

Groundhogs may be hunted statewide, year-round, with no bag limit. A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

BIRDS

- English sparrows and starlings may be hunted year-round, with no bag limit, but a hunting license is required, unless license exempt.
- Pheasants released during quota hunts are not open to year-round hunting on Green River Lake WMA, Yellowbank WMA and Clay WMA.
- All birds of prey and native songbirds are protected under state and federal laws and may not be taken.

HOOFED STOCK (OTHER THAN WHITE-TAILED DEER and ELK)

- Exotic, non-native hooped stock may be hunted year-round.
- No license required.
- No bag limit or checking requirement.
- Fallow deer are not legal to hunt on Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area.

MAMMALS and OTHER WILDLIFE

- The spotted skunk, a rare species found in eastern Kentucky, is a protected species and may not be taken.
- All federally threatened or endangered species are protected under state and federal laws and may not be taken.



The "My Profile" feature provides fast and easy access to your Kentucky Fish and Wildlife records. Scan this symbol with your smartphone to access it.

QUOTA HUNTS

OVERVIEW

Complete details for all quota hunts are available online. Click the “Hunt” tab on fw.ky.gov, choose “Quota Hunts” from the dropdown menu and scroll to the appropriate hunt.

INTRODUCTION

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife conducts quota hunts for deer, small game (pheasant, wild quail and upland birds) and migratory birds (waterfowl and mourning doves).

Some hunts are mentored hunts for youth and accompanying adults. Some hunts are open to mobility-impaired hunters only.

Any resident or nonresident may apply for quota hunts. Only the person(s) successfully drawn for quota hunts may hunt. Substitutions are not allowed.

Applicants drawn for quota hunts must purchase applicable licenses and permits to legally hunt during the quota hunts.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for quota hunts: Go online to fw.ky.gov or call 1-877-598-2401. The non-refundable fee is \$3 per hunter to apply.

The application period is September 1-30 only. Hunters may apply for multiple quota hunts for different species at the same time.

Applicants will receive a confirmation number.

When the drawing is completed, results will be posted online at fw.ky.gov.

Applicants may also call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) at 1-800-858-1549 and provide either their confirmation number, order number or Social Security number to find out if they were selected.

QUOTA DEER HUNTS

Deer quota hunts are held on 16

WMAs, three state parks (Greenbo Lake, Green River Lake and Lake Barkley), Pennyryle State Forest, and Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area. Additionally, there are quota deer hunts for mobility-impaired hunters on Green River Lake WMA, Taylorsville Lake WMA, and Zilpo-Twin Knobs Campgrounds (on Cave Run Lake).

Drawn quota hunters may bring one non-hunting person along on their hunt. The non-hunting person is not required to have applied for the quota hunt but must check in and check out with the drawn quota hunter and abide by hunter orange requirements.

PHEASANT QUOTA HUNTS

Pheasant quota hunts are held on Yellowbank WMA, Green River Lake WMA and Clay WMA. See the “Public Hunting Areas Quick Reference” charts for dates. All drawn pheasant hunters must buy (regardless of attendance) and carry while hunting a Pheasant Quota Hunt Permit, which is \$25 and may be purchased online or from license vendors anytime before the hunt. Permits are not transferrable.

WILD QUAIL and UPLAND BIRD QUOTA HUNTS

Quota hunts for wild quail are held on the Ken Unit of Peabody WMA.

Upland bird (wild grouse, wild quail and woodcock) quota hunts are held on Clay WMA. See the “Public Hunting Areas Quick Reference” charts for dates.

WATERFOWL QUOTA HUNTS

Waterfowl quota hunts are held on Ballard and Sloughs WMA.

MOURNING DOVE MENTOR HUNTS

Youth hunters and an accompanying adult may participate in Mentor Dove Hunts on a limited number of public fields.

Locations of mentor hunts will be published in the Kentucky Hunting Guide for Dove and Early Migratory Bird seasons, available for download from the department’s website or by calling 1-800-858-1549 in early August.

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED QUOTA HUNTS

Persons with one of the following physical conditions are eligible to apply for a mobility-impaired quota hunt. At check in, drawn hunters must show a WMA Mobility-Impaired Access Permit, available in advance of the hunt date from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

- Has permanent paralysis of at least one (1) leg;
- Has at least one (1) foot amputated;
- Is permanently confined to a wheelchair or must use crutches, or a walker as a means of support to pursue daily activities;
- Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person’s forced respiratory expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/hg on room air at rest;
- Requires portable oxygen;
- Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person’s functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or Class 4 according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or
- Has a diagnosed disease which creates a severe mobility impairment.

Follow the rules!

Hunters who do not comply with quota hunt requirements are ineligible to apply for any quota hunt the following year (including deer, pheasant, quail, upland bird and waterfowl), and will lose any accumulated preference points.

2016-17 DEER QUOTA HUNT CHOICES

Hunt Choices		Dates	# of Slots	# of 2015 applicants	Hunt Remarks (Quota Hunts are for either sex deer unless otherwise noted)
1	Ballard	Nov. 5-6	100	981	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks. Hunters awarded one preference point for each female deer harvested, up to four. Scouting permitted through Oct. 14.
2	Beaver Creek	Nov. 5-6	330	273	Antlered deer only. Limit one during quota hunt.
3	Big Rivers WMA & State Forest #1	Oct. 10-Nov. 30	130		Archery/Crossbow only. Closed during the two-day firearm quota hunt that starts the first Saturday in November.
4	Big Rivers WMA & State Forest #2	Nov. 5-6	100	513	
5	Clay	Nov. 5-6	185	714	Limit 4, only 1 of which may be antlered, during quota hunt. Hunters awarded 1 preference point for each female deer harvested, up to 4.
6	Dewey Lake	Dec. 3-4	150	243	Limit one during quota hunt. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
7	Fishtrap Lake	Nov. 19-20	200	282	Limit one during quota hunt.
8	Greenbo Lake State Resort Park	Jan. 10-11	90	138	
9	Green River Lake & Dennis-Gray	Nov. 5-6	400	625	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
10	Green River Lake Mobility-Impaired*	Nov. 5-6	15	12	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
11	Green River Lake State Park #1	Dec. 8-11	55	161	Archery/Crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
12	Green River Lake State Park #2	Dec. 15-18	55	83	Archery/Crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
13	Kentucky River	Nov. 5-6	65	355	
14	Kleber and Rich #1	Nov. 5-6	175	475	
15	Kleber and Rich #2	Dec. 3-4	175	210	
16	Lake Barkley State Resort Park	Jan. 10-11	75	201	
17	Mill Creek	Nov. 5-6	350	396	Limit one during quota hunt.
18	Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area	Dec. 10-11	30	121	User permit required.
19	Paintsville Lake	Nov. 5-6	300	344	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
20	Pennyrile State Forest/Tradewater WMA	Nov. 5-6	300	547	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
21	Taylorsville Lake WMA #1	Nov. 5-6	268	414	Antlerless deer only. Hunters awarded 1 preference point for each female deer harvested, up to 4.
22	Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-impaired* #1	Nov. 5-6	7	13	Antlerless deer only. Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired. Hunters awarded 1 preference point for each female deer harvested, up to 4.
23	Taylorsville Lake WMA #2	Dec. 3-4	268	408	
24	Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-Impaired* #2	Dec. 3-4	7	15	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.
25	Taylorsville Lake WMA #3	Jan. 7-8	268	280	
26	Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-Impaired* #3	Jan. 7-8	7	5	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.
27	Veterans Memorial #1	Nov. 5-6	75	280	
28	Veterans Memorial #2	Dec. 3-4	75	133	Antlerless deer only. Hunters awarded 1 preference point for each female deer harvested, up to 4.
29	West Kentucky WMA	Nov. 19-23	160	185	Shotgun and Muzzleloader only. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
30	Zilpo Mobility-Impaired*	Dec. 10	12	7	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.

*Only hunters who are mobility-impaired as described on page 25 can apply and be drawn for this hunt.

Antlered deer taken during quota hunts count against the statewide limit of one antlered deer per hunter, per season.

PUBLIC LANDS HUNTING

OVERVIEW

**COMPLETE DETAILS FOR
PUBLIC LAND HUNTING
ARE NOW ONLINE AT
fw.ky.gov.**

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife owns, leases or manages more than 80 wildlife management areas (WMAs) for public use. On some areas, a user permit is required. Please refer to specific area listings for that information. The rest are open to hunting free of additional charge.

Many public-use areas have special regulations and hunting season dates that are different from statewide seasons.

The information here applies to users of all WMAs owned or managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. If you intend to hunt (or otherwise visit) public lands listed under "Wildlife Management Areas," you must comply with the following guidelines.

1. For game listed in this guide, hunting seasons on the WMAs listed on the following pages are open only as stated.
2. County zone deer bag limits apply to all WMAs unless otherwise noted under the area listing. Hunters are limited to one deer per day on WMAs, except during quota hunts that allow more deer to be taken, and on Zone 1 WMAs.
3. Quota deer hunters may take up to two (2) deer on a quota hunt in Zones 2, 3 and 4, only one of which may be antlered, unless otherwise noted under the area listing.
4. Squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse and furbearer hunting is closed the first two days of modern gun deer season on WMAs, if gun deer hunting is permitted.

5. Unless otherwise noted, persons shall not allow unleashed dogs from March 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials, or when training a retriever or other water dog if the activity is authorized by a sign at the body of water. The dog must remain leashed except while training, or within 100 feet of the water, or as stated under the area listing or posted on the WMA.
6. Quota hunts for pheasant, deer, quail, upland bird, waterfowl and elk hunts require advance application. (Refer to "Quota Hunts" and "Elk Hunting" sections.) Advance application is not required for other listed hunts.
7. Camping is permitted only in designated areas. Check WMA maps online at fw.ky.gov or call the WMA office for camping availability through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife or other campgrounds. Parking must be confined to designated parking areas if such areas exist. If no parking area is designated, parking is generally allowed alongside maintained roads in such a manner that does not block a road or gate or prevent access to a portion of the area. Unless otherwise authorized by the department, mechanized vehicles (excluding wheelchairs) are permitted only on maintained roads open to public use. It is unlawful to cut trees or fences, dump trash or litter, or damage any property or habitat in any fashion.
8. Trapping requires permission. Obtain permission from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by calling the WMA office.
9. Hunters shall not enter or hunt in areas that have been designated closed by signs.
10. A person shall not discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a residence or occupied building located on or off the area.
11. A person shall not distribute or place bait, hunt over bait or other-

During quota hunts...

During a WMA deer quota hunt, and the open firearm deer hunts at Grayson Lake and West Kentucky WMAs, only participating hunters and accompanying non-hunting assistants (limit one per hunter) are allowed to be on those WMAs, except waterfowl hunters in some areas that may be open, or if a part of the WMA is otherwise open as noted in the following area listings. **Non-hunting assistants must check in and check out with the quota hunter that they are accompanying and abide by hunter orange requirements.**

wise participate in baiting wildlife on a WMA.

12. A group of ten (10) or more people who gather for any event or organized activity on a WMA shall apply to the Department at least 30 days before the date of the event. Groups shall apply on a form provided by the department. The Department shall retain the authority to deny events, or otherwise restrict, institute additional requirements for, or direct the rescheduling of, any event to avoid user conflicts or for other legitimate reasons. Permit requests for events that do not meet WMA user guidelines shall be denied, and events may be canceled in progress if participants fail to comply with user guidelines or create hazards or disruption for others.
13. Horseback riding is permitted on some WMAs during certain times of the year and under certain restrictions. Unless hunting, horses shall only be ridden on designated horse riding trails or a maintained public road open to vehicular traffic. Horses may not be ridden on WMAs during firearms seasons for turkey, deer, bear or elk unless participating or as-

Public shooting ranges are available on Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA, Higginson-Henry WMA, John A. Kleber WMA, Jones-Keeney WMA, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA, Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, Peabody WMA, Taylorsville Lake WMA and West Kentucky WMA. The ranges are self-serve and all users must comply with the rules posted by sign. Shooting ranges are closed during deer quota hunts at applicable WMAs. Ranges can be reserved for special events by contacting the WMA manager 30 days in advance of the event. Public shooting ranges also are available on Daniel Boone National Forest. Details are available online at www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf by clicking on "Recreation" and then "Other Activities."

sisting in a legal elk hunt.

14. On all WMAs, Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area and Daniel Boone National Forest, a person shall not use a nail, spike, screw-in device, wire, or tree climber for attaching a tree stand or climbing a tree. A portable stand or climbing device that does not injure a tree may be used. Stands must be marked with the hunter's name and address, placed no more than two (2) weeks before the opening of the season and removed within one (1) week following the last day of each hunting period. A person shall not use an existing permanent tree stand.

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTER ACCESS TO WMAs

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offers special exceptions to hunting and fishing regulations for persons who are mobility-impaired and want to hunt and fish on select WMAs. (Eligibility requirements appear in the Quota Hunts section.) Persons interested in applying for a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit should contact the department for an application or print one from the agency's website at fw.ky.gov.

Applicants for a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit shall fill out the required information on the application and ob-

tain the attestation and signature from a licensed physician describing the mobility impairment.

A mobility-impaired individual shall have a completed Mobility-Impaired Access Permit application on his or her person at all times while participating in such activities, along with the appropriate hunting licenses and permits.

Mobility-impaired access areas have been designated on portions of the following WMAs: Barren River, Fish-trap Lake, Green River Lake, Griffith Woods, Kentucky River, Lake Cumberland, Mill Creek, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky, Mullins, Peabody (Sinclair Unit), Redbird, Taylorsville Lake, West Kentucky, Yatesville Lake and Yellow-bank WMAs.

The Mobility-Impaired Access Permit allows the following activities by a mobility-impaired individual:

- Discharge of a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle when the vehicle is motionless and has its engine turned off. The motor vehicle shall be used as a place to wait or watch for game and shall not be used to chase, pursue, or drive game.
- May operate electric wheelchairs, ATVs, and other passenger vehicles on or off gated, ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic, but only on designated tracts of designated WMAs.
- Roads may be accessed March 1 through the third Friday in August.
- Tracts designated as mobility-impaired access areas shall be posted with signs.
- Vehicular access shall not be permitted on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted with annual grains or agricultural crops.
- It shall be permissible to access areas which are not roads the third Saturday of August until the end of February.
- ATV users shall adhere to manufacturer recommendations including wearing a helmet, wearing safety glasses, and restricting riding to one (1) person, while using ATVs on WMAs.

A person with a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit may designate one (1) qualified assistant. The assistant may:

- Track and dispatch a wounded animal, retrieve an animal, or render other assistance in accordance with all other Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and WMA laws and regulations.

A qualified assistant shall not:

- Operate his or her own ATV; or hunt or shoot from an ATV.

STATE PARK and OTHER OPEN DEER HUNTS

Open deer hunts are offered on the following areas. All statewide bag limits, hunter licensing and other deer hunting requirements and zone restrictions apply, in addition to those given below. Discharging firearms within 100 yards of maintained roads or buildings is prohibited. Baiting deer is prohibited.

- **Yatesville Lake State Park and Lawrence County Recreation Area (2,106 acres, 606-673-1492):** Open under statewide regulations for archery, crossbow and muzzleloading deer hunting the second Monday of December for three days. All hunters must check in at the state park campground booth between 12-8 p.m. (Eastern) on the day before the hunt. Check in is not permitted on hunt days or at any other time. Check out is not required, but deer taken must be telechecked as required under statewide regulations. Hunters will receive a map at check-in showing the area open to hunting and containing any other special instructions. No other hunting is permitted on Yatesville Lake State Park property.

- **Jenny Wiley State Resort Park (1,415 acres, Floyd County, 1-800-325-0142):** Open the first Saturday of January for two consecutive days, limit two deer, only one of which may be antlered. Limited to the first 15 mobility-impaired hunters who check in at the park Ranger's Station on the day before the hunt. Check in and check out each day at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife district headquarters located one mile from the Ranger's Station. Hunters must meet the mobility-impaired eligibility requirements outlined on page 25. (Mobility-Impaired Access Permit required at check-in.) Hunters must also check in and out on hunt days, and must telecheck deer taken. Hunters may be accompanied by another person, but that person will not be permitted to hunt. Minimum 15-inch outside antler spread for bucks.





- An open youth hunt is held at **Grayson Lake WMA** on the first Saturday in November for two consecutive days and is limited to youths ages 15 and under. See page 32 for details.

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS QUICK REFERENCE

The charts in this section should be used as a quick reference only. WMAs and other public lands may be open to hunting and trapping during statewide seasons or

have different dates and regulations, as determined by the managing agency. For all the details on these public lands visit fw.ky.gov. Also note that some of these public

lands may have areas that are off-limits to hunting or trapping, as noted by signs, and that units within these areas may have different season dates or regulations.

PURCHASE REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS			Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
	Open under statewide regulations														
	Closed														
	Quota hunt														
	Open with exception(s)														
MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE														
1 Ballard WMA* Main Unit	(270) 224-2244	1				3	2								
2 Boatwright WMA* Swan Lake Unit	(270) 224-2244	1				3	2								
3 Coil Estate WMA*	(270) 224-2244														
4 Doug Travis WMA*	(270) 488-3233														
5 Lake Barkley WMA* Duck Island Refuge	(270) 753-6913	1	4		3	2					1				
6 Livingston County WMA & SNA*	(270) 753-6913														
7 Ohio River Islands WMA* Stewart Island Unit	(270) 753-6913	1	4		3	2					1				
8 Pennyriple State Forest*	(270) 797-3241								5						
9 Tradewater WMA*	(270) 753-6913								5						
10 West Kentucky WMA*	(270) 488-3233				7			6		6					

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE REGULATIONS FOR ALL SPECIES in accordance with the county in which they are located: **11.** Beechy Creek WMA (270-753-6913), **12.** Jones-Keeney WMA (270-753-6913), **13.** Kaler Bottoms WMA (270-753-6913), **14.** Kentucky Lake WMA (270-753-6913), **15.** Obion Creek WMA (270-488-3233) and **16.** Winford WMA (270-224-2244). **CALL FOR DETAILS: A.** Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge (270-527-5770); **B.** Fort Campbell Military Reservation (270-798-2175); **C.** Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area (270-924-2065); **D.** Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge (731-538-2481).

EXCEPTIONS:

- Open under statewide archery/crossbow seasons through Oct. 14 only.
- Open Aug. 20 – Oct. 14, 2016
- Open during the youth-only firearm season; closed for free youth weekend.
- Open during early muzzleloader season; closed during late muzzleloader season.
- December 1-31; daily limit 2.
- Tracts 1, 4, 5 and "A" tracts open Jan. 1-10 except if harvest limits are reached before Jan. 10; Tracts 2, 3, 6 and 7 open with statewide seasons and close Dec. 31.
- Open shotgun/muzzleloader deer hunt from Jan. 14-16, 2017; Limited to 140 hunters; Check in and check out required.

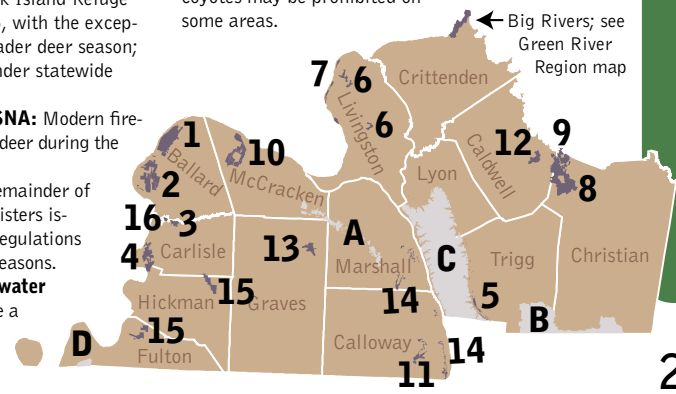
OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

* **Ballard WMA:** The main unit is closed to unauthorized public access Oct. 15 – Mar. 15; The area west of Hwy 473 within the two-mile driving loop is closed to all hunting as marked by signs; The 400-acre tract located south of Sallie Crice/Terrell Landing Road is open under statewide regulations for hunting and trapping seasons; A hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread less than 15 inches at any time, on any part of this WMA.

- * **Boatwright WMA:** Olmsted, Peal and all other units open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except some portions may be closed to public access as marked by signs.
- * **Coil Estate WMA:** Eastern portion open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons; Western portion closed to all hunting and trapping as marked by signs.
- * **Doug Travis WMA:** Some areas closed to public access as marked by signs Nov. 1 – Mar. 15.
- * **Lake Barkley WMA:** North Island Refuge is closed Nov. 1 – Feb. 15; Duck Island Refuge is closed Oct. 15 – March 15, with the exception of the October muzzleloader deer season; All non-refuge tracts open under statewide regulations.
- * **Livingston County WMA & SNA:** Modern firearms may not be used to take deer during the modern gun deer season.
- * **Ohio River Islands WMA:** Remainder of WMA (Pryor, Rondeau and Sisters islands) open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.
- * **Pennyriple State Forest-Tradewater WMA:** A hunter shall not take a deer with an outside antler spread less than 15 inches.

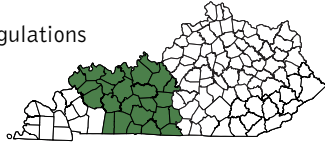
* **West Kentucky WMA:** Check-in required before entering any area marked with an "A"; A hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread less than 15 inches at any time on any part of this WMA; Only shotguns may be used for small game or furbearer hunting; Hunters may not use centerfire rifles or handguns to take deer.

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GREEN RIVER REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
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MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1 Barren River Lake WMA*	(270) 646-5167						1		1	2				
2 Big Rivers WMA & State Forest	(270) 374-3025	3												
3 Higginson-Henry WMA	(270) 389-3580						4		4	5				
4 Nolin River Lake WMA	(270) 646-5167						1		1					
5 Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area*	(502) 942-9171						6							
6 Peabody WMA*	(270) 476-1889			7					8					
7 Sloughs WMA - Sauerheber Unit*	(270) 827-2673	9	9	9	9	10			9					
8 Yellowbank WMA	(270) 547-6856						1		1					11

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CALL FOR DETAILS: A. Fort Knox Military Reservation (502-624-7311 or 502-624-2712).

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Rabbit and quail hunting seasons open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31; Closed at Yellowbank WMA during pheasant quota hunts.
2. On the Peninsula Unit, including Narrows, Goose and Grass islands, hunters may use a muzzleloading shotgun or crossbow during the fall firearm season and may use a crossbow during the fall archery season.
3. During quota hunts, all deer hunting seasons on this WMA are closed, except to drawn hunters. Archery/Crossbow quota hunt from the Monday following the October youth-only weekend through Nov. 30, except when closed during the quota hunt that starts the first Saturday in November.
4. Rabbit and quail hunting seasons open Nov. 14 – Dec. 31.
5. Wild turkeys may not be harvested with a firearm (archery/crossbow only).
6. Open Dec. 1-31, except during deer quota hunts.
7. Open under statewide regulations for 10 consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
8. Call the WMA's office for information regarding quail hunting.
9. On the Sauerheber Unit, the archery, crossbow, muzzleloader and youth firearm deer seasons open under statewide regulations through Oct. 31; Crenshaw and Duncan II tracts open under statewide regulations through the end of modern gun season and waterfowl hunting Nov.

1 – Mar. 15. The remainder of the unit is closed to all public access Nov. 1 – Mar. 15, as designated by signs.

10. Open Aug. 20 – Oct. 31.

11. Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Dec. 9, 10, 11. Open Dec. 12 only to drawn quota hunters, either sex limit three. Open Dec. 13-31, either sex, daily limit three.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

* **Barren River Lake WMA:** On the Peninsula Unit, including Narrows, Goose and Grass islands, hunters shall not use a modern firearm to take game.

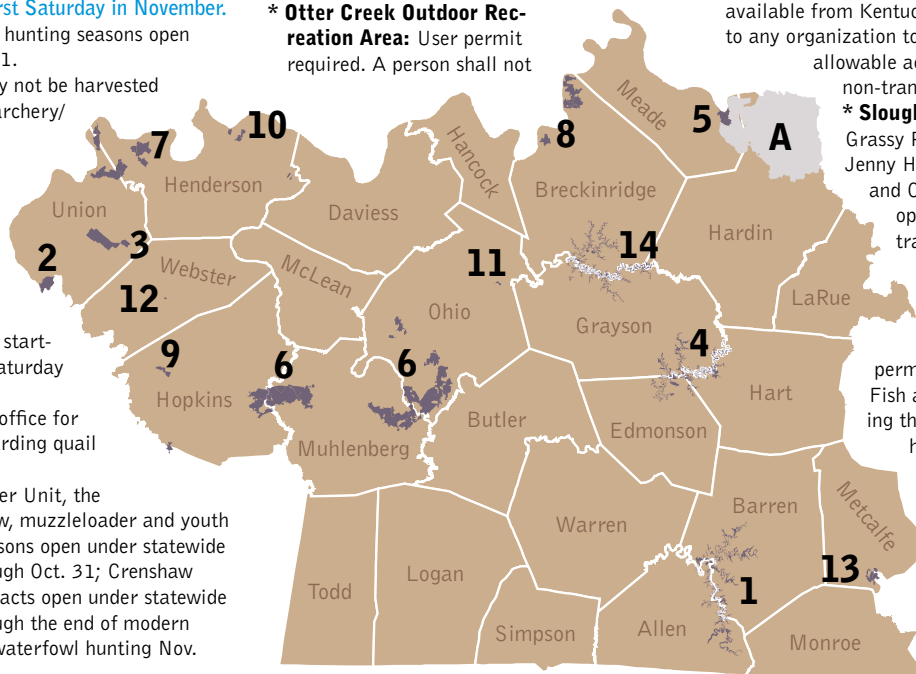
* **Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area:** User permit required. A person shall not

enter the area during the deer quota hunt without a valid quota hunt confirmation number. All small game and turkey seasons closed during the quota deer hunt. Hunters may not use rifles or ball or slug ammunition to take furbearers and may not use a rimfire gun to take small game unless participating in the deer quota hunt. Trapping season open Jan. 1 through the last day in February.

* **Peabody WMA:** Any person ages 16 and older entering the area must obtain and carry a Peabody WMA user permit. Individual permits may be obtained through any license vendor. An event permit is available from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to any organization to use the area for any allowable activity. Permits are non-transferable.

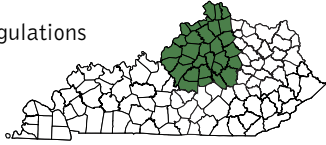
* **Sloughs WMA:** Ash Flats, Grassy Pond, Powells Lake, Jenny Hole, Highland Creek, and Cape Hills units are open for all hunting and trapping seasons.

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BLUEGRASS REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1 Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA*	(859) 428-2262	Blue	Red	Red	Blue	Blue	1	Blue	1	Blue	Blue			
2 Dr. James R. Rich WMA	(502) 535-6335	Blue	Red	Yellow	Blue	Blue								
3 Dr. Norman & Martha Adair WMA	(859) 428-2262	Blue	Red	Red	Blue	Blue								
4 Griffith Woods WMA	(859) 428-2262	Blue	Red	Red	Blue	Blue								
5 John A. Kleber WMA	(502) 535-6335	Blue	Red	Yellow	Blue	Blue	1		1	Blue	Blue			
6 John C. Williams WMA	(502) 477-9024	Blue	Red	Red	Blue	Blue								
7 Kentucky River WMA	(502) 535-6335	Blue	Red	Yellow	4	Blue								
8 Knobs State Forest & WMA	(502) 477-9024	Blue	Red	Red	Blue	Blue								
9 Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA*	(859) 986-4130	2	Red	Red	Blue	Red	Red	Red			3			
10 Mullins WMA	(859) 428-2262	Blue	Red	Red	Blue	Blue	1		1	Blue	Blue			
11 T. N. Sullivan WMA	(502) 535-6335	Blue	Red	Red	Blue	Blue								
12 Taylorsville Lake WMA	(502) 477-9024	Blue	Red	Yellow	Blue	Blue	1		1	Blue	Blue			
13 Twin Eagle WMA	(502) 535-6335	Blue	Red	Red	Red	Blue								
14 Veterans Memorial WMA*	(859) 428-2262	Blue	Red	Yellow	Blue	Blue				Red	Blue			

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15. Marion County WMA & State Forest (502-477-9024). **CALL FOR DETAILS: A.** Bluegrass Army Depot (859-779-6651).

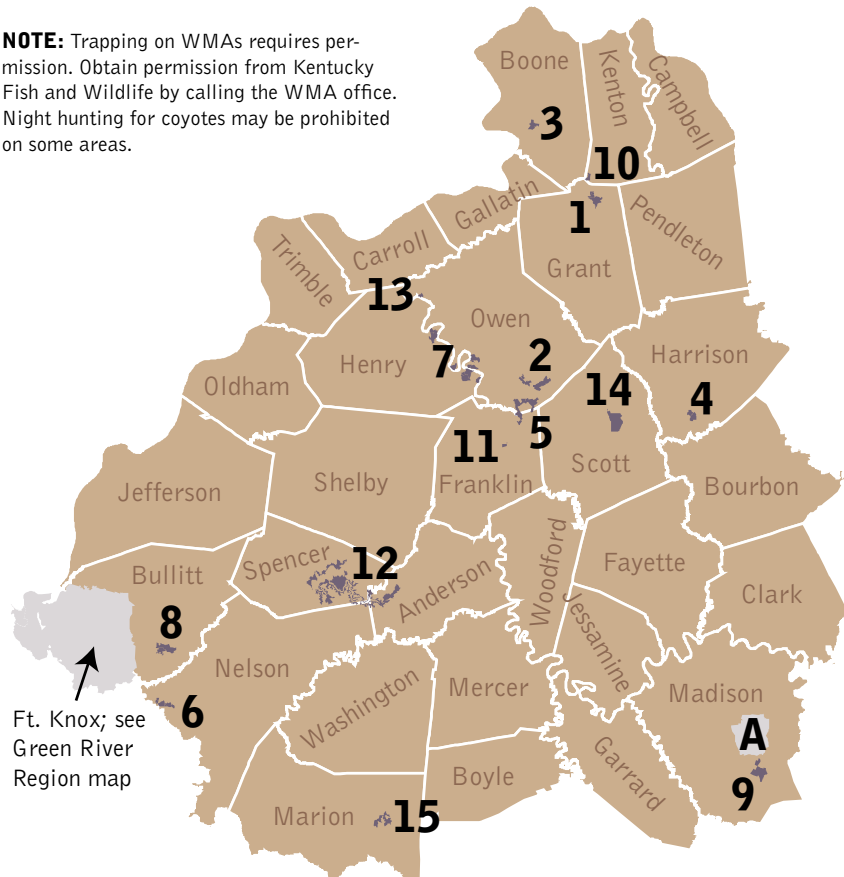
EXCEPTIONS:

- Open Nov. 1 – Dec. 31.
- Open archery hunt, either sex, Monday through Thursday only, from the first Saturday in September through Dec. 17, and daily from Dec. 18 through the third Monday in January; Open crossbow hunt, either sex, Monday through Thursday only, Oct. 1 through third full weekend of October and Nov. 12 through Dec. 17, and daily from Dec. 18-31; Closed during scheduled field trials as posted on bulletin board at WMA office.
- Open for furbearer trapping; Closed for furbearer hunting.
- Check-in, check-out required at John A. Kleber WMA office.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

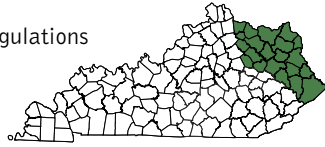
- * **Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA:** Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season.
- * **Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA:** Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season. At other times of the year, unleashed dogs are permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- * **Veterans Memorial WMA:** Access within the WMA may be restricted due to construction.

NOTE: Trapping on WMA's requires permission. Obtain permission from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by calling the WMA office. Night hunting for coyotes may be prohibited on some areas.



NORTHEAST REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
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MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1 Clay WMA - Main Unit*	(859) 289-8564	1					2	3	3					4/5
2 Czar Hunting Access* - Beech Fork Tract	(606) 889-1814											15	16	
3 Dewey Lake WMA*	(606) 226-9133			14	14							14	14	
4 Fishtrap Lake WMA	(606) 671-1113											15		
5 Fleming WMA	(859) 289-8564						6	7	6					
6 Grayson Lake WMA*	(606) 474-8535	8	20		9									
7 Paintsville Lake WMA*	(606) 226-9133			10	10								10	
8 Pioneer Weapons WMA	(606) 784-6428	17	11	11	11	19	19	19	19	17	19			
9 South Shore WMA*	(606) 474-8535		18	12	12									
10 Yatesville Lake WMA	(606) 686-3312			13										
11 Revelation Energy Hunting Access	(606) 783-8634											15	21	
A Daniel Boone National Forest	(859) 745-3100											15	16	

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12. Ed Mabry-Laurel Gorge WMA (606-474-8535); **13.** Tygarts State Forest (502-564-4496).

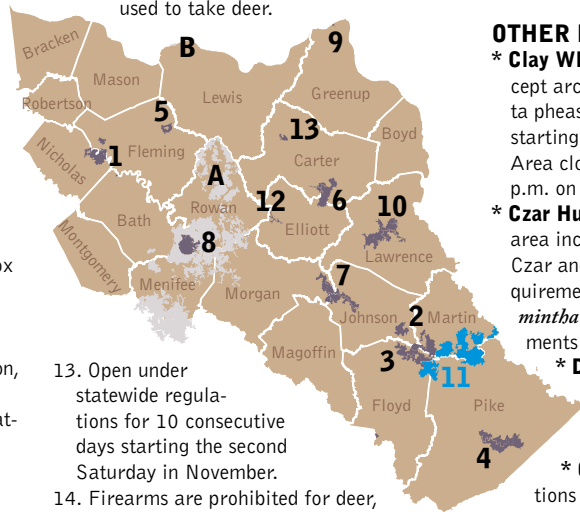
CALL FOR DETAILS: B. Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge (304-375-2923).

EXCEPTIONS

- Archery hunting prohibited during the quota fox hunting field trials.
- Open Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, except closed Nov. 5-6 for the deer quota hunt and Dec. 2-5 for the pheasant quota hunt, and closed until 2 p.m. on Nov. 9, Nov. 20, Dec. 17 and Dec. 27 for upland bird quota hunt.
- Upland bird quota hunts on Nov. 9, Nov. 20, Dec. 17 and Dec. 27.
- Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Dec. 2, 3 and 4; Open Dec. 5, only to drawn pheasant quota hunters, either sex, limit three; Open Dec. 6-31, either sex, daily limit three.
- The Upper and Lower Units of the management area are closed to public use Sept. 8-11 and Sept. 22-25, except for those registered to participate in quota fox hunting field trials on those days.
- Open Nov. 1 – Dec. 31.
- Open Oct. 1 – Dec. 31.
- Crossbows legal during entire archery season, except closed during the open youth hunt.
- An open youth hunt is held on the first Saturday in November for two consecutive days and is limited to youths ages 15 and under. Check in and check out required. Limit of two deer, only one of which may be antlered. Closed to all other hunting during the two-day event.
- Firearms prohibited for deer and elk hunting on three areas near the dam: 1) the area extending eastward from the drainage of Glade Branch, along the north edge of the lake, to the No Hunting Area surrounding Rocky Knob Recreation Area and enclosing all property from the WMA boundary downslope to the lake edge, and 2) the islands visible from the state park boat ramp at the end of Ky 2275, and 3) the area extending eastward along the southern edge

of the lake from the drainage of Shoal Branch to the No Hunting Area surrounding the dam and ranger station, and extending downslope to the edge of the lake.

- Hunters shall not use a modern firearm or in-line muzzleloading gun. Hunters shall use only open or iron sights on any weapon.
- Centerfire rifles and handguns may not be used to take deer.



- Open under statewide regulations for 10 consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
- Firearms are prohibited for deer, bear, and elk hunting on two areas near the dam: 1) on the east side of the dam, the area extending southward from the dam to old Shoreline Campground No. 1, and 2) on the west side of the dam, the area extending westward from the dam along Ky 302 to Terry Boat Ramp.
- Only portions of these public hunting areas within the bear zone are open to bear hunting.
- Portions open during quota elk hunts to persons who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit.
- Hunters may use a crossbow during the archery season.

- Open for early muzzleloader season only.
- Hunters shall not use any type of breech-loading firearm.
- Open for December muzzleloader season only.
- For elk hunting specifics, refer to Martin County, Bevin's Branch, Floyd-Knott, Breathitt County, Bledsoe and Wallin's Creek tract descriptions online at fw.ky.gov

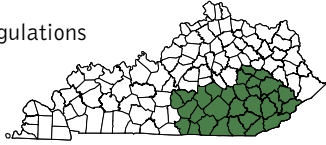
OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- * **Clay WMA:** Area closed to all hunting except archery deer hunting and the quota pheasant hunt for four consecutive days starting on the first Friday in December. Area closed to small game hunting until 2 p.m. on upland bird quota hunt dates.
- * **Czar Hunting Access:** This hunting access area includes three tracts – Beech Fork, Czar and Bow. Special landowner area requirements and restrictions apply. Email mintha@czarky.net for further requirements before accessing the area.
- * **Dewey Lake WMA:** A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.
- * **Grayson Lake WMA:** Some portions of the WMA are closed to all hunting or have special weapons restrictions; see online guide for details.
- * **Paintsville Lake WMA:** A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches.
- * **South Shore WMA:** Closed to all hunting and public access November 15 – January 15, except open for waterfowl and dove hunting when statewide seasons are open.

NOTE: Trapping on WMAs requires permission. Obtain permission from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by calling the WMA office. Night hunting for coyotes may be prohibited on some areas.

SOUTHEAST REGION PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

- Open under statewide regulations
- Closed
- Quota hunt
- # Open with exception(s)



Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
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MAP # and AREA NAME	PHONE	Deer - Archery/ Crossbow	Deer - Muzzleloader	Deer - Modern Gun	Deer - Youth Firearm	Squirrel	Rabbit	Grouse	Quail	Turkey	Furbearer	Bear	Elk Quota	Other
1 Asher Hunting Access Area	(606) 269-8164	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10	■
2 Beaver Creek WMA	(606) 376-8083	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	■	10	■
3 Big South Fork NRRRA*	(606) 376-5073	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	■	10	■
4 Cane Creek WMA	(606) 376-8083	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	■	■	■
5 Cedar Creek Lake WMA	(270) 465-5039	■	■	■	■	■	1	■	■	■	7	■	■	■
6 Dennis-Gray WMA	(270) 465-5039	4	■	■	■	■	1	■	1	■	■	■	■	■
7 Dix River WMA	(270) 465-5039	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	■	■	■
8 Green River Lake WMA*	(270) 465-5039	4	■	■	■	■	1	■	1	■	■	■	■	6
9 Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA	(606) 269-8164	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10	■
10 Hidden Valley Training Area*	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
11 Lake Cumberland WMA	(606) 376-8083	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	5	10	■
12 Mill Creek WMA	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	■	1	2	1	■	■	■	■	■
13 Mud Camp Creek WMA	(270) 465-5039	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
14 Paul Van Booven WMA	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	9/10	■
15 Ping-Sinking Valley WMA	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5	■	■
16 R. F. Tarter WMA	(270) 465-5039	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
17 Redbird WMA	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10	■
18 Revelation Energy Hunting Access	(606) 337-9317	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5	10	■
19 Robinson Forest WMA	(606) 878-9595	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5	10	■
A Daniel Boone National Forest	(859) 745-3100	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5	10	■

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20. Ashland WMA (606-878-9595), 21. Boone Forestlands WMA (606-269-8164), 22. Buck Creek WMA (606-878-9595), 23. Buckhorn Lake WMA (606-878-9595), 24. Burchell-Beech Creek WMA (606-878-9595), 25. Carr Creek Lake WMA (606-269-8164), 26. Corrigan WMA (606-269-8164), 27. Cranks Creek WMA (606-269-8164), 28. Dale Hollow Lake WMA (270-465-5039) 29. Elk Forest WMA (606-269-8164), 30. Fortner-Davis WMA (606-269-8164), 31. Jefferson National Forest (888-265-0019), 32. Kentenia State Forest (502-564-4496), 33. Kentucky Fuel Corporation WMA (606-269-8164), 34. Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA (606-269-8164)/Kentucky Ridge State Forest (502-564-4496), 35. Martins Fork Lake WMA (606-269-8164), 36. Martins Fork WMA & State Natural Area (606-269-8164), 37. Shillalah Creek WMA (606-269-8164), 38. Stone Mountain WMA & State Natural Area (606-269-8164), 39. Wells Hunting Access Area (606-435-6229).

EXCEPTIONS

- Open Nov. 1 – Dec. 31.
- Open Oct. 1 – Dec. 31.
- Open under statewide regulations for two consecutive days starting the second Saturday in November.
- A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside spread of less than 15 inches.
- Only portions of these public hunting areas within the bear zone are open to bear hunting.
- Pheasant quota hunts, either sex, limit two, Nov. 18, 19 and 20; Open Nov. 21, only to drawn pheasant quota hunters, either sex, limit three; Open Nov. 22 – Dec. 31, either sex, daily limit three.
- Furbearer trapping open with permission; Closed for furbearer hunting.
- Open from Sept. 1 through the last day of February.

- Archery and crossbow only.
- Portions open during quota elk hunts to persons who possess the appropriate elk hunting permit.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

* **Big South Fork NRRRA:** Open for wild pigs from the first Saturday in September through the end of February, but a

Big South Fork hog hunting permit is required at times. Call for specific dates and details. Permits may be purchased at park visitor centers or online at www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/hog-hunting.htm.

* **Green River Lake WMA:** Area closed to all hunting except archery deer hunting and the quota pheasant hunt for four consecutive days starting on the third Friday in November.

* **Hidden Valley Training Area:** Area closes periodically for training exercises. Call (606) 878-9595 for more information about training dates.

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