

Hunter Use Permits

We require a Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit for all hunters ages 16 and older - this is in addition to state licenses and tags.

- Hunter Use Permits \$25
 - Combo Hunter Use/Backcountry Camping Permit \$50
- Both are valid for one year from date of purchase. Purchase permits online at landbetweenthe lakes.us under *Reservations & Permits*, at our Welcome Stations, and facilities. These permits will also be available anywhere TN and KY hunting licenses are sold.

Hunter Safety Requirements

All hunters must possess a hunter safety card as required by state regulations for the state portion of Land Between the Lakes in which they are hunting.

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

Adults accompanying youth hunters are not required to have a hunting license or LBL Hunter Use Permit, unless the youth has not completed a hunter safety course, in which case respective state regulations apply.

Tree Stands, Ground Blinds, & Trail Cameras for temporary use only

We allow portable tree stands, climbing devices, ground blinds, and trail cameras. These stands, blinds, and trail cameras must not injure trees. Do **not** use nails, spikes, and/or screw-in devices. All portable stands, blinds, and trail cameras must display owner's name and address and may be placed no more than two weeks before hunting season opens. Placement does not reserve any site for exclusive use by an individual as public land is open to all legal users. All stands, blinds, and trail cameras must be removed within one week following the close of deer hunting season.

Mandatory Harvest Check-Out

- All harvested deer must be checked on state deer harvest reporting systems according to state regulations.
- Report feral hog sightings at 270.924.2065
- Report poaching and illegal activities at 877.861.2457

For more information or to contact the
Natural Resources Department:

Call: 270.924.2065

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST
Leave a detailed message for staff to follow-up.

Email: lblquotahunt@usda.gov

General Guidelines

1. Emergency - dial 911.
2. See something, say something - call 270.924.2000 or Law Enforcement at 877.861.2457.
3. Pack it in, pack it out - leave no trace behind.
4. You are responsible for your own safety.
5. For campfires, do not bring firewood from home which may harbor unwanted pests. Use only dead and downed wood for fuel. Attend the fire at all times and follow Smokey Bear's rules to put the fire out completely. Use existing fire rings during high fire danger seasons.
6. Protect yourself from bug bites and ticks.
7. Respect the Resource - leave historical items, plants and flowers for others to enjoy. This includes respecting our trails and roads during wet conditions.

Find our camping rules online:

www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/camping

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been reported in western Tennessee and western Kentucky, but **has not been found in Land Between the Lakes**. State carcass quarantine areas exist west of Land Between the Lakes. Do not bring any harvested deer or deer parts into Land Between the Lakes or carry them across state lines in Land Between the Lakes. **Exception:** meat that has been deboned; or antlers attached to a cleaned skull or cleaned skull plate. See Kentucky and Tennessee state regulations for further information on CWD. Out-of-state hunters should check their home state's deer import requirements before transporting.

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

It is illegal to hunt feral hogs in Land Between the Lakes as it interferes with removal efforts. Learn more about feral hogs on our website: www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/feralhoginfo

USDA Forest Service

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

General Information:

1.800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000

Website:

www.landbetweenthe lakes.us

EMERGENCY or reporting:

911 or 1.877.861.2457

Check out our Facebook page:

facebook.com/LBLNatRecArea

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2024-2025 Deer Hunting Fact Sheet

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The Land Between the Lakes Deer Hunting Fact Sheet is the official document that includes the hunt dates. If other sources indicate something different, this document has precedence.

Permits

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

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

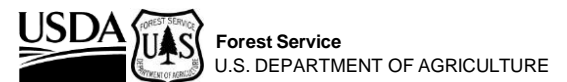
Quota Hunts

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

Apply: <https://landbetweenthe lakes.recaccess.com>

New for the 2024-25 Season

- We need your help to increase the harvest of antlerless deer. Harvesting more female deer will lead to a healthier deer herd and better hunting. Antlerless deer harvest limits now follow state Zone/Unit limits for the counties being hunted. The one buck limit remains in place.
- The mandatory requirement to bring deer to a LBL check station has been removed. All deer must be checked through state checking systems.
- A discounted Combination Hunter Use / Backcountry Camping Permit is now available from LBL and wherever KY and TN licenses are sold.



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Harvest Reporting	Kentucky	Tennessee
How to report your deer harvest	All Deer must be checked according to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources regulations. Fill out Harvest Log before you drag Report harvest using Telecheck online at fw.ky.gov or by calling 800-245-4263	All deer must be checked according to TWRA regulations Tag before you drag Report harvest using TWRA On The Go App, the GoOutdoorsTennessee.com website, or at an approved off-site physical check station
Be sure to report your harvests using the options for Public Land, and Land Between the Lakes. Lyon County (Code: 072) and Trigg County (Code: 111) in Kentucky, and Stewart County in Tennessee Land Between the Lakes staff will NOT be checking deer this season at Visitor Centers or Check Stations		
Quota Hunts	Kentucky	Tennessee
Legal Weapons	Legal weapons include rifles or handguns, muzzleloaders, archery, or crossbow equipment according to state regulations	
Adult Quota Hunt Dates	November 1-3, and 15-17, 2024	November 1-3, and 15-17, 2024
Youth Quota Hunt Dates	October 26-27, 2024	October 19-20, 2024
Youth Quota Hunt Ages	15 years old and younger	6 to 16 years old
Youth Quota Hunt Sponsor	One adult 21 years or older must accompany each youth. See Hunter Safety Requirements on back side of this fact sheet.	
Archery & Crossbow	Kentucky	Tennessee
Special Rules	Bow hunters may also harvest one either-sex turkey with state turkey permit. Groundhogs, armadillo, and coyotes may also be harvested according to state regulations Equipment must conform to state regulations and bow hunters may NOT carry firearms	
Archery & Crossbow Dates	September 7 – October 24, 2024 November 4 -- 13, 2024 November 18, 2024 – January 20,2025	September 7 – October 17, 2024 October 21 – 30, 2024 November 4 -- 13, 2024 November 18, 2024 – January 20,2025
Licenses & Permits	Kentucky	Tennessee
State license & deer permit	12 years and older	13 years and older
LBL Hunter Use Permit	16 years and older	16 years and older
Bag Limits	Kentucky	Tennessee
Youth Quota Hunts	One bonus antlered buck. Youth bonus bucks do not count towards Archery and Crossbow bag limits or statewide bag limits. Antlerless deer harvest limits follow state Zone/Unit limits for the counties being hunted.	
Adult Quota Hunt (Modern Firearm and Muzzleloader by lottery drawing only)	One antlered whitetail buck is allowed to be harvested on Land Between the Lakes Kentucky portion by any legal means; counts towards statewide bag limit.	One antlered whitetail buck is allowed to be harvested on Land Between the Lakes Tennessee portion by any legal means; counts towards statewide bag limit.
Archery & Crossbow	For antlerless deer harvest limits see current state regulations for Kentucky's Deer Hunting Zone covering Lyon and Trigg Counties	For antlerless deer harvest limits see current state regulations for Tennessee's Deer Hunting Unit covering Stewart County
Antlered Buck (definition)	Visible antler above hairline	At least one 3-inch antler
European Fallow Deer	Not legal to hunt on Land Between the Lakes	
Late-Season opportunities Archery Areas	Check the website at the end of November for a list of additional areas that will be open for late-season archery deer hunting during December and January.	

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General Hunting Regulations

- **All harvested deer must be checked on state deer checking systems according to state regulations.**
- Licensed motorized vehicles permitted on numbered roads only as shown on the Motorized Vehicle Use Map online at www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/maps. Other roads are for administrative or emergency access only.
- Parking is permitted no further than one vehicle length from a legal road.
- Do not block or restrict access to any road, trail, or gate.
- Do **not** damage or rut roads, trails, or fields.
- Do not leave campfire rings/rocks in fields, roads, or trails.
- Unlicensed motorized vehicles are allowed only in the Turkey Bay Off- Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area and require a permit. The OHV Area is an archery-only area for deer hunting.
- When transporting firearms in a vehicle, keep them cased and unloaded in both chamber and magazine.
- It is unlawful to discharge a weapon capable of taking a human life within 150 yards of a campsite, recreation site, or occupied area, or across or on a National Forest System road.
- Nature Watch Areas, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and posted areas are closed to hunting. *See exceptions for Late-Season Archery Areas on opposite side of this fact sheet.*
- The placement of bait at any time, or hunting over bait, including food or mineral substances, is prohibited.
- **Deer Hunting Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Use of any artificial light or other means designed to make wildlife visible at night is prohibited at all times.
- Nighttime coyote and bobcat hunting is prohibited on Land Between the Lakes.
- Do not use paint, tape, flagging, or other artificial materials to mark trees, trails, or routes.
- Hunting deer from horseback or with dogs is prohibited.
- Hunters must not be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- Remember to observe all applicable state and federal regulations.
- To protect the future of hunting, please be courteous to other visitors.
- **All State and Federal Regulations Apply:** The two most common hunting violations are carrying a loaded or uncased firearm in a vehicle and driving on illegal roads or in fields.