

General Hunting/Trapping Regulations

- Licensed motorized vehicles permitted on numbered roads only as shown on the Land Between the Lakes Motorized Vehicle Use Map available online at landbetweenthelakes.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 damage or rut roads, trails, or fields.
- Do not leave campfire rings/rocks in fields, roads, or trails.
- Do not block or restrict access to any road, trail, or gate when parking.
- Unlicensed motorized vehicles are allowed only in the Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area and require a permit.
- When transporting firearms, keep them cased and unloaded in both chamber and magazine.
- No Hunting Areas: Nature Watch Areas, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and other posted areas are closed to hunting.
- It is unlawful to discharge a weapon capable of taking human life within 150 yards of a campsite, recreation site, or occupied area, or across or on a National Forest System road.
- Waterfowl hunters may not hunt within 200 yards of waterfowl refuges or other blinds.
- Permanent blinds and pits are not allowed for waterfowl hunting. Hunting above the shoreline at any lake elevation, wading into the water, or launching a boat from Land Between the Lakes with a weapon, requires a Hunter Use Permit.
- Placement of bait or hunting over bait, including food or mineral substances, is prohibited.
- Use of any artificial light or other means designed to make wildlife visible at night are prohibited at all times except while hunting raccoons or opossums.
- Do not use paint, tape, flagging, or other artificial materials to mark trees, trails, or routes.
- Hunters must not be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- Hand, mouth, or electronic calling devices permitted according to state regulations.
- Hunt during daylight hours only unless otherwise noted.
- Hunt Hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- No nighttime coyote hunting on Land Between the Lakes.
- Hunting small game with dogs is permitted.
- Hunting small game on horseback is permitted.
- No species of wildlife may be harassed or taken except those authorized.
- Trappers must submit a Trapping Permit Application to be approved and returned before season starts.
- Permitted trappers must also fill out and return a Trapping Report Form (available online) at the end of the season.

General Guidelines

1. Pack it in, pack it out– leave no trace behind.
2. You are responsible for your own safety.
3. See something, say something - call 270.924.2000 or Law Enforcement at 877.861.2457.
4. For campfires, do not bring firewood from home which may harbor unwanted pests. Use only dead and downed wood or purchase firewood at our campgrounds for fuel. Attend fire at all times and put the fire out completely. Remove rock fire rings from fields and roads.
5. Wildlife refuges are closed to all human entry from November 1 - March 15.
6. Protect yourself from insect and tick bites.
7. Respect the Resource — Leave historical items, plants and flowers for others to enjoy. Respect roads and trails during wet conditions.

Find our camping rules online:

<https://landbetweenthelakes.us/rules>

Please Report

- **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 and it interferes with removal efforts. Learn more about feral hogs: <https://landbetweenthelakes.us/feral-hogs>
- Report poaching and illegal activities at 877.861.2457

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 fields.

For more information or to contact the
Environmental Stewardship 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

USDA Forest Service

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

General Information: 1.800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000

Website: www.landbetweenthelakes.us

EMERGENCY or reporting: 911 or 1.877.861.2457

Facebook: facebook.com/LBLNatlRecArea

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LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES National Recreation Area

KENTUCKY | TENNESSEE

Land Between the Lakes offers a variety of hunting opportunities on approximately 90% of its 170,000 acres in Kentucky and Tennessee. Our seasons and regulations may be different than statewide regulations, so be sure to carefully read all information. To protect the future of hunting at Land Between the Lakes, please remain courteous and helpful to other visitors. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable hunt!

Hunter Use Permits & Safety Requirements

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. Purchase permits online: landbetweenthelakes.us/reservations or at our Welcome Stations and facilities. LBL Hunter Use Permits can also be purchased anywhere TN state hunting licenses are sold.

- Hunter Use Permits | \$25
- Hunter Use Permits are valid for one year from date of purchase
- **All hunters must possess a hunter safety card** as required by state regulations.

The Land Between the Lakes Small Game, Waterfowl, & Trapping Fact Sheet is the official document that includes hunt dates. If state agencies indicate something different, this document has precedence.



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Small game & waterfowl seasons closed during quota deer hunts.

Kentucky			Tennessee		
Season	Limits		Season	Limits	
	Daily	Possession		Daily	Possession
Squirrel					
Aug 19-31	6	12	Aug 19-31	10	20
Sept 4-Nov 2					
Nov 20-Dec 14					
Dec 18-Feb 29					
Follow State Seasons and Limits for Spring Squirrel Season 2024					
Quail					
Nov 20-Dec 14	8	16	Nov 20-Dec 14	6	12
Dec 18-Feb 10			Dec 18-Feb 29		
Rabbit					
Nov 20-Dec 14	4	8	Nov 20-Dec 14	5	10
Dec 18-Feb 10			Dec 18-Feb 29		
Raccoon and Opossum					
Nov 20-Dec 14	No limit		Nov 20-Dec 14	4 per person per night	
Dec 18-Feb 29			Dec 18-Feb 29		
Dove, Woodcock, and Wilson Snipe					
Follow KY State Season and Limits Except Closed Nov 3-19 & Dec 15-17			Follow TN State Season and Limits Except Closed Oct 26-Nov 19 & Dec 15-17		
Waterfowl					
Steel shot required; lead shot not allowed -- even in your possession					
Waterfowl hunting is closed during Quota Deer Hunts except December Youth Deer Hunt					
Follow KY State Season and Limits			Follow TN State Season and Limits		
Closed:			Closed:		
Nov 4-5			Oct 27-29		
Nov 17-19			Nov 4-5		
Dec 15-17			Nov 17-19		
			Dec 15-17		
Fox Hunting					
Tennessee prohibits electronic calling devices for taking foxes					
Nov 20-Dec 14	No limit		Nov 20-Dec 14	No limit	
Dec 18-Feb 29			Dec 18-Feb 29		
Bobcat and Otter					
Statewide limits, reporting, and tagging regulations apply					
Legal weapons are the same as for small game hunting except during February, where legal weapons are the same as for coyote hunting.					
Nov 20-Dec 14	Statewide limits		Nov 20-Dec 14	Statewide limits	
Dec 18-Feb 29			Dec 18-Feb 29		

Kentucky			Tennessee		
Season	Limits		Season	Limits	
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Coyote, Armadillo, and Groundhog					
Hunt during daylight hours only during any open hunting season with weapons for that season. Nighttime hunting for these species is prohibited on Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.					
During February, centerfire rifles, handguns, and shotguns with shot size T or smaller may be used. No harvest limit. No Nighttime hunting.					
Crow					
Sep 4-Nov 2	No limit		Nov 20-Dec 14	Fri, Sat, Sun only No limit	
Jan 4-Feb 29			Jan 1-Feb 29	No Limit	
Bird Dog, Rabbit Dog, and Raccoon Hound Training					
Dog training permitted only in Hunt Areas 2, 7, 9, 11, and 13					
Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit required					
Dogs must have a current rabies vaccination and wear a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number					
Horses may be used					
Possession of firearms prohibited					
Oct 1-25	None may be taken or shaken out		Oct 1-25	None may be taken or shaken out	
Dog Field Trials					
Special Use Permit from the USDA Forest Service and approval by the appropriate State wildlife agency required					
Trials must be scheduled at least 2 months in advance to prevent conflicts with hunting seasons or recreational events					
Jul 1-Mar 31	None may be taken or shaken out		Jul 1-Mar 31	None may be taken or shaken out	
Trapping					
Trapping is only permitted in Hunt Areas 2, 6, 7, 11, and 13					
All trappers must possess a Hunter Use Permit & state trapping license					
All state and federal regulations apply for trapping including legal traps, sets, species, limits, reporting and tagging requirements					
All traps must display owner's name and address					
Areas closed to hunting are also closed to trapping					
Jan 8-21	Statewide limits		Jan 8-21	Statewide limits	
Beaver Trapping					
All rules and regulations for trapping apply					
Feb 1-29	Statewide limits		Feb 1-29	Statewide limits	

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Hunters with dogs should avoid Hunt Areas 2, 6, 7, 11, and 13 during the January 8-21, 2024 trapping season.

Legal Weapons for Small Game Hunting
Legal weapons follow state and federal regulations. Legal weapons include shotguns, rimfire rifles and handguns, air guns, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment.

Prohibited weapons include shotguns loaded with slugs or buck shot, centerfire rifles, and centerfire handguns. During February, centerfire rifles and handguns, and shotguns with shot size T or smaller, may only be used for hunting coyotes, armadillos, bobcat, otter, and groundhogs.

For more information or to contact the
Environmental Stewardship 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: lbhquotahunt@usda.gov

Details and forms can be found online at
<https://landbetweenthe lakes.us/hunting>
under the "Trapping" tab.

To protect the future of hunting, please be courteous to other visitors. Thank you!