
Hunter Use Permits

We require a Land Between the Lakes Hunter Use Permit for all hunters age 16 and older. This is in addition to state licenses and tags. Purchase permits online at www.landbetweenthe lakes.us under **Reservations and Permits**, at our welcome stations and facilities, or anywhere Kentucky and Tennessee state hunting licenses are sold. Hunter Use Permits cost \$25. We offer a \$35 combination Hunter Use and Backcountry Camping permit for hunters age 18 and older. Hunter Use Permits are valid from March 1 through February 28.

Hunter Safety Requirements

All hunters must possess a hunter safety card as required by state regulations. Additionally, all youth hunters not required to carry a hunter safety card by the states, must receive basic hunter safety instructions and carry a verification form signed by a responsible adult. This form can be found on the **Hunting** page at www.landbetweenthe lakes.us.

No Pre-season Calling

Calling or attempting to call turkeys by imitating the sounds of a wild turkey is prohibited by law in Land Between the Lakes from March 1, until the opening of turkey season. Locator calls, such as owl or crow calls, are permitted.

Reduced Road Access

Several public roads will be closed to motorized vehicle access by April 8 through the end of turkey season to provide additional "walk-in" areas. Closed roads will be barricaded and highlighted on a map at hunter check stations and online.

Please report

- Your harvest as occurring on Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area
- Hog sightings at 270.924.2065
- Poaching 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.



Official Website

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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. Bring your own water and supplies.
6. For campfires, use only dead and downed limbs for fuel. Attend the fire at all times and follow Smokey's rules to put the fire out completely. During high fire danger seasons, use fire rings in developed campgrounds only.
7. Keep all pets on a 6' or less leash at all times.
8. Protect yourself from bug bites and ticks.
9. Firearms strictly prohibited except during established Land Between the Lakes hunting season by legally licensed hunters with permits.
10. Respect the Resource — leave historical items, plants and flowers for others to enjoy. This includes respecting the homes of our wildlife and respecting our trails and roads during wet conditions.
11. See website for **Camping Rules** and **General Hunting Rules**.

Habitat Improvement

The Forest Service continues to partner with the National Wild Turkey Federation to improve wildlife habitat at Land Between the Lakes. Prescribed burns may occur during all seasons of the year. To check status of pending burns, see **Alerts** page on our website.

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Land Between the Lakes

National Recreation Area
800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000
www.landbetweenthe lakes.us

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Western Kentucky and Tennessee



Permits

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

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

Quota Hunts

To participate in our Quota Turkey Hunt, hunters must apply online in February and be selected in a computer drawing. Hunters selected will need to print their permit from our quota hunt website.

Apply: <https://lbtquotahunt.hometracker.com/>



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2017 Turkey Hunting Information



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	Kentucky	Tennessee
Quota and Non-quota Hunts		
Legal firearms include muzzle loading shotguns or conventional shotguns not smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge that hold no more than three shells (Kentucky) or unrestricted number of rounds (Tennessee).		
Legal archery equipment must conform to state regulations.		
Quota hunters are required to check harvested turkeys at hunter check stations before leaving recreation area.		
Dates - Quota	April 11-12 and 15-16	April 11-12 and 15-16
Dates - Youth Quota	April 8-9	April 8-9
Dates - Non-quota	April 17-30	April 17-23 and April 24-30
Youth Ages	15 years old and younger	6 to 16 years old
Youth Sponsor	One adult, 21 years or older, must accompany one youth	
Hunter Check Stations	Hunter Check Station	South Welcome Station
	Golden Pond Visitor Center	Next closest station
	North Welcome Station	
State Licenses, Shooting Hours, and Bag Limits		
State License	12 years and older	13 years and older
Hunter Use Permit	16 years and older	16 years and older
Shooting Hours	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset	One-half hour before sunrise to sunset
Bag Limit	One turkey with visible beard; quota or non-quota hunt	Two turkeys with visible beard; only one turkey may be taken during each of the 7-day hunts
Bonus Turkey	None	Turkey harvested on a quota hunt

Please hunt safely:

- **DO** know and practice safe gun handling.
- **DO** see the beard before you shoot. It will positively identify the legal target.
- **DO** wear an orange vest when carrying your turkey out of the woods.
- **DON'T** wear any garment which has red, white, blue, or black—it could be mistaken for colors of a turkey.
- **DON'T** hunt hen calls. Stalking such calls could lead to a dangerous encounter with another hunter.
- **DON'T** use a gobble call. This is dangerous and might attract careless shooters.

General Hunting Regulations

- Licensed motorized vehicles permitted on numbered roads only. Find these roads on our Recreation Maps and Motorized Vehicle Use Map online under **Visit**, then **Maps** <https://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/visit/maps/>. Other roads are for administrative access only. Parking is permitted within one vehicle length of a legal road. Avoid blocking emergency vehicle access to any road or trail. Please refrain from rutting fields and roads.
- Do not leave campfire rings/rocks in fields or roads.
- Unlicensed motorized vehicles are allowed only in the Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area and require a riding permit.
- When transporting firearms in a vehicle, keep them cased and unloaded in both chamber and magazine.
- It is unlawful to hunt within 150 yards of any developed area or trail.
- Nature Watch Areas, wildlife refuges, safety zones around facilities, and other posted areas are closed to hunting.
- The placement of bait or hunting over bait, including food or mineral substances, is prohibited.
- Use of any artificial light to locate wildlife is prohibited at all times.
- 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.
- Be sure to report your harvest as occurring on Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.
- Remember to observe all applicable state and federal regulations.
- To protect the future of hunting, please remain courteous and helpful to our other guests at Land Between the Lakes.

For more information, call our Environmental Stewardship Department at 270.924.2065, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm (CST).