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## 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/reservations](http://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/reservations), 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 Basic Camping permit for hunters age 18 and older. Hunter Use permits are good 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 carry a verification form available at <https://landbetweenthe lakes.us/seendo/outdoor-rec/hunting/>. All hunters and youth sponsors must wear visible items of hunter orange as required by state regulations.

## Tree Stands and Ground Blinds

We allow portable tree stands, climbing devices and ground blinds. These stands and blinds must not injure trees. Do **not** use nails, spikes, and screw-in devices. All portable stands must display owner's name and address. Portable stands may be placed within two weeks before hunting season begins. They must be removed within one week following the end of hunting season.

## Please report

- Your harvest before leaving Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area
- Hog sightings at 270.924.2065
- Poaching at 877.861.2457



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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. For campfires, do not bring firewood from home which may harbor unwanted pests. 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. Use existing fire rings during high fire danger seasons.
6. Protect yourself from bug bites and ticks.
7. Firearms strictly prohibited except during established Land Between the Lakes hunting season by legally licensed hunters with permits.
8. 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 at

<https://landbetweenthe lakes.us/seendo/camping/rules/>

### 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.

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## Land Between the Lakes

USDA Forest Service National Recreation Area  
800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000  
[www.landbetweenthe lakes.us](http://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us)

# 2017-2018 Deer Hunting



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## Land Between the Lakes USDA Forest Service National Recreation Area Kentucky | Tennessee

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### 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, deer permit, and hunter safety card as required by state regulations.

Permits can **not** be changed, altered or be 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.

Apply at <https://lqlquotahunt.hometracker.com/>.

### New in 2017-18 Season

- Completed extensive review of Land Between the Lakes' deer herd
- Deer decline is primarily habitat related
- Deer density is highest on the Tennessee portion of Land Between the Lakes
- No bonus deer except youth quota hunts
- All harvested deer must be checked **before** leaving Land Between the Lakes

# 2017-2018 Deer Hunting Information

## Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area



| Hunter Check Stations   | Kentucky   | Tennessee  |
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|   | Central Hunter Check Station   | South Welcome Station                                |
|   | Golden Pond Visitor Center   |  |
|   | North Welcome Station  |  |
| <b>Hunters required to check out harvested deer at hunter check stations before leaving Land Between the Lakes.</b> |  |  |
| Quota Hunts   | Kentucky   | Tennessee  |
|   | Legal firearms include muzzle loading or conventional shotguns, rifles or handguns per state regulations         |  |
|   | Deer hunters may also harvest armadillos and coyotes   |  |
| Dates   | November 18-19   | November 10-11 and 25-26                             |
| Dates Youth   | October 28-29  | October 21-22  |
| Youth Ages  | 15 years old and younger   | 6 to 16 years old                                    |
| Youth Sponsor   | One adult 21 years or older must accompany one youth   |  |
| Archery and Crossbow  | Kentucky   | Tennessee  |
|   | Hunters may also harvest one turkey with state permit - either sex, squirrel, woodchucks, armadillo, and coyotes |  |
|   | Equipment must conform to state regulations and hunters may NOT carry firearms                                   |  |
| Archery   | September 23 - October 26<br>October 30 - November 16<br>November 20 - January 7                                 | September 23 - October 19<br>October 23 - November 8 |
| Crossbow  | October 1-22<br>November 11-16<br>November 20 - December 31  | November 12-23<br>November 27 - January 7            |
| Licenses and Permits  | Kentucky   | Tennessee  |
| State License and 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  |
| Quota   | One deer of either sex unless an antlered buck has already been harvested  |  |
| Archery/Crossbow  | One deer, either sex unless a buck was already harvested   | Two deer, only one of which can be an antlered buck  |
| Antlered Buck   | Visible antler above hairline; One total per season on Land Between the Lakes                                    |  |
| European Fallow Deer  | NOT legal to hunt  |  |
| Bonus Deer  | Youth Quota Hunt only  | Youth Quota Hunt only                                |

### General Hunting Regulations

- **Quota and archery harvested deer must be checked before leaving Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. A self-check-out will be available when check stations are closed.**
- Licensed motorized vehicles permitted on numbered roads only. You can find these roads on our Recreation Maps and Motorized Vehicle Use Map online under *Maps* at [landbetweenthe lakes.us/visit/maps/](http://landbetweenthe lakes.us/visit/maps/). Other roads are for administrative or emergency access only. Parking is permitted within one vehicle length of a legal road. Avoid blocking emergency vehicle access to any road or trail.
- Do not rut fields or 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 permit. Turkey Bay 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 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.
- Hunt Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
- 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.
- 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 remain courteous and helpful to our visitors.

For more information, call our Environmental Stewardship Department at 270.924.2065, Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm Central Time.