
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 landbetweenthelakes.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 landbetweenthelakes.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

- You must report your harvest at Welcome Stations or the Hunter Check Station before leaving Land Between the Lakes
- 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

landbetweenthelakes.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.

Land Between the Lakes

USDA Forest Service National Recreation Area
800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000
www.landbetweenthelakes.us

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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 or by phone 270.924.2065 between July 1-31 and be selected in a computer drawing.

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

New in 2018-19 Season

- 2018-19 will complete the third year of harvest regulation changes that included removal of bonus deer (except for youth quota hunt.)
- Deer density remains highest in the Tennessee portion of Land Between the Lakes.
- After a three year pause, forest management will gradually resume beginning in 2018.
- Please report feral hog sightings or hog signs at 270.924.2065. Please include an accurate location including GPS coordinates if available.
- It is not legal to hunt feral hogs at this time. This will help reduce further spread and interference with removal efforts.

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2018-2019 Deer Hunting Information



Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

Hunter Check Stations	Kentucky	Tennessee
	Central Hunter Check Station	South Welcome Station
	Golden Pond Visitor Center	
	North Welcome Station	
Hunters are required to check out harvested deer at hunter check stations before leaving Land Between the Lakes.		
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 17-18	November 9-10 and 24-25
Dates Youth	October 27-28	October 20-21
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 22 - October 25 October 29 - November 15 November 19 - January 6	September 22 - October 18 October 22- November 7
Crossbow	October 1-21 November 10-15 November 19 - December 31	November 11-22 November 26 - January 6
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 Hunt	One deer of either sex unless an antlered buck has already been harvested	
Archery/Crossbow	One deer, either sex unless an antlered buck was already harvested on Land Between the Lakes or statewide in Kentucky.	Two deer, including only one antlered buck, unless an antlered buck was already harvested in Land Between the Lakes.
Antlered Buck	Visible antler above hairline. One total per season on Land Between the Lakes, even if you hunt in both states.	At least one 3 inch antler. One total per season on Land Between the Lakes, even if you hunt in both states.
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 Map and Motorized Vehicle Use Map online at landbetweenthelakes.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 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 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 4:00pm central time.