

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 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 \$75 combination Hunter Use and Basic Camping permit for hunters age 18 and older. Hunter Use permits are good from March 1 through February 28, 2021.

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 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 opens. They must be removed within one week following the close of hunting season or split 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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Land Between the Lakes

National Recreation Area | USDA Forest Service
1.800.525.7077 or 270.924.2000
www.landbetweenthe lakes.us

EMERGENCY or reporting: 911 or 1.877.861.2457

Check out Land Between the Lakes
www.facebook.com/LBLNatRecArea/

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'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
landbetweenthe lakes.us/seendo/camping/rules/

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been reported in southwest Tennessee, but has not been found in Land Between the Lakes. Do not bring any harvested deer or deer parts into Land Between the Lakes or across the state line in Land Between the Lakes, except for meat that has the bones removed in Tennessee; meat bone-in or deboned into Kentucky; or antlers attached to a cleaned skull or cleaned skull plate into either state. See Kentucky and Tennessee state regulations for further information on CWD.

Feral Hog sightings, with accurate locations, should be reported at 270-924-2065. It is not legal to hunt feral hogs in Land Between the Lakes to reduce their spread. It also interferes with removal efforts.

www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/feral-hog-info/

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Deer Hunting

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

Permits

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

Permits can **not** 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.

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

New in 2020-21 Season

- The quality of harvested bucks has improved on Land Between the Lakes.
- The Archery and Crossbow limit on the Kentucky portion of LBL has increased to two deer, and the season extended through the close of Kentucky's statewide season on January 18.
- Crossbows are legal during the entire archery season on both the Kentucky and Tennessee portions of LBL.
- The number of permits for quota hunts on the Tennessee portion remained the same this year and the bag limit increased to two deer. This will reduce buck harvest and increase doe harvest, further improving the quality of the TN deer herd.
- Deer density remains highest in the Tennessee portion of the Land Between the Lakes.

2020-2021 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 20-22	November 13-14 and Nov 28-29
Dates Youth	October 24-25	October 17-18
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 either-sex turkey with state permit, squirrel, woodchucks, armadillo, and coyotes	
	Equipment must conform to state regulations and hunters may NOT carry firearms	
Dates	September 26 - October 8 October 12 - November 19 November 23 - January 18	September 26 - October 15 October 19 - November 12 November 16-26 Nov 30 - January statewide closing date
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 in Land Between the Lakes. Counts towards statewide bag limit	Two deer, including only one antlered buck, unless an antlered buck has already been harvested in Land Between the Lakes, counts toward statewide bag limit.
Archery/Crossbow	Two deer, including only one antlered buck, unless an antlered buck was already harvested in Land Between the Lakes, counts towards statewide bag limit.	Two deer, including only one antlered buck, unless an antlered buck was already harvested in Land Between the Lakes, counts toward statewide bag limit.
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 at check stations when 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 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 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.
- **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.

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